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

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2022

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AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Public Hearing to consider amending Chapter 14 of the LC Town Code in the following sections:

- Section 14-5.11, j. Storm Water Mitigation Plan — General Performance Standards For All Uses
- And Section 14-3-1, c - Use Codes
- Received written comments on the proposal from Geoffrey Manning

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes - August 4, 2022

Department Head Reports:

1. Police Department – Monthly Activity Report for July 2022

Old Business:

1. Consider proposal received by Recreation Committee for repairs to the Town Tennis Courts – tabled to this meeting on 8-4-22
2. Review and approve the payment plan for the replacement pumper fire engine which was approved for purchase at the 4 August meeting.

New Business:

1. Receive report from Town Administrator regarding proposals for Town Hall renovations received August 19th and reviewed by a team of town officials. Following discussion, consider possible award of contract.
2. Promotion of Fire Fighter per collective bargaining agreement and recommendation from the Fire Chief
3. Consider joining the Interlocal Trust’s OPEB Trust to assist in offsetting payments for future “other post-employment benefits”
4. Veteran’s Week 2022 – requests from the following:
   a. Cora Rocha to place a banner to display names of past and present Veterans from Little Compton at Pike’s Peak from Nov. 7th – 13th, 2022
   b. Caroline Wilkie Wordell request to discuss proposing a Veteran’s Day Project
5. Request to use Veteran’s Field on Sept 26th for the LC Prevention Coalition’s Annual Family Dinner Celebration from 6-8 pm with set up at 5:30 pm.
6. Request from Cpl. Caitlin Farrar and FF Jason DaSilva to use Veteran’s Field Parking area for the Trunk or Treat event on October 22, 2022.

Board of License Commissioners: none

Communications:

1. Request from Kevin Gilstrap d/b/a Neighborhood Handyman requesting a License to haul refuse to the Transfer Station for a single vehicle.
2. Copy of a letter from the Town of Exeter to the RI League of Cities and Towns requesting the League’s support for legislation that can mitigate the negative effects of House Bill 2022-H8220 Substitute A, An Act Relating to Taxation – Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes. This bill limits potential taxing benefits for utility scale solar arrays by municipalities.

Consent:

1. (3) Emails received from Frank Haggerty supplying 1st: an article entitled “New England Offshore Wind Submarine Cable Spaghetti Fiasco” 2nd: copy of an article found in the East Bay Media written by Jim McGaw on the Mayflower Wind project
2. Email from Nancy Howard sharing a link to Mayflower Wind website announcing a Virtual Community Forum and expressing continued concerns with the project

Payment of Bills

Executive Session – under RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) potential litigation

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

All are welcome to any meeting at the town, which is open to the public. Individuals requiring communication assistance or any accommodation to ensure equal participation will need to contact the Town Clerk at 635-4400 not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on August 4th, A.D. 2022 at 7:00 o’clock PM held in in-person format at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Andrew W. Iriarte-Moore, Gary S. Mataronas, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor, Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator, and Fire Chief Petrin.

Pledge to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To move New Business #1 to immediately following the Hazard Mitigation Public Hearing to accommodate those in attendance for that matter.

A Public Hearing was called to order for the purpose of gathering comment(s) regarding concerns or observations with natural hazard risks in town. Residents have also been asked to complete a survey offering their insight on natural hazard risks. The survey results will be accepted and reviewed by the Hazard Mitigation Team for use in the five (5) year plan review. The following comment was offered:

Larry Anderson – He notes that the recent Municipal Resiliency Program included a workshop where dozens of residents participated and offered insight on these very concerns. He suggest the Team review the results of that workshop.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): With no further public comment offered the Council hereby closes this public hearing on natural hazard risk.

New Business #1 – Request from Angela Denham to discuss designating a location for a “Senior Center”

Angela Denham read her letter to the Councilors and those present. During the lengthy discussion the following comments were made:

Comments:

• Why does Little Compton not have a senior center
• Barbara Passmore – FTM votes for over $30,000 in outside grants why don’t seniors get more than the $5,000
• 2/3 of the population in town is over 59 and they would like to see a designated building for their use
• Amy Mooney, Executive Director at the LC Community Center clarified that the LCCC is willing and able to work with the seniors to accommodate meetings. She has made it abundantly clear she is a director for all ages.
• Amy Mooney speaking as a resident and citizen of the town would like to see a needs assessment done before the town spends money on new buildings. She believes the town may have existing facilities to meet the need.
• Some believed there would be charges for use of the LCCC, Ms. Mooney clarified that would not be the case for these types of programs offered to the seniors.
• Some also believed they would not be able to receive state grant funds for seniors without a designated “senior center” Councilor Mushen clarified that the town already receives Senate legislative grants for the seniors using the funds strictly for senior needs. ($1,000 annually when we show we have used the prior year’s funds appropriately)
Donna Stewart commented that she volunteers many years ago and there were no problems with location or activities then. Recognizing the LCCC had to shut down due to COVID was a condition of the pandemic.

State regulations allow both seniors and younger ages to be in the same building, but not occupy the same space, the LCCC has plenty of room to accommodate both.

Bus Trips have not taken place for several years, two of those being due to the pandemic.

There are funds from FTM ($5,000) and when granted the Senatorial Legislative grant ($1,000) used for transportation, fuel, special events, and special trips as the funds are able.

Angela Denham stated she has already asked for a trip to the Newport Playhouse in the fall.

The Town senior bus was sold just prior to the pandemic in anticipation of Stay At Home receiving a grant and assisting in purchasing a new vehicle. Those funds failed to be awarded leaving the town without the vehicle. Research has been being done to price out new and used lift vehicles. New vehicles have a year long lead time.

Caroline W. Wordell asked if the seniors organized would receiving grants be any easier. The town currently acts as an agent to accept the funds. If the seniors were a 501(c)(3) they could receive the funds directly, or another non-profit could act as agent.

LCCC offered to serve as agent for the seniors.

The seniors used to use the Odd Fellows hall (32 Commons) which was suggested as another location for gathering.

Although 32 Commons is owned by the Town currently the second floor is to be used solely by the International Order of Odd Fellows until no further members exist. The first floor is available for use.

Sal Marinosci feels it is an emotional subject. He met with the new Director and is convinced she wants to have the seniors return to the LCCC and work to make that happen.

Officer Sue Cressman stated that she had asked for a pool table to be put in the LCCC and was told no, she also cited a few disagreements with food and menu items.

There is a new chef at the LCCC and the menu is always able to be adjusted to likes or needs. Some agreed that the food is much better with the new chef.

Ms. Mooney started a senior working committee to meet to discuss needs and options, no one has shown up from this current set of seniors.

Josh Arkins feels the town has quite a bit for the younger population, but not for the seniors.

Need better communication so the population knows of services available to the seniors.

Councilor Mushen would like to suggest four (4) seniors volunteer to meet to have a conversation to discuss options available for building use and senior needs. Donna Stewart willing to work with this group. Susan Sisson, Dir. Of Social Services willing to participate, but currently not able to chair due to LC Assistance Assoc. duties, which takes priority. The Sakonnet Times is willing to place announcements in the paper to reach out to the senior population.

Announcements:

1) August 8th Town Facilities will be closed in recognition of Victory Day.
2) Fireworks originally scheduled for August 6th have been postponed to September 11th due to draught conditions, the rain date will be September 18th.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the July 21, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes.
Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the following Department Head Reports:

1. Town Clerk – monthly activity report for July 2022
2. Tax Assessor – monthly report for July 2022
3. Fire Department – monthly activity report for July 2022
4. Town Administrator – monthly report for July 2022
5. Finance Director – monthly report for July 2022

Old Business #1: South Shore Beach/Goosewing Beach – Acknowledge receipt of the following documents:

a. Letter of opinion and supporting documents received from Larry Anderson on the subject of the proposed Boundary Line Agreement and Grant of Easements; Goosewing Beach Stewardship Vehicles Parking Lease; and Goosewing Beach 2022 Management Agreement.

b. Correspondence from John Berg, Sakonnet Landscape Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Rhode Island speaking to the work and relationship between the LC Beach Commission and TNC for joint beach management.

Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor stated that he has reviewed both documents and expects to receive further documentation from Mr. Berg. He will continue his review, meet with the Beach Commission and return the Council at a future date with a legal opinion on the subject documents. He did not that the Beach Commission seems to have worked closely with the Nature Conservancy to develop this agreement. A question was raised about a notation of adverse possession in one of the documents. The Solicitor noted that you cannot adverse possess against a sovereign, which the Town of Little Compton is considered a sovereign. Councillor McHugh asked for a legal opinion to determine if a Financial Town meeting is required to allow the execution of the agreement.

Larry Anderson wanted to make it clear that he is not objecting to the Boundary Line Agreement or the Goosewing Beach Stewardship Vehicles Parking Lease. He simply noted that he participated in many Beach and Town Council meetings over the years and some of the issues with boundaries and ancient in his opinion. The Town did not have legal counsel involved during the most recent drafting work and urges legal review and determination is Sections 103 and 704 of the Home Rule Charter require a Financial Town Meeting to authorize the execution of the document in question.

Councillor Iriarte-Moore wondered what the rush may be to complete this process. The Solicitor respectfully believes there is no rush, but he also does not believe there is harm in bringing the matter before a Financial Town meeting. No votes were taken, informational only.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To agree that the Council wishes to place on the November 8, 2022 Election Ballot the following question: "Shall new cannabis related licenses for businesses involved in the cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing and for the retail sale of adult recreational use cannabis be issued in the town?".

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To refer to the Board of Canvassers the question "Shall new cannabis related licenses for businesses involved in the cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing and for the retail sale of adult recreational use cannabis be issued in the town?" for certification for placement on the November 8, 2022 Election Ballot by the deadline of August 10, 2022.
Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): Based on the recommendation of the Beach Commission received through the Town Administrator the Town Council hereby awards a bid proposal to Wilkie Excavating Inc. in the amount of $55,795 for drainage and road repair of South Shore Road and South Shore Beach under the Municipal Resiliency Program.

Councilor McHugh asked if there was anything in the proposal that allowed easier access to the shore. The Administrator stated he would have to refer to the proposal before he could answer.

Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor recused himself from the following matter.

Confirming and acknowledging a set of individuals from both the Planning Board and Town Council who volunteered to meet with legal counsel and the town planner to discuss options that could be considered by the Town to assist in resolving roadway issues on Amy Hart Path.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained: To confirm that Councilors McHugh and Mushen Planning Board members Ed Bowen, Sal Marinosci and Richard Ross have all volunteered to meet with Girard Galvin, Esq. and Alison Ring, Town Planner to review and discuss options available to the town to assist in resolving roadway issues on Amy Hart Path.

Note receipt of a draft Private Roads Policy presented to the Planning Board by Alison Ring. No actions taken informational only.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor McHugh, all in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained: To attempt to coordinate a meeting with legal counsel, Girard Galvin on August 11, 2022 at 1 pm to begin review/discussion of possible approaches to assist in resolving roadway issues on Amy Hart Path.

The Solicitor will host at his office a meeting with Marissa Desautel, Esq. to review the details of her actions on the Town’s behalf to intervene in the Mayflower Offshore Wind Project.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To table until the next Council meeting consideration of a proposal received by J.G. Coffey Co. for repairs to the Town Tennis Courts.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To refer a Notice of proposed permit action received from RI Dept. of Environmental Management, Freshwater Wetlands Program concerning Draft Freshwater Wetlands General Permit to the team designated to review said notices, specifically Michael Steers, Alison Ring, Donald McNaughton and Peter Medeiros, asking that they review and return to the first meeting in September with a recommended response.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Fire Chief to place an order to purchase a HME Ahrens Fox pumper to replace the current frontline pumper engine 2, acknowledging the anticipated proposed build time of 450-500 calendar days, said purchase price would be $711,131 to be covered by Capital funds and Ambulance Reimbursement Funding with a payment distribution of a seven (7) year commitment upon receipt of the fire apparatus.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Council President to create a Citation for three Little Compton youth, specifically Chloe Oliveira, Elodie Cannon and Kaylyn Aubuchon who were an
instrumental part of the Tiverton Softball All Star Team and who attributed to the team effort in winning a District title.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golemeske, all in favor (Golemeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** To allow Councilor Mataronas to work with Denise Cosgrove, Tax Assessor to draft a proposal for consideration to exempt through a tax credit rather than specified values as suggested by a local resident.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golemeske, all in favor (Golemeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** To place on file a letter with two (2) memorandums attached received from South Fork Wind regarding SFW Section 106 Notification of Proposed Project modification – onshore temporary laydown areas with no adverse effects to historic properties (areas identified located in New York) as this project has no effect on Little Compton.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golemeske, all in favor (Golemeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** To place on file consent calendar item #1- a copy of a resolution adopted by the Tiverton Town Council requesting a ballot question relating to Cannabis licensing within the Town of Tiverton be placed on the November 8, 2022 Election ballot.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golemeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: $44,290.41

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With no further business before the Council the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON RHODE ISLAND
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER XIV
OF THE LITTLE COMPTON TOWN CODE
ZONING ORDINANCE

To consider amending Chapter 14 of the Little Compton Town Code by adding paragraph j. to 14-5.11 and inserting language into 14-3-1, c as follows:

Section 14-5.11 – General Performance Standards For All Uses

j. Storm Water Mitigation Plan. The approval of any new structure on the property or addition to an existing structure that is 600 square feet or greater must implement a Storm Water Mitigation Plan, for onsite drainage containment as per the Rhode Island Storm Water Design and Installation Manual, and the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook.

Section 14-3-1, c - be amended to read as follows:

Use Code. Each land use or use group is identified by a use code number and is a separate use. The use code is a classification system designed to limit and aid in the interpretation of the use regulations. Where a use is not specifically listed below, such use is not permitted without a Special Use Permit from the Board. Upon written request, the Building Official shall, (pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 45-24-54) provide, within 15 calendar days, written information to the requesting party as to the determination that the use is not included within the appropriate use code number. In the event that no response is provided by the Building Official within such time, the requesting party shall have the right to petition the Board for the determination. If the requesting party disagrees with the response of the Building Official, the requesting party shall have the right to appeal the determination to the Board.

Text of the above proposal may be obtained in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Commons between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday or on the Town website at www.littlecomptonri.org

At the public hearing opportunity shall be given to all persons interested to be heard upon the matter of the proposed amendment. The proposal may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any such alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of said hearing.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk’s Office at (401) 635-4400, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

HEARING DATE: August 18, 2022 continued to August 25, 2022
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Town Hall, Town Council Chambers, 40 Commons,
Little Compton, RI

Sakonnet Times - July 28, 2022
August 4, 2022
August 11, 2022; continuation advertised August 18, 2022
August 22, 2022

Little Compton Town Council
40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

Re: Proposed amendment to § 14-3.1 (c) of the Little Compton Town Code

Dear Members of the Town Council and Planning Board,

While not being able to attend the public hearing to on August 25th, I am hoping the following considerations can be part of the discussion.

1. Why is an amendment to §14-3.1 (c) needed? §14-3.1 (c) of the Town Code lists the use regulations, including recognized special uses. Specific uses that are not listed are not permitted unless there is a specific use code that can be cited. The zoning ordinance is clear on that subject. Further, §14-9.5 lists the standards to be met when granting a special use permit, including “That the special use is specifically authorized by this chapter, and setting forth the exact subsection of this chapter containing the jurisdictional authorization.”

2. Under this proposed amendment, would the Little Compton Zoning Board of Review (“The Board”) be bound by these same recognized special uses, or would this amendment grant the Board broader powers to allow any special use they deem acceptable? Moreover, unless special uses are those which are specifically listed, the Board can be quickly overwhelmed with requests for all types of uses that have not been vetted through the Comprehensive Plan and the public process of amending the chapter to specifically list such uses. In addition, any special use permit for a use not specifically listed in the zoning ordinance would then set a precedent for future approvals potentially without the need for Board approval.

3. Why does this proposed amendment focus on the requirement of a special use permit rather than on a variance? While both require notice be given to abutters (§14-9.8 (d)) upon application of either, special use permits deal with specific allowable uses, while variance applications must prove that a “hardship” exists that can only be remedied by the granting of a variance which meets certain qualifiers. How would this be measured for proposed new uses?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Geoffrey Manning
81 Shaw Rd
Little Compton, RI 02837
MEMORANDUM

Date: August 1, 2022
To: The Honorable Town Council
From: Chief Scott N. Raynes
Subject: Monthly Report for July 2022

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July 2022 Police Overtime Hours

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July 2022 Dispatch Overtime Hours

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Totals: 216
Little Compton Police Department  
60 Simmons Road  
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island  
Office of the Police Chief  

MEMORANDUM

July 2022 Part-time Dispatch Hours

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July 2022 Town fuel log

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Total Gasoline: 1,162.1
Little Compton Police Department  
60 Simmons Road  
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island  
Office of the Police Chief  

MEMORANDUM  

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Total Diesel: 505.0  

Respectfully,  

John Faria  
Lieutenant
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
Town Administrator

Date: August 25, 2022

Subject: HME Ahrens-Fox Pumper Fire Apparatus Financing

The Town Council approved the purchase of the replacement of the Fire Apparatus at the last meeting (Thursday, August 4, 2022).

The proposed financing plan is before you for your approval. The funds will come from the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund and Capital.

Please see attached the payment schedule and the Lessee Resolution.

I recommend the plan.

Thank you.
Schedule No. 03  
EXHIBIT B  
August 16, 2022

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Rate: 3.98%

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Totals | $803,893.23 | $114,096.16 | $689,797.07 |

*Assumes that all rental payments and additional rentals due on and prior to that date have been paid.

Lessee: Town of Little Compton

Signature

Printed Name and Title

Date
Schedule No. 03
EXHIBIT E

August 16, 2022

LESSEE RESOLUTION

RE: Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of August 16, 2022, between Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. (Lessor) and Town of Little Compton (Lessee) and Schedule No. 03 thereto dated as of August 16, 2022.

At a duly called meeting of the Governing Body of the Lessee (as defined in the Agreement) held on ______________ the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Lessee as follows:

1. **Determination of Need.** The Governing Body of Lessee has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Equipment described on Exhibit A of Schedule No. 03 dated as of August 16, 2022 to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of August 16, 2022, between Town of Little Compton (Lessee) and Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. (Lessor).

2. **Approval and Authorization.** The Governing Body of Lessee has determined that the Agreement and Schedule, substantially in the form presented to this meeting, are in the best interests of the Lessee for the acquisition of such Equipment, and the Governing Body hereby approves the entering into of the Agreement and Schedule by the Lessee and hereby designates and authorizes the following person(s) to execute and deliver the Agreement and Schedule on Lessee’s behalf with such changes thereto as such person(s) deem(s) appropriate, and any related documents, including any Escrow Agreement, necessary to the consummation of the transaction contemplated by the Agreement and Schedule.

   Authorized Individual(s): ____________________________________________________________
   (Printed or Typed Name and Title of individual(s) authorized to execute the Agreement)

   In addition to the Authorized Individual(s) above, the Governing Body of Lessee further authorizes the following individual to sign any Payment Request and Partial Acceptance Certificate form and/or Final Acceptance Certificate:

   Authorized Individual(s): ____________________________________________________________
   (Printed or Typed Name and Title of individual(s) authorized to execute any Payment Request and Partial Acceptance Certificate and/or Final Acceptance Certificate)

3. **Adoption of Resolution.** The signatures below from the designated individuals from the Governing Body of the Lessee evidence the adoption by the Governing Body of this Resolution.

   By: ____________________________________________________________________________
   (Signature of Secretary, Board Chairman or other member of the Governing Body, who is not listed as “Authorized Individual” above)

   Typed Name: ____________________________________________________________________
   Title: __________________________________________________________________________
   (Typed name of individual who signed directly above) (Title of individual who signed directly above)

   Attested By: ____________________________________________________________________
   (Signature of one additional person who can witness the passage of this Resolution)

   Typed Name: ____________________________________________________________________
   Title: __________________________________________________________________________
   (Typed name of individual who signed directly above) (Title of individual who signed directly above)
To: Honorable Town Council  
From: Antonio A. Teixeira  
      Town Administrator  
Date: August 25, 2022  
Subject: Town Hall Restoration Bids

We received three restoration bids, the stated prices are for exterior and interior work:

Coletta Contracting Co. Inc. $1,083,393.00  
Tower Construction Corporation $1,021,000.00  
The Damon Company $907,817.00

Please see attached from Carol Wordell additional compilation information for each contractor.

The review committee met Monday, August 22 @ 10AM and reviewed the bids. The Committee members were as follows:  
Robert Mushen  Carol Wordell  Peter Medeiros  
Matt Ladd  Melissa Hutchinson  Tony Teixeira  

The Committee is considering The Damon Company pending the clarification of a few questions and references. One of the questions has to do with construction timeline as to the starting and completion date.

The numbers provided by the contractors is within the projected budget. The funds will come from the bond and ARPA.
August 19, 2022

Documenting receipt of Proposals for Town Hall Renovations

Tower Construction Corp.  Interior - $240,000
10 South Industrial Drive  Exterior - $781,000
Cranston, RI 02921  Total - $1,021,000.00
401-943-0110

1. Carpentry - $10,000
2. Exterior Trim Replacement - $10,000
3. Plaster Repairs - $10,000

The Damon Company  Interior - $276,650
62 Warner St.  Exterior - $631,167
Newport, RI 02840  Total - $907,817

Add alternates:
- Refinish wood platform in Council Chamber $1,000
- School House crawl space – vapor barrier w/spray foam $1,920

Coletta Contracting Co. Inc.  base bid proposal price: $1,083,393
44 Hollister Rd  allowances as follows:
Seekonk, MA 02771  carpentry for exterior trim excluding fascia $10,000
Council Chambers Ceiling and wall repair $35,000 included in bid

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Date: August 22, 2022

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Chief Petrin

Subject: New Lieutenant promotion

As you know, the fire department had a vacancy in the rank of Lieutenant. The promotional process for this position started back in May of 2022. The position was posted, per Article IV - Personal Section 2.0 – Promotions of the CBA. There was one firefighter eligible for the position. The eligible firefighter took a 100-question written test on August 11, 2022. The firefighter passed the written test and moved on to the oral interview portion of the process. On August 18, 2022, fire officers from Tiverton Fire and Westport Fire conducted an oral board. I am pleased to present Firefighter Samuel Hussey to the town council as having completed all the testing requirements for the promotion to Lieutenant.

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Respectfully,

Richard G. Petrin
Chief of Department
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
        Town Administrator

Date: August 25, 2022

Subject: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

OPEB that provides Health/Dental coverage for our retirees has been managed by the Town Council President Robert Mushen over the years.

The RI Interlocal Trust that provides an array of services to municipalities, has also taken on the OPEB as a service product.

President Mushen, Finance Director DeSantis and Town Administrator met with The Trust to explore the possibilities of The Trust taking on the management of the local OPEB. After a full assessment and discussion we felt that it would be in the best interest of the Town for The Trust to administer the program.

We recommend that the Town Council support our recommendation.

Thank you!
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE TRUST'S OPEB FUNDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Town of Little Compton (the "Town") desires to establish an OPEB trust fund pursuant to the relevant provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island § 45-21-65, as amended; and

WHEREAS pursuant to R. I. Gen. Law § 45-5-20.2, the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust has established an OPEB Funding Program (the "Program") designed to fund post-employment benefits for the Town's employees as specified in the Town's policies and/or applicable collective bargaining agreements; and

WHEREAS the Town is eligible to participate in the Program; and

WHEREAS it is determined to be in the best interest of the Town to adopt the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust, a multiple employer tax-exempt trust performing an essential governmental function within the meaning of Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the relevant statutory provisions of the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS the Town's adoption and operation of the Program has no effect on any current or former employee's entitlement to other post-employment benefits; and

WHEREAS the terms and conditions of post-employment benefit entitlement, if any, are governed by contracts separate from and independent of the Program; and

WHEREAS the Town's funding of the Program does not, and is not intended to, create any new vested right to any benefit nor strengthen any existing vested right; and

WHEREAS the Town reserves all rights to make contributions, if any, to the Program; and

WHEREAS although state law permits public entities to establish trusts and this Program for the purposes of funding post-employment benefits, any employer participating in the Program or participant in such Program shall hold harmless the State of Rhode Island and/or its, agents, employees, and servants from any cause of action arising from the administration of or participation in the Program.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town Council hereby approves participating in the OPEB Funding Program established by the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust; and

2. The Town Council hereby adopts the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust, including the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan (the "Trust"), effective September 1, 2022; and

3. The Town Council hereby appoints the Director of Finance, or his/her successor or his/her designee, as the Town’s Plan Administrator for the Trust. The Plan Administrator shall act on behalf of the Town in all matters relating to the Town’s participation in the Trust, including, but not limited to, authorizing the investment of assets in the Trust, providing directions to the Trustee and/or the Trust Administrator, and authorizing disbursements from the Town’s trust assets, and the Town shall, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §45-15-6, indemnify said Plan Administrator; and

4. The Town Council hereby delegates the oversight of the investment management of the Town’s funds placed into the Program to the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust’s Board of Trustees; and

5. The Town’s Plan Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the legal and administrative documents on behalf of the Town and to take whatever additional actions are necessary to maintain the Town’s participation in the Trust and to maintain compliance of any relevant regulations issued or as may be issued.

6. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Town Council.

__________________________, the Town Clerk hereby certifies that the above foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said Town Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the ________________, and passed by a ____________ vote of said Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ______________, 2022.

__________________________
Town Clerk
Hello Bob,

Thank you again for allowing the Veteran’s Banner to stand in Pike’s Peak last year.

In preparation for this year’s Veteran’s Day, I respectfully request an additional banner to display names of past and present Veterans from Little Compton. This banner would be no larger than the one displayed last year.

Additionally, I respectfully request the time of displaying to be from sunrise on the Monday before until sunset on the Sunday after Veteran’s Day. The dates would include November 7 through the 13th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,

Cora Rocha

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
I WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TO PROPOSE A VETERANS DAY PROJECT.

CAROLINE WILKIE WORDELL
42 WILLIAM SISSON ROAD
LITTLE COMPTON, R.I.
401-635-2241
Hi Carol,

LCPC would like to request permission to use Veterans Field on Monday September 26th for our Annual Family Dinner Celebration. Wilbur School families are invited to join us for a picnic dinner. LCPC supplies the boxed dinners, families will receive an order from a couple of weeks before the event. The event is from 6-8 with set up at 5:30.

Thanks,

Polly

Polly Allen
Certified Prevention Specialist
Strategic Prevention Partnerships, Inc.
Newport County Prevention Coalition
PO Box 173
Adamsville, RI 02801
401.297.9534
www.newportcountyprevention.org
allen@riprevention.org

[Logos]
The Honorable Town Council
40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

Fire Fighter DaSilva and I are writing to you today to request the use of the Veteran’s Field Parking area for the Trunk or Treat event. We would like to host the Trunk or Treat event for our community on October 22nd. We will effectuate a plan to include a safe area for children and their Families to gather and “trick or treat”. We had such success with our event last year that we are looking to make this a yearly event. We thank you for your continued support for the Public Safety in our community.

Sincerely,

Corporal Caitlin Farrar

Fire Fighter Jason DaSilva
Neighborhood Handyman

1764 Crandall Rd.
Tiverton RI
401-624-2972
Neighborhoodhandymanri@gmail.com

To,

The Town Clerk & Little Compton Town Council,

I'm writing to request a Commercial Rubbish Haulers Permit. If you haven't used me for something chances are you know someone who has. All my work is in LC and I thank the community for such opportunities to do so. It is my pleasure to serve. Many of my regular clients are elderly and often ask me to take items to the station that they cannot handle themselves. Items such as rugs, chairs, tables, etc. And yes, even sometimes party garbage like housed trash and recyclables. I am aware of the rules for LCs Transfer Station and will abide by them if my request is granted.

Truck Registration is, 131808

Insurance is Progressive, 960468468

Thank You,

Kevin Gilstrap,

Neighborhood Handyman.

Attached is my yearly fee of $500.00 Check # 140
August 18, 2022

Ernie Almonte, Executive Director
RI League of Cities and Towns
One State Street, Suite 502
Providence, RI 02908

RE: House Bill 2022 – H8220 Substitute A
An Act Relating to Taxation – Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes

Dear Mr. Almonte:

The Exeter Town Council voted unanimously at its regularly scheduled meeting of August 1, 2022, to request the League’s support for legislation that can mitigate the negative effects of House Bill 2022—H8220 Substitute A, An Act Relating to Taxation – Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes.

This recently enacted legislation limits any potential taxing benefits that utility scale solar arrays would have provided to the Town.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC

LMH:lmh
Copies to State Senator Elaine Morgan
State Representative Julie Casimiro
State Representative Justin Price
Exeter Town Council
New England Offshore Wind Submarine Cable Spaghetti Fiasco

August 14, 2022

Massachusetts has allowed each of seven offshore wind companies to run their own onshore submarine cables and future cables to land locations extremely close to residential home locations.

This current method will leave the offshore wind sites looking like a bowl of spaghetti with cables all over the place. This method is not the best method for the environment, fisheries, and cost to electric ratepayers. Each of these seven companies will run their cables and future cables to the closest land location they can find.

One example is an onshore buried cable from under a Barnstable beach through residential neighborhoods to Independence Park in Hyannis, Massachusetts. The result is the electric grid operator has to upgrade the grid at taxpayers' expense to get the power off the Cape to Boston.

The next example is Falmouth, Massachusetts where residential homeowners came out promising lawsuits against the second offshore wind company. They want to bury cables with hundreds of thousands of volts through residential neighborhoods. The amount of power to be buried in the neighborhoods is 800 megawatts or about the same output as the Cape Cod Canal nuclear power plant. In addition, future wind companies may follow the same route doubling or tripling the amount of power.

Also, the onshore route through Falmouth requires ISO New England to approve rebuilding the electric route off the cape to accept the increase in megawatts, and again electric ratepayers will pay the freight again rather than the offshore wind company.

Muskeget Channel between Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket under the current plans will be the offshore wind highway to the mainland with an unknown number of cables.

More recently another wind company has requested a land route through the residential community of Portsmouth, Rhode Island crossing through residential neighborhoods and across the only gas line that feeds
Portsmouth, Middletown, and Newport. The Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board is holding a hearing on August 18, 2022. Towns along the cable route have hired legal representation to intervene in the hearing.

The main major problem is the expensive cost of submarine cable at a cost of over two million dollars a mile and up. The Block Island wind farm made up of five wind turbines cost 330 million dollars. The cables were more expensive than the five million dollar wind turbines.

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee recently signed climate legislation that produces massive amounts of offshore wind by 2027 and 2030 but given the problems of permitting onshore cables and building onshore power substations in residential locations hopes are making the timeline look dim.

The correct method is a planned method that reduces the need for seven or more wind companies to run multiple cables and future cables through residential communities all along the coast where the majority of the population lives. NIMBY used to mean "not in my backyard" but under the current ocean wind plans "next it maybe you."

The planned method solution requires all the offshore wind companies to work together sharing. This method requires a one-time installation of submarine cables directly to the cities that use the power.

The first method requires all the offshore wind companies to build one established ocean grid or the second has a private offshore cable company develop the grid and the wind companies pay a fee to use the cable route.

The third and the best solution would be to have the federal government under the recently passed climate bill called the Inflation Reduction Act to build the offshore wind submarine super highway. The government owns all the submarine cables directly to the major cities such as Boston, Fall River Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Providence Rhode Island.

The federal government in turn charges the offshore wind companies a toll to use the offshore wind highway. Everybody wins including the fishing industry and the environment. The planned method saves taxpayers, ratepayers, and offshore wind companies hundreds of millions of dollars.

The bottom line do it once and do it right.
Health Risks from Power Lines

22,100 views Mar 23, 2010, First of 2 Topics covered by Dr. Philip Stoddard, Professor of Biological Sciences, Florida International University

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYqOVoaUVWM&ab_channel=SafeEnergy

#Note: EMF is higher "directly" above a buried cable vs standing under the same voltage aerial cable

Florida today is one of the few states that have power line emission standards
Rhode Island

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022
- https://eastbayri.com/stories/more-concerns-raised-over-mayflower-wind-project,105526

More concerns raised over Mayflower Wind project

20-mile stretch would go under Sakonnet River and cross protected land in Portsmouth

By Jim McGaw

PORTSMOUTH — A major wind developer’s plan to lay a 20-mile-long stretch of mostly underwater cables that would also traverse protected land in Portsmouth is attracting increased scrutiny in advance of its upcoming hearing before the R.I. Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) on Aug. 18.

Mayflower Wind filed an application with the EFSB on May 31 to construction the transmission facilities to connect its offshore wind turbines located 30 miles south of Nantucket to the regional transmission system at Brayton Point in Somerset. According to Mayflower Wind, its SouthCoast project would power up to 800,000 homes.

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However, to bring the energy to the shore, cables need to be run through the Sakonnet River, then over three miles of land in Portsmouth, and then continue north up Mt. Hope Bay to a connection point in Somerset, Mass.

Mayflower will appear before the EFSB on its application to “construct major energy facilities in Portsmouth” at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission Office Building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick.

The Portsmouth Town Council, meanwhile, plans to discuss the matter at its next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9, beginning at 7 p.m. Mayflower Wind has also scheduled a one-hour virtual forum on Tuesday, Aug. 16, which will include a walk-through of its proposed intermediate cable crossing in Portsmouth, as well as an overview of the Mayflower Wind SouthCoast project. You can register here, and submit questions in advance at info@mayflowerwind.com.

One group that has raised plenty of questions about the project is the Portsmouth Economic Development Committee (PEDC), which first heard a presentation by Mayflower Wind back in January.

PEDC member Joe Forgione has urged the Town Council to hire an independent outside engineering firm to report to the town on safer and less-disruptive alternatives before the process proceeds.

“And to get ahead of this we must not delay and do that now,” Forgione stated in a July 8 letter to council members. “Many of their hand wave positions that everything is safe, environmentally and wildlife friendly, and there are no safer routing alternatives, have not been sufficiently substantiated. If they are wrong, the ramifications to Portsmouth could be severe.”

In a separate appeal to other residents and abutters like himself, Forgione said the developer should set up a multimillion-dollar indemnification fund before anything is approved. “If there is a sinkhole near your house or
other damage to your property without this, you will have to sue and wait five to 10 years to work through the courts to get compensated up against their well-paid lawyers,” he explained.

What’s being proposed

Mayflower Wind’s application is seeking EFSB approval of the following facilities:

• Two HVDC 20-mile submarine export cables generally collocated within a single export cable corridor that will run up the Sakonnet River, make intermediate landfall at Island Park Beach and Boyd’s Lane, traverse Portsmouth underground, and transition back to offshore in Mt. Hope Bay. (According to Mayflower, there are three potential routes for the land-based cable connection to traverse through Portsmouth, all of which go through some portion of the 56-acre Boyd’s Marsh, a state-managed salt marsh.)

• Two landfall work areas on Aquidneck Island for horizontal directional drilling activities, one on the northeast side of Portsmouth (top of Park Avenue or on Walnut Street), and one of the northwest side of town (Mayflower Wind is still considering multiple locations).

• Two HVDC two-mile onshore explore cables collocated within a single onshore cable route that will traverse Portsmouth underground.

• A possible “noticed variation” that would facilitate the future delivery of additional power from Mayflower Wind’s offshore generation facility by “right-sizing” certain transmission facilities in Rhode Island (including trenching and conduits for onshore underground cables) as part of the current construction to minimize disturbances and environmental impacts.

The project area in Rhode Island consists of about 139 acres — more than 135 of which are offshore, undersea land and about 3.5 acres of onshore land. Mayflower Wind is not seeking EFSB approval for the construction of the offshore wind turbines now the facilities at Brayton Point, as they are located outside of the board’s jurisdiction.

Mayflower has stated it had looked into alternative cable routing that did not include a land crossing, but it ultimately was not viable.

“Due to the narrow width of the Sakonnet River channel north of Route 24, and the strong currents and high volume of boating traffic in this reach, a fully in-water route was deemed unfeasible,” a Mayflower report stated.

In an April letter to Mayflower, the PEDC responded to Mayflower’s claim that the most direct route route up the Sakonnet River to the east of Gould Island and under the Sakonnet River Bridge was not viable. “The depth of the Sakonnet River in that area is 50 feet or greater, which is much deeper than the proposed route. Could you please provide more information including studies and costs that support the route proposed — and that eliminated other possible routes?” the PEDC asked in its letter.

The PEDC also raised concerns over the cables’ impact on moorings, Island Park Beach, and wildlife and sea life, as well as questions regarding needed repairs or upgrades.
I read this on the Mayflower Wind website and wanted to share it with you. Here's the link: https://mayflowerwind.com/august-16-virtual-open-house/

A couple very important issues came out at the Portsmouth Town Council/Mayflower presentation. The video is available on the town website.

1. Growth beyond what is being presented now. There will be multiple wind farms and that Mayflower can and will lease right of way to them. It won't be one cable but eventually many. The Sakonnet River and our town could become the right of way for wind cabling possibly for all of New England.

2. Unproven technology. When asked "have you ever done this before", the answer from Mott was NO. So Mayflower is asking us trust them with our simple answers but have never done this before. The Portsmouth Times article recently included, “MayFlower admits that underground cabling in Portsmouth is their first ever.”

3. Environmental unknowns. Are we willing to allow Mayflower to disrupt our quality of life and the environment to benefit them financially?

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