Dear Jamestown Town Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to negotiate a lease with Conanicut Marine Services Inc. to allow their Jamestown Newport Ferry service to use the East Ferry dock space and the ADA-accessible ramp and boarding float they are currently using. The ferry is a part of Jamestown's history.

Not only does the Jamestown Newport Ferry provide local employment for 60 people—a good portion of which are Jamestown residents—it provides a valuable service for me, my family and guests, such as:

* providing accessible transportation for the public to five stops on Narragansett Bay.
* bringing Newport visitors and residents to our restaurants and shops.
* getting folks out on the water that may not have otherwise had a way to see the bay up close.
* teaching and training young adults and future captains on ferry operations.
* taking Jamestown residents, hotel guests, boaters and visitors over to dine, shop and watch the Newport Gull's ball games in Newport.
* providing low-cost ferry transportation to schools and non-profit groups for educational trips.

The Jamestown Town Council should do everything it can to keep the Jamestown Newport Ferry service in place for Jamestown residents and the general public.

Regards,