TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON  
TOWN COUNCIL  

MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2021  

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNoKeQBPql33aEtqzOXHO9g  

AGENDA  

7:00 P.M.  

7:00 PM – Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the Little Compton Town Code Chapter 14 proposing to expand the business zone for Plat 30, Lot 8-1 to include the entire lot, known as 50 Commons LLC at 50 Commons in the Town of Little Compton  

Approval of Minutes - January 7, 2021  

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be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.  

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

Announcements:  

1. The Town has been granted an extension to 31 January for the filing of its annual audit  

Department Head Report:  

1. Public Works – December 2020
Old Business:

2. Accept applications to serve on boards and commissions of the Town as follows:
   (1) Conservation Commission member – three year term (Jan. 31st) 2024
   (2) Harbor Commission members – three year term (Feb. 1st) 2024
   (2) LC Housing Trust trustee – five year term (Jan. 24th) 2026
   (1) Planning Board members – four year term (Feb. 1st) 2025
   (1) Recreation Committee member – three year term (Feb. 1st) 2024
   (1) Tree Warden – annual appointment in January for March 1st
   (7) Charter Review Commission – 2 year term

New Business:

1. Proposal by Chief of Police to implement a Reserve Police Officer Program
2. Letter received from FEMA notifying the Town of a need to update our Town Code due to a pending modification of the flood hazard determinations affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study report, effective July 6, 2021. This modification is the same modification initially announced in March 2020, but rescinded in later 2020 due to COVID limitations.
3. Letter from the Chief of Police congratulating Corporal Andrew Morgan on his achieving rank of Corporal through the completion of ten (10 years of exemplary service to the Town of Little Compton and its residents.
4. Review and approve Little Compton Housing Trust contract with HousingWorks RI to conduct a housing study

Board of License Commissioners: none

Communications: none

Consent:

1. Memorandum to Finance Director authorizing deferral of collection of interest and penalties on property taxes during declared State of Emergency
2. Letter to RI Dept. of Environmental Management offering comments on proposed revision to wetlands regulations
3. Letter from Susan Sisson, Director of Social Services to the Town Administrator reviewing the 2020 calendar year activities
4. Copy of CRMC Maintenance Certification M2019-12-069 to grade/fill parking area on Barrier Beach, install stormwater mediation for South Shore Beach

Payment of Bills

All are welcome to any meeting at the town, which is open to the public. Individuals requiring communication assistance or any accommodation to ensure equal participation will need to contact the Town Clerk at 635-4400 not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON RHODE ISLAND
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER XIV
OF THE LITTLE COMPTON TOWN CODE
ZONING ORDINANCE

To amend the zoning map of the Town of Little Compton by extending the business zone presently covering a portion of Assessor’s Plat 30, Lot 8-1 to include coverage of the entire lot in the business zone.

The proposal may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any such alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of said hearing.

Copies of the proposed extension of the business zone may be obtained in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday by appointment due to COVID limitations or by calling 635-4400 or communication by email to cwordell@littlecomptonri.org.

Due to a petition received from 50 Commons LLC the Town Council is hereby considering extending the business zone to include all of Assessor’s Plat 30 Lot 8-1, remaining business zone on Plat 30 shall remain the same.

HEARING DATE: January 21, 2021 TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Zoom & Teleconference https://zoom.us Meeting ID: 878 9843 9958
Passcode: 005707 or Toll Free numbers: 888-788-0099; 833-548-0276

Sakonnet Times - December 31, 2020, January 7, 2021, January 14, 2021
Minutes of a Town Council virtual meeting held January 7th, AD 2021 via Video and Tele-Conferencing at 7:00 o’clock PM. Councilors present acknowledged by roll call: Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas, Andrew W. Moore, Robert L. Mushen and Anya Wallack. Also in attendance: Fire Chief Petrin, Police Chief Raynes, Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator, Richard S. Humphrey, Esq.

Motion made by Councilor Wallack, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for December 17, 2020.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for December 21, 2020.

Announcements:

1. Reminder that the Town Hall is operating at limited access until further notice. Employees only within the building, appointments for mandatory in-person business may be scheduled and handled through a window at the Town Hall. All other business is being encouraged through use of the towns drop box, online options and/or USPS.

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

1. Police Department – monthly report for December 2020
2. Town Clerk – monthly report for December 2020
3. Fire Department
   a. Monthly report for December 2020
   b. Year End Report for 2020
5. Town Administrator – monthly report for December 2020

Don McNaughton, Chair of the Conservation Commission offered insight to the drafting of a letter to be sent to RI Dept. of Environmental Management to express the town’s concerns with proposed changes to the set back and buffer zones for wetlands. During the discussion it was clear the letter should be strengthened to ask to allow the Town of Little Compton to continue to keep the 100’ buffer zone from wetlands and to note that the current Little Compton Comprehensive Plan approved by the State of RI in 2018 strongly supports protecting our water resources. The current proposal for amendment will also diminish the Town’s rights to oversee variance requests.

Motion made by Councilor Wallack, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To capture the spirit of the discussion held during this evenings meeting to draft a letter to RI Dept. of Environmental Management expressing the Town’s concerns with a proposal to amend wetland buffer zones and remove local control on variance requests, contingent upon concurrence with the Town Solicitor, Don McNaughton, Chair Conservation Commission, Michael Steers, Chair Planning Board and Robert Mushen, Council President.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To allow the Town Administrator to move forward with a plan to retrofit and replace the fixtures and lighting in the Town Hall with LED fixtures earning an energy savings for the town.
Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councillor Moore, voting in favor by roll call (Golemeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To hold the 2021 Annual Financial Town meeting on May 18, 2021 beginning at 7 PM.

Motion made by Councillor Golemeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Golemeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To authorize the Town Administrator and the Town Tax Assessor to negotiate in the best interest of the Town with Vision Government Solutions, the single bid proposal for Year 2021 Statistical Update Services with the added authority to enter into a contract after said negotiations are satisfactorily complete.

After a brief discussion of the status of the Municipal Resiliency Program Core Team’s drafting of proposal(s) for submittal during the funding phase of the project the following was voted:

Motion made by Councillor Mushen, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Golemeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To authorize the Municipal Resiliency Program Core Team (Larry Anderson, Antonio Teixeira, Robert Mushen) to submit to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank a Municipal Resiliency Program Action Grant application by January 15, 2021. The grant application will include some or all of the following projects:

1. South Shore Beach parking lot entrance stormwater and flooding mitigation.
2. Town Way stormwater and siltation mitigation and drainage.
3. John Dyer Road (north end) stormwater and flooding mitigation.

The grant application will be for an amount not to exceed $250,000 and will include the Town's commitment to provide matching grant funds, in cash and/or in-kind, not to exceed $62,500, [or 25% percent of the final grant request], from either current appropriated accounts [such as the Beach Commission parking lot fund account], the Capital account, or a future dedicated Financial Town Meeting appropriation or authorization to borrow.

Motion made by Councillor Golemeske, receiving a second by Councillor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Golemeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To authorize the advertisement of a Request for Proposals for engineering services relating to the restoration of Wilbour Woods.

Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councillor Moore, voting in favor by roll call (Golemeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To ask the Town Council President and Town Administrator to meet with Joshua Wood a Life Scout in Little Compton Troop 29 who is seeking suggestions for an Eagle Scout project to discuss options for a project.

Motion made by Councillor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councillor Golemeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golemeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To place on file a copy of a Public Notice received from Coastal Resources Management Council that at a meeting scheduled for January 12, 2021 at 6 pm the board will deliberate and vote on proposed amendments to the CRMC Management Procedures -650-RICR-10-00-1 without further public comment.

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

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Motion made by Councillor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councillor Moore, voting in favor by roll call
(Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: $88,578.44

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Crystal Rock - Police Dept. $82.71
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Nationalgrid - street lights $127.25
Nationalgrid - street lights town dock $4.12
Michael Massa - Harbor Management Fund $177.35
Everlasting Designs - computer $990.00
Champion Salt LLC - Highway $1,831.87
Helger Bros - Highway $4,104.00
Medeiros & Sons Construction Inc - Highway $911.32
Medeiros & Sons Construction Inc - Highway $1,256.57
RS Rental Equipment Co. - Highway $42.75
Home Depot - Highway - Maintenance $1,041.76
Cox - Computer $105.34
Verizon - Maintenance - Transfer Station $130.88
Cox - Town Hall Depts. $180.05
Richard S Humphrey - legal services $170.50
Richard S Humphrey - legal services $610.50
Santa Buckley Energy - Town Hall $656.97
Santa Buckley Energy - 30 Commons $317.71
Santa Buckley Energy - Public Safety Complex $808.47

The meeting was declared adjourned by the Town Council President at 7:52 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Hi Joe,

The Auditor General is granting an additional extension to the Town of Little Compton until January 31, 2021 to file its audited financial report (and management letter, if applicable) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

As a reminder, please refer to our email on November 6, 2020 to finance directors, school business managers, and auditors for guidance on the timing and coordination of the 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.

Thank-you,
Rina

Rina DiBenedetto, CPA
Senior Audit Manager
Office of the Auditor General
33 Broad Street, Suite 201
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 222-2435
Fax: (401) 222-2111
Email: rina.dibenedetto@rioag.gov
Little Compton Department of Public Works

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**TRANSFER STATION**

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DPW has purchased a sander for the 1 ton dump body and is set up and ready

For the month of December 2020,

4- Sandings with large Mack Truck Sander
3- Black Ice sandings with small red pick up truck
1- Snow event called all subcontractors in for snow removal 12/15, 12/17, 12/18

DPW continue sign placement as needed

DPW placed swags on antique lights around town supplied by garden club

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DPW will be prepared to plow and sand, and shovel
Transfer station, Public Safety complex, Town Hall, 30 Commons shop, 32 Commons Odd fellows
Veterans field access (gravel) for school parking and public access

DPW will continue to back up sub-contractors on the roads
DPW will continue to clear remote Fire Hydrant area's at 4 locations in Town, West Main near Old Main road, Pottersville near Amesbury, The Ponderosa, Shaw road

maintain refuse from outside town barrels
Cut lawns and cemeteries for grass season maintain town road signage
general maintenance of town buildings
14 trash and recycle barrels throughout town
9 weekly, 15 bi-weekly from April - November worked on upgrade of stop signs
maintanance of vehicles, tractors, and trucks

William L. Moore, Little Compton, Director of Public Works
Town of Little Compton
Office of the Council President
Post Office Box 226
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

22 January 2021

Special Directive 5 (Revision 6)

Extension of State of Emergency in Town of Little Compton

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19, as set forth in Executive Order 20-02 issued by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on 9 March 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Little Compton Town Council on 16 March 2020 adopted a Declaration of Emergency and Emergency Ordinance due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, confirming the authority of the Town Council President to declare a state of emergency in the Town of Little Compton, and

WHEREAS, said state of emergency in the Town was renewed and amended on 30 April 2020, and subsequently has been extended through 22 January 2021, and

WHEREAS, further extension is in order due to the continued danger to health and safety.

NOW THEREFORE, the Little Compton Town Council on 21 January 2021 extended the state of emergency in the Town through 19 February 2021, unless renewed, modified or terminated by subsequent order.

_____________________________________________________
Robert L. Mushen
President, Little Compton Town Council
Dear Carol,
I would like to put my name forward for consideration to participate in the Charter review.
Thank you
Mikel Folcarelli
Hi, Carol,
I hope you’re well. In these Covid times it seems better for me to email you my question rather than stop in the Town Hall. I’m told that the best way to put my name in for potential appointment to the next charter review commission is by emailing you, and if so, I ask you to please add my name to the applicant list. If this is not the proper procedure, please let me know how best to go about submitting my name for consideration.

Thank you very much,

Garbled by predictive text on my iPhone

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Hello Carol,

I would like to write to formally express my interest in continuing my service on the Little Compton Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,
Laura Haverland

On Tue, Dec 8, 2020 at 3:08 PM Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org> wrote:

Laura,

Your term on the Conservation Commission will be coming due for appointment the end of January.

If you are interested in being re-appointed please forward a letter of interest by January 21, 2021.

Carol

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk, CMC
40 Commons - PO Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837
401-635-4400 office
401-635-2470 fax
cwordell@littlecomptonri.org
Hi Carol I would like to continue on the harbor commission as the offshore representative. Thanks for your help.

Gary Jr

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2020, at 2:53 PM, Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org> wrote:

Greg and Gary,

You will both come up for re-appointment the end of January for your seats on the Harbor Commission.

Should you be interested in re-appointment I would appreciate a letter or note back expressing that interest.

Thanks, these openings will have to be posted in January so don’t be surprised when you see it on the Council’s calendar as upcoming vacancies.

Carol

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk, CMC
40 Commons - PO Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837
401-635-4400 office
401-635-2470 fax
cwordell@littlecomptonri.org
Dear Councilors,

The Little Compton Housing Trust, (LCHT) has recently been notified that two of our members will not seek re-appointment to the board. The Town Clerk has on file, letters from two town residents expressing interest in appointment to the board. In accordance with the LCHT by-laws, I would like to submit the names of these individuals for your consideration:

Claudia McNeil, 446 Long Highway
Susan Bodington, 1 Town Way

The LCHT welcomes the perspectives and experiences that new members can contribute toward our mission of housing affordability and accessibility in Little Compton. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,
Patrick M. Bowen
LCHT
Dear Carol,

The only reason I am glad Claudia did not get elected to the Library Board is that she would be an even greater asset to the Housing Trust. I have been to the Housing Trust’s meetings. Claudia’s voice is needed there.

Claudia knows from her own experience what it is like to try to find affordable housing in Little Compton. She passionately loves this town, and she has sacrificed a lot to be here. She knows the ins and outs of renting, and she is well-versed in housing legal and policy issues.

Claudia is also very bright, has a great sense of humor, and is fun to be around. That may not convey itself in an interview, where she is probably earnest and nervous, but believe me she is just the greatest to work with.

Please pass this on to the powers that be. And....can you advise on how I get a dump sticker?

Appreciatively,

Jana

Jana P. Porter
45 Quicksand Pond Road
Little Compton RI 02837

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.
Dear Carol ~ Can you please present this letter to the Town Council at the appropriate time? Thanks.
Happy Holidays 🌲 ~ Claudia McNeil

446 Long Highway

Little Compton, RI

02837

chapters3@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Dear Members of the Little Compton Council:

Please consider me as an applicant for a position on the LC Housing Trust. I offer a unique perspective, in that I am a rent-bound Senior, very interested in making affordable housing available in Little Compton.

According to the latest statistics I’ve heard, 27% of the inhabitants of LC are renters, and more than 1/2 of those renters are rent-bound (paying more than 30 % of their income for housing).

Many elders (some have lived here all their lives) cannot afford to live here; many young couples, with or without children; many disabled; many people who serve the townspeople (fire, police, teachers, cashiers, maintenance crews, etc.) cannot afford to live here. I’d like to see that change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, ~ Claudia McNeil
January 5, 2021

Little Compton Town Council
Town Hall
Little Compton

To: Little Compton Town Council

I understand that there may be openings on the Housing Trust Board. I am interested in being considered if you are making new appointments. I am retired from a career in policy and financing of affordable housing and would like to share my knowledge and experience with the Housing Trust.

I retired in 2013 from a 22 year career with Rhode Island Housing. I am currently president of the board of directors of Church Community Housing Corporation. I have met with the Housing Trust a few times but have generally had a conflict with their scheduled meetings.

Should I be appointed, I can assist the Trust in thinking through various models for providing affordable housing options and to assess housing needs and think through the best way to meet those needs.

You may contact me via email at rsuebod@aol.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

[Signature]

Susan Bodington
1 Town Way
Little Compton
To: Carol Wordell, Town Clerk, Little Compton

RE: Recreation Committee

Dear Carol,

It would be my pleasure to continue as a member of the Recreation Committee. As always, I serve at the pleasure of the Town Council, and if they would prefer some "new blood", I would be happy to step aside. Thank you for all that you do for the town and best regards for the holidays.

Sincerely,
Tom Grimes

On 12/8/2020 1:56 PM, Carol Wordell wrote:

Tom

Your term on the Recreation committee is coming due the end of January. If you are interested in re-appointment please drop me a note or letter expressing your desire by Jan. 21st.

Thank you,

Carol

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk, CMC
40 Commons - PO Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837
401-635-4400 office
401-635-2470 fax
cwordell@littlecomptonri.org
Good Afternoon Carol,

I am writing to you to state my interest in serving on the Recreation Committee. Can this email suffice for my letter of interest to be considered as a candidate for the Town Council? Thank you Carol.

Dan O’Connor
283 Long Hwy
January 11, 2021

Honorable Town Council
Ton of Little Compton
40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

Honorable Town Council members,

The attached proposed Reserve Police Officer Program draft policy for the Little Compton Police Department is presented for your discussion.

I would like to fully implement the Reserve Police Officer Program beginning on July 1, 2021 in conjunction with an approved FY 2021-2022 budget.

I look forward to any questions you may have regarding the Reserve Police Officer Program.

Respectfully,

Scott N. Raynes
Chief of Police
RESERVE POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

The Little Compton Police Department recognizes that it loses valuable resources through the retirement of veteran police officers. By developing a Reserve Police Officer Program, the Department hopes to utilize retired officers for the distinct purpose of working construction details, special assignments and patrol functions. The purpose of this directive is to establish and maintain guidelines concerning the Reserve Police Officer Program.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Little Compton Police Department to maintain a list of qualified retired police officers who wish to perform construction details, special assignments and patrol shifts. During certain times of the year it is necessary to redistribute police resources in order to meet public safety needs. The Reserve Police Officers will be used to fill the service needs of the Town of Little Compton and private detail vendors whose request may go unfilled due to the high demand of public safety needs. The Reserve Police Officers will be used for the sole purpose of filling these details and supplementing patrol shifts. Full-time, sworn personnel will have the first opportunity to work any construction details, special assignments or patrol shifts before Reserve Police Officers are available for the details or shifts. The Reserve Police Officers will not be used to replace the Department's full-time sworn personnel for the purpose of minimum staffing.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. ARREST – As outlined in Policy 100.03 Limits of Authority.

B. RESERVE POLICE OFFICER – Non-permanent, non-fulltime members of the Little Compton Police Department who has retired in good standing from the Little Compton Police Department or another municipality, to include the Rhode Island State Police, and have met all requirements as set forth in this directive for selection.

C. PRIVATE/TOWN DETAILS – Hours of work that are assigned to officers by voluntary request, or ordered by the Chief of Police, and paid by a private organization, citizen, or the Town of Little Compton.

D. RESERVE POLICE OFFICER PATROL SHIFT – hours of work that are assigned to officers by voluntary request that are supplementing sworn officers in their daily duties.
IV.  PROCEDURE

A.  SELECTION CRITERIA

Retired police officers who wish to join the Reserve Police Officer Program must meet all the following criteria.

1. Successful completion of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy.

2. Retirement from full-time sworn duty status from a Rhode Island municipality or the Rhode Island State Police in good standing.

3. Make a formal request to be placed in the reserve officer program by submitting a request within three (3) years of retirement as a full-time sworn officer. Those retired members must request a waiver from the Rhode Island Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training and fulfill any requirements of the P.O.S.T. prior to application.

4. Obtain clearance from an Occupational Health Services Center, stating that they are physically fit for police work. The cost will be borne by the Town of Little Compton.

5. Successful completion of a background investigation and review of their personnel file.

6. Interview with the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police.

7. Approval of the Little Compton Town Administrator and Little Compton Town Council.

8. Upon selection and approval, retired officers will be sworn-in as non-permanent, non-fulltime Reserve Police Officers of the Little Compton Police Department.

9. Completion of a modified Field Training Officer’s program as determined by the Chief of Police.

B.  DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The primary role of Reserve Police Officers is to work traffic and security-related details as well as supplementing police patrol shifts.

2. While working these security-related details and police patrol shifts, members of the Reserve Police Officers Program will:
a. Maintain public peace;
b. Protect persons and property, and;
c. Make on-scene custodial arrests as determined by the Rhode Island General Laws and the Town of Little Compton ordinances.

3. While working traffic details, Reserve Police Officers will:
   a. Provide appropriate traffic direction and control;
   b. Protect construction workers from vehicular traffic, and;
   c. Ensure the orderly flow of traffic around construction sites.

C. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

1. Reserve Police Officers have commensurate authority with full-time sworn personnel in making arrests. This authority is derived from R.I.G.L. 12-7-21 (19) which provides that non-permanent members (retired officers) “shall be deemed to be peace officers only while in the performance of their duties for any municipal department, and shall be permitted to carry their firearm while in the performance of their duties for the municipal police department.”

2. Reserve Police Officers are authorized to carry and use Department issued firearms, batons, Taser and O.C. spray consistent with Department policy and training.

3. Reserve Police Officers may utilize a marked police vehicle while working traffic details and supplementing patrols.

4. Reserve officers are authorized to have access to NCIC, BCI or any other Federal, State or Regional database. Access to the department Records Management System and E-Mail system is allowed as required.

D. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. The Chief of Police will determine uniforms and equipment for Reserve Police Officers. The cost of uniforms and non-issued equipment will be the responsibility of the individual Reserve Police Officer. Certain uniform items may be purchased by the Little Compton Police Department at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Replacement of uniforms and equipment damaged while in the line of duty will be replaced at the discretion of the Chief of Police.
2. The Deputy Chief or his/her designee will issue department authorized weapons to Reserve Police Officers. The Reserve Police Officer has the option of carrying a personally owned firearm (pistol) upon approval of the Chief of Police and Little Compton Police Department Firearms Instructor. Only a weapon with which the reserve officer has qualified under the current Little Compton Police Department qualification course shall be utilized/carried.

3. Personal owned firearms are not covered under the Town of Little Compton property policy.

4. Reserve Police Officers are eligible to utilize departmental shotguns and patrol rifles, only after qualification with said weapon system.

5. Ammunition (duty and training), other than that currently utilized by the Little Compton Police Department, will be the responsibility of the Reserve Police Officer.

E. IN-SERVICE TRAINING

1. Reserve Police Officers will review all General Orders, Policies and the Department Standard Operating Procedures with the Training Officer and/or Accreditation Manager. The Reserve Police Officers will certify they have read and understand all the General Orders, Policies and Department Standard Operating Procedures.

2. Reserve Police Officers will be trained in the Use of Force policy and tested for less than lethal weapons proficiency with the same frequency as full-time officers.

3. The Deputy Chief will ensure that Reserve Police Officers’ in-service training is appropriate to their duties and responsibilities and equivalent to that statutorily required for full-time sworn personnel performing like functions.

4. Reserve Police Officers will attend mandatory training sessions on their own time. The Deputy Chief will coordinate the training.

5. Attendance records of training from other municipal police departments within Rhode Island are acceptable for yearly training requirements. Apart from yearly firearms qualification, which will be conducted with the Little Compton Police Department.
6. The Training Officer and/or Accreditation Manager are responsible to ensure that Reserve Police Officers are provided with all updates of the Department's General Orders, Policies and Standard Operating Procedures as soon as they become available to full-time officers.

F. LIABILITY PROTECTION

Reserve Police Officers are provided with public liability protection equal to that provided to full-time officers by the Town's insurer and state statute while working under the provisions of this policy.

G. PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

1. Performance evaluations will be conducted in accordance with Little Compton Police Department Policy & Procedure, 230.04 “Performance Evaluations.”

2. The Chief of Police will be responsible for conducting annual performance evaluations for Reserve Police Officers and ensuring all sections of the Performance Appraisal System is applied to them.

3. An unfavorable evaluation may lead to dismissal from the Reserve Police Officer Program by the Chief of Police.

H. PROVISIONS

1. Prior to being sworn in as a Reserve Police Officer, members must pass a medical examination, the cost of which will be borne by the Town of Little Compton.

2. The Little Compton Police Department does not authorize a Reserve Police Officer to carry a firearm in an off-duty capacity and the Town of Little Compton will not provide liability coverage under these circumstances for the retired police officer.

   *Nothing in this policy prohibits reserve officers from obtaining a permit to carry from the Department of the Attorney General, or to take advantage of Federal Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act. Any Reserve Police Officer who obtains permission to carry a firearm under these provisions, acknowledges they are not carrying the firearm for the Little Compton Police Department and does not enjoy any immunities as outlined.*

3. Reserve Police Officers do not have the power of arrest while in an off-duty capacity.
4. Reserve Police Officers who are unable to demonstrate weapons proficiency, fail to attend mandatory training sessions, or elect not to maintain their Reserve Police Officer status will not continue to serve as a Reserve Police Officer.

5. Reserve Police Officers may, if injured while working, be entitled to collect worker's compensation under the Town of Little Compton insurance coverage. The Reserve Officers current pension is not eligible for adjustment as a result of a Worker's Compensation claim.

6. Reserve Police Officers do not have rights to benefits under R.I.G.L. 45-19-1, "On the Job Injury Pay" (IOD) while working as a reserve officer.

7. Reserve Police Officers serve at the pleasure of the Chief of Police and may be terminated at any time.

8. Reserve Police Officers must work a minimum of one (1) construction detail, special assignment or patrol shift in a calendar year to remain in good standing. Reserve Police Officers who fail to work once in a calendar year will be removed as a Reserve Police Officer from the Reserve Police Officers Program.

9. There shall be no more than three (3) Reserve Police Officers assigned to the Reserve Police Officers Program at one time.

10. Reserve Police Officer badge numbers are assigned by the Chief of Police.

11. Reserve Police Officers are limited to a maximum of 48 hours of patrol shifts per departmental pay period. Exceeding the 48-hour limit is at the discretion of the Chief of Police. There is no limitation on private details.

12. Only one (1) Reserve Police Officer will be allowed to work during any given patrol shift. Two (2) openings on the same patrol shift will result in a full-time officer "order back".

13. Reserve Police Officers do not fall under any current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

14. Reserve Police Officers are not eligible for health or retirement benefits offered by the Town of Little Compton.
I. COMPENSATION

1. Patrol Shift – rate of Senior Patrolman according to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the IBPO Local 644 and the Town of Little Compton.

2. Private/Construction Detail – rate according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IBPO Local 644.

3. Town Detail – time and one half of the rate of Senior Patrolman according to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the IBPO Local 644 and the Town of Little Compton.
January 6, 2021

Robert L. Mushen
President, Town Council
Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

Dear Mr. Mushen:

On August 28, 2018, you were notified of proposed modified flood hazard determinations affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Newport County, Rhode Island (All Jurisdictions). The statutory 90-day appeal period that was initiated on September 11, 2018, when the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of proposed flood hazard determinations for your community in *The Newport Daily News*, has elapsed.

FEMA received no valid requests for changes in the proposed flood hazard determinations. Therefore, the determination of the Agency as to the flood hazard information for your community is considered final. FEMA will publish a notice of final flood hazard determinations in the *Federal Register* as soon as possible. The modified flood hazard information and revised map panels for your community will be effective as of July 6, 2021, and will revise the FIRM that was in effect prior to that date. For insurance rating purposes, the community number and new suffix code for the panels being revised are indicated above and on the maps and must be used for all new policies and renewals. Final printed copies of the report and maps will be mailed to you before the effective date.

The modifications are pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Because of the modifications to the FIRM and FIS report for your community made by this map revision, certain additional requirements must be met under Section 1361 of the 1968 Act, as amended, within 6 months from the date of this letter. Prior to July 6, 2021, your community is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of Paragraph 60.3(e) of the NFIP regulations. These standards are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature.

It must be emphasized that all the standards specified in Paragraph 60.3(e) of the NFIP regulations must be enacted in a legally enforceable document. This includes the adoption of the effective FIRM and FIS report to which the regulations apply and the modifications made by this map revision. Some of the standards should already have been enacted by your community. Any additional requirements can be met by taking one of the following actions:
1. Amending existing regulations to incorporate any additional requirements of Paragraph 60.3(e);
2. Adopting all the standards of Paragraph 60.3(e) into one new, comprehensive set of regulations; or
3. Showing evidence that regulations have previously been adopted that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of Paragraph 60.3(e).

Communities that fail to enact the necessary floodplain management regulations will be suspended from participation in the NFIP and subject to the prohibitions contained in Section 202(a) of the 1973 Act as amended.

A Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) has been designated to assist your community with any difficulties you may be encountering in enacting the floodplain management regulations. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information about your CCO, please contact:

Kerry Bogdan  
Risk Analysis Branch Chief  
FEMA Region I  
99 High Street, 6th Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110  
(617) 956-7576

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) to document previous Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs), Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs)) that will be superseded when the revised FIRM panels referenced above become effective. Information on LOMCs is presented in the following four categories: (1) LOMCs for which results have been included on the revised FIRM panels; (2) LOMCs for which results could not be shown on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area as shown on the FIRM; (3) LOMCs for which results have not been included on the revised FIRM panels because the flood hazard information on which the original determinations were based is being superseded by new flood hazard information; and (4) LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures cannot be revalidated through an administrative process like the LOMCs in Category 2 above. LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter that reaffirms the validity of a previously issued LOMC; the letter will be sent to your community shortly before the effective date of the revised FIRM and will become effective 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective. For the LOMCs listed in Category 4, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMA or LOMR request and issue a new determination for the affected properties after the revised FIRM becomes effective.

The FIRM panels have been computer-generated. Once the FIRM and FIS report are printed and distributed, the digital files containing the flood hazard data for the entire county can be provided to your community for use in a computer mapping system. These files can be used in conjunction with other thematic data for floodplain management purposes, insurance purchase and rating requirements, and many other planning applications. Copies of the digital files or paper copies of the FIRM panels may be obtained by calling our FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627). In addition, your community may be eligible for additional credits under our Community Rating System if you implement your activities using digital mapping files.
If you have any questions regarding the necessary floodplain management measures for your community or the NFIP in general, we urge you to call the Director, Mitigation Division, of FEMA in Boston, Massachusetts, at (617) 956-7576 for assistance. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general or the enclosed SOMA, please call our FMIX at the number shown above. Additional information and resources your community may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management, such as *The National Flood Insurance Program Code of Federal Regulations, Answers to Questions About the NFIP, Use of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Data as Available Data, Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Effect that Revised Flood Hazards have on Existing Structures*, and *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions*, can be found on our website at https://www.fema.gov/letter-final-determination. Paper copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FMIX.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Director
Engineering and Modeling Division
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure:
Final SOMA

cc: Community Map Repository
Mark Sawoski, Chairperson, Zoning Board of Review, Town of Little Compton
A. Michael Steers, Chairperson, Planning Board, Town of Little Compton
William L. Moore, Director of Public Works, Town of Little Compton
Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator, Town of Little Compton
FINAL SUMMARY OF MAP ACTIONS

Community: LITTLE COMPTON, TOWN OF  Community No: 440035

To assist your community in maintaining the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), we have summarized below the effects of the enclosed revised FIRM panels(s) on previously issued Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs), Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-Fs), and Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs)) that will be affected when the revised FIRM becomes effective on July 6, 2021.

1. LOMCs Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below will be reflected on the revised FIRM. In addition, these LOMCs will remain in effect until the revised FIRM becomes effective.

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2. LOMCs Not Incorporated

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FINAL SUMMARY OF MAP ACTIONS

Community: LITTLE COMPTON, TOWN OF

Community No: 440035

3. LOMCs Superseded

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have not been reflected on the Final revised FIRM panels because they are being superseded by new or revised flood hazard information or the information available was not sufficient to make a determination. The reason each is being superseded is noted below. These LOMCs will no longer be in effect when the revised FIRM becomes effective.

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1. Insufficient information available to make a determination.
2. Lowest Adjacent Grade and Lowest Finished Floor are below the proposed Base Flood Elevation.
3. Lowest Ground Elevation is below the proposed Base Flood Elevation.
4. Revised hydrologic and hydraulic analyses.
5. Revised topographic information.
6. Superseded by another LOMC.

4. LOMCs To Be Redetermined

The LOMCs in Category 2 above will be revalidated through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the determination in the previously issued LOMC. For LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures is no longer valid, the LOMC cannot be revalidated through this administrative process. Therefore, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMC requests listed below and if appropriate issue a new determination for the affected properties after the effective date of the revised FIRM.

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January 21, 2020

The Honorable Town Council
Town of Little Compton
40 Commons
Little Compton, RI
02837

Honorable Town Council,

In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Little Compton and the IBOP Local 644, Article IV, Section 3 Promotions and Article IX, Section 3 Longevity, a sworn member of the Little Compton Police Department is given the option of accepting the honorary rank of Corporal on their tenth anniversary of service.

As of January 10, 2021, Officer Andrew Morgan has completed ten (10) years of exemplary service to the Town of Little Compton and its residents. Officer Morgan has accepted the honorary rank of Corporal within the Little Compton Police Department.

Please join me in congratulating Corporal Morgan on his ten years of dedication to the residents of Little Compton.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Scott N. Raynes
Chief of Police

CC: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator
Carol Wordell, Town Clerk
Corporal Andrew Morgan
In support of the action steps outlined in Little Compton’s Comprehensive Plan Housing Chapter, HousingWorks RI proposes to fulfill Action H1.a “conduct a survey in order to evaluate demand for senior housing and affordable housing” in collaboration with the Little Compton Housing Trust and the Town Council.

The design of the survey will allow for the collection of both quantitative and qualitative data that will glean substantial insight from Little Compton residents regarding the need for a diversity of housing options, accessible and affordable housing, as well as attitudes towards development of new types of housing within the community. Like many municipalities in Rhode Island, Little Compton is an aging community with a decreasing amount of school aged children, an increasing amount of short-term and seasonal rentals, as well as changing demographics of home buyers from out of state. HousingWorks RI will work with the Little Compton Housing Trust and Town Council to distribute the survey broadly in order to capture a representative sample of residents. The survey will be designed in Qualtrics and administered both online and in paper format.

In addition to the design and collection of survey data, HousingWorks RI will conduct 8 to 10 key informant interviews with prominent town residents who participate in local activities related to housing and development. These would include, but not limited to, interviews with members of the planning and zoning board, for-profit and non-profit housing developers, members of the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust, and other stakeholders. Key Informant interviews will be transcribed and coded as part of the qualitative data collection process.

At the culmination of the survey and key informant data collection processes, HousingWorks RI will code and analyze all data. Major findings from the data collection process will be summarized in a report that will include a brief overview of existing conditions and a robust outline of recommended action steps towards the goal of preserving existing affordable housing and identifying opportunities for the development of new affordable housing to further the town’s ambition to meet the 10% Low- and Moderate-Income housing mandate. Recommendations will also include specific action steps related to increasing opportunities for downsizing and modifying homes to meet ADA and healthy housing standards.
Outline of Activities and draft budget

1. Survey Design $500
2. Key Informant Interviews $1,500
3. Survey and Key Informant Analysis $1,500
4. Comprehensive Review of Existing Data $1,000
5. Final Report $1,000
   a. Brief Overview of Existing Conditions
   b. Summary of Survey and Key Informant Findings
   c. Recommended Action Steps and Best Practices
   d. Policy Recommendations
6. Presentation of Findings to LC Housing Trust and other stakeholders $500

TOTAL BUDGET $6,000
MEMORANDUM

To: Finance Director

Re: Deferral of Collection of Interest and Penalties on Overdue Tax Payments

Ref: Town Council Declaration of Emergency of 16 March 2020

By the authority vested in me by the Town Council during the current declared emergency, I hereby authorize the deferral of collection of interest and penalties owed on tax payments by property owners of the Town.

You are directed to maintain a record of all such deferrals which are granted under this authority.

[Signature]

Robert L. Mushen
Town Council President

Copy: Town Administrator
January 18, 2021

Ms. Carol Murphy
Office of Water Resources
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Ms. Murphy,

In response to the request for feedback on the proposed rules governing the administration and enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, the Little Compton Town Council, jointly with the Town’s Planning Board and Conservation Commission, respectfully submits the following commentary.

As background, on September 5, 2019, we sent a letter to RIDEM’s Ms. Cullinan (attached) summarizing our objections to the then-proposed wetlands rules. We attended a workshop at RIDEM on September 11, 2019, and subsequently met with Deputy Administrator Kiernan and Mr. Panciera of RIDEM on November 12, 2019. More recently, Town representatives participated in both the November 23, 2020, and January 6, 2021, Zoom meetings held by RIDEM. And, over the past two months, there have been various emails and telephone calls between representatives of Little Compton and RIDEM, and Senator DiPalma has been in contact with Deputy Administrator Kiernan.

Before commenting on the proposed wetlands rules, we’d like to again emphasize the importance of wetlands protection to the Town of Little Compton. Without exaggeration, life as we know it in Little Compton depends upon the appropriate stewardship of our limited freshwater resources. To protect these resources, Little Compton has in the past instituted two-acre zoning and put in place an ordinance doubling the State’s minimum freshwater setbacks. We have also spent considerable time, energy and money in land conservation, at many times leading the way in Rhode Island, and continue to have the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust, The Nature Conservancy and the Sakonnet Preservation Association working to conserve our landscapes and natural resources.

Further, the Town’s 2018 Comprehensive Plan recognizes that water resources are of paramount concern in our community and “critical to the future functioning of the Town in terms of providing a continued safe drinking water supply, flood storage capacity, wildlife habitat, as well as secondary benefits such as recreation and scenic enjoyment” (pg.11). The 2018 Comprehensive Plan further asserts that “Groundwater is the Town’s most important resource in terms of the health, safety and welfare of all residents” (pg. 11). The
Plan goes on to describe in detail, a) the limitations of our underlying geology, b) our Town-wide reliance on private wells (pg. 12), and c) the critical importance of adequately buffering wetlands from human activity (specifically dwellings and septic systems) to safeguard surface and groundwater resources (pg. 20). Given that the State of Rhode Island approved our 2018 Comprehensive Plan, we would hope that it would support our continuing efforts to protect our water resources, the most vital facet of our Comprehensive Plan.

While RIDEM's proposed regulations increase wetlands protections in many communities in Rhode Island, we in Little Compton unfortunately see them as a step backwards and a significant reduction to the protections we now have in place:

We do appreciate the thought and work that went into the specifics of the revised rules, and that Little Compton was moved into Non-Urban River Protection Region 1 in the latest revision. We also appreciate the challenges inherent in creating a set of common standards across thirty-nine cities and towns with differing infrastructures and geologies. But having said that, we continue to believe that the regulations as proposed will reduce the protections in place here in Little Compton, protections designed to preserve the integrity, functions and values of our wetland resources.

Our response takes into consideration six key perspectives that we hold in the face of the proposed rule revisions:

1. Little Compton has the State’s highest percentage of both wetlands (33% compared to State average of 17%), and hydric soils (46% compared to 22%). Changes to wetlands regulations have the potential to have widespread impact in our community.

2. Little Compton relies entirely on private wells and OWTS. This, combined with our fractured bedrock aquifer setting, makes us particularly vulnerable to deteriorations in water quality. Fractured bedrock is difficult to predict or model, and our reliance on wells and OWTS leaves little room for error, or options for remediation, should the proposed regulations prove inadequate to protect the functions and values of our wetland and water resources.

3. Summers are growing hotter and drier, and heavy precipitation events more severe and frequent. These burgeoning effects of a changing climate will strain the capacity of our freshwater swamps and wetlands to provide the environmental quality functions -- flood storage, pollution filtration and nutrient cycling -- for which we rely on them. As flood and drought states become more frequent, the wetlands we once considered as primarily areas of freshwater discharge may become more significant sources of groundwater recharge. In what ways do the proposed regulations adequately account for the realities of climate change and their effects upon the functions and values of freshwater resources?

4. Under the proposed regulations, Little Compton would lose wetlands protections. Our main wetland type, deciduous swamps, would see reductions from the current 100 feet (50 feet under State regulations, plus 50 feet more from our local Little Compton ordinance), to just 75 feet. While the proposed State regulations include a varying setback of 0-20 feet from the wetland buffer edges, those setbacks do not
provide the same ecological value as a fully vegetated buffer. Plus, there is an inconsistency in the proposed setbacks that we question.

5. We believe that the difference in ecological value between a buffer and a setback is real and significant. A naturally vegetated buffer of 100 feet provides better filtration and stormwater storage than a buffer of 75 feet combined with a variable setback that need not be naturally vegetated. For example, it is a very real possibility that in many cases the setback could contain a lawn, which would not only provide less filtration and storage than a buffer, but potentially bring fertilizers and pesticides closer to the wetland edge.

6. In the State’s 2020 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, the vast majority of freshwater streams sampled in Little Compton suffered from bacterial contamination, despite our two-acre zoning and municipal wetland ordinance.

The combined impact of these six perspectives leaves us concluding that, in the face of accelerating climatic change, we should be increasing wetlands protections, not reducing them. So, while we acknowledge the intent of the 2015 legislation that spawned the proposed wetlands regulations, we must keep in mind what is most important to Little Compton, our neighbors, our constituents and the integrity of our freshwater systems.

With that, we strongly suggest that:

1. The buffer for deciduous swamps be increased from the proposed 75 feet to 100 feet for any and all areas in the State whose residents rely on wells and OWTS in a fractured bedrock setting. While setbacks help to reduce the impact of structures, they do not provide the same functions as fully vegetated buffers, and may bring added concerns of their own, such as lawn fertilizers and pesticides.

2. The stipulated setbacks not differ by structure type. As now proposed, the setbacks are inconsistent:
   a. Primary structures: 20 feet
   b. Accessory structures: 5 feet
   c. Septic systems (including leach fields): 0 feet with 10 feet of clearance

We see two issues with this. First, when combined with the proposed 75-foot buffer, these setbacks still result in structures being closer to the wetland edge than what Little Compton now requires. Second, allowing septic fields to be closer to the wetland edge than primary or secondary structures simply can’t be supported by science. This inconsistency gives us great pause.

3. The minimum distance from the wetland edge be increased to 50 feet for “infill” lots in any and all areas in the State whose residents rely on wells and OWTS in a fractured bedrock setting.

At present, the chart in Section 2.7.1.B.5.C shows that, for the smallest lot size, the combination of buffer and setback could be as little as 30 feet. In our most dense neighborhoods, this would minimize the efficacy of our wetlands, jeopardizing their functions.
4. **The time period for municipal comment in Section 2.8.11.D be increased from 15 days to 30 days.** The 15 days as written simply won’t give us the time required to thoughtfully investigate, deliberate and comment on impending variance decisions. Given the rather significant challenges that come with our reliance on private wells and OWTS in a fractured bedrock setting, loss of control over the variance process is very unsettling. We would much prefer to maintain our time-tested ability to deliberate over and decide upon variance requests.

To close, we are entering an uncertain period in our State’s history with the accelerating impacts of climate change. We may very well look back and wish we had called for even further protections. But, for now, with the suggestions we propose, we will at least know that we did not lose ground in protecting our wetland resources.

We look forward to working with the staffs of RIDEM and RICRMC where helpful to further revise the proposed rules. We thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Mushen  
President, Town Council

A. Michael Steers  
Chair, Planning Board

Donald B. McNaughton  
Chair, Conservation Commission
L.C. Director of Social Services  
88 East Main Road  
Little Compton, R.I., 02837  
January 9, 2021

Antonio Teixeira  
Town Administrator  
Town of Little Compton

Dear Tony,

Wishing you and your family the best in 2021. In addition I wanted to update you on what transpired while serving as the Director of Social Services in pandemic year 2020. Food Bank was officially closed March 21st until May 1st. Reopening was approved by Fire Chief Petrin with all necessary precautions followed. While closed, food was delivered to approximately 26 families. We recently distributed Thanksgiving baskets to 31 families and Christmas baskets/gifts to 35 families. Under the auspices of a food bank task force committee, the Food Bank has revamped its policies. The F.B. is now a separate entity from the L.C. Assistance Association with its own 501c(3) status. I continue to serve on the Little Compton Assistance Association Board as the Grants Disbursement Coordinator. Requests for emergency financial assistance has been minimal but we are approaching a difficult time of year... home heating. Again our community has stepped forward with generous donations to address that need.

The Superintendent of L.C. Schools, Laurie Dias-Mitchell, and
School Counselor/Social Worker, Mary Elizabeth Miller have both been instrumental in serving as liaisons between myself and families in need. I have been fortunate to have the support of Officer Sue Cressman, a dedicated compassionate senior advocate. Even a group titled "Little Compton Quilters" has enabled me to provide an unending supply of 'comfort quilts' for distribution throughout the community. The network of volunteers, donors and organizations has truly been the "glue" in maintaining some semblance of normalcy in these difficult times. Caring and sharing is certainly the underlying theme in our small community. Special appreciation to all in the Town Hall for their support in enabling me to function as the Director of Social Services.

Sincerely,

Susan Sisson
December 10, 2020

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

RE: CRMC Maintenance Certification M2019-12-069 - grade/fill parking area on Barrier Beach, install stormwater
Site Location: South Shore Beach, Little Compton; Plat(s): 34 Lot(s): 2

Dear Applicant,

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

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

**ADDITIONAL STIPULATIONS**

**General Stipulations**

A. For the purpose of this permit, the coastal feature shall be Barrier Beach; and the inland edge of the coastal feature shall be the top of the beach ramp/edge of parking, and edge of wetland associated with Tunipus Pond.

B. The approved plan shall be those entitled “10 YEAR MAINTENANCE PERMIT PLAN... SOUTH SHORE BEACH...” in two (2) sheets, dated March 31, 2020 and last revised November 30, 2020 by Able Engineering, Inc. Except as stipulated or modified herein, all details and specifications thereon shall be strictly adhered to. Any and all changes require written approval from this office.

C. Where the terms and conditions of the permit conflict with the approved site plan(s), these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plan(s).

D. The CRMC has made specific revisions to the site plans approved. This project must take place in compliance with this/these revision(s). **1. Permanent Buffer Zone markers must be installed along the 50’ Buffer at the breachway. 2. The CRMC must be notified when the permanent markers are installed.**

E. Prior to commencement of site alterations, you shall post the CRMC assent card. This assent card must be maintained at the site in a conspicuous location until such time that the project is complete.

F. At this time, no Assent for breaching of Tunipus Pond is authorized. The Beach Commission shall submit a separate and complete Assent for annual breaching of the Pond.
G. The applicant shall notify CRMC staff at least three (3) days in advance of the approximate date of the start of construction.

H. All existing vegetation on site shall remain in an undisturbed condition.

I. Unless specifically approved as being within the accepted limits of disturbance, no alterations or activities shall be allowed in an area of beach grass; nor shall materials be stockpiled nor disposed of on the area of beach grass, nor shall any heavy machinery operate within this area.

J. No alterations (vegetative or otherwise) or activities are allowed on the coastal feature(s) or in the waterway adjacent to the site.

Earthwork Stipulations

A. Prior to the initiation of site alterations or construction including the mobilization of construction vehicles, equipment or machinery, the Limit of Disturbance (LOD) shall be adequately delineated on site (by survey methods where appropriate). No equipment access, equipment or material storage or other activities including construction vehicle parking shall occur beyond the Limit of Disturbance, even on a temporary basis.

B. Prior to the initiation of site alterations or construction including the mobilization of construction equipment and machinery, all required buffer zones shall be identified with permanent buffer zone markers (see additional details specified herein).

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

D. All excess excavated materials (soils, rock, gravel, etc.), excess construction materials, demolition debris, temporary erosion, runoff and sediment control measures, etc., shall be removed from the site for appropriate re-use and/or proper disposal at a suitable upland location or landfill. All toxic materials and waste shall be properly transported and disposed of in accordance applicable state and federal regulations.

E. All areas of disturbed soils which are impacted by construction, site work and related activities shall be temporarily stabilized throughout the site construction period. Soil stabilization may be achieved through appropriate temporary measures as described by the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook (as amended). Where the season is not conducive to the establishment of vegetative cover, other temporary measures shall be employed including the application of mulch and/or use of fiber rolls (erosion control blankets, etc.). Temporary erosion, runoff and sediment controls shall be employed and maintained until temporary or permanent vegetative cover can be achieved and/or site improvements such as approved buildings, roadways and parking areas are constructed resulting in a lack of exposed soil.
F. There shall be no discharge or disposal of toxic waste, hazardous materials, oil, grease and other lubricants, excess fertilizer, pesticides or other chemicals or controlled materials either on site or in any area which may enter a wetland, watercourse or groundwater. All spills of such materials shall be reported to the RI Department of Environmental Management for appropriate remediation. All used lubricants, excess chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, etc., shall be removed from the site for transport, handling and disposal in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

G. Upon the successful stabilization of exposed soils, all temporary (interim) erosion, runoff and sediment control measures shall be removed from the site for re-use and/or for disposal at a suitable, legal upland location or landfill. All temporary sediment basins, sediment traps and channels, etc., shall be removed and/or restored in accordance with the approved site plans.

H. Upon proper stabilization of the site, all temporary (interim) pollution prevention measures such as site access controls, tree-protection measures, concrete wash-out areas, waste management and fueling facilities, etc. shall be appropriately decommissioned and/or removed from the site for re-use or proper disposal of waste and other materials.

**Buffer Zone Stipulations**

A. Prior to initiating any work on site, permanent markers at least 24" above grade must be installed along the inland edge of the buffer zone at the Breachway. The intent of these markers is to provide permanent reference points on-site which are clear to present and future property owners. Acceptable permanent-type markers include 4" x 4" pressure treated timber posts, galvanized fence posts with cap or granite or concrete bounds. A permanent-type fence at least 24" tall may be substituted for markers where desired. As required by this CRMC Assent, no alterations of the buffer zone are allowed including grading, mowing, pruning, thinning, mulching, landscaping or any other activity not specifically approved by the stipulations of this assent or the approved plans.

B. The 50 foot wide buffer required by condition of this CRMC permit must be restored to an undisturbed naturally vegetated condition in accordance with Section 1.1.9 of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program. In this regard, the parking of cars within this buffer zone specified by this CRMC assent must cease immediately. Upon the discontinuation of parking, the buffer zone shall be left undisturbed to allow for the natural re-establishment of shoreline vegetation. No alterations of the buffer zone are allowed including grading, mowing, pruning, thinning, mulching, landscaping or any other activity not specifically approved by the stipulations of this assent or the approved plans.

C. Immediately upon installation of the buffer zone markers, the applicant shall contact CRMC staff to request an on-site inspection. Once the proper installation of the markers has been confirmed by CRMC staff, work on the project may be initiated as herein approved.

D. No work on site may be initiated until the buffer zone markers required by condition of this CRMC assent are properly installed. Upon installation of the markers, work on the project may be initiated as herein approved.
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**Stormwater Management Stipulations**

A. The approved stormwater BMPs (i.e., rain garden/pervious paver driveway) shall be installed coincident with the Assented work.

B. Vegetated swales shall be inspected annually and should be inspected after large storm events.

C. Eroded side slopes and channel bottoms shall be stabilized as necessary.

D. If the surface of the dry swale becomes clogged to the point that standing water is observed on the surface 48 hours after precipitation events, the bottom shall be roto-tilled or cultivated to break up any hard-packed sediment, and then reseeded.

E. Vegetation in dry swales shall be mowed as required to maintain minimum grass heights in 4-6 inch range.

F. Every five years, the channel bottom of dry swales should be scraped to remove sediment and to restore original cross section and infiltration rate, and should be seeded to restore ground cover, where necessary.

G. Infiltration practices shall be inspected annually and repaired if necessary to ensure proper drainage.

H. Accumulated sediment and debris shall be removed from the surface of the infiltration practice annually.

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

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

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

All applicable policies, prohibitions, and standards of the RICRMP shall be upheld. 
All local, state or federal ordinances and regulations must be complied with.
Please be advised that all work being permitted must be completed on or before December 10, 2023 (unless written application requesting an extension is received by CRMC sixty (60) days prior to expiration date).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council