Date posted: JANUARY 17, 2023 by 4:00 P.M.

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

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
TOWN COUNCIL
Wilbur-McMahon School Library
28 Commons
Little Compton, RI

MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2023

Live streaming at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNoKeOBPql33aEtqzOXHO9g

AGENDA

6:30 pm - Interviews with (2) two candidates for fire fighter

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Announcements:

Presentation on Community Septic System Loan Program presented by RI Infrastructure Bank

Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2022

Department Head Reports:

1. Police Department – December 2022
2. Town Clerk – December 2022

Old Business:

   a. Consider “endorsing” Route 88 study as an alternative to Sakonnet River routing of energy cables from offshore wind turbines
2. Consider draft Terms of Engagement for Town Solicitor
3. Consider “extension” of engagement of current Town Solicitor until selection process for engagement of services has been completed.

New Business:

1. Receive letters of interest for the following and appoint:
   (1) Conservation Commission member – three year term (Jan. 31st) 2026
   (3) Harbor Commission members – three year term (Feb. 1st) 2026
(2) Housing Trust – five year term (Jan. 24th) 2028
(3) Planning Board members – four year term (Feb. 1st) 2027
(2) Recreation Committee member – three year term (Feb. 1st) 2026
(1) Tree Warden – annual appointment in January for March 1st

2. Receive letter of resignation from Don McNaughton resigning his position on the Budget Committee due to his recent appointment to the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust

3. Memo from Town Administrator seeking permission to advertise a RFP for the replacement of the Town Landing Well Head House

4. Consider allowing the family of Charles and Isabella Bone to place an appropriate stone in the Old Burying Ground to document their internment, and to authorize Marjory O’Toole and the Town Clerk to oversee this effort.

5. Copy of a letter and a Certificate of Appreciation received from RI Dept. of Health recognizing the contributions of Little Compton to the State’s COVID-19 Response and Vaccine Campaign 2020-2022

Board of License Commissioners: none

Communications:

1. Request from the LC Prevention Coalition for budget funding in the amount of $750 to be included in the proposed FY24 budget
2. Request from Charles Kinnane to hold the “Shortest St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Rhode Island” on Sunday, March 18th at 1:30 PM at 26 Main Street in Adamsville as a fundraising event for the Little Compton Food Bank
3. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Exeter Town Council urging rejection of changes to the RI Enabling Act as proposed by the RI House of Representatives Land Use Commission dated Nov. 10, 2022

Consent:

2. Copies of emails concerning Mayflower Wind Project received from Frank Haggerty

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.
Community Septic System Loan

Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank

Presented to the Town Council of Little Compton

January 19, 2023
About the Infrastructure Bank

Rhode Island's centralized hub of local infrastructure investment
Community Septic System Loan Program (CSSLP)

Financing for communities to initiate a residential septic system repair program
Eligibilities: Replace cesspools with septic systems, or upgrade/repair septic systems
Program requires a DEM-approved municipal On-Site Wastewater Management Plan

Lending Process:
1. Municipality applies for a RIIB lending facility; transaction closes following our lending process
2. Proceeds used to make direct loans to homeowners for qualified projects
   - Residential loan documents include a note and a mortgage lien, with a three-day right of recission
   - The municipality sets underwriting criteria; RI Housing conducts all underwriting and loan admin
3. Loans enter repayment phase with RI Housing servicing the loan
4. As homeowner loans are repaid, the obligation on the lending facility is reduced
5. Lending facilities are non-replenishing. Municipalities can take out further lending facilities as needed
CSSLP program benefits for municipalities

- This is a service municipalities can offer their residents

- Attractive, convenient structure for municipalities
  - Funds provided to municipalities at a 0% rate

- Municipality sets underwriting criteria -> you control the risk
  - Minimum credit score, debt-to-income ratio limits
  - Maximum income limits
  - Occupancy requirements

- RI Housing services the loan
  - Minimizes municipal staff time
CSSLP program benefits for residents

- Very attractive financing for homeowners
  - Funds offered at a **1% rate** plus a one-time $300 closing fee
    - 0.5% goes to RIIB to cover municipal loan servicing
    - 0.5% goes to RI Housing to cover residential loan servicing
  - Up to $25,000 per loan typical (set by municipality)
  - 10-year repayment term
Program maturity with a 24-year track record

- First loan issued in Charlestown in 1999
- To date, **1,000+ loans issued**
- **$22.7 million** committed to Rhode Island communities

17 RI communities participate

- Bristol
- Charlestown
- Coventry
- Glocester
- Hopkinton
- Jamestown
- Narragansett
- New Shoreham
- North Kingstown
- Portsmouth
- Richmond
- Scituate
- South Kingstown
- Tiverton
- Warren
- Westerly
- **Smithfield** — newest, joined December 2022
What if there is a default?

- RI Housing notifies RIIB monthly of loan status and delinquencies
- RIIB sends letters to municipalities in March, June and December to report on portfolio balances and participation. This letter also includes information on delinquencies, if there are any.

Should a delinquent loan default:

1. RI Housing notifies RIIB; RIIB notifies the municipality
2. The municipality repays RIIB the amount owed
3. The municipality recoups that amount via the mortgage lien on the property
Other notes

- Program requires a DEM-approved municipal On-Site Wastewater Management Plan

  For more information, please contact:
  **Jon Zwarg**  
  Senior Environmental Scientist  
  R.I. Department of Environmental Management  
  Office of Water Resources  
  235 Promenade St.  
  Providence, RI 02908  
  jonathan.zwarg@dem.ri.gov  
  (401)222-4700, dial 1 at the prompt, then 277-7205

- Residents cannot use CSSLP funds if they have sewer service  
  - If sewers are in their area, they must tie into the sewer rather than repairing their septic system  
  - RIIB offers a sewer tie-in loan fund (STILF) which has similar structure to CSSLP  

- Commercial properties are not eligible
**Community Septic System Loan Program**

Please complete and mail this application along with the items requested on page 2. If you have any questions, please call us at 401-457-1127.

Please tell us about your borrowing needs: Desired amount $__________

Purpose: Repair/Replace failed septic systems

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The following information is required by the Federal government in order to monitor compliance with federal statutes prohibiting discrimination in housing. You are not required to disclose this information, but you are encouraged to do so. Your privacy is protected by federal law and may not be disclosed unless on the basis of this information or in any other way you choose to divulge it. Your refusal to disclose the information, please provide only that information that you feel is relevant and necessary. Any person who fails to provide information may be held liable for failure to provide information. If you do not wish to furnish this information, please check the box below.

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Signature: ______________________ Date: ____________

Applicant Signature: ______________________ Date: ____________

Co-Applicant Signature: ______________________ Date: ____________

January 19, 2023
Contact us

Infrastructure Bank staff are happy to discuss your upcoming capital needs. We use a flexible, tailored approach to benefit your community. Please contact us if you would like to learn more.

Sydney Usatine  
Senior Business Development Analyst

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www.riib.org
Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on January 5, A.D. 2023 at 6:00 o’clock PM held in in-person format at the Wilbur McMahon School Library, 28 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator and Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and assistant. Council Members not present: Gary Materones and Andrew Iriarte-Moore.

At 6:02PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councillors as to their wishes to go into executive session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) pertaining to potential litigation, all voted in favor (Golembeske, McHugh, Mushen). Town Solicitor, Richard S. Humphrey addressed the Council in regards to the current Zoning ordinance for a preexisting, non-conforming residential zone property for sale on East Main Road that is before the Zoning Board. Currently the property is an existing commercial automotive business. The proposed buyer is wishing to conduct business as a commercial landscaping business. The Solicitor commented that Council President Mushen past practices has been to request legal advice be given to the Council prior to potential circumstances in an attempt to avoid litigation and mitigate risk. Richard Humphrey proposed to add language to the existing Zoning Ordinance pertaining to such matters providing an example from Providence, RI.

Arriving at 6:17 PM, Councilor Iriarte-Moore was polled to enter the executive session. Iriarte-Moore voted in favor. Further discussion ensued of the potential to update the verbiage in the current Zoning ordinance at a later time. No action was taken by the Council at this time.

At 6:27 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councillors as to their wishes to come out of executive session under RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) pertaining to potential litigation all voted in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen).

At 6:30 PM the Council conducted interviews with two applicants; Victoria Talbot and Don McNaughton, for a vacancy on the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust.

At 7:03 PM the Council President called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Announcements:

1. Letters of interest will be accepted until Jan. 19, 2023 at 4PM for the following:
   (1) Conservation Commission member – three year term (Jan. 31st) 2026
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2. Town Hall meetings are relocated from the Town Council chambers during construction. Town Council meetings will be held at Wilbur McMahon School. Other Boards and Commissions will meet at the Community Center or at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for December 22, 2022.

Councilor Golembeske asked for clarification of the minutes in reference to the motion made at the December 27, 2022 Council Meeting to task the Town Administrator and the Town Council President to return to a future Council meeting with a draft Financial Agreement for the Town Solicitor. Said Agreement shall include a periodic stipend for expected services, and an allowance for litigation expenses. Seeking clarification as to the
term usage of allowance vs. rate. Councilor Mushen responded the intention of the wording to use the term allowance in a broad sense as a periodic stipend and then an allowance to take the form of rate or a charge.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for December 27, 2022.

Councilor McHugh referred to the Town Administrators Monthly report in reference to Steve Madden/Madden Electric, Inc. as to him doing a full assessment of the electrical needs of the chambers. Asking the question if this is was something that was not looked at before. Town Administrator Tony Teixeira responded it is to reassess the needs of increased use, additional drops of outlets and IT purposes. Councilor Mushen commented that this is an example of an evolving number of potential changes, specifically in this instance, because of repositioning the source of electricity to the building from overhead wires to underground wires.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To accept the Finance Department, Fire Department, Town Administrator, Tax Assessor Department Head Monthly reports for December 2022, and the Fire Department Yearly 2022 report.

Motion failed as follows: Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, in favor (Iriarte-Moore, McHugh) opposed (Golembeske, Mushen): To appoint Victoria Talbot to the unexpired term on the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust.

Councilor Mushen commented that there are two very qualified candidates noting that Mr. McNaughton has yielded on two occasions for others to be appointed to certain roles. He also noted that he has been seeking appointment longer than Ms. Talbot. Councilor Golembeske feels there would not be as large of a learning curve for Mr. McNaughton, but does not want to discourage a citizen who is willing to serve. Councilor McHugh stated he believes there is not a big learning curve to be had, and the LCACT needs to go in a different direction with the accrued 2000 acres since 1985. He also stated that he believes Ms. Talbot understands that from her interview and the need to put farmers on our land. He would also like the LCACT to figure out how to be part of the solution to get affordable housing and put children in the school. Councilor Iriarte-Moore stated he would ask Mr. McNaughton be bold if appointed.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mushen) opposed (McHugh): To appoint Don McNaughton to fill the unexpired term of Edmond Maiato on the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust which will expire July 1, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To set the date and time for the Annual Financial Town Meeting on May 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM as per Section 301 of the LC Home Rule Charter.

Carter Wilkie, a resident of Adamsville addressed the Council in regards to a signed petition action in 2023 from Adamsville residents about the street lamps in the village. Mr. Wilkie commented that he and his neighbor’s share a desire to have something done about the lamp posts. There is not a single post that does not need paint. When entering Little Compton from that direction it sets off a really bad first impression of the Town. Electric boxes are exposed or held on by plastic tape a result of lack of maintenance and safety hazards. Mr. Wilkie mentioned Steve Flowers, who could not attend the meeting has volunteered his time over the years to repair the lamps and has full knowledge of all needed repairs. Councilor Mushen commented there are Rescue Plan Act funds for use to restore the lamps. Intention is to listen to the citizens of Adamsville with a dual armed action to refurbish the lanterns on the Commons and in
Adamsville in 2023. Councillor Iriarte-Moore stated he is excited that it is being done as well as repairs to the Town Hall to give us pride again in our town. Councillor McHugh asked who would be able to give an assessment of all the lamps as to what is needed for repair. Councillor Golembeske stated it would be a multi-phase process requiring an excavator, someone for structural and an electrician.

Motion made by Councillor McHugh, receiving a second by Councillor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor

(Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To assign the Town Administrator with hiring an electrician and excavator using funds from the Rescue Plan Act to assess repair work needed for approximately 55 antique lamps on the Commons and in Adamsville.

Councillor Mushen noted that an email request was received from Mr. Paul Clifford to which he responded, both provided in the Council’s packet. The request involves a desire to see electrical power cables buried underground throughout town. Within that email response Councillor Mushen stated that with the refitting of the Town Hall there is electrical being buried for power supply from the Commons. It is expected to learn a number of lessons from the effort, chief lessons would be cost associated and ability to cross a state road. Lawrence Anderson addressed the council recalling that National Grid came 4 years ago this subject was approached. Part of the challenge was not only technical and financial, but regulatory. Further stating National Grid, now Rhode Island Energy has the say in power lines and this is not necessarily the towns call. Councillor Mushen commented that this could be a substantial challenge.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor

(Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a recommendation from Paul Clifford for the town to bury electrical power cables underground.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councillor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor

(Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): That the recommendation of the Tax Assessor for the cancellation of the following taxes be granted under Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended:

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Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councillor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor

(Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the letter from the RI Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review announcing the scheduled date of February 21, 2023 at 1:00PM for a hearing on a variance request filed for 49 Commons.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councillor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor

(Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file copies of electronic communications sent to the town from Frank Haggerty regarding articles and comments on the Mayflower Wind project proposed offshore on Cape Cod.

Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving and second by Councillor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor

(Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, McHugh, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows:

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Home Depot - DPW $643.18
Verizon Wireless - DPW/Highway Dept. $81.65
Aquidneck Fasteners, Inc. - Highway Dept. $182.45

Having no further business before the Council the Council President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk
MEMORANDUM

Date: January 5, 2023
To: The Honorable Town Council
From: Chief Scott N. Raynes
Subject: Monthly Report for December 2022

December-2022 Patrol Activity

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MEMORANDUM

December 2022 Part-time Dispatch Hours

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

December 2022 Town fuel log

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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: 417.9

Respectfully,

[Signature]

John Faria  
Lieutenant  
Deputy Chief
Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
40 Commons
PO Box 226
Town of Little Compton, RI

To: Antonio A. Teixeira
   Town Administrator

From: Carol A. Wordell, CMC
   Town Clerk

Date: January 6, 2023

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

Dump stickers 156 issued
Recording land evidence 81 instruments recorded
Dog licenses - 1
Vital records certified copies issued - 13
Marriage License issued - 0
Miscellaneous fees collected for Probate, copying, appliance etc. – see attached.

In addition to our day to day activities we have the following:
- Probate Court responsibilities
- Council Clerk responsibilities – meetings, minutes, follow up actions
- Coordinate with the IT personnel for day-to-day issues, oversee website daily needs, audio/visual needs for council chambers in prep for hybrid meetings
- Ongoing responsibilities as Wellness Coordinator for the Trust, sharing multiple opportunities to achieve better overall health
- Filed updated Hazard Mitigation Plan with RI EMA and FEMA based on five-year review conducted during the past 6 months
- Election related responsibilities for the oversight of closing out the 2022 elections
  - Deliveries to the Board of Elections and Secretary of State’s Office
- Assisted Pension Committee with hybrid zoom meeting
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Grand Total: 41,040.05
January 9, 2023

Michelle Morin
Chief, Environment Branch for Renewable Energy
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
45600 Woodland Road
Sterling, VA 20166

Re: An Open Letter concerning installation of Offshore Wind Energy Cables in the Sakonnet River

Dear Ms. Morin:

The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) and other organizations listed below are writing this letter to express our concern regarding potential negative effects of installing high-power electrical transmission cables in the Sakonnet River, especially when alternative, land-based routes are available that would eliminate the need for this installation. We believe that running an underwater cable in the Sakonnet River violates the Public Trust Doctrine in Rhode Island’s Constitution which requires by “all means necessary and proper by law to protect the natural environment” for Rhode Island waters. There is significant uncertainty about the ecosystem risk to the Sakonnet River fishery from the Mayflower cable. A land-based alternative cable route through Massachusetts will eliminate this risk to the Sakonnet River ecosystem and protect the rights of the Rhode Island people as guaranteed by the Rhode Island Constitution.

The Sakonnet “river” is a tidal straight that is part of Narragansett Bay. It is relatively unique in all of Southern New England. The Sakonnet River and its surrounding communities are sparsely populated with little commercial or industrial development along most of its length. There is heavy recreational use of the Sakonnet River throughout its length. The Sakonnet is home to many important species and is designated critical habitat for juvenile cod by the New England Fisheries Management Council and the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council. It is also habitat for whelk, quahogs and a variety of finfish from scup to tautog (blackfish). In fact, the Rhode Island whelk fishery relies heavily on the Sakonnet River. Whelk have very limited range, moving only minimal distances their entire life. Installation of the cable directly through their habitat will cause direct/ fatal impact to any whelk within the plow zone and they may be unwilling to cross the cable and its EMF emissions after the cable is electrified. This has the potential to bisect the River’s whelk biomass into a distinct east and west zone.

The uncertainty and risk of damage by the installation of high-powered electrical transmission cables in the Sakonnet River ecosystem is a violation of Rhode Island’s Public Trust Doctrine¹. Rhode Island’s Constitution declares that we must “adopt all means necessary and proper by law to protect the natural environment of the people of the state” and there must be “adequate resource planning for the control and regulation of the use of the natural resources of the state and for the preservation, regeneration and restoration of the natural environment of the state.” At a public presentation in Portsmouth, Rhode Island on November 17, 2022 fisheries experts from Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth said they were unsure of the potential

¹ Article I Section 17 Rhode Island Constitution
negative effects of electromagnetic force (EMF) on the various species of sea life in the Sakonnet. This lack of information from independent fisheries experts falls short of “adequate resource planning.” While the experts proposed some parameters for before/after studies, any negative effects discovered would be actual effects on existing populations that could not be “undone”.

Recreational and commercial fishing, boating, tourism, and other recreational uses of the Sakonnet generate significant value for the people of Rhode Island. However, the benefits to the people of Rhode Island from the Mayflower Wind project (as stated on the company website) are vague and ill-defined at best and not credible at worst. The Mayflower Wind project is a Massachusetts project and the electricity produced will be dedicated to Massachusetts customers exclusively. There is no reason for Rhode Island to risk habitat, fishing opportunities, and the existing commercial value of the Sakonnet when there is a land-based alternative that eliminates risk in Rhode Island’s waters and removes any violation of Rhode Island’s Constitution.

In addition, this land-based alternative rightly falls under Massachusetts regulatory authority where the value of the electricity generated from this project accrues. Any cable from the Offshore Wind Energy leases south of New England heading to the former Brayton Point Power Station can land in Westport, Massachusetts; less than a half mile south of the terminus of Massachusetts Route 88. This road provides a corridor north approximately eleven miles to Route 6 or Route 195, both of which cross the Taunton River providing access to the former power station at Brayton Point. Route 88 has few private residences or businesses along the entire route, with only four perpendicular road crossings: Drift Road, Hixbridge Road, Old County Road and American Legion Highway (route 177). Moreover, this land-based route removes the risk from Rhode Island waters and is likely more conducive to the project because of existing land-based corridors and infrastructure in Massachusetts. At this point 30% design drawings are published for the Sakonnet/ Portsmouth/ Mt. Hope Bay route. We ask that design drawings at the same level be created for the land-based alternative route so that both routes can be equally evaluated.

Given the fragile nature of the Narragansett Bay Watershed, the fact that the Sakonnet River is classified as Type 2 waters (set aside for low intensity use) and due to significant uncertainty about the potential impact of running underwater cables in these waters, we urge BOEM and all regulatory bodies as well as the developer to insist on installation of all offshore wind energy export power cables over land routes when such route is an available option to installation in the marine environment.

Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association and all signatures shown on the following page

Sincerely,

Greg Vespe

Greg Vespe
Executive Director
RISAA

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2 Presentation link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gUjOuW4FO7pafkspl-arsW2qbrSOGkG/view?usp=share_link

3 See “How will the project benefit Portsmouth and broader Rhode Island?” at: https://mayflowerwind.com/project-faqs/
1. Greg Vespe, Executive Director, RISAA
2. Peter Jenkins, Saltwater Edge, Newport
3. Stephanie Beebe, Tiverton
4. Frances Booth, Newport
5. Steven Booth, Newport
6. Dick Bordeau, Little Compton
7. Marybeth Bradbury, Tiverton
8. Charles Brightman, Tiverton
9. Sarah Buck-Herdrich, Little Compton
10. Kelly Clemens, Tiverton
11. Joe Cleverdon, Tiverton
12. Thomas Cody, Tiverton
13. Shannon Craft, Portsmouth
14. Ralph Craft, Portsmouth
15. Francesca Dalglish, Little Compton
16. Judith Danforth, Little Compton
17. Pamela Dawson, Little Compton
18. Kirsten Dawson, Little Compton
19. Mark DePiero, Tiverton
20. Norma Doire, Tiverton
21. David Donoghue, Tiverton
22. Susan Donoghue, Tiverton
23. Susan Erstling, Tiverton
24. Susan Estabrook, Newport
25. Jamie French, Tiverton
26. Jessica Gale, Tiverton
27. Martina Halsey, Little Compton
28. Lynn Kaye, Middletown
29. Elizabeth Knight, Little Compton
30. David Latham, Matunuck
31. Donald Libbey, Tiverton
32. Jim Mallinson, Middletown
33. Edward Marzanac, Tiverton
34. Douglas Marzonie, Little Compton
35. Virginia Marzonie, Little Compton
36. Sandra Mataronas, Little Compton
37. Glenn Melanson, Tiverton
38. Kenneth Mendez, Tiverton
39. Liz Mendez, Tiverton
40. Kathleen Metcalf, Tiverton
41. Richard Metcalf, Tiverton
42. Barbara Milotte, Tiverton
43. Anthony Pereira, Tiverton
44. Charles Petras, Cumberland
45. David Rose, Tiverton
46. Mara Shore, Little Compton
47. Carol Solimene, Tiverton
48. Gina Sousa, East Wareham, MA
49. Bill Thompson, Tiverton
50. Taylor Valliant, Little Compton
51. Janice Vincent, Tiverton
52. Janice Walker, Tiverton
53. Lynne White, Little Compton

The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association represents over 7,500 recreational anglers and 28 affiliated clubs
Receive letters of interest for the following and appoint:

1. Conservation Commission member – three year term (Jan. 31st) 2026
2. Housing Trust – five year term (Jan. 24th) 2028
3. Harbor Commission members – three year term (Feb. 1st) 2026
4. Planning Board members – four year term (Feb. 1st) 2027
5. Recreation Committee member – three year term (Feb. 1st) 2026
6. Tree Warden – annual appointment in January for March 1st
Carol Wordell

From: suttell4@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Carol Wordell
Subject: PB

Carol,

I just remembered to send a letter to you that I do want to stay on the PB.

Mary
To the Town Council,

I write to express my interest in my re-appointment to the Little Compton Housing Trust Board. Housing affordability is one of our community's most urgent challenges. As public servants, it is our responsibility to work collaboratively to address this growing crisis. I firmly believe that if the town council, the LCHT, local land trusts, zoning, planning, and building officials don't work together to proactively address this, we could lose our vibrant multigenerational year-round community, and local agricultural economy.

I am committed to helping address the complex and specific housing issues in our community. We are working to make the LCHT an active working committee that uses data and research to guide our pathway forward. I believe that the LCHT is at a crucial moment on its way to becoming an effective body that makes a positive impact, and I hope to assist that work.

In the past five years, while we sadly haven't yet seen an increase in affordable units, or a decrease in the community markers of housing affordability problems, we have seen measurable progress on the Housing Trust that I believe is paving the way for us to do meaningful work to impact affordability. I am confident that my presence on the trust has assisted these changes, and I hope to continue this work and to hopefully start to see some of the fruits of our labors.

Notable changes in the past five years include: a significant shift in membership towards an active body that regularly meets with attendance in excess of a quorum, changes to our bylaws and the town charter to increase our agility as a body, commissioning HousingWorks RI to study our community housing needs, opportunities, and local opinions, beginning to build an informative public-facing website, and seeking professional legal counsel to guide our work.

I do believe that I personally have made an impact in this progress. As the board secretary, I manage correspondence and attendance, take and file minutes, and write and post agendas. When I joined the trust, I had no experience with housing development or policy, so I took the initiative to reach out to local housing advocates. This lead me to HousingWorks RI, where I learned that a study would be a good next step for the trust, I presented this idea to the trust Board, who agreed and moved forward with this important study. During the study, I designed an illustrated informational postcard, wrote the press releases, and worked together with my Housing Trust colleagues to disseminate the information to our community. HousingWorks was impressed our robust survey response, telling us it exceeded that of analogous communities. Currently, I am working on building our website and researching next steps. I am also a consistent vocal advocate for the issue of housing affordability in our community.

My personal goals for the trust within the next few months, are: to get the website published, to solidify our legal counsel, to help craft and share some recommendations to the council based on our research, and to solidify our strategy and vision as a trust. I hope within the year 2023 to initiate an increase of revenue streams to the housing trust, (as our current funding streams are insufficient to address our local housing needs) to have a clear pathway toward a measurable increase in affordable housing in LC, and to help advocate for town wide changes to curb the runaway train that is our local housing market.

Our current housing trust board members are energetic, actively involved, have diverse expertise and backgrounds, and are committed to making a positive impact. I am excited to see what we can do with this group and with our growing momentum, and I enthusiastically seek reappointment to continue to advocate to carry our important work forward.

Thank you for considering my reappointment,

Isabel Mattia,
Secretary, Little Compton Housing Trust
48 Burchard Ave
Happy New Year Carol and Heather,
I received notice that my term on the Housing Trust was coming to an end. I would like to be re-appointed to the Housing Trust, if the Council will approve. Please let me know if I need to send a posted letter to request re-appointment.
Kind regards,
Patrick Bowen
December 30, 2022

Dear Town Council,

I would like to serve on the Recreation Commission for another term. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David MacGregor
Office of the Town Clerk
Town Hall
40 Commons; P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837
Re: Recreation Committee reappointment

Hi Carol –

I would like to be reappointed to the Little Compton Recreation Committee. I joined the committee in May 2020 and am the vice-chair of the committee. I work closely with Dave MacGregor in any administrative tasks such as preparing the agendas and posting the agendas to the State website; I also post the meeting minutes to the state website, as they become available, and serve as substitute secretary to take meeting minutes when needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle

Michelle Stecker
94 Amesbury Lane
Little Compton, RI 02837
(512) 694-0645
December 15, 2022

Office of the Town Clerk
P.O.Box 226
Little Compton, RI. 02837

Dear Carol,

Responding to your request of 12 December, I write to affirm my interest in renewing my term of service for three more years on the Harbor Commission. My first term was an interim appointment in Winter 2020 following the resignation of a recreational boater. I am still an active recreational boater operating from mooring #62 in Sakonnet harbor, as well as an active member of Sakonnet Yacht Club.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information to support this application.

Respectfully,

Benoit Gauthier
87 West Main Road
Little Compton, RI
Hi Carol,

I, Ian Parente wish to be re-appointed for another term on the harbor commission.

Thank you,
Ian Parente

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 5, 2023, at 09:39, Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org> wrote:

Ian, Ben and Jeremy,

Your appointments on the Harbor Commission are up for renewal.

I will need a letter from each of you stating your interest to remain on the Harbor Commission for another term. I will need the letters by January 19th.

The council will vote on the 19th to renew.

Carol

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk, CMC
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Edward H. Bowen III
3 Beach St.
Little Compton, RI 02837

Robert L. Mushen
President,
Little Compton Town Council
Town Hall
Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

1/5/23

Dear Council President Mushen,

I write to respectfully request that the Council appoint me to fill the recent vacancy on the Conservation Commission. I am a life-long resident, a parent, and I am self-employed in Town in agricultural endeavors, so I have a vested interest in and familiarity with conservation issues in Town, both immediate and looking forward to my children’s future. I served as a member of the Commission in the 90s and would appreciate the opportunity in this century to make a contribution to an area I feel passionately about.

With thanks for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Edward II. Bowen III
3 Beach St.
Little Compton, RI 02837

Robert L. Mushen
President,
Little Compton Town Council
Town Hall
Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

1/5/23

Dear Council President Mushen,

I write to respectfully request that the Council reappoint me to the Little Compton Planning Board. I have enjoyed filling the unexpired term, and I would appreciate the opportunity of a full term on the Board.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dear Carol,

I’m writing in my role as Commodore of the Sakonnet Yacht Club.

We would like to nominate Margaret Manning as a member of the Harbor Commission Board, to replace Jeremy Howard. Margaret is a resident of Little Compton and is actively involved with the SYC and with other Harbor-related activities, and she would make an excellent addition to the Harbor Commission Board.

Please let me know if there is anything else that the SYC should do to express its strong level of interest in appointing Margaret.

Thanks,
Robert Chartener
January 6, 2023

Little Compton Town Council
Town Hall
40 Commons
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

Council Members,

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve this community. I wish to renew my appointment as Tree Warden of Little Compton. Sakonnet Tree, Inc. continues to maintain town trees, respond to emergency calls and take care of storm damage and clean up as well as work in conjunction with the Little Compton Police and Fire departments, the Highway department, Rhode Island Energy, the Tree Committee and garden clubs.

We will continue to be licensed and insured for municipal arborist work and maintain all inspections, training, job safety requirements, DOT requirements and dielectric testing.

Sakonnet Tree, Inc. holds nationally accredited membership with the International Society of Arboriculture as well as ISA licensing in Tree Risk Assessment.

This year as Tree Warden has been a pleasure and I look forward to continuing to serve the town in this capacity.

Respectfully,

Jason F. Burchard
President
Sakonnet Tree Inc.
Carol Wordell

From: Don McNaughton <mcnaughton.don@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 1:13 PM
To: Carol Wordell
Cc: Robert Mushen
Subject: Budget Committee

Carol,

Given my recent appointment to the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust, I understand that I am no longer eligible to serve on the Town’s Budget Committee.

Accordingly, please accept my resignation from the Budget Committee, effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Don McNaughton

Sent from my iPhone
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
      Town Administrator

Date: January 19, 2023

Subject: Town Landing RFP Wellhead Reconstruction

Please see attached the architectural specs and an RFP for reconstruction of the Wellhead for your review and approval to be advertised.

The source of funding for the reconstruction will come from the Town Landing donation account.

Melissa Hutchinson, the architect of the project will be attending the meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you!
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 2023-01

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the Town Clerk, 40 Commons, PO Box 226, Little Compton, RI 02837 until 3:00PM on February 23, 2023 for furnishing the Town of Little Compton with the following:

Rebuilding of the Well Head Structure at Town Landing, Little Compton

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 7:00 PM DURING THE LITTLE COMPTON COUNCIL MEETING ON February 23, 2023. Said meeting to be held at Wilbur-McMahon School Library, 28 Commons, Little Compton (please check official meeting posting for potential meeting location changes).
The location, general characteristics, and principal details of the work are indicated in the description below and contained in the drawing set cited below.

Description of Work:
The replacement of the wood structure above the old well at the Town Landing with a replica structure and the repair of the stone base and supporting columns of the structure (aka Well Head). The Well Head structure is to be preserve in its original form and shape. To protect the structure from climate exposure, a copper roof, and the use of composite materials for the exposed fascia boards are proposed. The inside ceiling of the wood structure is to be painted mahogany bead board.
The structure is special to the character of the Town Landing and the form and shape of the Well head is to be replicated in a historically sensitive manner to the original details.
We suggest that the wood roof structure be removed as intact as possible and used as a model to insure the replication of the shape and form. It may be possible for the existing wood structure to be moved off-site and reconstructed in the shop, so that the shape and details may be carefully recreated.
The supporting stonework of the Well Head will need repair and modification to support the new wood structure. A structural engineer has inspected the existing structure and has recommended the replacement of missing stone and re-pointing, where necessary. The four stone columns that support the wood structure will need to be modified with a stainless-steel rod drilled 12-18” down the center of the four columns, leveled and a stainless-steel 2-3” plate added to receive the new wood structure.
All work shall be in accordance with the architectural and structural drawing set that is available in the Bid package as well as any modifications resulting from the Prebid conference. Recommended local sub-contractors may include Metalworks Corp (for copper roof) and Sanford inc. (for masonry work).

Project will follow the drawing set prepared by Architect MH Architect, LLC and Camera- O'Neill Consulting Inc, dated January 3, 2023, and December 2, 2022. MH Architect will be making periodic site inspections during Construction on behalf of the Town of Little Compton and will review and approve material submittals and payment requisitions prior to approval for payment by the Town.

Successful Bidders must furnish a payment and performance bond on 100 percent of the proposed contract within 15 days after the award. Successful Bidders must attend a Preconstruction Conference with the Architect a minimum of 5 days before the start date. Erosion control and protection of the site must be in place prior to the start of construction. Parking lot and Town Landing area will remain open during construction. The build site shall be fenced off and secured during construction for protection of the public. The General Contractor shall be responsible to secure a building permit. The Building Permit fee will be waived by the Town.

A Prebid conference will be held on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 9am at the project site. At that time, Bidders may ask for clarification of the plan and specifications. A written response will be prepared by the Architect and Project Engineer and emailed to all bidders as an Addendum.
Project start date must be on or before Monday, September 26th, 2023 with a completion date on or before November 30, 2023. If the project is started early, the completion date will be 60 days after the start date.

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

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

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

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

CONTACTS:

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GENERAL NOTES - DESIGN LOADS
RIDGE ISLAND STATE BUILDING CODE - CODE REGULATION 5BC-1-2021
1. GROUND SIGN LOAD (PSF): 30 PSF
2. WIND LOAD BASIC WIND SPEED (EXPOSURE C): 95 MPH
3. TEMPORARY SHORES SHALL BE DESIGNED, ERECTED, SUPPORTED, BRACED AND MAINTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR TO SUPPORT SAFELY ALL DECK LOADS PRESENTLY CARRIED BY THE STRUCTURAL HOOK - BEING SHORED AND ANY CONSTRUCTION LIVE LOADS.
4. ALL DIMENSIONS, ELEVATIONS, SHAPES, BEAM ROGERS, CUT-OUTS, UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, PIERs, FOOTINGS, SLABS, AND ALL OTHER ITEMS IS SHOWN IN DESIGN COORDINATES WITHIN 3'-0" OF建築 AND ALL OTHER TRADES' DRAWINGS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

S.C. SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF NEW & EXISTING BUILDING AT ALL TIMES INCLUDING ALL SHORING ACTIVITIES. NEW CONCRETE UNDERPINNINGS SHALL BE EXCAVATED AND CAST IN SHORT SECTIONS TO AVOID COLLAPSE.

EXISTING CONDITIONS NOTE
ALL EXISTING CONDITIONS SHOWN ON THESE PLANS ARE ASSUMED BASED ON LIMITED VISUAL INSPECTIONS AND/OR INFORMATION PROVIDED THROUGH ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CARRY CONTINGENCY IN PRICING FOR DIFFERENCES IN CONDITIONS SHOWN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
A. DIFFERENT FRAMING CONDITIONS
B. DIFFERENT FOUNDATION CONDITIONS
C. HIDDEN DAMAGE OR DETERIORATION IN STRUCTURAL MEMBERS

SIMMONS WELL HOUSE
Town Landing
LITTLE COMPTON, RI 02837
Good afternoon Carol,

Can you supply me with the documents and requirements for the installation of a cemetery stone at the Old Commons Burial Ground at the Commons. We have now identified where our great great grandparents Isabella and Charles Bone are buried between their children and want to now determine approval requirements along with the proper installation along with the type, size and any other information needed for the stone requirement and approval.

Thank you so much

Pete Morrissey
1/3/2023

Greetings Chief Petrin,

The Medical Emergency Distribution System (MEDS) Program at the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of Little Compton to the State’s COVID-19 Response and Vaccine Campaign. After decades of planning, training, exercising, and even some small-scale real-world implementations; all the hard work paid off in the COVID-19 pandemic response. As of 12/20/2022 Rhode Island had the highest percentage of residents who completed the primary COVID-19 vaccination series among all U.S States per the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Little Compton provided staff and volunteers to both the East Bay Regional POD and a few partnered PODs with its neighbor Tiverton to ensure that its residents could access COVID-19 vaccines easily and safely without having to travel far.

I would be remiss if I did not also tell you that the MEDS program received many callouts and notes from residents who attended the municipal Points of Dispensing (PODs) offering thanks for not only providing the vaccine, but also for creating a welcoming and safe environment for them to receive the vaccine.

The work done by you and the rest of the municipal staff and volunteers who were involved prevent countless deaths and instances of severe illness that would have occurred in the absence of these vaccination efforts. Please accept both my and Travis’s heartfelt thank you for your past and current partnership with the MEDS program. We look forward to continuing to collaborate together.

Best Regards,

Brittan K. Bates-Manui
Medical Countermeasures Program Director

CC: Travis Vendetti, Assistant Medical Countermeasures Program Director
    Robert Mushen, Little Compton Town Council President
COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign of 2020-2022
Rhode Island Department of Health
the people of Rhode Island during the
In appreciation for your dedication and service to
Presented to Town of Little Compton
Certificate of Appreciation

Medical Countermeasures Program
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
State of Rhode Island
For Town Council consideration
The Little Compton Prevention Coalition wishes to request $750.00 to be included in the town budget again this year.
Thank you for your consideration.
Polly

Polly Allen
Little Compton and Tiverton Prevention Coalition Coordinator
Certified Prevention Specialist
Dear Little Compton Town Council,

We are planning another fundraising event for the Little Compton Food Bank. We are asking permission to temporally close a 90-foot section in front of our residence at 26 Main Street in Adamsville for one hour for the "Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rhode Island" on Sunday, March 18th, 1:30 pm. We have contacted LCPD and plan to meet with Chief Raynes in early March to discuss event. We are seeking permission from town so that we can apply for permit from RIDOT.

Thank you for all your support and consideration,

Charles Kinnane
TOWN OF EXETER, RI

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF EXETER

RESOLUTION NO.
2023-02

A RESOLUTION URGING REJECTION OF CHANGES TO THE RHODE ISLAND ENABLING ACT AS PROPOSED BY THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LAND USE COMMISSION DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Exeter is a home-rule community having a Town Council empowered by the State Constitution, the Town Charter and by R.I.G.L. 45-2-1 and 45-5-2 to manage its affairs and the interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island House of Representatives’ Land Use Commission, Housing Working Land Group by communication dated November 10, 2022 has recommended several alleged legislative “solutions” to address housing shortage and development issues on a statewide basis,(attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, after due and careful review thereof the Town of Exeter Planning Board and the Town Council of the Town of Exeter have each determined to oppose the suggested “solutions” and legislative amendments as proposed by the Land Use Commission, Housing Working Group for, inter alia, the numerous reasons specified in the letter from the Exeter Town Council President to the Chairman of the Rhode Island Land Use Commission dated January 6, 2023 (attached hereto as Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council and the Town Planning Board believe that the housing and development issues identified by the Land Use Commission can be best addressed and resolved by individual municipalities in a fashion recommended in Exhibit B.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

The Town Council urges The Honorable Speaker of the House and The Honorable General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to reject the legislative amendments and suggested “solutions” recommended by the Land Use Commission, Housing Working Group as stated in Exhibit A for the reasons and to the extent stated in Exhibit B; and be it further
RESOLVED, that The Honorable Speaker of the House and The Honorable General Assembly further adopt and support the suggested solutions and recommendations proposed by the Town Council and the Town Planning Board of the Town of Exeter as stated in Exhibit B; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and its Exhibits be forwarded to each of the Town and City Councils of the other thirty-eight (38) municipalities of the State of Rhode Island urging their similar support of this Resolution and the recommendations stated herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and its Exhibits be forwarded to the following for their similar support and due consideration:

- The Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor, State of Rhode Island;
- The Honorable Joseph H. Shekarchi, Speaker of the House, State of Rhode Island;
- The Honorable Thomas Deller, Chairman, Land Use Commission;
- The Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, President, Rhode Island Senate;
- The Honorable Ernest Almonte, Executive Director, Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns;
- The Honorable State Senator Elaine Morgan;
- The Honorable State Representative Megan Cotter;
- The Honorable State Representative Julie A. Casimiro
- The Cites and Town Councils, State of Rhode Island.

Approved by vote of the Exeter Town Council on this 3rd day of January, 2023.

[Signature]
Daniel W. Patterson
Town Council President


[Signature]
Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC
Town Clerk

Filed with the Exeter Town Clerk on January 3, 2023.
I. Goal of the Housing Working Group: propose changes to the enabling legislation that will address the shortage of housing units statewide; create more tools to enable housing development; improve existing processes of development review

II. Enabling Legislation:
- Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act RIGL 45-22.2
- Subdivision of Land RIGL 45-23
- Zoning Ordinances RIGL 45-24

III. Issues & Potential Solutions:
   a. Issue: Restricting density by right diminishes the number of units that can be built and increases the cost per unit
      i. Solutions:
         1. Reform statewide minimum lot sizes – discussion around lot sizes standardized at the state level with different % or mix of lot sizes mandated for municipalities
         2. Amend ADU legislation for ease of use – strike the language that requires ADUs to be removed after family member leaves
            a. Need more information on what impacts ADUs have on resale, lending, and appraisal regulations
            b. Need more clarity on how realtors define multifamily v. single family in sale process in relationship to ADUs
         3. Allow for ease of redevelopment of single family stock to two family or small multifamily by right
         4. Enable the ability to convert large residential buildings to smaller units where feasible regardless of zoning limitations
         5. Encourage/mandate in the urban and dense suburban areas zero lot line development, town house (row houses) development, other creative development tools that would increase density

   b. Issue: Inability to develop multifamily housing throughout the state limits housing options in each municipality, impacts aging residents ability to downsize, and skews development to large, luxury single family development
      i. Solutions:
         1. Establish/mandate areas throughout the state that allow multifamily development “by right”
            a. These requirements should vary for areas in an urban growth boundary and outside the boundary
         2. Enable/mandate mixed use multifamily development in commercial zones
         3. Enable/mandate multifamily development along state highways or transit corridors
            a. These requirements should vary for areas in an urban growth boundary and outside the boundary
         4. Identify “transition zones” (areas between commercial/industrial and single family) statewide, where different types of housing development could be sited
         5. Enable/mandate zoning within village centers to allow for infill or redevelopment that matches the existing fabric (make the existing building type legal to build)
            a. These requirements should vary for areas in an urban growth boundary and outside the boundary
c. **Issue:** Short Term rental and student housing -- Short term rental (Airbnb, vrbo, etc) has become a business and as a result, housing units are lost from the market. Additionally in college towns, student rentals, another form of short term rental, take housing out of the market.
   i. **Solution:**
      1. Enable communities to regulate short term rental
      2. Limit ADUs to long term rental. Ban the use of ADUs for short term rental
      3. Enable communities to regulate the conversion of housing to student housing

d. **Issue:** Excessive parking requirements add cost to residential development, impact storm water runoff, and diminish number of units that could be built in some cases
   i. **Solutions:**
      1. Identify areas where future residential development could benefit by reducing or removing parking requirements
      2. Establish metrics that allow for different parking requirements for different projects -- taking into consideration siting near transit, senior development, etc.
      3. Look to model language from other states

e. **Issue:** Drawn out development review process makes residential development more costly to build
   i. **Solutions:**
      1. Streamline approval processes for development, especially residential development
         a. Eliminate public hearing for development that conforms to zoning and is not seeking variances or waivers
         b. Minor subdivision approval by administrative officer
         c. Entering development plan review into the land development process
         d. Revise outdated legal standards that discourage any development or change ("least zoning relief possible")
         e. Enable municipalities to transfer costs for third-party professional review and certification
         f. Standardize the ability to appoint local board alternates; make it easier to achieve quorums
         g. Standardize the definitions of zoning districts
         h. Make zoning ordinances easier to amend for more agile regulation
      2. Amend Unified Development Review to be a mandated part of land development review which would expedite all development
      3. Establish a committee like the State Building Board which would be responsible for updating the statewide land development regulations creating a universal template of development
      4. Address the variations of development review processes across the 39 municipalities
         a. Create a standard process with reasonable timelines and transparent expectations as was the intent in the 1992 law

f. **Issue:** Lack of incentives at the municipal level to encourage or accept growth
   i. **Solutions:**
      1. Seek greater allocation of state dollars for the Housing Incentives to Municipalities program, RI Infrastructure Bank
      2. Use state funding to incentivize development projects that incorporate affordable housing and act on climate goals
         a. Establish statewide technical assistance on IIJA/IRA opportunities for municipalities that could be access to assist in sustainable development
3. Increase support to municipal planning staff for communities who want to address housing shortage
   a. Build municipal technical assistance & support for developing growth plans, potentially through a regional planner or statewide assistance team
   b. Housing planning technical assistance could be overseen by the Department of Housing
      i. Funding — implications for state budget if regional technical assistance is administered by DOH

4. Address municipal funding formula for public schools

5. Incentives to create tie-ins for water and sewer or expansion/upgrades to existing water and sewer infrastructure

6. Create municipal tax benefits for communities making progress towards growth

7. Mandate that non-compliance with the 10% AH law is grounds for a use and/or special use permit

**g. Issue:** Lack of enforcement or accountability for planning and zoning boards and/or municipalities who perpetually deny development

i. Solution:

1. If municipalities do not meet expectations — 10% AH or other housing benchmarks — should the state step in similar to the school takeover processes
   a. Instead of a 10% target, establishing a growth rate metric or target for residential growth in each municipality
      i. Department of Housing could set growth rates for municipalities with legislation that outlines how often rates should be reviewed and adjusted

2. Create a "builders' remedy" (Schuetz, P.8), a mechanism for developers to override local zoning to build housing under certain conditions

3. Establish exclusionary test, if municipalities continue to use zoning and land use law to exclude certain types of development:
   a. Example: If local ordinances restrict or limit ADUs, property owners attempting to build ADUs could apply for approval from the State Department of Housing or an entity such as a State Development Committee

4. Establish consequences and monitoring mechanisms for municipalities that have not met the statutory 10% (ex. Utah's Municipal Planning Requirements)
   a. Utah requires municipalities not meeting housing goals to create a housing plan that includes implementation of three approaches to growth out of a menu of 12

5. Require developments that receive TSAs to include affordable units within the development

6. Amend the Fee-in-lieu regulations RIGL 45-24-46.1
   a. Inclusionary Zoning/Fee-in-lieu needs to be reviewed to not be detrimental to building and if payments are made, fund needs to be monitored to ensure payments are used towards affordable units
   b. Remove the Fee-in-lieu mandate completely - Fee-in-lieu does not work here because we are not growing at a rate that makes the payment acceptable

**h. Issue:** Development appeals process circles back to the same board which rejected the development proposal

i. Solution:

1. Establish a hearing officer process or Development Building Court responsible for hearing development appeals
2. Eliminate counterproductive remand mechanisms (decisions can either be upheld or modified on appeal)

i. **Issue:** The Comprehensive Plan is not used as a meaningful guide for housing development
   
   **Solutions:**
   1. Housing goals/growth benchmarks set by Department of Housing, incorporated into the State Guide Plan produced by Statewide Planning
      a. Outlines the framework that local community must incorporate into their Comprehensive Plans
   2. Comp Plans should establish meaningful action steps to achieve their housing growth rate goal
   3. Progress towards the growth rate benchmark should be monitored/action plans should be adjusted every so number of years (set by DOH or Statewide Planning)
   4. Increase capacity at the state level, either DOH or Statewide Planning for housing specific planning assistance and monitoring

j. **Issue:** There is a persistent conflict between state level desire for growth and municipal resistance to growth
   
   **Solutions:**
   1. Is there a tax reform to incentivize municipal growth — i.e. give municipalities a percentage of the tax increase associated with the growth in their community (income tax share)
      a. Share the wealth created by growth, establish a mutual benefit

k. **Issue:** Comprehensive Permit has not been an effective tool at expediting affordable housing development
   
   **Solutions:**
   1. Address procedural pain points (e.g., SHAB quorums)
   2. Create a predictable, concrete grounds for approving/deny an application

l. **Issue:** Urban Growth Boundary and sea level rise restrict where residential growth is feasible
   
   **Solutions:**
   1. Need better understanding of this problem to develop solutions
      a. What % of land within each municipality is currently zoned for residential development?
      b. What % of the developable land allows multifamily housing?
      c. As municipalities lose developable/developable land to sea level rise, how will they create equivalent unit capacity elsewhere? (And without significantly impacting forests/harms/open space.)
   2. Enable tools for development inland, specifically infill, redevelopment, and appropriately scaled density

m. **Issue:** To maintain a well-functioning housing market, the shortfall in labor and skill development of the residential construction sector needs to be addressed
   
   **Solution:**
   1. Dedicated investment in workforce programs targeted to the building trades and contractors
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Thom Deller, Chair RI Land Use Commission  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
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January 6, 2023

Dear Chairman Deller,

The Exeter Town Council and the Exeter Planning Board have both unanimously approved the following comments regarding the proposed recommendations of the RI Land Use Commission Housing Work Group.

We believe the recommendations would restrict existing municipal land use authority and could lead to a one size fits all Statewide zoning. It is our understanding that these recommendations will be incorporated into legislation that is a top priority for the House Speaker Shekarchi. We believe the recommendations would restrict existing municipal land use authority and could lead to a one size fits all Statewide zoning. The Exeter Town Council believes these proposed changes would negate policies in our State approved comprehensive plan that strives to accommodate growth that avoids negative impacts to the quantity and quality of our sole source of drinking water as well as development density that can be reasonably supported by a rural community. Moreover these changes will encourage greater development pressure on our farms, forests and have negative impacts to Exeter’s rural character and quality of life. The most egregious recommendations include but are not limited to:

- Eliminate public hearings for developments that conform to zoning
- Establish a growth rate quota for residential development in all cities and towns
- State mandated lot sizes for municipalities
- Create Statewide land development regulations
- Allow developers to over-ride municipal zoning to build housing

We also understand there are other recommendations pending from zoning, comprehensive plan and subdivision work groups of the Land Use Commission that are not available to the public at this time. We respectfully request that municipalities and the public be given the opportunity to have input on these additional recommendations.

The primary stimulus for these recommendations is the need to address Rhode Island’s housing crisis. The Exeter Town Council recognizes the urgent need for more balanced housing Statewide and in Exeter. Upon completion of a low and moderate income housing development, Exeter will have approximately 7% of our housing in compliance with the Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Housing Act that requires 10% of our housing be LMI. In addition Exeter adopted a Village Ordinance, over 10 years ago, that would allow multifamily housing in a mixed use compact development pattern in areas where appropriate water and wastewater could support the added density. It should be noted that not one developer has proposed to use this Village ordinance despite the availability of a public drinking supply to encourage development at the intersection of Route 2 and Exeter Road. We also wonder why the State hasn’t used the available land at the former Ladd Center to accommodate low and moderate income housing. This is the only site in Exeter that currently has public water.
RI’s housing crisis is a serious problem that needs to be resolved. We believe it can best be addressed by the following:

1. Compact growth to support more density should be encouraged, not mandated, in appropriate areas that can be adequately served by supporting infrastructure, at a minimum drinking water and wastewater treatment.
2. The need for more housing cannot be implemented without considering all the other issues municipalities are required to assess in accordance with the RI Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act. Exeter, like all municipalities, has been making our land use decisions consistent with our State approved Comprehensive Plan. The need for housing should not supersede all the other issues municipalities are currently required to address.
3. To be successful in producing more housing RI must have strong partnerships between, State, Municipal, Private Sector and Non-Profits. Establishing inflexible State mandates does not foster good partnerships.
4. Municipalities need financial and technical assistance to establish creative approaches to housing that must be customized to meet unique municipal needs. This approach helped Exeter develop our current Village Ordinance.
5. The housing crisis was caused by multiple factors over many years. It’s not reasonable and it’s inaccurate to single out land use statutes and municipalities as the sole source of this problem.
6. Changes to the existing land use statutes will not be effective, without comprehensively addressing all the issues that have caused the housing crisis.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Patterson, President
Exeter, Town Council

CC: Maria Mack, Vice Chair Land Use Commission (CFM@cox.net), Speaker Shekarchi (rep-shekarchi@rilegislature.gov), Senate President Ruggerio (sen-ruggerio@rilegislature.gov), Governor McKee, Ernie Almonte, Executive Director RI League of Cities and Towns (ealmonte@rilleague.org), Representative Megan Cotter (rep-Cotter@rilegislature.gov), Representative Julie Casimiro (rep-Casimiro@rilegislature.gov), Senator Blaine Morgan (sen-morgan@rilegislature.gov) Thom Deller o/o Christine O’Connor COconnor@rilegislature.gov
PUBLIC NOTICE for PROPOSED RULE-MAKING and
PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Ocean State Adaptation and Resilience Fund
(650-RICR-30-05-01)

Pursuant to Chapter 46-23 of the State of Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Coastal Resources Management Council ("CRMC") proposes to promulgate and take public comment on the following proposed rulemaking of the Coastal Resources Management Plan: Ocean State Adaptation and Resilience Fund (650-RICR-30-05-01). Comments will not be taken on any other section of the Coastal Resources Management Plan during this notice period. In accordance with the procedures of the RI Administrative Procedures Act (R.I.G.L. § 42-35) and the Rules and Regulations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, notice is hereby given regarding the intent of the CRMC to hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and afford interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views or arguments orally or in writing during the 30-day comment period and the public hearing.

The 30-day public comment period will open on January 6, 2023 and close February 6, 2023. The public hearing will be held at 6:00pm on January 24, 2023 in Conference Room A of the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI. The room is accessible to the disabled and persons requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Council at 401-783-3370 or RI 711 at least three (3) business days in advance of the hearing date so that such assistance can be provided at no cost to the person requesting.

Summary of Proposed Rulemaking 650-RICR-30-05-01:

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to establish the Ocean State Adaptation and Resilience Fund ("OSCAR") which will provide funding for adaptation and resilience projects on public lands. Grants from OSCAR will help to advance projects that protect or enhance coastal or riverine habitats to address climate change impacts. Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (the "Bank"), Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (the "Council"), and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (the "Department") are jointly promulgating these regulations. The following projects

The Bank, Council and Department will govern the provision of financial assistance from the OSCAR Fund to applicants. The FY 2023 State Budget provides $4 million in funding for the OSCAR Fund and will be provided as matching grants to eligible entities.

The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. General Laws §§ 42-35.1-3 and 42-35.0-4 and has filed copies of the proposed regulations with the Governor’s Office and the Office of Regulatory Reform of
the Department of Administration’s Office of Management and Budget. The Council has determined that the proposed regulations do not duplicate any other state regulations and will not have any adverse effect on small businesses.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed rulemaking, the Ocean State Adaptation and Resilience Fund (650-RICR-30-05-01), by January 18, 2023. All such comments should be addressed to Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director, Oliver Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI. The proposed regulations are available on the CRMC website – www.crmc.ri.gov.

Signed this 6th of January 2023.

Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council

Proposed Jointly Promulgated Regulation

650-RICR-30-05-01

TITLE 650 – Coastal Resources Management Council

CHAPTER 30 – Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund

SUBCHAPTER 05 – Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund

Part 01 – OCEAN STATE CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE FUND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1.0 Jointly Promulgated Regulation

A. Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management jointly promulgate 830-RICR-10-35-01, “Rules and Regulations for Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund”.

B. This Part hereby adopts and references 830-RICR-10-35-01.

Proposed Regulation as Jointly Promulgated by the RI Infrastructure Bank

830-RICR-10-35-01

TITLE 830 – INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

CHAPTER 10 – PROGRAMS

SUBCHAPTER 35 – Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund

Part 01 – OCEAN STATE CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE FUND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
1.0 Jointly Promulgated Regulation

Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management jointly promulgate 830-RICR-10-35-01, “Rules and Regulations for Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund”.

1.1 Purpose and Scope

A. The following Policies and Procedures of Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (the "Bank"), Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (the "Council"), and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (the "Department") have been established to govern the provision of financial assistance from the Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund ("OSCAR") to applicants for adaptation and resilience projects on public lands. Grants from OSCAR will help to advance projects on public land and protect or enhance coastal or riverine habitats to address climate change impacts.

1.2 Authority

These rules and regulations are promulgated pursuant to the authority provided by R.I. Gen. Laws §46-12.2-4 and §46-23.3-7.

1.3 Definitions

A. Except as otherwise defined herein, the words and phrases used within this Part shall have the same meaning as the words and phrases in R.I. Gen Laws § 46-23.3-2, as amended.

B. For the purposes of this Part, the following terms are defined as follows:

1. "Approved Project" means an eligible adaptation and resilience project as defined in R.I. Gen. Laws §46-23.3-2(1) and approved by the Department and the Council pursuant to R.I. General Laws §46-23.3-6(a).

2. "Applicant" means any entity which owns or controls public land as defined by R.I. General Laws §46-23.3-2(8) which files an application for an OSCAR grant.

3. “Successful Applicant” means an Applicant for an Approved Project that is awarded an OSCAR grant.

1.4 Financial Assistance

A. These Policies and Procedures govern the provision of financial assistance available to Applicants for adaptation and resilience projects. Financial assistance shall be in the form of grants in amounts as determined by the Council and the Department to be distributed by the Bank.

B. Requests for financial assistance shall be submitted in writing by the Chief Executive Officer or other authorized officer of the Applicant to the Council and the Department in accordance with the open solicitation process pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §46-23.3-6.

1.5 Permitted Projects and Eligible Costs

A. Permitted Project Categories
1. The following categories of projects will be considered, either alone or in combination, and include but are not limited to projects on public land that protect or enhance coastal or riverine habitats to address climate change impacts. These include, but are not limited to:
   a. Projects that reduce the vulnerability of low-lying infrastructure on public land through measures that include removal and relocation of infrastructure.
   b. Restoration of river and stream floodplains, including regrading of banks.
   c. Revegetation.
   d. Acquisition of that area of land necessary to maintain and preserve public access.
   e. Redesigning, resizing, and replacing culverts and bridge spans at existing wetland crossings.
   f. Additional projects deemed to be eligible under R.I. Gen. Laws §46-23.3-5.

2. The following categories of projects that are not eligible are:
   a. Projects mitigating any current, planned, or future projects that degrade, fill, or otherwise destroy coastal, estuarine, or riverine habitats.
   b. Projects fulfilling any liability for restoration required by any local, state, or federal agency pursuant to an environmental or public health enforcement action.
   c. Projects elevating, repairing, or replacing infrastructure, or constructing new infrastructure, in its existing location that is experiencing climate change impacts, except as otherwise provided in R.I. Gen. Laws §46-23.3-5.
   d. Projects constructing new, or repairing existing shoreline protection structures; provided, however, that existing shoreline protection structures on public parks may be repaired.
   e. Constructing roads or bridges.

B. Project Costs

1. The following types of costs are eligible to be paid for from financial assistance provided from OSCAR pursuant to this Part:
   a. Planning, design, environmental, historic preservation, engineering, or other professional consulting services.
   b. Legal and other professional services directly related to the project and project development.
   c. Plantings, reforestation, landscaping.
   d. Construction.
   e. Materials.
f. Monitoring, oversight, and inspection services.

g. Personnel costs directly related to the performance of the project.

h. Community outreach and engagement.

2. Types of costs that are ineligible to receive monies from OSCAR include:

a. Administrative costs including clerical support, monthly utility expenses, the purchase of office equipment, personnel costs associated with fund raising for the nongovernmental entity, etc.

b. State or federal lobbying costs.

c. Response costs for emergency response actions caused or exacerbated solely by the applicant or their agents or assigns.

d. Any fines, damages, assessments, settlements or other monies paid in connection with any litigation or administrative proceeding with any local, state or federal regulatory agencies.

1.6 Grant Application & Review

A. The grant application shall be in a form acceptable to the Council and the Department as prescribed in any open solicitation period which shall occur at least annually.

B. The Council and the Department shall review and approve all grant applications after consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee established in R.I. Gen. Laws §46-23.3-3.

C. Applications shall be reviewed based upon a minimum project readiness standard; overall spending targets by project type; preferences for projects that align with the state's prevailing economic development plan; the criteria established in R.I. Gen. Laws §46-23.3-4(d); and other criteria as identified by the Council and Department during the open solicitation period.

D. Following recommendation by the Technical Advisory Committee and approval by the Council and Department, the Council and Department shall notify the Bank of the Approved Project(s) from the open solicitation period and the Bank shall, subject to the funds available within OSCAR, award funding to the Successful Applicants.

1.7 Grant Reporting Requirements

A. Following an award, Successful Applicants shall provide information to the Bank, Council, and Department regarding the Approved Project that satisfies the reporting requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws §46-23.3-6, or as otherwise requested by the Bank, Council, and/or Department.

B. Successful Applicants shall provide the Bank, Council, and/or Department with other information or reports as and when the Bank may reasonably require.

1.8 Grant Agreements

There will be a Grant Agreement for each award of approved financial assistance outlining the terms and conditions of the grant, as applicable.
1.9 Compliance with Federal, State and Local Law

The Applicant must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

1.10 Modifications

Where deemed appropriate by the Bank, Council, and/or Department, waiver or variation of any provisions herein may be made or additional requirements may be added.

1.11 Severability

If any provision of this Part or the application thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Part shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any section or sections or parts of any section or sections shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Part.
December 29, 2022

Mr. Antonio A. Teixeira
Town Administrator
Town of Little Compton
40 Commons; P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Mr. Teixeira:

In accordance with your request, I am granting an extension to January 31, 2023 for submission of the Town of Little Compton audited financial report and management letter, if applicable, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Please refer to our email on October 21, 2022 to all finance directors and school business managers for guidance on the timing and coordination of final fiscal year UCOA files and the UCOA Agreed-Upon Procedures. Auditors should have performed the test work necessary to complete the UCOA Agreed-Upon Procedures before issuing the audit report. Communication of the results of the UCOA Agreed-Upon Procedures engagement can follow, but not later than 30 days after completion of the financial statement audit.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Hoyle, CPA
Auditor General

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Subject: Thumbs Down On Mayflower Wind 1/13/2023

Thumbs Down On Mayflower Wind

Falmouth Massachusetts USA

1/13/2023

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3. Falmouth Opinion
I applaud Daniel H. Shearer’s letter on January 6 as insightful concerning Mayflower Wind not being an American corporation. They have no skin in the game. They do not understand the densely populated residential nature of the Heights, the all-inclusive nature of her beaches and their value to the seashore Town of Falmouth. Their proposals give little to no consideration for those who have invested in and have come to love Falmouth and have shaped her traditions. Mayflower’s interest is driven by greed as it seeks the least-expensive route for its project.

Mr. Shearer’s support for the 4-1 select board decision of December 19 to deny Mayflower Wind access to town property to study landfall sites for its electric cables is spot-on. I attended the June 8 public forum and the select board meeting on December 19 and I am grateful that Falmouth residents were provided an opportunity by our select board to raise our voices and/or visually express our opposition for the Mayflower Wind Project. This is the best of all worlds and is what democracy is all about. Its substitute, “democracy,” demonstrates the opposite, the worst of all possible worlds.

The article by Noelle Annonen in the January 10 E-edition of The Falmouth Enterprise, “Mayflower Wind Still Plans To Land Cables in Falmouth,” says, “Mayflower Wind plans to refile more detailed plans with the Energy Facilities Siting Board, which includes changes to the proposed transmission technology from high-voltage alternating current (HVAC) to high-voltage direct current (HVDC). Furthermore, it says, “The change from HVAC to HVDC current will reduce the footprint of the project’s inland substation from 15 acres to 6 acres, according to the company.”

The article quotes community liaison coordinator for Mayflower Wind Kelsey Perry: “The recent select board vote does not impact Mayflower Wind’s plans or timeline to refile the project’s EFSB petition.” Ms. Perry also told the Enterprise that Mayflower Wind was in the midst of surveying the sites and needed to finish work at the identified locations with the updated access agreements. She said the work must be completed in sequential phases. The company refrained from conducting site studies between Memorial Day and Labor Day to keep its promise to the town that it would not disrupt the tourist season.

How sad is this? The company promised to be forthcoming, answer our questions and hold public forums which we requested to be held on Saturdays so more residents could attend, and it never happened. Now we are supposed to believe their pause was to show respect for our tourist season. Please, spare us the insult to our intelligence. Mayflower’s delay was not motivated by their concern for the people of Falmouth; it was motivated by the hope for more American subsidies to finance their project due to increased costs driven by inflation and possible supply chain shortages.
Mayflower Wind's Cable Through Falmouth Neighborhoods

Mayflower Wind proposes to build a subsea electric transmission cable, 110-kV direct current, under our property and through our neighborhoods. A cable of this size would destroy our privacy and property values forever. The noise and visual effects would also forever disrupt our environment and our quality of life.

Sign a concern for your neighborhood and property values.

FALMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS
NO!

RE-STATE EFFORTS ORGANIZATIONS ARE ACCEPTING SIGNED PETITIONS:  MALPEEBA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, PEWNA, ORG.

P.O. BOX 42, FALMOUTH, MA 02540
Save Greater Dowses Beach Meeting Jan 17, 2023 Cape Cod - Offshore Wind Industrial Cables

Meeting January 17, 2023 Time 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Osterville Village Library Meeting Room
43 Wianno Avenue
Osterville, MA 02655

RSVP: saveourbeach22@gmail.com

The question below is asked by Frank Haggerty (not a member of Save Greater Dowses Beach)

Questions need to be answered why state officials are allowing residential communities are being sacrificed for commercial ocean wind turbine cables. The total output of the Pilgrim Nuclear Plant was 680 megawatts. The state is allowing sets of cables at 800 megawatts through Cape Cod residential vacation destinations.

Why is the state of Massachusetts officials allowing foreign multi-national offshore wind contractors to make up to 10 cable landings in residential vacation communities destinations on Cape Cod? Applications have also been made in residential communities in Rhode Island. This is called the "generator lead line approach." This is the cheapest method for ocean contractors to get to grid locations as XLPE submarine cable can cost up to 5 million dollars per mile installed. This method also requires (you) the electric ratepayers to upgrade the current onshore electric grid to get the power off Cape Cod to the destinations of Boston, Fall River, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

The "planned approach " avoids all Cape Cod communities. The wind companies spend 5 million per mile to install major XLPE submarine cables from one offshore platform to Boston, Fall River, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. This is more expensive for the wind companies but in the long run saves everyone money including the wind companies and prevents up to 15 cable landings in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Do it once do it right

See Page 7 Brattle Group: Summary of two transmission approaches studied in New England

1. The "generator lead line" approach: communities at risk of commercial cable routes

2. An alternative "planned" approach: correct method
A two-year-old report on offshore wind transmission by economic consulting firm Brattle Group appears to find electric grid cost savings of over tens of millions and significantly reduced environmental impacts and project risks in developing a multi-user, "planned transmission system" for offshore wind.


*****SAVE GREATER DOWSES BEACH*****

Meeting is on January 17th

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Osterville Village Library Meeting Room

Barnstable residents welcome

Please rsvp if you plan to attend:

saveourbeach22@gmail.com

(this will help with logistics)
Offshore Wind Wreaks Havoc On Cape Cod

https://www.windtaskforce.org/profiles/blogs/offshore-wind-wreaks-havoc-on-cape-cod

Offshore Wind Wreaks Havoc On Cape Cod
Jan 10, 2023

The wind industry has transformed residential neighborhoods on Cape Cod vacation destinations into unprecedented uncertainty pitting neighbor against neighbor. These state and town officials get offered and take tens of millions of dollars to save the wind companies hundreds of millions. Residents of these towns end up with high voltage cables through their neighborhoods.

To put the power of these 800-megawatt offshore wind cables in perspective the Plymouth Nuclear Plant’s maximum output was 680 megawatts. These industrial strengths 800-megawatt cables are to be buried in the street outside your front door.

Several years ago the best and original proposals called the planned method were made to run four very expensive ocean wind turbine submarine cables from the offshore wind site 30 miles off the coast of Massachusetts to Boston, Fall River, Rhode Island, and Hartford, Connecticut. These locations are the ultimate destination of power.

Massachusetts state officials dropped the planned method and are now allowing foreign offshore wind companies to plow sets of electric cables up to 345,000 volts at 800 megawatts under some of the finest beaches in the world and then through residential communities. There are five wind locations with 2400 megawatts of power each requiring sets of 345,000-volt cables to make landfall all over Cape Cod. There is a possibility of 15 communities affected by Rhode Island and Cape Cod.

This method being approved by the state saves wind companies from running the long-distance ocean submarine cables to the major use cities. The wind companies simply come on shore as close as they can get to the old electric grid.

The electric grid in Massachusetts and Cape Cod today is by most standards antique and in need of upgrades. Bringing offshore wind power onto the Grid on Cape Cod presents another major problem. The power still needs to go by land off the Cape to get to Boston and other major use locations. Electric ratepayers unknowingly will have to pay for major land upgrades rather than the wind companies running ocean submarine cables to the major cities.
It may also be worth mentioning there are no health studies in the United States for the 220,000 to 345,000 high voltage direct current buried cables proposed through the residential communities.

The first beach torn up on Cape Cod was Covell's Beach in Centerville. (Pictures below) Other towns and locations all over Cape Cod are having second thoughts about allowing two or three cables buried through their towns.

The Falmouth Select Board recently voted against an offshore wind company as the wind company pulled an end run going to the state legislature to bypass Falmouth zoning bylaws enacted to protect the public. The town bylaws are approved by Falmouth Town Meeting and Massachusetts Attorney General. The wind company also wants to run cables under historic Falmouth Heights Beach.

Finally, another wind company wants to run cables under Dowses Beach in Osterville. A peninsula beach, Dowses beach is a birding beach known for piping coves spending the summer. The village of Osterville is a wealthy enclave with plenty of boat clubs, and high-end shops for full-time and summer residents.

Most residents of Osterville believe the offshore wind project is an ill-conceived and environmentally destructive project. All these cable landings on Cape Cod are multiyear heavy industrial projects interfering with the fragile ecosystem.

Massachusetts state officials and foreign wind contractors are proceeding despite growing public opposition asking why the wind companies run their cables to Boston by submarine cable rather than destroy Cape Cod vacation destinations.

The Massachusetts land-based wind projects since Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley filed charges against former Massachusetts state representative Mark Howland for his alleged "unscrupulous" business practice as a wind turbine supplier have been a disaster.

Massachusetts had a land-based wind agenda of 2000 megawatts of wind power by 2020. The total now is around 110 megawatts and most turbines are being curtailed or removed over noise nuisance issues.

How could any state official think the ocean projects will end up any other way?
Mayflower Needs To Answer - Letter
Falmouth, Massachusetts 1/6/23

https://www.capenews.net/falmouth/opinion/mayflower-needs-to-answer---letter/article_2663f907-4c78-5392-8bda-318bbc7a1981.html

I would like to thank the four out of five select board members who had obviously paid attention at the first Mayflower Wind public meeting six months ago. They remembered the questions asked by the audience and the inability to get answers from the group of “suits” sent to impress us. At that meeting we gave Mayflower Wind a list of—as I remember it—11 questions we needed answered and were told that we would get the answers “soon.” The Cape Cod Times had a reporter at this meeting, although I don’t remember reading anything in our Enterprise.
Then, on the agenda for the select board meeting two weeks ago was a request from Mayflower Wind for access to our town beaches and uplands for a study of landing sites for their large cables without regard to Falmouth’s zoning or other bylaws; the town would have no control over the digging and drilling on two town beaches, Central Park, Kite Park and the Worcester Court median. Mayflower Wind sent a representative/lawyer to the select board meeting but, again, he was unable to answer any questions asked by the select board or by the Falmouth residents in attendance. However, he would make sure that we would get the answers “soon,” but Mayflower Wind needed the okay for the study now. Our select board voted 4 to 1 against the request, standing up for the town we love, saying “no” until we get all our questions answered.

An editorial in our Enterprise stated that “elected officials”—meaning, I assume, our select board—“don’t have the spine to act in the service of the greater good in the face of complaints from a narrow constituency.” No, Enterprise, we all acknowledge that we need wind energy, but, if your reporter had listened carefully, she would have understood that the majority in the room just wanted answers to critical questions. I want them also, and I live in West Falmouth. This is not a NIMBY response; our whole town is concerned.

Yes, we need the ability to utilize offshore wind power. There are seven leaseholders in the 1,400 square miles of federal waters off our south coast who want to build wind farms. Mayflower Wind is the first to reach this stage but they are not an American corporation and dealing with them during and after construction would be problematic. Why do they need waivers to skirt all of our town’s regulations? They have yet to tell us where the cable will go, how much our roadsides, trees, bushes, grass areas, will be affected permanently and during construction, how many buildings of what size are required, or where they will be located. Yes, Mayflower Wind contributed money to our Fireworks Fund, the Falmouth Road Race and other smaller groups. However, we do not wish to be bribed.

Please, select board, do not let them get a foot in the door. Please continue to say “no” until we have our requested answers and time to study them. We need more public meetings with people from Mayflower Wind who can answer our questions. Absolutely we need wind energy and we will get wind farms, but let’s not rush to unconditionally accept the first applicant.