MEETING OF MAY 18, 2023

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AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2023
May 4, 2023

Department Head Reports:

1. Police Department – April 2023 Report

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Letter received from Michael Brimba, resident of Westport, Ma in regards to the Little Compton Harbor Master.
2. Consider approval of replacement hoist for Town Dock
3. Review and authorize execution of auditor engagement letter with the firm of Hague, Sahady & Co., PC for FY23
4. Memorandum from Fire Chief Petrin to observe EMS week in Little Compton as May 21, 2023 – May 27, 2023

Board of License Commissioners: none

1. Request from LC Game Club for a Class F-1 One Day Retail Beverage License for a clambake to be held on June 11, 2023 at their facility at 88 John Dyer Rd.
Communications:

1. Electronic communication for Save Our Sakonnet River Rally, May 13, 2023 at 11AM from Nancy Howard.

Consent:

1. Resolution from the Warren Town Council in support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds.
2. Resolution from the Richmond Town Council in opposition to Rhode Island Gun Control Laws.
3. Resolution from the Warren Town Council to the RI General Assembly requesting a repeal of section 44-5-68.
4. Resolution from the Portsmouth Town Council to join the Town of Jamestown in support of the request to RIDEM for the South Gould Island Public Recreation Area.
5. Electronic Communication received from Frank Haggerty sharing an article on South Fork Wind Farm RI Fishermen filing lawsuit notice

Payment of Bills

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be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.

All are welcome to any meeting at the town, which is open to the public. Individuals requiring communication assistance or any accommodation to ensure equal participation will need to contact the Town Clerk at 635-4400 not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
Minutes of a joint meeting of the Town Council with the Budget Committee held on May 1st, A.D. 2023 at 7:00 o’clock PM held in in-person format at the Little Compton Community Center, 34 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Andrew Iriarte-Moore and Gary S. Mataronas.

Budget Committee members present: Peter, Bermudez, George Crowell, Craig Curtis, Brandon Pino and Cory Soderlund.

The Budget Committee Chair called the joint meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A review of the various Articles that will be up for consideration during the Annual Financial Town Meeting ensued. Those in attendance participated in the review asking general questions and receiving clarification from both the Budget Committee and the Council.

George Crowell, Chair, Budget Committee mentioned that the Board will hold another meeting tomorrow, May 2, 2023 where they will vote their final recommendation for budgets presented and finalize their letter to the voters for inclusion in their report. The committee was asked to include salaries and benefits for town employees, which will now be found at the back of their report.

The meeting was declared adjourned through a vote of the Budget Committee: Motion by Craig Curtis, second by Cody Soderlund: To adjourn at 7:35 PM.

 Cárol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on May 4th, 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: Andrew Irarte-Moore, Gary S. Mataronas, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator and Anthony DeSisto, Town Solicitor and Mark Hartman, Assistant, Dean Simmons, Building/Zoning Official and Denise Cosgrove, Tax Assessor. Council Members not present: Paul Golemkeske.

At 7:00 PM the Council President called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners conducted a Remonstrant’s Hearing on the following:

Application for a Class BV Retailers Beverage License received from Dionysus Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard on premises located at 53 Winery Road in Little Compton. Two (2) letter have been received for comment on the subject first from Larry Anderson and second from Miriam Clifford.

Cynthia Rocha, General Manager of Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard addressed the Council. She explained the desire to serve adult beverages with food at the tables in the café.

Comments given:

- Martina Halsey notes the vineyard could be establishing a brewery/distillery, but are only asking to add adult drinks to the café. She feels the town and community needs this type of venue.
- Larry Anderson appreciates the effort to serve the community in this fashion, but feels the towns zoning and litigation documents prevent this type of intensification.
- Amy Veri a neighbor of the Vineyard spoke of her past problems with the establishment and urged the Council to deny this application.
- Natalie Eliason a neighbor of the Vineyard also spoke of her past problems with the establishment and asked the Council to uphold the zoning and not grant this license if it is not allowed in our zoning.

The Town Solicitor explained to the Council and those present that this establishment is located in a residential zone. This application is for a Class BV – Beverage Victualing License, which are held by restaurants. Restaurants are not allowed in our current zoning ordinances. The Council does not have the ability, at this time, to grant this Class BV license. If the council chooses to pursue or accept a request to pursue amending the zoning to accommodate this type use in a residential zoning then this type of application may be allowed in the future.

Councilor McHugh read the 2022 vote of the Council regarding the application for a Class BV filed in 2022:

*Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golemkeske, Irarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To defer action on an application for a Class BV Retail Beverage License received from Dionysus Acquisitions LLC d/b/a Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard for premises located at 162 West Main Road, more specifically out of a building address of 53 Winery Rd as newly numbered by E-911 system, until the Vineyard has determined a resolution to the conflict*
with our zoning found in 14-3.1, e Table I-A Table of Principal Use Regulations, C13 – Restaurants as noted by the Zoning Official in his letter of opinion.

Councilor McHugh asked the Solicitor if any actions have taken place since this vote of the Council. The Solicitor noted that he has seen no evidence of action to amend zoning. He stated that Title 3, Chapter 7 of RIGL governs the State Winery License which is separate from the local Retail Beverage License. He still holds to the opinion that the Council cannot entertain this application. Councilor McHugh asked if the Vineyard could appeal this decision, he was informed that they could, but the Solicitor is confident in his opinion.

Discussion of how the zoning could be amended. (1) Initiated by the Council (2) Initiated by a private citizen. Cynthia Rocha, Gen. Mng. Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard stated that she made calls to the zoning office after the 2022 decision, but was unable to secure guidance due the fact that the town was in between Building and Zoning Officials at that time. Larry Anderson is worried about spot zoning and encourages the Vineyard to reach out to the agricultural community to develop a proposal that meet the needs of all, not just one establishment. The Council agreed in general that this should look at the broad picture not simply one entity.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor McHugh, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To defer action on an application for a Class BV Retail Beverage License received from Dionysus Acquisitions LLC d/b/a Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard for premises located at 162 West Main Road, more specifically out of a building address of 53 Winery Rd as numbered by E-911 system, until the Vineyard has determined a resolution to the conflict with our zoning found in 14-3.1, e Table I-A Table of Principal Use Regulations, C13 – Restaurants as noted by the Zoning Official in his letter of opinion and to ask the Town Solicitor to look the Towns Zoning Ordinances and recommend an overlay structure.

A second matter listed for the Board of License Commissioners is in need of re-advertising. The following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To defer action on an application received from Simmons Café & Marketplace LLC d/b/a Simmons Café & Market for the transfer of its Class BV-Limited Retail Beverage License for premises located at 78 Crandall Road.

Announcements:

1) Councilor McHugh read a resolution adopted opposing House Bill H5037 and Senate Bill S0198 concerning aquaculture – Fish and Wildlife. The Bowen brothers have been pursuing licensing to establish an Oyster Farm in the Sakonnet River, Tiverton. This process has taken 2 years and seems to be stalled at CRMC. Sean Bowen was present and offered that they are proponents of aquaculture farming. Councilor McHugh asked the Solicitor if an application before the CRMC could take 2 years. He responded that some applications could be in process for more than 2 years. No further discussion occurred.
Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor McHugh, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the April 20, 2023 Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the following 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

A question was raised by Councilor McHugh to the Town Administration concerning a comment in his report. Qu. What does the notation mean on your report “Local Solar - we have come to the consensus that the School’s project will go forward under the Superintendent’s supervision”? The Administrator noted that he met with the School on the subject. A request was asked for the Solicitor to comment on the project. He deferred to Councilor Mushen who commented that he decided to put a hold on the Special Town Meeting on the solar project due to the lack of sufficient details for funding sources, where money would be spent from (school capital or town capital) and where refunds would be made to. Advertising deadlines could not be met as the project did not have these financial details settled. He believes this is not ready for a vote of the Town Meeting at this time. Councilor McHugh asked if there is any violation with this action due to the fact that the full Council voted to hold the Sp. FTM on May 24th. The Solicitor state no violation in his opinion.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request to remove Firefighter Jason DaSilva from probationary status and acknowledge promotion to Third-Class Firefighter effective 25 April 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the newly amended Zoning Board of Review application and to ask the Board supply a red-lined copy of the application to the Council to clarify where changes were made.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Council President to sign a resolution welcoming the Golden Rule Reach Boat to Rhode Island using the template supplied by Robert D. Watt, Jr.

Councilor Iriarte-Moore noted the Council has supported a nuclear free world through resolutions in the past.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor McHugh, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To change the Town Council meeting dates in June from the 8th and the 22nd to the 1st and the 15th.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor McHugh, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Council
President to sign a resolution on behalf of the Town Council supporting enabling legislation in House Bill H5602 and Senate Bill S879 authorizing tax amnesty periods for municipalities.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To grant a Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit to OnShore Brewing for a mobile unit to be located at South Shore Beach, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements and acknowledging authorization has been granted by the LC Beach Commission, said license will expire concurrently with the State Mobile Food Establishment permit.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To grant a Holiday Sales License to Earle’s Service Station for premises located at 35 Meeting House Lane, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements, said license will expire November 30, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To grant a Holiday Sales and Victualling License to Trolley Stop Ice Cream for premises located at 35 Meeting House Lane, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements, said license will expire November 30, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To increase the number of allowed Mobile Food Establishment license/permits from five (5) to six (6).

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To grant a Mobile Food Establishment License/Permit to Chicken Trailer, LLC for premises located at 361 West Main Road, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements, said license will expire concurrently with the State Mobile Food Establishment permit.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): That the recommendation of the Tax Assessor for the cancellation of the following taxes be granted under Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended:

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Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the consent calendar as follows:

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.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and paid as follows: $92,523.72

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With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
**Little Compton Police Department**  
60 Simmons Road  
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island  
Office of the Police Chief

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: May 1, 2023  
To: The Honorable Town Council  
From: Chief Scott N. Raynes  
Subject: Monthly Report for April 2023

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**April 2023 Patrol Activity**

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Little Compton Police Department  
60 Simmons Road  
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island  
Office of the Police Chief

MEMORANDUM

April 2023 Police Overtime Hours

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April 2023 Dispatch Overtime Hours

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Little Compton Police Department
60 Simmons Road
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island
Office of the Police Chief

MEMORANDUM

April 2023 Part-time Dispatch Hours

Weekend replacement 56
Vacation replacement 0
Sick leave replacement 0
Personal day 0
Holiday replacement 0
Training replacement 0
Comp-time replacement 0

April 2023 Town fuel log

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Total Gasoline: 788.5
Little Compton Police Department  
60 Simmons Road  
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island  
Office of the Police Chief  

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Total Diesel: 297.0

Respectfully,

John Faria  
Lieutenant  
Deputy Chief
To members of the Little Compton Town Council:

I would like to submit a formal complaint about your Harbor Master and the bad experience I had with him on Good Friday.

Let me begin by saying that when I was about university age, many years ago, I was warned to stay out of Little Compton by my parents and other adults. In the early 1970s, the consensus was that the town did not want you there and, if you were not from Little Compton, you should stay away.

Fifty-five years later, it seems the same is still true.

A couple of weeks ago, I purchased a new small 23-foot sailboat and was sailing it home to my Swansea mooring from the Cape. My course naturally took me around Sakonnet Point, about a mile south of the lighthouse. The wind was in my nose and really blowing. It was quite a slog to round the Point, but I have done it many, many times before.

This time, unfortunately, while rounding the Point on Good Friday, April 7, the main halyard jammed at the top of the mast, I could not use the main sail, and then the shackle shattered on the jib and down it came. I lost my jib halyard also. To add insult to injury, not long after this, the engine failed. Being an experienced sailor, I was prepared with a second engine. However, it refused to start also. This left me adrift, moving with the wind and tide out to sea, with no engine or sails. I had no alternative but to hail the Coast Guard in an emergency. A rescue vessel towed me in. I did not have a say as to where they were taking me. When they said Sakonnet Harbor, memories came back to me about the reputation the town had when I was young. Sure enough, Little Compton and your Harbor Master lived up to its inhospitable notoriety.

My wish was to anchor there, but the Coast Guard refused to allow it and placed me on a stray mooring at Sakonnet Harbor, a harbor that was nearly deserted of sailing or fishing vessels, by the way. But I had no choice.

When my wife notified the Harbor Master the morning of Saturday, April 8, he told her we did not belong there and had a day to get off the mooring since the fisherman who owned it would be very angry to have us there and he could not predict his reaction nor be responsible for his actions upon seeing us in his spot. He did not offer to contact the owner of the mooring to determine when he might return so we could know what kind of time frame we had to remove
our boat. We were to remove the boat by Easter Sunday at the latest, one day following. Never did he ask, “How can I help?”, show any compassion for our predicament, or offer advice or friendly concern. Perhaps he just didn’t care.

Then he insulted her further by asking for details of the emergency and what I was doing off Sakonnet Point in the first place. It was as if he was attempting to identify me as some inexperienced sailor who got himself into a jam because of a lack of knowledge. I have been sailing for over forty years. I have sailed, alone, from Newfoundland to Florida, hundreds of miles offshore, and in twelve-to-sixteen-foot seas, in 40 knots of wind with never a problem or emergency.

This is a new boat and what happened to me could have happened to any experienced mariner. Conditions were blustery but manageable.

It is sad that he has proven to me that what I believed as a young man about Little Compton is in fact true. Your Harbor Master is incompetent, lacks basic human decency, and an amateurish ambassador of tourism for your town.

Regards,
Michael Brimbau

CC:

- Robert L. Mushen, President
- Paul J. Golembeske, Vice President
- Gary S. Mataronas
- Andrew W. Iriarte-Moore
- Patrick A. McHugh
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
Town Administrator

Date: May 18, 2023

Subject: Authorization to purchase a hoist replacement

Councilor Mataronas and I did procurements for a hoist replacement. We came up with three companies:

- MASS Crane and Hoist $24,169
- Hoist Direct $27,964.00
- Walco Electric $32,991.96

The recommendation is to award the purchase to MASS Crane and Hoist. They are the closest to Little Compton and can provide maintenance as necessary.

Thank you!
To:        Honorable Town Council

From:     Antonio A. Teixeira  
          Town Administrator

Date:      May 18, 2023

Subject:   Town Auditor – letter of engagement

Please see attached the letter of engagement from Hague, Sahady & Co, P.C. to perform the FY23 audit.

I ask that you review it and authorize the Town Council President, Town Administrator and Finance Director to sign it.

Thank you!
May 12, 2023

Town of Little Compton

Attn: Mr. Robert L. Mushen, Town Council President

Mr. Antonio A. Teixeira, Town Administrator

Mr. Joseph DeSantis, Finance Director

40 Commons

Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

Dear Mr. Mushen, Mr. Teixeira, and Mr. DeSantis,

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island ("the Town") for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management’s discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the Town’s basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the Town’s RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1) Management’s Discussion and Analysis

2) Budgetary Comparison Schedules, related budget GAAP basis reconciliation, and Notes for the General Fund and School Unrestricted Fund

3) GASB required supplementary pension and OPEB information and disclosures.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the Town’s financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole in a report combined with our auditor’s report on the financial statements:

1) Combining and individual fund statements and other supplementary information (as outlined in the Town’s table of contents)

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2) Tax Collector’s Annual Report

3) Annual Supplemental Transparency Report (MTP2) and the related notes

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP; and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

The objectives also include reporting on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and the standards for financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of your accounting records of the Town and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, Government Auditing Standards do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

We have identified the following significant risk(s) of material misstatement as part of our audit planning:

1) Cash
2) Revenue Recognition

“Significant Risks” which include fraud risks, are those that require special audit considerations because of the nature of the risk or the likelihood and potential magnitude (including quantitative and qualitative considerations) of related misstatements.

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It should be noted that as of the date of this letter, our audit planning is ongoing and has not yet concluded and the evaluation of risk is subject to change.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We may also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

We may, from time to time and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

Our audit of financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to Government Auditing Standards. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and Government Auditing Standards.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the Town's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to Government Auditing Standards.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of the Town in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you. These non-audit services do not constitute an audit under Government Auditing Standards and such services will not be conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other non-audit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the non-audit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records, and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by GAAS and Government Auditing Standards.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, or contracts or grant agreements that we report.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management’s views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

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Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

We will provide copies of our reports to the Town; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Hague, Sahady & Co., P.C. and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to the State of Rhode Island or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for the purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Hague, Sahady & Co., P.C. personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the State of Rhode Island. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Mary L. Sahady, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. We expect to begin our audit on approximately August 8, 2023 and to issue our reports no later than December 31, 2023.

Our fee for services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed $35,000. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Town’s financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Town of Little Compton, RI. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor’s report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or we may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by Government Auditing Standards. The report on internal control and compliance is a separate section of our report and states that the purpose of the report is to report the results of testing the entity’s internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control and compliance. The report will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit our audit we become aware that the Town is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.
We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the attached copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Hague, Sahady & Co. P.C.

Hague, Sahady & Co., P.C.

RESPONSE:
This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Town of Little Compton.

Management:
Title:
Date:

Management:
Title:
Date:

Governance:
Title:
Date:

Hague, Sahady & Co., Certified Public Accountants P.C.
Committed to Excellence
Date: May 16, 2023

To: Robert Mushen // Tony Teixeira

From: Chief Petrin

Subject: 2023 EMS Week

Mr. Mushen, this year the week of May 21 – 27 is designated as Emergency Medical Services Week. Emergency medical services are a vital public service. The Little Compton Firefighters are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Having access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.

Emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important out of hospital care including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine. The emergency medical services system in Little Compton is comprised of first responders, EMT’s, firefighters, police officers and dispatchers. The Little Compton Firefighters spend hundreds of hours in specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

I feel that it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of the Little Compton Firefighters by designating May 21 - 27 2023 Emergency Medical Services Week in Little Compton. With the theme “Where Emergency Care Begins” I encourage the Little Compton Town Council to observe EMS week. I respectfully request that the Town Council acknowledge this week at their next meeting.

Respectfully,

Richard G. Petrin

Chief of Department
PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

The Little Compton Game Club for a clam bake
To be held on premises at 88 Stone Sen Rd
On June 17, 2003

Class F-1 License

____________________________________
Roger L. Sturdevt
Signature

In Town Council, ____________________________, ________
Read and granted ____________________________
Witness, ________________________________

Town Clerk
Good morning, I’m bringing attention to what I think will be catastrophic damage to the Sakonnet River. As a resident of Portsmouth I’m concerned that we, the public, are not getting the information we deserve.

Additionally, SouthCoast is saying that they have a “Host Agreement” with the Town of Portsmouth. That simply is NOT TRUE, since the Town Council does not have the authority to approve a Host Agreement without a public hearing.

About SouthCoast Wind in Rhode Island
Rhode Island plays an important role in bringing clean offshore wind energy to Southern New England. Our SouthCoast Wind 1 project will deliver millions of dollars in state and local revenue including the submerged land lease to the State of Rhode Island and a host community agreement with the Town of Portsmouth. SouthCoast Wind will also create supply chain opportunities for local businesses as well as the equivalent of 8,000 direct full-time jobs in the region.

Respectfully, Nancy Howard

SAVE OUR SAKONNET RIVER ☐.

SouthCoast Wind is proposing 345,000-volt cables at 1,200 megawatts the length of the Sakonnet River and through Island Park. Underwater installation of submarine cable the length of the Sakonnet River and Boyd’s Lane will immediately effect the quality of life for Island Park, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton, Middletown and Newport residents.

Cable installation by hydro plowing depths of 3 to 11ft would disrupt and release so much contaminated sediments from coal fired plants, hurricane devastation (houses, apples, various metals), and silt onto the beaches and waters on all Sakonnet River beaches from 1st beach to Island Park to Grinnell, with absolutely NO benefit to surrounding residents! Only destruction.

Additionally, DEM spokesman Mike Healey was recently quoted in the Providence Journal regrading removal of a sunken barge in the Providence River…….CRMC’s concern was that removal “would disturb and release too much potentially contaminated mud from the riverbed into the water,” DEM spokesman Mike Healey wrote in an email. “Another issue was the possibility that parts of the barge
would become embedded into the riverbed and require digging to remove, thus disturbing more sediment."

Please be involved!

Please attend the rally Saturday, May 13 11am, Island Park Beach.
TOWN OF RICHMOND, RHODE ISLAND
Town Council Resolution # 2023-8
RESOLUTION 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, 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 Town Council of the Town of Richmond 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 Town Council of the Town of Richmond 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 Town Council of the Town of Richmond 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 Town Council of the Town of Richmond 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following motion was made on May 2, 2023:

A motion was made by Councillor Sheehan, seconded by Councillor Colasante to approve the Amended Resolution in Support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds. Vote: President Trimmer, Aye; Vice President Nassaney, Aye; Councillor Sheehan, Aye; Councillor Colasante, Aye; Councillor Wilcox, Aye.

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.


ATTEST: ______________________________
Erin F. Liese, Town Clerk

Mark Trimmer, Council President
TOWN OF RICHMOND, RHODE ISLAND
Town Council Resolution # 2023-7

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND
IN OPPOSITION TO RHODE ISLAND GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

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

WHEREAS, the Richmond 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 Richmond 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 the Town Council of the Town of Richmond declared itself a Second Amendment Sanctuary Town, now reaffirms that declaration, and hereby takes the following position on state legislation that potentially abridges our Second Amendment rights. We find and declare that these gun restriction bills, if enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly, infringe upon the rights of the People of the Town of Richmond and the People of the State of Rhode Island to keep and bear arms. We are collectively opposed to the infringement of these rights established by our Founding Fathers.

BE IT FURTHER 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 Richmond 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 Richmond to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following motion was made on April 18, 2023:
A motion was made by Councillor Colasante, seconded by Councillor Sheehan to support the Burrillville Resolution and approve a Richmond Resolution in Opposition to Rhode Island 2023 Gun Control Legislation. Vote: President Trimmer, Aye; Vice President Nassaney, Aye; Councillor Sheehan, Aye; Councillor Colasante, Aye; Councillor Wilcox, Nay.

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.


ATTEST:  
Erin F. Liese, Town Clerk

Mark Trimmer, Council President
RESOLUTION:

TO THE HONORABLE RI GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING

THAT SECTION 44-5-68

OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

BE REPEALED

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

WHEREAS: RIGL § 44-5-68 states that "[U]pon adoption of a classification of taxable property by the Town of Warren, all ratable property in the Town of Warren shall be classified by the assessor as follows: (1) Class 1: all ratable real estate and tangible personal property. (2) Class 2 all motor vehicles and trailers subject to the excise tax created by chapter 34 of this title; and

WHEREAS: RIGL § 44-5-11.8 allows cities and towns to adopt a tax classification plan, by ordinance that allows for tax classifications that include: (1) Class 1: residential real estate. (2) Class 2: commercial and industrial real estate. (Class 3: all ratable, tangible personal property. Class 4 Motor vehicles and trailers subject to the excise tax created by chapter 34 of this title; and

WHEREAS: The Town Council of the Town of Warren has adopted an ordinance for tax classifications pursuant to RIGL § 44-5-11.8; and

WHEREAS: In order to avoid confusion between the two above-cited statutes, RIGL § 44-5-68 should be repealed.

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

SECTION 1: That the Town Council of the Town of Warren requests that the Honorable General Assembly repeal RIGL § 44-5-68.

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

SECTION 3: THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE BY THE WARREN TOWN COUNCIL.
John Hanley,
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT
TOWN OF WARREN
TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI
RESOLUTION # 2023-02-13A

A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST TO RIDEM FOR
THE SOUTH GOULD ISLAND PUBLIC RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Portsmouth requests that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management develop a Plan to provide public recreation on the southernmost 16.9 acres of Gould Island, as described in the attached Jamestown Town Council Resolution 2022-14, dated November 7, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Federal Delegation has expressed willingness to seek Federal funding for development of public recreation on South Gould Island, subject to the development of an acceptable Plan from RIDEM and the Town of Jamestown and subject to the demonstration of public support for the Plan within Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Council of Portsmouth joins Jamestown in advocating for the use of 16.9 acres of Gould Island for public recreation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk submit a copy of this Resolution to the Town of Portsmouth’s State Senator and Representatives, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate and every Rhode Island municipality.

Adopted this 13th day of February 2023.

Kevin M. Aguiar, President
Portsmouth Town Council

ATTEST: Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk
R.I. fishermen file lawsuit notice over South Fork Wind Farm

Complaint alleges illegal expansion of no-fishing boundary in Rhode Island Sound

BY: NANCY LAVIN - MAY 11, 2023

https://rhodeislandcurrent.com/2023/05/11/r-i-fishermen-file-lawsuit-notice-over-south-fork-wind-farm/

A group of Rhode Island fishermen are preparing to sue state and federal agencies and a private wind developer over the construction of a 12-turbine offshore wind farm southeast of Block Island.

Marisa Desautel, an attorney representing the Fisherman’s Advisory Board and individual local fishermen, sent legal notice on Wednesday of her clients’ intentions to sue the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Orsted Offshore North America and the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council.

The notice, which was shared with Rhode Island Current, alleges that construction work for the 132-megawatt South Fork Wind Farm has not followed the agreed-upon plans, therefore violating federal law governing offshore development. Preliminary work laying the cables that will eventually connect the turbines to the mainland electric grid on Long Island, east of Montauk, started last fall. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

Local fishermen say that Orsted, which is co-developing the project with Eversource Energy LLC, illegally expanded the no-fishing and no-travel zone in Rhode Island Sound around the area where it was laying cables last month. The approved construction and operations plan for the project calls for a 500-meter buffer on either side of the cables, but on April 20, fishermen in the area were told, allegedly by an Orsted vessel, that they needed to stay 1.5 miles away from either side of the cable.

"The restriction in traffic and fishing caused by Orsted also caused fishermen to suffer direct damages in the loss of income from profits from fishing," the letter states.

"This loss to fishermen is unanticipated and questionably compensable under the current framework of the REOM approval of the current COP."

Truncated click link for entire story

The South Fork Wind Farm (in red) is one of several wind farms being built in federal waters southeast of Block Island, in addition to the Revolution Wind Farm (blue) and Vineyard Wind (brown). (Courtesy U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management)