Date posted: MARCH 21, 2023 by 4:00 P.M.

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

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
TOWN COUNCIL
Wilbur McMahon School – Media Center
28 Commons
Little Compton, RI

MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2023

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

AGENDA

6:15 PM – Interviews with interested parties to fill an unexpired term on the LC Housing Trust
• Vote to appoint a resident to fill an unexpired term on the LC Housing Trust with a
term expiring January 24, 2024.

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2023
March 9, 2023

Department Head Reports: none

Old Business:

1. Receive presentation from RI Dept. of Transportation on the Commons reconstruction project.
2. Draft amendment to the current dog ordinances to be reviewed and considered,
   continued from Feb. 9, 2023
3. Receive bid proposals for the reconstruction of the wellhead located at Town Landing.
4. Request letter from Jim Lock to update Solar on Town roofs.
New Business:

1. Letter of request from the LCCC for support of a grant application from the RI State Council on the Arts supporting the annual Summer Concert Series.
2. Request from Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island for town participation in commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2023.
3. Letter of notification requesting road construction of the routes from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for their annual Cycle for Life Bicycle Ride for 2023.
5. Request from the Town Administrator to engage a Municipal Finances Consultant.
6. Request from the Town Administrator to produce a draft RFP for work on Town Way under the Municipal Resiliency Program.

Board of License Commissioners: none

Communications:

1. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Tiverton Town Council in support of Housing & Development Land use.
2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Warren to the RI General Assembly of amendments to their Home Rule Charter.
3. Copy of a resolution by the Warren Town Council in support of Housing Development & Land Use.
4. Copy of a resolution by the Warren Town Council to the Honorable RI General Assembly requesting an amendment to P.L. 1991, Chapter 330 the enabling act creating the Bristol-Warren Regional School District.
5. Copy of a resolution by the Warren Town Council in support of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns 2023 Legislative Priorities.
6. Copy of a resolution from the Town of Warren in support of enabling legislation authorizing tax amnesty periods for municipalities (H5602, Slater).
7. Copy of resolution from the Burrillville Town Council’s commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance Investing.
8. Copy of a resolution from Hopkinton Town Council in support of H 6119, an act relating to Human Services – Medical Assistance.

Consent: none

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 27, A.D. 2023 at 4:15 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 W. Iriarte-Moore, Gary S. Mataronas, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor, Police Chief Raynes and Fire Chief Petrin and Joseph DeSantis, Finance Director. Town Administrator, Antonio Teixeira arrived to the meeting at 4:25pm.

At 4:17 PM the Council President called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Mushen requested the order of the agenda be reversed to have item #2 on the agenda reviewed first, followed by item # 1 second.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To reverse the order of the agenda to have item #2 on the agenda reviewed first, followed by item #1 second.

Town Solicitor, Richards S. Humphrey commented that he would be recusing himself from three matters to be discussed: 1. Discussion for the budget in regards to the Browae House, 2. Discussion for the budget in regards to Town Solicitor funding, 3. Review and consideration of the continued drafting and acceptance of a “Terms of Engagement” – for Town Solicitor. The clerk accepted a completed recusal form from the Solicitor.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize and direct the Town Finance Director to receive funds from the State of Rhode Island, the Federal Government, and private and other sources, and to credit these funds to the proper appropriated Town accounts or to other Town Meeting designated accounts. Said funds so received would reimburse the Town for specific expenditures, or be in anticipation of specific expenditures within said accounts. The expenditure of said funds so received exceeding $300,000, in total, or from one source, or for one project or purpose, shall only be spent as authorized by vote of the Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting. All other monies would continue to be deposited into the General Fund.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Finance Director to accept private donations to all private funds set up by the Little Compton Town Council. Said funds to be expended only after approval of the various committees and authorization and approval of the Town Council.

Councilor Iriarte-Moore commented that he would like the stroke to reflect what was passed at the 2022 FTM: to strike the word: “with prior approval from the Town Council.” Councilor Mushen commented that when it was passed there was a known amount. Councilor Mushen is concerned with the control over what it is of the total sum is available. Councilor Iriarte-Moore stated he understands, but disagrees with it. Councilor Iriarte-Moore stated he believes that the Council does not need oversight of every nickel and dime the LCHT spends. On some level the Council still has some control based on the recent charter amendment passed last November. LCHT Chairman Patrick Bowen asked in event that LCHT acquires funding from sources other than set aside building fees, would the Town Council have purview over spending such funds? Councilor Mushen responded that they would not. Discussion ensued as to the LCHT process to acquire a property.
Motion made by Councillor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councillor McHugh, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen) opposed (Golembeske): To authorize the Little Compton Housing Trust to receive monies, including State and Federal grant monies, to receive or acquire any real or personal property, by gift, bequest, purchase or devise and to convey or lease real estate and/or buildings, so long as such conveyances shall be in keeping with the purposes of the Housing Trust. Said real or personal property may be held in any manner so long that said acquisition and improvement are consistent with the Mission of the Trust. Furthermore, to authorize the Housing Trust to expend monies from the Housing Trust Fund during Fiscal Year 2024 for the purposes of the Trust, as provided in Section 2-9.2 of the Town Code and Section 710 of the Home Rule Charter.

Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councillor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Reserve Fund to receive up to One Hundred Thousand ($100,000.00) Dollars from the accumulated revenues from the lease of the cell tower at the Transfer Station, subject in all respects to the conditions of the Little Compton Town Charter, Section 512. Authorized expenditures from the Reserve Fund in the current fiscal year are to be reimbursed from the cell tower lease revenues in the coming fiscal year.

Councillor McHugh commented that the Nature Conservancy is not named in the warrant as being the other entity involved. Councillor McHugh questioned the amount and the beach front property reference. Councillor Mataronas clarified the amount up to $10,000 and the reference to beach front property to be South Shore Beach and possibly Goosewing Beach. Councillor Mushen stated that this is a culmination of many years of turmoil. It is mutually agreed between the Beach Commission and Nature Conservancy's local representative that this represents the best possible solution for the Town to preserve its right to access to the East. It's also favorable to Nature Conservancy that they receive capabilities to maintain their property, representing the solution that we have been waiting for for years.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize, per Section 103 and 704 of the Home Rule Charter, the Town Council to spend up to $10,000 on administrative costs to execute contracts and agreements that will clarify South Shore Beach boundaries and maintain parking lot dimensions in favor of the town, while establishing access to beachfront property to the east for recreation and stewardship uses.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will ratify the decision of the Town Council, made on October 20, 2022, to purchase solar energy financial credits via a net-metering contract.

Councillor McHugh asked someone to justify how paving of Maple Avenue and paying BETA Group fits the ARPA guidelines. Based on what he has read in the ARPA guidelines, rules of January 2022, he is hard pressed to find anything to allow for paving. Town Administrator, Tony Teixeira responded to state that it can be used for infrastructure. There is a time limit to use the funds by 2024, believing it be best to use it for infra-structure. Councillor McHugh commented that it is a reach to use the funds for infra-structure. What he recommends that the funds should be used for is educational disparities. Councillor Mataronas asked if the Town Hall project will have overrun for funding. The Town Administrator stated some change orders to date and possible upcoming additional costs. Council President Mushen stated the primary source of funding for the Town Hall restoration was the $2,000,000.00 bond taken to conduct the work. Councillor Mushen noted that expenditures of ARPA funds have met and will meet federal guidelines.
Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore:
To authorize the Town Council to expend the remaining sum of $677,838 of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to accelerate accomplishment of the town’s capital project plans, including (but not limited to) construction of an off-street parking area north of the basketball court and a public works building at the Transfer Station, and expend $20,000.00 to fund LCCC for their summer school 2023 program.

Amy Mooney of the LCCC asked that the funds not be constrained to summer school programs, asking the funds to be for the LCCC childcare programs.

Motion amended by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council to expend the remaining sum of $677,838 of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to accelerate accomplishment of the town’s capital project plans, including (but not limited to) construction of an off-street parking area north of the basketball court and a public works building at the Transfer Station, and expend $20,000.00 to fund LCCC childcare programs.

Motion amended by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council to expend the remaining sum of $677,838 of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to accelerate accomplishment of the town’s capital project plans, including (but not limited to) construction of an off-street parking area north of the basketball court and a public works building at the Transfer Station, expend $20,000.00 to fund LCCC childcare programs and $50,000.00 for development costs associated with 184 Colebrook Road for the acquisition of property of the LCHT.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council to leverage available Infrastructure Improvement and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds to improve broadband access within the town and to accelerate repair of town roads.

Town Solicitor, Richard S. Humphrey recused himself from this matter:

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars for the repair and maintenance of the Brownell House.

Councilor Mushen commented The Wellness Center’s request was for $10,000.00 and did so specifying the Food Bank was the intention for $5,200.00 of those funds. The Food Bank has separately requested $5,200.00. Councilor Iriarte-Moore asked if anyone confirmed with the Wellness Center their intent. Councilor Mushen commented this is what the application stated. Councilor Mataronas reviewed and summarized the request letter.
Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Four Thousand, Eight Hundred ($4,800.00) Dollars as a donation to the Friends of the Little Compton Wellness Center, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars as a donation to the East Bay Community Action Program to help defray the cost of providing services and programs that benefit Little Compton citizens.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty ($750.00) Dollars as a donation to the Prevention Coalition to offset expenses to operate programs for youth in our community.

Councillor Mushen commented that Stay At Home's request was $10,900.00, same as last year's request. The difference this year is that they are no longer providing dispatch and bus driver services. This will have to be contracted separately, hence the difference.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars for support of elderly-in-home health care provided by Stay At Home In Little Compton, Inc. Program.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, Two Hundred ($6,200.00) Dollars as a donation to the Little Compton Community Center in support of the senior meal program which provides food to Little Compton citizens.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, Two Hundred ($5,200.00) Dollars as a donation to the Little Compton Food Bank to assist in providing food to Little Compton citizens.
Councilor Iriarte-Moore asked the Police Chief if the intent of the budget was to increase the size of the Police Department next year. Chief Raynes responded, that it was, and would provide an administrative section, detective section, patrol and sergeants to get back to patrolling the town. Chief Raynes stated that administrative responsibilities seem to be increasing with each legislative session, which impacts the department’s primary function of patrol. Iriarte-Moore asked if there are any projections as to cost over the next ten years with full salary and pension, and stated that this is a bigger conversation that he wants to have. Discussion ensued in regards to responsibilities and calls received of the Police Department.

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**Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor** *(Golembeske, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen) opposed (Iriarte-Moore)*: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Million, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand, One Hundred Twenty Six ($1,450,126.00) Dollars for the Little Compton Police Department for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor** *(Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen)*: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty ($62,880.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the heat, electricity and maintenance for the Public Safety Complex.
Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Eighty Six Thousand, Two Hundred Forty (1,071,298.00) Dollars to maintain the Little Compton Fire Department for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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Councilor Mataronas asked the Fire Chief if he anticipated the amount to exceed $140,000.00. Chief Petrin responded the collection could be more. Councilor Mushen commented this to be a conservative figure.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will authorize the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund to receive and expend monies up to One Hundred Forty Thousand ($140,000.00) Dollars from reimbursement payments received from third party billers. All revenues generated by said reimbursement payments shall be deposited in the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund and expended by the Town Council for Fire Department equipment and other related expenses.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars, to add to the pension of Alfred Teixeira as per the agreement dated May 31, 1989.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifteen ($18,915.00) Dollars to pay the salary for disabled fire fighter Leonard Corrao for the ensuing year.

Discussion ensued as to past funding of senior services and additional funds requested for this year. The Town Administrator commented the possible future need to hire a senior activities coordinator.
Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand, Nine Hundred ($15,900.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for Senior Citizens Services.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, One Hundred Forty Five ($7,145.00) Dollars for the salary of the Social Services Director for the ensuing year.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Four Thousand, One Hundred Eighty Eight ($854,188.00) Dollars for the annual principal and interest payments on the bond issued to fund the school renovation.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty One Thousand, One Hundred Eighty Eight ($131,188.00) Dollars to run the Finance Director's Office for the ensuing year. The distribution is estimated as follows:

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Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand, Thirty Seven ($128,037.00) Dollars for the Office of the Tax Assessor for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand ($45,000.00) Dollars to be held in a special fund toward conducting the town's statistical revaluation in 2024 in accordance with section 44-5-11.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay maintenance contract obligations on the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand ($250,000.00) Dollars for a capital expenditure fund to be used for the general repairs and improvements to Town buildings and for any other capital improvement deemed necessary.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Eight ($239,968.00) Dollars for the annual principal and interest payments on the bond issued to fund capital improvement projects.

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Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eighty Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Seven ($85,947.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to cover expenses incurred through the use of a Town Administrator. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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<td>8,528.00</td>
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<td>Dept. Expense</td>
<td>3,800.00</td>
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<td>Town Code Additions</td>
<td>2,900.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$20,428.00</strong></td>
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Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eighty Five Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty ($85,430.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the services of a building official for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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<td>Building Official - salary</td>
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<td>Expenses – Veh., Mileage, Tele., Office Supplies &amp; Misc.</td>
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Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand ($30,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the fees of independent inspectors to perform electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspections.

Council Mushen explained that the LCHT request for $20,000.00 has been accommodated in the set aside funds, it is not included in this line item. Patrick Bowen asked the Council for clarification of appropriations for the LCHT funding source. Mr. Bowen clarified LCHT request of $20,000.00 was for additional administrative assistance for upcoming fiscal year, and $50,000.00 request for project development and matching funds grants. Further discussion ensued for the request and breakdown of LCHT funding.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand ($30,000.00) Dollars for use of various advisory boards to the Town Council for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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Motion amended by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand ($45,000.00) Dollars for use of various advisory boards to the Town Council for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golebeske, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Six ($895,706.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay Health Insurance Benefits for Town employees, both active and retired.

Active Employees $722,887.00
Retired Employees 172,819.00

$895,706.00

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golebeske, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Eight Thousand, Eighty Hundred Eight ($248,808.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the Town's matching portion of F.I.C.A.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golebeske, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand, One Hundred Twelve ($158,112.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the Town’s insurance coverage.

Town Solicitor, Richard S. Humphrey recused himself from this matter:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golebeske, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty ($128,680.00) Dollars for legal services for the ensuing year. Distribution as follows:

Town Solicitor $55,680.00
Other legal services & litigation 73,000.00

$128,680.00

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golebeske, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand ($125,000.00) Dollars as an incidental and emergency fund to be spent at the discretion of the Town Council.

Motion made by Councilor Golebeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand, Four Hundred ($50,400.00) Dollars for expenses to run the Town Hall for the ensuing year.
Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councillor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will authorize the Harbor Management Fund (the “Fund”) to receive and expend monies for harbor related purposes. All revenues generated by Town boat launching fees, mooring permit fees, qualified mooring inspectors, and all other fees and fines received in connection with the Fund ordinance shall be deposited into the Fund and expended by the Town Council with the advice of the Harbor Commission. Funds shall be disbursed for purposes directly associated with the management and implementation of the Town’s Harbor Management Plan and the Harbor Management Fund Ordinance. Monies from the Fund shall be allocated to the Harbor Master and/or his designee, subject to Town Council approval, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Town’s Harbor Management Plan and/or the Fund ordinance.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Six ($245,786.00) Dollars to operate the Town Transfer Station for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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<td>Electric, Telephone &amp;</td>
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Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Four Hundred Fifteen ($271,415.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for public works (exclusive of road repair or road construction) for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

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<td>$271,415.00</td>
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Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Five Thousand, Seven Hundred ($255,700.00) Dollars for the maintenance and general upkeep of Town roads, for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Town roads and for sand, salt and clearing of snow from Town roads.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand, Three Hundred Ten ($35,310.00) Dollars for the removal of dead trees, pruning dead limbs and low hanging branches along Town property.
Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand, Five Hundred ($177,500.00) Dollars for the purchase of maintenance contracts and supplies for the Computer Systems in use in the Town Hall and Public Safety Complex.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand ($34,000.00) Dollars for auditing the books of the Finance Director and any and/or all other Town Department books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 (not including the School Department).

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty ($8,820.00) Dollars for the expenses of Street Lights for the ensuing year.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, One Hundred Forty ($6,140.00) Dollars for the salary and expenses of the Probate Judge for the ensuing year.

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<tr>
<th>Salary</th>
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<td>Expenses</td>
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<td>$6,140.00</td>
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Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand ($7,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for oil and electricity and/or miscellaneous expenses for the International Order of Odd Fellows Hall (I.O.O.F.)/32 Commons Meeting Hall.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Five Thousand, Five Hundred ($55,500.00) Dollars for the employee compensation, equipment and supplies to be expended for the Town gymnasium recreation programs, for maintenance of Town recreational fields and facilities, and for the provision of portable sanitary facilities for recreational fields.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To order a tax to be levied and assessed on the ratable property in said Town and the inhabitants thereof for the 2023 tax year for the payment of the Town debts and interest, for the support of schools, for the support and maintenance of the poor, for the building, repairing and amending of highways, for the improvement in manner deemed fit of any property belonging to the Town, for all
necessary charges and expenses whatsoever arising within said Town, whether incidental or not to the above, and for any and all purposes authorized by law.

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Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Finance Director to borrow from time to time a certain sum of money in anticipation of taxes, and give the negotiable note or notes of the Town therefor.

The Town Administrator disbursed the capitol budget for FY24 to the council for their review. Councilor McHugh requested that any document for the Council be of a larger text.

Town Solicitor, Richard S. Humphrey recused himself from this matter:

Councilor Mushen sought from the Council how to proceed with a strategy for the Town Solicitor selection. Discussion ensued about litigation expenses, hourly rate, and flexibility for need.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To invite Anthony DeSisto Law Associates LLC, Richard S. Humphrey, and Gidley, Sarli & Marusak LLP for a second round of interviews under executive session, if deemed necessary by the Council President, for the Town Solicitor position.

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm.

Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk
Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on March 9, 2023 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, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator.

Council President Mushen called the meeting to order at 7:01pm with the Pledge to the flag.

Announcements:

1. Michelle McGaw will be hosting the Rhode Island State Committee of the New England for Offshore Wind Coalition at the Little Compton Community Center on March 20, 2023 at 6:30pm.
2. RIDOT will be in attendance next Council meeting to describe intentions for state highway repairs within the town.
3. Councilor Mushen explained the process for meals, shopping and the reservation process for the senior’s van that is now in service.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for February 23, 2023.

Councilor Golembeske questioned the total gallons of gasoline used (9,095) listed on the Police Department report. The Town Administrator will follow up on Police Report. Councilor McHugh asked if the Damon Corporation is on schedule for the Town Hall Restoration and inquired about a billing from Raymond Gomez. The Town Administrator stated, yes we are, the only delay was with the State Fire Marshall. Providing an explanation that Raymond Gomez is a consultant to assist with Fire Safety where the architect was not able to handle, as well as preparing for the Fire Marshalls appearance.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the February 2023 Department Head reports.

1. Finance Director - February 2023
2. Police Department – February 2023
3. Building/Zoning Department – February 2023
4. Fire Department – February 2023
5. Town Clerk – February 2023
6. Tax Assessor – February 2023
7. Town Administrator – February 2023

Andrew Rhynne, resident of Little Compton questioned the Police Department report. Andrew referenced a recent article in the newspaper regarding the Police Chief’s comments asking the State for fees increasing for dogs. Mr. Rhynne asked, does the Council feel it is an appropriate amount? The Town Administrator commented that this fee was a proposal from the Police Chief to the Town Council. The Police Chief is not present at the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To correct the requested value for total FY24 Fire Department budget which was voted at the February 27, 2023 meeting of the Town Council. The verbal announcement of the total ($986,240) was incorrect. The printed value of the total ($1,071,298) was correct.
Councilor Mushen stated in regards to items (a) and (b) the town is ready to provide. The Town Administrator commented that he is following up on the insurance coverage. Councilor Mataronas wished to thank Caroline Wilkie Wordell for her efforts for spearheading this project as she does with other events in the town to benefit the town. Councilor Iriarte-Moore asked about the non-profit status as the LCHT is working through as well. Councilor Mushen corrected the wording of nonprofit status of that in the request. Discussion ensued about (a), the non-profit status and the fact that the town is not a 501 C-3.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request received from LC350, the appointed committee to plan and execute the 350th Birthday in 2025 conditional upon the Town covering with their insurance (c).

a. To use the town's non-profit status to accept donations to LC350.
b. To allow the town's Finance Director to establish an account for LC350.
c. To confirm that the LC350 committee, and the events sponsored by them are covered under the Town's insurance policy.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve the request from Finance Director to issue a reimbursement of balance remaining to taxpayer, Skinny Dip Farm, Benjamin F. and Hannah H. Wolbach of 85 Willow Avenue. The Town Council approved a Tax Assessors abatement request on 3/24/22, approval resulted in a credit on the tax payer's account. The tax payer has requested to receive a one-time pay out of the overage.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a copy of a resolution from Charlestown Town Council in support of House Bill 2023-H 5174, an act related to waters and navigation.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a copy of a resolution from Charlestown Town Council in support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as outlined in RIGL 16-7.2-6.

Councilor Mataronas commented that what is asked is the State to try to give money to towns for affordable housing as mandated, being the largest problem is purchase power. Hopefully to LCHT and LC Planning Board come back with recommendations.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To refer a copy of a resolution from Hopkinton Town Council in support of Housing Development and Land Use to the LCHT and the LC Planning Board for recommendation.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request letter from The United Congregational Church to hold their Summer Fair and Summer Road Race on July 8, 2023. Additionally the letter requests use of the Veterans Field parking area for Road Race participants, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements.
Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a letter received from Hague, Sahady & Co., P.C. for the year ending June 30, 2022 audit.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To ratify actions of the Town Administrator to move forward with a letter of interest in regards to RIPTA Community Transportation Partnership.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the decision from Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review regarding Town Council Chambers variance request.

Councilor McHugh asked for details of the RI Energy bill submitted. The Town Administrator explained the reasoning for the billing is part of the Town Hall project to bury the wires and run conduit under the road.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: $43,446.19

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9-Mar-23 $43,446.19

With no further business before the Council the meeting is declared adjourned at 7:20pm.

Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk
Mar 20, 2023

Town Clerk,
Little Compton

I wish to add an item to the town Council Agenda for March 23, 2023: Update on Solar for Town Roofs.

Thank you,

Jim Lock
March 17, 2023

Honorable Town Council,

The Little Compton Community Center is requesting a letter of support from the Little Compton Town Council in regards to our grant application from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. Our grant request will support our annual Summer Concert Series, where we provide a free concert four Wednesdays in August for all to enjoy. If amenable, please provide me with a signed letter of support by Friday March 31, 2023 as requests for proposal are due Monday April 3, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kindly,

Amy Moorjey
Executive Director
March 16, 2023

Town Clerk Carol Wordell
Little Compton Town Hall
P.O. Box 226 40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 2837

Dear Carol Wordell:

The Armenian Genocide is widely known and acknowledged by scholars, historians and most of the civilized world as the first Genocide of the 20th Century, a precursor to the Holocaust and numerous other 20th Century genocides. Enclosed are two Rhode Island legislative resolutions from 2022: H.R. 8143 and S.R. 2887 which proclaim April 24th as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

For the past 23 years, the Town Hall of Little Compton has participated in our program to have the Armenian flag raised in memory of the Armenian Genocide. We would like to ask you to do your best this year to fly the Armenian flag on April 24th, which is the date in 1915 when 300 Armenian leaders, doctors, lawyers, priests and others were hung in the center of Constantinople, thus beginning the systematic planned elimination of the Armenians from their homeland in the Turkish Ottoman Empire, which they had occupied for over 2,000 years.

Thank you for your continued participation in our commemoration program. If you are able to fly the Armenian Flag this April 24th, we would be grateful if you could send us a picture of it for our community newsletter.

If you need your Armenian flag replaced due to wear or it is missing, please let us know.

The flag is to be flown with the red stripe on top.

Thank you,

Stephen J. Elmasian

Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island
401-573-7888
steveelmasian@gmail.com
WHEREAS, The Armenian Genocide was conceived and carried out by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923, and resulted in the deportation of nearly 2,000,000 Armenians, of whom 1,500,000 men, women, and children were killed, and the remaining 500,000 survived but were expelled from their homes. This act succeeded in the elimination of the Armenians from their historic ancestral homeland where they had resided for over 2,500 years; and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 1915, for the first time ever, the Allied Powers of England, France, and Russia, jointly issued a statement explicitly charging another government of committing "a crime against humanity"; and

WHEREAS, This joint statement declared, "the Allied Governments announce publicly to the Sublime Porte that they will hold personally responsible for these crimes all members of the Ottoman Government, as well as those of their agents who are implicated in such massacres"; and

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2022, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Goodwin, and Raptakis
Date Introduced: April 26, 2022
Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

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March 16, 2023

Ms. Carol Wordell, Town Clerk
Little Compton Town Hall
40 Commons, P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Ms. Wordell,

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation MASS-RI Chapter will be conducting its 12, 23 and 62 mile Cycle for Life Bicycle Ride for 2023. The Ride is set for Saturday, September 23, 2023 and will start and finish at Westport Rivers Vineyard. A copy of the routes are attached. It is the same route as in prior years.

Please let me know if there are any roads in the area that may be under construction or would block the routes we will be riding on.

You may call me on my cell 401-662-1925 with any questions or email me at psantoshiggins@cff.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Philomena Santos-Higgins
Sr. Development Director
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Mass/RI Chapter
220 North Main St.
Natick, MA 01760
### 23 Mile Route Cue Sheet
**CF Cycle for Life RI Ride**
**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

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**PROCEED TO REST STOP/CHECK POINT – BAYSIDE RESTAURANT – 1253 Horseneck Rd. Westport MA**

* *Please check in with volunteers*

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**FINISH LINE** at Westport Rivers Vineyard & Winery

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SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Between the

RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION

And the

MUNICIPALITY

This solid waste and recycling services agreement (Agreement) is made and entered into by and jointly between The Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation, ("The Corporation" or "Corporation" or "RIRRC") a quasi-public corporation organized under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, and the ________________________, (hereinafter "Municipality"), a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, with a business address at ________________________. In consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and payments set forth herein, The Corporation and Municipality do hereby agree as follows:

1. TERM. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date of municipal execution or July 1, 2023 whichever is the later and end on June 30, 2025, unless sooner terminated or extended as provided herein.

2. DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE. For the term of this agreement and pursuant to Rhode Island General Law ("RIGL") Chapters 23-18.9-1 et seq. and 23-19-3, Municipality agrees to deliver for disposal to the Corporation's landfill located at 65 Shun Pike, Johnston, R.I. (hereinafter "Landfill" or "Central Landfill"), one hundred percent (100%) of its Municipal Solid Waste as defined in RIGL § 23-19-5(5) for which Municipality has undertaken the collection, transfer or disposal, (hereinafter "MSW"), and the Corporation agrees to accept and dispose of one hundred percent (100%) of Municipality's MSW.

Municipality shall be deemed to have undertaken the collection, transfer or disposal of that MSW for which it:

a) Provides any of these aforementioned services through a contract or license, or by municipal employees, or

b) Pays for any of these aforementioned services with municipal funds, enterprise funds or the like, or

c) Assigns, subject to the Corporation's approval, all or part of its municipal waste cap for disposal at the Landfill to a third party in accordance with RIGL § 23-19-13(g)(3) and 23-18.9-1(b)(3).

Ineligible Solid Waste. This Agreement shall not apply to the disposal of any other type of solid waste, including, but not limited to: 1) solid waste generated by residents of a municipality in the course of their employment; 2) solid waste generated by any manufacturing or commercial enterprise or, 3) solid waste for which Municipality has not undertaken the collection, transfer or disposal, as set forth above.
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a) **Municipal Solid Waste Cap (MSW Cap).** MSW Cap means the MSW tonnage established by the Corporation for each municipality to dispose of at the municipal disposal fee. The MSW Cap is calculated each year in accordance with the Rule “Rhode Island Resource Recovery Annual Municipal Solid Waste Cap Allotments,” § 845-RICR-00-003 (Attachment 2). The Corporation shall notify municipalities of the MSW Caps for the following fiscal year no later than April 1 of each current year.

b) **“Over the Cap” MSW Disposal Fee:** During Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025, Municipality agrees to pay the Corporation one hundred and fifteen dollars ($115.00) per ton for disposal of all MSW in excess of its annual MSW Cap.

There shall be a minimum charge of one (1) ton for any load of MSW.

4. **BILLING AND PAYMENT.** The Corporation shall bill Municipality monthly for the services rendered and Municipality agrees to pay all sums due within thirty (30) days of invoice date.

5. **EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT.** Upon receipt of full payment of an invoice within twenty (20) days of the invoice date which brings the Municipality’s outstanding balance to zero, Municipality shall receive a one-and-one-half percent (1.5%) discount from the invoice’s amount. Municipality’s eligibility expires monthly and is renewed monthly with the issuance of each month’s invoice.

6. **DELIVERY OF RECYCLABLES FOR PROCESSING.** Municipality agrees to deliver to the Corporation’s Materials Recycling Facility (hereinafter "MRF") at 33 Shun Pike in Johnston one hundred percent (100%) of the Mixed Recyclables, as defined herein below, which are collected within its borders under its municipal recycling program.

For purposes of this Agreement, “Mixed Recyclables” includes materials defined as “Mixed Recycling” in the “Materials Acceptance Criteria,” attached and incorporated herein by reference (Attachment 3). These Mixed Recyclables are generated by a household during the normal course of the day which are then placed in a recycling container set out for collection or are delivered to a recycling drop off facility or from a commercial recycling program for which Municipality has assumed responsibility for collection, either directly by municipal employees or through a contract or license. Municipality agrees to deliver all Mixed Recyclables collected under its municipal recycling program regardless of whether they are collected in a curbside program or through a drop-off program. The Corporation may allow additional materials to be accepted as Mixed Recyclables from time to time, and would therefore be subject to the terms of this Agreement.

Municipality must request in writing permission from the Executive Director to direct mixed recyclables to an alternate recycler via a variance request, due to the Corporation by June 1 for the following fiscal year. Requests will be considered on a two year basis that coincides with the term of this agreement.

The Corporation agrees to process and market one hundred percent (100%) of said municipally collected Mixed Recyclables that are delivered to the Corporation and meet the criteria outlined in the Corporation’s Materials Acceptance Criteria (Attachment 3) for as long as such markets exist and it is economically beneficial to do so, at no cost to Municipality, pursuant to RIGL § 23-19-31. Loads of Mixed Recyclables that don’t meet the minimum quality standards may be rejected by the Corporation.
a) **MRF Load Inspection and Rejection Procedure:** The minimum quality standards have been established for Mixed Recycling and are defined in Attachment 3, Materials Acceptance Criteria. The rejection of a load by the MRF inspector is binding on all parties. The Corporation will notify the Municipality electronically by e-mail of any rejected loads, generally within 24 hours after the close of business on the day of the load rejection. Load rejection email notifications will normally include a report identifying the material quality issue and include photographs of the contamination. Continued failure of Municipality to meet the minimum quality standards may result in a determination that this agreement has been breached. Municipality shall have the right to appeal the termination of the Agreement, and the appeal shall be heard by the Corporation’s Board of Commissioners.

b) **Rejected Loads.** There will be an Equipment Use/MRF Rejected Load Handling Charge assessed for any load of municipal Mixed Recyclables that is rejected by the MRF, requiring reloading into a RIRRC vehicle for transfer to the landfill. The tonnage associated with the rejected load will be charged to the Municipality at its applicable MSW rate and applied to the Municipality’s annual MSW Cap as defined in Section 3 of this Agreement.

7. **MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AND DIVERSION PLANS.** Pursuant to RIGL § 23-19-13(e)(3), the municipality’s 2023-2024 Recycling and Diversion Plan serves as an addendum to this Agreement. It includes a residential and municipal waste stream evaluation and a description of the process by which thirty-five percent (35%) of its solid waste will be recycled and fifty percent (50%) of its solid waste will be diverted from landfilling. The Municipality is responsible for implementing the plan and reporting on the results. Reporting will be accomplished through completion of the Corporation’s 2023 annual data survey. An updated municipal recycling and diversion plan for the 2025 and 2026 time frame will be provided to the Corporation prior to February 1, 2025.

8. **DISPOSAL FEES FOR OTHER MATERIALS.** Municipality agrees to pay the Corporation, any appropriate fees for materials delivered as set forth in the attached Fee Schedule and incorporated herein by reference (Attachment 4). Municipality agrees to only deliver materials that the Corporation accepts as outlined in Attachment 3 (Materials Acceptance Criteria). Municipality is encouraged to find alternate disposal or recycling options for other materials that can be diverted from the Central Landfill, including appliances (white goods), batteries, bulky rigid plastics, construction & demolition debris (C&D), leaf & yard waste (including brush, Christmas trees and stumps), scrap metal, unrecoverable (non-recyclable) mattresses, tires, and wood pallets, but excluding Mixed Recyclables as defined in Section 6.

a) **Leaf & Yard Waste.** For the term of this agreement and pursuant to RIGL § 23-19-3(17), the Corporation shall accept segregated leaf and yard waste from Municipality at no cost for tonnage up to its annual leaf and yard waste Cap (L&YW Cap). The L&YW Cap shall mean the leaf and yard waste tonnage established by the Corporation for each municipality, calculated by multiplying the municipal population (as determined by the more current of the decennial U.S. Census or the State of Rhode Island Statewide Planning Population Projections) by 0.025 tons. The L&YW Caps for the following fiscal year shall be disseminated with the MSW Caps, as outlined in Section 3 above, no later than April 1 of each current year.

i) **Leaf and Yard Waste Borrowing Program.** Municipalities shall have the opportunity to request leaf and yard waste cap from each other to hedge against overages. Pursuant to RIGL § 23-19-3(17), municipalities can borrow up to one-half (1/2) of their established L&YW Cap from other municipalities, subject to the provisions outlined in the Municipal Leaf and Yard Waste Debris Cap Sharing Policy and Form (Attachment 5), attached and incorporated herein by reference.

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ii) "Over the Cap" L&YW Disposal Fee. In accordance with RIGL § 23-19-3(17), Municipality agrees to pay the Corporation twenty-five dollars ($25.00) per ton for the acceptance of all leaf and yard waste in excess of its annual L&YW cap or adjusted L&YW Cap (the Municipality's established annual L&YW Cap plus any tonnage received from the leaf and yard debris borrowing program).

b) Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D). Acceptable C&D is only that material as defined by RI Department of Environmental Management Solid Waste Regulation, § 250-RICR-140-05-1 and further defined in Attachment 3 (Materials Acceptance Criteria). C&D is landfilled and tonnage will be applied against the Municipality's annual MSW Cap as defined in Section 3 of this Agreement and charged to the Municipality at its applicable MSW rate. It is recommended that municipalities attempt to find alternate outlets for C&D.

9. UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS. No materials delivered pursuant to this Agreement may contain: any waste generated or collected outside the State of Rhode Island; hazardous waste, as defined in RIGL § 23-19.1-4 (4); or any other waste prohibited in statutes, regulations or Materials Acceptance Criteria (Attachment 3) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the R.I. Department of Environmental Management or The Corporation. This Agreement shall not apply to the disposal of any other type of solid waste as defined under "Ineligible Solid Waste" in Section 2.

10. TRANSFER OF MATERIALS. Municipality must apply to the Corporation in writing for permission to utilize a transfer station for the shipment of Mixed Recyclables, MSW, or any other material(s) as defined above in Section 8 and Attachment 3 (Materials Acceptance Criteria) to Corporation facilities for the term of this Agreement. These materials can be transferred only if the Corporation grants permission in writing to do so and all transfers must comply with the Corporation's "Municipal Transfer Policy," Attachment 6, attached and incorporated herein by reference.

11. AGREEMENT INCENTIVES. To be eligible to participate in the below incentive programs, Municipality must have fully executed this Agreement with the Corporation and meet the minimum applicable eligibility requirements of each:

a) Finished Compost. Pursuant to RIGL § 23-19-3 (17) and subject to the provisions outlined in the "Compost Distribution Policy," Attachment 7, attached and incorporated herein by reference, the Corporation will periodically make finished compost available free of charge to those municipalities that have also delivered leaf and yard waste to the Corporation during the current fiscal year.

b) MRF Profit Share. When the Board of Commissioners authorizes, a MRF profit share shall be offered to eligible municipalities. MRF profit share will be based on a consistent measure of profit from the MRF operation and shared 50-50 between RIRRC and the municipalities as a group. The municipal share shall be distributed to those municipalities with executed Agreements based on the per ton pro rata share of municipal recyclables delivered to the MRF. The MRF profit will be calculated as the revenue derived from the sale of all MRF commodities less: all direct operating expenses from the MRF, capital depreciation associated with the MRF, disposal of process residue from the MRF, program grants and funding provided to municipalities, and a share of RIRRC administrative overhead. Municipality must use the recycling profit shares to further enhance and expand the municipal recycling and diversion program. Please use "Recycling Profit Share Annual Reporting Form" (Attachment 8) to record and report to the Corporation the use or intended use of the prior year's profit share. The annual reporting form is due to the Corporation by August 1 of each year.

Condition: The Corporation will offset any and all profit share funds from any amounts due to the Corporation from the Municipality with a receivable greater than sixty (60) days on the Corporation's monthly Account Receivable Aged Balance Report.
c) **Municipal Grants.** When the Board of Commissioners authorizes, a competitive waste reduction and recycling enhancement grant program will provide funding for approved municipal proposals as outlined in the "Municipal Grant Policy," Attachment 9, attached and incorporated herein by reference. Grant awards must be used solely for the purpose for which they were approved. Payment of grant funds to recipients shall be as a reimbursement of approved expenditures only.

d) **Recycling Bin Discount.** A twenty five percent (25%) discount shall be applied to the Corporation's wholesale price for standard curbside recycling bins.

e) **Tip Fee Rebate.** A "Fiscal Year-End Tip Fee Rebate (Rebate)" is defined as a fixed per ton refund for MSW Cap wastes disposed, in accordance with Sections 2, 6, and 8 of this Agreement, at the Corporation's facilities during FY24 and FY25. This Rebate is issued to those municipalities that qualify based on the following recyclable percentages, according to the actual recorded tonnage delivered to the MRF:

i) **One Dollar ($1.00) Rebate:** Applies to any municipality that delivers Mixed Recyclables between twenty-five percent (25%) and twenty-nine and ninety-nine hundredths percent (29.99%) of its solid waste at the MRF.

ii) **Two Dollars ($2.00) Rebate:** For any municipality that delivers Mixed Recyclables between thirty percent (30%) and thirty-four and ninety-nine hundredths percent (34.99%) of its solid waste at the MRF.

iii) **Three Dollars ($3.00) Rebate:** For any municipality that delivers Mixed Recyclables greater than thirty-five percent (35%) or more of its solid waste at the MRF.

Any municipality that delivers Mixed Recyclables between zero percent (0%) and twenty-four and ninety-nine hundredths percent (24.99%) of its solid waste at the MRF will not qualify for a Rebate.

The Corporation shall issue a Rebate not later than September 1, 2024 and 2025 to those municipalities that qualified. The tonnage eligible for the Rebate in each fiscal year shall not exceed Municipality’s MSW Cap calculated for that year, as defined in Section 3.

12. **HOURS OF OPERATION.** The normal hours of operation for receiving materials at the Corporation’s facilities including the landfill and MRF are Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., and Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Corporation’s facilities are closed on state holidays according to the Corporation’s holiday schedule published annually. On the Saturday following a holiday closure, the Corporation’s facilities will remain open until 1:00 p.m. The Corporation may close or modify the hours upon reasonable notice to Municipality. Should the Governor of the State of Rhode Island declare an official state of emergency resulting in road closures leading to the Corporation facilities, the Corporation shall comply with the executive order immediately. In such cases, reasonable notice of facility closure or a change in operating hours may not be able to be provided. Municipalities may request an extension of the normal hours of operation due to extreme or unforeseen events, such as natural disasters. The Corporation has sole discretion to grant such requests.

13. **INFORMATION.** If Municipality engages the services of a private company or contractor to collect and/or transport MSW or Mixed Recyclables, then a copy of this Agreement shall be included in any request for bids and incorporated as a part of any agreement between Municipality and the private party/contractor and the agreement between Municipality and the private party/contractor shall expressly require the private party/contractor to abide by the terms of this Agreement.
14. TERMINATIONS AND REMEDIES.

a) TERMINATIONS. The Corporation has the absolute right in its sole discretion to terminate this Agreement if the Corporation determines that Municipality is not abiding by the terms of this Agreement or is otherwise not acting in conformance with Rhode Island laws and/or State regulations. Municipality shall have the right to appeal any termination of the Agreement, and the appeal shall be heard by the Corporation’s Board of Commissioners.

b) REMEDIES. Failure of Municipality or the Corporation to perform the obligations hereunder shall constitute a breach of contract. Ten business days after providing the other party with notice of a breach of contract, a party may take any or all of the following steps:

i) Commence an action for damages and for injunctive relief;

ii) Pursue any other remedies available to it by law provided however that any delay or failure in the performance by either party hereunder shall be excused to the extent caused by the occurrence of a Force Majeure. For purposes of this Agreement, “Force Majeure” shall mean a cause or event that is not reasonably foreseeable or otherwise caused by or under the control of the party claiming Force Majeure, including acts of God, fires, floods, explosions, riots, wars, hurricane, sabotage terrorism, vandalism, accident, restraint of government, governmental acts, injunctions, labor strikes, and other like events that are beyond the reasonable anticipation and control of the party affected thereby, despite such party’s reasonable efforts to prevent, avoid, delay, or mitigate the effect of such acts, events or occurrences, and which events or the effects thereof are not attributable to the party’s failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

15. LICENSE RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. Municipality agrees to be bound by any additional requirements and/or restrictions, which may be imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, the RI Department of Environmental Management, or any other local agency, as a requirement of its operating license(s) or by a change in the regulations.

16. GENERAL RELEASE. Municipality, or its employees, agents, subcontractors or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Releasors"), in consideration of travelling on the property of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation do hereby release, and forever quitclaim unto the said Corporation all manner of actions, claims and demands arising out of any assistance that the Corporation may give to the Releasors in pushing, towing, loading or cleaning any vehicles owned, rented, subcontracted or otherwise utilized to transport Releasors materials that may be stopped from progressing for any reason whatsoever.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. Municipality agrees to use its best efforts to ensure that Releasors, and all MSW, Mixed Recyclables, as defined herein, and other materials delivered to the Corporation's facilities by Releasors will comply with all state and federal laws and R.I. Department of Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Corporation rules, regulations, and policies including any facility site regulations and policies. Releasors shall abide by all Corporation work rules, practices and procedures. While they are present on Corporation property, Releasors shall act in a safe, efficient and workmanlike fashion. The failure or refusal of Releasors to go, act, or follow instructions of a Corporation official, operating manager or other responsible person of the Corporation or its agents are grounds for the ejection of such person from Corporation property, and the removal of the Releasors vehicle, whether or not it has been off-loaded. The Corporation’s "On-Site Safety Policy" is attached and incorporated herein by reference (Attachment 10).
18. ASSIGNMENTS. Municipality may not assign, transfer, broker or otherwise vest in any other municipality, entity or person, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the Corporation. Corporation may sell or assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any other entity, provided that Corporation shall provide written notice of same to Municipality within fifteen (15) days of the assignment provided, however, that assignee agrees to undertake the obligations herein.

19. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract entered into and made pursuant to the laws of the State of Rhode Island and shall in all respects be governed, construed, applied and enforced in accordance with the laws of said state.

20. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement and incorporated attachments represent the entire understanding reached between the parties hereto with respect to Municipality's use of the Corporation's facilities, and shall supersede or replace any prior understandings or agreements, whether or not in writing. Any modifications hereof shall be in writing and shall be signed by appropriate authorized representatives of Municipality and Corporation.

21. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid by any tribunal, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

22. ATTACHMENTS.

(1) Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Fee Pricing Structure and Procedure
(2) Rhode Island Resource Recovery Annual Municipal Solid Waste Cap Allotments
(3) Materials Acceptance Criteria
(4) Fee Schedule
(5) Municipal Leaf and Yard Debris Cap Sharing Policy & Form
(6) Municipal Transfer Policy & Form
(7) Compost Distribution Policy
(8) Recycling Profit Share Reporting Form
(9) Municipal Grant Policy
(10) On-Site Safety Policy

During the term of this Agreement, the Corporation will provide 30 days notice to the municipality prior to adopting any revisions to pertinent attachments, excepting the Fee Schedule which shall remain in effect without revision for the term of the Agreement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

FOR THE RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION:

BY: _DRAFT DO NOT SIGN__________________________
    NOT SIGN ____________
    
    Joseph Reposa, Executive Director

Dated: _DRAFT DO

BY: _DRAFT DO NOT SIGN__________________________
    NOT SIGN ____________
    
    Marc Coppolino, Director of Finance

Dated: _DRAFT DO

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY:

BY: _DRAFT DO NOT SIGN__________________________
    SIGN ____________
    (SIGNATURE)
    
    DRAFT DO NOT SIGN__________________________
    
    (NAME)

Title: DRAFT DO NOT SIGN

Dated: _DRAFT DO NOT

The execution of this Agreement has been properly authorized by the governing body of the Municipality and is executed by the properly authorized official.

_DRAFT DO NOT SIGN__________________________
    SIGN ____________
    (SIGNATURE)

_DRAFT DO NOT SIGN__________________________

NAME: Solicitor for the MUNICIPALITY
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
      Town Administrator

Date: March 23, 2023

Subject: Municipal Finances Consultant

I am requesting to engage a Municipal Finances Consultant to assist the Finance Director with creation of policies and procedures. I have identified a consultant with 35 years of municipal experience. I ask the Town Council approve hiring the consultant, at a not-to-exceed cost of $4,000.00, which will come from the Finance Department’s current budget.

The objectives of this assistance are the development of policies and procedures for the operations of the Finance Department and avoiding delays with future audits. The Finance Director has agreed with this approach.

I ask for your support to engage the consultant.

Thank you!

Cc: Finance Director
To:        Honorable Town Council
From:      Antonio A. Teixeira
           Town Administrator
Date:      March 23, 2023
Subject:   Town Way Engineering ABLE Engineering

Town Way is the site of one of the three projects covered by the Municipal Resiliency Program grant funded by the RI Infrastructure Bank. ABLE Engineering was engaged to survey the area at the end of Town Way as it drains into the Sakonnet River. ABLE also provided a pro bono conceptual drainage design sketch for the area.

RI Infrastructure Bank has extended the timeline for the grant funding to December 2023 from December 2022. We need to move to the next phase, which is to create a Request for Proposals (RFP) to address the storm water and establish capacities for the flow of water into the Sakonnet River.

ABLE has proposed to draft an RFP to be advertised for the construction. The draft RFP will be presented to the Town Council for review and approval.

Please see attached the proposal from ABLE Engineering for your review and approval.

Thank you!
2022 December, 2022

Town of Little Compton
c/o Anthony Telixeira, Town Administrator

Re: Proposal for Town Way Drainage Improvements
Existing Condition Drainage Analysis, Design of drainage improvements, Design of parking reconfiguration (west of Oliver Lane), preparation of CRMC Permit application and construction drawings.

Able Engineering, Inc. (Able) is pleased to present this proposal for Civil Engineering services relative to the Town Way right of way. The scope of work is to design stormwater mitigation improvements, design the reconfiguration of existing parking spaces, preparation of construction drawings, and preparation and submission of a CRMC Permit to obtain approval for construction of improvements.

The purpose for the work is design development and approval of construction plans that meet the objectives of the Municipal Resiliency Grant program (administered by the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank) and is suitable for inclusion in a Public Bld advertisement for construction of improvements.

Design amenities will address and mitigate existing erosion and sedimentation and provide for water quality treatment to the maximum extent practicable. The reconfigured parking layout will maintain the existing number of parking spaces, if possible. The drainage amenities will be designed for resiliency using Low Impact Design features and will minimize long term maintenance. The existing Public Access to the shore will be maintained and improved by stabilization of the eroded area at the top of the bank of the Sakonnet River. The area adjacent to the top of the bank currently used as a sitting/viewing area will be maintained and improved.

Able would perform the following tasks:

1. Determine the extent of the watershed draining to Town Way. Analyze existing drainage patterns and identify specific locations where concentrated runoff flows into the Town Way right of way.
2. Design measures to direct concentrated flows into the gutters in Town Way and to convey gutter flow non erosively to the Sakonnet River.
3. Reconfigure parking between Oliver Lane and the end of pavement, add additional pavement to ensure adequate space for vehicle turning movements and passage of safety vehicles.
4. Design upgrades to existing swales on both sides of the roadway for sediment capture, water quality treatment and storm flow bypass.
5. Meet with Town officials and north and south abutters for swale improvements and integration of parking layout with southerly abutter’s proposed curb cut.
6. Prepare Proposed Site Plan with construction details and regulatory Jurisdiction data.
7. Prepare CRMC Assent and Variance application and supporting materials. It is anticipated the increase in existing pavement (associated with parking improvements) will trigger the need for a variance.
8. Respond to CRMC Staff Review, provide additional data and update plan as needed or required.
9. Provide Expert Testimony and assist in presentation of project at CRMC public hearing.

Note: Able is aware that approval of the project is time sensitive. Able would complete the design drawings and permit application within 60 days of receipt of authorization to proceed.

The cost for the above services would be $8,975 dollars.

Should the terms be acceptable, please sign and return this document to Able at the address below.

Your signature will constitute the contract for services and authorization to proceed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal for Professional Services. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Thank you,

DONALD J. MEDEIROS, PLS, PE, CFM
ABLE ENGINEERING, INC.
291 Long Highway
Little Compton, RI 02837
(401) 592-1302
don@ablenewengland.com

Town of Little Compton, RI
By: Anthony Teixeira, Town Administrator

Able Engineering Inc.
By: Donald J. Medeiros, President

Date
12/22/22
Date
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON
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 Tiverton Town Council 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 Tiverton Town Council 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 Tiverton Town Clerk transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, the members of Tiverton’s General Assembly, and all municipalities in the State of Rhode Island.

Introduced by: Councilor Burk

Adopted by the Tiverton Town Council on March 13, 2023

Attest: /Joan B. Chabot/
Tiverton Town Clerk
RESOLUTION OF THE WARREN TOWN COUNCIL
TO
THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Warren were adopted and approved by the electors of the Town of Warren on November 8, 2022, and
WHEREAS, the said amendments may require ratification, confirmation, validation, or enactment by the Rhode Island General Assembly
NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Warren hereby RESOLVES to request that the Rhode Island General Assembly ratify, confirm, validate, and enact those amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Warren that were approved by the electors of the Town of Warren on November 8, 2022.

Town Council of the Town of Warren

By: John Hanley, President, Warren Town Council

Dated: 03-14-2023

Attest:

Sandrea Speroni, Town Clerk
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WARREN
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 Warren Town Council of the Town of Warren 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.
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- 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 Warren Town Council of the Town of Warren 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 Town of Warre, Warren Town Council this 14th day of March, 2023.

John W. Hanley, President
Warren Town Council

ATTEST: Sandrea J. Speroni, Town Clerk
RESOLUTION:

TO THE HONORABLE RI GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING
AN AMENDMENT TO P.L. 1991, CHAPTER 330
THE ENABLING ACT CREATING
THE BRISTOL-WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS: The enabling act creating the Bristol-Warren Regional School District, Public Laws of 1991, Chapter 330 (“hereinafter referred to as the “enabling act”) has not been reviewed since its enactment in 1991; and

WHEREAS: There have been many changes in the almost thirty-two (32) years since its enactment, both at the district and state level in regard to education; and

WHEREAS: There is no procedure set forth in the enabling act for a periodic review of the enabling act; and

WHEREAS: A periodic review of the enabling act is necessary to meet the constant, and changing, challenges of public education.

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 requests that the Honorable General Assembly amend P.L. 1991, Chapter 330 to include a section mandating periodic review of the enabling act by the member towns with a report to the Honorable General Assembly for recommended amendments thereof.

SECTION 2: That this resolution shall be forwarded to the members of the Town of Warren’s legislative delegation, Bristol Town Council, as well as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President upon passage.

SECTION 3: THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE BY THE WARREN TOWN COUNCIL.

Attest:  
Sandrea J. Speranz, Town Clerk

John W. Hanley, 
Town Council President, Town of Warren
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WARREN
IN SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS
2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, all 39 cities and towns are members of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns serves as a convener and advocates to the Governor and General Assembly to support the needs of municipalities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns believes in:
- Supporting robust local government funding through municipal aid programs, education aid and grants
- Opposing any constraints on the ability to raise local revenue
- Opposing unfunded state mandates, particularly related to workforce management and personnel costs
- Maintaining local control and decision-making that reflects community needs, including land use, business operations, licensing, etc.
- Supporting greater flexibility for local government to innovate, improve efficiency and save tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns conducted a survey of all 39 members to develop legislative priorities for the 2023 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, stable local and education aid from the state will ensure that cities and towns can maintain municipal operations while investing one-time Federal funds toward necessary capital improvements and economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, property taxes represent approximately two-thirds of revenue for municipal budgets statewide, and Rhode Island has the eighth-highest property tax burden in the nation; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in state funding would exacerbate a dependence on property taxes, ultimately leading to service reductions, layoffs, and property tax increases; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island’s municipalities are an important piece of Rhode Island’s economic success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren Town Council of the Town of Warren supports the priorities identified by the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns on behalf of the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island.

Passed as a resolution of the Warren Town Council this 14th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

Sandra J. Speroni, CMC
Town Clerk

John W. Hanley, President
Warren Town Council
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WARREN
IN SUPPORT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING
TAX AMNESTY PERIODS FOR MUNICIPALITIES (H5602, SLATER)

WHEREAS, Rhode Island currently has the eighth highest property tax burden in the country; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact from the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be felt by residents throughout the state, in many cases causing taxpayers to fall behind in the tangible and motor vehicle taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns conducted a survey of all 39 members to develop legislative priorities for the 2023 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws currently prohibit any municipality from offering a tax amnesty period to waive interest on past due taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the majority of the Warren Town Council that these amnesty periods for accrued interest on past due motor vehicle and tangible taxes may provide the necessary relief and incentive for past due taxpayers to become current on their taxes while simultaneously increasing the cash resources for the Town of Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren Town Council of the Town of Warren supports legislation that would, upon a concurrent and duly enacted ordinance, authorize municipalities to offer tax amnesty periods in Fiscal Year 2024 or Fiscal Year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warren Town Council of the Town of Warren asked the General Assembly to approve House Bill 5602.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Passed as a resolution of the Town of Warren, Warren Town Council this 14th day of March, 2023.

John W. Hanley President
Town of Warren, Town Council

ATTEST: Sandrea J. Speroni, Town Clerk
Resolution of the Town of Burrillville
Environmental, Social and Governance Investing

WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville’s commitment to the environment is unwavering and clearly has been demonstrated by its opposition to a proposal for a new power plant within its borders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville lead the opposition for a new energy generating facility within its borders, despite the then governor’s, and senate and house leadership, support of that power plant; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, “ESG” stands for environmental, social and governance. ESG investing is a way of investing in companies based on their commitment to one or more ESG factors. It is often also called sustainable investing, socially responsible investing, and impact investing; and

WHEREAS, different investments may weigh environmental, social and governance factors differently and may focus on different specific criteria within a factor. Investments that don’t have “ESG” in the name may still incorporate elements of ESG investing into their portfolios; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville firmly believes that all aspects of federal, state and municipal government should be transparent; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville received from Climate Action Rhode Island a questionnaire regarding its support of Environmental, Social and Governance Investing (ESGI) and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville believes that the proponents of ESGI desire to control every aspect of government and desire that all government policies be formulated under the belief that all prior policies not in-line with their ESGI theories, are and were the source of social and environmental injustice; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of investments on the federal, state or municipal levels, whether to fund pensions or for other governmental purposes, is to maximize profits for the benefit of their pensioners and the operations of government, and not to appease those who believe that all prior policies, or investing in certain stocks or companies, is a disservice to the environment or the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville supports the investing of funds to so maximize the return on investments, within the bounds of the law; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the political motivations and lack of transparency of the ESG movement by unelected political activists and organizations who are actually implementing significant public policy initiatives, the town is focused on the overwhelming negative financial impacts of this type of investment strategy on Rhode Island’s pension system; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island’s pension system (ERSRI) is already underfunded and in jeopardy of failing to provide the expected pensions to thousands of municipal and school employees; and
WHEREAS, it is critical that ERSRI and the State Investment Commission disclose details of its ESG investment strategy and the short and long-term financial impact of not maximizing investment returns resulting from investment in so-called ESG portfolios verses more traditional portfolios; and

WHEREAS, it will be municipal and school employees, judges and state police, retired and to be retired, who will bear the consequences of investment strategies that do not maximize returns; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island municipal taxpayers, who already contribute matching funds to fund the pension system and defined contribution investments indirectly through real estate taxation, should not be put in a position to have to “bail out” the state’s pension system because of a compromised investment strategy by ERSRI.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville do hereby respectfully request that all federal, state and municipal governments operate transparently and further request that all investments made by federal, state and municipal governments, be made with the goal of maximizing the returns on said investments and further request that the proponents of ESGI, whether they be affiliated with private enterprises or affiliated with any branch of government, including, specifically, the government of the state of Rhode Island, not interfere or attempt to interfere in the conduct and business of the Town of Burrillville, or more simply, that those proponents mind their own business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Rhode Island (ERSRI) shall disclose any and all ESG investments and shall cease and desist investing in ESG portfolios or ESG initiatives unless it can be proven that those investments will maximize returns for each and every pensioner in the state’s retirement system.

PASSED AS A RESOLUTION of the Burrillville Town Council this 8th day of March, 2023.

Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:

Vicki Martin, Town Clerk
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H 6119 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES
– MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, there are only four nonprofit ambulance services left in the State of Rhode Island, namely, Ashaway Ambulance Association, Hope Valley Ambulance Corps, Westerly Ambulance Corps and Charlestown Ambulance Rescue Service; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is fiftieth in the country in insurance reimbursement rates; and

WHEREAS, in Providence the average reimbursement rate for ambulance companies is twenty-five percent; however, for the four remaining nonprofit ambulance companies in Washington County it is fourteen percent; and

WHEREAS, due to the rising costs of equipment and supplies these ambulance companies require a more equitable insurance distribution rate; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Hopkinton rely on these services and will be severely impacted should these companies become non-existent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkinton Town Council urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to support H 6119 and urges passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of the Resolution to all Cities and Towns in Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support, to the members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, and the Governor of Rhode Island.

This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted: March 20, 2023

ATTEST: /s/ Mahita D. Murray
Mahita D. Murray, CMC
Town Clerk