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Council

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is strictly up to the council, "once we know the percentage of homes that qualify."

Referring to the eventual solicitation for a contractor to perform the study, Sutton asked if the state grant specifically obliges the town to solicit bids for an inventory in support of a nomination, adding, "I don't want to be required to do the nomination if it turns out that the inventory warrants it."

Town Solicitor Peter Ruggiero replied that the terms of the grant will have to be examined to find out if it does, in fact, stipulate a nomination if the inventory supports one.

"If the grant is not what we thought it was, we can return it," Ruggiero said.

Other discussions and decisions by the council included:

- **Liquor license expansion.**

The council voted to maintain the

eight liquor licenses already on the books, and declined a request from council member Barbara Szepatowski to expand the number of available licenses to nine. During debate on her motion for an amendment expanding the number of licenses, which was not seconded, council member Bill Kelly said that eight was enough. He added that those who hold the licenses are "already pressed by the economy," and warned that an expansion to nine licenses would open the door to yet another expansion down the road.

- **Affordable housing.** Town Administrator Bruce Keiser and Town Planner Lisa Bryer are still discussing the terms of a purchase-and-sale agreement for the property at 79 North Rd. The town would like to build five to six affordable, single-family homes, or a complex of affordable units, on the property. Concerns about the possible presence of Indian artifacts at the site have stalled the purchase, but "the sellers remain interested in working with the town," Keiser said, adding that it's still unclear if the two sides will reach agreement on a contingency that will link the purchase to the results of a Phase 1 archeological study.

- **Tax lots.** In a Sept. 15 letter to the Conanicut Island Land Trust, Keiser reiterated the town's position against selling any of the foreclosed lots in the area of Jamestown Shores, but warned that "any future Town Council could unilaterally alter course by modifying development restrictions and selling property." Consequently, the letter asks the Land Trust to consider accepting conservation easements on the lots, thereby ensuring preservation of the properties.

- **Carr Lane truck traffic.** The council debated the issue of commercial traffic on Carr Lane, which, residents complain, is too narrow to accommodate large trucks (or

two vehicles side by side). Some council members feel that the road should be restricted to trucks with gross vehicle weights less than 30,000 pounds, but Kelly noted that the restriction would exclude such vehicles as Island Energy delivery trucks and Island Rubbish garbage trucks, which weigh 33,000 pounds. Szepatowski suggested signage limiting truck traffic to "local delivery trucks only." Ruggiero will write a draft ordinance for consideration at the next Town Council meeting.

- **Sailing school.** DiGiando issued a request to everyone at the meeting, generally, and Conservation Commission Chairman Chris Powell, in particular, to furnish the town with parameters for a municipal sailing school. DiGiando said he expects FAST to return with a refined version of its previous proposal, and would like to have in hand parameters for a locally-oriented school. A sailing school run by Powell at the Conanicut Yacht Club had garnered rave reviews, DiGiando said, adding that it would serve the town well to tap such local expertise. Sutton added, "We should create on paper the ideal [sailing] program instead of being a residual program."

- **Hydrant flushing.** Keiser noted that there have been some complaints from water customers whose water became turbid as a result of hydrant flushing. The flushing is necessary as part of regular maintenance, he said, adding that most of the complaints actually arose during the use of hydrants for firefighter training.

- **Ft. Getty shocks.** Keiser said that stray-voltage experts "brought in from around the country by National Grid" have still failed to find the source of electrical shocks to Ft. Getty residents. "National Grid will be installing a new conductor in hopes of resolving the problem," he said.

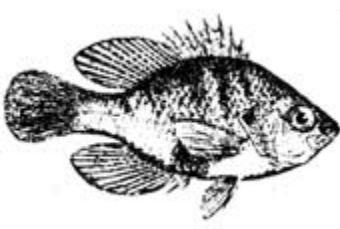
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Notice of Workshop


Jamestown Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council, in cooperation with the Planning Commission of the Town of Jamestown will conduct a public workshop on the 8th day of October, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue on the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 82-Zoning that was approved by the Jamestown Planning Commission on September 16, 2009.

The Workshop will be an informational session with a presentation for the purpose of informing the public of the changes proposed to the Zoning Ordinance that have been the topic of discussion over the last 18 months at the Planning Commission meetings.

The proposed amendments are available for review and/or purchase at the Town Clerk's Office, 93 Narragansett Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. The proposed amendments may also be viewed on line at www.jamestownri.net.

ALL NOTE: This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call the Town Clerk at 401-423-7200 or by facsimile at 401-423-7230 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown will conduct a public hearing on the 15th day of October, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue on the following proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 82-Zoning.

Opportunity shall be given to all persons interested to be heard upon the matter at the public hearing. The proposed ordinance amendments under consideration may be adopted and/or altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the public hearing.

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The following is a summary description of the proposed amendments:

- No zoning district boundaries are proposed for amendment.
- The Official Zoning Map for the Town of Jamestown is not proposed for amendment as part of these amendments.
- The amendments implement the comprehensive affordable housing strategy approved by the Town Council in 2005 in the Jamestown Affordable Housing Plan.
- The creation of the Jamestown Village Special Development District is proposed to amend development regulations within the village in the following Districts: R-20 (Residential 20,000 square feet); R-8 (Residential 8,000 square feet); CW (Commercial Waterfront); CL (Commercial Limited); CD (Commercial Downtown); and P (Public).
- The Jamestown Village Special Development District provides a streamlined development process that replaces the existing Development Plan Review process and uses form-based standards that encourage: "smart growth" development; pedestrian oriented buildings and streetscapes; mixed use buildings within the commercial districts; affordable housing; and design that is compatible with the existing Village character of Jamestown.
- The amendments are consistent with the RI Zoning Enabling Legislation RIGL 45-24 as amended.
- The amendments are consistent with the Jamestown Comprehensive Community Plan, adopted by Jamestown Planning Commission September 2001 and the Jamestown Town Council June 2002.

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