Date posted: September 22, 2020 by 4:00 P.M.
All items on this agenda are to be discussed and/or acted upon.

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
TOWN COUNCIL
Little Compton, RI 02837

MEETING OF September 24, 2020

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AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes - September 10, 2020

* Consent Agenda - All items listed with an asterisk (*) 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be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.

** These items are received and filed with no other action taken.

Announcements:

1. Upcoming vacancies, letters of interest due by Oct. 8, 2020 at 4 PM:
   a. Continued need for an alternate member of the Board of Canvassers to represent the Democratic Party. Term remaining until Nov. 2023
   b. Member of the Harbor Commission to represent the Recreational Boater – unexpired term to Feb. 1, 2023, due to a recent resignation
   c. Member of the LC Free Public Library Board of Trustees – unexpired term to Oct. 15, 2021 – current member willing to remain until another engaged in her place
   d. Members of the LC Free Public Library Board of Trustees – terms until Oct. 15, 2023
2. Reminder of a free town-wide Flu Clinic offered on October 6, 2020 beginning at 4 PM at the Wilbur-McMahon School, 28 Commons. Registration required, schoolflu.com

Department Head Reports: none

Old Business:

1. Final Report on the Municipal Resiliency Program workshop held in August 2020
   a. Request from the Beach Commission to discuss the Municipal Resiliency Program as it might pertain to beach mitigation efforts

New Business:

   a. Authorize Town Administrator to award successful bid to the most responsive and responsible firm by Sept. 30, 2020
   b. Authorize the Town Treasurer to establish a fund to accept donations for the continued ongoing future beautification and restoration of Town Landing
   c. Discussion and consideration of status of Town Landing during construction phase, consider closure during this period.
2. Consider designation of Wednesday, 7 October 2020 as Zachary Rousseau Day in Little Compton, in recognition of his achievement in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Communications:

1. Accept with regret a resignation received from Mary Rogers stepping down from the Harbor Commission as a representative of recreational boaters.
2. Copy of resolutions adopted by the Charlestown Town Council, and the Warren Town Council calling on Governor Raimondo to execute a plan for distributing Coronavirus Relief Funds to cities and towns taking into account expenses incurred and revenues lost by each city and town as a result of the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Consent:

1. Letter from RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust of the expansion of our liability coverage, at no cost to the town, during policy year 2020-2021 to include limited defense expense reimbursement for legal fees and costs for lawsuits related to, or resulting from COVID-19.
2. Solicitations received to the “Town Council” group email:
   1. For Home Town Photo a league photographer. Replied that the league is run independent of the town.
   2. GovOffice – turning your website into a digital town square (mass mailing, no reply sent)

Payment of Bills

All are welcome to any meeting at the town, which is open to the public. Individuals requiring communication assistance or any accommodation to ensure equal participation will need to contact the Town Clerk at 635-4400 not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
Minutes of a Town Council virtual meeting held September 10th, AD 2020 via Video and Tele-Conferencing at 7:00 o’clock PM. Councilors present acknowledged by roll call: Lawrence G. Anderson, Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas, Andrew W. Moore and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator, Allyson Quay, Esq., Police Chief Raynes and Denise Cosgrove, Tax Assessor.

Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councillor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To approve, the August 20, 2020 Town Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councillor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To approve, the August 25, 2020 Town Council meeting minutes.

Announcements:

1) Mary Rogers, Chair of the Harbor Commission has submitted a letter of resignation. The Town Clerk will announce the upcoming vacancy on the weekly posting. Councillor Mataronas will ask the Council to consider recognizing Ms. Rogers’s length of service when the matter is taken up during the Sept. 24th meeting.

After the Town Administrator reviewed his monthly report the following was voted:

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To place on file the following Department Head Reports:

1. Town Clerk
2. Fire Department
3. Treasurer & Collector of Taxes
4. Tax Assessor
5. Building Department
6. Police Department
7. Town Administrator
8. Department of Public Works

1. Old Business #1 - Discussion and consideration of "Proposed Home Produce Stand" zoning ordinance amendment submitted by Council Member Anderson
   a. Letters received from the following regarding Home Produce Stands:
      i. Nelson Cabot, Jr.
      ii. Frederick S. Yeatts
      iii. Andrew Morley

   Councillor Anderson stated that he did not intend to pursue amending the ordinance at this time, but rather wanted to use this time for informational purposes. He reviewed his proposal and offered his opinion that the ordinance should be updated to include more definitions and reference to the Right to Farm Act. He further noted that he will take this proposal to the Planning Board individually not as an action of the Council.

Rusty Cabot – no comments necessary if Councilor Anderson is not looking for the Council to vote this evening.
Andrew Morley read his letter into the record:

September 8, 2020

Little Compton Town Council
40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

To The Little Compton Town Council:

I urge you to reject Counselor Anderson’s proposed new restrictions on farm stands in Town. While this is being proposed as a mere “clarification” of the Zoning Ordinance, Counselor Anderson is well aware that his proposal will shut down a good number of our beloved farm stands in Little Compton. Some of the farm stands that would be shuttered include a few that are run by elderly residents of modest means who rely on the sale of fresh produce to make ends meet.

The Town of Little Compton is the special place it is because of its agricultural past and present. The existing Town Code has allowed and supported the sale of farm produce for a very long time. The number and diversity of farm stands in Town reflects the public’s overwhelming support of farm stands, the creativity of our residents, and the broad permissions such farm stands have in the Zoning Ordinance.

I realize that lingering acrimony over the now-settled Vineyard ordeal has led some to believe that everything related to farming must be tightly restricted in order to prevent “another Vineyard.” In this case, I do not think the heights of umbrellas and the square footage of picnic tables full of squash and tomatoes pose any such risk to the Town. On the contrary, as a Town we will be worse off if we do away with the ability for my neighbor to sell his precious heirloom garlic out of a basket on his stone wall a few weeks a year, just because he lacks a paved parking lot in his yard. Even more so, any potential benefits from these new restrictions do not outweigh the direct harm this Ordinance will inflict on some of our Town’s most vulnerable residents.

A group of farmers have been working diligently with the Planning Board for more than a year to address a number of issues related to what farming in Little Compton looks like today. Farm stands have been thoroughly discussed, with overwhelming support for creating no new restrictions that would close farm stands down. A good part of the rural character of Little Compton is derived from the ability to drive around Town buying your next three meals from your neighbors from roadside stands. Let’s not throw away this invaluable feature of our Town just to satisfy an urge to say “Never Again!”

Sincerely,

Andrew Morley
Sweet and Salty Farm
68 Shaw Road
Little Compton, RI 02837
Mr. Morley mentioned that he felt this proposal was intended to shut down some of the elderly residents who rely on the small revenues from the sales of their vegetables or flowers.

Councilor Mataronas agrees with the comments of Mr. Morley. Councilor Anderson stated he did not believe his proposal would adversely affect the elderly.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Anderson, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To place on file a proposal received from Councilor Anderson on Home Produce Stands.

Chief Raynes reviewed his report of the review of parking at the end of Town Way. He believes the current designated parking lines, signage and patrols are sufficient.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To place a report received from the Town Administrator and Police Chief Raynes regarding parking area at the end of Town Way.

Councilor Anderson announced that a draft summary has been received from the facilitators of the RI Infrastructure Bank Workshop for the Municipal Resiliency Program held on July 23. The Core Team will now review and offer comments for use during an application for an action grant based on the summary results. Informational only, no votes were taken.

The Agricultural Division of RI Dept. of Environmental Management contacted the Police Chief requesting the Town consider relieving the restriction by ordinance of no hunting on Sundays. Several farmers and hunters offered comment:

- Rusty Cabot, farmer – amendment to allow farmers to hunt on Sunday’s could be a tool to help control the damage done by deer. He does express concern that any amendment should specify language regarding the disposal of carcasses
- Skip Paul, farmer – concurs with Mr. Cabot, deer population and damage has been increasing
- Councilor Golembeske, farmer – also concurs with the prior comments both in deer population and the suggestion to specify language of the disposal of any carcasses. He also suggests considering language the speak to allowing farmers or their designee
- Andrew Morley, farmer – would this replace crop cannons? Answer – not intended to replace crop cannons as this is seen as assisting reduce damage by deer by reducing the herd. Crop cannons are used for bird deterrence
- Randy Hathaway, hunter – Asked if the Town was considering opening hunting throughout the town in general on Sunday’s. If so, he cautions that this action could have an unintended consequence. He has seen other towns lose hunting areas due to decision similar to this. Cautions two (2) different issues, open for all vs. open to farmers only.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To ask the Police Chief, Town Solicitor, town Administrator and Councilor Golembeske to look at the subject of hunting on Sunday’s, the comments made during this evenings meeting and the request made by RI Dept. of Environmental Management and to return with a recommendation.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To grant permission to the United Congregational Church to use the Town Landing on September 12, 2020 for a 5 PM service following state guidelines on gathering outdoors for houses of worship, masks and social distancing will be required.
Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To place on file a notice of a Zoning Board of Review hearing where a town historical cemetery is an abutter, no comments necessary.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and 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 by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): To place the consent calendar on file as follows:

1. Letter from David and Diane MacGregor offering their opinion of the past history of use of the beach at the end of Town Way as they have experienced the beach use.
2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Coventry Town Council and School Committee concerning the potential reopening of schools with hybrid and in-person models for the upcoming school year.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Anderson, Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid:

- National Grid - Street Lights: $74.07
- National Grid - Street Lights: $13.64
- National Grid - Town Hall: $583.15
- Paul's Press - Tree Committee: $2,075.00
- Paul's Press - Tree Committee: $139.00
- Pay Chex of New York LLC - Treasurer: $499.26
- East Bay Media Group - Probate: $12.50
- East Bay Media Group - Board of Canvassers: $63.00
- East Bay Media Group - Town Clerk: $47.25
- W.B. Mason - Assessor / Clerk / Admin / Town Hall: $259.97
- Cox - Computer / Town Hall: $105.34
- Petro - Gasoline - Public Safety Complex: $1,369.99
- Petro - Diesel - Public Safety Complex: $482.59
- Everlasting Designs - Computer: $1,982.50
- Richard S. Humphrey - Legal: $280.50
- Postmaster - Board of Canvassers: $330.00
- Kofile - Town Clerk: $1,299.00
- Allied Court Reporters - Zoning Board: $125.00
- Core Business Technologies - Town Hall: $597.00
- Verizon - Wastewater Treatment Facility: $55.48
- Liston Portables - Civic Rec / Transfer Station / Veterans Field: $300.00
- Crystal Rock - Town Hall / Maintenance Dept.: $137.81
- Cox - Computer / 32 Commons: $118.49
- GoTo Services LLC - Town Hall: $1,050.00
- GoTo Services LLC - Public Safety Complex: $1,020.00
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The Council President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Carol Wordell

From: Robert Mushen
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Carol Wordell
Cc: Larry Anderson; Tony Teixeira
Subject: Fwd: Final-Final Little Compton Community Resilience Building Workshop Summary of Findings - MRP

Carol,
Please add this and its enclosure to the agenda under old business. We can roll the Beach Cmsn item under it, as well. Thanks.
Bob
Get Outlook for iOS

From: Adam W. Whelchel <awhelchel@tnc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Larry Anderson; Robert Mushen
Cc: Tony Teixeira; Susan AnderBois
Subject: Final-Final Little Compton Community Resilience Building Workshop Summary of Findings - MRP

Greeting Larry et al.,

Thank you for providing your collective revisions which have all been incorporated into this Final-Final Report - https://tnc.box.com/s/3da5mr78md91abb8ommnpwzl7wltky0j8

Ordinarily, we would also provide a dozen or so hard copies for your distribution purposes. Regretfully, that is not a possibility at the moment.

Regardless, we sincerely hope the CRB process provided and this report will help Little Compton. It has been a real privilege to work with you all on this effort.

Stand by to move into the next phase of MRP with Shaun O'Rourke – enrollment in MRP, identification of a project, and proposal development/submittal.

Best,

Adam and Sue

From: Larry Anderson <larryanderson1@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Adam W. Whelchel <awhelchel@tnc.org>; Susan AnderBois <susan.anderbois@TNC.ORG>; Robert Mushen <rmushen@littlecomptonri.org>
Cc: Tony Teixeira <tteixeira@littlecomptonri.org>; Larry Anderson <larryanderson1@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: Final Draft Little Compton Community Resilience Building Workshop Summary of Findings - MRP

Adam and Sue:
I have attached a brief memo listing some proposed revisions of the draft Summary of Findings you sent us on September 3. Bob, Tony, and I compiled these proposals at a meeting yesterday.

I hope the memorandum is self-explanatory. Of course, if you have any questions please let us know.

Best regards,

Larry Anderson

On 9/3/2020 3:19 PM, Adam W. Whelchel wrote:

   Final Draft of the Summary of Findings for Little Compton
Little Compton

Municipal Resilience Program
Community Resilience Building Workshop
Summary of Findings
August 2020
Town of Little Compton
Community Resilience Building Workshop

Summary of Findings

Overview
The need for municipalities, regional planning organizations, states and federal agencies to increase resilience and adapt to extreme weather events and a changing climate is strikingly evident amongst the communities of the state of Rhode Island. Recent events such as Tropical Storm Irene and Sandy have reinforced this urgency and compelled leading communities like the Town of Little Compton to proactively collaborate on planning and mitigating risks. Ultimately, this type of leadership is to be commended because it will reduce the vulnerability and reinforce the strengths of people, infrastructure, and ecosystems and serve as a model for other communities across Rhode Island, New England, and the nation.

In the spring of 2020, the Town of Little Compton embarked on certification within the newly established state of Rhode Island’s Municipal Resilience Program (MRP). As an important step towards certification, Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) and the Nature Conservancy (TNC) provided the Town with a community-driven process to assess current hazard and climate change impacts and to surface projects, plans, and policies for improved resilience. In July 2020, Little Compton’s core project team organized a Community Resilience Building Workshop lead by TNC in partnership with RIIB. The core directive of this effort was the engagement with and between community stakeholders to assess current strengths and vulnerabilities and the education, planning and ultimately implementation of priority resilience actions for Little Compton.

The Little Compton Community Resilience Building Workshop's central objectives were to:

- Define top local natural and climate-related hazards of concern;
- Identify existing and future strengths and vulnerabilities;
- Identify and prioritized actions for the Town of Little Compton;
- Identify opportunities to collaboratively advance actions to increase resilience.
The Town of Little Compton employed a unique “anywhere at any scale”, community-driven process known as Community Resilience Building (CRB) (www.CommunityResilienceBuilding.org). The CRB’s tools and various reports, and maps were integrated into the workshop process to provide both decision-support and visualization around shared issues and priorities across Little Compton. The Little Compton Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (2018), Comprehensive Plan (2018), and Chapter 1 of Resilient Rhody where particularly instructive. Using the CRB process, rich with information, experience and dialogue, the participants produced the findings presented in this summary report including an overview of the top hazards, current concerns and challenges, existing strengths, and proposed actions to improve Little Compton’s resilience to hazards and climate change today, and in the future.

The summary of findings transcribed in this report, like any that concern the evolving nature of risk assessment and associated action, are proffered for comments, corrections and updates from workshop attendees and other stakeholders alike. The leadership displayed by the Town of Little Compton on community resilience building will benefit from the continuous and expanding participation of all those concerned.

**Summary of Findings**

**Top Hazards and Vulnerable Areas for the Community**

Prior to the CRB Workshop, the core project team identified the top hazards for Little Compton. The hazard of greatest concern to the participants was major storms including hurricanes, Nor'easters, and winter storms. The other key hazards discussed included precipitation-driven flooding (inland and riverine), coastal flooding and inundation (storm surge and sea level rise), and extreme high winds. These hazards have direct and increasing impacts on Little Compton’s residents and resources such as its neighborhoods, natural areas (rivers, wetlands, coastal ponds, beaches, salt marshes), farms, roads, bridges, tourism, municipal facilities, social support service for disproportionately disadvantaged populations, and other critical infrastructure and community assets.
Top Hazards and Areas of Concern for the Community

Top Hazards

- Major Storms—Hurricanes, Nor'easters, Winter Snow Storms
- Flooding and Storm Surge
- High Winds
- Sea Level Rise and Climate Change

Areas of Concern in Little Compton* - Several categories and locations were identified as being particularly vulnerable by workshop participants including:


Ecosystems: Salt Marshes (i.e. Briggs Marsh), Groundwater (salt water intrusion into private wells), Beaches (Town Landing, Harbor Beach, South Shore Beach), Trees, Forests, Farms, Wetlands, Ponds (Grace Mill Pond, Ponderosa Pond), Water Table, Open Spaces, Parks, Marina, Dundery Brook, Harold Watson Reservoir.

Roads, Bridges, and Road Network: Round Pond Road, roads bordering Mill Pond, Westport Harbor Road, Adamsville Road, Swamp Road, John Dyer Road, Town Way, Meetinghouse Lane, Sakonnet Point Road, William Sisson Road, Pond Bridge Road “Tiverton”, Public Transportation, Private Roads.


*Information from workshop participants augmented with the Little Compton NHMP (2018). See Appendix for full list of vulnerable assets and associated mitigation actions from the Little Compton NHMP (i.e. Table 5.5).
Current Concerns and Challenges Presented by Hazards

The Town of Little Compton has several concerns and faces multiple challenges related to the impacts of natural hazards and climate change. In recent years, Little Compton has experienced a series of highly disruptive and damaging weather events including Tropical Storm Irene (August 2011), Tropical Storm Sandy (October 2012), winter Nor'easter Nemo (February 2013), and other less impactful but more frequent events. Impacts from Irene included heavy, rain-induced, inland flooding and wind damage. Sandy caused extensive coastal erosion and power outages across portions of Little Compton. The winter storm Nemo dropped 19-20" of snow on the Town knocking out power and isolating residents and neighborhoods due to extended road closures. The magnitude and intensity of these events and others across Rhode Island has increased awareness of natural hazards and climate change, while motivating communities like Little Compton to proactively and comprehensively improve resilience.

This series of extreme weather events highlights that for Little Compton the impacts from hazards are diverse; ranging from coastal flooding of roads and low-lying areas near tidal rivers during intense storms and heavy precipitation events to property damage from trees, wind, snow, and ice. Longer periods of elevated heat, particularly in July and August, have raised concerns about vulnerable segments of the population including the elderly and disabled. The combination of these issues presents a challenge to preparedness, response, and mitigation priorities and requires comprehensive yet tailored action for particular locations across Little Compton.

The workshop participants were generally in agreement that Little Compton is experiencing more intense and frequent storm events and heat waves. Additionally, there was a general concern about the challenges of being prepared with contingency plans for worst case scenarios (i.e. major disasters, storms, major hurricanes (Cat-3 or above)) during different times of the year particularly in the fall/winter months due to more intense storms.
Specific Categories of Concerns and Challenges
As in any community, Little Compton is not uniformly vulnerable to hazard and climate change, and certain locations, resources, and populations have and will be affected to a greater degree than others. Workshop participants identified the following items as their community’s key areas of concern and challenges across three categories - Infrastructure, Societal, and Environmental.

Infrastructure Concerns and Challenges

Roads, Bridges, and Road Networks:
- Low-lying roads subject to erosion and routine flooding from storm surge, inland precipitation, and stormwater runoff.
- Stormwater management tools and upgrades associated with road flooding.
- Self-funded, private roads not maintained by Town.
- Evacuation/egress options via Town’s two main roads particularly during flooding.

Water Supply:
- Potential for salt water intrusion that can contaminate wells which provide all of Little Compton’s drinking water.
- Dependence on individual drinking water systems.

Septic Systems and Wastewater Management:
- Privately owned and maintained on-site, wastewater treatment systems subject to flooding in high flood and high groundwater areas.
- Wastewater treatment facility for all Town buildings.

Dams
- Large number of large and small dams (publicly or privately owned) and potential for catastrophic failure under current and future precipitation projections.

Emergency Management and Preparedness:
- Limited police and fire staff; most first-responders don’t live in Town.
- Lack of gas station, resident doctor, full-time nursing and daycare, and hospital in Town.
- Communications and assistance not effectively reaching the majority of residents during a major event - particularly those with special needs, elderly, and/or mobility issues.
- Limited number of fire hydrants dispersed across Town with over-reliance on existing fire trucks.
Specific Categories of Concerns and Challenges (cont’d)

Housing:
- Direct impacts to structures from storms - flooding and wind.
- Isolation of homes when road network is compromised for extended periods.
- Lack of education about potential current and future impacts to structures.
- Large seasonal population that increase demands on already limited services before, during, and after major storm events.
- Lack of affordable housing.

Societal Concerns and Challenges

Vulnerable Populations:
- Implications to local residents and visitors in neighborhoods susceptible to flooding and isolation due to compromised/limited access and egress (i.e. elderly, working poor, disabled individuals, veterans).
- Implications on disproportionately disadvantaged populations (i.e. elderly, working poor, etc.) due to flooding, winter storms, and heat waves.

Power:
- Power outages to residential homes and businesses particularly during winter months.
- Vulnerability of electric grid to wind and major winter storms.

Development:
- Tensions between developing the Town and maintaining small-town feel.
- Small-town weaknesses: limited resources, continuity issues in local organizations, and resistance to new ideas and change.

Environmental Concerns and Challenges

Groundwater:
- High water table poses risks to homes and businesses placed below the groundwater level.

Beaches and Dunes:
- Ongoing routine and episodic (i.e. Tropical Storm Sandy) erosion and loss of beaches and dunes and potential impacts on attraction for visitors and tourists (i.e. Briggs, Warrens Point, Lloyds, and South Shore Beaches).
Specific Categories of Concerns and Challenges (cont'd)

Environmental Concerns and Challenges (cont'd)

Watersheds and Coastal Ponds:
- Coastal and freshwater ponds impact on wildlife habitat and ecological diversity.

Trees and Forests:
- Increasing impacts to tree health from pests and pathogens resulting in large population of dead and damaged trees posing risks to power lines and blocking of roads during emergencies.

Salt Marsh:
- Loss of critical natural infrastructure that protects people and property (i.e. Briggs Marsh, Almy Marsh).

Farmland:
- Inundation of farmland due to sea level rise.
- Impact of drought on food supply and security as well as economic viability of local farms.
Current Strengths and Assets

Just as certain locations, resources, and populations in Little Compton stand out as particularly vulnerable to the effects of hazards and climate change, other features are notable as affirmative assets to Little Compton’s resilience efforts. Workshop participants identified the following items as their community’s key strengths, and expressed interest in using them as the core of future resilience building interventions.

- Clearly, the responsive and committed leadership exhibited by officials and staff is a very appreciated strength within Little Compton. Ongoing collaboration between the Town, business community, faith-based organizations, NGOs, nearby Universities, adjoining municipalities, and state-level organizations, among others on priorities identified will help advance comprehensive, cost-effective, community resilience building actions.

- The Town has highly experienced staff with access to adequate resources for most emergency situations. The coordination amongst various departments including leadership, Police, Fire, and EMS was cited as a highly valued community strength despite the ongoing need to maintain volunteers over time.

- Size of the Town facilitates good communication and community cohesion.

- Emergency services are proactive in reaching out to elderly and those with special needs, especially in event of extreme heat, hurricanes, or other emergency situations. Special Needs Registry is actively updated.

- Food pantry located in Little Compton Wellness Center.

- Natural resources (i.e. wetlands, groundwater, coastal systems) are mostly intact.

- Medical Emergency Distribution System (MEDS) contributes to public health preparedness.

- Comprehensive Community Plan is in place.

- Summer residents account for more than half of the tax base and are very supportive of the Town.

- Rebuilding of Sakonnet Point Road seawall viewed as a positive and necessary step.

- Existing collaboration with other coastal communities (i.e. Tiverton, Bristol, Portsmouth, Newport, etc.) is highly valued and beneficial to Little Compton.
Current Strengths and Assets (cont’d)

- Ability of Town to transform from small winter community to bustling summer community.
- Town has developed strategies and resources for resilience building.
- Community Center and Wellness Center offer a variety of resources for residents.
- Relocation of Emergency Operations Center from the Public Safety Complex to the Town Hall.
- Fire department has access to state-wide and automatic mutual aid plan.
- Police and fire have the necessary equipment (boats, etc.) to assist in evacuations.
- Town has requirement that each new development project has a plan to ensure their individual stormwater runoff is managed.
- Viable and important agricultural economy that is a great asset to the Little Compton and surrounding municipalities.
Recommendations to Improve Resilience

A common thread throughout the workshop discussions was the recognition that Little Compton needs to be better prepared through longer term, community-based contingency planning across all areas of concern. This need and additional highlights surfaced and prioritized by the workshop participants are provided below across several sub-categories including capacity building, projects, plans/preparedness/studies/outreach, and policy. Mitigation actions from Little Compton NHMP (2018) provided in Appendix. The workshop participants collectively identified several key priority areas stated here and reflected in the lists of potential actions below:

- Infrastructure improvements to wastewater treatment facilities, stormwater management systems, electric grid, and the networks of roads and bridges.
- Natural system conservation and water quality for drinking and ecosystem health.
- Emergency preparedness, communications systems, and continuation of services.

Higher Priority Actions

Capacity Building:

- Establish GIS expertise and resources locally in Little Compton to assist with the forward movement of multiple projects.
- Strengthen Town staffing capacity (training & support) to increase effectiveness.
- Leverage opportunities in regional collaboration with other municipalities and towns.

Projects:

- Conduct road network improvements to increase access and egress during/after flooding and major storm events.
- Install solar arrays on existing municipal buildings to improve electrical continuity.
- Use culverts, headwalls, and sheet piling to mitigate roadway flooding and erosion.
- Improve road infrastructure in response to flooding around Ponderosa Pond.
- Implement coastal flooding reduction projects at Adamsville Road and West Harbor Road.
Higher Priority Actions (cont’d)

Projects:

- Implement stormwater flooding projects at Town Way and John Dyer Road.
- Install back-up generator at Community Center and all emergency shelters in conjunction with renewable installations.

Plans/Preparedness/Studies/Outreach:

- Improve emergency communications (i.e. Code Red, Special Needs Registry).
- Design electric grid for future technology upgrades, including battery storage systems.
- Prepare for coastal storm surge with specific contingency and project plans.
- Take steps to improve further access to vulnerable people isolated during flooding.
- Conduct land use study to investigate potential positive impacts of land conservation initiatives on the current and future resilience of Little Compton.
- Bolster public signage and planning focused on emergency management of flood prone areas.
- Use schools to communicate vulnerabilities to residents on a quarterly basis.
- Create infographics and resources to better educate the community regarding the Town’s vulnerabilities to climate change.
- Develop a plan for the Sakonnet Point breakwater and causeway, prolonging access until eventual retreat while engaging marina, fishing, residential communities, and Army Corps.
- Conduct town-wide tree clearing evaluation in collaboration with National Grid.
- Evaluate the potential for under-grounding power lines in critical areas.
- Conduct study on the use of micro-grids for critical town facilities.
- Improve energy efficiency and use of renewable energy for municipal buildings.
Community Resilience Building Workshop Recommendations

Higher Priority Actions (cont'd)

*Plans/Preparedness/Studies/Outreach:*
- Study accessibility and management issues at South Shore Beach (i.e. parking lot improvements and management changes to prevent winter storm damage).
- Accelerate steps to develop comprehensive groundwater and wastewater data collection, planning, and management.

*Policy:*
- Maintain “Little Compton as Little Compton” while allowing for responsible and respectful growth.
- Create new policy for energy efficiency at town-owned facilities.

*Priority Actions*

*Capacity Building:*
- Identify and secure funding for maintaining access to areas flooded due to storm water runoff and/or overflow.
- Coordinate efforts between civic organizations, particularly those engaged and concerned with the elderly population in Town.
- Coordinate between The Nature Conservancy, NGOs, and Town on strategy to preserve wetlands and natural systems as beneficial nature-based solutions for climate risk reduction.
- Determine additional potential funding sources for climate resilience projects across the Town and match with top priorities.
- Establish Public Health Official position in Little Compton to help increase awareness, preparedness, and responses to health issues and crisis (i.e. pandemic, infectious diseases, etc.).
Community Resilience Building Workshop Recommendations

Priority Actions (cont’d)

Projects:

- Seek to improve internet signal strength without installing unattractive towers.
- Sheet pile one side of Sakonnet Point Road to reduce risk from erosion.
- Enlarge culverts near Meetinghouse Lane.
- Mitigate William Sisson Road flooding with culverts (and green stormwater infrastructure, if possible) and more effective management of the property.
- Invest in onsite solar electricity production to lower the cost and increase continuity of municipal operations.

Plans/Preparedness/Studies/Outreach:

- Increase availability of information regarding available municipal resources for residents.
- Evaluate approaches to damming water or raising roadways to reduce roadway flooding longer term.
- Consider installing fiberoptic cables to improve telecommunication.
- Focus on installing better towers or moving lines underground for the two main power lines into Town.
- Analyze further potential of Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust.
- Create strategy for shoreline access and public recreation spaces to protect and procure key areas for public preservation and plan for moving shoreline.
- Document and map properties at risk along shoreline with prioritization of higher at-risk properties.
- Consider ways to preserve wetland integrity as a bulwark against storms, climate, and rising tides today and in the future given anticipated changes in climate across the Town.
Community Resilience Building Workshop Recommendations

Priority Actions (cont’d)

*Plans/Preparedness/Studies/Outreach:*

- Enhance emergency shelter kitchen facilities to support requirements of individuals for multiple days.
- Map evacuation routes with overlay of current and future flooding vulnerabilities.
- Conduct public outreach and education on evacuation protocols and routes.
- Educate Town residents on the importance of climate resilience investments.
- Create new informational page on Little Compton’s website about climate change.
- Update Town satellite imagery for 2020.
- Increase communications with summer residents on their climate vulnerabilities.
- Implement URI Landscape Masters Students’ plan for retention ponds.
- Add to police and fire fleet with vehicles able to navigate flooded areas.
- Consider removing trees near utilities and power lines.
- Consult fire chief about specific areas of flooding and emergency transportation challenges.
- Establish water quality plan for testing private wells.
- Explore ways to increase resiliency in water supply and wastewater management without creating a centralized or single water and sewage system.
- Create an informational welcome packet for new buyers about Town services and opportunities for involvement.
- Implement town-wide waste management plan.
- Reduce vulnerabilities in water supply given the quantity of residents with private water sources.
- Seek ways to reduce homeowners’ vulnerabilities along private roads.
- Identify vulnerable locations in road network, seek to reduce flooding, and increase private and public reliability.
Community Resilience Building Workshop Recommendations

Priority Actions (cont’d)

**Plans/Preparedness/Studies/Outreach:**
- Develop strategy for continued agricultural viability and adaptability to ensure community benefits from this local resource longer term.
- Comprehensively plan for and expand opportunities for safe pedestrian and bicycle travel.
- Address housing alternatives, access, and affordability for existing and new residents.
- Encourage the Town’s residents to switch from on-site combustion of oil and propane to electric heating sources.
- Encourage ongoing town-wide participation in Special Needs Registry.
- Encourage the State to require the school bus contractor (First Student) to work with the electric utility (National Grid) to begin to transition the school buses used to transport our children to battery electric buses.
- Evaluate and maintain sources of water for fire suppression across Town.
- Identify potential sources for societal conflict caused by climate change.
- Investigate the possibility for lithium-ion battery electricity storage to be coupled with the solar array to provide an emergency backup source of power for the School and Town operations.
- Support wireless communications facilities within existing buildings to shore up communications.
- Assess sources and amounts of agricultural waste runoff and pesticides.

**Policy:**
- Monitor residents’ septic systems to ensure compliance with regulations and maintenance.
Community Resilience Building Workshop Recommendations

Priority Actions (cont’d)

Policy:

- Reconsider designating property taxes to fund infrastructure and address other municipal needs related to improving resilience.
- Combine federal, state, and local authority to require property owners to assume fiscal responsibility for the risks associated with land purchases and notify buyers of the risks they assume.
- Support CRMC or DEM regulations for coastal building in Town.
- Look to establish green stormwater infrastructure approaches into municipal policy.
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Town of Little Compton - Town Administration
Town of Little Compton - Department of Public Works
Town of Little Compton - Building & Zoning
Town of Little Compton - Conservation Committee
Town of Little Compton - Harbor Commission
Town of Little Compton - Town Landing Commission
Town of Little Compton - Fire Department
Town of Little Compton - Police Department
Town of Little Compton - School Department
Town of Little Compton - School Committee
Town of Little Compton - Planning Board
Town of Little Compton - Assessor
Little Compton Wellness Center
Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust
Sakonnet Preservation Association
Sakonnet Point Club
Warren's Point Beach Club
University of Rhode Island
The Nature Conservancy
Briggs Beach Inc.
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Appendix

Little Compton Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (2018)
Vulnerable Assets & Mitigation Actions Table
(Section 5.5 Table 4)
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<td>Develop a plan to handle evacuation of RV’s and other items located at South Shore Beach, determine if Round Meadows has an evacuation plan in place.</td>
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<td>Protection of property, increased public safety during evacuations</td>
<td>Local Staff, annual budget funds for materials (Town Clerk)</td>
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<td>Beach Commission, Council, Police Chief</td>
<td>Need to discuss evacuation plans in SOP for future use</td>
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<td>Develop a Dam Mitigation Management Plan.</td>
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<td>Wind related hazards</td>
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<td>Prevenion of loss/damage of lives or property, Public safety</td>
<td>Local Staff, DPW funds</td>
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<td>Educate residents downstream of DAM and Secure an MOU with City of Newport to Insure a Dam Mitigation Plan in place.</td>
<td>Vanpier Reservoir Dam</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Flood Hazards</td>
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<td>City of Newport</td>
<td>Property protection and Emergency Evacuation Routes, Public Safety</td>
<td>Local Staff, annual budget funds for materials (Town Clerk)</td>
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<td>Increase safety and awareness of evacuation routes</td>
<td>Local Staff and Local EMA funds for materials</td>
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<td>Hazard Mitigation Committee</td>
<td>Ongoing need to increase safety and institutional awareness of emergency preparedness for our residents</td>
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<td>Continued development of ordinances, regulations, and Comprehensive Plan to limit excessive development in flood zones.</td>
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<td>Determine appropriate mitigation actions for flooding on town roads into private property, implement once engineering plan is developed and funding is secured</td>
<td>Long Prater &amp; Swamp Rd</td>
<td>Flood, Hurricane, Storm</td>
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<td>Purchase development rights or land in fee simple for wetlands and open space</td>
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<td>Increase awareness, protection of property through flood policies</td>
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Need to educate property owners on flood hazards and options available to help prevent future losses.

Need to educate residents on flood zone insurance and achieve a discount on insurance rates for residents.
Appendix

Little Compton
Map Resource Packet*
Used During
Workshop

*Gathered from Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Sept 2018) & Comprehensive Plan (Feb 2018)
Figure 6. FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) zones within RI – Source RI Hazard Mitigation Plan

Rhode Island State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Rhode Island FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas

Legend

FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area

- A, AE, AH, and AO: 100 year floodplain and a 1% annual chance flood hazard area
- V, VE: 1% average annual chance flood hazard plus additional hazards associated with storm/surf/overwash.

Description

The map shows FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), Zones A, AE, AH, and AO within 100 year floodplains and a 1% annual chance flood hazard area. Zones V and VE also include areas subject to a 1% annual chance flood hazard plus additional hazards associated with storm/surf/overwash.

Data Sources

FEMA, NED, County & Municipal Boundaries, Waterways

Projection

Rhode Island State Plane 1943

Figure 7 – Sea Level Rise Inundation Scenarios

Rhode Island State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Sea Level Rise Inundation Scenarios

Legend

Inundation Zones

- Inundation Zones

Description

This map shows six Sea Level Rise (SLR) inundation scenarios for Rhode Island.

Data Sources

County & Municipal Boundaries, SLR Inundation Zones, Waterways

Projection

Rhode Island State Plane 1943
Additional SLR scenarios:
Individual Inundation Layers for a 25 Year Storm Event Plus Sea Level Rise

Legend

- 25 Year Base Flood Level
- Base Flood Plus 1' SLR
- Base Flood Plus 2' SLR
- Base Flood Plus 3' SLR
- Base Flood Plus 5' SLR

Flood Inundation Maps for Multiple Return Periods

Use these maps to return an individual layers to visualize the potential impacts from sea level rise.

Individual Inundation Layers for Projected Sea Level Rise

- Modelled inundation extents for projected sea level rise scenarios of 1', 2', 3', and 5' on top of Mean Higher High Water (MHHW).

MHHW Layers
- Sea Level Rise scenarios
  - MHHW Plus 1' SLR
  - MHHW Plus 2' SLR
  - MHHW Plus 3' SLR
  - MHHW Plus 5' SLR
Hi Carol,

At the 9/15 meeting, the Beach Commission asked to be placed on the next Town Council agenda regarding possible participation in the Municipal Resiliency Grant process.

Please let me know if this request is sufficient and also advise as to date and time if we are to be placed on the agenda.

Thank you,

Don

DONALD J. MEDEIROS, PLS, PE, CFM
ABLE ENGINEERING, INC.
291 Long Highway
Little Compton, RI 02837
(401) 592-1302
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 2020 - 03

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the Town Clerk, 40 Commons, PO Box 226, Little Compton, RI 02837 until 4:00PM on September 24, 2020, for furnishing the Town of Little Compton with the following:

Town Landing Parking Lot Restoration and Landscaping
27 Point Meadow Road

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 7:00 PM AT THE LITTLE COMPTON TOWN HALL, 40 COMMONS ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AT THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

The location, general characteristics, and principal details of the work are indicated in the description below and contained on the plan cited below.

**Description of Work:** Installation of gravel parking area, loaming and seeding disturbed and eroded areas, installing circulation and parking control amenities, install stormwater management measures, install shrubs, trees and grasses. The work will be completed in two phases, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

The Fall work will include installation of gravel parking area and drainage amenities, loaming and seeding drainage areas and disturbed areas around the perimeter of the parking area (and will include maintaining erosion control measures in good working order through the winter).

The Spring work will resume to plant trees and shrubs, installation of walkway, loam and seed walkway and eroded areas and reseeding and repairing turf areas and drainage areas as needed.

Any trees or shrubs that do not survive through the spring of 2022 must be replaced in like kind. A dense growth of grass on all seeded areas must be maintained through the spring of 2022.

All work to be in accordance with the Plan and Notes that are available in the Bid package as well as any modifications resulting from the Prebid conference.

Project will follow the plan prepared by Don Medeiros of Able Engineering, dated 26 August 2020. Don Medeiros, Civil Engineer will be acting as Project Manager/Construction Inspector on behalf of the Town of Little Compton. Project Engineer will inspect and approve materials, and review invoices prior to approval for payment by the Town.

Successful bidders must furnish a payment and performance bond on 100 percent of the proposed contract within 15 days after the award. Successful bidders must attend a preconstruction conference with the Project Engineer a minimum of 5 days before the start date, erosion control must be in place prior to the start of construction.

A prebid conference will be held on September 14 at 9 am at the project site (Covid Protocols apply). At that time bidders may ask for clarification of the plan and specifications. A written response will be prepared by the Project Engineer and emailed to all participants.

**Project start date Tuesday, October 12, 2020 with a completion date for the Fall work of November 13, 2020**

The right is reserved, as the interest of the Town may require, to reject any or all bid proposals, to waive any technical defect or informality in bids received, and to accept or reject any bid or portion thereof.

It is required that all supplies and services provided to the Town comply with applicable governmental laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal and State requirements as to conditions of employment to be
observed and wage rates to be paid under the Contract as determined by the Department of Labor and Industries under the Provisions of Chapters 12 and 13 of Title 37, General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk’s Office (401) 635-4400 three business days prior to the bid opening.

It is the bidder’s responsibility to see that the bid is delivered within the time and at the place prescribed. Bids received prior to the time of opening will be securely kept, unopened. Bids may be withdrawn upon written request (on the letterhead of the bidder and signed by the person signing the bid) if such request is received prior to the time fixed for opening. Bids may be modified in the same manner. No bid or modification thereof received after the time set for opening will be considered.

Prebid meeting will be held Tuesday, September 14, 2020 at 9:00AM at the site of the project, 27 Point Meadow Rd., Little Compton, RI

Contact:
Tony Teixeira
Town Administrator
(401) 644-2705
TTEIXEIRA@LITTLECOMPTONRI.ORG
TOWN LANDING PARKING LOT RESTORATION AND LANDSCAPING

ALL WORK TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS SHOWN ON THE PLAN DATED 26 August 2020. THESE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS ARE A CLARIFICATION TO THOSE SHOWN ON THE PLAN. ADDITIONAL OR MODIFIED SPECIFICATIONS MAY RESULT FROM THE PREBID CONFERENCE.

Project questions will be heard at the prebid conference, following which Project Engineer, Donald Medeiros, will provide a written email response to all participants. Successful bidder must attend a preconstruction conference with Project Engineer a minimum of 5 days prior to start of construction.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- PREBID CONFERENCE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AT THE SITE, 27 POINT MEADOW ROAD, LITTLE COMPTON. 02837 AT 9AM.
- BID SUBMISSION BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
- AWARD BID BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
- BEGIN WORK BY OCTOBER 12, 2020
- COMPLETE 2020 WORK BY NOVEMBER 13, 2020
- SPRING OF 2021 WORK TO BEGIN IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL 2021

PARKING AREA:
PARKING AREA HAS APPROX. 12,900 SF AND IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITH 12”x 1 ½” BASE GRAVEL AND 6” 1 ½ DENSE GRADE GRAVEL TOP COURSE. BASE AND TOP COURSE TO BE COMPACTED IN 4” LIFTS.

RIP RAP:
RIP RAP TO BE 4” MINUS. FILTER FABRIC TO BE PLACED UNDER ALL RIP RAP.

GATE: MARINE GRADE PILING (SEE BELOW) WITH 16’ OF CLEARANCE BETWEEN GATE POSTS AND SET IN THE GROUND A MINIMUM OF 48”. A 3/8” GALVANIZED CHAIN WITH EYE BOLTS. TOWN WILL SUPPLY THE LOCK.

SIGN POST: FOUR PT 6”X6”X8’ TO BE BURIED 3.5’ IN GROUND. SIGNS TO BE PROVIDED AND INSTALLED BY TOWN.

MEMORIAL TO HESTER B. SIMMONS TO BE INSTALLED BY THE TOWN’S MONUMENT PROVIDER.

PRIMARY PATH:
8’ WIDE BY 40’+/− 4” BASE OF 1 ½” CRUSHED STONE COMPACTED OVER SCARIFIED NATIVE SOIL AND TOPPED WITH 2” OF ¾” CRUSHED STONE COMPACTED OVER BASE STONE

PEDESTRIAN PATH:
A DOUBLE ROW OF 130’ BY 6’ WIDE TURF REINFORCING MAT OVERLAPPED AND STAPLED PER MANUFACTURER’S SPECIFICATIONS OVER A 6” LAYER OF SEEDED LOAM/COMPOST MIX.
**EROSION CONTROL:**
12" WATTLE WITH BIODEGRADABLE NETTING EMBEDDED INTO LOAM AND STAKED 6' ON CENTER. LOCATION AND INSTALLATION TO BE APPROVED AND INSPECTED BY PROJECT ENGINEER PRIOR TO THE PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE. EROSION CONTROL TO REMAIN IN PLACE AND IN GOOD WORKING ORDER THROUGH THE FALL, WINTER AND UNTIL A DENSE GROWTH OF VEGETATION IS ESTABLISHED.

**BOULDERS:**
BOULDERS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 3.5'-4' IN DIAMETER OF GREY GRANITE, SPACED APART EVERY 6' AND SET 8" INTO GRADE AND EXTENDING A MINIMUM OF 18" ABOVE GRADE. SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY USE THE EXISTING STOCKPILE OF BOULDERS ON SITE. ADDITIONAL BOULDERS NEEDED WILL BE NATIVE AND MATCH CHARACTER OF EXISTING BOULDERS.

**CURBING:**
CURBING WILL BE SET LEVEL IN 8 LOCATIONS ALONG THE LOW SIDE OF THE PARKING AREA TO ENHANCE STORMWATER FLOW OFF OF THE PARKING AREA. CURB SEGMENTS WILL BE 5" WIDE X 18" H X 6'+/ L AND WILL BE SET FLUSH WITH THE PARKING LOT GRADE. CURBING MAY BE CONCRETE OR GRANITE BUT MUST HAVE A FLAT, STRAIGHT, UNIFORM TOP TO PROMOTE THE EVEN FLOW OF STORMWATER OVER THE CURB. CURBING WILL BE SET ON COMPACTED BASE AND BACKFILLED WITH ¾" DENSE GRADE GRAVEL.

**DRAINAGE SWALES:**
3 DRAINAGE SWALES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE LOW SIDE OF THE PARKING AREA AND WILL BE LOAMED AND SEEDED PER PLAN. THE UPGRADENT SLOPE WILL HAVE A 3" LAYER OF 1 ½" CRUSHED STONE PRESSED INTO THE SEEDED LOAM. LEVEL SPREADER OUTLETS WILL CONSIST OF 4" MINUS RIPRAP PLACED OVER FILTER FABRIC.

**MARINE GRADE PILINGS:**
12" ROUND MARINE GRADE CCA PILINGS ON THE OUTSIDE EDGE OF THE PARKING AREA TO PROTECT VEHICLES FROM DRIVING OUT OF THE PARKING AREA. THESE PILING SHOULD EXTEND 42" MIN TO 48" MAX ABOVE FINISH GRADE, SUNK INTO THE GROUND 3’ MINIMUM AND SPACED MAX OF 7’ ON CENTER. THE PILING ARE AVAILABLE AS SCRAP OR NEW FROM REAGAN CONSTRUCTION IN MIDDLETOWN, RI. THE TOPS NEED TO BE CUT AT AN ANGLE AND COATED WITH A COOPER PAINT PRESERVATIVE.

**GRASS ISLAND SURROUNDED BY PARKING AREA:**
THIS AREA IS DESIGNED TO PRESERVE A 42’ RADIUS TURNING AREA FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES. THIS AREA IS PROTECTED BY PILINGS TO RESTRICT VEHICLES. THIS AREA IS TO BE PLANTED WITH 2 LBS OF WARM SEASON GRASS MIX FROM PINELANDS NURSERY. THE NORTHERLY PORTION OF THIS AREA WILL ALSO BE PLANTED WITH 5 (FIVE) 4’-5’ BALLED AND BURLAPPED BAYBERRY SHRUBS PLANTED 10’ ON CENTER AND MULCHED.

**SHRUBS:**
7 BAYBERRY SHRUBS 4’-5’ BALLED AND BURLAPPED WILL BE PLANTED 10’ ON CENTER AT THE PROJECT ENTRANCE. 140 ROSA RUGOSA VIRGINIANUS (3 GALLON BALLED AND BURLAPPED), AND 1/4 LBS OF WARM SEASON GRASS MIX TO BE PLANTED NEAR THE TOP OF THE BLUFF.
PLANTING SCHEDULE:
GRASS ISLAND, DISTURBED AREAS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE PARKING AREA AND DRAINAGE AREAS TO BE PLANTED DURING THE FALL PHASE OF WORK. SHRUBS, TREES AND OTHER TURF AREAS TO BE PLANTED DURING THE SPRING PHASE OF WORK.

GRASS TURF:
DRAINAGE AREAS, DISTURBED AND ERODED AREAS AND EXISTING GRAVEL (TO BE REMOVED) AREA AT SOUTH END OF PROJECT TO BE RESTORED WITH 6" OF COMPOST ENRICHED LOAM AND SEEDED WITH ENDOPHYTE ENHANCED SEED MIX APPLIED AT A COVERAGE OF 9 LBS PER 1,000 S.F.. SPRING PHASE SHALL INCLUDE REPAIRING/RESEEDING ANY AREAS PLANTED DURING THE FALL PHASE, AS NEEDED.

TREES:
FOUR RED MAPLE TREES (1 1/2" TO 2" CALIPER, BALLELED AND BURLAPPED) TO BE PLANTED 25'+/- ON CENTER AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PROJECT. TREES TO BE STAKED WITH 3 TO 4 WIRE GUY ANCHORS PER TREE. EACH ANCHOR TO HAVE A RUBBER HOSE SECTION TO PROTECT THE TREE TRUNK. TREES SHALL BE GUYED IN AN UPRIGHT, VERTICAL POSITION.

EXISTING BENCHES:
TWO EXISTING BENCHES TO BE RELOCATED APPROXIMATELY 30' BACK FROM THE TOP OF THE BLUFF. BENCHES TO BE SET LEVEL ON A FIRM, COMPACTED BASE.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:
ALL SHRUBS AND TREES TO BE PLANTED IN A COMPOST ENRICHED SOIL MIXED WITH A MYCORRHIZAE (ROOT GROWTH ENHANCING) FERTILIZER. MULCH TO BE PLACED OVER THE SURFACE SURROUNDING EACH PLANT.

ANY TREES OR SHRUBS THAT DO NOT SURVIVE THROUGH THE SPRING OF 2022 MUST BE REPLACED IN LIKE KIND. ALL GRASS SEEDED AREAS THAT DO NOT ESTABLISH A FULL, DENSE GROWTH BY THE SPRING OF 2022 MUST BE REPAIRED/RESEED. GUY ANCHORS FOR RED MAPLE TREES MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGH THE SPRING OF 2022 AND SHALL BE ADJUSTED OR REPLACED AS NEEDED TO ENSURE TREE TRUNKS ROOT IN A VERTICAL POSITION.
Town of Little Compton  
Post Office Box 226  
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

PROCLAMATION

In recognition of his exceptional achievement in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the Town Council hereby declares

Wednesday, 7 October 2020

ZACHARY ROUSSEAU DAY

in the Town of Little Compton

For the Town Council,

Robert L. Mushen  
President
Hi Carol,  
Would you please pass this along to the Town Council? There are not enough words to properly thank you for everything you have done for me! – Mary Rogers

September 10, 2020

Dear Town Council,  
It is with deep regret that I write to advise you that I can no longer serve on the Harbor Commission. I want to thank you for the opportunity that you gave me and to also extend my thanks to all of the wonderful individuals in the Little Compton community with whom I have had the privilege to meet and to work with throughout the years. While this letter would go on for pages if I listed everyone who is owed my thanks, I would be remiss if I did not especially thank Carol Wordell who always went above and beyond helping out our Commission with advice and assistance in ways too numerous to begin to mention. Gary Mataronas, with his wealth of knowledge, has also been invaluable. I wish the Commission the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Mary Rogers
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION RELATING TO STATE ASSISTANCE
DURING THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Governor and municipal leaders across the state have declared a state of emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, municipal leaders have worked cooperatively and productively with the state administration to respond to and contain the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlestown has incurred expenses associated with its efforts to respond to and contain the virus; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns have been given guidance that there will be delays in receiving reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for qualifying COVID-19-related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the state has received $1.25 billion dollars under the CARES Act’s Coronavirus Relief Fund to cover state and municipal costs associated with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has stated that the Coronavirus Relief Fund may be used for COVID-19 expenses not otherwise reimbursable by FEMA, including public safety expenditures, personnel costs associated with COVID-19 response and the mandatory local match for expenses submitted to FEMA; and

WHEREAS, according to the National League of Cities, Rhode Island is one of only three states that have not distributed a portion of their Coronavirus Relief Fund to local governments; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns across Rhode Island face potential revenue risks resulting from the economic impacts of COVID-19, including a possible reduction in state aid programs, lower collection rates of property taxes, and other business activity revenue losses, all of which could exceed $100 million; and

WHEREAS, the state has withheld scheduled state aid payments in the current fiscal year by over $50 million dollars through the beginning of August; and

WHEREAS, the state has not yet completed a budget for Fiscal Year 2021, creating even greater uncertainty about expected aid to local governments and schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlestown Town Council calls on the Governor to execute a plan for distributing CRF funds to cities and towns taking into account expenses incurred and revenues lost by each city and town as a result of the emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the General Assembly to fully fund the state education funding formula at the FY 2021 projected levels and to support total state aid to local governments at the same aggregate levels as in FY 2020.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council
At a meeting held on September 14, 2020

Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC
Attested to by
Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk
Town of Warren, Rhode Island

Resolution of the Town of Warren, Relating to State Assistance During the COVID-19 Emergency

WHEREAS, the Governor and municipal leaders across the state have declared a state of emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, municipal leaders have worked cooperatively and productively with the state administration to respond to and contain the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warren has incurred expenses associated with its efforts to respond to and contain the virus; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns have been given guidance that there will be delays in receiving reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for qualifying COVID-19-related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the state has received $1.25 billion dollars under the CARES Act’s Coronavirus Relief Fund to cover state and municipal costs associated with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has stated that the Coronavirus Relief Fund may be used for COVID-19 expenses not otherwise reimbursable by FEMA, including public safety expenditures, personnel costs associated with COVID-19 response and the mandatory local match for expenses submitted to FEMA; and

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WHEREAS, the state has withheld scheduled state aid payments in the current fiscal year by over $50 million dollars through the beginning of August; and

WHEREAS, the state has not yet completed a budget for Fiscal Year 2021, creating even greater uncertainty about expected aid to local governments and schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Council calls on the Governor to execute a plan for distributing CRF funds to cities and towns taking into account expenses incurred and revenues lost by each city and town as a result of the emergency; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Warren Council urges the General Assembly to fully fund the state education funding formula at the FY 2021 projected levels and to support total state aid to local governments at the same aggregate levels as in FY 2020.

Attest:

Keri M. Cronin, Town Council President
John W. Hanley, Vice President
Joseph A. DePasquale, Councilman
Steven P. Calenda, Councilman
P. Brandt Hecker, Councilman

SEP 8 2020
Date
Carol Wordell

From: Robert Mushen
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Carol Wordell
Cc: Tony Teixeira
Subject: FW: Important Liability Coverage Update Relating to COVID-19

Carol,

Please include the email and its attachment as a Consent item for our next meeting. Thanks.

Bob

From: Ian Ridlon [mailto:ianridlon@ritrust.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:22 PM
Subject: Important Liability Coverage Update Relating to COVID-19

Dear Member-Owner,

We would like to give you some good news in this time where there is very little of it. The Trust will be expanding your Liability coverage, at no cost to you, during this Policy Year 2020-2021 to include limited defense expense reimbursement for legal fees and costs for lawsuits related to, or resulting from, COVID-19.

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended life as we knew it. It has taken a toll on us all both personally and professionally, and has, fundamentally, changed the way we do almost everything. At The Trust, we know that the pandemic has caused you hardships that cannot be quantified simply in economic terms, and we have faced similar difficulties. As a Member-Owned organization, though, we believed it was incumbent upon us to try to assist our Members in any way that we can. That has run the gamut from making our loss prevention and wellness programs available virtually, to making sure that our staff was equally available to you throughout this period as they were prior to the onset of the pandemic.

It likely does not come as a surprise to any of you that there is widespread domestic and international recognition that the economic impact of a large-scale pandemic such as COVID-19 makes the associated risks fundamentally uninsurable. According to the American Association of Actuaries, the insurance model will not work for events like a pandemic because the exposure to loss is subject to both frequency and severity, is widespread and long term, and the potential costs are large with no clear maximum. Therefore, insurance carriers cannot charge a high enough premium, or set aside sufficiently large enough amounts of capital and assets, to support the exposure.

With the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, we made Members aware of the fact that both the Liability and Property Policies have language that excludes coverage for claims relating to, or arising from, infectious or communicable diseases. Those exclusions, which had been in the policies in one form or other since the early 1990s, are consistent with the commercial insurance market offerings. That said, The Trust is not the commercial insurance market. Accordingly, we have been trying to think of creative ways in which we can provide some financial assistance to Members in the event they are faced with COVID-19 related claims. When we determined that providing coverage for Property claims was simply not financially feasible, we began to focus on Liability claims that Members might face as a result of this pandemic.

Given the litigation environment in Rhode Island, and recognizing that public sector entities are often viewed as the “deep pockets” in any lawsuit, we have worked diligently over the last 30 years to protect our Members from frivolous
claims and defended them against myriad claims. It was here that we thought we could provide the most benefit. Upon the recommendation of Trust Management, the Board of Trustees has approved an Endorsement to the Liability Policy that would provide limited defense expense reimbursement for legal fees and costs for lawsuits related to, or resulting from, COVID-19. A copy of the Coverage Endorsement is attached, and there is no additional premium associated with this coverage enhancement. Coverage will be provided retroactive to July 1, 2020.

Once you have reviewed the Coverage Endorsement, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the scope of the coverage. We are pleased to provide this benefit to you as loyal Member-Owners of The Trust. We also send our best wishes for better times ahead. Regards.

Ian C. Ridlon  
President and Executive Director

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DEFENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM: CLAIMS SEEKING DAMAGES AGAINST AN INSURED MEMBER FOR SARS-CoV-2 – COVID 19

This Endorsement Provides Additional Coverage to That in the Liability Policy of Insurance

This is Claims Made Coverage

Effective Period: 7/1/2020 through 7/1/2021
Retroactive Date: 7/1/2020

Partial, Limited Defense Expense Reimbursement Program for Legal Fees and Costs for Lawsuits Related to or Resulting from COVID-19 (the “Program”).

1. The Trust agrees to reimburse the Insured Member for 50% of its reasonable legal fees and costs, subject to the Per Lawsuit, Per Insured Member, and Program Aggregate Reimbursement Limits stated in this Endorsement, actually incurred and paid by the Insured Member during the Effective Period in defense of a Lawsuit or Lawsuits arising from, resulting from, or related to (1) an actual, alleged, or threatened exposure to, infection by, or contraction of SARS-CoV-2 or Coronavirus Disease, or (2) any action or failure to act by the Insured Member regarding, or in connection with, SARS-CoV-2 or Coronavirus Disease. This reimbursement shall be available for all types of relief sought in the Lawsuit notwithstanding Exclusion 28(g) set forth in the Liability Policy of Insurance.

2. The Program is not available when The Trust is providing a conditional or limited defense to the Insured Member with respect to any Lawsuit giving rise to the Insured Member’s claim for reimbursement of legal fees and costs under this Endorsement.

3. The Program is subject to the following Reimbursement Limits:
   - $10,000 Per Lawsuit;
   - $50,000 Aggregate Per Insured Member; and
   - $1,000,000 Program Aggregate.

The Insured Member’s deductible does not apply to partial reimbursement of the Insured Member’s legal expenses under the Program.

These Reimbursement Limits mean that the maximum The Trust will pay as partial reimbursement of the Insured Member’s legal expenses in any one Lawsuit is $10,000, and that The Trust will pay a maximum of $50,000 as partial reimbursement of the Insured Member’s legal expenses in all Lawsuits combined, subject to the $10,000 Per Lawsuit Reimbursement Limit.

Additionally, the Program Aggregate Reimbursement Limit means that the maximum The Trust will pay under the Program is $1,000,000 for all Lawsuits against all Insured Members. Should the combined value of reimbursements of legal expenses sought by all Insured Members exceed $1,000,000, the Insured Members will receive the same percentage of the aggregate limit as the percentage which its losses bear to all losses of all Insured Members under the Program during the Effective Period. Reimbursement payments by The Trust under this Program will be made by The Trust following the end of the Effective Period, but, in the discretion of The Trust, may be made earlier.

4. When the Insured Member is one of two or more defendants in a single Lawsuit represented by the same attorney or law firm, reimbursement of legal fees and costs shall be limited to the Insured Member’s pro rata
share of all reasonable attorney’s fees and costs incurred with respect to the defense of all defendants by the attorney or law firm. For example, if the Insured Member is one of three defendants represented by the same counsel, The Trust will reimburse the Insured Member for 50% of one-third of the total legal fees and costs incurred by the three defendants collectively, up to the maximum reimbursement amount otherwise available under the terms of this Endorsement.

5. This Endorsement does not grant, create, or expand any coverage under the Liability Policy of Insurance except as set forth specifically herein. In particular, but without limitation, this Endorsement does not negate, replace, or in any way affect Exclusion 14 of the Liability Policy of Insurance, which remains in full force and effect notwithstanding the partial, limited defense expense reimbursement provided under this Endorsement.

6. Notwithstanding Condition 18 of the Liability Policy of Insurance (Naming of Counsel), under this Program, the Insured Member shall be responsible for the selection and employment of legal counsel. Upon request, The Trust will recommend competent legal counsel who may be available to represent the Insured Member in the Lawsuit. The Trust reserves the right to audit related legal bills and payment records as necessary to determine the amount of reimbursement due to the Insured Member. The Trust’s sole responsibility under this Program shall be for partial reimbursement of legal fees and costs as provided in this Endorsement. In particular, The Trust’s partial reimbursement of legal fees and costs under this Program shall not be deemed to create or expand any duty of defense and/or indemnity as to any claim, suit, cause of action, administrative hearing, grievance procedure, or other proceeding involving the Insured Member.

7. In the event of Federal or State legislation limiting or eliminating liability of governmental entities or school districts as to claims related to SARS-CoV-2 or Coronavirus Disease, The Trust reserves the right, in its discretion, to modify or terminate the Program as appropriate or necessary in view of the specific provisions of such legislation.

8. The following definitions apply to this Endorsement:

A. “Lawsuit” means a suit filed against the Insured Member in a State or Federal court located in the State of Rhode Island.

B. “SARS-CoV-2” means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) as named by the International Committee on the Taxonomy of Viruses.


Except as specifically set forth herein, all other Terms, Exclusions, Conditions and Definitions in the Liability Policy of Insurance remain unchanged.

July 1, 2020

By:

Ian C. Ridlon, Esq.
President and Executive Director
Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust
Dear League Administrator,

Home Town Photo would like to be your league photographer. Besides our normal perks, including a 20% rebate on all sales, free button and 8x10 for every player, free buddy photos for coaches, free sponsor or coach plaques, and free team photos for all coaches, we now offer SOCIAL DISTANCE picture day option with no team photos (we substitute composites instead).

Our staff simply takes individual photos of all players and coaches and makes a team composite, it looks great and it means teams just go through the photo line and then leave with no wait or crowd. It's fast and easy, makes picture day totally “contact free,” and the composites look great! I have attached our Social Distance Picture Day flyer as well as our full bid flyer.

Please, whether you choose our company or another company, do be sure to have a picture day for your kids. Youth sports photography companies like ours have been totally wrecked by the Pandemic and we have tried to perfect a safe picture day experience so that we can get back to providing great memories for youth athletes.

Give us a call with any questions,

Home Town Photo
Deana Travers-Owner
508-989-7273
Using CARES Act Funds for Your Website Upgrade

GOVOFFICE

Transition to a Digital Town Square

Now more than ever, local government websites should serve as a central location for citizens to quickly access reliable information about their community, complete necessary forms & registrations, and submit ePayment for services - safely and remotely.

GovOffice specializes in creating local government websites that support online services for citizens, empower staff to work remotely, and reduce foot-traffic in your office. Our websites meet ADA accessibility standards, providing access for all. And our modern Responsive Web Designs work seamlessly on all devices - desktop, tablet, and mobile. We take pride in creating custom websites that function as a modern and engaging digital town square.
If your community is interested in transforming your online presence to meet the growing needs and expectations of your citizens, contact us to explore our fast to implement, cost-efficient options.

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In addition, your GovOffice website project may be eligible for federal Coronavirus Relief Act (CARES) funding.

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