Date posted: JUNE 22, 2021 by 4:00 P.M.  
All items on this agenda are to be discussed and/or acted upon.

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON 
TOWN COUNCIL 

MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2021 

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AGENDA 

7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes -  
June 10, 2021  
June 15, 2021 – executive session  
June 16, 2021 – interviews  

* 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be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.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: 

Communication - * Communication from Brennan Tierney, Peace Development Fund Foundation Associate requesting the Council to endorse Back from the Brink: Call to Prevent Nuclear War a policy they believe will greatly reduce the real and immediate risks posed by nuclear weapons and chances they will ever be used again.  
*Additional communication received on this same subject received from Bill Waters on behalf of Pax Christi Rhode Island (a Catholic Peace Organization
Old Business:

1. Proposal for extension of Special Directive 5
2. Review and discuss proposal submitted by DPW Director to amend Chapter 8 of the Town Code as it relates to transfer station fees.
3. Appointment of a Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Ellen Field on the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust
4. Recommendation from the Tax Assessor and Town Administrator regarding the successful bid proposal for GIS digitizing town Tax Assessor maps RFP
5. Report from the Town Administrator of the status of American Rescue Plan funds

New Business:

1. Set salaries and benefits for non-union positions/departments and authorize longevity payments
2. Receive letter from George Goulart resigning from the Zoning Board of Review, effective immediately and authorize posting of vacancy for an alternate member as the third alternate will move up into Mr. Goulart’s seat
3. Copy of resignation sent to the LC School Department from Patrick McHugh leaving his post on the School Committee to accept the Town Council seat vacated by Anya Wallack as of June 30, 2021. Also to acknowledge upcoming need to seek letters of interest for individuals to serve on the Budget Committee due to the acceptance of Travis Auty to fill the unexpired term of Patrick McHugh on the School Committee
4. Receive letters of interest for the following:
   
   (1) Harbor Master/Commissioner of Wrecks – term expires 6-30-21 (1 yr term)
   (1) Asst. Harbor Master – term expires 6-30-21 (1 yr term)
   (3) Pension Committee members – term expires 6-30-21 (1 yr term)
   (1) Probate Judge – term expires 7-1-21 (2 yr term)
   (1) Zoning Board member – term expires 7-15-21 (5 yr term)
   (1) Alternate Zoning Board member – term expires 7-15-21 (5 yr term)
   (1) Agricultural Conservancy Trust member – term expires 7-1-21 (5 yr term)
5. Request from the United Congregational Church to hold its Annual Church Fair and Road Race on August 7, 2021 with use of Pikes Peak and the south side of the Commons.
6. Water Use Agreement for execution by the Town to enter into an agreement to allow use of water located at 15 Peanuts Ln from a dry hydrant by the LC Fire Department.
7. Letter received from Mark Cady resigning from the Planning Board effective immediately.
8. Seek concurrence to pursue various solutions to remedy audio/visual in the Council Chambers, due to pending legislation that may mandate certain audio/visual requirements
Board of License Commissioners:

1. Request from LC Game Club for a one Class F Beverage License for a clambake which will be held on July 27, 2021 at the John Dyer Road facility.

Communications:

1. E-mail from Barbara Rocha thanking the Council for the use of 32 Commons on behalf of LC Girl Scout Troops 1100 and 725, and asking if the Girl Scouts could continue to use the facility returning in September on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm – 7:30 pm and on Thursday’s from 3 pm – 4:45 pm after school.
2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Burrillville Town Council and Burrillville School Committee requesting the removal of mask mandate for school children
3. Request for the renewal of a Refuse Hauling license issued to Steven K. Reuter Lawn & Landscape, Inc. for a vehicle in excess of 4000 lbs.

Consent:

1. Copy of a letter from Samuel A. Turner to the Fire Chief resigning effective June 28, 2021
2. Copy of a Public Notice received from RI Division of Statewide Panning, Transportation Advisory Committee, Draft State Transportation Improvement Program FFY 2022-2031 public hearings set for June 29, 2021 at 5 PM at a location in Narragansett and June 30, 2021 at 3:30 PM at a location in Providence
3. Email notice for a virtual workshop held June 23, 2021 by RI DEM to discuss findings of the draft Total Maximum Daily Load for nine drinking water supply reservoirs, including Watson Reservoir in Little Compton

Payment of Bills

All are welcome to any meeting at the town, which is open to the public. Individuals requiring communication assistance or any accommodation to ensure equal participation will need to contact the Town Clerk at 635-4400 not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
Minutes of a Town Council virtual meeting held June 10\textsuperscript{th}, AD 2021 via Video and Tele-Conferencing. Councilor Mataronas, sitting as Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a roll call of those members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas, Andrew W. Moore and Anya Wallack. Absent: Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator, Police Chief Raynes, Denise Cosgrove, Tax Assessor and Bill Moore, DPW Director.

Motion made by Councilor Wallack, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for May 20, 2021.

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

1. Town Clerk
2. Police Department
3. Fire Department
4. Public Works
5. Finance Director
6. Tax Assessor
7. Town Administrator

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To continue until the June 24, 2021 Council meeting discussion of a proposal submitted by the DPW Director for amendments to Chapter 8 of the Town Code relating to transfer station fees and operations.

Two (2) bid proposals received from GIS technology firms to supply services to digitize town Tax Assessor Maps:

- **Applied Geographics, Inc.**
  
  33 Broad St., 4\textsuperscript{th} Floor
  
  Boston, MA 02109
  
  $5,800

  - Pricing:
    
    A. Parcel Mapping Automation $19,500
    
    B. Simplified GIS Interface $7,000
    
    C. Needs Assessment & Implementation Plan
    
    D. Parcel Dimension Annotation $8,500
    
    E. Easement Automation & Annotation $3,500

- **CAI Technologies**
  
  11 Pleasant St.
  
  Littleton, NH 03561
  
  $1,920

  - Pricing:
    
    A. Parcel Mapping Automation $14,800 (with separate notation)
    
    B. Simplified GIS Interface $4,500
    
    C. Needs Assessment & Implementation Plan
    
    D. Parcel Dimension Annotation $4,840
    
    E. Easement Automation & Annotation $4,410
    
    F. Annual Tax Map Maintenance Budget $1,900

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To refer two (2) bid proposals received from Applied Geographics, Inc. and CAI Technologies to the Town Administrator and the Tax Assessor for review and recommendation as they relate to the RFP for digitizing the Town Tax Assessor Maps.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To approve a request made by the Cystic Fibrosis
Association to conduct a cycle ride on September 18, 2021 over roads in Little Compton, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To schedule a special meeting of the Council for Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6 PM to hold interviews with candidates who wish to fill the vacancy in the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust.

Motion made by Councilor Wallack, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To ratify the actions of the Council President, through his authority under the current Emergency Order dated March 16, 2020, as amended, to authorize the hiring of Tyler Carr to fill a vacancy in the LC Fire Department, effective June 1, 2021.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To approve of the actions of the Town Clerk to hire Heather Cook as Deputy Town Clerk effective August 1, 2021 and to further authorize the newly created vacancy of office clerk to be posted and advertised.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To accept a single bid for Spring Roadside Mowing services and to refer said bid to the DPW Director for review and award if deemed responsible and responsive to the RFP.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To approve a request received from the Buzzards Bay Coalition to conduct the Watershed Ride on Sunday, October 3, 2021 beginning in Little Compton at Sakonnet Point, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To schedule an executive session to be held on June 23, 2021 at 6 PM for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Motion made by Councilor Wallack, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To authorize the Tax Assessor to draft a communication to be considered for delivery to property owners for properties known as "dotted line lots" and to further authorize the Town Solicitor to review said draft for recommendation to the Council at a future date for council approval prior to sending out to the owners of record.

Motion made by Councilor Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Town an extension of a contract between the Town of Little Compton and Church Community Housing Corporation for administrative services relating to Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To place on file communication received from Guy Sunny seeking insight with regard to financial documents gathered during the process of preparation for the Annual Financial Town Meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To place on file a notification received from the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust concerning annual monitoring for Wilbour Woods.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack): To grant the renewal of a Refuse Hauling License to Fred
Bodington III for a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 4,000 lbs. for the ensuing term expiring June 30, 2022.

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack):** To grant the renewal of a Refuse Hauling License to David Elwell for a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 4,000 lbs. for the ensuing term expiring June 30, 2022.

Megan Gonsalves (Boudreau) read the poem entitled: Now More Than Ever.

Jenna Magnuski addressed the Council on behalf of the LGBTQ+ planning committee seeking permission to have the Pride flag flown on June 12, 2021 in conjunction with the Coming Out Party planned at the LC Community Center. Their request is to see the flag flown on the Town Hall below the American Flag as is property Flag protocol. Chief Raynes mentioned that he did not have details assigned to the event but his department would make sure it runs smoothly.

Discussion continued with the following comments noted:

- The Armenian flag has been allowed to be flown on the Town Hall.
- Many cities and towns in Rhode and throughout the country as well as other countries have granted permission for flags other than the American Flag to be flown on governmental buildings.
- Janna Porter and Peter Fossil would like to see support for our community by allowing the flag to be flown on the town hall.
- Polly Allen surprised this is an issue and notes that LGBTQ+ suicide rates among our youth are double that of their peers. They need our support.
- Raul Iriarte-Moore stated that he is an immigrant and wishes to support of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Guidelines are currently lacking for flag protocol.
- Councilors Mataronas and Golembeske support but would prefer flying at Pikes Peak.

**Motion made by Councilor Moore, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack):** To approve a request to fly the Pride flag on June 12, 2021 in conjunction of the “Coming Out Party” to be held at the LC Community Center and to further note that no flag other than the American Flag will be flown on the town hall until a set of guidelines can be approved to set policy for flying of flags on town property.

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore and Wallack):** To approve the renewal of the Private Detective License held by Robert Skiffington for the ensuing year.

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

1. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Hopkinton Town Council requesting the General Assembly waive the local maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement for schools (Bills H 6287 and S 0871)
2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Bristol Town Council declaring that “Love Has A Home In Bristol” supporting its Police Department and condemning the placement and public display of hate symbols in the community
3. Copy of a proclamation adopted by the Bristol Town Council declaring the first Friday in June to be national Gun Violence Awareness Day in Bristol
4. Copies of resolutions adopted by the Woonsocket School Committee and the North Smithfield School Committee requesting the RI General Assembly support any and all legislative proposals that would disallow non-law enforcement too carry concealed firearms onto school grounds.
5. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Woonsocket School Committee supporting the state reimbursement of transportation services cost for public and private school pupils (Bill H-6030)

6. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Woonsocket School Committee expressing support for a Moratorium on the Expansion of Charter Schools.

7. Email from Edith S. Borden offering congratulation and gratitude for the efforts taken to have the crosswalk in Adamsville repainted.

8. Email from Susan Talbot received 5-18-2021 seeking permission to place 12 American Flags near the Blue Star Memorial for Memorial Day. Permission was granted for this action.

9. Copy of a letter sent to the Hon. Daniel McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island from the Town of Exeter concerning Senate Bill 2021-5043 & 5084

Motion made by Councilor Wallack, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Matafonas, Moore and Wallack): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid: $131,404.71

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With no further business before the Council Councilor Mataronas declared the meeting closed at 8:05 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Minutes of a Town Council virtual meeting held June 15th, AD 2021 via Video and Tele-Conferencing at 4:09 o’clock PM. Councilors present: Paul J. Golembeske (arrived at 4:12 PM), Gary S. Mataronas, Andrew W. Moore, Robert L. Mushen and Anya Wallack. Also in attendance: Antonio A. Teixeira, Town Administrator.

The purpose of this special meeting of the Council is to conduct performance reviews of Department Heads to use in determining merit pay for FY21.

The Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to enter into executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(1) – personnel, job performance. All voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack). The live stream was muted at this point with signage announcing the Council as being in executive session.

Attendance during executive session: Councilors Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas, Andrew W. Moore, Robert L. Mushen and Anya Wallack, Antonio A. Teixeira, Town Administrator.

4:10 PM – 4:18 Police Chief Scott Raynes attended for his review.

4:12 PM Councilor Golembeske arrived and confirmed his acceptance to enter into executive session under RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1).

4:19 PM – 4:29 PM Joseph DeSantis, Finance Director attended for his review.

4:42 PM – 4:55 PM Denise Cosgrove attended for her review.

4:59 PM – 5:07 PM Peter Medeiros attended for his review.

5:10 PM – 5:25 PM Antonio A. Teixeira attended for his review.

5:25 PM – 5:42 PM Carol A. Wordell left the chambers.

5:42 PM – 6:04 PM William Moore attended for his review.

6:06 PM – 6:26 PM Fire Chief Petri attended for his review.

At 6:27 PM the Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to exit executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(1) – personnel, job performance. All voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack). The live stream was unmuted at this point to allow audio and visual again in open session.

The following votes were disclosed in open session:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To grant a Merit Pay for FY21 to Peter Medeiros, Building and Zoning Official in the amount of $3,302.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To grant a Merit Pay for FY21 to William Moore, Director of Public Works in the amount of $700.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To grant a Merit Pay for FY21 to Joseph DeSantis, Finance Director in the amount of $2,100.
Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To grant a Merit Pay for FY21 to Fire Chief Richard Petrin in the amount of $5,272.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To grant a Merit Pay for FY21 to Police Chief Raynes in the amount of $4,394.

Motion made by Councilor Wallack, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To grant a Merit Pay for FY21 to Denise Cosgrove, Tax Assessor in the amount of $2,850.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To grant a Merit Pay for FY21 to Antonio A. Teixeira, Town Administrator in the amount of $3,600.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To adjust the salary for Town Administrator to reflect $74,000 for Fiscal Year 2022.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To grant a Merit Pay for FY21 to Carol A. Wordell, Town Clerk in the amount of $2,100 and to pay a stipend for the Professional Achievement of Certified Municipal Clerk in the amount of $500.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To pay a stipend for Professional Achievement of Certified Rhode Island Tax Assessor to Denise Cosgrove in the amount of $500.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen, Wallack): To adjourn at 6:30 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk.
Minutes of a special Town Council virtual meeting held June 16th, AD 2021 via Video and Tele-Conferencing at 6:06 o’clock PM. Councilors present: Paul J. Golembeske, Andrew W. Moore, Robert L. Mushen and Anya Wallack. Absent: Gary Mataronas.

The purpose of this special meeting of the Town Council is to offer opportunity for two (2) individuals to express their interest in serving on the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust to fill the unexpired term of Ellen Field. Mr. Ned Levine and Mr. Edward Bowen were both present and participated in a discussion of their thoughts for the Trusts mission and future endeavors.

The Council President expressed his appreciation to both individuals and noted the matter will be voted on during the June 24th, 2021 Town Council meeting.

Having no further business before the Council the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Dear President Robert Mushen & Little Compton Town Council Members,
I am contacting you on behalf of the Pax Christi Rhode Island (a Catholic Peace
Organization [https://paxchristiusa.org/]) to urge you to pass "the Back From
The Brink Nuclear Disarmament
resolution": [https://preventnuclearwar.org/advocacy-tools/?tab=tool4]
53 Cities & Towns have already passed these resolutions in favor of nuclear disarmament
including East Providence, Rhode
Island [https://preventnuclearwar.org/resolutions/East%20Providence.pdf]
Nuclear weapons represent a real existential threat to our families, communities, and the
whole human race.
An intentional or accidental nuclear war would certainly end human life as we know it.
Please lend your support for one of the most important imperatives of the 21st century.
Sincerely,
Bill Waters
for Pax Christi Rhode Island
Back from the Brink: The Call to Prevent Nuclear War
Request for Municipalities & Elected Officials

Dear Members of the Little Compton Town Council,

I’m writing as a constituent to ask you to join many municipalities and organizations in endorsing Back from the Brink: Call to Prevent Nuclear War, a simple, 5-point set of common sense, practical policy solutions (see below) that would greatly reduce the real and immediate risks posed by nuclear weapons and the chances that they will ever again be used.

Drafted by two prominent national organizations, the Union of Concerned Scientists and Physicians for Social Responsibility, the purpose of Back from the Brink is to build broad, bi-partisan public and congressional support for fundamental changes in U.S nuclear weapons policy.

Endorsing the Back from the Brink resolution is a simple way to lend your voice and stature on an issue that affects every one of your constituents and all of humanity.

This is not a partisan issue. This matters to me, my family and our community, regardless of political affiliation.

As members of the Little Compton Town Council, you have a solemn duty to do what you can to keep your constituents safe – and nuclear weapons should be no exception. In that regard we hope that you will not only endorse Back from the Brink but also issue a public statement about your endorsement to our local/state media, as well as inform our congressional delegation of your support.

Today, nine nations possess nearly 14,000 nuclear weapons, most of which are far more destructive than those that killed over 100,000 people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945. The detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic global consequences.

And the threat of nuclear war is growing. Global tensions are on the rise and, in our own country, there are plans to rebuild the entire U.S. nuclear arsenal at the staggering cost of $1.7 trillion over the next three decades. This includes plans to build more “usable” nuclear weapons for nuclear war fighting, increasing the chance that these weapons could be used. U.S taxpayers already spend some $2 million every hour of every day maintaining the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Nuclear weapons don’t make us safer, and the enormous sum of money we spend to build and maintain them makes it more difficult to fund other critical programs for our cities and towns, such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and related unemployment, public housing & education, environmental protection, anti-poverty programs, rural internet access, combating the opioid epidemic, and more.

Your endorsement of Back from the Brink is a simple step you can take that will send a powerful signal to members of our congressional delegation and other leaders in Washington that it’s time for a fundamental shift away from thinking of nuclear weapons as instruments of security; instead we must start moving toward a world free of them.

More information can be found at www.preventnuclearwar.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brennan Tierney

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Back from the Brink: The Call to Prevent Nuclear War

We call on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals; and
- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack;
- taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons.
Back from the Brink: The Call to Prevent Nuclear War
Resolution

Whereas nine nations collectively have approximately 14,000 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most of which are far more destructive than those that killed hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945;

Whereas the detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences that could affect everyone on the planet;

Whereas the United States maintains several hundred nuclear missiles in underground silos on hair-trigger alert, capable of being launched within minutes after a presidential order, which greatly increases the risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch;

Whereas the United States continues to reserve the right to use nuclear weapons first, which reduces the threshold for nuclear use and makes a nuclear war more likely;

Whereas the U.S. president has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nuclear weapons;
Whereas the climate crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, and recent racial justice uprisings have highlighted the need for greater investment in our healthcare system and our communities;

Whereas over the next 30 years, the United States plans to spend an estimated $1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal and the bombers, missiles and submarines that deliver them with more capable, more usable versions;

Whereas taxpayers spend over $2 million every hour of every day to maintain the U.S. nuclear arsenal;

Whereas a grassroots movement called “Back from the Brink: The Call to Prevent Nuclear War” has been endorsed by over 350 health, environmental, academic, peace, faith, and justice organizations and has resulted in resolutions approved by numerous municipalities, including the cities of Los Angeles, Baltimore, Salt Lake City, and Washington DC, as well as the states of California and Oregon;

Whereas the United States, as well as Britain, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals;

Whereas in July 2017, 122 nations approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which entered into force on January 22, 2021, making it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce, manufacture, or otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

Therefore, Little Compton calls on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals;
- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack;
- taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert; and
- cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons.

And be it further resolved that Little Compton calls on the United States to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Senator Jack Reed, Representative David Cicilline, Representative James Langevin and President Joseph R. Biden.
Town of Little Compton
Office of the Council President
Post Office Box 226
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

DRAFT

25 June 2021

Special Directive 5 (Revision 11)

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 25 June 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 24 June 2021 extended the state of emergency in the Town through 23 July 2021, unless renewed, modified or terminated by subsequent order.

Robert L. Mushen
President, Little Compton Town Council
Saturday, June 12, 2021

Little Compton Town Council
Tony Texiera
Via email

Dear Council Members;

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ned Levine to the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust. For roughly the last three years Ned has served in multiple roles as an active volunteer for the Trust. Some of the tasks Ned has been involved with include identifying potential land acquisition possibilities and coordinated communication with land owners in the application process, he has headed up the Trust’s revitalized community outreach efforts, helped plan a public event opening a new walking trail, and provided expanded communication with the Westport Land Trust. This last role helped bring a donation of a land parcel to the LCACT. Ned puts in many hours of effort on behalf of the Trust and at this point the amount of his involvement with Trust activities would be greatly facilitated if he were a member of the board. His appointment would enable him to speak as a member to others and simplify his communication back to the board. As the chairman I am grateful for his many efforts and his willingness to continue, and indeed expand, that work on behalf of the Trust. His appointment would be a positive step in Ned’s continuing efforts to assist the work of the Ag Trust.

Thank you for considering his application and reviewing my endorsement.

Respectfully,

William H. Richmond
To:       Honorable Town Council
From:    Antonio A. Teixeira
        Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA
          Town Administrator
               Tax Assessor
Date:     June 24, 2021
Subject:  GIS bids

We received two bids:

CAI Technologies            $30,470.00
AppGeo                        $44,300.00

Denise Cosgrove, Tax Assessor and I reviewed the proposals and agree that CAI Technologies provides the best all-round package and service.

We recommend CAI Technologies.

Thank you.

Attachments:

- Bid and Contract Forms
  - CAI Technologies
  - AppGeo
BID AND CONTRACT FORM

TITLE OF SPECIFICATIONS: Geographical Information Systems Mapping (2021)

1) PROPOSAL:
WHEREAS, the TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON has duly asked for proposals for performance of services in accordance with the above-mentioned Scope of Work

The person or entity below does irrevocably offer to perform the services in accordance with the Request for Proposals for Geographic Information Systems Mapping (2021) which is hereby incorporated into these documents.

This offer shall remain open and irrevocable until the TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON has accepted this proposal or another proposal for Geographic Information Systems Mapping.

The proposer agrees that acceptance below by the TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON shall transform the proposal into a contract.

2) PRICING:
Firms may bid on all tasks. A firm is eligible for award in E depending on funding resources available.

A. Parcel Mapping Automation
  Fixed Fee $14,800 (Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred dollars) - Complete tax map conversion; Includes D & E completed coincident (in words)
  $ 7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars) — Parcel polygon conversion only

B. Simplified GIS Interface
  Fixed Fee $4,500 (Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars) Year 1 Total (in words)
  Breakdown: $1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred dollars) One-Time Setup Fee
  $3,000 (Three Thousand dollars) Annual Hosting Fee

C. Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan
  Fixed Fee $1,920 (One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty dollars) (in words)

D. Parcel Dimension Annotation (optional)
  Fixed Fee $4,840 (Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty dollars) (in words)

E. Easement Automation and Annotation (optional)
  Fixed Fee $4,410 (Four Thousand Ten dollars) (in words)

F. Annual Tax Map Maintenance Budget: $1,900 (One Thousand Nine Hundred dollars)

Signed Tim Fountain, VP
Date

Company Cartographic Associates Inc. dba CAI Technologies
Town of Little Compton

Geographic Information Systems
Parcel Mapping Project

Proposal submitted June 10, 2021 by:

AppGeo
Empowering People with Spatial Solutions

Applied Geographics, Inc.
33 Broad St, 4th Floor | Boston, MA 02109
T. 617-447-2400

www.AppGeo.com

Proposal Contact:
Michele Giorgianni, Principal
mgiorgianni@appgeo.com; 860-339-4254

AppGeo Proposal: 2021-0360p
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND

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2) PRICING:
Firms may bid on all tasks. A firm is eligible for award if an E depending on funding resources available.

A. Parcel Mapping Automation
   Fixed Fee ($19,500) Nineteen thousand five hundred __________________________ (in words)

B. Simplified GIS Interface
   Fixed Fee ($7,000) Seven thousand __________________________ (in words)

C. Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan (also includes Update existing plat maps)
   Fixed Fee ($5,800) Five thousand eight hundred __________________________ (in words)

D. Parcel Dimension Annotation
   Fixed Fee ($8,500) Eight thousand five hundred __________________________ (in words)

E. Easement Automation and Annotation (optional)
   Fixed Fee ($3,500) Three thousand five hundred __________________________ (in words)


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Signed

June 8, 2021
Date

Company – Kate Hickey, COO, Applied Geographics, Inc. (AppGeo)
I would like to inform the Honorable Town Council as to the status of the American Rescue Plan.

Our Finance Director, Joe DeSantis has filed all the necessary paperwork with the State. It had to be filed by June 15th to ensure that we would be able to receive the funding.

Little Compton is projected to receive as a Municipality $340,000 and as a share through County Allocations $673,760.89 for a total of $1,013,760.89.

We are scheduled to receive the first portion of our share, the first week of the July.
To be voted June 24, 2021 by the Little Compton Town Council:

SALARIES AND BENEFITS
JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

1. Police Reserve Officer Program: Hourly at the senior patrolman rate
Private Detail – As set by union contract at 1.5 times the Lieutenant’s hourly rate
Town Detail – As set by union contract at 1.5 times the sworn officer’s hourly rate

2. Substitute Firemen: (part time firefighters):
Hourly Rate - $19.00 per hour

3. Per diem town employees (less than 24 hours per week):
Clerks - $16.50 per hour
Laborers - $16.50 per hour
Dispatchers - $16.50 per hour

4. Harbor Master - $7,060 per year; with reimbursement of $40 per month for cell phone use as Harbor Master until his personal contract expires and he joins the town’s cell phone plan; no other benefits
Assistant Harbor Master - $600.00 yearly

5. Building Officials’ Inspectors
   Electrical Inspectors - $35.00 per visit
   Plumbing/Mechanical Inspectors - $35.00 per visit

6. Leonard Corrao (Disabled Firefighter) – Town payment as per vote of Financial Town Meeting

7. Tree Warden and Equipment (Contract Work)
   Labor - $45.00/hr.
   Pickup Truck - $15.00/hr.
   Large Truck - $20.00/hr.
   Tractor and Loader - $25.00/hr.
   Bucket Truck - $45.00/hr.
   Chipper - $40.00/hr.

   (Vote of Town Council on 11/25/1985 – Outside contractors shall pay the tree warden $15.00/day and notify him not less than 72 hrs. when possible prior to entering Town; also to notify him immediately upon completion of work).

   Labor - $40.00/hr.
   Pickup Truck - $25.00/hr.
   Tractor w/ Rotary Mower and Operator – subject to bid process
   Tractor w/ Side Mower & Operator – subject to bid process
   Backhoe w/ operator- $79.00/hr.
   Tracked Backhoe (excavator) and operator - $90.00/hr.
   Five to Seven (5-7) Yard Dump Truck - $35.00/hr.
   Grader w/ operator - $75.00/hr.
   One Ton Dump Truck - $35.00/hr.
   *Machine Operator labor only - $50/hr
   *Mechanic work on town owned equipment labor only $50/hr
   *Storage of Town Sander Truck and parts $200/month

   Snow Removal (All w/ operator):
   Four Wheel Drive (4WD) Pickup w/ 8 ft. Power Angle Plow - $73.00/hr.
   One (1) Ton (or Greater) Truck w/ 9 ft. Power Angle Plow - $78.00/hr.
   One (1) Loader w/ operator - $75.00/hr.
   Six (6) Wheel Dump Truck w/ 10 ft. Plow - $74.00/hr.
   Sanding Town Roads - $355/sand or $320/sand w/Town sander

9. All Salaries and Benefits as set forth in the signed contracts between the Town Department Heads, I.B.P.O., I.A.F.P., and the Little Compton Municipal Employees Association, and the Town of Little Compton

10. Also, authorize Finance Director to pay:

    1. Salaries of elected officials as voted at the 2021 Annual Financial Town Meeting.
    2. All bills presented by the L.C. Free Public Library and the Beach Commission.
    4. Longevity payments
Please accept my resignation from the zoning board effective immediately. Thank you.

George Goulart

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Carol Wordell and Little Compton Budget Committee,

I am writing this letter in order to inform you of my resignation from the Little Compton Budget Committee as of June 30th 2021. I wish committee and its members all the best in their current and continued endeavors, and hope our paths cross again in the future.

Sincerely,

Travis Auty
June 17, 2021

Dear Superintendent Dias-Mitchell,

Please share with my fellow School Committee members that due to being asked to serve out a vacated position on the Little Compton Town Council, I will need to leave my position on the Little Compton School Committee effective 6/30/2021.

I look forward to working collaboratively with you and the School Committee in the future.

Sincerely,

Patrick McHugh
Dear Colleagues:

I was deeply honored to have been elected to the Town Council by the voters of Little Compton. In the six months since I took office, I have enjoyed digging into the issues affecting our town, hearing from constituents and getting to know and work with my colleagues in town government. Sadly, I am resigning from the Council effective June 30th because I have accepted a job in Vermont.

My Council seat will be assumed by Patrick McHugh, as the next-highest vote-getter rises to fill a vacated seat, as stipulated by section 406 of the Town’s charter. Patrick is well-known to you all for his hard work on the School Committee and the Recreation Committee. I have no doubt he will serve ably and thoughtfully.

I will soon move to Vermont part-time and begin work as Senior Vice President for Strategic Communications for the University of Vermont Health Network. It is one of the most innovative health care systems in the country. I have dedicated my career to improving the quality and affordability of health care, and working for the UVM Network is a unique opportunity to advance that mission. While I am excited by this prospect, I am very sorry to have to leave the Council.

I would like to thank my fellow Council members and the entire town staff for your very hard work and collegiality. I appreciate all that you do, admire your commitment, and am sorry I will not continue the work with you in this capacity. I hope I can still be of service to LC in other ways.

Attached is a press release that will go out at 2:00 announcing my appointment.

Sincerely, and with all best wishes,

Anya

Anya Rader Wallack, PhD
9 South Shore Road
Little Compton, RI 02837
anyarwallack@gmail.com
June 9, 2021

Contact:
Annie Mackin
(802) 782-1589

Any Rader Wallack Appointed as UVM Health Network SVP for Strategic Communications

Wallack will lead advocacy and communication strategy to advance the Network’s mission-driven vision to transform health care.

BURLINGTON, VT-- The University of Vermont Health Network today announced the appointment of Anya Rader Wallack, PhD, as Senior Vice President for Strategic Communications.

Wallack, originally from Vermont, is a Professor at the Brown University School of Public Health in Providence, RI. She has worked in high-level health policy positions for former Vermont Govs. Howard Dean and Peter Shumlin, and former Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo.

She will replace Theresa Alberghini DiPalma, who served the UVM Medical Center and UVM Health Network for nearly 20 years before stepping down on June 4.

John Brumsted, MD, President and CEO of the UVM Health Network, noted that Wallack’s appointment is an important step in furthering alignment of the community relations, government relations, and communications and engagement disciplines to continue to build understanding, awareness, and support for the health system’s strategic vision and impact.

“We have created an integrated health care delivery system across western and central Vermont and northern New York that preserves access to services that our patients and their families depend on,” said Dr. Brumsted. “Everything we do is in service to this mission. We focus on doing what is right for our patients and our communities while providing a national model for high quality health care delivery and sustainable financing.”

Wallack said, “I believe the American health care system is in crisis and can only be fixed by people who have a clear vision for reform and are in a position to improve it. I have dedicated my professional life to
improving our health care system and keeping it affordable. The UVM Health Network has an extraordinary leadership team. I share their vision and values and am excited to join them.”

Dr. Brumsted thanked Alberghini DiPalma for her leadership accomplishments and emphasized the importance of building on a strong foundation of external partnerships to achieve the UVM Health Network vision. “To be successful in service to our patients, we need to further our alignment with leaders at the federal, state and local levels, as well as business and community leaders in the local areas we serve,” he said.

“Anya is a skilled researcher, administrator and communicator who understands what we are trying to achieve and why it is unique and valuable in the country, as well as how it relates to the science of health system improvement. She also understands Vermont and the history of our health system transformation. She is uniquely qualified to tell our story, back up our actions with evidence of what works and align our efforts with the needs of our essential partners.”

Wallack holds a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Vermont and Master’s and Doctoral degrees from the Heller School at Brandeis University. She served in Rhode Island as the Director of the State’s Health Insurance Exchange, Medicaid Director and Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services. In Vermont, she served as the first Chair of the Green Mountain Care Board, Special Assistant for Health Policy to Gov. Shumlin and Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant for Health Policy to Gov. Dean.

She will begin work at the UVM Health Network on July 15.

About the University of Vermont Health Network
The University of Vermont Health Network is a five-hospital system serving the residents of Vermont and northern New York with a shared mission: working together, we improve people’s lives. The partners are:

- The University of Vermont Medical Center
- The University of Vermont Health Network – Alice Hyde Medical Center
- The University of Vermont Health Network – Central Vermont Medical Center
- The University of Vermont Health Network – Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital
- The University of Vermont Health Network – Elizabethtown Community Hospital
- The University of Vermont Health Network – Home Health & Hospice
- The University of Vermont Health Network – Porter Medical Center
- The University of Vermont Health Network Medical Group

Our 4,000 health care professionals are driven to provide high-quality, cost-efficient care as close to home as possible. Strengthened by our academic connection to the University of Vermont, each of our hospitals remains committed to its local community by providing compassionate, personal care shaped by the latest medical advances and delivered by highly skilled experts.

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School Committee TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
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Hannah C. Ayotte (DEM) . . . . . . . . . . . 1,490 58.84
Michael W. Rocha, II (REP) . . . . . . . . . 1,244 49.13
Travis H. Auty (DEM) . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,070 42.25
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Arthur R. Wattack (DEM)
Robert L. Wranzen (REP)

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LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND
BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Agenda

Special meeting of the Board of Canvassers to be held June 17, 2021 at 8:30 AM in a Zoom meeting with video and teleconference abilities.

Agenda:

1) Certify next highest unsuccessful candidates for the School Committee and Town Council races held November 3, 2020 and authorize the Town Clerk to issue certificates to said candidates as per Home Rule Charter Sections 406 and 803 to fill the unexpired term of Anya R. Wallack, Town Council Member and potential vacancy of Patrick McHugh, School Committee Member should he accept the position.

To join the meeting utilize one of the following:

Join Zoom Meeting:  https://zoom.us
Meeting ID: 847 6169 3369
Passcode: 497916

Dial by location: 1-646-558-8656 (New York) or
Toll free: 888 788 0099 or 833 548 0276 or 833 548 0282 or 877 853 5247

Live streaming is also available with the Town of Little Compton YouTube account

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

Anyone wishing to object to the inclusion or exclusion of electors named on the final voting list should appear at the hearing and make his or her objections known at the aforesaid time and place.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the deaf and hard of hearing must call (401)635-4400 forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting date.

POSTED: June 14, 2021

Carol A. Wordell
Clerk, Board of Canvassers
June 16, 2021

Robert L. Mushen, President
Paul J. Golembeske
Gary S. Mataronas
Andrew W. Moore
Anya R. Wallack

Dear President Mushen and Town Council Members:

I understand that my two year term as Probate Judge for the Town expires on June 30, 2021.

Please consider this a request that I be reappointed for a new two year term.

I have enjoyed serving as Probate Judge for the Town and have tried to provide good service to the litigants and attorneys that appear before the Court. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve in that capacity.

Sincerely,

Richard P. D’Addario

Word: rpd
Hi, Carol,
Thanks for the email. I would like to remain on the board.
Hope things are going well for you.
Mark S.

Good afternoon,
Your terms are coming up for renewal on the Zoning Board. If you wish to remain on the Board I will need a reply or a letter of interest sent to me by June 24th at 3 pm.

Thanks,
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 continue as a member of the Zoning Board, if approved!
Charlie Hall

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 14, 2021, at 2:56 PM, Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org> wrote:

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Thanks,

Carol

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Carol Wordell

From: Yahoo Mail <islanderadventures@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 3:55 PM
To: Carol Wordell
Subject: Re: letter of interest

I would like to formally apply to remain Harbour Master for the town of Little Compton for the 2021-2022 season. Thank You Mike Massa

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Monday, June 14, 2021, 3:27 PM, Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org> wrote:

I will still need something from you please.

From: Yahoo Mail [mailto:islanderadventures@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org>
Cc: ebinlc@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: letter of interest

Ok great thanks

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Monday, June 14, 2021, 2:36 PM, Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org> wrote:

Mike,

Chris was in the office so I had him complete the letter of interest for Assistant Harbor Master.

Carol
LETTER OF APPLICATION

DATE: 1/4/21

TO: HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: Christopher Brady

TELEPHONE #: (401) 639-935

Position: Assistant Harbor Master

BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, OR AGENCY:

REASON FOR DESIRE TO SERVE: To help Mike Massa in his daily tasks at Saltwater Harbor

COVER LETTER AND/OR RESUME ATTACHED: No

This letter will serve as my formal application for appointment to the abovementioned Board, Commission, Committee, or Agency.

Any consideration given my application will be greatly appreciated.

Signature of Applicant

Attachment
From: Rmarra6 [mailto:Rmarra6@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 4:19 PM
To: Robert Mushen <rmushen@littlecomptonri.org>
Subject: Re: Pension Committee Appointment

Yes, count me in until the rest of my brain goes to mush. Happy to serve another term.

Rob & Mary Marra
POB 1056
Little Compton, RI 02837
401-635-8319

On Jun 14, 2021, at 3:53 PM, Robert Mushen <rmushen@littlecomptonri.org> wrote:

Good afternoon, Rob,

I’m looking for your confirmation that you are willing to serve for FY22, and hope that you are. Please let me know by responding to this email. Thanks!

Bob

Robert Mushen
Town Council President
401.635.4529
Hi Bob,

I am happy to serve on the Pension Committee in FY22.

Roger

Good afternoon, Roger,

I'm looking for your confirmation that you are willing to serve for FY22, and hope that you are. Please let me know by responding to this email. Thanks!

Bob

Robert Mushen
Town Council President
401.635.4529
June 9, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Town Council,

The members of the United Congregational Church would like to hold our Annual Church Fair again this year. We were not able to hold it last year because of COVID restrictions, but the State of Rhode Island has eased restrictions at this time, and we feel that the membership, Town, and visitors are ready to celebrate again.

Because of the uncertainty of when the State would open up, we planned to move the time of the Fair from July 10, to August 7. Now that all restrictions are eased, we are asking your permission to use the Commons as we have done in the past. We would like to have the south side of the Commons closed to traffic from 7 am till 3:30 pm for craft vendors and fair foot traffic. We would also like to use Pikes Peak for vendors and also to erect a tent to be used by the LC Road Race.

The road race will start as usual at 9am, but will be a noncompetitive event not be scored, in order to avoid runners crowding in the finish area after the race to obtain results or await awards. All runners will be required to sign a COVID waiver as part of the registration process. The start area in front of the school will be organized in coordination with the Police and Fire Departments with our race coordinator John McGrath. We expect to adhere to all COVID protocols that remain in place at that time.

As always, we thank you for your support and hope to have a great day to celebrate our Town and the community mission of our Church.

Respectfully, UCC Church Fair Committee

Rev. Rebecca Floyd Marshall
Russell Bodington
Lily Derbyshire Clark
Sue Hutson
Jane Lorch

CC: Chief Scott Raynes, LC Police Dept.
Chief Richard Petrin, LC Fire Dept.
Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837
WATER USE AGREEMENT

It is understood by the owner(s) and the Town of Little Compton (herein after called the Town of Little Compton or Little Compton Fire Department) that this agreement is subject to the following conditions:

1. The owner(s) are permitted to terminate this agreement by written notice if the Town of Little Compton or Little Compton Fire Department materially breaches any terms and conditions in this agreement.

2. Neither this agreement nor any right or duty in whole or in part by the owner(s) under the agreement will be assigned, delegated, or subcontracted without the written consent of the owner(s).

3. All items placed on the property of the owner(s) by the Town of Little Compton will remain the property of the Town of Little Compton. If this agreement is terminated, the owner(s) will permit the Town of Little Compton adequate time to remove said property and return the land to its natural state.

4. Any and all debris that is created by and during the establishment of the drafting site will be disposed of by the Town of Little Compton.

5. No cutting or trimming of trees will be done on the property of the owner(s) unless the Little Compton Fire Department states that such cutting is/will be necessary to provide uninterrupted and clear travel to the site; however, in no case will such cutting be actually be completed without prior approval of the owner(s).

6. The Town of Little Compton will maintain the area covered by this agreement in a safe condition at all times. This maintenance will also include the groundskeeping around the site.

7. The owner(s) as well as any heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns do hereby remise, release, and forever discharge the Town of Little Compton and any officer, agent, or employee thereof of any liability at law to any person, firm, or legal entity for any act of omission, or any injuries, damages, or deaths claimed to have arisen from the installation of the dry hydrant unless the act of omission amount to willful misconduct. This waiver is entered into for and in consideration of the drafting site and access roadway. The sufficiency of this consideration is acknowledged by the owner(s)' signature below.

8. The owner(s) grant the rights to the Town of Little Compton or Little Compton Fire Department to enter the property cited in this agreement only for the express purpose as stated by the owner(s).

[Signatures]

Donald Medeiros
Owners

Date: 12/14/20

(Town Council President)
(Little Compton Fire Department)
(Highway Superintendent)
{Attorney (ies)}
15 PEANUTS LANE, DONALD MEDERIOS

ALL FITTINGS AND PIPING ARE 6 INCH

POND CAPACITY, ROUGHLY 450,000 TO 500,000 GALLONS

STRAINERS AVERAGE 3 FEET BELOW SURFACE AND ABOVE BOTTOM

DOTS REPRESENT SECURING POINTS

P.O.C: ROB WIMER, PHONE # 401-862-0111
Mark Cady
96A Long Highway
Little Compton, RI 02837

Little Compton Town Council
PO Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

June 15, 2021

Dear Town Council members,

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from the Little Compton Planning Board, effective immediately. During my 20+ years on the Board I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many wonderful people. It has been my pleasure to have served the Town of Little Compton.

Sincerely,

Mark Cady
PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, RI

The undersigned respectfully requests of your honorable board, that a license may be granted to:

Please grant a Class F-1 One Day Beverage License
to the Little Compton Game Club for a clambake to be held on June 27, 2021 at 88 John Dyer Road.

Roger P. Wordell, Treasurer

Signature

In Town Council, _______________________, ______

Read and granted ____________________________________________

Witness, ____________________________________________ Town Clerk
TO: Little Compton Town Council
FROM: Barbara Rocha

On behalf of Little Compton Girl Scout Troops 1100 and 725 I would like to thank you for allowing us to use the Grange Hall this year for our Girl Scout meetings. Throughout the year we observed and maintained all of the rules set forth by the Girl Scout Council and the CDC. As a result of the in-person meetings the girls in both the Brownies and Junior/Cadette levels had a successful year.

Our weekly meetings will now pause for the Summer months. We would like ask permission to resume our meetings at the Grange Hall in September on Tuesday evenings 6pm-7:30pm and Thursday 3pm-4:45pm after school.

Again, we are grateful to be able to use this facility. It made a difference!!

Respectfully,

Barbara Rocha
401-439-5458
RESOLUTION OF
THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE & THE BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF MASK MANDATE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the Burrillville School Committee and Town Council respectfully request that mask requirements for children be thoroughly reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Town requests that the following information, the attached presentation and support/references be reviewed by the Office of the Rhode Island Governor and be sent to the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Rhode Island Department of Education for a detailed response; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 mortality risk among school-aged children = 0.001%. This translates into one child per 100,000 infected children OR 0.01 child per 1,000 infected children1,2; and

WHEREAS, Covid-19 morbidity in children is equally rare with limited evidence in the form of clinical case studies; and

WHEREAS, 68% of percent of parents report impairments due to mask wearing in their school-aged children, including but not limited to, irritability (60%), headache (53%), difficulty concentrating (50%), joylessness (49%), and malaise (42%)3; and

WHEREAS, these short-term complications can lead to longer-term mental health issues – the state of RI is experiencing a mental health crisis among children, in particular4; and

WHEREAS, mask effectiveness is highly controversial – various publications have demonstrated they are largely useless in protecting against the transmission of Covid-19. For example, a study found that aside from N95 masks, alternative masks do not provide effective filtration5, 6, 7, 8; and

WHEREAS, any argument concerning the risk of transmission from child to adult must consider that we now have the option to protect those at risk (certain adult populations) without continuing to punish those who are not at risk (children). A widely available vaccine with proven efficacy data offered at no cost; and

WHEREAS, from a health economic perspective, mask mandates in children provide no clinical benefit with a significantly high human burden; and

WHEREAS, the information provided herein appears to show that mask wearing by children of any age is not supported and can actually cause harm; and

WHEREAS, The Burrillville Town Council and Burrillville School Committee respectfully make this joint request that the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Health and Rhode Island Department of Education immediately review all mandatory mask requirements for students and determine the efficacy of eliminating such requirements on an immediate basis.

105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI 02830
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is time for facts and science to support the decisions that are, and will, impact our children, both short and long term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that without a clear, timely and substantive response to the information provided, the Burrillville Town Council will support the School Committee including, but not limited to, public support, legal and administrative support and to take any other measures necessary to reach a sensible conclusion and implement policies and practices that are deemed to be in the best interest of our children.

Passed as a resolution of the Burrillville Town Council this 9th day of June, 2021.

Alexandra LeClair, Chair
Burrillville School Committee

Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:
Vielmo Mart
Town Clerk

REFERENCES:

MASK MANDATES IN CHILDREN:

A HEALTH ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE
More than just anecdotal evidence...

Findings from the world’s first registry for examining the impact of extended mask use in children

Data collected for 25,930 children

- 68% of parents report impairments in their children due to wearing masks

Reported mask wear-time was 270 min/day

Key issues include:

- Irritability: 60% of children
- Headache: 53% of children
- Difficulty concentrating: 50% of children
- Less happiness/joylessness: 49% of children
- Reluctance to attend school: 44% of children
- Malaise: 42% of children
- Impaired learning: 38% of children
- Drowsiness/fatigue: 37% of children

These are short-term outcomes and do not account for further downstream complications/impairments

Emotional impairments can lead to even more serious clinical problems

**National level**

*Significant increase in ER visits by children in mental health crisis during the pandemic*

+30% among kids ages 12-17*

+24% among children ages 5-11*

*Between March and October of last year, compared to 2019*

**Local level**

*COVID is taking a toll on RI kids' mental health. How you can help*

He referred quarters of mental ill

G. Wayne Miller / The Providence Journal

Published 10:37 a.m. ET Feb. 12, 2021 | Updated 10:48 a.m. ET Feb. 12, 2021

With a capacity of 87 beds at Hasbro Children's, a Lifespan hospital, that meant some 65 or so of the inpatients were young people in psychiatric crisis, most of them awaiting transfer to Bradley or Butler hospitals or other psychiatric programs, which themselves are seeing unprecedented demand during the pandemic.

References:
The health economics of pandemic-related policies can no longer be ignored

What is HEOR (Health Economics Outcomes Research)?

Three critical questions in economics:
1. Compared to what?
2. At what cost?
3. What hard evidence do you have?

From a healthcare perspective:
P = population
I = intervention
C = comparator
O = outcomes

Why is HEOR important?

Facilitates alignment on key data and assumptions to support rational and equitable healthcare decision-making
Mandated mask use in school-aged children: Population

4,466,773 + 22,203,414 = 26,670,187 estimated infections in children ages 0-17 years as of February 2020 - March 2021¹

Table 1: Preliminary Estimated COVID-19 Cumulative Incidence, by age group — United States, February 2020–March 2021

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115 + 256 = 371 deaths among children ages 0-17 years as of January 2020 - June 2021²

Covid mortality risk among school-aged children: 0.001%*

0.001% translates into:

1 child per 100,000 infected children OR
0.01 child per 1,000 infected children

Any death is, of course, tragic — but statistically, these 371 deaths (Jan 2020 – June 2021) out of 26M+ (infected children are extremely high-risk/anomalies who were likely highly susceptible to illness due to weakened immune systems or comorbid conditions


*The CDC has not updated the total estimated infection data by age as of March 2021; also, only the most recent mortality data (as of June 2021) is available on the CDC website. Total infections as of March 2021 were lower than the current count of 371. Additionally, morbidity data is largely anecdotal (in the form of case studies) as covid-associated complications in children are extremely low.
Mandated mask use in school-aged children: Intervention

Ongoing controversy regarding mask effectiveness...

A single virion of SARS-CoV-2 is 0.1 microns\(^1\) while the pore size in a surgical mask is 200 - 1000x that size

- Some studies estimate pore sizes range from 80 - 500 microns which is 800- 5,000x the size of a SARS-CoV-2 virion particle!\(^2\)

Per the CDC, “surgical masks do not catch all harmful particles in smoke”

- Smoke particles in a wildfire are ~0.5 microns or 5x  

“As expected, surgical and procedure masks had substantially lower average FFEs than the N95 respirators, and the variability in their performances was observed to be largely dependent on the tightness of the contact between the material and the test individual’s facial skin.” \(^3\)

As a comparison, technologies where I've supported/led health economic studies (or researched to support market access strategy development) have typically demonstrated unfriuted clinical efficacy in formal trials… this is clearly NOT the case for masks\(^4\)

And let’s not forget...

**WHAT WE KNOW NOW**

**FAUCI’S EMAILS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

"The typical mask you buy in the drug store is not really effective in keeping out virus, which is small enough to pass through the material." ¹

NOTE THAT “FACT CHECKERS” CITE NO SUPPORTING DATA FOR MASK EFFECTIVENESS, JUST “EVOLVING GUIDELINES” ¹

Mandated mask use in school-aged children: Comparator

As we have seen, while children can become infected with Covid-19 their mortality risk is SIGNIFICANT low/almost nonexistent. Moreover, any argument concerning the risk of transmission from child to adult must consider that we now have the option to protect those at risk (certain adult populations) without continuing to punish those who are not at risk (children) ...

A widely available vaccine with proven efficacy data offered at no cost!

Available to all school staff as of March 2021¹

Now adults are even being offered incentives for vaccination!

Also, the community can and should continue to encourage healthy behaviors (hygiene, diet) among children

Mandated mask use in school-aged children: Outcomes

Mask mandate

No mask mandate

Key issues include:

IRRITABILITY

60% of children

HEADACHE

53% of children

DIFFICULTY CONCENTRATING

50% of children

LESS HAPPINESS/JOYLESSNESS

49% of children

RELUCTANCE TO ATTEND SCHOOL

44% of children

MALAISE

42% of children

IMPAIRED LEARNING

38% of children

DROWSINESS/FATIGUE

37% of children

68% of parents report impairments in their children due to wearing masks.

In summary, masks = negative health economic value among children

From a health economic perspective, the mask mandate is a CLEAR LOSER

The current mask mandate should be abolished immediately, with bans placed on any future mandates

Benefits of the mask mandate

Costs of the mask mandate
There is a solution – with precedent!

States and schools are choosing to offer a “mask opt out” option.

From a medical ethics standpoint, this is exactly what we should have been doing all along...

CONSENT FORM TO OPT OUT OF FACE MASK REQUIREMENT IMPOSED ON STUDENTS BY A SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 2021-23, issued by Governor Henry McMaster on May 11, 2021, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has developed this standardized form to provide consent for or on behalf of a student in any public school in the State of South Carolina to opt out of a student from a face covering requirement imposed by any public school official or public school district pertaining to school operations and facilities.

DHEC and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have provided guidance stating that the wearing of face coverings slows the spread of COVID-19. Failure to wear a face covering may subject a student to an increased risk of contracting COVID-19 and spreading COVID-19 to others.

By completing this form, you are authorizing your student to not wear a face covering while at school. A separate form must be completed for each child.

To be Completed by Parent, Guardian, Legal Custodian, Foster Care Provider, Student 18 Years of Age or Older, or Student Otherwise Authorized to Provide Consent

Parent/Guardian/Legal Custodian/Foster Care Provider Information

Name: __________________________
Address: ________________________
Telephone Number: ______________
Email Address: ____________________

Student Information

("the student")

Name: __________________________
Student ID #: ____________________
Date of Birth: ____________________
Student Address: ________________

By signing below, I attest that:

I have signed this form freely and voluntarily, and I am legally authorized to make decisions for the student.

I understand and agree that nothing herein shall relieve the parent, guardian, legal custodian, foster care provider, or student absent from any liability associated with the student not wearing a face covering.

I acknowledge that DHEC and the CDC recommend that students wear face coverings in the school environment to protect against the spread of COVID-19 based on scientific evidence and research studies.

I agree on behalf of myself and the student to hereby release the school, school district, South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), and DHEC from any and all liability associated with the student not wearing a face covering.

I understand that the student is subject to any guidance issued by SCDE related to school bus operations based on circumstances, regulations, or requirements promulgated by the federal government, including wearing of face coverings while on a school bus. With the exception of face covering requirements, I understand that the student shall remain subject to all other school and school district requirements, including those related to COVID-19.

I understand that if I am a student 18 or older, or a student who is otherwise legally competent, references to "the student" refer to me and I may sign this form on my own behalf.

I will notify the student's school in writing if I choose to revoke my consent.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Legal Custodian/Foster Care Provider:
(if student is under the age of 18)

Date: ________________________

Signature of Student:
(if age 18 or over or otherwise authorized to consent)

Date: ________________________

DHEC Form 54427-0001

June 17, 2021

TO: Town of Little Compton, R.I.
   Town Council of the Town of Little Compton, R.I.

REGARDING: Refuse Hauling License Renewal

Dear Members of The Little Compton Town Council,

Steven K. Reuter Lawn and Landscape, inc.-per this letter, is requesting the renewal of our Refuse Hauling License – as our current license is due to expire the end of the month. Please find attached, proof of registration for the vehicle used to haul.

If any questions or concerns, please contact me via one of the following:

Office: (401)635-1624
Mobile/My Direct Line: (401)258-2086 *texts always welcomed
Email: stelver@verizon.net

Thank You So Much,

Steven K. Reuter
Steven K. Reuter Lawn and Landscape, inc.
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- **TAX TOWN: LITTLE COMPTON**
- Notice: The law requires that the DMV be notified within 10 days of any change in name or address. Please visit our website to update your address online.
- Plate Cancellation - Excise Tax: Plates must be cancelled with the DMV to ensure the vehicle is removed from the city or town tax rolls. Please retain your receipt as proof of cancellation.
- Every registration plate shall be at all times securely fastened in a horizontal position and be in a condition to be clearly legible. Validation stickers are only to be placed securely on the lower right corner of the registration plate.
- Registration Certificate shall at all times be carried in the vehicle to which it refers or shall be carried by the person driving or in control of such vehicle.
- Proof of valid insurance/financial security is required as per Rhode Island General Laws § 31-47 (Motor Vehicle Reparations Act).
- It is your responsibility to renew your registration prior to the expiration date. Failure to do so may result in the assignment of new plates.
- Failure to obtain an Emissions Inspection on or before N/A will result in this vehicle being suspended.
- Not valid without official signature of Administrator.
- Any vehicle operating in excess of legal weight limits is required to have an overweight permit per Chapter 31-25 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Failure to obtain an overweight permit may result in the imposition of fines and/or other penalties.

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**WALTER R. CRADDOCK**  
Administrator  
Division Of Motor Vehicles  

03/23/2021
June 11, 2021

Chief Richard Petrin  
Little Compton Fire Department  
60 Simmons Rd  
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Chief Petrin,

It is with deep regret, and sadness for me to ask you to accept this as my letter of resignation of my position as a Firefighter with the Little Compton Fire Department, effective June 28th, 2021 at 0700hrs.

The decision to resign was made after long and careful consideration. I want to express my sincere and deepest gratitude to yourself, as well as the men of this department. I have made lifelong friends, mentors, and supporters during my time here. Leaving the Little Compton Fire Department was not an easy choice for me to make, however, advancing my career with the opportunity I was presented with is the best choice for myself, and my future.

It sincerely has been an amazing time working underneath you as a Chief, and alongside of your Firefighters. I have created many memories here that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Many of the men in your department are destined for greatness and I look forward to hearing about them and watching them progress in their own careers.

Please be assured that my efforts to complete my duty as a Firefighter will remain at 110% all the way to my last shift change. If there is anything that I can do to make this transition run more smoothly for your department, please let me know.

Again, thank you for the opportunity that you have given me to be a Firefighter with the Little Compton Fire Department. I wish you and your staff the best of luck with all of their future endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Firefighter Samuel A. Turner
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Draft State Transportation Improvement Program FFY 2022 -2031

The Rhode Island State Planning Council’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is accepting written comments on the proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2031 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the State of Rhode Island.

The Division of Statewide Planning, in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA), have prepared a draft of the FFY 2022-2031 Rhode Island STIP. The STIP is the program of transportation projects the State of Rhode Island intends to implement using U.S. Department of Transportation funds, state funds, and other funding sources.

The STIP is prepared every four years and includes the following RIDOT programs: Bridge, Pavement, Traffic Safety, Transit, Active Transportation, Corridor Projects, Major Capital Projects, NHTSA, Stormwater and the following RIPTA programs: Transit Capital, Transit Services, and Transit Support Operations. The FFY 2022-2031 STIP covers the four fiscally constrained years (FFY 2022-2025) to meet federal requirements and anticipates projects for 2026 to 2031, to provide a more comprehensive perspective on the projects moving through development into implementation.

The Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) FFY 2022-2031 and online project mapping dashboard can be reviewed at [http://www.planning.ri.gov/planning-areas/transportation/tip-2022-2031.php](http://www.planning.ri.gov/planning-areas/transportation/tip-2022-2031.php) or at the offices of the Division of Statewide Planning between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Note: due to pandemic protocols, please call (401) 222-7901 to make an appointment for in-person review.)

The public comment period for the Draft FFY 2022-2031 STIP starts on June 10, 2021. Written comments can be submitted at [https://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=4pKAZ](https://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=4pKAZ).

The TAC will also accept public comments on the Draft FFY 2022-2031 STIP at two public hearings scheduled for:

**Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**  
Narragansett Town Hall  
25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, RI  
Council Chambers

**Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.**  
RI Department of Administration  
One Capitol Hill, Providence RI  
Conference Room 2A, 2nd Floor

The two public hearings will include the same informational presentation at the start. All persons may present their views on these items in person or through a representative at the TAC public hearings referenced above. However written comments are strongly encouraged and will be given equal consideration to oral comments received at the public hearing. All comments on the STIP (both oral and written) must be received by 4:00 PM on July 12, 2021.

The public meeting locations are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in these meetings should contact Lisa Middleton at 401-222-2180 (voice)
as soon as possible. Individuals requesting foreign language translation services should contact Benny Bergantino at (401) 222-1755 at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled start of a meeting. Public transit schedule information for the public hearings is available from RIPTA at (401) 781-9400 or www.ripta.com.

Linsey J. Callaghan
Secretary, Transportation Advisory Committee
June 10, 2021
Greetings:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) will hold a virtual meeting on Wednesday June 23, 2021 at 3 – 5 pm to present an overview of a draft water quality restoration study known as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nine drinking water supply reservoirs owned by the City of Newport. The meeting will provide an opportunity for DEM to present the draft TMDL study and to obtain input from stakeholders. This meeting represents the start of a 45-day public comment period ending Friday August 6, 2021.

Due to the Covid-19 emergency, which prevents the Division from holding public meetings in-person, the public workshop will be held virtually in accordance with Governor Raimondo’s Executive Order 20-46. Details on attending the virtual meeting are below.

WHAT: Virtual Public Workshop to Discuss Findings of draft TMDL Study and provide an overview of RIDEM’s Aquidneck Island Watershed Plan
WHEN: Wednesday, June 23 at 3 PM
WHERE: Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81887319380?pwd=V1Jtd1NWT0JWOWV6eCtBa3VCC8xdz09
Meeting ID: 818 8731 9380
Passcode: 016565
Dial by your location
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  +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
  +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
  +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
  +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
  +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

To join the public hearing using your phone for audio, click on "Join by Phone" and follow the information on the screen to dial in. All participants will be muted upon joining the meeting. Following a presentation on the results, DEM will take questions via voice or chat. To make a request to be unmuted during the hearing, participants should click the "Raise Hand" button on the screen or type into the chat, which will be monitored.

Seven of the nine water supply reservoirs: Lawton Valley Reservoir, Sisson Pond, Saint Marys Pond, North and South Easton Ponds, Gardiner Pond, and Paradise Pond are located on Aquidneck Island. Watson Reservoir and Nonquit Pond are located in Little Compton and Tiverton, respectively. All nine waterbodies are on Rhode Island’s List of Impaired Waters as a result of elevated levels of total phosphorus and total organic carbon. As assessed by RIDEM under the federal Clean Water Act requirements, these waterbodies do not support the designated uses of drinking water supply and aquatic life support.
All nine water supply reservoirs are highly enriched with nutrients, particularly phosphorus, and experience frequent and long-lasting algal and cyanobacteria blooms — which impact aquatic life and the reservoirs’ use for drinking water purposes. The primary sources of phosphorus come from urban, residential, and agricultural lands within the watersheds. Other sources include internal cycling of phosphorus from reservoir sediments, the Tiverton Landfill, resident Canada geese, and streambank/streambed erosion in tributary streams.

TMDLs identify the maximum amount of pollutant a waterbody can receive while still meeting water quality standards. The TMDL analysis for each of the water supply reservoirs included 1) development of a phosphorus budget including identification and quantification of various sources, 2) development of a target concentration of phosphorus such that applicable water quality standards would be met, 3) estimates of the phosphorus load reductions needed to achieve the target concentrations, 4) the allocation of load reductions among the various sources of phosphorus, and 5) requirements and recommendations that municipalities and residents can take to reduce phosphorus loadings.

An introduction to the ‘Aquidneck Island Watershed Plan’ will also be presented during the June 23rd virtual meeting. This plan will be developed by RIDEM and will address multiple water quality and aquatic habitat concerns across the entire Island. This presentation will be a starting point to obtain stakeholder input on the priority issues, goals, and recommended action items needed for the watershed plan. More information about the watershed plan is available here: http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/quality/non-point/

The meeting is accessible both online and by telephone and will include a presentation with an opportunity for the public to ask questions. The draft TMDL is now available for public review and comment on the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) website at: www.dem.ri.gov/tmdl-newport

The public comment period will open on June 23rd and extend until 4 pm on August 6th, 2021. All parties are invited to submit written comments to: brian.zalewsky@dem.ri.gov or via mail to Brian Zalewsky, RIDEM, Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.

Attached is a fact sheet with a more detailed description of the TMDL Study. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brian Zalewsky at brian.zalewsky@dem.ri.gov or 401-222-4700 ext 77145.
TMDL for Newport Water Supply Reservoirs

FACT SHEET

Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires states to prepare a list of surface waters in the state for which designated uses of the water are impaired by pollutants. Waterbodies placed on this list, known as the 303(d) List, require the preparation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to identify and quantify sources of the impairments and establish acceptable pollutant loads from both point and nonpoint sources of pollutants which allow the impaired waterbody to meet water quality standards. A TMDL is the sum of the point source wasteload allocations (WLAs) and the nonpoint source load allocations (LAS) plus a margin of safety (MOS) to account for the uncertainty in the relationship between the pollutant loads and the reservoir’s water quality. TMDLs also include implementation strategies for reducing both point and nonpoint source pollutant loads.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) is responsible for ensuring that TMDLs are developed for impaired surface waters in Rhode Island. This Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan addresses total phosphorus (TP) and total organic carbon (TOC) impairments to nine drinking water reservoirs owned and operated by the City of Newport. These include Nonquod Pond, Watson Reservoir, Lawton Valley Reservoir, Sisson Pond, St. Marys Pond, North Easton Pond, South Easton Pond, Gardiner Pond, and Paradise Pond. Additional information on these nine reservoirs are provided below in Table 1. These waters are listed on Rhode Island's 303(d) List of Impaired Waters and do not support the water quality goals, or designated uses, of drinking water supply and fish and wildlife habitat (aquatic life).

Table 1. RIDEM 303(d) Listing Information for Newport Water Supply Reservoirs.

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Study Area Overview
The Newport Water system consists of a complex network of nine surface water reservoirs, two treatment plants, four finished water storage facilities, and close to 200 miles of distribution piping. The system serves approximately 14,700 retail customers across Aquidneck Island (Newport, Middletown, and a small section of
Portsmouth) and sells water to the Portsmouth Water and Fire District (PWFD) and Naval Station Newport (10 connections) on a wholesale basis.

The combined watershed area for all reservoirs is almost 20 square miles, and only about 1 square mile is within the City of Newport. The reservoirs and ponds were all artificially built and are interconnected through a complex network of piping and pump stations allowing each reservoir to have multiple inflow and outflows. A mixture of land uses exists in the nine reservoir watersheds with more rural land uses dominating in Watson Reservoir and Nonquit Pond. Significant amounts of agricultural land uses are also present in the watersheds of Watson Reservoir, Gardiner Pond, Nonquit Pond, and Paradise Pond. The combined watershed for all nine reservoirs contains approximately 26% urbanized land, 30% agricultural land, and 44% forested/wetland.

Figure 1. Location of Newport Water Supply Reservoirs.
TMDL Summary

In 2014, the RI Department of Health determined that the Newport source water reservoirs should be listed as impaired with respect to their drinking water designated use. The cause of this impairment is high total organic carbon from excessive algal abundance fueled by excessive phosphorus loadings. Chlorine is used to disinfect drinking water to prevent illness from waterborne disease-causing bacteria. When chlorinated, the high total organic content of the water has often resulted in violations of the maximum contaminant limits (MCL) for trihalomethanes (THMs). THMs are a group of disinfection byproducts formed when chlorine compounds used in drinking water disinfection react other occurring chemicals. THMs are of concern due to their possible carcinogenic to human status. Further details on this decision can be found in the TMDL document.

The primary goal of this TMDL is to reduce phosphorus loadings to the water supply reservoirs so that the designated uses of drinking water supply and aquatic life are met. Reductions in phosphorus loadings are expected to result in decreased levels of phytoplankton (algae), including cyanobacteria, as well as algal-derived total organic carbon content of the source waters.

This TMDL establishes site specific total phosphorus and chlorophyll-α targets to control phytoplankton growth and therefore reduce total organic carbon concentrations. Using data collected from all nine reservoir in 2015 and data from twenty-one (21) reservoirs in New York State in 2013, RIDEM evaluated empirical relationships between nutrients, algal growth, total organic carbon, and the potential for total trihalomethane production. The findings from this study indicate that seasonal mean epilimnetic total phosphorus and chlorophyll-α targets of 18 ug/l and 11 ug/l, respectively, would be protective of the designated uses in Newport’s drinking water reservoirs. The target total phosphorus concentration for the reservoirs, on which the allowable total phosphorus loads for these TMDL’s are based is 18 ug/l.

Existing and allowable phosphorus loads to each reservoir were derived using well known methodologies, including spreadsheet-based land use modeling and application of nutrient load/lake response models. The existing phosphorus loads to each reservoir were estimated using available water quality data, application of nutrient load/lake response models, and land use-based watershed modelling. Allowable phosphorus loads were derived from the target phosphorus concentration applied to each reservoir. From these results, necessary reductions in phosphorus loading to each reservoir were then determined. Summaries are presented below in Table 2.
Table 2. Newport Water Supply TMDL Summaries.

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<tr>
<th>Reservoir</th>
<th>Existing P Load (lbs/yr)</th>
<th>Allowable P Load (lbs/yr)</th>
<th>Reduction needed to reach allowable P load (%)</th>
<th>WLA (lbs P/yr)</th>
<th>LA (lbs P/yr)</th>
<th>Natural Background Load (lbs P/yr)</th>
<th>MOS²</th>
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<td>Nonquit Pond</td>
<td>1537</td>
<td>616</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>76</td>
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<td>Lawton Valley Reservoir</td>
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<td>Paradise Pond</td>
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<td>84</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>12</td>
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¹There is no (zero) allowable load for OWTS surface failure since it is illegal. The existing load from this source has been removed from the allowable load.
²An explicit MOS of ten percent (10%) was included in the TMDL analysis when phosphorus concentration targets were developed.
³Additional Wasteload Allocation for Nonquit Pond was calculated for the Tiverton Landfill.

Sources of Phosphorus to the Water Supply Reservoirs

Sources/source categories of phosphorus to the Newport reservoirs have primarily been identified utilizing a combination of land use modelling, extensive field reconnaissance and targeted sampling to bracket suspected sources, and collection of continuous nutrient and flow data in several tributaries under baseflow and stormflow conditions. Much of this work has been conducted by RIDEM Office of Water Resources staff, but additional efforts at source identification/characterization have been undertaken by various entities, including the City of Newport, Town of Middletown, Aquidneck Land Trust, the University of Rhode Island, and the Eastern RI Conservation District. Similar sources/source categories of phosphorus impact a majority of the nine Newport Water supply reservoirs and include:

- Urban and residential runoff
- Agricultural runoff and other agricultural-related activities
- Loss of riparian buffers and streambed-streambank erosion
- Excessive populations of resident geese
- Internal cycling of phosphorus from reservoir sediments
- Tiverton Landfill (Nonquit Pond)

Pollution Mitigation Measures

The study concluded that to meet the designated uses of drinking water supply and aquatic life, reductions of total phosphorus loads to the reservoirs are required and range from 25 to 91 percent. The Implementation Section of this TMDL describes water quality improvement activities in the Newport reservoir watersheds that have been or are being implemented by various agencies/entities. This section also
outlines additional required and recommended best management practices (BMP’s) that will need to be implemented to meet the water quality targets established in this TMDL.

This TMDL will require additional implementation activities to reduce both point and nonpoint sources of nutrient loadings to the water supply reservoirs. These implementation activities include: 1) urban stormwater management, 2) control of runoff from agricultural land uses and implementation of additional agricultural best management practices including fencing animals and livestock out of riparian areas and wetlands, management of manure and silage piles, and establishment or expansion of riparian areas within agricultural lands, 3) implementation of a goose reduction/control strategy with a primary focus on the water supply watersheds, 4) protection of and re-establishment or expansion of riparian buffers within all nine water supply reservoir watersheds, 5) Tiverton Landfill Closure, 6.) implementation of the Newport Airport Stormwater Pollutant Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and 7.) further evaluation of internal cycling of nutrients in specific reservoirs.