

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 2007

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was called to order at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road at 7:00 PM by Town Council President David J. Long. The following members were present:

Julio J. DiGiando, Vice President
Michael Schnack
William A. Kelly
Barbara A. Szepatowski

also present:

Bruce R. Keiser, Town Administrator
Arlene D. Petit, Town Clerk
Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor
Michael Gray, Town Engineer
Lisa W. Bryer, Town Planner

Planning Commission members present:

Michael White
Betty Hubbard
Victor Calabretta

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

None

COUNCIL SITTING AS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING BOARD

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1) Notice of Violation re: Jamestown Wine & Spirits

Council President Long asked the Town Solicitor for the proper procedure to be followed when a violation of this nature has been reported.

The Town Solicitor advised that the licensee should be notified that any future violation would result in a show cause hearing before the Council sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board.

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Kelly to accept the notice of violation from the Jamestown Police Department. So unanimously voted.

CONSENT AGENDA

An item on the Consent Agenda need not be removed for simple clarification or correction of typographical errors. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately.

It was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. So unanimously voted. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- 1) Adoption of Council minutes:
 - a) March 26, 2007 (regular session)
 - b) March 26, 2007 (executive session)
- 2) Bills and Payroll
- 3) Minutes from Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - a) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review (02/27/2007)
 - b) Jamestown Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force (03/14/2007)
 - c) Jamestown Emergency Medical Services (JEMS) (03/27/2007)
 - d) Personnel Board (12/04/2006)
- 4) CRMC Notices:
 - a) Agenda for March 27, 2007
 - b) April 2007 Calendar
- 5) DEM Notices:
 - a) "A Citizen's Guide to the Farm, Forest, and Open Space Act"
- 6) Proclamations & Resolutions from other Rhode Island cities and towns:
 - a) Town of Burrillville in support of legislation relating to:
 - i) amending §40-13.2-5 Criminal Records Check – Employee of Youth Serving Agency
 - ii) amending §33-21.1-14.1 Property Held by Police Departments
 - iii) Senate Bill 2007-S0060 An Act Relating to Sate Affairs and Government – Department of Environmental Management – Elimination of MTBE as a Gasoline Additive
 - b) Town of Middletown in opposition to proposed legislation concerning distribution of the hotel tax
 - c) Town of East Greenwich request for legislation to amend §16-7-44 entitled "School Housing Projects Costs"
- 7) Weaver's Cove Energy – Winter 2007, Volume 8

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town Council may seek to go in Executive Session to discuss the following items:

None

COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS

- 1) Town Administrator Report (verbal report)

The Town Administrator reported the following information:

- The Town has received the \$20,000 grant from the Rhode Island Foundation for the physical improvements at the Community Center in preparation for locating the Teen Center there. The work is being done in-house and is well underway.
- It is expected that the trusses for the new Town Hall will arrive this week.

Councilor DiGiando asked if there was information regarding the Coast Guard review of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Providence relating to the concerns raised by a member of Save the Bay.

The Town Solicitor informed the Council that he was very familiar with the issues relating to an LNG facility and would look into whether a response was needed from the Council.

2) Town Solicitor (verbal report)

The Town Solicitor reported that he has been busy working on the following issues:

- Sewer Facility contract
- Waste hauling contract
- Continuing to work directly with the Planning Commission
- Preparation of a reply to the Attorney General regarding an open meeting investigation
- Staff conferences
- Other matters at the request of the Council

3) Water Resource Protection Committee re: petition for Single Source Aquifer submitted by Conanicut Concerned Citizens

Councilor DiGiando noted that the petitioners have not yet presented the petition for single source aquifer to the Council.

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Schnack to accept the communication from the Water Resource Protection Committee. So unanimously voted.

The Town Administrator stated that the Environmental Protection Agency will conduct a hearing on the designation of Sole Source Aquifer for Jamestown once they have received information from the town of North Kingstown and city of Newport regarding their ability or desire to sell water to Jamestown in the event that there was a water shortage.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) Article 4. Chapter 82 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Jamestown: Sec. 82-410. Project Review by Outside Consultants. A public hearing to solicit public input was held on March 12 and is continued until April 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor Schnack to open the continuation of the public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to Article 4. Chapter 82 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Jamestown: Sec. 82-410. Project Review by Outside Consultants at 7:10 p.m.

The Town Solicitor reviewed the changes in the proposed ordinance allowing for the hiring of an outside consultant to be paid for by the applicant, pointing out the three threshold criteria which may require a project review by an outside consultant, as follows:

1. Residential developments of more than five (5) dwelling units.

2. Non-residential developments involving more than 2,500 square feet of building area, and/or
3. Mixed use developments

Other changes that were made were related to removing the ability of the Town Planner or Building Official from determining the need for the hiring of a consultant; rather, putting it in the hands of the Planning Commission and/or the Zoning Board of Review.

The Town Solicitor noted that the changes were made from comments made at the public hearing held on March 12, 2007.

Council President Long called for comments from the Council.

Councilor Schnack stated that the addition of language allowing for the determination to be made at the initial meeting of whether an outside consultant would be required by the Planning Commission seem to put a time limit on the determination.

Councilor Szepatowski also noted her concern with the same language brought forth by Councilor Schnack.

The Town Solicitor noted that the Planning Commission would not be precluded from obtaining different and/or additional outside technical project review assistance if during the project review the planning commission determines issues have arisen which would require such a review. It was also noted that the Planning Commission shall provide a good faith estimate of the fee, which shall be paid by the applicant. In addition, the Town Solicitor stated that the ordinance would not preclude the Zoning Board of Review from obtaining an outside consultant if and when it was necessary.

Councilor DiGiando stated that the proposed ordinance seems to be in the best interest of the Town and addresses the issues in the Comprehensive Plan relating to growth management.

In response to a question by Councilor Kelly regarding the possibility of the fee being a percentage of the project, the Town Solicitor indicated that it has been his experience that the fees are usually minimal and adding a specific fee may prove to be a barrier; however, if there are still concerns following implementation of the ordinance, it could be brought back to the Council at a later date for any necessary changes. Councilor Kelly questioned if the Town could use its own legal staff. The Town Solicitor indicated that he would continue to represent the Town.

The Town Planner reported that she was satisfied that the changes are not that significant that it would be necessary to return the proposed ordinance amendment to the Planning Commission for further review.

Council President Long asked for public comment.

Michael Swistak, Narragansett Avenue, stated that he and several other members of the business community worked with the Town Planner on the ordinance changes; however, there is still some concern that multi-family units or condominium units of less than five are not included. In addition, Mr. Swistak asked that the Council include a sunset clause to enable the ordinance to be reviewed at a given date. Mr. Swistak asked if the proposed changes to the original ordinance should be advertised.

The Town Solicitor stated that the changes made were based on public comment from the March 12 public hearing, and as such, no further advertising is required. The Town Solicitor also noted that multi-family projects and condominium projects are regulated through Zoning regulations.

Richard Allphin, Bonnet View Drive, stated that he was in favor of the ordinance and suggested that if there is a problem with the applicant paying the fee, perhaps it could be shared with the Town.

Victor Calabretta, Planning Commission member, stated that today's developments are much more complex, sometimes requiring such expert advise as groundwater hydrologists in order to protect abutters, as was done with the Cedar Lane development, or the hiring of an inspector to ensure that all aspects of a plan are complete, as the Town did for the Bay View condominium project. These development costs should not be a burden on the Town. Mr. Calabretta asked the Council to consider the adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Adolphe Salaun, Seaview Avenue, asked if the Council could speak louder or have their voices amplified so that he could hear.

Dennis Webster, Mount Hope Avenue, reiterated the issues related by Michael Swistak and added that the ordinance does not provide for the Zoning Board of Review to have the same provisions as the Planning Commission.

The Town Solicitor stated that the ordinance does not preclude the Zoning Board of Review from requiring a consultant at either the initial stage or further on in the project development.

Charles Petit, Bryer Avenue, complimented the Council on a job well done.

Michael White, Planning Commission member, stated that this is a necessary tool for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Review and protects the Comprehensive Plan.

Lisa Bryer, Town Planner, informed the Council that the Planning Commission will be amending the Sub Division Regulations in the same manner, through an advertised hearing.

There being no further public comment, it was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Councilor Kelly to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

The Council discussed their support of the proposed amendment. Councilor DiGiando asked that the Council give consideration to the request for a sunset clause.

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Council President Long to adopt the proposed amendment to Article 4. Chapter 82 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Jamestown, more specifically, Sec. 82-410. Project Review by Outside Consultants. So unanimously voted.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor DiGiando to review the ordinance, one year hence. So unanimously voted.

The ordinance, as adopted, follows:

The Town Council of the Town of Jamestown hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Article 4. Chapter 82 of Appendix A, Zoning, the Code of Ordinances, Town of Jamestown is hereby amended by adding the following:

Sec. 82-410. Project Review Fees.

All submissions for site plan approval, also known as development plan review, involving residential developments of more than five (5) dwelling units, non-residential developments involving more than 2,500 square feet of building area and/or mixed use developments may be required by the planning commission to pay a project review fee for costs incurred by the town to retain technical consultant(s) review(s) of such projects. At the initial meeting on any such application, it shall be determined whether the planning commission will require outside technical review(s) of such projects to assist the planning commission in their project review. The planning commission shall not be precluded from obtaining different and/or additional outside technical project review assistance if during the project review the planning commission determines issues have arisen which requires such different and/or additional outside project technical review. Any such outside technical project review assistance fee shall be paid for by the applicant and be equal to the actual amount expended by the planning commission to hire the needed professional resources necessary to perform an adequate review of such projects. The planning commission shall provide a good faith estimate of said project review fees and such estimated costs shall be paid by the applicant prior to the planning commission proceeding further with the project review. Upon completion of the project review, any excess funds shall be refunded to the applicant or any fund shortage shall be paid by the applicant prior to receiving final plan approval.

The planning commission may also charge an inspection fee to the applicant of a development plan to determine compliance of the as-built project with the approved development plan. Any and all costs incurred pursuant to the inspection subject to this section and authorized by the planning commission shall be separate from any project review fee. The applicant for development plan approval shall pay any such inspection fee to the town prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the project.

The zoning board of review is also authorized to impose such project review fees to obtain outside technical assistance for any special use permit and/or variance zoning relief petition submitted for their review. It shall be determined at the initial meeting on the application for zoning relief whether project review assistance is required. The zoning board of review shall provide a good faith estimate of said project review fees and such estimated costs shall be paid by the applicant prior to the zoning board of review proceeding further with the zoning relief application. Upon completion of the project review, any excess funds shall be refunded to the applicant or any fund shortage shall be paid by the applicant prior to receiving final plan approval.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Proclamation No. 07-004 proclaiming Friday, April 27, 2007 as Arbor Day in the Town of Jamestown

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to adopt Proclamation No. 07-004, proclaiming Friday, April 27, 2007 as Arbor Day in the Town of Jamestown. So unanimously voted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- 1) Communication from the Commercial Fisheries Center re: Menhaden Management Area of Narragansett Bay

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Schnack to accept the communication from Commercial Fisheries Center re: Menhaden Management Area of Narragansett Bay. So unanimously voted.

- 2) Letter from the Armenian National Committee of RI re: request to fly the Armenian flag
 - a) Town Hall Flag Policy (submitted by Town Clerk)

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Schnack to accept the communication from the Armenian National Committee of RI. So unanimously voted.

- 3) Copy of Letter to David Thurston from RIDEM re: denial to alter freshwater wetland on Assessor's Plat 16, Lot 12

It was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the denial notice to David Thurston. So unanimously voted.

- 4) Letter from Megan E. Lepre, North Kingstown High School senior re: senior exhibition project – "Global Warming"

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the letter from Megan E. Lepre regarding her high school senior exhibition project regarding global warming. So unanimously voted.

Councilor Kelly suggested that the Town reach out to Ms. Lepre in their efforts to educate the public about the benefits of recycling.

- 5) Letter from Mary M. Webster re: windows at the northwest corner of the new town hall

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Schnack to accept the letter from Mary Webster. So unanimously voted.

- 6) Letter from Dennis Webster re: review and history of the highway barn issue

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the communication from Dennis Webster. So unanimously voted.

- 7) Final Official Statement re: Town of Jamestown relating to \$3,300,000 General Obligation Bonds

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the report relating to the \$3,300,000 General Obligation Bonds for the new Town Hall. So unanimously voted.

- 8) Invitation to the 2007 Aquidneck Island National Police Parade

It was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the invitation to the 2007 Aquidneck Island National Police Parade and instruct the Clerk to forward the invitation to Chief Tighe. So unanimously voted.

- 9) Letter from Robert A. Ullrich re: wind energy

It was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the letter from Robert Ullrich and to instruct the Clerk to forward the letter to the Wind Energy Committee. So unanimously voted.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LONG REQUESTED THAT THE DISCUSSION ON THE HIGHWAY FACILITY BE MOVED UP ON THE AGENDA PRIOR TO OPEN FORUM.

LICENSES & PERMITS

All approvals for licenses and permits are subject to the resolution of debts, taxes and appropriate signatures as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance.

- 1) Applications from Maureen Dunn Packer dba: Ali Dunn Packer Memorial Fund, Inc. on June 3, 2007 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm:

- a) **Exhibition License Application** for use of the Ft. Getty Pavilion and to hold a road race in Jamestown; no vendors permit required, insurance certificate submitted as well as race route and pavilion application.

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Schnack to approve the Exhibition License for the use of the Ft. Getty Pavilion and to hold a road race in Jamestown on June 3, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. So unanimously voted.

- b) **Ft. Getty Pavilion One Day Peddler and Entertainment License Application** for sales of t-shirts and permission of a DJ. Applicant requests to waive \$10.00 application fee; all required

documents received and attached to the exhibition license application.

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Schnack to approve the One Day Peddler and Entertainment License for the Ali Dunn Packer Memorial Fund, Inc. on June 3, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and to waive the fee as requested. So unanimously voted.

- c) **Ft. Getty Pavilion Application** - applicant requests to waive \$200.00 application fee.

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to approve the use of Ft. Getty Pavilion for the Ali Dunn Packer Memorial Fund, Inc. on June 3, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and to waive the fee as requested. So unanimously voted.

New Business

- 1) Highway Facility (for discussion only)

The Town Administrator presented a slide presentation entitled "Proposed Highway Garage Facility" as a review of the process of selecting a site for a proposed highway facility.

(Note: The hard copy of the presentation is hereby inserted and is part of the minutes of this meeting.)

Council President Long stated that he would take comments relating to the presentation.

The Council discussed the different aspects of each site (lot 47, lot 48 and the RIBTA site) as presented by the Town Administrator, such as:

- Which site has the least visual impact?
- Can the sludge removed from lot 48 be used to cover landfill?
- Cost of removing sludge from lot 48?
- What is needed to ensure that a portion of property, 6,000 sq. ft., owned by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) can be considered as a site location?
- We have the estimated costs to site the facility, what are the costs to build the facility?
- What is the time-frame for passing legislation relating to the building of a highway facility?

The Council discussed the importance of the aesthetics at each site. Also discussed was the possibility of selling lot 47 and using those funds towards the facility. The Town Administrator estimated the building costs of the structure to be between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000.

In identifying the next steps to be taken, Council President Long stated that there are three viable options endorsed by the Town Administrator; those being, Lot 47, Lot 48 and the RITBA location. As such, it was the consensus of the Council to instruct the Solicitor to prepare a formal resolution to be submitted to the RITBA asking that they

consider a request from the Town Council to transfer RITBA property to the Town to be included with the adjacent town-owned property for the siting of a highway facility, and to put this resolution on the April 23, 2007 Town Council agenda for action.

The Council discussed the possibility of putting the proposed site locations on a referendum for a vote by the electors. It was felt that the possibility of a referendum vote could be further discussed at a future meeting.

There being no further Council discussion, the Council returned to the regular order of business.

OPEN FORUM

- 1) Scheduled request to address (non-scheduled was taken first)
 - a) Representative Bruce J. Long re: legislative updateRepresentative Long updated the Council on pending legislation. In addition, Representative Long informed the Council that he and Senator Piva-Weed are ready to act on legislation that would be necessary to enable the Council to hold a special election regarding the highway facility.

Arts District

Representative Long informed the Council that Mr. Randall Rosenbaum, Executive Direct of Rhode Island State Council on the Arts is prepared to give a fifteen minute presentation to the Council at the April 23, 2007 Town Council meeting. It was the consensus of the Council that the presentation be put on the Council agenda.

- b) Mary Webster re: town hall windowsMs. Webster expressed her disappointment in the large windows being installed at the Town Hall building. Ms. Webster noted that the smaller windows which are being planned for the rest of the building could be inserted in place of the larger windows.

- 2) Non-scheduled request to address (non-scheduled was heard prior to scheduled)

Michael Swistak, Narragansett Avenue, asked if there was a cost associated to the property owned by RITBA.

Mary Webster, Mount Hope Avenue, asked that the visual impact for all sites be considered and questioned why the larger buffer zone was adequate for one site while a smaller buffer zone was being considered for the RITBA property, and actually, when moving the driveway to the property would be removed all together.

David Darlington, Chair of RITBA, indicated that the Board was willing to work with the Town on the property; however, as far as the cost to the Town, that would be decided by the Board. Mr. Darlington stated that because of the controversy over the property, the Board would like to see a decision by the community to be presented to the Board for their consideration.

Richard Anderson, West Reach Drive, asked that a traffic study be completed to determine what the impact would be on the neighborhoods.

James Rugh, America Way, Tree Preservation and Protection Committee member, hand delivered a letter of support for the reappointment of David Nickerson as Tree Warden from the committee.

Charlotte Zarlengo, Seaside Drive, expressed her concern with funds not being budgeted for the Water Resource Protection Committee and asked that the Council consider bonding for the purchase and protection of property in the Shores.

The Town Administrator indicated that the Town Council has not yet adopted the budget. Council President Long stated that this could be further discussed at the final budget meeting.

Elaine Peterson, Norwood, MA, asked if there would be any tax benefits to the town in selling lot 47.

Laszlo Siegmund, Siegmund & Associates, stated that the Town has not made any payments on the arbitration award entered into in 2006. The amount awarded to Siegmund & Associates, Inc. and the interest due now totals \$52,000.00.

The Town Solicitor informed the Council that he just recently learned that payment had not been made and was reviewing the situation.

Raymond Iannetta, North Main Road, stated that there are other issues that must be considered on lot 47 and 48. Spot zoning on lot 47 and the lack of water are concerns. Stormwater management has not been addressed on lot 48, as well as the sludge, which is regulated by Water Resources. Another issue is the 6' test pits at the sludge on lot 48 and the knowledge that the area has been raised and filled and contains street waste. Mr. Iannetta stated that these issues have to be addressed in a court of law.

Susan Little, North Main Road, suggested a cost saving might be realized by modifying the building specifications. Because of the water contamination issue, the Town might omit the showers in the highway facility. In addition Ms. Little suggested that if the facility were built at the RITBA site, there could be shared meeting space at the Water Treatment Facility. Ms. Little suggested that a traffic study and a timeline study be conducted.

Ellen Winsor, East Shore Road, asked if the Council would allow her to give a power point presentation addressing the need for Jamestown to be designated as a sole source aquifer.

Judith DiBello, Spanker Street, past Chair of the Tree Preservation and Protection Committee, gave her support for the reappointment of David Nickerson as Tree Warden.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- 1) Tree Warden
 - a) Memorandum from Town Administrator
 - i) Rhode Island General Law re: appointment of tree warden
 - ii) Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance

Councilor DiGiando informed the Council that because his son owns a tree landscaping company he felt it necessary to abstain from a vote on the appointment of a Tree Warden at this time.

The Council discussed the appointment of Tree Warden for the Town of Jamestown. There was concern raised by Councilor Schnack and the Town Administrator relating to trees being planted on Walcott Avenue when the Town Administrator instructed the Tree Warden that this was not acceptable. Mr. Keiser stated that although the Tree Warden is enthusiastic and has done a good job, there was no cooperation with the chain of command in this instance.

It was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to advertise for proposals and bids for the position of Tree Warden. It was voted, Councilor Kelly, aye; Councilor Schnack, aye; Councilor Szepatowski, aye; Council President Long, aye with Councilor DiGiando abstaining. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstention.

David Nickerson commented that RIGL §32.3.3 allows for the committee to make the planting decisions. As such, \$12,000 worth of trees was at risk by not allowing the planting in the Walcott Avenue area. The trees would not have interfered with the view shed and needed to be planted or lost.

- 2) Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee
 - a) letter of resignation from W. G. Boll

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded Councilor Szepatowski to accept the resignation of Mr. Boll from the Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee. So unanimously voted.

- 3) Jamestown Conservation Commission; one (1) vacancy, three-year term ending December 31, 2009 (duly advertised); if favorable, appoint
 - a) Letter of Resignation
 - i) Thomas Johnson

It was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the letter of resignation from Thomas Johnson. So unanimously voted.

- b) Letters of Interest
 - i) Michelle K. Estaphan (previously interviewed)
 - ii) Kate Smith

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Kelly to appoint Kate Smith to the Jamestown Conservation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2009. So unanimously voted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Water Tower re: cellular antenna emissions (continued from 3/26/2007)
The Town Solicitor reported that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates the safety level of wireless communication systems. As such, any complaints or concerns, either from an individual or the Town Council must be handled through the FCC.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct the Town Solicitor and the Town Administrator to compose a letter to the FCC addressing concerns relating to the safety level of emissions at the water towers located in Jamestown.

2) Board of Water and Sewer Commission re: change of meeting time
(continued from 3/26/2007)

It was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Council President Long to return the meeting time of the Board of Water and Sewer Commission to 7:00 p.m. So unanimously voted.

3) Fort Getty re: failing septic system (continued from 3/26/2007)
a) Information relating to RV Holding-tank Treatments & Deodorizers in Septic Systems

Following a lengthy discussion on the solution to the failing septic system at Fort Getty and the recommendation from the Town Engineer to install a holding tank, it was the consensus of the Council to consent to the Town Engineer's request to submit an application to RIDEM for the installation.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Highway Facility (for discussion only)
Previously discussed.

2) Work Session re: budget revisions
See below.

3) Special Town Council Meeting, April 30, 2007 for budget adoption

It was the consensus of the Council to hold a special Town Council meeting on April 30, 2007 for review of budget revisions and adoption of the FY2008 budget.

4) Rhode Island Resource Recovery Agency re: \$7,500 grant for the purchase of yard waste recycling bags and composting bins (per Councilor Kelly)

Councilor Kelly announced that the Town received a grant in the amount of \$7,250.00 from the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Agency. Each household will receive ten disposable recycling bags for yard waste. Also available through the grant will be twenty-five (25) composting bins, given to the first twenty-five (25) residents to complete a one-hour course on how to properly compost.

- 5) Grant Application
 - a) Town Council endorsement for Building Homes RI Grant Application in the amount of \$615,000 for development of affordable housing at 44 Southwest Avenue

The Town Planner informed the Council that the application draft being submitted by Church Community Housing Corporation is due by April 27, 2007. The Jamestown Town Council has previously endorsed the Southwest Avenue affordable housing project. In addition to the Building Homes RI Grant funding, Church Community Housing Corporation will be seeking several other sources of funding.

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor Kelly to endorse the affordable housing project submitted by Church Community Housing Corporation at the Southwest Avenue location and to further endorse the funding efforts, one of those being, through the Building Homes RI Grant Funding. So unanimously voted.

- 6) Award of Bid
 - a) Award bid for the Structured Cable System for the new town hall to A/Z Corporation, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$26,790.00

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to award the for the structured cable system for the new town hall to A/Z Corporation, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$26,790.00. So unanimously voted.

There being no further business before the Council, it was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor Schnack to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Arlene D. Petit
Town Clerk

c: Town Council Members (5)
Town Administrator
Town Solicitor
Administrative Circulation