

# *Town of James Island*

*Bill Woolsey*  
Mayor



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## **Media Release**

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James Island --- Town of James Island Board of Zoning Appeals approved the removal of two grand trees to allow for a traffic roundabout at the corner of Camp Road and Fort Johnson Road on a 3 to 2 vote last night, Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Speaking for the majority, Chairwoman Brook Lyon explained that the applicant, Charleston County Transportation, met the criteria for a variance. The Vice Chair, David Savage, reasoned that the consensus was that the intersection is dangerous and the roundabout is necessary, and that the engineers showed that they had made every effort to avoid the loss of trees. Opponents argued that the loss of two grand trees would adversely impact the public and that government officials frequently claim that they have looked at all options. Mayor Woolsey stated, "while we should always avoid the loss of grand trees when possible, the BZA made the right decision, allowing this essential safety project to move forward." Mayor Woolsey added that he plans to put the municipal consent agreement on the Town Council agenda for Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor called on Town residents to contact members of Council to share their support for the roundabout. The Mayor explained, "this is not a 'done deal' and if there is not a strong show of support by the residents of James Island, it is very possible that this opportunity to address a major safety hazard will be lost."

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