

# Letters

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beginning, an invaluable partner in creating and implementing the SAMS program. In addition, SAMS would have been dead on arrival if we hadn't had the interest and support of the lead teachers involved: Deb Barone, Jim Kaczynski, Nick Alfred and Cynthia Cherney.


Our students will be participating in hands-on research with Rhode Island scientists. The program will take advantage of the local environment, turning it all into an ever-changing laboratory for the students to explore. The sixth grade curriculum, entitled "Sustainable Living," will explore aquaculture, hydroponics, agriculture and the environment. Students will learn about the many exciting ways local scientists are trying to address the unsustainable living humans currently enjoy. For example, Roger Williams University, one of the country's leaders in aquaculture research, will provide a laboratory where students will help seed large aquariums with baby oysters no bigger than a poppy seed, watch them grow and discover the important part shellfish play in maintaining the overall health of Narragansett Bay.

The seventh and eighth graders

will focus on "Renewable Energy." This curriculum will explore wind, solar and wave energy resources. As a coastal community, wind energy is an abundant resource in Rhode Island and SAMS students will explore how that option can have a huge impact on the future of the state. Solar and wave energy will be researched, the pros and cons weighed, and conclusions drawn as to the feasibility of using these resources. These students will be able to tap into world-class research going on at nearby University of Rhode Island, among others, to explore these renewable energy resources.

We are very grateful that the School Department and the School Committee have embraced our work and are eager to form this partnership that will greatly benefit Jamestown students. When JEF receives the funding, we will funnel it to the School Department to cover all costs incurred by SAMS. These include consulting fees for the program manager, the purchase of all new equipment, technology and teaching materials, and field trips to participating universities and organizations.

**Mary Hall Keen**  
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**Saturdays 9 AM & Thursdays 6 PM**

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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**  
**WATER MAIN FLUSHING**

The Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the distribution system Tuesday, October 27, 2009 through Wednesday, November 4, 2009 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Flushing removes sediment from the system and improves water quality. Your water may become discolored during this period and particular care should be taken while washing clothes. Your cooperation is appreciated.



**Jamestown Wind Energy**  
**Feasibility Study**

**Presentation and Workshop**

The Jamestown Wind Energy Committee is pleased to announce it has accepted the Final Wind Energy Feasibility Study from its consultant. The Study is posted on-line at [www.jamestownri.net](http://www.jamestownri.net).

Hard copies of the study will also available for review at the Town Planner's Office, 93 Narragansett Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays, and the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

The next step in the Committee's process is to present the study, and obtain public input on it, at a public meeting to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue.

*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.*



# TOWN OF JAMESTOWN LEGAL NOTICE

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TOWN CHARTER

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Jamestown Town Council on May 21, 2009 and August 3, 2009, the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island has voted to put the following twelve (12) questions before the qualified electors of the town Jamestown on the November 3, 2009 ballot. All questions are proposed amendments to Jamestown's Home Rule Charter.

Each question listed below is printed exactly as it will appear on the ballot.

Please note: "You must be registered to vote from your actual place of residence." Voter fraud is a felony and is subject to imprisonment for a term of not more than ten (10) years or a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or both, for each offense.

The Town Council of the Town of Jamestown hereby ordains that, upon the casting of ballots on November 3, 2009, any of the following questions that is approved by the majority of electors qualified to vote in said election shall become effective upon passage:

### Questions #1 - 12

#### Amendments to the Jamestown Home Rule Charter

(Authorized by Resolution of the Town Council adopted May 21, 2009 and amended by a Resolution of the Town Council on August 3, 2009)

1. The Town Council-Number, Selection, Term  
Administrative Departments-Town Moderator  
Schools-School Committee Membership

**Shall the Charter be amended to set the election of council members on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in even-numbered years with the following transition periods: Town Council members elected in the 2009 election shall serve a term in office until 2012; Town Council members elected in the 2012 election shall serve a two-year term in office thereafter; the Town Moderator elected in the 2009 election shall serve a term in office until 2012; the Town Moderator elected in the 2012 election shall serve a two-year term in office thereafter; School Committee members elected in the 2009 election shall serve a term in office until 2012; School Committee members elected in 2012 shall serve a four-year term in office thereafter; School Committee members elected in 2011 shall serve a term in office until 2014; School Committee members elected in 2014 shall serve a four-year term thereafter (authorizes changing the town election date from odd-numbered to even-numbered years with transition periods)? (Amends Article II, §201, Article IV, §406 and Article V, §501)**

2. The Town Council-Special Meetings

**Shall the Charter be amended to require that special meetings of the town council can only be held upon majority consent of the members? (Amends Article II, §206)**

3. The Town Council-Interference with Administration

**Shall the Charter be amended to prohibit town council members from publicly or privately directing, supervising or interfering with the work of town employees? (Amends Article II, §210)**

4. Administrative Departments-Town Moderator

**Shall the Charter be amended to provide that should the position of town moderator become vacant it will be filled by the town council by the next highest vote getter from the most recent election and so on until the vacancy is filled? (Amends Article IV, §406)**

5. Miscellany-Elected Officials

**Shall the Charter be amended to delete the first sentence of section 805 and to add a new section 806 that would include in the word "vacancy" to mean the death, resignation, failure to meet the qualifications of office or other cause recognized by the town council? (Amends Article VIII, §805; Adds new §806)**

6. Town Administrator-Appointment and Qualifications

**Shall the Charter be amended to delete the town residency requirement for the town administrator and require only that the town administrator be a resident of the state? (Amends Article III, §301)**

7. Town Administrator-Powers and Duties

**Shall the Charter be amended to delete the requirement that the town council must approve the removal of any department head or town official nominated for appointment by the town administrator? (Amends Article III, §305)**

8. Administrative Departments-Personnel

**Shall the Charter be amended to delete the requirement that the town maintain a personnel board? (Amends Article IV, §420)**

9. Administrative Departments-Town Planner

**Shall the Charter be amended to require that the town employ a town planner? (Amends Article IV, §421)**

10. Financial Provisions-Capital Budget Program

**Shall the Charter be amended to change the capital budget from a ten-year program to a six-year program? (Amends Article XI, §1103)**

11. Grammatical/Style Changes-General

**Shall the Charter be amended to allow for grammatical changes for sentence clarity, grammatical clarity, capitalization and efficiency as recommended by the Charter Review Committee and adopted by the Town Council at their meeting on May 21, 2009 (authorizes a series of edits to correct inaccurate and/or imprecise wording)? (Amends Article II, §§212, 216; Article III, §305; Article IV, §405 & 410; Article XI, §1104, 1106; Article XII, §1201)**

12. Administrative Departments-Library Trustees

**Shall the Charter be amended to add the phrase "a free and public library for all the inhabitants thereof" after the term Jamestown Philomenian Library? (Amends Article IV, §422)**