

BOND #5: A YES VOTE to UPGRADE TOWN BUILDINGS and REPLACE OLD FIRE EQUIPMENT means improving the Senior Center, Recreation Center, and Fire Department to better serve Jamestown citizens.

WHY: The Recreation Center, Town Hall, Senior Center, Transfer Station and Fire Department are the lifeblood of this community, home not only to town services but also many civic and social organizations. Some of these facilities need significant repair and renovations, others need updating.

WHAT: This \$2.5 million bond funds:

- Renovation of the Senior Center(\$885k) including HVAC replacement, interior plumbing, electrical, plumbing, and roof repair. Many seniors and other organizations use the building daily for meetings, lunches, and program events.
- Repairs to the Recreation Center include siding, doors, windows, and HVAC upgrades (\$650k). This building serves young adults, exercise programs, and the Jamestown Community Theater.
- The Transfer Station, affectionately known as “The Dump,” needs \$150k in repairs for site work, electrical, HVAC, and construction.
- The repairs to the Town Hall, built twenty years ago, include painting interior/exterior, replacing the roof, 6 windows, the HVAC system, and some siding repair (\$535k).
- This Bond also provides \$283k for repairs to the Fire Station and dispatch. Perhaps most importantly, it will pay for replacing 26 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) packs and 52 SCBA bottles, equipment that provides oxygen to volunteer firefighters when they head into a fire. Current SCBAs were placed into service in 2006. In the past two years, ten of these existing SCBA's have not passed annual inspection.

BENEFITS/ COST: Proper maintenance of buildings and equipment is necessary to avoid really expensive repairs down the road. Jamestown has finally learned that lesson. Covid and its aftermath have delayed some of our efforts to keep up. These funds will help update Town Hall, the Rec Center, the Fire station and Transfer Station. The Grange building on West St has been the location of the Senior Center since the mid 1990's. The Town took control of the building last year, at no cost to the taxpayer. It was last renovated almost thirty years ago when the elevator was installed. We have surely gotten our money's worth! It needs serious rehabilitation to serve this growing population. It was last renovated in the early 1990's.

We cannot afford NOT to invest in improving and maintaining these assets for the future well-being of our citizens.

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BOND #6: A YES VOTE REPLACES 10–20-year-old pickup TRUCKS and EQUIPMENT used by Jamestown Department of Public Works.

WHY: The town's maintenance work is critical to the infrastructure and safety of the town. The Town's DPW workforce is incredibly productive and saves taxpayers the expense of hiring outside vendors who, by state law, must be paid a prevailing wage. But they need adequate equipment to keep up the excellent work.

WHAT: This \$950,000 bond allows the Town of Jamestown to replace vehicles and equipment that have reached the end of their useful lives. These include two Ford F350 pickup trucks and two Ford 350 dump trucks that are 10-15 years old, a 20-year-old backhoe, and a 10- year-old woodchipper.

BENEFITS/ COST: Town DPW workers take pride in ensuring Jamestown is well-maintained and safe for its citizens. Outsourcing any of these jobs because of nonfunctioning equipment would be costly. Town workers deserve safe, reliable equipment to do their jobs.

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BOND #7: A YES VOTE REPAIRS and IMPROVES the FIELD at ELDRED AVENUE because of poor drainage; and provides NETTING around the field.

WHY: Eldred Avenue field, as constructed, does not drain during a rainstorm. The flooding and poor field conditions are a danger to the kids.

WHAT: This \$450,000 Bond replaces the loam on the field to ensure safer field conditions for participants. This bond also pays for netting to be installed around the field to ensure that kids and coaches need not run into the poison ivy and tick infested woods to retrieve errant soccer balls. A Committee has been formed for residents to work with town officials to prioritize, plan, and oversee these efforts.

BENEFITS/ COST: An investment to ensure that all children and adults playing sports on Eldred Avenue remain out of harm's way.

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BOND #8: A YES VOTE provides walkers and cyclists with an amazing PEDESTRIAN and BICYCLE PATH to experience Jamestown's beauty.

WHY: Jamestown has some of the most beautiful vistas in the state. The Town's Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan was designed for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the beauty of this island. This pathway improves connectivity between the island's neighborhoods in the north to downtown via East Shore Road.

WHAT: This \$1.5 million Bond is an investment in designing, engineering, and constructing safe pathways for people to get around Jamestown on foot or by bike. Click [here](#) to review the town's [Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#), completed in 2024. The Committee that created that plan would continue to work with residents and town officials to prioritize and oversee these efforts.

BENEFITS/ COST: A plan to create safe and comfortable ways for people to get around Jamestown has been discussed for decades. The time is now to make this a reality and improve the connectivity across the island for people of all ages.

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BOND #9: *A YES VOTE for AFFORDABLE, WORKFORCE HOUSING is a VOTE for the FUTURE of JAMESTOWN and the COMMUNITY you love.*

WHY: 60% of the people who work for the Town of Jamestown do NOT live in Jamestown. With the median value of a home on the island now \$985,000, **they can't afford to live here**. More and more of them must live further and further away. It becomes harder to recruit and retain a talented work force.

The town is getting older, but young people, including many who grew up here, and their families can't afford to live here. We rely on people who live here year-round to volunteer for so many services, especially for the Fire Department and EMS. Imagine how much a paid Fire Department would cost ?

WHAT: \$2 million dollars of this WORKFORCE HOUSING BOND could be used to design and build rental units on town-owned property. If combined with state funds, 51% of the rental units would serve households with incomes of \$64,000 (single person) to \$91,000 (family of 4). The remaining 49% of rental units would serve those making up to \$80,000 for a single person and up to \$137,000 for a family. Those are the salaries of many people who work here. Rents will vary, but would be paid to the town .

\$500,000 of the bond could be used to support the existing program that has been in our zoning regulations for 15 years, allowing homeowners to subdivide existing properties, creating affordable properties with existing or new houses.

\$500,000 could be used to preserve single family homes in perpetuity that could be sold or rented to families with eligible incomes. 75% of Jamestown's affordable homes are owned by people with Jamestown roots.

Any remaining funds could be used to support homeowners creating Affordable Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the form of subsidies or incentives.

This BOND will NOT be spent until projects are designed, priced, ready to build and approved by the Town Council. This will be a public process, in compliance with the Town's planning and zoning regulations.

COSTS and BENEFITS: Once it starts, the bond will cost \$390,000 a year for ten years.

The Town will receive the rental income, as well as proceeds from any home that is sold. While some of these funds will be used for maintenance and management, the remainder can help pay off the debt. Once the debt is paid, the income can go into the Town's General Fund or support the construction of more housing.

This is good economic policy for the Town and good for the community, enabling our friends, neighbors and family to continue to work and live in Jamestown.