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

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
TOWN COUNCIL
Council Chambers - 40 Commons
Little Compton, RI

MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2023

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AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Presentations:

1. Presentation and consideration of a new composting opportunity offered in town by Rosie Warburton operating as Black Earth Compost
2. Presentation by Ed Burnett and Amy Mooney, Exe. Dir. LC Community Center on the new Little Compton Business Owners Network

Announcements:

1. Request from the LC Community Center to remind residents to review their many events scheduled throughout the weeks ahead

Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2023

Department Head Reports:

2. Town Administrator – Monthly report for November 2023

Old Business:

1. Review and consider alterations to actions taken at December 7 Town Council meeting relative to changes in the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Letter from Victoria Talbot, asking for the Council to reconsider and reverse its decision to eliminate the Accessory Dwelling Unit section of the LC Town Code as of January 1, 2024.

3. Report and recommendation from the Town Administrator for a Community Needs Assessment Consultant


New Business:

1. Councilor McHugh: request for information on Accessory Dwelling Units in Little Compton
2. Councilor Iriarte-Moore: request to discuss short-term rentals
3. Letter from Peter Bermudez requesting the Council review the action of the LC.ACT, Trustee A. Michael Steers in signing a deed November 7, 2023 and to take any appropriate measures.
4. Consider approval of advertisement specifications for Town Way roadway project

Board of License Commissioners:

1. Request from the LC Community Center for a Class F one day Retail Beverage License for each of the following Trivia Night Events:
   a. January 5, 2024
   b. February 2, 2024
   c. March 1, 2024
   d. April 5, 2024

Communications:

1. Request from the LC350 for the Council to submit on its behalf a stroke for the FY24-25 warrant for funding in the amount of $15,000.
2. Request from the East Bay Community Action Program for support of a stroke in the warrant for funding in the FY24-25 warrant.

Consent:

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.
Some people who received this message don't often get email from rosie@blackearthcompost.com. Learn why this is important

Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach out and introduce myself as Black Earth Compost is starting our curbside food scrap collection service in Little Compton for select areas starting January 12th. With lots of dedication, marketing and energy from residents and the Tiverton Litter Committee we were able to get the density we needed to start a route. This is a great first step for the town to start diverting waste away from landfills, reducing waste costs and investing in the future of composting.

As we get closer to our landfill's closing date and the cost of trash removal doubling and tripling in some areas, we believe every municipality needs to start thinking about a strategy for waste diversion. Massachusetts is way ahead of the game on this as they are losing landfill capacity which is driving up costs and sparking new policies in order to adapt. RI will soon follow.

We have 14 years of experience implementing large, successful private pay collection programs as well as city funded programs backed by grants with over 35,000 current subscribers. Building infrastructure and new habits to shift our waste management practices takes years and we’d like to help in any way we can to get the conversation started.

Thanks!
Rosie Warburton || Municipal Manager
Black Earth Compost
401-688-2513 || Rosie@blackearthcompost.com

Invited to attend Dec. 31, 2023 TC meeting
Little Compton
BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORKING GROUP

Purpose and Overview

The Little Compton Business Owners Networking Group facilitates the development of relationships among small business owners and professionals located and/or servicing, Little Compton, RI.

By building stronger connections among business owners, we expect:
- To better understand the work of other local businesses,
- To learn from each other’s successes and best practices,
- To share both the challenges we face and solutions we have found,
- To create opportunities for collaboration,
- To be able to refer each other to clients confidently, and
- To create a network of resources that will provide better service to our customers and clients.

Collectively, we help each individual be more efficient, overcome challenges, and ultimately provide a stronger product. As such, we foster customer loyalty and better support for the Little Compton community.

Potential Outcomes
- Annual job fair to support hiring
- Facilitating the share of tangible and intangible resources (i.e. equipment and know-how)
- A shared referral network
- Other initiatives developed with the ideas and needs of the group

Member Opportunities
- Participation in group meetings via Zoom
- Invitation to all member events
- Availability for one-to-one conversation and consultation with fellow members

Member Qualifications
- Business must be located in and/or service Little Compton, RI
- Members must be committed to fair and ethical business practices
- Prompt and professional response to clients referred by members of the group
- Recognition that their actions reflect on themselves and others in the group

Contact Amy Mooney (amymooney@lccenter.com) or Ed Burnett (etburnett@ft.newyorklife.com)
December 18, 2023

Town Council Members
c/o Carol Wordell, Town Clerk
Town Hall
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Honorable Town Council,

The Little Compton Community Center requests that you share the following information about our upcoming programs and/or events:

- Trivia Night/ Pub Night will be on January 5th at 6:00pm, continuing to be held on the first Friday of February, March and April.
- Children’s movie night will be on January 6th, 5:30 to 8pm.
- Circle of Friends is on January 13th, inquire for details.
- Sponsored Senior Lunch is on January 17th, serving Chicken Chasseur.
- Boomer Movie on Wednesday January 31st following senior lunch at the Community Center.
- Senior Haircuts are every Tuesday 8:30am to 12pm for $15.
- Senior Game/Card Day every Monday after Senior Lunch, 1pm to 3pm.
- Computer Help with the seniors every Wednesday from 11am to 12pm.
- After school registration is rolling, please inquire.
- Stay tuned to our newsletter for information about February Vacation Camp.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amy Mooney
Executive Director
Little Compton Community Center

The Little Compton Community Center is a 501 (c) (3) Organization
Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council meeting held on December 7th, A.D. 2023 at 6:15 o’clock PM held in in-person format at the Town Hall, 40 Commons, Town Council Chambers, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Andrew Iriarte-Moore. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator and Police Chief Scott Raynes.

The Council President called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Chief Raynes presented to the Council two (2) candidates to be interviewed for the positions of probationary police officer. If acceptable to the Council both will be sent to the Police Academy in January 2024. Taylor Ann M. Malone and Ryan Arruda were interviewed by the Councilors present.

Andrew Iriarte-Moore arrived at 6:33 PM. At 6:50 PM the Council took a brief recess to allow the public to enter the Council Chambers for the remaining agenda items before the Council.

Present at this time: Members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Andrew Iriarte-Moore, Gary S. Mataronas Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator, Police Chief Scott Raynes, Fire Chief Richard Petrini, Dean Simmons, Building/Zoning Officer, Anthony DeSisto, Town Solicitor, and Mark Hartmann, Asst..

At 7:00 o’clock PM the Council President welcomed all present to the newly renovated Chambers and called for a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Councilor Mataronas then asked for a Moment of Silence for Coll Walker a long standing resident and Farmer in Little Compton who passed away recently.

The first item on tonight’s agenda is a series of Public Hearings for the purpose of considering amendments to the Little Compton Town Code as follows:

Amendments to Chapter 14 – Zoning Little Compton Town Code as a direct result of recent legislative changes within Title 45 of the RIGL. Proposal includes changes to:

Chapter 14-2.7 – Land nonconforming by area
Chapter 14-5.5 – Accessory Dwelling Units
Chapter 14-9.1 – Enforcement
Chapter 14-9.4 – Voting
Chapter 14-9.5 a – Special Use Permits Standards
Chapter 14-9.6 – Dimensional Variance Standards

The Council President opened the Public Hearing with a request for the Solicitor to review the proposal for Chapter 14-2.7 – Land nonconforming by area.

Comments from public:

- Bill Smith – will minimum area limits go away? Answer: yes, State Law will now prevail.
- Tack Eddy – will this apply to the business zone? Answer: applies but should not effect since current zoning for business does not have minimum lot size.
- Councilor Iriarte-Moore – can we put a minimum? Answer: No
- This applies to all substandard lots of record.
Receiving no further public comment the public hearing for this section of the code is hereby closed.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Goelbeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To accept as presented the recommendation of the Planning Board and adopt the following amendment to Chapter 14-2.7 of the Little Compton Town Code, effective January 1, 2024:

Amendment to § 14-2.7 Land Nonconforming by Area

a. Enlargement of Undersized Lots. Lawfully established lots which have less than the minimum area requirements, may be maintained and may be changed by adding additional land to such lots, if recorded with a proper plat plan and with the approval of the Planning Board where otherwise necessary, without prejudice to the rights of the owner of such resulting lots pursuant to the provisions of this section. Any lawfully established lots which have been merged by the owner and shown on the Assessor’s Plats as one lot shall be deemed to be one lot and shall not be redivided, unless in conformance with the dimensional regulations of this chapter, and with the approval of the Planning Board.

b. Use of Substandard Lots of Record. A lawfully established lot that is nonconforming with the dimensional regulations of this chapter, also known as a substandard lot of record, may be used for any use permitted in the district provided that all other requirements of this chapter are met, except that the required side, front and rear yard depths and maximum lot coverage for a substandard lot of record may be reduced to the following:
1. Side yard (each)—Shall be 15% of the lot width measured at the front yard depth but no less than 10 feet in depth for each side yard.
2. Front yard depth—Shall be 15% of the average depth of the lot but no less than 30 feet in depth.
3. Rear yard depth—Shall be 15% of the average depth of the lot but no less than 15 feet in depth.
4. Maximum lot coverage—Shall be 10% of the lot area by all structures, but may be expanded up to a total of 750 square feet of lot coverage, provided that the total habitable floor space therein shall not exceed 750 square feet. The setback, frontage and/or lot width requirements of the zoning district in which the lot is located shall be reduced and the maximum building coverage requirements shall be increased by the same proportion as the lot area of the substandard lot is to the minimum lot area requirement of the zoning district in which the lot is located. All proposals exceeding such reduced requirement shall proceed with a modification request or a dimensional variance, whichever is applicable.

The Public Hearing was reopened for the purpose of discussion on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14-5.5 – Accessory Dwelling Units. The Solicitor reviewed current standards vs. potential new requirements as of January 1, 2024 if the Council chooses to keep ADU in our zoning ordinance. New State Law will allow ADU by right for any lot equal to or greater than 20,000 sq. ft. by right. IF the town chooses to eliminate the ADU section of our Zoning Code then the state law will not apply. Many expressed concerns:

- Geoff Manning – deeply flawed law mandated by the State will increase our density and cause strains on our resources. Would like to see the town petition the General Assembly to correct this mandate. Recommend following the Planning Boards recommendation to strike the ADU section from our ordinance.
- Linsey Pineo – strongly opposed to ADU and hopes to see that section struck from the ordinance. Worried about density and resources. Asked that we learn from other towns who have battled this previously.
- Barbara Passmore – asked that the Council not ban ADUs. Feels it will cause some elderly to have to leave town. Consider allowing only for family.
- Amanda Nickerson Toste – Hopes to see ADU remain in place. Feels we need a game plan on how to deal with this new mandate, but wants families to be able to utilize ADU as an option. Feels we have a housing crisis in Little Compton.
- Sue Bodington – Little Compton has the highest priced houses and least amount of affordable housing. She would like to see the ordinance remain allowing residents to utilize to keep family (parents or children) in town affordably. Feels controls are in place to limit (adequate water, septic etc.)
- Councilor Mushen – as written the new law will not allow the town to restrict ADU to family only. He would hope to remove the ordinance to prevent an onset of ADU’s and to additionally vote to petition the state to change their law.
- Jim Lock – hard problem. What are the odds the state will change their policy? How do we make the case to the state that they made a grievous mistake in mandating this law as one size fits all for the entire state, noting LC does not have water or sewer infrastructure. Could we return in 6 mos? Or a year and reinstate our ADU ordinance if we choose? Yes. How hard would it be to significantly discourage over use of ADU state regulations?
- Restrictions can be levied for short-term rental properties – accessory dwelling units to make it difficult. This could result in law suits. Successful in some municipalities and not in one, Barrington.
- Bill Mackintosh – feels our current ordinances of 100’ set back from wetlands and other limitation should assist in limiting overuse. Wishes to see our families with children stay in town. How can we help?
- Councilor Mushen – acknowledge striking language now might delay someone’s plans, but hopes the Council could develop a viable plan.
- Andrew Rhynes – from a Home Owners Association – question to Solicitor. Will the Home Owners Association restrictions apply to properties in under their purview? Solicitor – No, state law prevails and declares those restrictions null and void.
- Andrew Rhynes - Short term rentals (STR) have become a problem. The council is encouraged to develop restrictions in zoning, feels there are lots of options to restrict STR.
- Bill Smith – Can ADU be applied toward the towns affordable housing requirements? Yes, but they must meet the requirements of the state. Can we do a moratorium rather than eliminate this section of the code? Solicitor: No, it is not eligible for a moratorium.
- Maureen Rego – How do you define safe and adequate water supply? Water is precious and can be very difficult to secure in town. Solicitor: Planning Board in the process of reviewing that very subject with the assistance of engineers for the January 2024 meeting.
- Don McNaughton – Chair Conservation Commission. Commission conducted a water study the town recognizes we need to protect our water supply. Can we return in future to revisit the subject if we vote to eliminate this section tonight? Yes.

With no further public comment on this section the public hearing was closed.
Councilor Mataronas noted that the first instance of an accessory dwelling unit was to accommodate a resident’s mother to remain in town with family. He made a motion to approve and adopt the language that will allow the state regulations to be levied. This did not receive a second at this time. Discussion continued with options. Solicitor: If you adopt the state regulations he recommends you regulate the STR’s. Councilor Mataronas was willing to add that to his motion.

**Motion Fails:** made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor McHugh, voting in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas) voting opposed (Golembeske, McHugh, Mushen): To adopt new state regulations pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units and to direct the Solicitor to draft language to include provision to regulate short-term rentals in the town code restricting them from being accessory dwelling units.

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mushen, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen, voting opposed Councilor Mataronas:** To follow the Planning Board’s recommendation to remove Accessory Dwelling Units from the town ordinances because they would be in conflict with state law, effective January 1, 2024.

The Public hearing was reopened to allow discussion on Chapter 14-9.1 Enforcement. The Solicitor noted that the Building Official will have more responsibilities under the new laws effective January 1, 2024. His office will assist as needed. Language is not discretionary, but rather mandated. Tack Eddy asked if a 200' notice clause can be added into this proposal similar to existing notice for zoning matters. No further public comment this section of the public hearing was closed.

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen**: To adopt the following amendment to Chapter 14-9.1 of the Little Compton Town Code, effective January 1, 2024, which includes additional language requiring a 200’ notice when notice is necessary:

Verify if language correct.

§ 14-9.1 Enforcement.

a. Building Official. It shall be the duty of the Building Official to interpret and enforce the provisions of this chapter in the manner and form and with the powers provided in the laws of the State and in the Charter and Ordinances of the Town. The Building Official shall:

1. **Provide for the issuance of modifications from the literal dimensional requirements of the zoning ordinance in the instance of the construction, alteration, or structural modification of a structure or lot of record. The Building Official is authorized to grant modification permits. The zoning ordinance shall permit modifications that are fifteen percent (15%) or less of the dimensional requirements specified in the zoning ordinance. A modification does not permit moving of lot lines. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of a request for a modification, the Building Official shall make a decision as to the suitability of the requested modification based on the following determinations:**
(a) The modification requested is reasonably necessary for the full
enjoyment of the permitted use;
(b) If the modification is granted, neighboring property will neither
be substantially injured nor its appropriate use substantially
impaired;
(c) The modification requested does not require a variance of a flood
hazard requirement, unless the building is built in accordance
with applicable regulations; and
(d) The modification requested does not violate any rules or
regulations with respect to freshwater or coastal wetlands.

2. Upon an affirmative determination, in the case of a modification of five percent
(5%) or less, the Building Official shall have the authority to issue a permit
approving the modification, without any public notice requirements. In the case
of a modification of greater than five percent (5%), the Building Official shall
notify, by first class mail, all property owners of record of land within 200 feet of
the property which is the subject of the modification request, and shall indicate
the street address of the subject property in the notice, and shall publish in a
newspaper of local circulation within the city or town that the modification will
be granted unless written objection is received within fourteen (14) days of the
public notice. If written objection is received within fourteen (14) days, the
request for a modification shall be scheduled for the next available hearing before
the zoning board of review on application for a dimensional variance following
the standard procedures for such variances, including notice requirements
provided for under this chapter. If no written objections are received within
fourteen (14) days, the Building Official shall grant the modification. The
Building Official may apply any special conditions to the permit as may, in the
opinion of the Building Official, be required to conform to the intent and
purposes of the zoning ordinance. The Building Official shall keep public records
of all requests for modifications, and of findings, determinations, special
conditions, and any objections received. Costs of any notice required under this
subsection shall be borne by the applicant requesting the modification.

3. Refer all applications for variances greater than 15% of the dimensional
requirements specified in the zoning ordinance, special use permits and other
appeals to the Zoning Board of Review. The Building Official shall make a
determination in writing, within 15 days, to any written complaint received,
regarding a violation of this chapter. In order to provide guidance or clarification,
the Building Official shall, upon written request, issue a zoning certificate or
provide information to the requesting party within 15 days of the written request.
Any determination of the Building Official may be appealed to the Board in
accordance with Subsection 14-9.7 of this chapter.

Reopening the Public Hearing for comments on proposed amendment to Chapter 14-9.4
Voting. No public comments received, public hearing for this section closed.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore,
voting in favor (Golembeske,
Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Moshen): To adopt the following amendment to
Chapter 14-9.4 of the Little Compton Town Code, effective January 1, 2024:

§ 14-9.4 Voting

The Board shall be required to vote as follows:
a. Five Four active members shall be necessary to conduct a hearing. As soon as a conflict occurs for a member, that member shall excuse himself/herself, and shall not sit as an active member and shall take no part in the conduct of the hearing. Only five active members shall be entitled to vote on any issue.

b. The concurring vote of three of five members of the Board sitting at a hearing shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision or determination of any Zoning Administrative Officer from whom an appeal was taken.

c. The concurring vote of four or the five members of the Board sitting at a hearing a majority of members sitting at a hearing shall be required to decide in favor of an applicant on any matter within the discretion of the Board upon which it is required to pass under this chapter, including variances and special use permits.

Reopening the Public hearing for comments on proposed amendment to Chapter 14-9.5 a – Special Use Permit. The Solicitor reviewed that the State would like specific objective criteria for each special use permit. He suggests the proposal before the Council with the knowledge that the Planning Board and Zoning Boards will be review the special use permits and make further recommendations in the near future.

Receiving no public comment the public hearing for this section was closed.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushon: To adopt the following amendment to Chapter 14-9.5 a of the Little Compton Town Code, effective January 1, 2024:

§ 14-9.5 a. Special Use Permit

a. Findings. In granting a special use permit, the Board shall require that evidence of the following standards be entered into the record of the processings by use category:

1. Residential Uses:
   A. That the special use is specifically authorized by this chapter, and setting forth the exact subsection of this chapter containing the jurisdictional authorization;
   B. That the special use meets all the criteria set forth in the subsection of this chapter authorizing the special use; and
   C. That the granting of the special use permit will not alter the character of the surrounding area or impair the intent or purpose of this chapter;
   D. That the special use will not create a nuisance or hazard in the neighborhood.

2. Business Uses:
   A. That the special use is specifically authorized by this chapter, and setting forth the exact subsection of this chapter containing the jurisdictional authorization;
   B. That the special use meets all the criteria set forth in the subsection of this chapter authorizing the special use; and
   C. That the granting of the special use permit will not alter the general character of the surrounding area or impair the intent or purpose of this chapter;
   D. That the special use will not create a nuisance or hazard in the neighborhood.

Reopening the Public hearing to allow comment on proposed amendment to Chapter 14-9.6 – Dimensional Variance standards. Receiving no public comment the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske,
Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen: To adopt the following amendment to Chapter 14-9.6 of the Little Compton Town Code, effective January 1, 2024:

§ 14-9.6 Variance

a. General Findings. In granting a dimensional variance, the Board shall require that evidence of the following standards be entered into the record of the proceedings:
   1. That the hardship from which the applicant seeks relief is due to the unique characteristics of the subject land or structure and not to the general characteristics of the surrounding area; and not due to a physical or economic disability of the applicants, excepting those disabilities addressed in section 45-2/-30 (16) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.
   2. That said hardship is not the result of any prior action of the applicant and does not result primarily from the desire of the applicant to realize greater financial gain.
   3. That the granting of the requested variance will not alter the general characteristic of the surrounding area or impair the intent or purpose of this Zoning Ordinance or the Comprehensive Plan of the Town.
   4. That the relief to be granted is the least relief necessary.

b. Hardship Findings. The Board shall, in addition to the above standards, require that evidence be entered into the record of the proceedings showing that:
   3. In granting a use variance, the subject land or structure cannot yield any beneficial use if it is required to conform to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Nonconforming use of neighboring land or structures in the same district and permitted use of land or structures in an adjacent district shall not be considered grounds for granting a use variance; and
   4. In granting a dimensional variance, that the hardship that will be suffered by the owner of the subject property if the dimensional variance is not granted shall amount to more than a mere inconvenience, which shall mean that there is no other reasonable alternative to enjoy a legally permitted beneficial use of one’s property meaning that relief sought is minimal to a reasonable enjoyment of the permitted use to which the property is proposed to be devoted. The fact that a use may be more profitable or that a structure may be more valuable after the relief is granted shall not be grounds for relief.

The Council acknowledges the comments previously received from the Planning Board and used during consideration of the amendments made this evening. This completes the Public Hearing for zoning amendments. Opening a Public Hearing for the following matters:

Proposal to amend Chapter 3 – Police Regulations: to include language regarding the use of cannabis in public. Andrew Rhynes spoke on the subject expressing his displeasure that smoking/vaping cannabis and or tobacco was not included. Receiving no further public comment the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen (Councilor Iriarte-Moore opposed): To adopt the following amendment to the Little Compton Town Code in Chapter 3 – Police Regulations as noted below:

§ 3-1 DISTURBING THE PEACE

§ 3-1.4 Penalty.
Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be warned (first offense), fined not exceeding $100 (second offense), $200 (third offense), or $500, and revocation or suspension of any associated license (fourth offense) or punished by imprisonment for not more than 30 days. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such, hereunder. This sequence will restart each calendar year.

§ 3-2.2 Enforcement and Penalty.

Enforcement of the provision of this section and order of prosecution for any violation thereof is vested in the authority of the Chief of Police. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than $20 $250, or by imprisonment not exceeding five days. This section is in addition to and in no way a limitation upon existing Town Ordinances regulating personal conduct.

§ 3-3 ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC AREAS. § 3-3 DRINKING AND SLEEPING IN ALL PUBLIC AREAS.

§ 3-3.1 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places Areas Prohibited.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind or the possession of any open container thereof is prohibited in all public places areas, including but not limited to, outdoor common areas, beaches, parks, athletic and recreational facilities, streets, and other public areas in the Town with the exception of those places licensed for the consumption of alcoholic beverages. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to consume alcoholic beverages or have in his or her possession any open container thereof, in any public area within the Town.

§ 3-3.3 Cannabis Smoking/Vaporizing In Public Areas Prohibited

No person shall use any form of cannabis product(s) in public areas, including outdoor common areas, parks, beaches, athletic and recreational facilities, and other public areas.

§ 3-3.4 Penalty

Any person who violates the provisions of this section may be fined $100 for the first offense, up to $250 for a second offense, and up to $500 for a third offense.

§ 3-3.3 Penalty:

Every person found guilty of violating this section shall be fined not more than $20 or imprisoned not more than five days.

§ 3-4 DAMAGING PUBLIC PROPERTY; FALSE ALARMS.

§ 3-4.1 Damage to Public Property; Penalty.

Every person who shall willfully injure, damage, or deface any public properties belonging to the Town shall be fined not less than twice the amount of the damage done, unless that amount shall exceed $20; $500. and if that amount shall exceed $20, he shall be imprisoned for less than one year.

§ 3-5 HUNTING.

§ 3-5.5 Violations; Penalty.
Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than $20, $250 or imprisoned not exceeding five days.

§ 3-5.6 Hunting on Sunday Prohibited.

a. No person shall use or discharge any weapon of any kind or description, including but not limited to any bow and arrow, rifle, musket, pistol, shotgun, blunderbuss, or fowling piece in the pursuing of hunting animals or birds in the Town on the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday. Notwithstanding the above, bow and arrow may be used for the hunting of deer only on private land with written permission of the landowner countersigned by the Chief of Police. The hunter must file with the Chief of Police a copy of his/her valid State of Rhode Island bow-hunting license.

b. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not exceeding $20 $250 or shall be imprisoned not more than 10 days, for each offense.

§ 3-6. DEFINITIONS.

a. For the purposes of this chapter “cannabis” shall be defined by R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-3(6), as amended.

b. For the purposes of this chapter, “public area” shall be defined as any place to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access and/or view. A "public area" includes but shall not be limited to any public street or right-of-way of the Town of Little Compton, and associated sidewalks, walkways, trails, parking lots, buildings, and grounds associated with those buildings that are open to the public. All parks, athletic facilities, recreational facilities, and conservation areas owned by the Town of Little Compton shall also constitute public areas.

End vote.

Comments relating to proposed amendment to Chapter 4 – Dogs:

- Larry Anderson – proposal has history. Supports the proposal as it gives the Police more concrete standard to enforce. Key element raising fines. Asked the Council to consider designating an area where dogs could, if under control of their owners, be off leash. He suggested Wilbour Woods or some similar setting with plenty of signage.
- Police Chief Raynes expressed concern with public places like Wilbour Woods or Simmons Mill Pond Management Area. He also sees that a need for educating the public will take place before fines are levied ad this is a new change for Little Compton residents.
- Emery Pineo – thinks the area where the initial problems should be the focus of change. Worries he won’t be able to take his dogs to the beach and let them swim.
- Andrew Rhyne – expressed his displeasure with the handling of the dog instances in his neighborhood. He felt more could have been done. Would like to see a mandate for a hearing by an outside body for vicious dogs.
- Sheila Mackintosh reminded those present the town used to hold Rabies Clinics annually.
- Comments received via email expressing their concern with the proposal to create a leash law.
The hearing on this section of the Town Code was closed for comment.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen: To adopt the following amendment to Chapter 4 of the Little Compton Town Code:

4-1 Control and Licensing of Dogs

4-1.1 Barking, Biting or Howling Dogs.

a. If a complaint is made to the police department or the Animal Control Officer about any dog within the Town, which, by barking, biting, howling, by reason of doing damage to property, or in any other way or manner, unreasonably disturbs the peace, or annoys any person, the police department or the Animal Control Officer shall investigate the matter. If, after investigation, they shall find facts to warrant the complaint, and if after due notice to the person owning or keeping such dog or permitting such dog to be kept, the police department or Animal Control Officer ascertain that the nuisance is not abated, the police department or Animal Control Officer shall give notice to such person owning or keeping the dog or permitting the dog to be kept to forthwith remove such dog and keep him beyond the limits of the Town; and such person shall thereupon cause such dog to be forthwith removed and kept beyond the limits of the Town. (Ord. 6/11/62, § 2; Ord. 8/23/84, § 1)

b. A dog is considered to “unreasonably disturb the peace” if it causes a disturbance by excessive barking or other noise making for sustained periods of more than one-half hour during the day or night so as to disturb the quiet of a neighborhood or area. This subsection does not apply to a dog guarding, working or herding livestock.

c. A dog is considered a “nuisance” if it damages, soils, defiles, or defecates on private property other than the owner’s or on public property, unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the owner of such dog.

4-1.2 Disturbing the Peace or Nuisance, Penalty.

a. The owner dog(s) deemed to be unreasonably disturbing the peace or a nuisance may be fined according to Chapter 4-6 of this ordinance.

4-1.3 Confinement of Certain Dogs and Other Animals

a. The owner shall confine permanently within a building or secure enclosure, every fierce, dangerous, or vicious dog, and shall not take such dog out of such building or secure enclosure unless such dog is securely muzzled.

b. The owner of every female dog in heat shall keep it confined in a building or secure enclosure, or in a veterinary hospital or boarding kennel, in such a manner that such female dog cannot come in contact with another dog, except for intentional breeding purposes.

c. Any dog described in the foregoing subsections, found at large, may be impounded by the Animal Control Officer.
Any police officer or Animal Control Officer may, where applicable, enforce the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 6/11/62, § 5; Ord. 8/23/84, § 4)

4-2 Animals at Large

4-2.1 Leashing of Dogs.

a. No person, being the owner of keeper of or having the charge or custody of any dog, shall allow such dog to run loose off its owner or keeper’s property within the Town of Little Compton unless such dog is properly leashed and said leash is controlled by the owner or keeper of such dog. A dog or other animal is considered “leashed” within the meaning of this chapter only when it has a cord or chain attached to its collar or harness and is held by the owner, keeper or competent person leading said animal, who shall have the animal under control. It is unlawful for any owner of a dog to place that dog or allow it to be placed in the custody of any other person not physically capable or maintaining effective control or restricting the dog. Any dog found in this Town off the owner’s or keeper’s premises, acting in a threatening or menacing manner, or biting or attempting to bite any person so as to constitute a public menace, may be impounded. (Ord. 6/11/62, §1)

4-2.2 Leashing of Dogs, Penalty.

Any person who willfully or negligently permits or allows a dog(s) to wander on or run at large upon any public or private property in the Town other than the property of the owner of the dog(s) may be fined according to Chapter 4-6 of this ordinance.

4-2.3 Animals at Large Prohibited, Penalty.

Any person who willfully or negligently permits or allows any cattle, horse, sheep, goat or pig, or any other animal to escape or stray from its enclosure or restraint onto or to wander on or run at large upon any public or private property in the Town other than the property of the owner of the animal may be fined according to Chapter 4-6 of this ordinance.

4-2.4 Dogs Prohibited on South Shore Beach.

No dogs shall be allowed on South Shore Beach during the hours the beach is open. (Ord. 7/18/91)

4-2.5 Dogs Prohibited on Goose Wing Beach.

Dogs are always prohibited on Goose Wing Beach.

4-3 Aggressive Dogs

4-3.1 Definitions

a. Aggressive dog means any dog that, is determined in writing by a hearing pursuant to the provisions of RIGL § 4-13.1-11, when unprovoked, bites, harms or attacks a human being or other animal either on public or private property; or one who has been determined to be aggressive by another municipality.

b. Enclosure means a fence or structure at least six feet in height; suitable to prevent the entry of young children and suitable to confine an aggressive dog. Such enclosure shall
be securely enclosed and locked with secure sides, top and bottom to prevent escape of
the dog from the enclosure.

4-3.2 Registration of aggressive dogs required.

a. Any person having custody, ownership or control of an aggressive dog as defined must
register said dog with the town.

b. No such dog shall be registered or licensed unless the owner or keeper shall meet the
following requirements:

1. The owner or keeper shall present the Town Clerk, proof of liability insurance in the
amount of at least $100,000.00 valid for one year from the date of registration and
fully paid, covering any damage or injury which may be caused by such aggressive
dog.

2. The owner or keeper shall not voluntarily cancel the liability insurance unless they
cease to own or keep the aggressive dog.

3. The owner of keeper shall notify the police department within a reasonable amount of
time if the aggressive dog is on the loose, has attacked, bitten, or injured, whether
provoked or unprovoked and human or another animal or has died or been sold or
given away.

4. The owner or keeper must ensure that the aggressive dog is securely muzzled and
restrained with a leash not exceeding three feet whenever it is outside the owners
dwelling or a secure dog enclosure.

4-4 Care of Dogs

4-4.1 Nourishment.

a. It shall be a violation of this section for an owner or keeper of a dog(s) to fail to provide a
dog with adequate feed, adequate clean water, or adequate veterinary care. The adequate
veterinary care may be provided by an owner using acceptable animal husbandry
practices.

4-4.2 Inclement Weather

a. It shall be a violation of this section for an owner or keeper of a dog(s) to keep a dog
outside of adequate shelter during inclement weather.

4-4.3 Tethering

a. It shall be a violation of this section for an owner or keeper of a dog(s) to tether a dog:

1. With a choke type or prong type collar.
2. For more than 10 hours during a 24-hour period.
3. Outside between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, except for a maximum of 15
minutes.

4-4.4 Care of Dogs, Penalty.
4-1.4 Miscellaneous Provisions.

a. Immediately upon impounding dogs or other animals the Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall make reasonable efforts to notify the owners of such dogs or other animals, so impounded, and inform such owners of the conditions whereby they may regain custody of such animals. It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of the impoundment and disposition of all animals coming into his/her custody. Unlicensed dogs that are unclaimed after five (5) days may be placed up for adoption at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer if not claimed by their owner.

b. Under emergency circumstances, the Animal Control Officer or any police officer may destroy any injured or maimed animal after making reasonable efforts to contact the owner of said animal if owner’s identification is present on the animal.

c. It shall not be the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer or any police officer to dispose of dogs at owner’s request. The owner of a dog or any domestic animal who wishes to dispose of such animal, shall assume all cost and the responsibility for same.

d. Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually, in the month of April, cause such dog to be licensed from the first day of the ensuing May 1, in the office of the town clerk. Such owner or keeper shall pay to the town clerk the currently required license fee. Any person who shall become the owner or keeper of a dog in the town shall cause the dog to be licensed within 30 days after they becomes the owner or keeper. Every person, owning or keeping a dog not licensed and/or collared according to the provisions of this section shall be fined $25.00, and that fine shall be in addition to all other lawful fees.

e. No license shall be issued for any dog required to be licensed in the town, unless the person making application shall first present to the duly authorized person a current certificate of vaccination or inoculation for said dog from a certified veterinary provider.

f. All complaints made under the provisions of this section shall be made to the Animal Control Officer or any police officer and may be made by telephone or in person at the Little Compton Public Safety Complex.

4-1.5 Investigation.

In the discharge of the duties imposed by this section, the Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall have the authority at all reasonable times to enter upon any premises (but such authority should not include the right to enter any residence on such premises without owner's permission) to examine a dog or other animal which it is reasonable to suspect is in violation of a provision of this section. Such officer shall have the further authority to take possession of any such dog or other animal and remove it from such premises. (Ord. 8/23/84, § 2)

4-1.6 Provisions in Addition to General Law.

Subsections 4-1.1, 4-1.2, 4-1.3, 4-1.4 and 4-1.5 are to be in addition to the provisions set forth in the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, Title 4, Chapter 13, as amended. (Ord. 6/11/62, § 3; Ord. 8/23/84, § 3)

4-1.7 Enforcement.
a. The owner or keeper of a dog(s) deemed to be in violation of the care of dogs section may have the dog(s) removed from their care and shall be fined according to Chapter 4-6 of this ordinance.

4-5 Fees for Redemption of Impounded Animals

4-5.1 Poundage Fees.

The owner of any animal going at large that has been impounded shall not take the animal out of the shelter until they have paid a one-hundred-dollar ($100.00) impound release fee. Upon payment an animal release form will be provided by the Little Compton Police Department. A grace period for payment of or waiving of the impound release fee shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Police. If the animal in question is a dog and the owner of said dog is a resident of the Town of Little Compton, the resident shall license the dog and obtain an animal release form prior to the dog being picked up from the shelter. (Ord. 7/11/55, § 1; Ord. 8/23/84, § 5)

4-5.2 Regulations Are in Addition to General Laws.

This section is in addition to the provisions of Chapter 641 of the General Laws as amended and is in no way to be construed as a limitation thereof. (Ord. 7/11/55, § 2)

4-6 Schedule of Fines

Under authority granted in Title 4, Chapter 13, Section 1 (4-13-1) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended, entitled "Regulatory Ordinances-Enforcement", the following procedure is hereby established to permit the enforcement of the Ordinances of the Town of Little Compton pertaining to Chapter IV, Animal Control by pecuniary penalty to be recovered by action of debt which may be offered to the person violating this chapter. Unless otherwise stated in this chapter the following schedule of fees is herein established:

First offense $50.00
Second offense $100.00
Third offense $200.00

Failure by the violator to dispose of any violation in the manner herein provided will be deemed to be a waiver, on the part of the violator to be allowed such privilege, and the Chief of Police will cause a complaint to be filed in the Second Division Court, Newport, Rhode Island.

The Chief of Police is hereby directed to have printed summonses containing information as to the violation being cited, the manner in which the violator may pay for the offense, by paying the prescribed fee to the Town Treasurer, or set forth the date and time for appearance in Court. (Ord. 8/23/84, § 8)

4-7 Filing of Complaints
All complaints made under the provisions of this chapter shall be made to the Animal Control Officer or any police officer and may be made by telephone or in person at the Little Compton Public Safety Complex.

End vote.

Public hearing reopened for consideration of an amendment to Chapter 5—Penalties. Receiving no public comment the hearing was closed and the following was voted:

**Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councillor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Priarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Muschen):** To amend Chapter 5 of the Little Compton Town Code as follows:

### 5-15.9 Penalties

All violations referred to in section 5-15 shall carry a fine of $50.00 per violation, excepting a $100.00 fine per violation for violations in areas designated in Schedule XIV No Parking Ban/Tow Zone paragraphs c and d, in addition to any other penalty provided herein. If any fine is not paid within 20 days of the issuance of the Notice of Violation, the fine shall be doubled. If any fine is not paid within 40 days of the issuance of the Notice of Violation the fine shall be tripled.

### 5A-14 Schedule XIV No Parking Ban/Tow Zone

In accordance with subsection 5-15.4A, no person shall park a vehicle at any time within the tow zone district of any streets or parts of streets as follows:

- **a.** South Shore Road. Beginning at the ticket booth at the Beach, westward and then northerly to the intersection of John Sisson Road and South Shore Road.
- **b.** Shaw Road. Beginning at the intersection of South Shore Road and continuing west to the intersection of Long Pasture Road.
- **c.** Bluff Head Avenue. Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Bluff Head Avenue, which said point is 69 +/- feet, more or less from the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Point Trapp Company, Inc. at the intersection of the northerly line of Point Street and the easterly line of Bluff Head Avenue and described as follows:
  - **Easterly:** By land now or formerly of Point Trapp Company, Inc. designated as Tax Assessor’s Plat 9, Lot 436, distance of 74 feet, more or less; and
  - **Northerly:** By land now or formerly of Sakonnet Point Club designated as Tax Assessor’s Plat 9, Lot 433, distance of 33 feet, more or less; and
  - **Southwesterly:** By land now or formerly of Sakonnet Point Club designated as Tax Assessor’s Plat 9, Lot 433, distance of 102 feet, more or less; and
  - **Southeasterly:** By Bluff Head Avenue a distance of 44 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning.
- **d.** Bluff Head Avenue—Point Street. That area encompassing the turnaround (i.e. cul-de-sac) at the intersection of Bluff Head Avenue and Point Street.

End vote. This completes the Public Hearing portion of this evening’s agenda.

Announcements:
• LC Community Center upcoming programs:
  o Army-Navy Game Watch party – Dec 9 - 3 pm
  o UCC Outreach Sponsored Senior Lunch – Dec 20
  o Senior Haircuts every Tuesday 8:30 am to 12 pm $15
  o Boomer Movie – Wed. Dec 27 following Senior Lunch
  o Senior Game/Card Day every Monday after Senior Lunch 1 – 3 pm
  o Computer Help with seniors every Wednesday 11 am – 12 pm
  o After School registration is rolling, inquire at LCCC
  o Circle of Friends on Dec 16, inquire at LCCC for details

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the November 16, 2023 Town Council meeting minutes.

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

1. Town Clerk – Activity report for November 2023
2. Police Dept. – Activity report for November 2023
3. Fire Dept. – Activity report for November 2023
4. Finance Director – Monthly report for November 2023
5. Tax Assessor – Monthly Activity Report for November 2023

The Town Administrator noted that he has met with Linda Peckham and Amy Mooney to begin a scope of work to identify consultants. Two résumés are expected. Informational only, no votes taken.

Patrick Bowen, chair of the LC Housing Trust gave an overview of the recent activities of the Trust with two (2) recent projects for housing. The first property is located at 184 Colebrook Rd has a Purchase and Sale agreement with RI Housing. The second is located at 151 Old Harbor Road. The trust would like to retain an engineer and architect to assist with the work needed at 151 Old Harbor Rd. A request this evening is to allow an amount of $2,500 for both Able Engineering and Union Studios to retain their services. Further discussion ensued regarding plans for the Old Harbor property. The Council will consider at their next meeting any actions that may be made concerning charter requirements and needs for financial town meeting approvals. The solicitor will review existing ordinances and the fact that the Housing Trust is a RI Domestic Non-Profit.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Finance Director to issue a check to Able Engineering Inc. in the amount of $2,500 and a check to Union Studios in the amount of $2,500 as retainers for their services in assisting the LC Housing Trust.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request and authorize the expense of up to $400 for supplies to hold a Senior Christmas party on December 12, said funding to come from account #1692.
Motion made by Councilor Golebeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To ratify the actions of the Finance Director and Town Clerk in filing the renewal application for the Town Transfer Station License to RI Dep't of Environmental Management with an application fee of $3,000 paid out of account #1625.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golebeske, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To grant a request to purchase three (3) Motorola Apex 6000 portable radios to be utilized by patrol members of the LC Police Department, total cost of the equipment is $15,901.05 from Motorola Solutions a participant in the states master price agreement.

Motion made by Councilor Golebeske, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To set the date of December 8, 2023 as the final budget request date for submissions by Department Heads to the Town Administrator for Council consideration FY25 budget proposals.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To recommend to the Budget Committee as per Section 502-b, 2 of the LC Home Rule Charter a proposed salary increased to $70,000 for the Town Clerk in FY24-25.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golebeske, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To offer letters of employment to Taylor-Ann Malone and Ryan Arruda as Jr. Probationary Patrolmen within the Little Compton Police Department, contingent upon successful completion of standard conditions.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golebeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To designate the following Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee to assist and oversee with the updating of the hazard mitigation and flood management plans for the Town:

- Richard G. Petrin, Fire Chief & Emerg. Management Director
- Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
- Dean Simmons, Building Inspector & Zoning Official
- Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA, Tax Assessor
- George Duarte, Sr., Director of Public Works
- Michael Steers, Planning Board Chairman
- Amy Mooney, Community Center Executive Director
- Ben Gauthier, Harbor Commission Chair
- Abigail Brooks, member at large and rep. Sakonnet Preservation Association
- Jason Burchard, Tree Warden, local business owner
- Mike Rocha, CERT Team Member, local business owner
- Rusty Cabot, Agricultural Conservancy Trust Member, local business owner
Councillor Mataronas asked that the committee continue to keep in mind the problem area at Sakonnet Point Road.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councillor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Administrator to develop an Onsite Wastewater Management Plan for the Town of Little Compton in an effort to assist local residents in acquiring low or moderate loans for replacement or maintenance of onsite wastewater systems. Said planning shall be paid out of ARPA funding.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Administrator to advertise a Request for Proposals Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services.

Motion made by Councillor McHugh, receiving a second from Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To recommend to the Budget Committee, on behalf of the LC Village Improvement Society, a stroke in the amount of ten thousand dollars for the repair and maintenance of the Brownell House to be included in the FY24-25 Financial Town Meeting warrant.

Councillor Mataronas recused himself from the following matter.

Motion made by Councillor McHugh, receiving a second from Councillor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen (Councillor Mataronas recused from this matter)): 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 Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councillor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To raise the limit for number of Mobile Food Establishment license issued to seven (7).

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councillor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To issue a Mobile Food Establishment License to Hawaiian Jim’s Shave Ice & Co II for a mobile Lemonade/Ice cream Truck, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements.

Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councillor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To ratify the actions of the Town Council President to submit an inquiry to the 1772 Foundation, 2024 RI Historic
Preservation Matching Grants for private non-profit organizations inquiring for a funding source for work to be done on 32 Commons – Meeting Hall.

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

1. Copy of a letter sent to the Office of the Auditor General by the Council President requesting an extension until 31 January 2024 for the filing of the Town’s FY23 audit report, in accordance with RIGH 45-10-5.
2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Hopkinton Town Council supporting maintaining the water level of the Pawcatuck River.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Iriarte-Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: $111,430.35

Vision Government Solutions - Computer $15,000.00
RIAO - Assessor $70.00
Messenger Security Systems Inc. - 32 Commons $144.95
East Bay Media Group - Council $369.00
East Bay Media Group - Probate $35.00
WB Mason - Town Hall $60.94
Salva N Sons - DPW $17.85
Paul's Press - Tree fund $130.00
Eastern Salt Company Inc. - Highway $2,471.53
Home Depot - Town Hall - DPW $2,616.82
RIDMV - DPW (plate 4999) $6.50
RIDMV - DPW (plate 863) $6.50
Cox - 32 Commons $154.16
Petro - Diesel $517.76
E&J Tripp Lawn Care Inc. - Cemetery Fund $224.00
IAAO - Assessors $240.00
Southcoast Cleaning - Town Hall $600.00
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Anthony DeSisto Law Assoc., - Legal other $2,150.00
AB Planning & Mapping - Planning Board $1,947.50
Valcourt Heating - Town Hall restoration $498.50
Antique Stove hospital - Town hall restoration $1,185.00
Verizon - Wastewater Treatment Facility $56.80
Tiverton Materials - Highway $211.37
WBMason - Town Administrator $100.98
Madden Electric - Town Hall restoration $2,406.74
Eagle Leasing - Town Hall restoration $338.00
Petro - Gasoline $1,333.60
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With no further business before the Council the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
TOWN of LITTLE COMPTON
BUILDING/ZONING DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 226
LITTLE COMPTON, RI. 02837
(401)635-8384

Building/Zoning Department Council Report
November 13, 2023 – December 18, 2023

- Attended presentation of new State Laws by Town Solicitor to the Zoning Board.
  - I plan to develop new operating procedure for Zoning review incorporating new parameters.
  - Coordinate with Town Solicitor on new policies in effect January 1, 2024.

- Participated in webinar training with Viewpoint.

- Collaborate with Assessor and continue to clean up old active Permits in the system.

- Enrollment in ICC web based study course for B1 Exam.

- Metrics
  - 73 Permits issued
  - 114 Inspections logged
  - $26,279.75 Revenue collected.
Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Antonio A. Teixeira
Town Administrator
Date: December 21, 2023
Subject: November monthly report

**Town Hall Restoration** – The renovations are about 98% completed. We still have a punch list of a few items to be completed:
- Radiators to be reinstalled in the DPW/Planning Zoning Office, Town Council Office and the cabinet file room
- Hallway front the front door needs to touched up
- Courtyard still needs to be done in the Spring
- Town Clerk staff have returned to their home base
- Front hallway - the hand railing will be installed next week to meet the requirements
- Fire safety – Crescent Alarms has installed the radio box and antenna to transmit to the PSC/Dispatcher for the fire alarm system and security. They will be monitoring and maintaining the both systems going forward and generate savings.
- All bathrooms, including the handicap are all fully functional

**RIDOT/Little Compton Commons Project** – they visited with us to walk through some items and clarify the expectations from both parties. They will be returning to share with the Town Council the status of the project.

**Road Paving Program** – BETA group has begun to survey and do borings on the various roads; John Dyer Road, John Sisson, Town Way and Tailor’s Lane. Eventually, they will be before the Town Council to share their findings.

**Community Learning Center Funding** – the town has been allocated $324,190 to do capital improvements at the Community Center. Amy Mooney continues to gather information about costs for the various tasks to be done; one of the tasks is to improve the kitchen to serve more lunches and the other is to increase refrigeration to store more products for food preparation.

**Net-Metering** – as you recall the Town and the School Department sign on to a solar project in Warren, RI. Both will begin to benefit from the credits, unfortunately the company is having some difficulty connecting to the grid. Therefore, the credits will should start in January/February.
**Community (Senior) Needs Assessment** – the Working Group met three times: 1) to brainstorm info from Town Council presentations, 2) create a scope of work and identify consultants, and 3) interview three identified consultants. The group was able to interview the three consultants via Zoom. There is a full report submitted for the Town Council’s review and approve to sign an agreement for service.

**Budget** – the Department Heads have submitted the budgets to the Administrator for review and compilation to be submitted to the Town Council.

**Finance Department** – work closely with the employees in the department to coordinate services, tax collection and payroll.

**Southcoast Cleaning** – work with the company through a transition of a new employee.
To the editor:

The R.I. General Assembly passed a package of bills intended to create more affordable housing, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The Little Compton Planning Board reviewed them for consistency with our Comprehensive Plan. They determined that allowing more ADUs could be in contrast to two of the Comprehensive Plan’s objectives “the protection of water quality (NR1)” and “the maintenance and protection of rural character, visual aesthetics and heritage of the Town (HC1)”. Since the legislation is intended to increase access to affordable housing, it’s unclear why the Planning Board didn’t cite the fact that eliminating ADUs would be contrary to two other goals in the Comprehensive Plan “meet the needs for town’s residents for attainable housing (H1)” and “reach the state’s minimum ten percent low and moderate income housing requirement (H2)”.

Rather than comply with the new legislation, the Planning Board proposed eliminating existing provisions for ADUs. The Town Council voted four-to-one to eliminate the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) provisions from its zoning ordinance (Councilman Mataronas was the lone nay vote).

Little Compton is one of the state’s most expensive towns. The median home price was $875,000 in 2022 and is trending upward for 2023. We have the lowest percentage of affordable housing stock at 0.56%. We have a large senior population but offer zero units of affordable housing dedicated to seniors. We have an excellent school central to our community but a shrinking student population because young families can’t afford housing. Many of our town workers, police and firemen/women, teachers, and tradespeople can’t afford to live here.

Many towns in our state face a similar housing crisis, with home prices and rents out of reach. But with our town’s exclusionary 2-acre minimum zoning restriction, purchasing land to create affordable single-family housing is nearly impossible. ADUs provide an alternative by increasing the supply of more affordable and diverse types of housing. ADUs serve multiple purposes that might change over time as homeowners age. Some benefits include:

- Provide rental income to offset property taxes, maintenance, and home repair costs
- Provide housing for caregivers, allowing older homeowners to remain in their home
- Enable homeowners to downsize, rent out their main house, or have family move in
- Increase security, home care, and companionship for homeowners
- Encourage multigenerational living, allowing grandparents to maintain autonomy while living close to family
- Help single parents, young homebuyers, and renters seeking a range of homes, prices, and rents
- Provide rental housing for young families who’d bring children into the school system
- Increase local workforce housing for farmers, fishermen, and town employees
- Promote compact growth, reducing the loss of farmland and natural resources

I ask the Little Compton Town Council to reconsider and reverse its decision. I encourage the citizens of Little Compton to give this issue your attention. We share a responsibility to promote policies that benefit our whole community: young and old, rich and poor, and everyone in between.

Victoria Talbot
Housing Affordability Working Group, Chair
United Congregational Church of Little Compton
To: Honorable Town Council
From: Antonio A. Teixeira
Town Administrator
Date: December 21, 2023

Subject: Community Needs Assessment Consultant

The Community Needs Assessment Workgroup is submitting a detailed recommendation to hire a consultant to perform the Needs Assessment with a timeline to be completed by April, 2024. Once, the work is completed, a presentation will be made to the Town Council.

The Work Group met three times:
1. To brainstorm based on the information acquired from previous Town Council presentations
2. To generate a scope of work and identify consultants
3. To interview three consultants

A big thank you goes to – The Community Needs Assessment Workgroup: Linda Peckham (retired Nurse and resident), Sue Sisson (Director of Social Services), Amy Mooney (Little Compton Community Center), Peter Hurley (resident), Robert Mushen (Town Council), and Paul Golembeske (Town Council) Tony Teixeira (Town Administrator).

The expected cost range is $6,000 to $8,000 that will come from the ARPA funds.

The Group recommends John Mattson and asks the Town Council to authorize the Town Administrator to sign an agreement after reviewed by the Town Solicitor.

Thank you!

Attachment: Group recommendation
The Community Needs Assessment Workgroup is presenting a recommendation to the Town of Little Compton to contract with John Mattson to conduct a Community Needs Assessment. The workgroup interviewed three consultants to conduct the assessment as follows:

- Tamara Sequeira, Brown University School of Public Health
- Caitlin Frumerie, Frumerie Consulting
- John Mattson, John Mattson Consulting

Through our interviews, it was determined that John Mattson has the most relevant experience in conducting similar assessments on national, state and local levels. Additionally, John’s proposal meets our intended timeline and cost. The work is expected to cost $6-8k and will be completed by April 2024.

Thus far, the workgroup has met on three occasions with intentions of meeting biweekly through the assessment process or more frequently when deemed necessary.

Below, please find a summary of the work we wish to accomplish.

**Project Title:** Community Needs Assessment

**Parties Involved:** The Community Needs Assessment Workgroup: Linda Peckham (resident), Sue Sisson (Director of Social Services), Amy Mooney (Little Compton Community Center), Peter Hurley (resident), Robert Mushen (Town Council), Paul Golembeske (Town Council) Tony Teixeira (Town Administrator) and (Proposed) John Mattson of John Mattson Consulting

**Objectives**

Determine what supports are needed to assist Little Compton residents to age in place in a supportive and safe manner throughout their lifespan.

The consultant will complete two surveys as follows:

**Stakeholder Survey**

Interview non-profits, police and fire departments, school leadership and other stakeholders as deemed necessary by the workgroup to determine which services are currently offered within Little Compton. A compilation of this information will then be included in survey two.

**Resident Survey**

By way of mail, email and/or verbal communication, the consultant will conduct a needs assessment of all Little Compton residents with the intention of understanding what supports are needed to help our residents age in place throughout their lifespan. The survey will be anonymous to encourage participation. Additionally, each household will have a unique identifier to safeguard duplication of responses. Additionally, the survey will gather information pertaining to household income and age(s). Our targeted response rate is 60%.
Goals

The goal of this work is to determine what our town currently, and collaboratively, offers to its residents, inform its residents of the services offered and identify the gaps which need to be filled. Once the gaps are identified, the consultant will work with existing entities to determine if they have the capacity to fill those gaps within their respective frame of work and/or facilities. In the event that our current stakeholders cannot meet the needs of the community as a whole, it may then be recommended by the consultant that the town invest in additional infrastructure to support our residents.

Timeline

Throughout course of work, biweekly meetings of the workgroup

December 2023
  • Town Council to execute contract for project
January 2024
  • Complete stakeholder engagement surveys/interviews
  • Create map of services/service providers
  • Create survey and implementation plan
  • Start resident survey
    o Survey Monkey
    o Paper
      • Pick up/drop off locations conveniently located throughout the town
    o 1:1 verbal outreach
February
  • Continue community outreach, host community events to encourage participation if warranted
March
  • Complete survey/deduce information
  • Meet with stakeholders to review findings and determine their ability to absorb needs
April
  • Consultant presents recommendations to Little Compton Town Council including fiscal cost of plan
  • Create long term implementation plan and workgroup to see through with the approved plan
December 18, 2023

Little Compton Town Council
Town Hall
40 Commons Street
Little Compton, RI 02837

Subject: Complaint Regarding an Action Performed as Trustee of The Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust on November 7, 2023 by Mr. A. Michael Steers

Dear Little Compton Town Council:

On November 7th, a deed was signed by Mr. A. Michael Steers as Trustee of The Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust (Trust). Mr. Steers, as an appointed government official, is the chairman of the Little Compton Planning Board and the Planning Board’s member designee to the Trust. The referenced November 7th deed is recorded in Little Compton Book 398, page 116.

The November 7th deed relinquished interest in property owned by the Trust.

The Trust has stated that this action was within their authority. According to its enabling legislation, the Trust does not have the authority or power to relinquish ownership or interest in real property.

Additionally, the Trust's bylaws, Section VII, paragraph 1, states:

The Trust shall retain any real property interest relating to land and water areas acquired in its natural, scenic or open condition, in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Enabling Act and with the purposes of any grant or devise by which land was acquired. The Trustees shall administer and manage its land and interest.

By signing the November 7th deed, which relinquished the Trust's interest in previously acquired undeveloped land, Mr. Steers, acting as Trustee of the Trust, acted beyond the authorities granted to the Trust and violated this bylaw.

I respectfully request that you review this action and take any appropriate measure to validate the General Assembly legislation and associated bylaws.

Sincerely,

Peter Bermudez
To: Honorable Town Council
From: Antonio A. Teixeira
       Town Administrator
Date: December 21, 2023
Subject: Town Way RFP for Construction

Attached is the Town Way RPF for construction. I ask the Honorable Town Council to review and approve the advertisement for proposals.

ABLE Engineering will be present to answer questions about the project.

Thank you!
GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Site location: Town Way, Little Compton, RI
- Overview: Remove and replace deteriorated pavement, reshape existing drainage swales, and install level spreader stone at the west end of the drainage area. As per the plan sheet titled “CRMC MAINTENANCE PERMIT PLAN (THE PLAN), PREPARED FOR THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, ASSESSOR’S PLAT 1, TOWN WAY, LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND” Dated October 24, 2023, BY Able Engineering, Inc. and stamped by Donald Medeiros, PE. In accordance with CRMC MAINTENANCE ASSENT # M2023-11-030

All work to be in accordance with the terms and stipulations contained in Assent Permit # M2023-11-030. Attached

All work to be in accordance with the specifications shown on the plan and contained herein.

Additional or modified specifications may result from the pre-bid conference and will be made available to all bidders.

Questions from prospective bidders will be heard at the pre-bid conference, following which PROJECT ENGINEER, DONALD MEDEIROS, OF ABLE ENGINEERING, INC., will provide a written email response which shall be made available to all bidders. Successful bidder must attend a pre-construction conference with Project Engineer a minimum of 5 days prior to start of construction.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the Town of Little Compton to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.

During the evaluation process, the Town reserves the right, where it may serve the Town of Little Compton’s best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from bidders, or to allow corrections of minor errors or omissions. At the discretion of the Town of Little Compton, firms submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process.
The Town of Little Compton reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in this request for proposals, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the Town of Little Compton and the firm selected.

Any representations made with the submission will be relied upon and if proven to be false will be grounds for termination of the contract, if awarded. False representations will also be grounds for forfeiture of all payments under the contract. This will not limit the municipality from seeking any other legal or equitable remedies.

**IMPORTANT DATES, TIMES & PROJECT MILESTONES:**

- Thursday, December 21, 2023: Town Council advertisement approval
- January 3 – February 3, 2024: Advertisement Sakonnet Times and BidNet
- Friday, January 19, 2024 (9:00AM): Pre-bid conference at the site, Town Way, Little Compton, RI
- Thursday, February 8, 2024 (3:30PM): Deadline for proposals submission
- Friday, May 5, 2024: Completion of work

To be considered, six copies of a proposal must be received by Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Commons/PO Box 226, Little Compton, RI 02837, by 3:30pm on Thursday, February 8, 2024. The proposals will be read at 7:00pm at the regular Town Council meeting in the Town Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI 02837. The Town of Little Compton reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.

**GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:**

**CRUSHED STONE:**
1 ½” Washed, crushed stone

**DRAINAGE SWALES:**
Line swale with 10 inches of 4-6” RIPRAP

**EROSION CONTROL:**
12” coir log staked in place (with biodegradable netting 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 winter and until a dense growth of vegetation is established.
GRAVEL:
1 ½ gravel

LEVEL SPREADER:
To be constructed of 4 – 6” RIPRAP

RIPRAP:
RIPRAP to be 4 - 6”

ROAD PAVEMENT:
2” Binder course and 2” top course (as per RIDOT specifications)

SUBGRADE:
Existing pavement to receive full depth cold plane. Regrade and compact in 6” lifts. Add 1 ½ “base gravel (and compact in 6” lifts) where needed.

PAVED WATERWAY:
3” bituminous concrete class l-1 with 6” gravel borrow. Shall be in accordance with section 711 of the RI standard specifications.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:
Any materials removed shall be properly disposed of off-site.
State of Rhode Island

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MAINTENANCE ASSENT

CRMC Assent No.: M2023-11-030 Date: November 17, 2023

This certifies that the Town of Little Compton has permission to remove and replace deteriorated pavement, reshaping existing drainage swales, and installing level spreader stone at the west end of the drainage area. As per the plan sheet titled "CRMC Maintenance Permit Plans, prepared for the Town of Little Compton, Assessor's Plat 1, Town Way, Little Compton, Rhode Island" dated October 24, 2023, by Able Engineering Inc. and stamped by Donald Medeiros, PE.

situated at Town Way
Plat No. Lot No.

Said maintenance operations to be done in accordance with an application on file in the Offices of the Coastal Resources Management Council and subject further to all the provisions of the building ordinances of the:

City/Town of: Little Compton

and to all the applicable State, Local and Federal provisions. This assent shall expire three years from the date of this assent.

Official Designee Coastal Resources Management Council

THIS CARD MUST BE DISPLAYED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE PREMISES. FAILURE TO DISPLAY WILL RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION.
Town of Little Compton
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

November 17, 2023

RE: CRMC Maintenance Certification M2023-11-030 — Remove and replace deteriorated pavement, reshaping existing drainage swales, and installing level spreader stone at the West end of the drainage area. As per the plan sheet titled “CRMC Maintenance Permit Plan, prepared for the Town of Little Compton, Assessor’s Plat 1, Town Way, Little Compton, Rhode Island” dated October 24, 2023, by Able Engineering Inc. and stamped by Donald Medeiros, PE.

Site Location: Town Way, Little Compton

Dear Applicant:

A site inspection and review of plans submitted to this office for the above cited project indicates it is in conformance with and will have no adverse effect on the plan and program adopted by the Coastal Resources Management Council.

The Coastal Resources Management Council will interpose no objection to the work proposed, as long as all work is done in accordance with plans/and or notice submitted into this office and provided the following stipulations are adhered to.

**ADDITIONAL STIPULATIONS**

**General Stipulations**

A. Prior to conducting earthwork and other land disturbing activities, erosion, runoff and sediment control measures shall be installed and maintained in accordance with good engineering practices including the applicable details found in the manufacturer’s specifications and/or in the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook (as amended). These measures must be maintained until the site is stabilized through the establishment of vegetative cover and/or construction of the approved facilities (buildings, roadways, parking areas, etc.) has stabilized soils sufficiently to prevent erosion and sedimentation.

B. There shall be no discharge or disposal of toxic waste, hazardous materials, oil, grease and other lubricants, excess fertilizer, pesticides or other chemicals or controlled materials either on site or in any area which may enter a wetland, watercourse or groundwater. All spills of such materials shall be reported to the RI Department of Environmental Management for appropriate remediation. All used lubricants, excess chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, etc., shall be removed from the site for transport, handling and disposal in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

C. All excess excavated materials (soils, rock, gravel, etc.), excess construction materials, demolition debris, temporary erosion, runoff and sediment control measures, etc., shall be removed from the site for appropriate re-use and/or proper disposal at a suitable upland location or landfill. All toxic materials and waste shall be properly transported and disposed of in accordance applicable state and federal regulations.
D. Pavement replacement is strictly limited to the footprint of existing pavement. No expansion of pavement is allowed as part of this assent.

E. Proposed “No Parking” signs **ARE NOT ALLOWED** to be installed West of the intersection of Town Way and Oliver Lane. Parking is allowed in that area and facilitates beach access.

A copy of this certification to perform maintenance work shall be kept on site during construction. All conditions of original CRMC assents that pertain to this property will be adhered to unless otherwise modified by the CRMC.

Applicant agrees that as a condition to the granting of this certification, members of the Coastal Resources Management Council or its staff shall have access to his property to make on-site inspections to insure compliance with the assent.

Licensee shall be fully and completely liable to State, and shall waive any claims against State for contribution or otherwise, and shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless State and its agencies, employees, officers, directors, and agents with respect to any and all liability, damages (including damages to land, aquatic life, and other natural resources), expenses, causes of action, suits, claims, costs (including testing, auditing, surveying, and investigating costs), fees (including attorneys’ fees and costs), penalties (civil and criminal), and response, cleanup, or remediation costs assessed against or imposed upon Licensee, State, or the Property, as a result of Licensee's control of the Property, or Licensee's use, disposal, transportation, generation and/or sale of Hazardous Substances or that of Licensee's employees, agents, assigns, sublicensees, contractors, subcontractors, permittees, or invitees.

All applicable policies, prohibitions, and standards of the RICRMP shall be upheld.

All local, state or federal ordinances and regulations must be complied with.

Please be advised that all work must being permitted must be completed on or before **November 17, 2026** (unless written application requesting an extension is received by CRMC sixty (60) days prior to expiration date).

Permits issued by the CRMC confer no property rights, and are valid only with the conditions and stipulations under which they are granted. Permits imply no guarantee of renewal, and may be subject to denial, revocation, or modification.

**CAUTION:**

The limits of authorized work shall be only for that which was approved by the CRMC. Any activities or alterations in which deviate from this assent or what was detailed on the CRMC approved plans will require a separate application and review. Additionally, if the information provided to the CRMC for this review is inaccurate or did not reveal all necessary information or data, then this permit may be found to be null and void. Plans for any future alteration of the shoreline or construction or alteration within the 200' zone of CRMC jurisdiction or in coastal waters must be submitted for review to the CRMC prior to commencing such activity.
Permits, licenses or easements issued by the Council are valid only with the conditions and stipulation under which they are granted and imply no guarantee of renewal. The initial application or an application for renewal may be subject to denial or modification. If an application is granted, said permit, license and easement may be subject to revocation and/or modification for failure to comply with the conditions and stipulations under which the same was issued or for other good cause.

ATTENTION: ALL STRUCTURES AND FILLED AREAS IN THE TIDAL, COASTAL, OR NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ARE SUBJECT TO:

1. The Superior Property Rights of the State of Rhode Island in the Submerged and Submersible Lands of the Coastal, Tidal, and Navigable Waters;
2. The Superior Navigation Servitude of the United States;
3. The Police Powers of the State of Rhode Island and the United States to regulate Structures in the Tidal, Coastal, or Navigable Waters.

THE SUBMERGED AND SUBMERSIBLE LANDS OF THE TIDAL, COASTAL, AND NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE STATE ARE OWNED BY THE STATE AND HELD IN TRUST FOR THE PUBLIC. CONVEYANCE OF THESE LANDS IS ILLEGAL; TITLES PURPORTING TO TRANSFER SUCH LANDS ARE VOID. ASSENGTS THAT INVOLVE THE FILLING OR USE OF THE STATES SUBMERGED LANDS ARE GRANTED WITH THE PROVISO THAT IT IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPOSITION OF A USAGE FEE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

The Coastal Resources Management Council wishes to thank you for being given the opportunity to assess and review these plans. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Miguel, Deputy Director
Coastal Resources Management Council

/bms
December 15, 2023

Town Council
c/o Carol Wordell, Town Clerk
Town Hall
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Honorable Town Council,

We would like to request use of Class F liquor licenses for the following events:
   1. Trivia Night Friday January 5, 2024
   2. Trivia Night Friday February 2, 2024
   3. Trivia Night Friday March 1, 2024
   4. Trivia Night Friday April 5, 2024

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Amy Mooney
Executive Director
Little Compton Community Center
TO: LITTLE COMPTON TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: LC350
RE: STROKE IN THE WARRANT

LC 350 is moving forward with plans to celebrate our town’s 350th birthday in 2025. We are committed to providing an educational, interesting, and fun-filled year of events for the citizens of Little Compton, as we honor those who have come before. Therefore, we ask that you recommend to the Budget Committee on our behalf a stroke in the warrant in the amount of $15,000 (FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS).

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Caroline Wordell, Secretary/LC350

42 William Sisson Road
Little Compton, R.I. 02837

December 10, 2023
Grant Request

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

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

Address of Organization: 19 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840

Chief Executive: Rilwan Feyisitan, President and Chief Executive Officer

Point of Contact: Jim Dealy, Grants Writer

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

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

What types of services does your organization provide:

- Head Start, Early Head Start and Child Care
- Integrated primary and behavioral health care, recovery services and dental services including the East Bay Smiles and Molar Express community based dental programs for children.
- Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Feeding Program (WIC)
- Social services information and referral, emergency housing assistance, clothing and food pantries
- Heating and Energy Assistance, weatherization, appliance management program and boiler replacement program
- Ocean State Dining Program — meals in a social setting for senior citizens
- Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Foster Grandparents Program and Senior Citizens case management services
- VITA tax assistance
- Adult literacy services – GED and English as a Second Language
- Career training for youth and adults
- Healthy Families America and Parents as Teachers family home visiting program
- Baby Steps – a community-based literacy program for children 0-3 and their families.
- Before and after school licensed child care and enrichment programs for elementary school children

The primary sites for services for Little Compton residents are the EBCAP Center at 1048 Stafford Road, Tiverton; our main facility at 19 Broadway, Newport and our Health Center at 6 John Chafee Boulevard.

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

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

Head Start and Baby Steps programs are available at 8 John H Chaffee Boulevard.

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

How many Little Compton residents are served annually by your organization: 97. Please see attached 2022 annual report of services for Little Compton residents. Our updated 2023 services report will be sent when it is finished in early February.

How many staff members (either paid or volunteer) does your organization have? 525 employees and approximately 400 volunteers in 2022. How many residents of Little Compton are employed by EBCAP? Two

What is your organization's total annual budget? $47,095,400

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

Do you wish to appear before the Town Council or the Budget Committee to describe your program needs? We would welcome the opportunity.
Please enclose a copy of your current budget and forward to Town Council President,
Town of Little Compton, PO Box 226, Little Compton, RI 02837
East Bay Community Action Program  
FY2024 Annual Budget  
Executive Summary

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| Estimated Change in Net Assets from Operating        | $ (1,403,980) |

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