Date posted: FEBRUARY 22, 2022 by 4:00 P.M.

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

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
TOWN COUNCIL
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall
40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022

Live streaming at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNoKeQBPql33aEtqzOXHO9g

AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes -

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be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.

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

Announcements:

1. Tax Assessor small presentation on the recent revaluation of real property for 2022, requesting residents seek out an informal hearing with her to review the revaluation if they believe the value is in question

Department Head Reports:

Old Business:

1. Proposal for extension of Special Directive 5
2. Receive recommendation from the Town Administrator, DPW Director, Zoning Official and Matthew Ladd on next action to take regarding a single proposal submitted to serve as the Town’s Construction Management Firm for upcoming projects.
3. Request from Councilor McHugh to reconsider recommendations for the salaries
   a. Town Clerk increase salary to $73,000
b. Tax Assessor increase salary to $72,000

4. Receive from the Town Administrator a proposed budget listing of all departments under the Town Council’s jurisdiction for consideration and vote to refer to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the warrant for the Annual Financial Town Meeting of May 17, 2022
   a. Included within the proposed budget mentioned above is proposed funding for the LC Wellness Center whose letter requesting funding was received for this meetings agenda.

5. Receive proposed wording of an advertisement to set a public hearing for the purpose of considering an amendment to Chapter 14, Zoning Ordinance to (1) require implementation of a storm water mitigation plan under certain conditions and (2) specify the conditions for allowing sleeping quarters in accessory structures.

New Business:

1. Re-appoint Alpin Chisholm as a member of the Board of Canvassers for a term to expire March 1, 2028.
2. Accept letters of interest from individuals to fill a vacancy on the LC Housing Trust
3. Discussion of donated Drone to the Fire Department to be used by Public Safety personnel during emergency events where aerial views would be beneficial
4. Recommendation received from Police Chief Raynes for the promotion of Ryan LeClaire to the rank of Sergeant based on the results of the promotional process dictated within the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and IBPO Local 644
5. Recommendation received from the Town Clerk to remove Rebecca Miranda from probationary status effective February 17, 2022
6. Memorandum from the Fire Chief recognizing Captain Watt’s dedication to the Fire Department and the Community, as well as his reappointment to the RI Ambulance Service Advisory Board.

Communications:

1. Copy of a Coastal Resources Management Council Public Notice for the proposed repeal and replace the existing freshwater wetlands in the vicinity of the coast rules identified as 650-RICR-20-00-9. Hearing March 8, 2022 6 PM

Consent:

1. Invitation to consult on avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures for the proposed Sunrise Wind Project. All councilors have received the invitation to attend via Microsoft Teams, March 8th 2pm-4 pm discussion on Lighthouses.

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.
Special Directive 5 (Revision 19)

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 February 2022, 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 February 2022 extended the state of emergency in the Town through 25 March 2022, unless renewed, modified or terminated by subsequent order.

Robert L. Mushen
President, Little Compton Town Council
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
   Town Administrator

Date: January 6, 2022

Subject: Construction Management Firm

The Town of Little Compton received a single bid for the Construction Management Services from Downes Construction Company, 10 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903.

I would recommend to the Town Council opt to reject the bid due to the stated fees being higher than anticipated for the projects.

With the approval of the Town Council, I suggest we re-advertise the RFP

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**SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Fire Department
2. Town Hall
3. Highway Department
4. Street Lights
5. Town Hall
6. Library
7. Police Department
8. Parks & Recreation
9. Ambulance Maintenance
10. Fire Department
11. Parking Enforcement
12. Tax Assessor
13. Pension

**NOTE:** Percentages represent the change in budget from the previous year to the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023.
Mr. Robert Mushen, President  
Little Compton Town Council  
The Commons  
Little Compton, RI 02837

February 10, 2022

Dear Mr. Mushen,

The Little Compton Wellness Center’s mission to promote healthy living through education, activities and services continues to be put to the test as the COVID situation evolves. We continue to operate with caution, asking people to wear masks and social distance when inside. We also promote vaccination for everyone using the facility. Cleaning is critical and we use UV-C disinfecting lamps and high quality room air filtration units in addition to the regular facility cleaning and disinfecting that is done.

With all of that, as you can from the reverse side of this letter, we have been quite busy this past year and we very much hope that we can do more this year as the COVID situation improves. We find that by offering some of our programs both virtually, with Zoom, and in person, we can reach more people. We now have a dedicated Zoom station with a large screen monitor and 2 senior-friendly workstations that we offer free for use to the community.

The Food Bank has continued their expanded operations, using all of our space in the lower level to ensure personal safety. Using money from the Rockefeller grant, we have made a big improvement in the space the Food Bank uses.

The majority of our financial support comes from the community via our summer and winter fundraising appeals. We are fortunate to be in a community with many generous people and their generosity hasn’t abated during the pandemic. We still need to seek other sources of funds for operations and this is where the Town’s support is so important. This support has enabled us to bolster our grant applications, such as with the van Beuren grant for new educational programs. In 2020, we were successful in obtaining a Champlin grant for some very much needed exterior building repair. That work was completed last year, but, unfortunately, they funded only half of our request and much more needs to be done.

We are most appreciative of the support that the Town has provided over the years. We ask that we be included in the Town’s next fiscal year budget, if possible, at the same level as last year.

Thank you again for helping us make Little Compton a healthy place to live!

Sincerely,

Doug MacFall,  
President,  
Board of Trustees

cc: Carol Wordell  
Tony Teixeira
SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITY THIS YEAR:

- We screened 2 films, Olympia, an official documentary feature about Academy Award-winning actress and trailblazer Olympia Dukakis. And the film Duty Free, a warm personal and socially relevant film about ageism in our society. At the end of both films, we had live Zoom connections with the film makers.
- We did a series of 3 workshops about how to complete a pantry makeover, targeted nutrition for immune support and how to optimize our food choices.
- A presentation on Caring for Yourself While Sick.
- A presentation by Alzheimer’s Association about the importance of early diagnosis, care planning and supportive services available for those caring for or living with Alzheimer’s.
- Another program on Memory Loss.
- A 6-week Healthy Eating program focusing on heart health, bone health and nutrition strategies to help maintain or improve wellness.
- Introduction to 6 different meditation disciplines.
- Monthly 2 hour Yin Yoga retreats.
- Planning your funeral program.
- FREE hearing tests.
- Workshop on using medications safely.
- Workshop on Cell Phones – what do you need to know?
- Workshop on Pelvic Floor health presented by Southcoast Hospital Group.
- Workshop on making mandalas to soothe grief and loss.
- Guidance on Open Enrollment for Medicare.
- Two Flu Clinics….vaccinating over 80 people.
- Monthly podiatry appointments and wellness checks available.
- Massage appointments available.
- Classes continue in-person, via Zoom or hybrid:
  Quilting, Tai Chi, Yin Yoga, Ex.Tension exercise, Gentle Yoga, art group, meditation.

We are busy adding more classes and programs like these for the coming year.
Please come to the Center and take advantage of all things that we offer.
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON RHODE ISLAND
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER XIV
OF THE LITTLE COMPTON TOWN CODE
ZONING ORDINANCE

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

Section 14-5.11 – General Performance Standards For All Uses

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

Section 14-3-1 - delete (strike wording) and add (underlined) as noted below:

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

Text of the above proposal may be obtained in the office of the Town Clerk between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

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

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk’s Office at (401) 635-4400, 48 hours in advance of the hearing date.

HEARING DATE: March 24, 2022
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Town Hall, Town Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI

Sakonnet Times - March 3, 2022
March 10, 2022
March 17, 2022
To: The Honorable Town Council

From: Lt Justin P Teixeira

Date: 02/22/2022

Subject: Public Safety Drone – Certificate of Authorization Request

The Fire Department recently received a DJI Phantom 4 Drone, in “ready to fly” condition. In addition to the drone, a remote control, an Apple iPad Mini, 3 Batteries, spare propellers, battery chargers and a hard storage/carry case were also provided. This acquisition gives us all the tools necessary to implement a Little Compton Public Safety Drone Program. Patrolman LeClaire, Patrolman Pomerleau and I have met and are very interested in seeing this program come to fruition.

The use of drones in Public Safety has become a useful tool in both Police and Fire department toolboxes for a variety of incidents. The ability to deploy a drone for Search and Rescue operations in rural communities such as ours, would allow us to search much larger areas. Not only would this allow us to expand our search radius but also expedite the start of the search and rescue. The wooded areas, trails, ponds, and rocky coastline that encompasses Little Compton can be difficult and sometimes inaccessible to search on foot. A drone would allow first responders, a safe access to these areas. The use of drones for fires, especially wildland fires, allows aerial views for improved visualization to assist with the management of such incidents.

A drone would also give the Police Department capabilities in many different scenarios that may arise as well. The ability to obtain an aerial view can assist with on scene operations and officer safety.

The drone that we received is a basic level drone that offers us capabilities that we currently do not have. We hope that implementation of this program will display the need for such a tool for both departments to utilize. We hope to eventually be able to upgrade to a drone that can include increased functions such as FLIR – an infrared Camera that uses heat signatures for search and rescue, a spotlight for searching, as well a speaker to communicate with any individuals we cannot make immediate contact with.

We are asking for the Honorable Town Council to consider the implementation of a Little Compton Public Safety Drone Program by authorizing a waiver, Certificate of Authorization. This waiver is required by F.A.A. to allow us to get the program off the ground (No pun intended). Our hope is to send qualified members of each department to obtain a F.A.A. Remote Pilot Certification under the FAA’s Small UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) Rule Part 107.
It is our honest belief that this drone program will add countless benefits to both the first responders and residents of Little Compton.

Attached are pictures of the drone and equipment. We thank you for your consideration of a Public Safety Drone Program.

Lt Justin P Teixeira
February 15, 2022

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

Honorable Town Council Members,

Per Article IV, Section 3 Promotions, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Little Compton and The International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 644, I am presenting to you the attached scores for your review and selection to fill the available Sergeants position.

The scores are the result of the Sergeants Promotional Process conducted between January 8 and February 15, 2022. The process consisted of four phases which included a Written Examination, an Oral Interview Board, Seniority Points and Chief’s Points.

I am requesting that the position of Sergeant be effective Monday March 14, 2022.

Respectfully,

Scott N. Raynes
Chief of Police
Respectfully submitted,

Chief of Police

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These results are being forwarded to the Honorable Town Council for their review. In my capacity as Chief of Police, I am recommending that Rynie Lay be 1st Sergeant.

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MEMORANDUM

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

Subject: Police Sergeant Promotional Process

From: Chief Scott N. Clapp

To: Honorable Town Council members

Date: February 15, 2022

As per Article 14, Section 3, Promotions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Little Compton and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 64, the following points have been awarded as a result of the promotional process for the position of Police Sergeant:
February 17, 2022

Honorable Town Council Members
Town Hall – 40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

Re: Expiration of Probationary Period

Dear Councilors,

On February 16, 2022 Rebecca Miranda successfully completed her six (6) month probationary period.

Ms. Miranda has proven to be an asset to my office and I happily recommend her removal from probationary status for the next appropriate pay period.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Carol A. Wordell, CMC
Town Clerk

Cc:  Rebecca Miranda
     Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk
     Joseph DeSantis, Finance Director
Date: 01 February 2022
To: Robert L. Mushen, Town Council President
From: Richard Petrin, Fire Chief
Subject: Ambulance Service Advisory Board Appointment

I would like to bring to your attention that Captain Randall Watt has been recently reappointed to the Rhode Island Ambulance Service Advisory Board. This gubernatorial appointment constitutes a five year commitment to the Board. The twenty-member Board is responsible for the planning, development and administration of a comprehensive statewide plan for emergency medical services. They also establish minimum standards for licensing, vehicles, equipment for vehicles, personnel, training, communications and the treatment of acutely ill or injured persons by ambulance and rescue personnel.

In recognition of Captain Watt’s dedication to the department and the community, I would like to publicly thank him for selflessly serving on the Ambulance Advisory Board for this term.
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 1, 2022

Randal Watt
134 Willow Ave.
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Mr. Watt:

It gives me great pleasure to reappoint you to the Ambulance Service Coordinating Advisory Board, pursuant to Section § 23-4.1-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for a term expiring February 1, 2027. My office and all departments and divisions of Rhode Island government stand ready and willing to assist you in the performance of this role.

Please complete the enclosed Certificate of Engagement, sign it before a notary in the state of Rhode Island, email a copy to e.craig.dwyer@governor.ri.gov and mail the notarized original to the following address:

Office of Public Information
Rhode Island Department of State
State House, Room 38
82 Smith Street,
Providence RI 02903

Congratulations on your reappointment. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

DJM/ecd
Enclosure

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903
RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Coastal Resources Management Program-Rules and Regulations Governing the Protection and Management of Freshwater Wetlands in the Vicinity of the Coast

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-20-00-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Repeal

Important Dates:
Date of Public Notice: February 21, 2022
Hearing Date: March 8, 2022
End of Public Comment: March 24, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

Summary of Rulemaking Action:
The CRMC proposes to repeal and replace the existing freshwater wetlands in the vicinity of the coast rules upon the adoption and implementation of proposed new freshwater wetlands in the vicinity of the coast rules identified as 650-RICR-20-00-9. Amendments to state law led to extensive proposed rule revisions that reflect changes in the definition of freshwater wetlands and other terminology associated with regulated areas and the establishment of new buffer standards among other requirements.

Additional Information and Public Comments:
All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed repeal until March 24, 2022 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

James Boyd
Coastal Resources Management Council
Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02879
jboyd@crmc.ri.gov

Public Hearing:
A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed repeal shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:
Date: March 8, 2022
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Online Zoom meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88136004019?pwd=OUhlbGxCTTNmd2hmL2
Webinar ID: 881 3600 4019; Passcode: 579890
Wakefield, RI, 02879

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 833-548-0282 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**
See the regulatory analysis for the proposed new rules at 650-RICR-20-00-9.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.
February 11, 2022

VIA EMAIL to: towncouncil@littlecomptonri.org

followed by CERTIFIED MAIL

Town of Little Compton
Robert L. Mushen, President
40 Commons
PO Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

Re: Invitation to Consult on Avoidance, Minimization and Mitigation Measures for the Proposed Sunrise Wind Project

Dear Mr. Mushen,

As you are aware, the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) initiated the Section 106 consultation for the Sunrise Wind project on August 31, 2021. Sunrise Wind, LLC ("Sunrise Wind") has developed technical information on potential impacts to historic properties in the Area of Potential Effects, identified potential avoidance and minimization measures, and identified potential mitigation measures to resolve anticipated adverse effects to historic properties. Sunrise Wind is anticipating BOEM will host a Consulting Party meeting in the near future. BOEM is encouraging Sunrise Wind to coordinate with Consulting Parties to further develop our proposed avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures; therefore, Sunrise Wind is inviting you to discuss the assessments performed to-date and the potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures we have identified.

BOEM has chosen to use the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) substitution process to fulfill its obligations under the NHPA. These applicant-led discussions are intended to inform the range of options considered by BOEM under Section 106 for incorporation into its NEPA process consistent with the NHPA regulations found at 36 C.F.R. 800.8, and do not replace or supplant BOEM’s ongoing Section 106 consultations.

Sunrise Wind will be hosting meetings with interested Consulting Parties and would like to invite you to attend the below meeting, which will take place via Microsoft Teams:

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Tuesday, March 8th | Lighthouses | 2:00 pm | 4:00 pm

Please RSVP via email to MICEV@orsted.com by February 25, 2022. If you are unable to attend the scheduled meeting, but would like to discuss the potential measures, please contact me directly at MICEV@orsted.com.

Sunrise Wind will distribute information prior to the meeting to all parties that accept this invitation or otherwise request the information.

Sincerely,

Michael Evans
Permitting Manager, Sunrise Wind

Ryan Chaytors
Project Development Director, Sunrise Wind