Date posted: MARCH 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
40 Commons – Town Hall
Little Compton, RI 02837

MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2022

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

AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Pledge to the Flag

Moment of Silence in Memory of Mark Sawoski who recently passed away. Mr. Sawoski served on the Zoning Board of Review for 20 years and was a Professor of Political Science at Roger Williams University.

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no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.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

Approval of Minutes - March 10, 2022

Department Head Reports:

1. Public Works – February 2022
2. Tax Assessor – February 2022

Old Business:

1. Proposal for extension of Special Directive 5
2. Draft resolution for consideration supporting municipal broadband services
3. Recommendation on use of grant funds received from Discover Newport
New Business:

1. Discussion of vacancy in third alternate member of the Zoning Board of Review. Letter of interest remains on file from a resident who sought to serve on the Zoning Board of Review and was interviewed during the July 2021 appointment period where two interested parties filed for one seat. Consider viable actions and choose approach.

2. Designate the Town Administrator to serve as the Town’s Drug & Alcohol Consortium Designated Employer Representative and to update the Town Code as necessary in the next code supplement.

3. Request from the United Congregational Church to hold a prayer vigil and walk for the Ukraine on March 27th starting on the North Lawn of the Church campus and hoping to walk twice around the Commons.

4. Letter from Police Chief Raynes presenting the name of Stewart D. Braman for interview on April 7, 2022 with the Council, time to be set.

5. Letter from Fire Chief Petrin recommending Probationary Firefighter Matthew Hughes be appointed as Firefighter Third Class, effective March 22, 2022

Board of License Commissioners:

1. Application received from Dionysus Acquisition LLC d/b/a Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard to secure a Class BV Retail Beverage License for 162 West Main Road. Consider how to proceed with application.

Communications:

1. Email received from Carter Wilkie asking the Council to consider applying for funds and installing an electric vehicle charging station in Little Compton.

2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Pawtucket City Council supporting H7427 and the Senate companion bill that will ensure vital records are accessible to the local registrars and grants local registrars’ authority to issue certified copies of vital records transferred to the state archives.

3. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Charlestown Town Council requesting the General Assembly enact statutes, rules and regulations for advance notification to abutters of a controlled blast site.

4. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Woonsocket City Council in opposition of Senate Bill S-2244 and House bill H-7198 which would amend the municipal employees’ arbitration process

5. Abatement List received from Tax Assessor

Consent:

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 meeting held on March 10th, A.D. 2022 at 6:30 o’clock PM held in in-person format at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Paul J. Golembeske (arrived at 6:35 pm), Andrew Iriarte-Moore, Gary S. Mataronas, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen.

Two (2) residents, Amanda Nickerson Toste and Peter Rowley, met with the council to discuss their interest in serving on the LC housing Trust to fill the unexpired term of Matthew Ladd.

The Council took a brief recess at 7:00 PM to allow the public to enter the chambers for the remaining agenda items. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator.

At 7:01 PM the Council President re-opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor McHugh, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for February 24, 2022.

**Announcement:**

1. Councilor Iriarte-Moore announced that Discover Newport has given an unsolicited grant to the Town in the amount of $7,500 which can be used towards various projects listed within the grant letter, i.e. Parks and beautification. Councilor Iriarte-Moore and the Town Administrator will review potential projects to find a good fit for the funds.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor McHugh, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** To place on file the following Department Head Reports:

1. Town Clerk
2. Police Department
3. Town Administrator
4. Fire Department

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor McHugh, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** To appoint Amanda Nickerson Toste to serve on the Little Compton Housing Trust filling the unexpired term of Matthew Ladd through January 24, 2024.

Councilor Iriarte-Moore thanked both Mrs. Toste and Mr. Rowley for applying to serve on the Housing Trust.

Councilor Mushen gave a brief update on the status of the bond funding process. An RFP has been successful in financing with BayCoast Bank. The papers should be signed in the next two weeks with the first payment to be made in FY23. Funds to refurbish the town hall is estimated at approx. $650K; parking lot approx. $250K-$300K, Parking is anticipated for approx. 60 cars.; public works building approx. $640K-$700K.

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** To grant permission to the American Legion Post 37 to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Exercises on Monday, May 30, 2022 beginning at 10:00 AM on the Commons.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen):** To grant permission to the United Congregational Church to use the Town Landing on April 17, 2022 at 5:45 AM for its Easter Sunrise Service.
At 7:15 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To grant a one day Class F-1 Retail Beverage License to the LC Game Club for a Game Supper to be held on March 26, 2022 at the John Dyer Road facility.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file two (2) resolutions received from the Town of Burrillville and the City of Woonsocket opposing RI 2022 House Bill 6638 and Senate Bill 2340, zoning ordinances prohibiting single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations over twenty thousand.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a resolution received from the Town of Barrington concerning residential solar and to ask that the Council President draft a resolution for the Council to consider at its next meeting supporting municipal broadband services.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file an invitation received from the City of Newport Mayor’s office to participate in the Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 12, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file a resolution received from the Middletown Town Council supporting a program to establish eleven Municipal Learning Centers (none in Little Compton).

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request of the Recreation Committee to partner with the LC Little League and approve $2,500 as a match to a $2,500 payment offered by Little Compton Little League to pay the cost of materials needed for the renovating of the Concession stand used by the Little Compton Little League; labor is donated by several area residents.

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

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Being no further business before the Town Council the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:24 PM.
**Little Compton Department of Public Works**

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1. The DPW crew has taken over sanding of the roads this winter with Town owned equip

2. DPW crew repaired, replaced and maintained 2 plows pistons, cutting edges

3. Prepare town buildings on snow events walkways, plowing

4. maintain refuse from outside town barrels

5. Prepared town equipment for winter snow season

6. general maintenance of town buildings

7. maintenance of vehicles, tractors, and trucks

8. Installed monitor camera at Trans Station after hours review

*William L. Moore, Little Compton, Director of Public Works*
March 24, 2022

To: Town Administrator
   Antonio A. Teixeira

From: Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA
       Tax Assessor

Re: DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

   The month of February 2022

   - The property owners were sent letters stating the change in their assessments on
     February 8, 2022.
   - Answered numerous homeowner questions as to how the process worked and how to
     appeal the values.
   - Visited with the representative from Vision Government Solutions, Inc. (VGSI) close to
ten
     percent of the residential properties which had concerns with the new revaluation
     assessments.
   - Reviewed, analyzed and reevaluated in concurrence with VGSI the concerns brought
     forward from property owners.
   - Continually updating deeds and all property records where needed.
   - Submitted the final plan changes to CAI for the GIS implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA
Tax Assessor
Town of Little Compton  
Office of the Council President  
Post Office Box 226  
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837  

D R A F T  

25 March 2022  

Special Directive 5 (Revision 20)  

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 March 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 March 2022 extended the state of emergency in the Town through 22 April 2022, unless renewed, modified or terminated by subsequent order.  

______________________________  
Robert L. Mushen  
President, Little Compton Town Council
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND

A RESOLUTION ASKING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION CREATING THE RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ENABLING RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPALITIES TO INCENTIVIZE BROADBAND SERVICES AND PROVIDE MUNICIPAL BROADBAND SERVICES

WHEREAS, in the 2021 Legislative Session, the General Assembly considered House Bill 5148 and Senate Bill 896; and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation would have created the Rhode Island Broadband Development Program and a statewide broadband strategy to increase the use and access of broadband services throughout the State of Rhode Island and to help obtain federal funds for municipal broadband pilot programs; and

WHEREAS, current legislation poses an impediment to Rhode Island municipalities taking local action to incentivize broadband providers to expand access to broadband or for municipalities to provide public municipal broadband; and

WHEREAS, specifically, Title 39, Chapter 28, Section 3 of the General Laws has broad preemptive effect when it provides "no department, agency, commission, or political subdivision of Rhode Island shall enact, adopt, or enforce, either directly or indirectly, any law, rule, regulation, ordinance, standard, order, or other provision having the force or effect of law that regulates, or has the effect of regulating, the entry, rates, terms, or conditions of VoIP service or IP-enabled service" (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, the Little Compton Town Council believes legislation should be enacted clarifying that municipalities are not preempted from providing municipal broadband services or incentivizing those services within the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Little Compton Town Council hereby respectfully requests that legislation in similar form and content as House Bill 5148 and Senate Bill 896 from the 2021 Legislative Session be enacted in the 2022 Legislative Session; and

2. The Little Compton Town Council hereby respectfully requests that legislation be enacted in the 2022 Legislative Session that expressly enables municipalities to incentivize improved broadband services, encourage competition within the municipal internet service provider market, or provide municipal broadband and that RIGL 39-28-3 be amended to make clear that such measures are not preempted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be distributed to Little Compton’s members of the General Assembly, its leadership, the Governor of Rhode Island and the Clerks of all municipalities in Rhode Island.

This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Robert L. Mushen,
Little Compton Town Council President

ATTEST:

Carol A. Wordell, CMC
Little Compton Town Clerk
To: Honorable Town Council
From: Paul Golembeske, Town Councilor
       Andrew Iriarte-Moore, Town Councilor
       Antonio A. Teixeira, Town Administrator
Date: March 24, 2022
Subject: Discover Newport Grant Recommendation

Town Councilors Golembeske and Iriarte-Moore and I met to discuss applicable funding options based on the suggestions provided by The Newport & Bristol County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

After some discussion, we thought the Wilbour Woods project would be a great choice. Wilbour Woods Committee is working very diligently to restore and reconstruct the bridges and the pathways for pedestrians and vehicular use.

We recommend that the funds be allocated to Wilbour Woods project(s).
Dear Carol,

See below for our formal request re: the peace vigil. Thanks!

Dear Members of the Town Council,

The members of the United Congregational Church would like to hold a Peace Vigil & Walk for Ukraine on Sunday, March 27th, 2022 at 12:00PM. This would be open to the public.

We are planning a time of prayer and speaking on the North Lawn of the church beginning at noon. We are requesting your permission to use the Commons for a peace walk following this. We would like to have the roadways directly around the Commons closed to traffic from noon until 1PM so that we can walk around the Commons on our Peace Walk, similar to the Memorial Day parade.

We have contacted Chief Scott Raynes, who graciously offered to help with the traffic to help keep everyone safe while they walk.

We thank you for your consideration of this community event in support of peace during a challenging time. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Floyd Marshall

Rev. Rebecca Floyd Marshall
March 15, 2022

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

Honorable Town Council Members,

The Little Compton Police Department is nearing the completion of the hiring process to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Patrolman Mark Thurston.

We would like to present Mr. Stewart D. Braman to the Town Council members for their review and questioning regarding his suitability for hire within the Little Compton Police Department.

I am requesting Mr. Braman meet with the Town Council members on the evening of Thursday April 7, 2022, prior to the start of the scheduled Town Council meeting. Time to be agreed upon by Town council members.

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

Scott N. Raynes
Chief of Police
21 March 2022

Antonio A. Teixeira Town Administrator
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island
Town Hall, 40 Commons
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

Re: Completion of Probationary Status

Dear Mr. Teixeira:

As established in the Codified Ordinances of the Town of Little Compton, Section XIVXIXV 3.13-6, all regular employees shall serve a probationary period of twelve (12) months after probationary appointment.

Based on his satisfactory completion of his probationary period, I recommend Probationary Firefighter Matthew Hughes be appointed as a permanent member of the Little Compton Fire Department as a Firefighter 3rd Class. This action will become effective on 22 March 2022.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Richard G. Petrin
Fire Chief
March 18, 2022

Members of the Little Compton Town Council:

Sakonnet Vineyard has operated as a member of a Little Compton community for almost 50 years. We have safely and responsibly served alcohol and food to the public for decades. In an effort to remain competitive in the current landscape, create additional revenue streams for our business, and to offer our guests a well-rounded experience, we request consideration and approval of a BV license.

Many of our surrounding partners in the vineyard and winery industry have expanded their offering to their guests by adding beer and distilled spirits to their menu. A BV license will help us remain competitive.

Grape growing and winemaking is a challenging, yet rewarding business. There is a heavy dependence on Mother Nature as to the success of the product that we produce and sell. In order to succeed and grow financially, we, like other farms, need to rely on additional revenue streams to survive. We have a short hospitality season that is also very weather dependent but is necessary to support a 365-day business.

Many of our loyal customers visit frequently throughout the year. We hear time and time again of a missed opportunity for them to bring certain guests with them because they “don’t like wine.” We are so much more than just a winery. We see an opportunity to utilize an expanded menu, to introduce Sakonnet Vineyard to those who would not normally visit. To educate them about our history of farming, conservation work, and our longstanding efforts as New England’s oldest vineyard and winery.

If we have learned anything during the 2 years of the “COVID experience,” it is be flexible, pivot, and think outside the box in order to survive as a business.

In closing, with our ServSafe and TIPS certified team members, we are trained to responsibly serve alcohol as well as refuse service when necessary. We see providing additional alcohol options as a natural extension of our current product line and business model.

Our food menu will continue to evolve as demand and staffing allows.

Our restaurant experience will take place in the main building and out on the lawn (weather permitting) where our previous cafe has operated historically.

Our tasting and wine experience will continue to operate in our seasonal barn as well as in the field across from our tasting room. Our hours of operation will vary seasonally, however, we anticipate not opening any earlier than 11 am and being open to the public no later than 9 pm. On occasion we will host private events that will go no later than 11 pm.

We appreciate your time in advance as you consider our application for a BV license. We are available to discuss further and answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Rocha
General Manager
Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard
# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
## TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON  
### BOARD OF LICENSING COMMISSIONERS  

**Application For License**  
by Individual or Partnership  

**RETAILER CLASS:** A_BH_BM_BT_BW/BVL_C_E_ED_J_T (2:00 am)  

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<td>FARM CREDIT EAST</td>
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Have any of the applicants ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? Yes ___ No √ If yes, explain:

Is any other business to be carried on in Licensed Premises? Yes ___ No √ If yes, explain:

Is any Officer, Board Member or Stockholder engaged in any manner as a Law Enforcement Officer? If Yes, explain: NO

Do any of the Applicants have any interest direct or indirect, as principal or associate, or in any manner whatsoever, in any retail license issued under Chapter 3-7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended? If yes, explain: YES, LIQUOR THAMES, NEWPORT, RI

Is the Applicant the owner or operator of any other business? If yes, explain: YES, LIQUOR THAMES, NEWPORT, RI

State amount of capital invested in the business. $18 million

Does Applicant have a draft system? Yes ___ No √

I hereby certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief,

Applicant

Witness of Licensing Board or Notary Public

Date

Instructions for Applicants

1. Every question on Application form must be answered. Any false statement made by the Applicant will be sufficient grounds for the denial of the application or the revocation of the license in case one has been granted.

2. Submit with this application a copy of proposed menu. (Class BV; BVL)

3. Submit with this application a copy of Pharmacist's Dept. of Health License (Class E)

(COPY SHALL BE FORWARDED TO LIQUOR CONTROL ADMINISTRATION BY CITY CLERK)
BUILD YOUR OWN BOARD
SERVED WITH CROSTINI, SEASONAL JAM, CARAMELIZED ONIONS, AND WHOLE GRAIN MUSTARD

CHARCUTERIE

Prosciutto di Parma Imperiale...$11
24 month cured
Parma, Italy

Mortadella...$7
domestic ground heat-cured pork, peppercorns, pistachios

Capicola...$9
domestic dry cured pork

Fermin Iberico Chorizo...$19
dry cured pork & bacon, Spain

Mushroom Pate...$6
cognac, butter, thyme

Roasted Red Pepper Hummus...$7
olive oil, chickpeas, roasted red peppers

CHEESES

Gorgonzola Dolce...$8
soft, buttery, blue, cow's milk cheese, salty, sweet, assertive, Italy

Atwell's Gold...$7
local semi hard 12 month aged cow's milk cheese, Rhode Island

Burrata ...$6
fresh mozzarella, stracchetta, cream, Rhode Island

Drunken Goat...$11
semi hard, sheep & goat milk soaked in red wine, Spain

Saint Andre...$15
2019 gold medal winner, mild triple cream cow's milk Brie, France

ACCOUTREMENTS

Eggplant Caponata...$6
Italian eggplant, onion, garlic, celery, red bell pepper, olives, plum tomato, balsamic.

Dolmas...$6
grape leaves, short grain rice, onion, dill

Pitted CastelvetranO Olives...$5
marinated with olive oil, citrus zest, thyme, peppercorn

Toasted Marcona Almonds...$5
Honey Comb...$5
raw honey

Extra Crostini...$2
ciabatta crisp

Soup & Salads

Market Salad...$7
mixed greens, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, pickled onions, champagne vinaigrette

Winter Caesar...$9
olive oil, garlic, anchovy, baby kale, parmesan crisp, thyme croutons

Vineyard Salad...$12
mixed greens, Granny Smith apples, grapes, gorgonzola, maple candied walnuts, apple cider aioli

New England Clam Chowder...$9
bacon, local clams, potatoes, cream, thyme

Sandwiches

Veggie Wrap...$12
roasted red pepper hummus, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, pickled onions lettuce, champagne vinaigrette

Lobster Roll...$29
lobster salad, celery aioli, buttered brioche

Chicken Bacon Avocado Wrap...$15
grilled chicken, bacon, avocado, basil aioli, lettuce, tomatoes, tomato basil wrap

Rhody Grinder...$15
mortadella, capicola, pepperoni, provolone, lettuce, tomato, pepperoncini, red wine vinaigrette
Hi Carol,
The restaurant seating would be for 50 seats.
I have included photos of the area that the restaurant would operate.
Thank you!

Cynthia Rocha
General Manager
Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard
401-635-8486
Dear Town Council,

You must have seen the report in this week’s Sakonnet Times on what rising sea levels and increased flooding of shorelines will mean for our town within 30 years. Future generations will look back on your time on Town Council and ask, "What did they do to address climate change?"

One thing you as Town Council can do now is apply for funding to install an electric vehicle charging station in Little Compton to encourage summer visitors to travel by electric vehicles when they come to Little Compton for short stays. Today, there is no public EV charging station in Little Compton, forcing EV owners to leave their EVs back home. Installation of charging stations in every town is critical to accelerate EV adoption.

Here's the good news for town taxpayers: this wouldn't cost Little Compton a thing. Last month, Rhode Island's congressional delegation announced $3.38 million in new federal funding for EV charging stations in Rhode Island over the next five years. Read about it here: https://www.whitehouse.senate.gov/news/release/ri-delegation-delivers-338-million-to-boost-ris-electric-vehicle-charging-infrastructure

In addition, National Grid offers rebates of up to 100% of installation costs for select Level 2 or direct current fast (DC Fast) charging stations at workplaces, businesses, multi-unit dwellings and medical campuses. See the National Grid Electric Transportation and Charging Programs website.

Drivers would pay for the electricity they consume when they charge.

This is a no-brainer in a coastal community that faces increased flooding and shoreline erosion in the decades ahead. The free money is sitting there. Don't leave it on the table.

Thank you,

Carter Wilkie

4 Colebrook Road
City of Pawtucket

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolved,

WHEREAS, vital records (births, deaths and marriages) tell the story of the people of Rhode Island and their families; but they also tell the stories of the cities and towns in which they lived and the state of Rhode Island as a whole; and

WHEREAS, easy access to those records is essential for the people who need them in their everyday lives, and also to ensure that the histories of those families, our cities and towns and the state are not lost to posterity; and

WHEREAS, over the years access has been provided by the state, in conjunction with the cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, new technology being implemented to make access easier, may have the unintended consequence in one sense to make access more difficult by preventing cities and towns from issuing certified copies of historic records (death records over 50 years and birth and marriage records over 100 years) and any amended records in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, reducing access would be a disservice to our residents and a hindrance to our ability to maintain the history of our cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the general assembly, 2022-H 7427, “AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY,” which requires that the division of vital records to ensure the vital records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records prior to the records being transferred to the state archives; and

WHEREAS, the Pawtucket City Council believes that this legislation is in the best interest of the City of Pawtucket.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE PAWTUCKET CITY COUNCIL, DOES HEREBY SUPPORT 2022-H 7427, “AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY,” AND ANY SENATE COMPANION BILL AND URGES THE PAWTUCKET DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WORK DILIGENTLY FOR ITS PASSAGE.
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PAWTUCKET

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H-7427
RELATED TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --
CONTINUED ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS
FOR CITIES AND TOWNS.

/ / Clerk

READ AND REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE
/ / Clerk

COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS
/ / Chair

READ AND PASSED ON A ROLL CALL
VOTE: AYES 8 NOES 0

3/3/2022
Clerk

APPROVED
3/10/2022
MAYOR
Good Afternoon,

At their February 28, 2022 meeting, the Charlestown Town Council unanimously approved the attached Resolution in Support of Legislation to Control Blasting.

The Council respectfully requests the General Assembly to enact the statutes, rules and regulations whereby a two (2) week notice is provided in advance of blasting via registered mail to any abutter within 500 feet of the property line of the blast site to allow for safe storage of vulnerable valuables, establishment of pre- blast condition of wells, foundations, chimneys and other improvements and that a duplicate notification be provided to local police departments, fire departments, building and zoning offices and fire marshals.

Additionally, the Charlestown Town Council requests the support of the General Assembly in preparing the necessary legislation to establish appropriate statutes, rules and regulations for implementation by the State Fire Marshall’s office to protect residents, abutters and others nearby from the physical and mental costs of unanticipated blasting near residential areas.

On behalf of the Council, thank you in advance for the consideration of your support relative to this matter.

--Amy
Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC
Town Clerk
Town of Charlestown, RI
(401) 364-1200
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION ON CONTROLLING BLASTING

WHEREAS, the residents of Charlestown and other cities and towns are plagued with undesirable effects of blasting for roads, ledge removal, reduction of boulders, home site preparation and commercial quarrying operations; and

WHEREAS, currently no notice to abutters or those nearby is required in advance of blasting; and

WHEREAS, no rules and regulations exist to protect citizens from damage to their property as a result of unanticipated blasting for roads, ledge removal, reduction of boulders, home site preparation and commercial quarrying operations; and

WHEREAS, abutters and those nearby are surprised and frightened by unanticipated blasting; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of citizens are compromised by and at the mercy of blasters; and

WHEREAS, the State Fire Marshall now has the authority to grant blasting permits the same day the permits is requested, in many cases in residential areas, without notification of abutters or those nearby;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby respectfully requests the General Assembly to enact that the statutes, rules and regulations whereby a two (2) week notice is provided in advance of blasting via registered mail to any abutter within 500 feet of the property line of the blast site to allow for safe storage of vulnerable valuables and establishment of pre-blast condition of wells, foundations, chimneys and other improvements and that a duplicate notification be provided to local police departments, fire departments, building and zoning offices and fire marshals;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown respectfully request the support of the General Assembly in preparing the necessary legislation to establish appropriate statutes, rules and regulations for implementation by the State Fire Marshall’s office to protect residents, abutters and others nearby from the physical and mental costs of unanticipated blasting near residential areas;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Charlestown Senators Dennis Algiere and Elaine Morgan and House Representative Blake Filippi, and to all Rhode Island Cities and Towns, all Rhode Island Legislators, Speakers of the House and Senate, the State Fire Marshall and the Governor seeking their consideration of and support for this Resolution.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect immediately on February 28, 2022:

ATTEST: Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC
Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk
City of Woonsocket  
Rhode Island

March 7, A.D. 2022

RESOLUTION

IN OPPOSITION TO
SENATE BILL S-2244 AND HOUSE BILL H-7198
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION

WHEREAS, the Woonsocket City Council believes in a fair collective bargaining process and balanced interest arbitration process; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Senate Bill S-2244 (co-sponsored by Woonsocket Senator Melissa Murray) and House Bill H-7198 will institute an arbitration process to include the right of an unelected arbitrator to "...enter into and execute an effective and binding collective bargaining agreement." (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, in a letter of testimony submitted to the House Committee on Labor, dated February 2, 2022 and attached as Exhibit A, expressed significant and meaningful reasons for cities and towns to object to this legislation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Woonsocket, Rhode Island as follows:

Section 1. The City Council respectfully requests that the Leaders of the House and Senate, the entire Woonsocket delegation and all of the General Assembly membership reject Senate Bill S-2244 and House Bill H-7198 as repugnant to the best interests of the state and most especially to the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the 39 cities and towns.

Section 2. That the City Clerk, upon passage, provide a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Woonsocket delegation to the General Assembly, the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Senate President and the Honorable Chairmen of the House and Senate Finance Committees, the Honorable Governor and the City or Town Clerks of the Cities and Towns of Rhode Island.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

John F. Ward  
F. C. Cournoyer  
Roger C. Jalatte

Daniel M. Genatron  
Denise D. Sierra  
Valerie Gonzalez
Testimony from Jordan Day, Policy Director
In Opposition to Expansion of Binding Arbitration (H7198)
House Committee on Labor – February 2, 2022

Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the committee, for the opportunity to testify. The League of Cities and Towns strongly opposes H7198, which would expand bargaining arbitration for municipal employees to include monetary issues. Personnel is the largest component of municipal budgets, representing more than 75% of budgets in some communities. Passing this legislation would give unelected arbitrators even greater control over municipal budgets, with no recourse for taxpayers.

As the committee is likely aware, most cities and towns require local councils to approve collective bargaining agreements. This protection is intended to ensure that contractual promises do not exceed available dollars. It also provides an important balance between the needs of employees and taxpayers. However, an arbitration decision does not need to be ratified by a city or town council, which means that arbitration awards on wages or benefits could blow a hole in local budgets, increasing the likelihood of higher taxes or service reductions.

There are several concerns with expanding binding arbitration rights to wages and monetary issues. The scope of this legislation includes not only municipal employees, but also school system employees who are not certified teachers. Combined with binding arbitration for public safety officials, a substantial component of municipal budgets could be locked in by binding arbitration awards, which means city and town councils would lose authority over the budgets that the residents elected them to manage.

There are also practical implications to how binding arbitration would work in this case. If a town and its municipal employees cannot come to agreement on wages or other monetary matters, a panel of unelected arbitrators would decide. The bill states that arbitrators should look to the pay scales in other cities and towns “of comparable size.” However, it does not require the arbitrators to consider the specific budgetary outlook of the city or town. As a result, some “comparable” cities and towns may not be so comparable. Rhode Island has a lower per capita income than Massachusetts, Connecticut, or New Hampshire. If an arbitrator uses these comparisons, cities and towns would be providing wages that their tax bases cannot afford.

Unfortunately, the greatest impact of expanded binding arbitration would ultimately be increases in property taxes. Rhode Island cities and towns raise about two-thirds of their revenues from local taxes and fees, with the remainder coming from the state — primarily for schools. Of the locally
raised revenues, about three-quarters comes from the property tax, and the rest from various fees. As a result, if costs go up because of arbitrator awards, cities and towns would be forced to raise property taxes. Rhode Island communities already have the eighth highest property tax burden per capita, and we cannot afford to go any higher.

The League's members believe that the current binding arbitration process is lengthy and expensive. We should be reforming it instead of expanding it and giving more power to unelected arbitrators. For these reasons, the League and its members are opposed to H7198. Thank you for your opportunity to testify.
March 24, 2022

To the Honorable Town Council

Dear Council Members:

The Assessor of the Town of Little Compton submits herewith the names of taxpayers whose debts come within the provisions of Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, with the recommendation that the taxes as herein set forth, together with any interest due on proposed taxes, be canceled by the Honorable Body.

ABATEMENTS: See attached list totaling one thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars and fifty-four cents ($1,750.54).

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA
Tax Assessor
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