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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 MAY 4, 2023

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AGENDA
7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

7:00PM - Board of License Commissioners: Remonstrant's Hearing
for the following Retail Beverage License and Transfer application:

CLASS BV:
Dionysus Acquisition, L.L.C d/b/a Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard on premises located at
53 Winery Road in Little Compton.
   a. Letter received from Larry Anderson.
   b. Electronic correspondence received from Miriam Clifford.

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER:
Simmons Café & Marketplace LLC d/b/a Simmons Café & Market on premises
located at 78 Crandall Road in the Village of Adamsville, transfer of the stock retailer’s
beverage license Class BV-limited to a nominee of Pamela H. Alexander.

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2023

Department Head Reports:

2. Town Clerk – April 2023 Report
3. Fire Department – April 2023 Report
4. Tax Assessor – April 2023 Report
5. Town Administrator – April 2023 Report

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Request from Fire Chief Petrin to appoint Jason DaSilva to permanent member of the
Little Compton Fire Department as a Firefighter, based on satisfactory completion of
probation period.
2. Little Compton Zoning Board of Review Application form, revised and approved by the
board 4-5-2023
3. Request letter from Robert D. Watt, Jr. to consider a Welcome Resolution for Golden
Rule Peace Ship.
4. Consider rescheduling June 2023 Town Council meetings from June 8th and 22nd to June
1st and 15th.
5. Draft resolution in support of enabling legislation authorizing tax amnesty periods for municipalities (H5602, Slater/S879, PELAG).

Board of License Commissioners: none

Communications:

1. Request from OnShore Brewing to obtain a Mobile Food Establishment (MFE) License/Permit to be located at South Shore Beach during the 2023 beach season.
2. Request from Earle's Service Station to obtain a Holiday Sales License located at 35 Meeting House Lane.
3. Request from Trolley Stop Ice Cream to obtain a Holiday Sales and Victualing License located at 35 Meeting House Lane.
4. Request from Chicken Trailer, LLC to obtain a Mobile Food Establishment (MFE) License/Permit to be located at 361 West Main Road.
   a. Consider increasing the maximum number of MFE permits from 5 to 6, per Town Code 6-1.4.
   b. Act on the request.
5. Abatement list submitted by the Tax Assessor.

Consent:

1. Copies of electronic communication sent to the town from Frank Haggerty regarding articles and comments on the Mayflower Wind project proposed offshore on Cape Cod.
2. Copy of a Resolution from Westerly Town Council in opposition to Rhode Island 2023 Gun Control legislation.
3. Copy of a Resolution from the Hopkinton Town Council in support of FY 2024 proposed infrastructure funds.
5. Copy of signed RIRRC FY24-25 Municipal Agreement.
6. Town Administrators memo, cost to bury Town Hall utilities.

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.
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON

BOARD OF LICENSING COMMISSIONERS

Application For License
by Individual or Partnership

RETAILER CLASS: A_BH_BM_BT_BV/BVL_C_E_ED_J_T (2:00 am)

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D/B/A:        CAROLYN'S SAKONNET VINEYARD

Address of Premise
53 WINERY ROAD, LITTLE COMPTON, RI 02837

Name, Age, Address and Telephone Number of each Applicant:

CAROLYN RAFAELIAN
35 BROWN ST
NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852

Citizen? Yes✓ No____ If Naturalized, Date and Court where Admitted

Name and Address of each person interested or to become interested in business for which application is being made, State nature of interest.

CAROLYN RAFAELIAN (OWNER)
35 BROWN ST
NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852

Is Application for the benefit of another? If so, explain: NO

Has applicant obtained loan or arranged to do so from an entity other than a bank? If yes, explain: NO

Is application on behalf of undisclosed principal or party in interest? give details: NO

Does Applicant Own Premises? Yes✓ No____ Is Property Mortgaged? Yes✓ No____ Is Property Leased? Yes____ No✓

Give Name and Address of Mortgagee or Lessee and Amount of Extent

FARM CREDIT EAST 2.5MIL
Have any of the applicants ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? Yes ___ No √ If yes, explain:

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| Is any Officer, Board Member or Stockholder engaged in any manner as a Law Enforcement Officer? If Yes, explain: | NO |
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Do any of the Applicants have any interest direct or indirect, as principle or associate, or in any manner whatsoever, in any retail license issued under Chapter 3-7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended? If yes, explain: YES   
liquor names
NEWPORT, R.I.

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<th>Is the Applicant the owner or operator of any other business? If yes, explain: YES</th>
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| State amount of capital invested in the business.                  | $18,000.00 |
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| Does Applicant have a draft system? Yes ___ No √ | |
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I hereby certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief,

Applicant

Witness of Licensing Board or Notary Public

Date 1/19/2023

Instructions for Applicants

1. Every question on Application form must be answered. Any false statement made by the Applicant will be sufficient grounds for the denial of the application or the revocation of the license in case one has been granted.

2. Submit with this application a copy of proposed menu. (Class BV; BVL)

3. Submit with this application a copy of Pharmacist’s Dept. of Health License (Class E)

(COPY SHALL BE FORWARDED TO LIQUOR CONTROL ADMINISTRATION BY CITY CLERK)
Instructions for application

1. Every question on Application Form must be answered. Any false statement will be sufficient grounds for the denial of the application or revocation of the license in case one has been granted.

2. A Transferee must file an information form.

(COPY SHALL BE FORWARDED TO LIQUOR CONTROL ADMINISTRATION BY CITY CLERK)
Members of the Little Compton Town Council:

Sakonnet Vineyard has operated as a member of a Little Compton community for almost 50 years. We have safely and responsibly served alcohol and food to the public for decades. In an effort to remain competitive in the current landscape, create additional revenue streams for our business, and to offer our guests a well-rounded experience, we request consideration and approval of a BV license.

Many of our surrounding partners in the vineyard and winery industry have expanded their offering to their guests by adding beer and distilled spirits to their menu. A BV license will help us remain competitive.

Grape growing and winemaking is a challenging, yet rewarding business. There is a heavy dependence on Mother Nature as to the success of the product that we produce and sell. In order to succeed and grow financially, we, like other farms, need to rely on additional revenue streams to survive. We have a short hospitality season that is also very weather dependent but is necessary to support a 365-day business.

Many of our loyal customers visit frequently throughout the year. We hear time and time again of a missed opportunity for them to bring certain guests with them because they “don’t like wine.” We are so much more than just a winery. We see an opportunity to utilize an expanded menu, to introduce Sakonnet Vineyard to those who would not normally visit. To educate them about our history of farming, conservation work, and our longstanding efforts as New England’s oldest vineyard and winery.

If we have learned anything during the 2 years of the “COVID experience,” it is be flexible, pivot, and think outside the box in order to survive as a business.

In closing, with our ServSafe and TIPS certified team members, we are trained to responsibly serve alcohol as well as refuse service when necessary. We see providing additional alcohol options as a natural extension of our current product line and business model.

Our food menu will continue to evolve as demand and staffing allows.

Our restaurant experience will take place in the main building and out on the lawn (weather permitting) where our previous cafe has operated historically.

Our tasting and wine experience will continue to operate in our seasonal barn as well as in the field across from our tasting room. Our hours of operation will vary seasonally, however, we anticipate not opening any earlier than 11 am and being open to the public no later than 9 pm. On occasion we will host private events that will go no later than 11 pm.

We appreciate your time in advance as you consider our application for a BV license. We are available to discuss further and answer any questions that you may have.
Sincerely,

Cynthia Rocha
General Manager
Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard
Marked Area for Carolyn’s Cafe
Carolyn's Café Al Fresco seating

Carolyn's Café interior seating (1)
Carolyn's Café interior seating (2)

Carolyn's Café deck seating
sakonnetwine Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard

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sakonnetwine Channel summertime thoughts with a lobster roll from Carolyn's Cafe. 🍠 @gdxzerohult sakonnet #carolynssakonnetvineyard #littlecompton
October 26, 2015

5 likes

sakonnetwine Carolyn's Cafe is now open 7 days a week! Our hours are now Mon-Wed 11am-5pm & Thurs-Sun 11am-7pm

sakonnetwine Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard
sakonnetwine A little Blanc de Blancs by the fire? Don't mind if we do! carolynssakonnetvineyard #sakonnet #littlecomptonri #winery #fall

View all 2 comments

November 11, 2015
sakonnetwine Carolyn's Cafe is now open for the season! #sakonnetwine #fortyfruitfulyears
View on Instagram
Post from 2019

sakonnetwine A cheese plate from Carolyn's Cafe paired with a glass of our wine makes for a perfect afternoon! #sakonnet #carolynssakonnetvineyard #littlecomptonri
View on Instagram
Post from 2019

Liked by debrinho8322 and 48 others

Liked by janelle_gray_ and 41 others
Carolyn’s Café food photos
FLATBREADS

Fig & Gorgonzola...$16
arugula, figs, gorgonzola

WhiteClam...$16
local clams, olive oil, garlic

Margarita...$15
pomodoro, fresh mozzarella

Tuscan...$17
heirloom tomatoes, speck, capicola, mortadella, fresh mozzarella

SOUP & SALAD

Clam Chowder...$10
new england style, bacon, cream, potatoes

Chilled Gazpacho...$10
tomatoes, cucumber, bell pepper, garlic, red onion

Caesar Salad...$14
romaine, caesar dressing, pecorino, focaccia croutons

Red Grape Salad...$14
arugula, quinoa, english cucumber, red bell pepper, creamy red wine dressing

Caprese Salad...$14
heirloom tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, fresh basil, extra virgin olive oil, aged balsamic reduction

SANDWICHES

Veggie Wrap...$15
hummus, cucumber, heirloom cherry tomatoes, mixed greens, brussels sprouts, roasted honeynut squash, with Carolyn's fries

Crispy Cod Fish Tacos...$17
pico de gallo, cilantro crema, with Carolyn's fries

Spicy Nashville Chicken Wrap...$17
smoked cheddar, pickles, nashville hot sauce, with Carolyn's Fries

Sakonnet Burger...$20
bacon, lettuce, tomato, cheddar, garlic aioli, brioche, with Carolyn's fries

Sides

Side Salad...$7
Pasta Salad...$7
Brussels Sprouts...$7
Carolyn's Fries...$7

CHARCUTERIE

Assorted Meats, Cheeses & Accoutrements...$22

*CONSUMING RAW OR UNDERCOOKED MEATS, POULTRY, SEAFOOD, SHELLFISH OR EGGS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS.
Good Morning Carol,  
After a discussion with the town solicitor, we would like to add the following items to the application for clarity ahead of Thursday's meeting. I have attached additional photos of the area that historically our café has operated and will continue to operate. This includes, the main tasting room space, the deck off the tasting room and the front lawn for “al fresco” dining when weather permits. The area on the lawn will have tables and chairs that will allow for table side service by a TIPS/Servsafe certified server. I also pointed these areas out to members of the Town Council and the Zoning Official during previous on site meetings. I have also included a cocktail menu. Please let me know if you have any questions. Can you also please send me over a copy of the agenda?
Thank you!

Cynthia Rocha
General Manager
Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard
Cocktails $14
- Sakonnet Negroni
  "Eye of the Storm" rose vermouth, cocoa nib bitter, gin
- Night Cap
capsicum, amaro, vermouth, orange liquor, rye
- Kombuchanist
gin, kombucha, pomegranate, raspberry, lemon, cremant
- Cinnapimm
cinnamon, grapefruit, whiskey, pimm's, ginger
- Matt Beaty
beet shrub, lime, gentian, cucumber, vodka
- Cafe Tesoro
coriander, coffee liquor, milk washed espresso infused reposado tequila

Spiritless $8
- Son of a Beaty
beet shrub, cucumber, lime, ginger, seltzer
- Berries & Cream
strawberry, blackberry, lime, cream

Bottles & Cans
- Miller Lite, Light Lager 4.2% Milwaukee, WI $6.00
- Budweiser, Lager 5.0% St. Louis, MO $6.00
- Foolproof "Jazz" IPA 5.5% Pawtucket, RI $9.00
- Corona "Extra" Lager 4.6% MEX $6.00
- Oxbow Brewing Co. "Luppolo" Dry-Hopped Pilsner 5.0% New Castle, ME $10.00
- Newport Craft Brewing Co. "Rhode Rage" DIPA 8.5% Newport, RI $10.00
- Anxo "District Dry" Cider 6.9% Washington, DC $8.00
- Graft "Field Day" Rhubarb Spritz Cider 6.9% Newburgh, NY $6.00
Wine by the Glass

**White Wines:**

- Expedite Happiness: $8.50
- Unexpected Miracles: $9.00
- White Lotus: $9.00
- Belcourt White: $9.00
- Blessed Blend White: $8.50
- Siren: $8.00
- Prana: $8.00

**Blush Wines:**

- Eye Of the Storm: $8.00
- Block Island Blend: $8.00

**Red Wines:**

- Blessed Blend Red: $9.00
- Rhode Island Red: $8.50
- Aiman: $10.00
- Belcourt Red: $9.00

**Dessert Wines:**

- Amrita: $8.50
Dear Little Compton Town Council,

I am writing with my strong objection to granting the Sakonnet Vineyard a Victualing license for which they are applying for a second time having been refused already. This is clearly an intensification of use in a residential area.

Sincerely
Miriam Clifford
146 W Main Rd

Sent from Miriam’s iPhone
Sent via email to: Little Compton Town Clerk Carol Wordell, cwordell@littlecomptonri.org

May 1, 2023

Little Compton Town Council,
(sitting as Board of License Commissioners)
PO Box 226
40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

RE: Dionysus Acquisition LLC d/b/a Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard
application for a Class B-V license

Dear Council Members:

I respectfully request that this letter and its accompanying attachments be included in the record of your May 4, 2023 remonstrants hearing on the above-cited application for a Class B-V license. I previously provided the attached documents to the Town Council when it considered a similar application from the same applicant at its March 24, 2022 meeting. That meeting did not appear to be a formal remonstrants hearing. These attachments include:

- A March 16, 2022 letter addressed to the Town Council from Peter Medeiros, who was then Little Compton’s Zoning Official. In that opinion, Mr. Medeiros, citing Section C13 of Table 1-A of the Little
Compton Zoning Ordinance, stated that “a restaurant is not permitted in a residential zone.”

- An April 5, 2022 letter to the Town Council from me, in which I supported Mr. Medeiros’s conclusion and offered other comments about how I believe the Town Council and other town boards and officials could and should consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to address certain non-agricultural uses related to clearly defined agricultural properties in a residential (R) zone.

In reviewing Mr. Medeiros’s letter and my own from last year, I find that circumstances surrounding the applicant’s 2023 application request don’t appear to differ significantly from those in effect in 2022. Thus, I submit those letters for the record again this year.

I offer one additional comment:

As noted above, former Zoning Official Medeiros, in his March 16, 2022 letter to the Council, stated that “The owners of the property are applying for a b/v retail beverage license, which may coincide with a restaurant setting, as per the proposed menu. Per use table 1-a use c13, a restaurant is not permitted in a residential zone.” In that letter, he also stated that “the subject property is a legal non-conforming use with an operating vineyard and winery. The subject property is located in a residential zone within the town of Little Compton. The current use of the subject property is in compliance with the Little Compton Zoning Ordinance, chapter 14.” [emphasis added]

Confusingly, the Town Council in recent years has annually issued the vineyard a victualling license. Apparently, that license is the basis on which the vineyard at times has operated a seasonal “café” or served other prepared food. The same provision of the Zoning Ordinance cited by Mr. Medeiros, in Table 1-A, Use C13, expressly lists a “Restaurant, lunch room, cafe, tavern” as prohibited in a residential zone. (Such uses are permitted by special use permit in a Business zone.) Use C13 makes no distinction among the four forms of food and beverage establishment it encompasses. In other words, a “café” and a “restaurant” appear to be essentially identical uses under the ordinance. Thus, it’s difficult to make sense of the logic of the town’s
licensing and zoning enforcement practices with regard to such uses at the vineyard.¹

**Mr. Medeiros did not state that a café is a “legal non-conforming use” of the vineyard property.** But even if, for the sake of argument, an existing, seasonal café, serving only wine made on the property pursuant to the vineyard’s state winery license, were considered a legal non-conforming use, the vineyard’s current application for a BV license would appear to represent an intensification of that use.

Vineyard manager Cynthia Rocha’s March 28, 2023 letter accompanying the application request expressly describes and offers justification for the planned expansion and intensification of what she describes as “our previous café [which] has operated historically.” Some examples from her letter [emphasis added]:

- “In an effort to remain competitive in the current landscape, create additional revenue streams for our business…”

- “Many of our surrounding partners in the vineyard and winery industry have expanded their offering to their guests by adding beer and distilled spirits to their menu.”

- “In order to succeed and grow financially, we, like other farms, need to rely on additional revenues streams to survive. We have a short hospitality season that is also very weather dependent but is necessary to support a 365-day business.”

- “Many of our loyal customers visit frequently throughout the year. We hear time and time again of a missed opportunity for them to bring certain guests with them because ‘they don’t like wine.’ We are so much more than just a winery. We seen an opportunity to utilize an expanded menu to introduce Sakonnet Vineyard to those who would not normally visit.”

- “Our restaurant experience will take place in the main building and out on the lawn (weather permitting) where our previous café has operated historically.”

¹ When, in 2018, I compiled an extensive chronology of various licenses issued by the Town Council to the vineyard, under various owners, since the vineyard’s establishment in 1975, I found that the first victualling license issued to the vineyard itself may have been in 2000. I can provide this chronology to the Council upon request.
• "Our hours of operation will vary seasonally...."

The vineyard's own explanation of its request clearly differentiates its proposed "restaurant" from what it describes as its "previous café." Moreover, its explanation clearly depicts a planned expansion and intensification of its "previous café" use.

I hasten to emphasize, as I did in my April 5, 2022 letter to the Town Council, that I support efforts by Little Compton's agricultural businesses to diversify their income streams and grow their businesses, perhaps by means of certain non-agricultural uses. But such uses should be those explicitly permitted by the state Right to Farm Act and the town's Zoning Ordinance, not those prohibited by the ordinance or representing intensifications of nonconforming uses.

The Zoning Ordinance addresses intensification of uses in Section 14-2.4 f. as follows:

*Intensification. A nonconforming use of a building, structure or land shall not be intensified in any manner. Intensification shall include, but not be limited to, increasing hours of operation, increasing the number of dwelling units or increasing the seating capacity of a place of assembly. However, this section shall not prohibit the reconfiguration of lawfully established dwelling units within a building or structure so long as such reconfiguration complies with the requirements of Subsection e above, provided however that limited intensification may be granted by the Board as a special use pursuant to Subsection i below.*

Even if the past seasonal café use were considered a legal nonconforming use—which, as far as I know, no previous Zoning Official has previously stated or established—the transformation of a seasonal café serving vineyard-produced wine to a year-round restaurant serving other wines, beer, and spirits would thus represent a nonconforming use by, at the least, "increasing hours of operation." The ordinances state that such a nonconforming use "shall not be intensified in any manner." On that basis, there would not appear to be a sound legal rationale for issuing the vineyard a BV license to the applicant at this time.
As I have argued in my April 5, 2022 letter, and as I have argued in other capacities, including as a Town Council member, since at least 2016, the applicant and the Town Council have other means of defining the requested use in a way that wouldn’t represent what would appear to be essentially “spot zoning” or “zoning by license” for one favored property owner. The applicant can propose and/or the Town Council can on its own act to amend the Zoning Ordinance in a thoughtful, careful way to permit certain accessory uses on agricultural properties, perhaps by special use permit. Such amendments would presumably apply to all property owners of the same category, would provide the Zoning Board of Review the ability to include conditions in a special use permit appropriate to a particular property, and would provide for notice to and public input by abutters and other citizens who may be affected by the proposed use.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Anderson

Attachments:

March 16, 2022 letter from Little Compton Zoning Official Peter Medeiros to the Little Compton Council “RE: Application to Little Compton for B/V Retail Beverage License”

April 5, 2022 Larry Anderson letter to the Little Compton Town Council
Larry Anderson  
PO Box 205  
15 Snell Road  
Little Compton, RI 02837

Sent via email to: Little Compton Town Clerk Carol Wordell,  
cwordell@littlecomptonri.org

April 5, 2022

Little Compton Town Council  
PO Box 226  
40 Commons  
Little Compton, RI 02837

RE: Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard application for BV retail beverage license

Dear Council Members:

At its March 24, 2022 meeting, the Little Compton Town Council received and considered an application for a BV retail beverage license from Dionysus Acquisition LLC, doing business as Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard (“Vineyard”). At the meeting, Town Solicitor Richard Humphrey recused himself “from any and all matters involving Dionysus Acquisition, LLC and Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard,” citing a “prior recusal dated February 20, 2020.” The Council at its March 24 meeting, after a brief presentation from Ms. Cynthia Rocha, general manager of the Vineyard, and a brief conversation about the application, decided to take the matter up again at a later date in consultation with attorney Girard Galvin.

As you well know, there has been considerable concern and controversy about activities and uses at the Vineyard in recent years, which resulted in protracted litigation. I believe that

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1 By way of disclosure, I was actively and publicly involved in various ways in supporting the plaintiffs, Vineyard neighbors Brian and Natalie Ellason and Christina Carlson, in the lawsuit they filed against the Little Compton Town Council and the Vineyard in 2017. I believed then, and believe still, that their lawsuit was principled and well-founded, based on legitimate legal concerns. My support included, among other things, financial donations to defray their legal expenses, cooperation with others to raise additional support for
the Vineyard’s BV license application demonstrates clearly that the settlement arrived at by the parties to the litigation by virtue of a May 17, 2019 Superior Court Judgment did not resolve the underlying issues that generated the litigation in the first place. Moreover, despite opportunities to do so dating back to at least 2011, the Town Council itself has not taken other measures within its authority, namely amendment of the town’s Zoning Ordinance, that could clarify which non-agricultural activities can be permitted in support of such agricultural business, and do so in a manner fair to all town residents and property owners—especially and importantly others involved in agricultural business enterprises.

This is a complicated issue and story. For current purposes, however, I think the issue confronting the Council is not that complicated. First, I believe it would be inappropriate and premature for the Council to approve this application at this time, in light of the March 16, 2022 opinion issued to the Town Council by Zoning Official Peter Medeiros, a copy of which I received from Mr. Medeiros on April 4. (It is not clear why this letter was not included in the Council’s document packet for its March 24 meeting or why it wasn’t cited at that meeting.) The full text of this letter (a copy of which is attached) reads as follows:

Dear Town Council:

The Little Compton building and zoning department acknowledges that the subject property is a legal non-conforming use with an operating vineyard and winery. The subject property is located in a residential zone within the town of Little Compton. The current use of the subject property is in compliance with the Little Compton Zoning Ordinance, chapter 14.

The property is primarily used for agricultural purposes and operates an active winery. See zoning table 14-3, table 1a-a1.

legal expenses, and procuring public documents for their attorneys. When I was elected to the Town Council in November 2018, I in effect became a defendant in the lawsuit. I immediately requested an Advisory Opinion from the RI Ethics Commission regarding my situation, which by then involved a counterclaim filed by the Vineyard against the plaintiffs, in which the Vineyard also indicated that the counterclaim might be expanded to include unnamed “John Does.” The Commission advised that I recuse myself from matters involving the Vineyard as long as the litigation was pending, which I did. Based on the terms of a settlement among the parties in May 2019, all claims and counterclaims were withdrawn. I then returned to the Ethics Commission to request another Advisory Opinion based on the changed circumstances. The Commission advised that I need no longer recuse myself from Council business involving the Vineyard.

Apparently some elements of the litigation are still unresolved. The RI Judiciary Public Portal indicates that a hearing was held in Rhode Island Superior Court before Associate Justice Brain P. Stern on March 31, 2022, to consider a “Motion to Vacate” and a “Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award” filed by parties to the suit, which I believe include the plaintiffs and the Vineyard. The Public Portal indicates that at the hearing the motions were “Heard and Reserved” by Judge Stern.
The owners of the property are applying for a b/c retail beverage license, which may coincide with a restaurant setting, as per the proposed menu. Per use table 1-a use c13, a restaurant is not permitted in a residential zone. [emphasis added]

Peter Medeiros
Zoning Official

Mr. Medeiros’s opinion letter is concise and to the point. The proposed use for which the Vineyard seeks a BV license, he concludes, “is not permitted in a residential zone.” Based on that opinion alone, a BV license cannot and should not be granted, at least at this time. Mr. Medeiros writes that the application for the license “may coincide with a restaurant setting, as per the proposed menu.” In fact, the materials accompanying the application presented to the Council by the Vineyard on March 24 leave little doubt that its plan is to operate a 50-seat restaurant throughout the year. In her March 18, 2022 letter to the Council, Ms. Rocha expressly described the use associated with the requested BV license as an “extension of our current product line and business model,” requiring “additional revenue streams to survive” and as a “restaurant experience” in which “Our hours of operation will vary seasonally.” In a March 21, 2022, email addressed to Town Clerk Carol Wordell to accompany the application, Ms. Rocha wrote: “The restaurant seating would be for 50 seats.” The proposed use, as described, appears to be a new use—a restaurant—not just an expansion and intensification of any current use.

Again, as Mr. Medeiros noted in his letter, “a restaurant is not permitted in residential zone.” The fact that the Town Council may previously have issued victualling licenses to the Vineyard, as I believe Council President Musher noted at the March 24 meeting, does not address the zoning issue identified by Mr. Medeiros or make previous “café” uses legal under the Zoning Ordinance. I don’t believe that it is within the Council’s legal purview to attempt to resolve or address what is essentially a zoning matter by granting yet another license—in this case a BV retail liquor license. Furthermore, Mr. Medeiros stated in his letter that his department “acknowledges that the subject property is a legal non-conforming use with an operating vineyard and winery.” His letter appears to distinguish a “vineyard and winery” from a “restaurant.” In any case, he does not expressly or specifically identify a restaurant as “a legal non-conforming use” of the property.

As a citizen who has followed this matter closely, especially since 2015, and who had some familiarity with it as a Council member from 2018-2020, I believe the Council cannot consider the Vineyard’s current request until the zoning issue is addressed and resolved. In light of the Zoning Official’s opinion, the Vineyard can—and perhaps must—seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Review if it wishes to operate a full-service restaurant on the property. The logic of Mr. Medeiros’s letter would seem to require such relief before the Council could consider the BV license application.

At the same time, the Council can and should immediately return to the initiative that I and others have urged since at least 2016 and that the Council and the Planning Board pursued during 2019-2020: namely reviewing and considering amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to define clearly accessory uses associated with agricultural properties—including possible
restaurant operations in a residential zone, perhaps subject to a special use permit. As you will recall, the Planning Board, at the Council’s specific request, developed a draft ordinance amendment for such accessory uses, which the board presented in early 2019. Members of the public and the town’s active farming community criticized and expressed concerns about elements of the draft amendment, as well as the process by which it was developed. The Council asked the Planning Board to develop a new draft, based on further input from and involvement of farmers and other citizens. It is my recollection and belief that such an effort made some progress. But with the onset of the Covid pandemic, which created impediments to meeting, and perhaps due to other considerations (such as an election season), the process ground to a halt and has apparently not been revisited or revived by the Planning Board or the Council.

The current request from the Vineyard demonstrates that this and future Councils may well be presented with continuing dilemmas, controversies, and possible litigation if they don’t address the inconsistencies and inadequacies of the current ordinance head-on and without further delay. This is all the more important due to the fact that the Town of Little Compton itself, through the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust, is no doubt the predominant owner of agricultural property and property interests such as conservation easements and deeds of development rights.

I wish to make clear that I am not opposed in principle to a restaurant operation in association with the Vineyard – or with any other legitimate agricultural operation that is compliant with conditions set forth in an amended ordinance. The Covid crisis, along with other crises in the world in this very moment, have only reinforced the importance of local agriculture and the need for the town to support such agricultural enterprises. But the town should do so in a way that treats all agricultural enterprises fairly, equally, and transparently, rather than by standards that may appear to be arbitrary or to reflect favoritism. An amended ordinance should also take into account concerns of neighbors and property owners not engaged in agriculture. I fully appreciate that other operators of agricultural businesses in town, who have acted responsibly and within the law, may be skeptical about changes to the status quo. I believe strongly, however, that a carefully and thoughtfully drafted ordinance amendment may provide opportunities for such agricultural businesses to productively augment their business activities without unduly infringing on their rights or current operations.

The current Zoning Ordinance regarding agricultural uses, as best I can tell, has not been substantially revised or revisited since 1994 or thereabouts. Much has changed during that time, both on the Little Compton landscape and in certain legal respects. For one thing, the current zoning ordinance is not necessarily consistent with, nor does it reflect the current provisions of, the Right to Farm Act (RI General Laws, Title 2, Chapter 23) or subsequent legal decisions involving that legislation (e.g., Gerald P. Zarrella Trust v. Town of Exeter, 2018). Other Rhode Island communities have amended their Zoning Ordinance to incorporate explicitly the specific uses permitted by the Right to Farm Act, as well as to include identified non-agricultural uses that may be permitted in association with agricultural enterprises, subject to certain conditions. Little Compton could and should do the same, for the benefit of farmers and non-farmers alike.
Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry Anderson

Attachment: March 16, 2022 letter from Little Compton Zoning Official Peter Medeiros to the Little Compton Council “RE: Application to Little Compton for B/V Retail Beverage License”
March 16, 2022

Subject Property: 162 West Main Road
Little Compton, R.I. 02837
Cynthia Rocha, General Manager Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard

RE: Application to Little Compton for B/V Retail Beverage License

Dear Town Council:

The Little Compton building and zoning department acknowledges that the subject property is a legal non-conforming use with an operating vineyard and winery. The subject property is located in a residential zone within the town of Little Compton. The current use of the subject property is in compliance with the Little Compton Zoning Ordinance, chapter 14.

The property is primarily used for agricultural purposes and operates an active winery. See zoning table 14-3, table 1a-a1.

The owners of the property are applying for a b/v retail beverage license, which may coincide with a restaurant setting, as per the proposed menu. Per use table 1-a use c13, a restaurant is not permitted in a residential zone.

Peter Medeiros
Zoning Official
Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on April 20, 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, Gary S. Mataronas, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator, Anthony DeSisto, Town Solicitor and Associates, Benjamin Ferreira and Mark Hartmann.

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

Announcements:
1. Councilor Mushen noted the Fire Department’s busy day and how they skillfully handled automobile accidents. The Town is grateful.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 Council meeting as written.

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 March 2023 Police Department Head report.

Jim Lock presented the Council a listing of updates and next steps on the school solar project. Solicitor DeSisto noted from the Town’s Zoning Ordinance 14-5, 1.4, that a Solar Energy System within 1500 ft. radius of Pikes Peak would require a special use permit by the Zoning Board. The applicant should be the School Department.
Town Administrator Teixeira commented a signed agreement has not been completed for the Solar on the school. Town Solicitor DeSisto recommended an agreement be drafted between the School and Town for Solar on the School, being the school has care and custody of the building.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Administrator to coordinate with the School Department to submit a special use permit for installation of Solar on the roof of the School.

Councilor Golembeske asked the agreement clearly state the Town Council is to not usurp any authority from the School.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To task the Town Solicitor with the School draft an agreement for Solar to be installed on the school roofs.

Town Solicitor DeSisto referred to Ms. Bugara’s reference of the Plymouth Land Grant Acres Restrictions, stating the Town does not have the authority to enforce any of the restrictions cited in a deeded private restriction. Enforcement would be for other owners in the plat. Discussion ensued about the process moving forward for short term rentals.
Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, to forward the Short Term Rental (STR) draft to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion.

Solicitor DeSisto clarified the Short Term Rental submittal, draft vs. final product process.

Councilor McHugh withdrew his motion.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To review and revise the draft STR ordinance to be sent to the Planning Board after completion of the 2023 RI Legislation session.

Councilor Mushen stated the Police Chief provided a letter noting his actions including contacting the State Traffic Commission requesting additional signage for the area to address traffic concerns in Adamsville. The Police Chief will return to the Council at a later date with an update.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a letter from Victoria Talbot expressing ongoing Adamsville pedestrian safety concerns.

Councilor Mataronas referenced Paul Clifford’s email, dated April 12, 2023, offshore wind farm: separating facts from disinformation, to the Council referring to Mara Shore’s “pitch” to the Town Council at the April 6, 2023 meeting. Councilor McHugh noted individuals have opinions, the Council meeting is not the place for individual grievances.

Mara Shore addressed the Council referencing Paul Clifford’s email to the Council, dated April 12, 2023, offshore wind farm: separating facts from disinformation. Ms. Shore provided the clerk with her response letter to be placed on file.

Thomas Clemenow, resident of John Dyer Road addressed the Council of his in-depth research of offshore windfarm turbines. Recommending he present his research at a future Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file letter and enclosures from Paul Clifford that the Council reconsider its opposition to offshore wind turbines, including Mara Shore’s response letter be placed on file.

Councilor Golembeske commented as an electrical contractor, the request from Mr. Clifford is to bury primary lines; Town Hall was a secondary line. The legal fees alone for this would be substantial.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To task the Town Administrator return to a future Council meeting with a synopsis of burying electric power and utility cables as done at the Town Hall on School Street.
Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a letter of request from the Police Chief to reopen two separate application processes: one for a police officer position and the other for a part-time public safety dispatcher position.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request from American Legion Post 37 to hold a Memorial Day Parade and service on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:00am on the Commons.

Councilor Mushen explained lot 001/0078, being one of six lots, sharing a boundary on West Main Road. Mr. Luccio currently owns five of the lots.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To send a response letter of appreciation to Mr. Luccio for his interest to purchase Town owned lot 001-078, stating the Town is not interested at this time to sell lot 001/078.

A. Michael Steers, Planning Board Chair provided letter with data to the Council for deed restricted properties to count towards the Town's 10% affordable housing. Discussion ensured questioning accuracy of data in the letter. Town Solicitor DeSisto referred to the RI State Law 45-53-3 (9), recommending to hold the matter, and meet with the Planning Board to discuss low to moderate housing act statistics. Allowing the Planning Board to make a decision based on factors in the statute.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To have the Town Solicitor and Planning Board draft a resolution to request the state consider removal of the requirement that a property be deed restricted in order to count toward the Town's 10% affordable housing requirement.

Town Solicitor DeSisto addressed the letter of concern from Martina Halsey, questioning serving as the CRMC attorney as well as the Town Solicitor. Solicitor DeSisto stated he currently represents Warren, a town with an extensive coastline and previously represented Tiverton as Solicitor both as a dual representation. Concerns in the letter are misplaced based on his experience. Councilor McHugh noted that Solicitor DeSisto approached this matter with the RI Ethics Commission for an advisory opinion. The Solicitor noted the opinion has not been received, nor has the State Disciplinary Council requested opinion. The Council will be advised of both opinions when received.

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 letter from Martina Halsey expressing concern that the Town Solicitor also serves as the CRMC attorney.
Motion made by Councilor Golebeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request from The Nitro Cart, LLC to obtain a Holiday Sales and Victualing License located at Walker’s Roadside Stand at 261 West Main Road, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To encourage individuals to attend, and place on file an invitation to the South Kingstown 300th Anniversary Parade.

Motion made by Councilor Golebeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To have the Council President, Town Solicitor and the Town Administrator sign, after review of the Town Solicitor, the RI Resource Recovery Corporation 2022 Municipal Summary of waste disposal and recycling.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore all in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To draft an edited resolution in support of a Human Rights Day proclamation as requested by Justin D. Bibee.

Councillor Mataronas stated all resolutions of the Town are forwarded to: the clerks of all cities and towns in Rhode Island, and to Little Compton’s members of the RI General Assembly, The Speaker of the RI House of Representatives, President of the RI Senate, and the Governor of the State of RI, in response to Consent item #1.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the consent items:

1. Little Compton Town Council, April 6, 2023 resolution in opposition to offshore wind turbines sited off Little Compton.
2. Little Compton Town Council April 6, 2023 resolution opposing Senate Bill S-0434, an act relating to inspection of motor vehicles.
3. Copy of electronic communications sent to the town from Frank Haggerty regarding articles and comments on the Mayflower Wind project proposed offshore on Cape Cod.
5. Resolution from Exeter Town Council in opposition to Rhode Island 2023 gun control legislation.

Motion made by Councilor Golebeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: $288,310.99
W.B. Mason - Police Department $187.81
Rob's Auto Care, Inc. - Police Department $1,047.36
Cox Business - Police Department $77.60
Cox Business - Police Department $63.73 $1,376.50
Griggs & Browne Co., Inc. Public Safety Complex $50.00
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Bound Tree - Ambulance Fund $238.94
Clinical I - Ambulance Fund $41.30
Bound Tree - Ambulance Fund $36.02
Northeast Rescue Systems - Ambulance Fund $459.00
Coronis Health - Ambulance Fund $1,112.80
TCMW Inc. Harbor Funds $2,525.00 $4,413.06
Crystal Rock - Fire Department $137.07
Napa Auto & Truck Parts - Fire Department $51.40
Southcoast Occupational Health - Fire Department $434.31
Northeast Rescue Systems - Fire Department $75.00
Cox Business - Fire Department $74.08 $771.86
Department of State, Division of Business Services - Housing Trust $20.00
Petro - Public Safety Complex $1,603.49
East Bay Media Group - Town Clerk, Probate $105.00 $105.00
East Bay Media Group - Town Clerk, Probate $164.00
East Bay Media Group - Zoning Board $122.50
East Bay Media Group - Town Clerk, Probate $70.00
East Bay Media Group - Town Clerk, Board of Canvassers $164.00
The Damon Company - Town Hall $902.52 $902.52
The Damon Company - Town Hall $129,725.58
The Damon Company - Town Hall $127,970.51
It's About Thyme - Recreation Committee $2,637.00
Crescent Alarms - Town Hall $9,503.00 $55.00
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC $384.23
Petro - Public Safety Complex $300.00
Esquire - Zoning Board $706.81
Colin Massa - Harbor Commission $224.14
Modern Printing - Bld. & Zoning Department, Board of Canvassers $2,815.00
Sakonnet Tree, Inc. - Tree Committee $316.51
CS&M Tele-Systems Inc. $20.18
RI Energy - IOOF $30.10
RI Energy - 32 Commons $251.61
RI Energy - Transfer Station $80.88
RI Energy - Adamsville Street Lights $710.30
RI Energy - Town Hall $1,133.36
RI Energy - Public Safety/Transfer Station $503.75
W.B.Mason - Tax Assessor $60.31
W.B.Mason - Board of Canvassers, Town Hall $51.71
W.B.Mason - Town Administrator, Board of Canvassers $10.56

4/20/2023 $288,310.99

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.

Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk
Building Dept. Monthly Report

April, 2023

- Bringing Viewpoint up to date with active open permits.
- Working with Assessors Office on open active permits.
- Developing action plans for Zoning reviews & Building Inspections.
  - Developing guide/checklist for Residents applying for Permits.
- Participated in webinar training with Viewpoint.
- April 2023 Metrics
  - 47 Permits issued
  - 81 Inspections logged
  - $18,709.00 Revenue collected.
To: Antonio A. Teixeira  
Town Administrator

From: Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk

Date: May 1, 2023

The office of the Town Clerk handles on a daily basis a wide array of tasks. During the month of April the following figures display the volume of work:

- Dump stickers 172 issued
- Recording land evidence 44 instruments recorded
- Dog licenses – 150
- Vital records certified copies issued – 8
- Marriage License issued - 2
- Miscellaneous fees collected for Probate, copying, appliance etc. – see attached.

In addition to our day to day activities we have the following:
- Probate Court responsibilities
- Council Clerk responsibilities – meetings, minutes, follow up actions
- Coordinate with the IT personnel for day-to-day issues, oversee website daily needs, audio/visual needs for council chambers in prep for hybrid meetings
- Ongoing responsibilities as Wellness Coordinator for the Trust, sharing multiple opportunities to achieve better overall health
- Attend weekly Town Hall renovation meetings
- Attended monthly Town & City Clerks meeting.
- Prepare Annual FTM documents.
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Little Compton Fire Department

April Report

2023
On Friday April 28, 2023 Lt. James Vandal retired from the fire department after serving 17 years as a career firefighter.

On Friday May 5, 2023 Probationary Firefighter Jason Tower will graduate from the RI Municipal Fire Academy after completing 12 weeks of training. Jason will be assigned to the day shift for training.

On Friday April 21, 2023 the new public safety boat was launched. The new boat will be docked at the Point Club.
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NFPA Part III: Fire And Incident Type Breakdown

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21. False Alarm Responses | 7 | 0 | 0 |
22. Mutual Aid                  1  0  0  0
23a. Hazmat Responses          1  0  0  0
23b. Other Hazardous Conditions 0  0  0  0
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NFPA Part IV: False Alarm Responses

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Citizen complaint 1 1.5
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Aid Given or Received

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For Districts: All
For Situations: All
For Jurisdictions: All
For Street(s): All
For Location: All
May 1, 2023

To: Town Administrator  
Antonio A. Teixeira

From: Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA 
Tax Assessor

Re: DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

The month of April:

- Continuing to review current map records for accuracy and submit to CAI Technologies to update G.I.S...
- Destroyed many boxes of old obsolete documents which were previously approved to do so from the Secretary of State’s Office.
- Boxed more items to transport to storage and to bring to the temporary relocation of the office.
- Consolidated records where we could.
- Reviewed with all concerned the criteria relative to finalize the budget.
- Maintain general office procedures updating deeds and property records while addressing requests and concerns as they arise.
- Met with various tax payers concerning exemptions and value questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA  
Tax Assessor
Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
         Town Administrator

Date: May 4, 2023

Subject: April monthly report

Town Hall Restoration – Weekly meetings continue to be held with the Damon Company to discuss current and future construction plans.
- Schoolhouse building roof done
- Handicap ramp railings have been installed and asphalt installed from road to ramp
- Front hallway – sheet rock installed and painted along the wainscot
- Town Council dais counter installed
- Fire safety worked on by Crescent
- Vestibule insulated and wired
- Front door installed
- Inside trimming done around windows
- Carpet installed in the Town Council chambers

Senior Van – MOU has been approved by the Town Council and submitted to RIPTA for the purchase with the understanding 80% covered by RIPTA and 20% by the Town.

Local Solar – We have come to a consensus that the School’s project will go forward under the Superintendent’s supervision.

Town Budget – The budget has been reviewed by the Budget Committee and Town Council to be published and sent to the voters. Also, the Finance Director working with the Town Council President and Town Administrator are preparing the necessary paperwork to forward to Department of Revenue for the review and approval.

Parking Lot – The Historical Society is reviewing the plans and rendering an opinion on the DPW garage building as to the historic value.

DPW Building – Director Bill Moore and Foreman Kurtis Keohane have provided info to Architect Melissa Hutchinson to develop a footprint of the building.
26 April 2023

Antonio A. Teixeira Town Administrator  
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island  
Town Hall, 40 Commons  
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

Re: Completion of Probationary Status

Dear Mr. Teixeira:

As established in the Codified Ordinances of the Town of Little Compton, Section XIVXIXV 3.13-6, all regular employees shall serve a probationary period of twelve (12) months after probationary appointment.

Based on his satisfactory completion of his probationary period, I recommend Probationary Firefighter Jason DaSilva be appointed as a permanent member of the Little Compton Fire Department as a Firefighter. Firefighter DaSilva will be promoted to a Third-Class Firefighter. This action will become effective on 25 April 2023.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Petrin  
Fire Chief
Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

APPLICATION
Town of Little Compton Zoning Board of Review

File No. _____________________________ Date: _____________________________
(for office use only)

Board Members:
The undersigned hereby applies to the Zoning Board of Review for the following:
Check one box only:

I: □ AN APPEAL as provided for in section 14-9.1.a, 14-9.3.a or 14-9.7 of the Zoning Ordinance.

II: □ VARIANCE(S) as provided for in section 14-9.3.b of the Zoning Ordinance.

III: □ SPECIAL USE PERMIT(S) as provided for in section 14-9.3.c of the Zoning Ordinance.

I hereby submit the following information in support of this application for consideration and public hearing:

Applicant Name (type or print): ____________________________________________

Applicant Address: _______________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Tel. No. (cell) ____________________________ (home) __________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________

Applicant’s Signature: __________________________________________________

All property owners must sign this application

Owner’s Name(s), if different than Applicant, (type or print): ____________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Owner’s Signature(s), if different than Applicant: ________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

PREMISES:
1. Street No(s). Street Name: 

2. Assessor’s Plat No. Lot No(s): 

3. General Lot Dimensions: Area (in acreage or sq. ft.):
   Frontage: feet
   Average Depth: feet

4. Zoning District (Residence or Business) 

5. Existing Structures on Premises:

   **Principal Structure**
   Ground Floor Area: sq. feet
   Number of Floors:
   Structure Height: feet

   **Accessory Structure #1 (if applicable)**
   Ground Floor Area: sq. feet
   Number of Floors:
   Structure Height: feet

   **Accessory Structure #2 (if applicable)**
   Ground Floor Area: sq. feet
   Number of Floors:
   Structure Height: feet

   **Accessory Structure #3 (if applicable)**
   Ground Floor Area: sq. feet
   Number of Floors:
   Structure Height: feet

6. Total Lot Coverage of all structures: Existing:
   Proposed: (if applicable)

7. Current Use of Principal Structure and Site:
   - Residence: (No. of Units)
   - Business: (type):
   - Other: (please specify):
8. Accessory Uses on Premises:

Parking: ______________ sq. feet  No. of Spaces: __________________________

Other (please describe): ________________________________

9. Ownership:

Owner’s Name(s): _____________________________________________

Owner’s Address(es): ___________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Tel. No.: ___________________________ Email: ______________________

Duration of Present Ownership (years): ____________________________

I. APPEAL (Complete this section only if Box No. I on page 1 is checked.)

1. Give Title and Name of Town Official or Board whose ruling is being appealed:

____________________________________________________________________

2. Give a brief description of the decision or order of said Official or Board and the reason an appeal is being made.

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

3. File a copy of such decision or order with this application.

II. VARIANCE(S) (Complete this section only if Box No. II on page 1 is checked.)

1. Give a brief description of the proposed use, activity or action for which variance is requested. For example-specify proposed changes to lot coverage, square footage, structure height, distance(s) from lot line, etc.

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2. Exact Regulation(s) in the Zoning Ordinance from which variance(s) is/are requested:

Section No(s). (required): __________________________________________
Give a description of the regulation(s) and the variance(s) that is/are requested:


3. Grounds for Variance: The applicant should address the criteria governing the granting of the Variance in Section 14-9.6 of the Zoning Ordinance:


III. SPECIAL USE PERMIT(S) (Complete this section only if Box No. III on page 1 is checked):

1. Give a description of the proposed use, action, or activity for which a Special Use Permit(s) is/are requested:


2. Section of the Zoning Ordinance which authorizes granting of the Special Use Permit:


IV. REQUIRED ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL:

This application will not be deemed to be filed unless and until all plans, documents and payments specified by the Rules and Regulations of the Little Compton Zoning Board of Review are properly filed. Please read said Rules and Regulations prior to completing and submitting an Application.

Please return this application and all accompanying material in clear legible form to the Town of Little Compton, Zoning Board of Review, Town Hall, Little Compton, RI.
Any questions can be directed to the Zoning Board Clerk at 401-635-4400.

Revised 4/5/2023
April 27, 2023

Robert L. Mushen
President
Little Compton Town Council
40 Commons
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

Golden Rule Peace Ship
Request to Consider Welcome Resolution

Dear Council President Mushen:

The Golden Rule Peace Ship is scheduled to be at the India Point Park in Providence on June 11, 12, and 13. The Providence Monthly Meeting (Quakers) are the lead Sponsor. The State House of Representatives has approved a Welcome Resolution giving the history of the Golden Rule, an amazing story.

I am coordinating the activities being planned around the boat’s presence. One of those activities would, hopefully, be a presentation to the Golden Rule of a welcome resolution from a representative(s) of all of our 39 cities and towns, in person if possible.

The Town of Bristol has just adopted a Welcome Resolution for the Golden Rule. I attach here a somewhat simpler Welcome Resolution for your discernment along with Bristol’s.

I would give any additional detail as you may require. Thank you for your consideration.

Robert D. Watt Jr.
Providence Monthly Meeting
wattesq@aol.com/401-405-6548 (cell)
84 Ship Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Encl:
Picture of the Golden Rule
Simple Form of Welcome
Town of Bristol Welcome Resolution
House of Representatives Golden Rule Welcome Resolution
TOWN COUNCIL OF LITTLE COMPTON
WELCOMING THE GOLDEN RULE PEACE BOAT TO RHODE ISLAND
IN SUPPORT OF A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD

WHEREAS, the dangers of nuclear war have been known to the world since August 6, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the GOLDEN RULE, the first peace vessel, has been an icon and symbol of peace since its first voyage in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the GOLDEN RULE generated immense international support and played an integral part in the peace witnessing that eventually led to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963; and

WHEREAS, the GOLDEN RULE was lost for many years until salvaged from the mud and waters of Humboldt Bay, California in 2009, repaired over the next 6 years, and relaunched in June of 2015 carrying to multiple ports the message that there is no room for nuclear weapons in the home of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the peace-making roots of the GOLDEN RULE include a belief that each individual is sacred, regardless of color, race, creed or nationality, and that nuclear weapons are a grave threat to all individuals, groups and nations, and this threat of total destruction is a violation of the ancient concept of the oneness of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island House of Representatives, on a voice vote, approved on March 21, 2023 a resolution, H 6173, adopted as 23R-186, welcoming the GOLDEN RULE to Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the GOLDEN RULE is scheduled to visit Rhode Island in the month of June, from June 11 to June 13

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Town Council of Little Compton, State of Rhode Island, by virtue of the authority vested in them by the citizens of Little Compton, and on their behalf, earnestly extend to the GOLDEN RULE, its organizers, supporters, and volunteers, their collective best wishes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Helen Jaccard, GOLDEN RULE Project Manager
TOWN OF BRISTOL PROCLAMATION
WELCOMING THE GOLDEN RULE SAILBOAT TO BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND IN SUPPORT OF
A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD:

WHEREAS, the dangers of nuclear war have been known to the world since August 6, 1945, with the
destruction of Hiroshima; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bristol has a record of advocating for peace to a troubled world; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule, the first peace vessel, has been an icon and a symbol of peace since its first
voyage in 1958; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule did not complete its first anti-nuclear weapons voyage to protest nuclear
testing in the Marshall Islands, but generated immense international support and sympathy and formed
an integral part of peace witnessing that eventually led to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule was salvaged by a group of Veterans for Peace and Quakers in Humboldt
Bay and relaunched in June of 2015 and has sailed to multiple ports providing educational presentations
sending the message that there is no room for nuclear weapons in the home of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the peace making roots of the Golden Rule include a belief that each individual, regardless of
color, race, creed or nationality is sacred, and that nuclear weapons are a grave threat to all individuals,
groups and nations, and this threat of total destruction is a violation of the ancient concept of the
oneness of humanity; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution H 6173 Welcoming The Golden Rule sailboat to Rhode Island In Support of
a Nuclear-Free World was passed by the Rhode Island House on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule is scheduled to visit Narragansett Bay including a day sail to Bristol in the
month of June, from June 11 to June 13

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Honorable Town Council and the Honorable Town
Administrator of the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island, by virtue of the authority vested in them by
the citizens of Bristol, on their behalf, extend to The Golden Rule sailboat and its organizers, supporters
and volunteers, their collective best wishes in earnest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Council and Administrator, in consideration of all of the above, do
hereby proclaim an enthusiastic welcome to The Golden Rule sailboat in support of a nuclear-free world
on behalf of all of the citizens of the Town, and be it further resolved that a certified copy be
transmitted to Ms Helen Jaccard, Golden Rule Project Manager.
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION
WELCOMING THE GOLDEN RULE SAILBOAT TO RHODE ISLAND IN SUPPORT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD

Introduced By: Representatives Stewart, Sheare, Blazek, Alzate, Morales, Chipman, Simon, Cruz, Voas, and Haines
Date Introduced: March 21, 2023
Referred To: House Roads and Paved

WHEREAS, The dangers of nuclear war have been known to the world since August 6, 1945, with the destruction of Hiroshima; and

WHEREAS, An interfaith group was established in June of 1957, an ad hoc committee named Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons (NVA); and

WHEREAS, The Quakers in Britain, led by Harold Stead, attempted to sail to Christmas Island, 1,000 miles South of Hawaii, to witness in protest, the British use of the island for nuclear weapons testing, but did not get further than Japan; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, there were announcements in September of 1957, that the United States would conduct a series of nuclear weapons testing at Enewetak in the Marshall Islands, in April of 1958; and

WHEREAS, The Quakers led vigils, letter writing, and public protests against the proposed nuclear testing, all of which went unheeded and, in many cases, unacknowledged; and

WHEREAS, A Quaker, Albert Bigelow, a 30-year veteran of the United States Navy, a sponsor of several Hiroshima Maidens, felt the calling of need for nonviolent action and proposed sailing into the Marshall Islands in April of 1958, to protest and stop the nuclear testing; and

WHEREAS, A yacht, built in Costa Rica, which was approximately 30 feet in length, was purchased by Albert Bigelow and outfitted and rigged in short time to sail from the West Coast to Hawaii and then on to the Marshall Islands, seeking to enter the designated testing area by April 1, 1958, and remain there in an effort to bear witness to all men that it is essential for all
of humanity to witness that the race to extinction be stopped; and

WHEREAS, Albert Bigelow and three other Quakers, a crew of four, left San Pedro,
California, on February 10, 1958, stopped at Hawaii for provisioning and maintenance, and was
then intercepted by the Coast Guard, arrested, charged, tried, and sentenced, with their
convictions being overturned on appeal; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule did not complete its anti-nuclear weapons voyage to the
Marshall Islands, but generated immense international support and sympathy and formed an
integral part of peace witnessing that eventually led to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule was sold in Honolulu and was not heard of in the decades
that followed until it was discovered at the bottom of Humboldt Bay in California in 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule’s imminent destruction as worthless salvage was stopped
by a group of Veterans for Peace and Quakers in Humboldt Bay, and slowly restored over six
years and relaunched in June of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Since 2015, the Golden Rule has sailed to multiple ports providing
educational presentations sending the message that there is no room for nuclear weapons in the
home of humanity; and

WHEREAS, The Young Friends of the New England Yearly Meeting in 1978, reported
on the findings of a public opinion poll of non-Quaker communities and their ideas concerning
bomb-testing, peace talks and the prospects of East-West co-existence, with their conclusion
being that there was a widespread lack of constructive interest in peace that was very disturbing,
and concluded that the Young Friends had to do something about it themselves; and

WHEREAS, The religious roots of the Golden Rule include a belief that each individual,
regardless of color, race, creed, or nationality is sacred, and that nuclear weapons are a grave
threat to all individuals, groups and nations, and this threat of total destruction is a violation of the
ancient concept of the oneness of humanity; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule, the first peace vessel, is an icon and a symbol of peace,
that continues to sail as a testament to its message of peace; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule is scheduled to visit Narragansett Bay in the month of
June, from June 11 to June 13; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
welcomes the Golden Rule Sailboat to Rhode Island in support of a nuclear-free world; and be it
further
RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Helen Jacob, Golden Rule Project
Manager.
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
IN SUPPORT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING
TAX AMNESTY PERIODS FOR MUNICIPALITIES (H5602, SLATER / S879, FELAG)

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 Little Compton 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 Little Compton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Compton Town Council 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 Little Compton Town Council ask the General Assembly to approve House Bill 5602 and Senate Bill 879.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the clerks of all cities and towns in Rhode Island, and to Little Compton’s members of the RI General Assembly, The Speaker of the RI House of Representatives, President of the RI Senate, and the Governor of the State of RI.

Passed as a resolution of the Town of Little Compton Town Council this 4th day of May, 2023.

Robert L. Mushen
Council President, Little Compton Town Council

ATTEST:  
Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk
MUNICIPAL APPLICATION FOR MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE/PERMIT

1. TYPE: Indicate the type of operation that best describes your mobile food establishment.

Please check only one box.

- [ ] Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle
- [ ] Hot Dog Cart
- [ ] Lemonade/Ice cream Truck
- [ ] Lemonade/Ice cream Cart
- [x] Non-Self-Propelled Cart/Trailer/bicycle
- [ ] Theme Park Food Cart
- [ ] Watercraft
- [ ] Other

2. BUSINESS INFORMATION

Ownership Type - Please check only one box below:

- [ ] Individual/Sole Proprietor
- [ ] Corporation
- [ ] Partnership
- [x] Limited Liability Company
- [ ] Governmental Entity
- [ ] Limited Partnership

Social Security Number (or FEIN for Business):

Ownership Name (Individual or organization who currently owns the business): Alex Impagliazzo

Entity Name (List only one): Onshore Brewing

DBA (Doing Business As) (if different):

Address: 80 Wampanog Lane

City: Tiverton  State: RI  Zip Code: 02878

Email Address: onshorebrewingcoffee@gmail.com

Website Address: onshorebrewing.com

Phone Number:

Social Media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter):

Manager in Charge (If different than owner):

Name:

Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

3. MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INFORMATION:

Name of Mobile Food Establishment/Truck (if different from Entity name or DBA):

(Provide the address where MFE is located when not operating):

Address: 80 Wampanog Lane

City: Tiverton  State: RI  Zip Code: 02878

DMV License Plate Number of Truck/Cart/Trailer:

VIN Number: P17723
4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION & SIGNATURE

☐ State MFE Registration

OR

☐ Mobile Food Establishment Fire Inspection Certificate

**NOTE: Only required if the MFE is equipped with:**

☐ Gasoline, diesel or electric generator
☐ Propane or compressed natural gas
☐ Commercial cooking equipment
☐ Fire suppression system

☒ Mobile Food Service License from Department of Health (For information, call 401-222-2749)

**NOTE: Out-of-State MFEs are required to obtain a license from the Rhode Island Department of Health, even if in possession of a similar license from its home state**

☐ Valid Motor Vehicle Registration (If applicable)
☐ Valid Watercraft Registration (If applicable)
☐ Valid Motor Vehicle Insurance (If applicable)
☐ Valid Watercraft Insurance (If applicable)
☒ State of Rhode Island Retail Sales Permit (For information, call 401-574-8829)

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**Affidavit of Application**

I swear, under penalty of perjury that the information provided in connection with this application is true to the best of my knowledge, with the understanding that any omissions, inaccuracies or failure to make full disclosures may be deemed sufficient reason to deny licensure by the Municipality.

I understand that this is a continuing application and that I have an affirmative duty to inform the Municipality of any changes in the answers to these questions after this application and this Affidavit are signed.

[Signature]

Signature of Authorized Person

04/28/23

Date of Signature (MM/DD/YY)

Alex Impagliazzo

Printed Name of Authorized Person

Owner

Title of Authorized Person

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TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE

Date: 4/24/2023
Name of Business: Earles Service Station
Address of Business: 35 Meetinghouse Lane, Little Compton, RI 02837
Plat/Lot: 20/14
Telephone of Business: (401) 635-8852
Hours of Operation:

Name of Applicant: Earles Service Station Inc
Applicant's Signature: [Signature]
Address of Applicant: 35 Meetinghouse Lane RI 02837
Telephone Number of Applicant: (401) 635-8852

Owner of Property: Earle's Service Station Inc
Address of Owner: 35 Meetinghouse Lane
Little Compton RI 02837
Telephone Number of Owner: (401) 635-8852

In Case of Emergency Contact:
Bruce Elwell, 73 John Dyer Road

License(s) applied for is as follows:
Holiday Sales $50.00
Total Due: $50.00

40 Commons, PO Box 226, Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837 * Telephone: (401) 635-4400
Date: 4/24/2023

Name of Business: Trolley Stop Ice Cream
Address of Business: 35 Meeting House Ln, Little Compton, RI 02837

Telephone of Business: (401) 635-8852

Name of Applicant: Trolley Stop Ice Cream

Applicant's Signature: 

Address of Applicant: 35 Meeting House Ln RI 02737

Telephone Number of Applicant: (401) 635-8852

Owner of Property: Bruce Elwell
Address of Owner: 35 Meeting House Ln

Little Compton RI 02837

Telephone Number of Owner:

In Case of Emergency Contact: Bruce Elwell, 73 John Dyer Rd

License(s) applied for is as follows:

Victualing $20.00
Holiday Sales $50.00
Total Due: $70.00

40 Commons, PO Box 226, Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837 * Telephone: (401) 635-4400
MUNICIPAL APPLICATION FOR MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE/PERMIT

1. TYPE: Indicate the type of operation that best describes your mobile food establishment.
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   Social Security Number (or FEIN for Business):
   Ownership Name (Individual or organization who currently owns the business):
   Andrew Greenwood
   Entity Name (List only one):
   Chicken Trailer LLC
   DBA (Doing Business As) (if different):
   Address: 361 West Main Rd
   City: Little Compton
   State: Rhode Island
   Zip Code: 02837
   Email Address: greenwoodpasture@gmail.com
   Phone Number:
   Website Address:
   Social Media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter):

   Manager in Charge (If different than owner):
   Name:
   Address:
   City:
   State:
   Zip Code:
   Email Address:
   Phone Number:

3. MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INFORMATION:
   Name of Mobile Food Establishment/Truck (if different from Entity name or DBA):
   Greenwood Chicken
   (Provide the address where MFE is located when not operating):
   Address: 361 West Main Rd
   City: Little Compton
   State: Rhode Island
   Zip Code: 02837
   DMV License Plate Number of Truck/Cart/Trailer:
   VIN Number: 53BCTEA15HP000679
4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION & SIGNATURE

☐ State MFE Registration

OR

☐ Mobile Food Establishment Fire Inspection Certificate
   
   NOTE: Only required if the MFE is equipped with:
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[Signature]

Signature of Authorized Person

Andrew Greenwood

Printed Name of Authorized Person

[Owner]

Title of Authorized Person

[Date]

5/1/2023

Date of Signature (MM/DD/YY)

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

DATE: April 24, 2023

SUBJECT PROPERTY:
361 West Main Rd.
Little Compton, RI 02837
Assessors Map Plat 4 Lot 64
PROPERTY OWNERS: Edward D. Duffield II

DEAR Mr. Duffield,

This Office has been made aware by Captain Watt of the Little Compton Fire Department as well as the Office of the Town Clerk that there is a Mobile Food Establishment (MFE) operating at the above referenced property. This is a violation of Little Compton Town Code 6-1.1 – 6-1.7 See attached copy. An application for a MFE will need to be completed and submitted to the Office of the Town Clerk before any more business continues.

Registration and Inspection is also required from the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (RIDBR). Information on website www.dbr.ri.gov Any Safe Food Handling Licensing and Registration information can be obtained through the Rhode Island Department of Health. www.health.ri.gov

The Immediate closure of the Mobile Food Establishment is required and compliance with all necessary Permits, Licenses, and Inspections will need to be obtained before any further activity taking place.

Sincerely,

Dean Simmons
Zoning Official
May 4, 2023

To The Honorable Town Council

Dear Council Members:

The Assessor of the Town of Little Compton submits herewith the names of the taxpayers' whose debts come within the provisions of Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, with the recommendation that the taxes as herein set forth, together with any interest due on proposed taxes, be canceled by the Honorable Body.

ABATEMENTS: See attached list totaling one thousand, eighty-seven dollars and ten cents ($1,087.10).

Respectfully Submitted

[Signature]

Denise M Cosgrove, RICA
Tax Assessor
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MAY 4, 2023
ABATEMENT TO TOWN COUNCIL
SECOND AGREEMENT TO STAY SIX-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD

Between

Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council And SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC

3/24/2023

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §§ 930.60, 930.62 and 930.78, the CRMC will issue its federal consistency decision on or before October 27, 2023 unless SouthCoast Wind and CRMC mutually agree in writing to another later date. Furthermore, should the CRMC conclude its CZMA review earlier than anticipated by this agreement, then the CRMC will issue its federal consistency decision at the earliest possible time prior to October 27, 2023.
http://www.crmc.ri.gov/windenergy/southcoast/SCW_StayAgreement_230324.pdf

State of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (401) 783-3370
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center Fax (401) 783-3767
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 116 Wakefield, RI 02879-1900
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BOSTON (SHNS) – As the state creeps closer to deadlines on its climate targets, the Healey administration will launch two commissions aimed at easing the transition to clean energy infrastructure in Massachusetts.
Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper on Thursday will announce the establishment of two new entities: a commission to review clean energy siting and permitting, and an interagency council focused on offshore wind development, according to materials acquired by the News Service.

The state has legally committed to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and Gov. Maura Healey has pledged to achieve a 100 percent clean electricity supply by 2030, but so far, there have been growing pains in the energy transition.

Offshore wind is being eyed to play a significant role as Massachusetts tries to make good on its commitments, and major questions remain over the wind development projects picked in the state’s last procurement as the next round is being mapped out.

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“Advancing the responsible development of offshore wind is a top priority of the Healey-Driscoll Administration,” the administration said Thursday. “Years of substantial effort and ongoing coordination and cooperation have resulted in significant progress in Massachusetts, which is recognized as a leader for offshore wind in the United States. Continuing to advance and grow our state’s offshore wind industry will require greater interagency collaboration. Formalizing and elevating these efforts through a new Interagency Offshore Wind Council will advance communication, alignment, collaboration, and joint execution.”

The council will meet regularly to develop and maintain an Offshore Wind Strategic Plan, which will include a target for offshore wind development in line with the state’s electric sector emission reduction target and will focus on strengthening the supply chain.

On the supply chain front, the governor has already set her eyes on an expansion of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center’s Wind Technology Testing Center in Charlestown, the first facility in North America that was capable of testing the blades that power offshore wind turbines.

The new council will also work on developing a port infrastructure and an economic development strategy as well as supporting workforce development for the industry, giving
specific attention to diversity, equity and inclusion and bringing energy justice communities
and the fishing industry into the conversation.

Tension between the commercial fishing industry and offshore wind developers has been
a constant thread as the new industry looks to establish its roots in the United States.

"We've been taking steps over the past couple of years to make sure that the
commonwealth is a leader in the wind industry. However, I'm not insensitive to the fact
that some of what we're doing on wind and with renewables comes to the expense of one
of our oldest professions, which is the fishing industry," Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante of
Gloucester said last year.

On the Healey administration's new council, representatives from the Division of Marine
 Fisheries will join representatives from the Department of Energy Resources,
Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Office of Coastal Zone Management, Department of
Environmental Protection, Department of Public Utilities, Executive Office of Economic
Development, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and Executive
Office of Education.

"Collaboration with local stakeholders is central to our effort to grow our clean energy
infrastructure in Massachusetts," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "During my time as Mayor, the
city of Salem developed strong coalitions to establish its offshore wind port. We know how
to do this — now is the time to scale up and move forward together."

In addition to the Interagency Offshore Wind Council, Tepper will announce Thursday that
the administration will also launch a Commission on Clean Energy Infrastructure Siting
and Permitting.

That commission will take on "some of the toughest aspects of the clean energy
transition," Tepper said, such as reducing permitting timelines and "ensuring that the
benefits of the clean energy transition are shared equitably."

Its creation comes shortly after construction began on a controversial electrical substation
in East Boston despite opposition from some local and environmental groups.

The electrical substation — energy infrastructure that, in this case, will lower the voltage of
electricity from a transmission line under Chelsea Creek so power can be used in homes
— is being built on the banks of an area that experiences frequent flooding, across the
street from a playground and near tanks of jet fuel and a gas station. Locals are
concerned about possible fire and explosion risks and feel that East Boston is already
overburdened with environmental hazards from Logan International Airport and several
big highways.

"What happened with the East Boston substation is really problematic," Healey told
reporters on Wednesday. "I've spoken out about this in the past, I'm very disappointed
with how things have gone down there. We continue to stay in communication about it and continue to evaluate the situation.”

The commission that the governor’s office created on Thursday will consider communities’ input on the siting and permitting of clean energy infrastructure, according to a press release from the administration.

Tepper has also ordered every relevant agency within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to evaluate the existing permitting processes impacting energy infrastructure and identify areas of potential improvement. The commission will also be instructed to make recommendations on administrative, regulatory, and legislative changes to existing permitting and siting procedures before the end of the year.

State agencies, environmental and land use advocates, municipalities, utility companies, agricultural interests, environmental justice communities, clean energy developers, and housing and real estate developers will all be represented on the commission.

Environmental League of Massachusetts President Elizabeth Turnbull Henry praised the new commission as an important step.

“Our current framework does not keep pace with the amount of renewable energy we need to bring online by 2030, and we cannot rely on the status quo to protect vulnerable communities from disparate impacts,” Henry said in a statement. “To meet our ambitious and necessary climate goals while prioritizing equity and justice, the Commonwealth needs a siting and permitting system that is responsive and transparent while recognizing the urgency and scale of the challenges we face.”
Massachusetts 2 New Commissions To Clear Wind Contracts Year End

April 21, 2023


The first commission to review clean energy siting and permitting.

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One major issue for the creation of new commissions is the East Boston electric substation that took eight years to permit over local residents' objections over environmental issues.

Falmouth a residential and famous vacation destination with a large retirement community is facing having buried offshore wind cables through parks with ratings higher than the old Pilgrim nuke
680 megawatts. Wind developers also want to place a six-acre electric substation in the vicinity of the town aquifer. A majority of residents are against the project over environmental issues.

The Massachusetts offshore wind company put its project on hold at the Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board.

Portsmouth, Rhode Island residents have been completely kept in the dark over cable landings from a Massachusetts offshore wind company trying to get power to Fall River.

The same Massachusetts offshore wind company put this project on hold at the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board.

The Portsmouth residents have been demanding information from their Town Council and refuse to put them on the agenda to ask questions.

Both Falmouth Ma. and Portsmouth RI. have had major land-based wind turbine failures in the past.

One major wind company now wants to back out of a contract approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and another is finding it much harder to finance.

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NE States- Brattle Group- SHELL- Onboard Planned Ocean Wind Cables

April 23, 2023

https://www.windtaskforce.org/profiles/blogs/ne-states-brattle-group-shell-onboard-planned-ocean-wind-cables

Offshore wind has two strategies: The first is to run cables to whatever community they can to get to the electric grid as fast as they can. This is picking the low-hanging fruit. As offshore wind contracts are awarded this Spring they run out of communities with access. The second correct method is called a "planned" route where one set of ocean submarine cables is installed in the large cities where the majority of power will be used and accommodates future offshore wind sites.

Offshore wind companies are fighting with residential communities to place buried onshore wind cables up to 345,000 volts at 800 megawatts through those communities and place massive power electric substations that threaten the environment. The result of trying to bypass local zoning and bylaws will undoubtedly result in years of litigation.

One example of a recent electric substation installation in East Boston, Massachusetts took eight years to permit the plant. Massachusetts has goals set for emissions limits by 2030.

Falmouth, Massachusetts is looking at a proposed six-acre electric substation and multiple cables. The town endured eleven lawsuits over seven years for its removed nuisance wind turbines in 2022. Portsmouth, Rhode Island is facing backlash from citizens opposed to multiple 800-megawatt 345 Kv onshore wind cables through their residential streets.

The federal government and US taxpayers in August of 2022 set aside 369 billion for renewable energy. The approved bill is called the Inflation Reduction Act and should be used to install or subsidize the offshore wind ocean submarine cables directly from offshore wind sites to their destinations such as Boston and large cities in New England.
Renewable energy funds from the IRA can be used to subsidize the additional cost of the submarine cables. The offshore wind cables called the "planned route" take on the look of a major highway system where all the offshore contractors hook up to the same cables.

In September of 2022, New England states jointly released a request for information, RFI, that will inform an initiative to integrate offshore wind and other clean resources onto the regional power grid in a cost-effective, reliable, and efficient manner.

The general consensus at the New England state and federal levels are that coordinated transmission is needed to integrate offshore wind into the bulk power system and achieve federal and state climate goals. # (Planned Route)

The Brattle Study states in the link below that "planned routes" should be started now.

"Shell" respectfully submitted the public policy request for consideration in ISO-New England ("ISO-NE")'s 2023 Public Policy Transmission Upgrade ("PPTU") process. See link:

2023 Stakeholder Public Policy Requirements Submittals:


Right now off Massachusetts, there are 1620 miles of "unplanned" ocean cables, and under the "planned" route only 830 miles of cables. This helps the local communities against industrial cables and the fishing industry interest.
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WESTERLY IN
OPPOSITION TO RHODE ISLAND 2023 GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Westerly pursuant to Rhode Island statute and the Town of Westerly Charter, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified on December 15, 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the inalienable and individual right of the people to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual’s right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms,” as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and is applicable to the states; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in United States v. Miller, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 22 of the Rhode Island Constitution adopted in 1842, provides that “The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6 of the Rhode Island Constitution provides that “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, papers and possessions, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue, but on complaint in writing, upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation and describing as nearly as may be, the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.”; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of general principle, and in recognition of over 230 years of lawmaking under the guidance of the Constitution for the United States of America having properly established numerous laws regarding criminal use of firearms that are wholly adequate when judiciously enforced such that additional laws are unneeded, any law which upon passage renders a life-long law-abiding citizen a felon through no action of their own, is an unjustified law and should be unconstitutional under multiple amendments in the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council of the Town of Westerly to declare its support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and to the provisions of the Rhode Island Constitution which protect the citizens of the State of Rhode Island’s inalienable and individual right to keep and bear arms; and
WHEREAS, the Westerly Town Council members each took an oath to support and defend the United States Constitution, the Rhode Island Constitution, and the laws of the State of Rhode Island which are not deemed unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, and the Charter of the Town of Westerly; and

WHEREAS, the Westerly Town Council members give great weight to and adhere to the belief of James Madison, Jr., the fourth President of these great United States that: "Oppressors can tyrannize only when they achieve a standing army, an enslaved press, and a disarmed populace"; and

WHEREAS, the Westerly Town Council desires to protect the rights of law abiding citizens, individuals who have committed crimes with firearms should be fully prosecuted with existing laws on the books; and

WHEREAS, many of the bills being considered by the General Assembly would require the confiscation and storage of otherwise lawfully owned firearms, and make the Towns and Cities of Rhode Island, responsible for these costs; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly, in its 2023 legislative session has pending before it numerous bills regulating and restricting the rights afforded the citizens of the State of Rhode Island through the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, including, but not limited to:

House Bill 5300 and Senate Bill 0379, the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2023, would prohibit the possession of "assault weapons," defined as any shotgun that holds more than six (6) rounds or a rifle that holds more than 10 rounds. In order to be exempt, the weapon must, within twelve (12) months of the bill’s passage, be registered, be rendered inoperable, be surrendered to a registered firearm dealer or police department or be transferred to a person in another jurisdiction where such firearms are allowed. It would also require any heirs of a decedent to surrender or transfer the firearm. If registered, the lawful owner would be required to submit fingerprints and pay a fee for registering the firearm;

House Bill 5893 and Senate Bill 0645, notwithstanding the purchaser's background check and eight day waiting period, this act would prohibit the purchase of more than one firearm in a 30-day period. This act not only penalizes law abiding citizens from exercising their Constitutional right for owning a firearm, but it also damages federally licensed firearms dealers, who are Rhode Island business owners. The act would artificially restrict their sales and livelihood;

House Bill 5434 and Senate Bill 0321, which would require all firearms within a home to be kept in a locked container or equipped with a tamper resistant or mechanical lock, and creates a new felony for noncompliance;

House Bill 5892 and Senate Bill 0325, which would require trigger guards be issued for rifles and shotguns at time of purchase, further increasing the cost of doing business for federally licensed firearm dealers;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the General Assembly to repeal 2022 House Bill 6614 and Senate Bill 2653 which criminalized previously lawful ownership by making it a felony, without merit, for an individual to possess any semi-automatic firearm magazine capable of holding more than ten (10) rounds of ammunition. This law has created hardship, uncertainty, and fear amongst law-abiding gun owners, while arguably doing nothing in the past year to reduce gun-related criminal activity in Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the General Assembly to repeal Rhode Island General Law §11-47-60 Possession of firearms on school grounds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these bills impose unfunded mandates upon local governments; and the Town Council of the Town of Westerly will not appropriate funds for capital construction of building space and/or the purchase of storage systems to store weapons seized, pursuant to any requirements set forth in the legislation if enacted by the General Assembly for the purpose of enforcing any law, that unconstitutionally infringes upon the rights of the People of the Town of Westerly to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island Municipality, State Senators, State Representatives, the Governor and the Lt. Governor respectfully requesting their support.

ADOPTED: April 17, 2023

ATTEST: Mary L. LeBlanc, MMC

Mary L. LeBlanc, MMC
Council Clerk
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON
IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024 PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS

WHEREAS, Municipalities have seen an influx of federal aid to support our economic recovery from COVID-19, those funds are intended to support our communities through the new challenges they are facing; and

WHEREAS, federal stimulus funds have allowed communities to make progress but are far short of the investments needed to accommodate a new influx of housing; and

WHEREAS, as the state looks to increase housing stock, cities and towns will need infrastructure to respond to population growth; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2022 and FY 2023, approximately $3.5 million was allocated to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program, for the first time since the program was established in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of funding proposals, 17 municipalities requested almost $8.5 million dollars from this program across 24 project proposals; and

WHEREAS, many communities are interested in securing Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) funds but are lacking matching funds to be seen as competitive nationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkinton Council of the Town of Hopkinton strongly encourages the General Assembly to approve the FY 2024 proposed Municipal Roads Program for $20.0 million so cities and towns can complete road, sidewalk, and bridge projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hopkinton Council of the Town of Hopkinton strongly encourages the General Assembly to identify an annual source of funding for the Municipal Roads Program similar to Massachusetts “Chapter 90” program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hopkinton Council of the Town of Hopkinton strongly encourages the General Assembly to approve the FY 2024 proposed Municipal Infrastructure Matching Pool for $5.5 million to support municipalities applying for IIJA funds, but lack local matching funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hopkinton Council of the Town of Hopkinton strongly encourages the General Assembly to support municipal infrastructure and resilience projects by allocating $30.0 million to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program for two years as it is critical to expanding the housing stock across the state.

Passed as a resolution of the Town of Hopkinton Council this 16th day of May, 2023.

Michael Geary, President
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: Marita Murray, Town Clerk
Carol Wordell

From: Tom Clemow <tom.clemow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 7:44 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Conversation with Bob Mushin today

Bob, every time I've talked with you, I have felt heard and supported. Thank you for what you do with your hand, in part, on the town tiller. Where one of the things we talked about is a Southcoast Wind cable up MA Rt188 vs up the Sakonnet River, this information might be helpful in assessing the Southcoast which route. See Q10. Maybe read more.

http://www.mcgaw4ri.com/uploads/1/2/0/7/120746052/osw_industry_questions.pdf

As I mentioned in our conversation, no one can promote an issue without bias. I'm just going to state mine as a Navy petty officer third class might: get the F off of fossil fuel combustion ASAP regardless of how. Nuclear, solar, hydro, wind should all be in the recipe for a salvage. Saying no to any approach could scuttle us because we are cooking the planet. Some say we are heating the ocean at an equivalent of 5 Hiroshima bombs per minute burning fossil fuels. Maybe 4 is more accurate. A Navy petty officer third class might say, "4 or 5, I don't give a S||it, put out the plantry fire. We are sunk if we don't.

Naval history for you Bob: the Yorktown was a noble vessel. After the Japanese attack, no one knows if there was one more thing that could have saved her. Certainly, they did their mighty best by whatever ways they could to save the ship and crew. By slashing fossil fuel combustion and CO2 emissions by whatever ways, we can keep our planet and its crew afloat.

And to you Gary, from attending the CRMC meeting this Tuesday, I heard the genuine concerns from your fellow fishing community. Mr. Brown of the Fishing Advisory Board was particularly persuasive. For a few years in L.C, I attempted to make minimum wage as a farmer. From that, I know how uncertainties in weather and marine biology could make or break the return on fishing harvest vs. growing field crops. I'd hope you and I can plan some time to talk about offshore wind and possible effects on RI fishermen before the next town council meeting. Please send me your email or maybe your cell number.

Tom Clemow
Bob and town council

I want to apologize for my choice of two words in the email I sent yesterday. I know some of you may be offended. That was not my intent. Sorry. I was trying to communicate my view of the urgency for acting to limit heating the planet. I know that if the world stopped burning fossil fuels today, the temperature of the earth would increase for many decades because of the centuries of CO2 emitted. That is a reason for the urgency.

Tom Clemow
To: Honoroble Town Council
From: Antonio A. Teixeira
            Town Administrator
Date: May 4, 2023
Subject: Cost to bury Town Hall utilities

The cost to bury the utilities for Town Hall was as follows:

RI Energy - $17,002.74 – remove wires from the building and reconnection
Excavation - $7,218.82 – pole to building
Electrician - $29,205.69 – removal of old wires and reconnection

Total - $53,427.25