All items on this agenda are to be discussed and/or acted upon.

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
TOWN COUNCIL
Wilbur McMahon School Library
28 Commons
Little Compton, RI

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Live streaming at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNoKeQBPql33aEtqzOXHO9g

AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2023

Department Head Reports: none

Old Business:

1. Letter of invitation to consult received from US Dept. of the Inter:or, Bureau of Ocean Energy regarding the Revolution Wind Farm and Revolution Wind Export Cable Project, North Kingstown, RI and Notification of Using the National Environmental Policy Act Process to fulfill National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Obligations.

2. Receive proposals for the reconstruction of the wellhead enclosure located at Town Landing

3. Receive copy of communication sent by Sheila Mackintosh to the Council, Senator DiPalma and Rep. McGaw expressing her concerns regarding safety of pedestrians on the Commons as it relates to the upcoming reconstruction by RIDOT

4. Memo from the Town Administrator offering the result of a review of three (3) bid proposals for Solar Panel Installation on municipal buildings noting a final selection that will be contingent upon an independent review of the proposals by a qualified party.
New Business:

1. Request from Amy Mooney, Director LC Community Center to request the Council consider adding budget funding to be used to help support the senior’s meal program in the amount of $6,200.
2. Receive letters of interest for the unexpired term of a trustee on the LC Housing Trust
   a. Consideration of appointment or interview session as needed.
3. Request from the LC Game Club for assistance regarding outstanding tangible tax notice from tax year 2013 even though they have been certified by the IRS as a public charity as a 501(c)(3) since Dec. 19, 2011.
4. Request from the East Bay Community Action Program for FY24 budget funding, received in January via email to Town Clerk and Administrator, but was not included in a prior Council agenda.
5. Request from Little Compton Wellness Center, Co-Presidents, Cindy Burns and Kathy Haire to request the Council consider adding budget funding to be used to help support the Little Compton Food Bank in the amount of $10,000.00.
6. Requests and update from the LC Housing Trust
   a. Update on status of the LCHT along with a request to support an increase to $20,000 for the article in the FY24 warrant
   b. Request for the Council to vote to accept an agreement for the purchase of 184 Colebrook Rd, by the LCHT as an affordable housing opportunity from RI Housing, owner of the property and to acknowledge that a town-wide vote at the FTM is not necessary for this transaction.
7. Consider request from Town Administrator to temporarily appoint a person to cover the absence of the Assessor’s office clerk.

Board of License Commissioners:

1. Request from the LC Game Club for a Class F-1 one day Retail Beverage License for a game dinner to be held on March 11, 2023 at the John Dyer Road facility.

Communications:

1. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Warren Town Council supporting House Bill 5309 which would amend RIGL 17-15-1 to allow a primary election to be held on the Wednesday following a Tuesday after Labor Day on the years where the eighth Tuesday follows the Holiday.
2. Email request received from Norah Kane-Daly, Post Prom Committee Chair for Portsmouth High School asking the Town to offer a donation toward the post prom party.
3. Request from Stay At Home in Little Compton, Inc. for budget funding in FY24 in the amount of $10,900
4. Request from Lavinia Gadsden on behalf of the LC Garden Club to set up a table to sell and distribute pre-sold tickets at Veterans Field on June 17th for a Garden Tour being held the same date.
5. Request received from Megan Gonzalez for the Commons (north side) to be closed from 12-4 pm on June 3rd for the annual Pride Celebration and to additionally be allowed to retain one food/ice-cream truck for the event.
6. Request from the United Congregational Church to use the Town Landing on April 9, 2023 at 6:15 AM for the Easter Sunrise Service
7. Request from Patrick Bowen for the Council to oppose RI House bill H5037 which would restrict aquaculture farms in the entirety of the Sakonnet River and force them a minimum of 1000 feet from mean high tide mark.

Consent:

1. Copy of email received from Frank Haggerty forwarding information about Falmouth MA and Onshore Cables, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management public hearing dates and comment periods.
2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Lincoln Town Council supporting Housing Development and Land Use in Rhode Island
3. Email received from Who Poo App commenting on the impact of submarine cables on whales

Payment of Bills

Consent Agenda - All items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.

All are welcome to any meeting at the town, which is open to the public. Individuals requiring communication assistance or any accommodation to ensure equal participation will need to contact the Town Clerk at 635-4400 not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on February 9th, A.D. 2023 at 7:00 o’clock PM held in in-person format at the Wilbur McMahon School Library, 28 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Andrew Iriarte-Moore, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Gary Mataronas. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator.

The Council President led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Announcements:

1. Healthy Soils and Seas – Monthly Meeting of the Sagamore Garden Club on March 1st at the LC Community Center. Includes a presentation at 7:30 PM about food waste collection programs that foster composting and improve the health of our soil and ocean
2. Feb. 5 – 11 2023 National Burn Awareness Week – information located on the Town Website offering links on the subject

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for January 19, 2023.

Councilor McHugh asked Denise Cosgrove, Tax Assessor about the RI Dept. of Environmental Management water quality report webinar. She offered that it was very informative, but that they only reported on two (2) water bodies in Little Compton.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the following Department Head Reports for January 2023:

1. Town Clerk
2. Police Department
3. Fire Department
4. Finance Director
5. Tax Assessor
6. Town Administrator
7. Building Department

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving and second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Town of Little Compton is bordered on its long western shore entirely by the Sakonnet River, and

WHEREAS: The Sakonnet River is home to a wide variety of fin fish and shellfish, with virtually no industrial development on its shoreline, and

WHEREAS: The entirety of the river is used year-round for commercial and recreational fishing, as well as recreational boating, and

WHEREAS: The installation in the river of high power electrical transmission cables from offshore wind turbines would subject its ecosystems to unpredictable risks and damage, and

WHEREAS: The intended destination of the cables and beneficiary of the revenues their electricity produces is a power plant in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and
WHEREAS: An alternative overland path with few attendant drawbacks has not been sufficiently explored.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Little Compton Town Council supports the exploration of a cable path alongside State Route 88 in Westport, Massachusetts, which would carry none of the attendant risks of the current plan, and traverses an area relatively free of private residences or businesses.

Voted this 9th day of February, 2023 by the Little Compton Town Council.

Robert L. Mushen, Town Council President

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mushen) Councilor McHugh opposed: To allow Councilors Golembeske and Mushen to prepare and return to a future Council meeting a draft resolution proposing to support a moratorium on bottom scanning for turbine placement as it relates to wind energy projects in the ocean.

Discussion of second draft of Terms of Engagement relating to a Town Solicitor.

- Councilor Iriarte-Moore commented he now believes the compensation structure currently used by Little Compton should continue to be used. He conducted research on hours expended and ran an algorithm to understand potential costs if using an hour rate method. He still feels we should negotiate the hourly rate.
- A work session should be scheduled to work through details of the terms and compensation.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To schedule a special meeting of the Town Council to work on a Terms of Engagement for Town Solicitor services, to be held on February 27, 2023 at 4 PM.

Written request to continue a process to update the Control of and Licensing of Dogs in the Town Ordinances as submitted by James O’Dell. Police Chief Raynes submitted a supplemental correspondence to request the RI General Law pertaining to licensing of dogs and associated fines be amended. This process will require the General Assembly to consider an amendment to RIGL 4-13-1.

Andrew Rhynes of 40 Pachet Brook Road spoke an incident where both he and his wife were bit by a dog on an Oak Forest roadway. He feels the ordinance should be amended to include a leash law for when dogs are off of their owner’s property, increased offense penalties, a requirement for owners to install electric/invisible fences and training for those owners who are repeat offenders to be responsible dog owners.

Larry Anderson recalls a proposal to draft a change to the existing ordinances that was delayed due to the Pandemic. He feels there is a need to have enforceable ordinances.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To allow Councilors Golembeske and Mushen to develop a draft amendment to the current ordinances on dogs and return to the March 23, 2023 Council meeting for further consideration.

No action was taken, at this time, concerning the suggestion made by Police Chief Raynes. That suggestion will be taking into account during the drafting of a proposal.
A discussion ensued concerning a need to resolve a conflict found with the appointments to the Conservation Commission. Currently Bill Richmond is an appointed member of the Conservation Commission who is the Conservation Commission representative to the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust and serves as the Chairman of the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust. As Chairman he then served additionally as the representative from the LCACCT to the Conservation Commission. Unfortunately, it was discovered that there was an error made in 2017 to the restructured commission (2014) where the Council continued to appoint five (5) members to the commission rather than four (4) with a rep from the LCACCT to serve as the fifth (5th). Larry Anderson feels the need for a corrective Charter amendment for these boards to remove the confusion of designees serving on both LCACCT and Conservation Commission. It was acknowledged that the Council does not dictate to either board who they choose as chairmen or designee to represent their boards. It was also noted that the Council agrees that a future Charter amendment would be best to rectify this situation. After discussion the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golebeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushe): To adopt a proposed solution suggesting a temporary correction to the membership of the Conservation Commission, contingent upon Solicitors review and listed as follows:

1. Bill Richmond continues to serve as the representative to the LCACCT from the Conservation Commission as has been past practice.
2. As Chair of the LCACCT Mr. Richmond could and should, in the Council's opinion, designate per code another member of the LCACCT to represent the LCACCT on the Conservation Commission.
3. Don McNaughton is currently an appointed member to the LCACCT and "could" be the representative to the Cons. Comm. If the Chair so chooses.
4. Then, the Conservation Commission would have four appointed members (Richmond, Trocki, Haverland and Babitt) and an LCACCT rep (TBD) as defined by town code.
5. This would also result in the LCACCT having 5 appointed members plus reps from PB and CC, as required by code.

Mike Steers, Chair of the Planning Board addressed the Council. He is also a member of a designated group to prepare to draft an Onsite Wastewater Treatment Plan for the Town in preparation for a loan program for our residents for OWTS (Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems). Jonathan Zwarg of RI Dept. Environmental Agency put him in contact with Jim Riordan of the consulting firm Weston and Samson who wrote the Smithfield Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (OWMP). Mr. Riordan is willing to write a grant application for the town in an effort to secure grant funds up to $300,000 to allow the town to write our OWMP plan and begin to implement a loan program for our residents. Mr. Steers will bring the grant application to the Town for review and signature upon final drafting. No actions taken.

Receive and open bid proposals for Solar Panel Installation on municipal buildings and accept timeline for review process received from Administrator. The Town Clerk apologized that she failed to bring the three (3) proposals to this meeting location. They remain locked in the town vault. The Administrator suggests the following be charged to review the proposals and report to the Council:

Councilor Golebeske
Fire Chief Petrin
School Business Manager, John McNamee
DPW Director, Bill Moore
Building Inspector/Zoning Official, Dean Simmons
James Lock, resident and project volunteer chair
Town Administrator, Tony Teixeira

After a brief discussion the following was voted:
Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving and second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To task the Town Clerk, Town Council President and Town Administrator to open, in public, three (3) proposals received for Solar Panel Installation on municipal buildings in the Town Clerk’s Office, Friday February 10th, 2023 at 9:30 PM. Said proposals will then be delivered to designated individuals selected by the Town Administrator to review and return to the February 23, 2023 council meeting with a recommendation.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To appoint Suzanne Madden as the Assistant Moderator for the Town for the ensuing term which runs concurrently with the Town Moderator until November 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving and second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
in support of Housing Development & Land use

WHEREAS, Housing continues to be a priority at all levels of government in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Municipal leaders stand together in welcoming the development of responsible housing in our communities and are interested in working with stakeholders across the state to improve housing opportunities for Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Local leaders agree zoning and land use should remain a local decision; and

WHEREAS, as members of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, we supported the establishment of both the Land-Use and Low- and Moderate-Income Housing study commissions to identify ways to help cities and towns meet their obligations under the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Act to ensure that at least 10% of their housing stock qualifies as affordable; and

WHEREAS, there have been challenges with implementing changes to state law that were approved in the last legislative session; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Little Compton strongly encourages the state to work with cities and towns to encourage housing construction and rehabilitation, and remove barriers to housing, such as infrastructure improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to accomplish our housing goals, municipalities need the following:

- A clear menu of innovative solutions and funding opportunities from the state that can be implemented during the winter season.
- Increased funding for infrastructure improvements and remediation, outside of federal aid opportunities.
- To preserve and promote quality of life, based on the different communities’ needs and respect the local voice in land use decisions.
- Funding the implementation of programs and systems to support process improvements.
- Increased technical support and adequate funding to departments and agencies that facilitate housing growth, including the Division of Statewide Planning and Department of Housing.
• Workforce development to expand the pool of municipal planners and building and zoning officials.
• Adequate state and education aid to support the needs of residents.
• A commitment to expanding reliable transportation opportunities for residents, extending the urban service boundary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, both Commissions ensure that they will listen to municipal leaders regarding these meaningful policy changes so they can be implemented and enforced at the local level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Little Compton supports the housing and land use needs identified by the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns referenced above; and

Passed as a resolution of the Little Compton Town Council this 9th day of February, 2023.

Robert L. Mischen, President
Little Compton Town Council

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mischen): To approve and authorize the execution of both a renewal contract for Vision Government Solutions for software used in the Finance Department ($5,511/yr. for tax admin. and $5,511/yr. tax collection; and implementation fees of $39,000 paid over three years ($9,000 at signing; $15,000 by 7-1-23; $15,000 by 7-1-2024); and to also renew with CAI Technologies for software used with the Town’s GIS system in the amount of $2,400/year and adding building/change fees of $20 per building.

At 8:24 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mischen): To grant a Class F one day Retail Beverage License for each of the following events held by the Little Compton Community Center all held from 6 pm to 8 pm:

1. Trivia Night – Friday, Feb. 3, 2023
2. Valentine’s Concert – Friday, Feb. 11, 2023
3. Trivia/Pub Night – Friday, March 3, 2023
4. Trivia/Pub Night – Friday, April 7, 2023
5. Summer Concert – Wednesday, August 2, 2023
6. Summer Concert – Wednesday, August 9, 2023
7. Summer Concert – Wednesday, August 16, 2023
8. Summer Concert – Wednesday, August 23, 2023
9. Fall Concert (Oktoberfest) – Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mischen): To place on file an agenda received from Coastal Resources Management Council for a semi-monthly meeting for Feb. 14, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mischen): To approve the request of Buzzards Bay Coalition to begin their Buzzards Bay Watershed RIDEx on October 1, 2023 from Sakonnet Point, contingent upon notifying local police and fire departments and securing the RI DOT event permit.
Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To recommend the amount of $5,200 be considered for a FY24 budget funding for the Food Bank which will be considered for placement on the warrant during a special meeting of the Council on Feb. 27, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a series of electronic communications between Leslie Fox, a resident of Little Compton and the Public Relations Specialist for RI Dept. of Transportation concerning upcoming repaving project on the Commons.

The Town Administrator noted that RI Dept. of Transportation intends to attend the Council’s March 23rd meeting. Councilor McHugh asked for a presentation to be made at that time.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To put on hold until after budgets submittals have expired further discussion of short-term rentals, and a request from the Tiverton Town Council to support their effort to secure authority to license short-term rentals for municipalities.

Andrew Rhyne would like to see a moratorium on short-term rental businesses.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving and second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To seek legal opinion from a qualified source of acceptable moratorium actions.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving and second by Councilor McHugh, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a resolution received from the Tiverton Town Council where they request the General Assembly to give authority to municipalities to license short-term rentals.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request made by the LC Republican Town Committee to use Veterans Field on Sunday, June 11th (rain date June 25th) to hold its Annual Antique Car Show, subject to field availability confirmed by the Recreation Committee.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving and second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To accept with regret the resignation received from Bob Rottmann resigning from the LC Housing Trust.

The vacancy created by Mr. Rottmann’s resignation will be posted as open with letters of interest to be received through February 23, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councilor Mushen, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the consent calendar as follows:

1. Emails received from Frank Haggerty on the subject of Wind Energy Offshore projects
2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Foster Town Council urging rejection of changes to the RI Enabling Act as proposed by the RI House of Representatives Land Use Commission dated November 10, 2022.
3. Copy of an announcement of a virtual public workshop held Jan. 30, 2023 by RI Dept. of Environmental Management regarding draft water quality restoration studies for Tiverton and Little Compton waterbodies
Motion made by Councilor Golemeske, receiving and second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor
(Golemeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid:

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General Code - Town Council $1,716.20
Denise M. Cosgrove - Assessor $74.67
FR Modern Printing - Bldg Dept. $57.00
Building Enclosures Science - Public Safety Complex $2,835.00
Eagle Leasing - Town Hall Renovations $338.00
JP Cooke - Town Clerk $128.25
RI Energy - Public Safety Complex $1,063.30
RI Energy - Adamsville Street Lights $68.24
RI Energy - 32 Commons $1.19
RI Energy - Town hall $658.61
RI Energy - Cell Tower $444.29
RI Energy - Transfer Station $304.58
Inspire Solutions LLC - Police Dept. $200.00
Axon Enterprise Inc - Police Dept. $239.00
State of RI - Police Dept. $150.00
Verizon - Police Dept. $82.83
Graphix Plus - Police Dept. $116.63
John Faria - Police Dept. $250.00
West Place Animal Sanctuary - Police Dept. $458.00
Munisision LLC - Police Dept. $449.00
TMDE Calibration Labs Inc. - Police Dept. $375.00
Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Police Dept. $1,422.38
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WB Mason - Police Dept. $118.76
Pitney Bowes - Police Dept. $175.98
AT&T Mobility - Police Dept. $47.75
AT&T Mobility - Police Dept. $130.55 $7,008.13
Everlasting Designs - computer $140.00
Everlasting Designs - computer equipment $1,680.00
Everlasting Designs - computer $1,680.00
CS&M Tele-systems Inc. - Town Hall phones $316.51
Ralco Electric Co - cell tower $150.00
Ralco Electric Co - Town Hall $150.00
West Parts & Supplies Inc. - DPW $194.57
Verizon - DPW - Transfer Station $82.72
Humphrey's - Highway $280.14
Wilbur's General Store - Transfer Station $27.81
All Metals Welding - Highway $1,083.00
Atlantic Elevator south Co Inc. - Town Hall (repairs) $3,255.00
Atlantic Elevator south Co Inc. - 32 Commons - Town Hall $370.00
Verizon - Wastewater Treatment Facility $56.55
IRRI - Transfer Station $238.00
Griggs & Browne - 30 Commons $40.00
Griggs & Browne - 40 Commons $60.00
Griggs & Browne - Transfer Station  $60.00
Jacob Hopton - Housing Trust       $650.00

Being no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Date February 7, 2023

Town of Little Compton
Robert L. Mushen, President
40 Commons
PO Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

RE: Invitation to consult on the Revolution Wind Farm and Revolution Wind Export Cable Project, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, and Notification of Using the NEPA Process to Fulfill NHPA Section 106 Obligations

Dear Mr. Mushen,

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), serving as lead federal agency under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is reviewing the Revolution Wind Farm and Revolution Wind Export Cable Project (the Project) (Figure 1). The wind farm is proposed in federal waters managed by BOEM on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and export cabling would connect through Rhode Island (RI) state waters to a landing point and substation near Quonset Point in North Kingston, RI. The study area for the project extends into Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York (Figure 2).

BOEM determined the Project constitutes an undertaking subject to Section 106 of the NHPA and BOEM is using the NEPA process to fulfill its NHPA Section 106 obligations for the Revolution Wind Construction and Operations Plan (COP). BOEM has made a finding of adverse effect (Finding), for the Project pursuant to the regulations guiding the Section 106 process at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800.5. BOEM has determined the Project would result in visual adverse effects to 101 historic properties from offshore Project elements. Potentially visible offshore Project structures, as currently submitted to BOEM in the COP for Revolution Wind Farm, consist of up to 100 Wind Turbine Generators and up to two Offshore Substations on the OCS. A list of historic properties where visual adverse effects would potentially result from the Project can be found in Volume I (page 3.10-19) of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS), within Table 3.10-6, at: https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/renewable-energy/state-activities/Revolution_Wind.DEIS_Vol1_508.pdf.

BOEM is preparing to resolve the adverse effects through the development, execution, and implementation of a Memorandum of Agreement in consultation with participating consulting parties. BOEM’s continued consultation to resolve adverse effects includes consideration of appropriate avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.
Through this letter, BOEM is notifying potential consulting parties, such as you/your organization, within whose administrative areas or under whose ownership that adversely affected historic properties might be situated. BOEM’s invitation to consult remains open for additional consulting parties to join. If you are an individual or represent an organization with a demonstrable interest in the Project as relates to historic properties and would like to inquire about participating in the on-going consultation on the Project under the NHPA Section 106 consultation you may email this inquiry to culturalresources@swca.com. SWCA Environmental Consultants is the third-party contractor assisting BOEM with its Section 106 process. For information on the Project, its Section 106 documents, and the DEIS, including regarding the potential for visual impacts on historic properties, please visit https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/revolution-wind.

Sincerely,

Sarah Stokely

Sarah Stokely
Section 106 Team Lead
Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Enclosures:
Figures 1 and 2 (attached maps)
Figure 1: Map of Proposed Revolution Wind Farm Project Area
Figure 2: Map of the Study Area

Maximum Distance of Potential Visibility
- 1 and Maximum Visibility - Offshore
- 2 and Maximum Visibility - Onshore
- 3 and Maximum Visibility - Offshore
- 4 and Maximum Visibility - Onshore

Reasonably Foreseeable Future
- Project Areas
- Proposed Facilities
- New Offshore Wind Farms
- Revised Offshore Wind Farms
- Marine APE
- Offshore Substation
- Submarine Cable Corridor
- Lease Area (OCS-A-0496)

* Limits of visibility based on curvature of the earth and 4-meter digital surface elevation model within a 40-mile radius of a 873-foot-tall WTG blade tip
** Limits of visibility based on a LiDAR-based digital surface elevation model within a 3-mile radius of the onshore substation
February 17, 2023

TO: Little Compton Town Councilors
CC: Senator Louis DiPalma
    Representative Michelle E. McGaw
    Little Compton Town Administrator Antonio A. Teixeira

RE: Pedestrian Safety, East Side of the Little Compton Commons

FROM: Sheila Mackintosh
  60 Wordell Lane
  Little Compton
  Sheilamack44@gmail.com

It is my understanding that the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) will be repaving and adding curbing around the Commons, as well as repaving South of Commons, in the not too distant future.

I am writing to express my serious concern for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, baby carriage pushers, dog walkers, shoppers and summer gawkers who travel through the Commons, especially in the spring through the fall. My concern is also for the cars and trucks (as well as their drivers) that back out from in front of Wilbur’s Store, the Bay Coast ATM, and the Common’s Lunch into traffic coming from the West, the North, and the South. As an added hazard, it is not unusual at all to see cars or trucks parked in the well designated ‘No Parking’ area near the stop sign in front of Wilbur’s Store. Church goers, Brownell Library and Art Café patrons back out into traffic coming from the North and the South. It is not always easy to see past or through or around the cars and trucks parked on either side of you when trying to back out. Many drivers are going way too fast for these intensely used areas.

The speed limit on South of Commons, coming from the South, is 30 m.p.h.. There is a sign indicating the stop sign ahead, where the road begins to narrow, but there is no sign alerting drivers to the pedestrians, cyclists, Thrift Shop shoppers, Arkins Construction, Commons Gallery, Art Cafe goers. The cars and trucks that park in the two slots south of the handicap parking slot in front of Wilbur’s make it very difficult to see any car or truck backing out ahead. Then there are the cars and trucks coming from the West that frequently do not stop at that intersection where traffic is coming from the left, cars and trucks are trying to back out from Wilbur’s, and cars and trucks are emerging from the stop sign to the right. At times there are large delivery trucks parked in this area, too.
There is good signage in Adamsville and a crosswalk has been added all alerting drivers to be aware of the cyclists and walkers. There are two crosswalks in the Commons: one in front of the Wilbur's School and one that goes between the Parish House and the United Congregational Church. The stop sign at the West end of the South side to the Commons Road by Pike's Peak has been a great improvement.

It is my hope that efforts will be made to ease the risks to all users of the roads meeting in the Commons. I am including with my letter of concern a map I have drawn to demonstrate the intense use of this part of the Commons. Now would be the time to make this area of the Commons safer for everyone.

I am looking forward to the RIDOT March meeting and the discussion of the work to be done to make this highly trafficked area safer for all.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sheila Mackintosh

Attached: Hand Drawn Commons Map
To: Honorable Town Council
From: Antonio Teixeira
Town Administrator

Date: February 23, 2023

Subject: Local Solar Contract Recommendation

Three bids/proposals were received for Local Solar projects for Wilbur School, Public Safety Complex and Town Hall:
- Newport Renewables
- RISE Engineering
- Sol Power

The Solar Committee met and reviewed the three bids/proposals with much work done by Jim Lock. After reviewing the information collected by Jim and further discussions, it was agreed to submit Newport Renewables to the Town Council for consideration pending an independent review by an independent review.

Thank you!
February 16, 2023

Honorable Town Council,

With encouragement from Town Administrator, Tony Teixeira, I am writing to provide the Little Compton Town Council with an update regarding the Senior Lunch Program at the Little Compton Community Center.

In 2022, we served 4992 meals to neighbors within our community. Our participation increased rapidly, doubling from Q1 to Q4. Just a few short weeks into 2023, we are serving an average of 115 meals per week, projecting 5980 meals served for 2023. Though we do expect participation to increase as our snowbirds return for the warmer weather. Participation has increased for all facets of the senior lunch program: delivery for homebound, dine-in and to-go.

As our participation has increased, so have our expenses. 43% of our building occupancy is utilized by the Senior Lunch Program, we have hired additional staff to maintain the necessary output, we are shopping more frequently for both food and supplies and we have had to increase the frequency of our propane delivery for food preparation purposes.

As we anticipate continued growth of our Senior Lunch Program our goal is to turn no one away. As such, we have begun diversifying our grant sourcing. Since the start of the year we have applied for various grants to support the program from RI Foundation including ARPA funding for kitchen improvements and personnel costs, the Newport County Fund for personnel costs and the Basic Human Needs Grant for food and supply costs, the Ocean State Charities Trust for food and supply costs and Amica for food and supply costs. Additionally, we have future grants earmarked to apply for as they request periods become available.

Provided these updates of our tremendous growth and continued anticipated growth, the Little Compton Community Center is requesting the Little Compton Town Council consider providing $6200 to help support our seniors in their desire to age in place within our community by way of having access to affordable meals three days per week.

On behalf of the Little Compton Community Center, we want to thank the Little Compton Town Council for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,

Amy Mooney
Executive Director

The Little Compton Community Center is a 501 (c) (3) Organization
February 17, 2023

Dear Members of the Town Council of Little Compton,

I would like to apply for the vacant seat on the Little Compton Housing Trust. As you may recall, I last applied with Amanda Nickerson Toste.

I remain eager to contribute my energies toward improving housing opportunities for folks, young people especially, whose work may make living in our town unaffordable. I am pleased with the Town Council's important support and with the increased attention given to affordable housing by our community in recent months. Clearly the members of the Housing Trust have been hard at work generating this interest and also responding to it.

I will be camping in Florida until the middle of March but am free after that to join the committee. I look forward to participating in this important work. Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Rowley
LITTLE COMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

The Little Compton Game Club is asking for your assistance regarding the attached outstanding Tangible tax notice. The game club has been certified by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity as a 501 C (3), effective December 19, 2011.

Scott W. Lewis
Treasurer

Little Compton Game Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 65
Little Compton, RI 02801
Contact number: 401 536-8354
Grant Request

The information requested below will be used to assist the Little Compton Town Council in determining its support for annual grant requests:

Name of Organization: **East Bay Community Action Program — (EBCAP)**

Address of Organization: **19 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840**

Chief Executive: **Dennis Roy, President and Chief Executive Officer**

Point of Contact: **Jim Dealy, Grants Writer**

Is your organization recognized by the IRS as a 501 (C)(3) tax exempt entity? **Yes**

How many years has your organization existed: **New Visions for Newport County, Inc and Self Help merged in June 2004 to create East Bay Community Action Program. New Visions and Self Help both existed as separate entities for approximately 40 years prior to the merger.**

What types of services does your organization provide:

- **Head Start, Early Head Start and Child Care**
- **Integrated primary and behavioral health care, recovery services and dental services including the East Bay Smiles and Molar Express community based dental programs for children.**
- **Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Feeding Program (WIC)**
- **Social services information and referral, emergency housing assistance and food pantries**
- **Heating and Energy Assistance, weatherization, appliance management program and boiler replacement program**
- **Ocean State Dining Program — meals in a social setting for senior citizens**
- **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Foster Grandparents Program and Senior Citizens case management services**
- **Adult literacy services — GED and English as a Second Language**
- **Career training for youth and adults, including the RI Works program**

- **Healthy Families America and Parents as Teachers family home visiting**
- Baby Steps – a community-based literacy program for children 0-3 and their families.

- Before and after school licensed child care and enrichment programs for elementary school children

The primary sites for services for Little Compton residents are the EBCAP Center at 10 48 Stafford Road, Tiverton; our main facility at 19 Broadway, Newport and our Health Center at 6 John Chafee Boulevard.

Our site at 1048 Stafford Road, Tiverton houses our food pantry; social services and basic human needs programs; our WIC program; heating and energy assistance and one Head Start classroom.

Our health services center at 6 John Chafee Boulevard in Newport houses primary health care, the WIC Program, behavioral health services and a health family advocate.

The residents of the Little Compton continue to benefit from the many services offered by EBCAP at its main facility – 19 Broadway, Newport. Our Family Center at this location offers social service information and referral; assistance with enrolling in health insurance; emergency food pantry; special holiday programs, the fuel assistance program; Healthy Families America, Parents as Teachers and Head Start home visiting programs; youth counseling services; and our Education and Career Pathways jcb readiness and training program. In addition, our family dental clinic at 19 Broadway, continues to provide the residents of Little Compton with a full range of emergency and preventative services.

How many Little Compton residents are served annually by your organization? Please see attached 2021 annual report of services for Little Compton residents. Our updated 2022 services report will be sent when it is finished in early February.

How many staff members (either paid or volunteer) does your organization have? 519 employees and approximately 400 volunteers in 2022. How many residents of Little Compton are employed by EBCAP? Three

What is your organization's total annual budget? $51,273,026

What is the allocation of budget for services to Little Compton? EBCAP does not allocate funds by municipality.

Do you wish to appear before the Town Council or the Budget Committee to describe your program needs? We would welcome the opportunity.
Please enclose a copy of your current budget and forward to Town Council President,
Town of Little Compton, PO Box 226, Little Compton, RI 02837
### EBCAP Services to Little Compton Residents in Calendar Year 2021

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East Bay Community Action Program
FY 2023 Annual Budget - Sources & Uses of Funds
Executive Summary

Sources of Funds

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February 21, 2023

Mr. Robert Mushen, President
Little Compton Town Council
The Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Mr. Mushen,

As we learn to live with Covid in a “new reality” the Little Compton Wellness Center continues to provide the community with programs, classes and practitioners that promote healthy living and connections with one another.

There has been an increase in our clientele, and we continue to see more new people come to the Wellness Center. We offer both in person and/or Zoom classes so that all our clients can participate in our programs. These classes and programs are designed to be relevant and useful. We offer an ongoing CPR training class, immunity, and nutrition programs, cooking club for social involvement, exercise groups and Kinderdance for the younger age group.

We are also designated as an Emergency Center in times of need. As such, we must do all we can to keep the Center in good repair inside and out.

Our tenants, the Little Compton Food Bank, have revitalized and improved the space they occupy, including new efficient refrigeration and shelving. Together we are an important resource to the town and our community.

It is our goal this year to update and refresh the Wellness Center’s interior space. Our clients would benefit from an environment that enlivens our space. We have applied for a Champlin grant to help with this ongoing project.

We are most appreciative of the support the Town has provided over the years. We ask that we be included in the Town’s next fiscal year budget, if possible, at the same level as last year’s grant ($10,000).

Thank you again for helping us make Little Compton a healthy place to live!

Sincerely,

Cindy Burns & Kathy Haire
Co-Presidents of the LCWC

Cc:
Tony Texiera & Carol Wordell
To The Budget Committee and Town Administrator, Texiera,

As you know, The Little Compton Housing Trust has recently concluded a year long study of housing affordability needs, opportunities, and opinions in town. We are pleased that we are now able to move forward from our research phase into action. We are currently pursuing some potential leads for developing some modest affordable housing prospects in our community. We do have one project in the early stages, and are investigating some other promising potential ideas, as well as planning the course for our future longer term strategy to address our community’s housing affordability crisis.

We have entered into a negotiation process to develop an affordable housing opportunity at 184 Colebrook Rd. The current potential agreement, though not finalized, would exhaust around 80% of our total operating budget on the land costs alone for this property. In order to be able to develop the property into a safe and suitable unit for a family, we will need additional funds for demolition of the currently unsafe property, to complete site work, to design, and to build. With the recognition that there is a significant need for housing affordability in our community, as evidenced by our recent study, we are seeking investment from the town to support our upcoming work. We are seeking 50 thousand dollars from the town’s general fund to be invested into the Little Compton Housing Trust for the purpose of predevelopment work at 184 Colebrook. This funding will not only be a direct investment into housing affordability, it will also make us eligible to apply for matching grant funds to support this and future efforts. This will allow us to move forward with our work utilizing the available state and federal dollars that are earmarked for affordable housing, such that the entirety of the funding does not need to come solely from Little Compton Taxpayers.

In addition to an investment into our predevelopment funds for 184 Colebrook (or an alternate property if 184 Colebrook deal does not work out), we are seeking that our annual appropriation from the town be increased to 20 thousand dollars per year to support the hiring of a part-time administrative support person. In past years, our annual appropriation has fluctuated between One and Six thousand dollars. Currently, our trust is fully volunteer run, and as we begin to engage in meaningful work that will require the engagement of professional services, we need administrative capacity beyond what our current volunteer board is able to provide. Not only will this administrative support person have the ability to manage the coordination of professional services, they will also be able to help research and apply for funding to support future work, again, so that the funding burden does not fall fully on the taxpayers.

We are also assessing and studying how to achieve a more sustainable and substantial income stream so that the LCHT can be more effective at achieving our mission moving forward, but in the meantime these two investments will enable us to get to the next step with our current projects so that we can begin to make some gains in the area of housing affordability in our community.

Thank you for this consideration. We appreciate your hard work, and your investment in ours.

With Gratitude,
Isabel Mattia
LC Housing Trust Secretary
48 Burchard Ave, LC
Hello Carol,
On behalf of the LCHT, I would like to request to be put on the next available Town Council Agenda.
The LCHT wishes to have the Council vote to accept the purchase of 184 Colebrook Rd., by the LCHT, as an affordable housing opportunity. The LCHT has come to an agreement with RI Housing, the owner of the property.
I would also request that the Council acknowledge that a town-wide vote at the Financial Town Meeting is not necessary for this transaction. Please let me know if any further information is necessary.
Thank you,
Patrick Bowen
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
      Town Administrator

Date: February 23, 2023

Subject: Request for emergency temporary appointment

The current Tax Assessor Clerk is taking an urgent leave of six (6) to eight (8) weeks. The Tax Assessor – Denise Cosgrove has requested some assistance for the duration of the absence (please see the attach communication).

The Tax Assessor and I have reached out to our colleagues and counterparts throughout the State to promote the temporary vacancy without hopes.

I ask authorization from the Town Council to allow the Town Administrator in concurrence with the Tax Assessor to make an emergency appointment since time is of essence.

Thank you!
January 9, 2023

To: Town Administrator  
    Antonio A. Teixeira

From: Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA  
      Tax Assessor

Re: DEPARTMENT SUPPORT

Over the past few months the weather and staffing issues have made it difficult for me to complete the discovery necessary to review building details for permits, sales and plan changes which were due to be complete as of December 31, 2022.

I was hoping I could enlist someone to assist me temporarily in the data collection and editing process. There are approximately two hundred and sixty properties to review before the budget can be reviewed and finalized.

In addition to this, I may need some office coverage while the clerk is out on leave for a couple of months.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA  
Tax Assessor
PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, RI

The undersigned respectfully requests of your honorable board, that a license may be granted to:

THE LITTLE COMPTON GAME CLUB FOR A "GAME DINNER"
TO BE HELD ON MARCH 15, 2023 ON PREMISES AT
85 JOHN DYER RD.

[Signature]

In Town Council, _______________________, _______

Read and granted ________________________________

Witness, ________________________________________

Town Clerk
RESOLUTION: TO THE HONORABLE RI GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF 2023 H 5309

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WARREN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS: H 5309 was introduced into the General Assembly on February 1, 2023, by Representatives Place, Rea and Nardone; and

WHEREAS: This act provides that if a primary election is scheduled for the day after Labor Day, then the primary election shall be held on the Wednesday after Labor Day, instead of the Tuesday after Labor Day.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WARREN, RHODE ISLAND AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the Town Council of the Town of Warren officially expresses its support of H 5309 and respectfully requests the Honorable General Assembly to enact H 5309.

SECTION 2: THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE BY THE WARREN TOWN COUNCIL.

Attest:

Sandra J. Speroni, CMC
TOWN CLERK

John Hanley,
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT
TOWN OF WARREN

Dated: 2-14-23
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

A N A C T

RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

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1 This act would require that the primary election date, typically the eighth Tuesday
2 preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following Labor
3 Day, only if the eighth Tuesday immediately follows Labor Day.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.
2023 -- H 5309

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

A N A C T
RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

Introduced By: Representatives Place, Rea, and Nardone
Date Introduced: February 01, 2023
Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17-15-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-15 entitled "Primary Elections" is hereby amended to read as follows:

17-15-1. Date of primaries.
A primary election for the nomination of candidates for each political party shall be held in each voting district in the manner provided in this chapter on the eighth Tuesday preceding biennial state elections. Provided, however, that if the eighth Tuesday is the day after Labor Day, then the primary election shall be held on the very next day, the Wednesday.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
From: Norah Kane <nkanelaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 2:13 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Portsmouth High School Post Prom Committee

PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
PARENTS HELPING STUDENTS POST PROM COMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Mushen and the Little Compton Town Council:

My name is Norah Kane-Daly and I am writing to you on behalf of the Portsmouth High School (PHS) Class of 2023 and the Post Prom Committee. The PHS Class of 2023’s senior prom will be celebrated on June 6, 2023. All graduating seniors and their guests are invited to attend the Annual Post Prom Party that will be held at the Portsmouth High School Field House. This coveted event has been taking place since 1997, and with your help, we hope to keep this tradition going! The Post Prom Party has always been a clear indication of our community’s strong commitment to keeping our kids and community safe on what could be a high-risk night.

Here’s how it works... Since the students are free to leave the party at any time, our goal is to provide food, activities, games, and prizes that will be raffled off throughout the evening. The prizes get better and the suspense builds as the night goes on, leading up to a grand prize in the end. Since students must be there to collect their winnings, it will encourage them to stay until the end. In the past, 98% of the seniors that went to the prom attended the Post Prom Party.

Your generous support is an important link to the safety and well being of our students, and we hope we can count on you again this year. All contributions are tax-deductible. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and our Tax ID # is 22-2957458.

Checks can be made payable to: PHSO Post Prom and mailed to: Teresa Williams - 31 McBride Drive Portsmouth, RI 02871

For any questions, please email Nkanelaw@gmail.com or call 617-851-1465. Thank you in advance for your support of PHS and the class of 2023!

Sincerely,

Norah Kane-Daly
Post Prom Committee Chair
Town of Little Compton
Budget Committee

February 3, 2023

BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

STAY AT HOME IN LITTLE COMPTON, INC. is requesting a stroke in
the 2022 Budget for support of elderly in-home health care in the amount
of $10,900.

Now in our 10th year of operation, Stay at Home in Little Compton has
served over 500 residents of our town. Now fully accredited by the
Accreditation for Health Care, Cary, North Carolina, our agency satisfies
the national professional requirements of an in-home health care provider.

With some 26% of the Little Compton residents 60 years or older, the
need for in-home care is essential to the well-being of our population.
While living in a rural community, some 15 plus miles from primary
shopping areas, in-home care is vitally important.

As a not-for-profit company, Stay at Home in Little Compton relies on the
generosity of its donors. We are thankful for the support we receive.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Wilkie, President
denise@stayathomeinlc.org

Margaret M. Tirpaecck, VP, Operations
margaret@stayathomeinlc.org

Stay At Home in Little Compton, Inc.
401-592-0342

Cc: √ Robert Mushen, President, Little Compton Town Council
    Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator
    George Crowell, Chair, Budget Committee
Lavinia,

The Council can comment on this at its meeting February 23rd. You should reach out to Dave MacGregor or Patrick McHugh to ensure there are no conflicts with that date. Patrick is on the Council so at a minimum he is warned of your pending inquiry. Most functions for recreational use are funneled through the Recreation Committee coordinators. This type is not recreational, but would need to make sure a larger event had not already reserved the field.

Carol

Dave MacGregor TheMacs12@aol.com
Patrick McHugh Patrick3344@cox.net

Dear Town Council,
The Little Compton Garden Club is holding a Garden Tour on Saturday, June 17th. We raise money for distribution to local causes.

We would like to set up a table to sell and distribute pre-sold tickets at Veterans Field. We envision 4 people at a table with the tickets and cars parking briefly so that they can pick up their tickets, then head off to visit the 6 gardens scattered around town. We would also like to let our visitors know that there is a Port-Potty available to them.

Thank you,
Lavinia Gadsden
on behalf of the Little Compton Garden Club

Lavinia Gadsden
646-957-2093
Dear Carol,

Love Wins Coastal has our annual Pride Celebration June 3 1-4 PM. We would like to request street closure from 12-4 PM (same as last year) and permission for one food/ice-cream truck. Can you please add this to the next TC agenda and please let me know the date.

Regarding street closure: We have contacted the Chief of Police and he confirmed he could have an officer detail for our event.

Thanks,
Megan Gonzales
February 15, 2023

Little Compton Town Council  
40 Commons  
P.O. Box 226  
Little Compton, RI 02837  
Attn: Robert L. Mushen, Council President

Dear Mr. Mushen:

We are hereby requesting to use the Town Landing for our Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 6:15 a.m., as we have in the past.

We look forward to hearing from you to confirm this following your next council meeting.

Sincerely,

Dawn Ross  
Office Manager
Seeking a Town Resolution to oppose RT House bill H.5087.
This bill would restrict aquaculture farms in the entirety of the Sakonnet River and would force them a minimum of 1000 feet from mean high tide mark.
This bill is anti-farming, anti-aquaculture and anti-environment. There has been no explanation or notification (that I'm aware) regarding this restrictive proposal, to any of the affected communities (Except Tiverton).
This proposal is an attempt to usurp the authority of the CRMc and to impose unreasonable restrictions on the commonly held waters of the State of RI.

PATRICK BOWEN
225 A Long Hwy
417-719-7842
It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 20-10 of the General Laws entitled "Aquaculture" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

20-10-6.1, Sakonnet River area leases - Pilot program.

(a) Beginning on July 1, 2023, and for a period of two (2) years, all leases related to the
Sakonnet River area granted pursuant to the provisions of § 20-10-6 shall be sited not less than one
thousand feet (1,000') from the median high tide line. For purposes of this section, the Sakonnet
River area shall be described as that river that extends northward from Rhode Island Sound to
Mount Hope Bay, passing along the east side of Aquidneck Island. The coastal resources
management council (CRMC) shall promulgate rules which delineate and define the exact
boundaries of the Sakonnet River area.

(b) On July 1, 2023, any oyster farm operation in existence and located within the one
thousand-foot (1,000') area shall be exempt from the restrictions contained in subsection (a) of this
section.

(c) Unless renewed by the general assembly, the provisions of this section shall sunset and
expire on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- AQUACULTURE

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1 This act would require all aquaculture leases in the Sakonnet river area, granted by the
2 coastal resources management council (CRMC), to be located at least one thousand feet (1000')
3 from the median high tide line. Oyster farms in operation within the one thousand-foot (1,000') area
4 on July 1, 2023, would be exempt. This restriction would expire on July 1, 2025, unless renewed
5 by the general assembly.
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7 This act would take effect upon passage.

LC000455
BOEM - Falmouth Ma & Onshore Cables - Feb 17 To April 3 Comments

Falmouth Massachusetts -BOEM - Onshore Wind Cable Comment Period February 17 To April 3

One corridor would be used by multiple export cables making landfall in Falmouth, Mass., and the other corridor would be used by multiple export cables making landfall in Somerset, Mass.

The SouthCoast Wind draft EIS can be found on BOEM’s website, and the notice of availability will publish in the Federal Register on Feb. 17. That will open a 45-day public comment period that ends at on Apr. 3. The input received during the comment period will inform the preparation of the final EIS.

Public Meetings

During the comment period, BOEM will hold three virtual public meetings, where the public can learn more about the review process, EIS schedule, potential impacts from the proposed project, and proposals to reduce potential impacts. There will also be an opportunity for participants to provide comments on the DEIS.

The public meetings will be held on the following dates and times. All times are Eastern:

- **Mon., Mar. 20th, 2023; 5:00 pm**
  
  Zoom Registration
  
  Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nyLIQfvSTBS6kINMmwMofw
  
  Dial-in phone number: 888 788 0099 (Toll Free)
  
  Meeting ID: 817 7575 3103
  
  Password: 196 200 97

- **Wed., Mar. 22nd, 2023; 1:00 pm**
Zoom Registration  
Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FkDov8StSVWS6w_ZT7Uw7w  
Dial-in phone number: 888 788 0099 (Toll Free)  
Meeting ID: 854 8114 9775  
Password: 32044299

- **Mon., Mar. 27th, 2023; 5:00 pm**

  Zoom Registration  
  Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yck7ucH0RQ2NtKDswTGoA  
  Dial-in phone number: 888 788 0099 (Toll Free)  
  Meeting ID: 849 4517 9847  
  Password: 41687999

More information, including meeting registration and instructions for commenting, will be available in the Virtual Meeting Room on Feb. 17, 2023.

**How to Comment**

Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

1. In written form by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled “SouthCoast Wind COP DEIS” and addressed to Program Chief, Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166.
2. Oral or written testimony during any of the public meetings listed in the Notice of Availability and Virtual Meeting Room.
3. Through the regulations.gov web portal by navigating to https://www.regulations.gov/ and search for Docket No. BOEM-2023-0011. Click on the "Comment" button below the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click “Submit Comment.”
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN
IN SUPPORT OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE

WHEREAS, Housing continues to be a priority at all levels of government in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Municipal leaders stand together in welcoming the development of responsible housing in our communities and are interested in working with stakeholders across the state to improve housing opportunities for Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Local leaders agree zoning and land use should remain a local decision; and

WHEREAS, as members of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, we supported the establishment of both the Land-Use and Low- and Moderate-Income Housing study commissions to identify ways to help cities and towns meet their obligations under the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Act to ensure that at least 10% of their housing stock qualifies as affordable; and

WHEREAS, there have been challenges with implementing changes to state law that were approved in the last legislative session; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Council of the Town of Lincoln strongly encourages the state to work with cities and towns to encourage housing construction and rehabilitation, and remove barriers to housing, such as infrastructure improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to accomplish our housing goals, municipalities need the following:

- A clear menu of innovative solutions and funding opportunities from the state that can be implemented during the winter season.
- Increased funding for infrastructure improvements and remediation, outside of federal aid opportunities.
- To preserve and promote quality of life, based on the different communities’ needs and respect the local voice in land use decisions.
- Funding the implementation of programs and systems to support process improvements.
- Increased technical support and adequate funding to departments and agencies that facilitate housing growth, including the Division of Statewide Planning and Department of Housing.
- Workforce development to expand the pool of municipal planners and building and zoning officials.
- Adequate state and education aid to support the needs of residents.
• A commitment to expanding reliable transportation opportunities for residents, extending the urban service boundary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, both Commissions ensure that they will listen to municipal leaders regarding these meaningful policy changes so they can be implemented and enforced at the local level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Council of the Town of Lincoln supports the housing and land use needs identified by the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns referenced above and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Town Clerk transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, the members of the Lincoln’s state legislative delegation, and all municipalities in the State of Rhode Island.

Date Adopted: February 14, 2023

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Lillian Silva Town Clerk
Dear Little Compton,

Hello! I was asked to submit the following comments after speaking to a lovely receptionist on the phone.

My organization is active in Rhode Island and studies North American wildlife in depth. I was very concerned to see multiple whales now washed up on Rhode Island beaches, dead. As whale breeding season began in February, it is incredibly important we address this spike in whale death as wind farms South Fork Wind and Block Island Offshore are established in Rhode Island:

Block Island Offshore Wind Farm, Rhode Island, US (power-technology.com)

South Fork Wind project approved by Biden administration | CNN Politics

Columbia University scientist Heezen studied the impact of submarine cable on whales. As published by Science Direct and TETHYS:

"Fourteen instances of whales entangled in submarine cables are reported. Ten entanglements occurred off the Pacific coast of Central and South America. Six cases occurred in about 500 fathoms, with 620 fathoms the maximum depth reported. Five entanglements occurred in the period, February–March–April. All whales positively identified were sperm whales. The submarine cable was generally wrapped around the jaw and often around the flukes and fins. The cable was rarely broken but always badly mauled. The entanglements often occurred near former repairs where there is a chance for extra slack cable on the bottom. Two pothographs of a sperm whale entangled in a cable and one photograph of a whale-jaw entangled in a cable are presented. It is concluded that sperm whales often swim along the sea floor in depths as great as 620 fathoms. It is suggested that the whales become entangled while swimming along with their jaw plowing through the sediment in search of food. It is possible that the whales attacked tangled masses of slack cable mistaking them for items of food."

(Whales entangled in deep sea cables | Tethys (pnnl.gov) ; Whales entangled in deep sea cables - ScienceDirect)

Searching for food with their mouths open is a feeding strategy not only of sperm whales but also humpback whales (some of the dead Rhode Island whales have been endangered humpbacks). Submarine cable is incredibly strong and impossible to break by whales. What often happens is the whale will struggle to be free of the entanglement and cause blunt force trauma to itself. This is shown in the injury pothographs in the above article.

Excess submarine cable, present during testing or repairs, presents a greater risk for entanglement. Additionally, the presence of barges and other marine vessels with various submarine equipment, provides more opportunities for whales to collide -- unfortunately :(  

I really hope Rhode Island takes this offshore wind impact information to heart and stops development of these wind farms. Nantucket, MA fought back effectively on wind farm establishment in 2021, proving offshore wind harm to endangered whales in federal court In Federal Lawsuit, Nantucket Residents Say Offshore Wind Will Harm Endangered Whales | WBUR News! Wind farms can be dismantled and the equipment put towards nuclear power plants and freight rail, for example.
Thank you so much,

WhoPoo

Whopooapp.com

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.