Date posted: MAY 17, 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 Hall – 40 Commons
Little Compton, RI

MEETING OF MAY 19, 2022

Live streaming at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNoKeQBPql33aEtgzOXH09g

AGENDA

6:30 PM – Interview candidate for upcoming vacancy within the Little Compton Police Department and consideration of conditional offer of employment.

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Announcements:

1. Comments, if any, regarding the Annual Financial Town Meeting held May 17, 2022

Approval of Minutes - May 5, 2022

Department Head Reports:

Old Business:

1. Consider actions, if any, to donate an antique light to the United Congregational Church North Garden Project as requested verbally by the project leaders
2. Review request made Nov. 18, 2021 for the Pride Flag to be flown on the Town Hall on June 4, 2022 in conjunction with the LC Pride Event scheduled that day at the LC Community Center
3. Request from Robert H. Humphrey for the Council to offer a status update on a plan for the safe development of the Amy Hart Path.
4. Letter received from Geoff Manning asking the Council to consider again a section of the Zoning Ordinance 14-3.1(c) to align more closely to 14-9.1(f)

New Business:

1. Request from Dionysus Acquisition LLC d/b/a Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard for an annual Entertainment License for Plat 22, Lot 8-9
2. Request from the Beach Commission for the Council to participate in a national safety program and proclaim May 23-30, 2022 as National Beach Safety Week in Little Compton
3. Request from the Sakonnet Preservation Association for a waiver to the Town’s noise ordinance for a special 50th Anniversary Celebration of the SPA to be held July 16, 2022 on the Whitehead property located at 1 Ohio Road.
4. Receive proposals from qualified CPA firms to audit the Town’s financial records for FY22 – FY24
5. Recommendations submitted by the Charter Review Commission for fifteen (15) proposed amendments to the Town’s Charter
6. Request from the Police Chief for Retired Sergeant Allan Garcia to be appointed to a position within the LC Police Departments Reserve Police Officer Program
7. Request from Fire Chief Petrin for the Council to designate the week of May 15-21 as “Emergency Medical Services Week” in the Town of Little Compton.
8. Request from Councilor Mataunas to discuss actions of the Harbor Commission to consider setting a policy to require parking permits for commercial fishermen using the parking lot at the Town Dock.

Board of License Commissioners:

1. Request from the LC Game Club for a Class F-1 one day Retail Beverage License for a clambake to be held on June 5, 2022 at the John Dyer Road facility.

Communications:

1. Copy of a proclamation adopted by the Tiverton Town Council recognizing National Police Week as May 15-21, 2022 in Tiverton, RI
2. Invitation received from the Battle of Rhode Island Association to participate in an event at the Butts Hill Fort in Portsmouth for a “Coffee and Donuts at the Fort” May 21, 2022 at 9 am to show the progress of the restoration of the fort.

Consent:

1. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Hopkinton Town Council supporting House Bill 2022-H8055, an act relating to waters and navigation, Coastal Resources Management Council

Payment of Bills

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

All are welcome to any meeting at the town, which is open to the public. Individuals requiring communication assistance or any accommodation to ensure equal participation will need to contact the Town Clerk at 635-4400 not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
May 4, 2022

Mr. Robert Mushen
Little Compton Town Council President
Little Compton Town Hall
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Mr. President,

The Little Compton Police Department has concluded its hiring process for the position of Probationary Patrolman.

I am requesting the Town Council members schedule a time prior to the May 19, 2022, Town Council meeting to interview Mr. Devin Itzkowitz and vote on possibly extending a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Itzkowitz.

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

Scott N. Raynes
Chief of Police
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- RI Dept. of State - Assessor $80.00
- Richard S Humphrey - Legal services other $4,681.00
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- East Bay Media Group - Probate $60.00
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- Nationalgrid - Street Lights $93.82
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- Cox - computer $105.34
- Ellen Toner - Assessor $1,068.25
- Petro - Diesel $1,026.65
- Denise Cosgrove - Assessor $97.69
- Richard S Humphrey - Town Solicitor $4,400.00
- Everlasting Designs - grant funds $8,500.00
- Everlasting Designs - computer $425.00
- Alarm New England - Town Hall $265.00
- RI Resource Recovery Corp. - Transfer Station $688.96
- National Office Furniture - Capital funds (mold issue) $1,216.00
- FSP Books & Videos - Fire Dept. $114.70
- LG Communications - Fire Dept. $134.65
AT&T Mobility - Fire Dept.          $281.66
West Parts & Supplies Inc. - Fire Dept. $71.16     $602.17
Bound Tree - Ambulance Reimbursement Funds $131.12
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Clinical1 - Ambulance Reimbursement Funds $74.00
Coronis Health RCM, LLC - Amb. Reimb. Funds $1,026.46
Teleflex LLC - Amb. Reimb. Fund $51.13
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Andrea's Police & Fire Uniform supply - Dr. Forft. $1,241.80
Chandler Associates - Dr. Forft. $425.00     $1,666.80
AT&T Mobility - Police Dept. $19.57
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Caitlin Farrar - Police Dept. $56.57
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Esquire Deposition Solutions LLC - zoning $188.55
Direct Mail Manager Inc. - Budget Committee $1,733.42
Beta Group, Inc. - Highway $546.90
Site-Ready Materials - Highway $51.21
Atlantic Elevator South Co. Inc. - 32 Commons $1,375.00
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On-Site Truck - Highway $2,685.03
Metropolitan Compounds, Inc. - Highway $681.59
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Home Depot - Public Works $290.30
Firex Inc. - Public Safety Complex $125.50
Sakonnet Plumbing & Heating - Town Hall $135.00
Griggs & Browne Co - Town Hall $60.00
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Paul's Press - Budget Committee $4,075.00
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Having no further business before the council the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Good evening all,

My family is in the midst of moving, so I've been a bit disconnected. However, this message thread immediately caught my attention since I have possession of the referenced flag.

Based on the motion unanimously adopted by the Council on November 18, 2021, the request to fly the Pride flag for the day of the event was approved subject to conformity with the flag policy. The request conforms in that the proposed flag ordinance was withdrawn from consideration.

Please advise on how, when, and to whom I should provide the flag.

Sincerely,
Jenna

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Tony Teixeira <tteixeira@littlecomptonri.org>
Date: Mon, May 9, 2022 at 3:38 PM
Subject: RE: LC Pride Celebration/ Flag confirmation
To: Megan Gonzalez she, her <meboudreau2@gmail.com>
CC: Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org>, Little Compton LGBTQ Plus Coordinating Committee <lovewinslittlecompton@gmail.com>, Robert Mushen <rmushen@littlecomptonri.org>

Dear Megan,

This is a matter that the Town Council would have to take up.

Carol is on this email and I am including Town Council President Robert Mushen.

Stay well and safe,

Tony
From: Megan Gonzalez she, her [mailto:meboudreau2@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 7, 2022 6:23 PM
To: Tony Teixeira <tteixeira@littlecomptonri.org>
Cc: Carol Wordell <cwordell@littlecomptonri.org>; Little Compton LGBTQ Plus Coordinating Committee <lovewinslittlecompton@gmail.com>
Subject: LC Pride Celebration/ Flag confirmation

Dear Mr. Teixeira,

As you know, Love Wins Little Compton has our 2nd Pride Celebration on June 4. At this time, I am reaching out to confirm that the Pride flag(which we will provide) will be flown at the town hall June 4, 2022.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you at the event!

Thank you

Megan Gonzalez
Motion made by Councilor Golembeske receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore voting all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve the request from Megan Gonzalez and Jenna Magnuski, Co-Presidents, and Raul Iriarte de Moore, Vice President of Love Wins seeking permission to hold an event on June 4, 2022 from 1 pm – 4 pm using the north side of the Commons, with food trucks and Veterans’ Field for backup parking; this vote approves this requests subject to conformance with license as described in chapters 6 and the flag policy once established in chapter 11.

Voted Nov. 18, 2021; flag policy failed to be adopted.
April 25, 2022

Robert L. Mushen, President  
Little Compton Town Council  
P.O. Box 226  
Little Compton, RI 02837

RE: Amy Hart Path

Dear President Mushen:

At the October 21, 2021 meeting of the Little Compton Town Council, the Council voted in favor of the Town Administrator and Council President working with Girard Galvin, Esq., to address the Planning Board’s safety concerns in connection with Amy Hart Path. Specifically, the Amy Hart Path residents in attendance at the August 3, 2021 and September 7, 2021 Planning Board meetings expressed their concerns with the continuing development of Amy Hart Path. The residents’ concerns were echoed by Little Compton Fire Chief Richard Petrin.

Therefore, I am requesting that the matter of Amy Hart Path be included on the Town Council’s agenda for the May 19, 2022 meeting, so that the residents of Amy Hart Path can be updated on the status of the Town Council’s plan for the safe development of Amy Hart Path. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Humphrey

RHH/kp

cc. Chief Richard Petrin
May 16th, 2022

Little Compton Town Council
40 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Members of the Town Council,

I am writing regarding the use of accessory structures, which is governed by the use codes noted in § 14-3.1, Table 1-B, of the Town Code.

On August 4th of 2021, I sent an email to Little Compton’s building inspector and zoning official regarding a 1-bedroom accessory structure under construction concurrently along with the construction of the principal dwelling, both located on the same lot. Bedrooms are not a specifically listed use of accessory structures under Table 1-B (Accessory Uses). My written request was pursuant to § 14-3.1 (c) of the Town Code, which states:

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, (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. In the event that no response is provided within such time or if the requesting party disagrees with the response, the requesting party shall have the right to appeal to the Board for such determination.

I asked for a determination that the use is included within an appropriate use code number. I received a reply from the building inspector on August 26th, 2021 (outside the 15 calendar days as required) but the response did not provide a determination that the use is included within an appropriate use code number as enumerated within Table 1-B (Accessory Uses). I then wrote to the Little Compton Zoning Board of Review (the “Board”) for a determination, as is the right of the requesting party per § 14-3.1 (c).

My letter to the Board was entered as correspondence at its November 17, 2021 meeting. I attended and the Board allowed me the opportunity to speak about my inability to receive a precise use code from the building inspector’s office. The Board determined that there was no action presently that the Board could take on this matter, and the members of the Board voted unanimously to pass my concern from the agenda for this meeting.

My purpose in writing the Town Council is to ask of the members of this body two questions:

1. If a use is not specifically listed in the zoning ordinances and if the building official, upon written request as per § 14-3.1 (c), fails to provide a determination that such use is included within an appropriate use code number, and the Board also fails to provide a determination, what is the remedy for the requesting party?

2. Would the Town Council consider a revision to the zoning ordinances to align § 14-3.1 (c) more closely with § 14-9.1 (f) and insert or refer to both sections within the use code tables (1-A & 1-B)? The former section speaks to appropriate use, while the latter section speaks to what happens if a permit is issued which conflicts with the provisions of the zoning chapter (see below). This may help the Town clarify its own zoning laws with respect to allowed uses of both principal and accessory structures.
The use of an accessory structure is governed by the specifically listed use codes noted in Table 1-B (Accessory Uses). If a use is allowed, or if an intended use is noted on a permit and/or plan for a building application which is subsequently permitted, it should be in compliance with the town's zoning ordinance as per § 14-9.1 (f) of the Town Code:

Conflicts of Law. All departments, officials and public employees of the Town which are vested with the duty or authority to issue permits or licenses shall conform to the provisions of this chapter and shall issue no permit or license for any use, building or purpose if the same would be in conflict with the provisions of this chapter. Any permit or license, issued in conflict with the provisions of this chapter, shall be null and void.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Geoffrey Manning
81 Shaw Rd
Little Compton, RI 02837
Entertainment License Application
Annual Application
License fee - $100

Name of entity requesting license and physical address of venue location:
Dionysus Acquisition LLC. DBA Carolyn’s Sakonnet Vineyard, 53 Winery Rd., Little Compton, Rhode Island Plat 22 lot 8–9

1. Name, residence, mailing address, telephone number of person responsible for day-to-day operations:
Cynthia Rocha 53 Winery Rd., Little Compton, RI 02837

2. Total number of events planned, with days of the week and hours that entertainment will be offered:
Nine consecutive Thursdays beginning June 30 from 6–9 p.m., five consecutive Sundays beginning September 4 from 1–4 p.m.

3. Nature and types of entertainment events to be offered:
Family music nights, Sunday afternoon music

4. Maximum number of participants expected at the largest event:
Dionysus expects that the largest event will be family music night, and based on past attendance, estimates approximately 700 attendees at these events

5. A plan to limit the number of participants to the maximum cited is attached.
Please see attached

6. A scaled drawing is attached of locations, sizes and dimensions of major elements for each planned type of event.
Please see attached drawing

7. An opinion of the Zoning Official that the proposed activity is compliant with the provisions of Chapter XIV (Zoning)
Dionysus understands that the town clerk will submit the entertainment license application to the zoning official to secure an opinion on the proposed activities compliance with the zoning ordinance.

Is the property to be used subject to a “conservation restriction” pursuant to RIGL 34-39, such as a conservation easement, deed for development rights, or other similar instrument? YES NO

If YES, a written statement is attached from the agency or organization holding such a conservation restriction affirming that the proposed entertainment activity(ies) is/are fully consistent with the terms, conditions, and provisions of the conservation restriction.

Will the use of the property intensify (increase duration, frequency or periodicity) any non-conforming use per Chapter XIV? YES NO

If YES, a Special Use Permit from the Zoning Board of Review is attached.

All required submittals have been attached.

Signature 4/26/2022
ADDENDUM

5. A plan to limit the number of participants to the maximum cited.

Dionysus will limit the number of guests vehicles to 317.

As in past years, police detail will be present at every Thursday evening event. On Thursday evenings, guest vehicles will be counted by distributing coupons upon entry.

On Thursday evenings, Sunday afternoons, when guests arrive, they will be guided by an attendant to the parking lot on Plat 22, lot 8-9. When that lot reaches capacity, guests will be guided by an attendant to the westerly parking lot on Plat 22, lot 8-6. Access to any event will be curtailed once the westerly parking lot on Plat 22, lot 8-6 is full.

As depicted in the attached plan, 317 parking spaces are available. 167 of those are on Platt 22, lot 8-9 and 150 of those spaces are on Plat 22, lot 8-6.
Thursday, October 5, 2017

Little Compton Town Hall
Little Compton, RI 02837

SUBJECT: 2018 Entertainment License Application of Sakonnet Vineyard

Dear Town Council Members:

The October 4, 2017 meeting of the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust reviewed the referenced application dated 9/15/2017 and signed by Cynthia M. Bisceglia, Trustee, for the Sakonnet Vineyard. The members determined that the application as submitted does not fully comply with the terms and conditions of the applicable Deed to Development Rights.

Specifically, the application seeks permission for 21 events to take place between May 1 and November 1, 2018. The Trust determined that the quantity and frequency of events create a concern for the 21 events to take place within a total quantity of 14, with a frequency of no more than one per week calendar year would be consistent with the terms of the Deed to Development Rights.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

William H. Remmert
Chairman, LCAC
South Shore & Goosewing Beaches
Little Compton, RI

5/3/2022

Dear Little Compton Town Council:

As the Little Compton Beach Commission, we are writing to request your support of National Beach Safety Week, May 23-30, 2022. Specifically, I am asking that you declare Little Compton’s participation via proclamation.

Our waters can be a wonderful recreational resource, but they can also be treacherous. Lifeguards are provided in an effort to reduce the number of accidents at our beaches, but we cannot do the job alone. An informed public is essential to maintaining adequate levels of beach and water safety.

The objective of National Beach Safety Week is to make citizens aware of the need to be safe while in and near the water with special emphasis on the hazards associated with Rip Currents. This objective stresses the following:

- Swim Near a Lifeguard
- Learn to Swim
- Learn Rip Current Safety
- Never Swim Alone
- Designate a Water Watcher
- Alcohol and Water Don’t Mix
- Feet First Water Entry
- Life Jackets Save Lives
- Observe Signs & Flags
- Beat the Heat & Block the Sun

The United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving beach safety in America and we are an affiliate chapter of USLA. Our membership includes professional beach lifeguards in this area, joining lifeguards from across the country.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support will help make our beaches a safer place for residents and tourists alike.

Sincerely,
Little Compton Beach Commission

W. James Farrell III
President United States Lifesaving Association New England region
Director of Little Compton Town Beaches
American Red Cross WSI, CPR & Lifeguarding Instructor
401-265-2902
wfarrelliii@aol.com
TO: The Members of the Town Council

FROM: Abigail Brooks, President, Sakonnet Preservation Association

RE: Plan for Sakonnet Preservation’s 50th Anniversary Celebration, scheduled for the evening of July 16, 2022, with a request for a variance to the Little Compton Noise Ordinance.

Sakonnet Preservation Association is planning to hold a ticketed celebration for a maximum of 550 attendees at Sakonnet Point on July 16. The event will be held on the Whitehead property at 1 Ohio Rd. Permission for this use has been granted by the owners. Contact has been made with neighbors advising them of our plans and seeking permission to use Maryland Rd. as an access point for the trolleys delivering attendees from parking to the tent.

I have met and visited the site with both the Fire and Police Chiefs to discuss and share plans for parking and personnel detail required for the evening, starting at 5 PM and running to 12 AM as needed.

A tent and portable toilets will be installed on the site, and trolley transport from parking areas has been arranged. Parking permission has been offered by Martina Halsey at the Point Club, by Mike Massa at the Town Dock, by Gary Mataronas on two of his nearby lots, and by the Sakonnet Yacht Club.

The event will open at 5:30 PM and will include cocktails with hors d’oeuvres provided by local farms and purveyors followed by dinner, dessert and dancing, with a live band to start playing at 8:30 PM. Blackstone Caterers is providing food and is licensed to serve liquor from an open bar at no charge.

I am requesting a variance to the Town’s noise ordinance up to midnight that evening. The band will be situated at the north end of the tent, directing sound southward, away from any residential development in the area. The tent will be sited at the bottom of a slope that will further buffer any sound emanating from the tent to the north and west to further address the risk of noise disturbance to neighbors, many of whom will be attending.

Your attention to this matter and support would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely—Abigail Brooks
NOTICE

The Town of Little Compton is requesting proposals from qualified CPA firms to audit its financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Proposals will be received in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Commons, PO Box 226, Little Compton, RI 02837 until 4:00 PM on May 19, 2022.

All proposals shall be clearly marked "AUDITING SERVICES PROPOSAL".

Specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk at the above address or by calling (401) 635-4400.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or parts thereof.

Robert L Mushen
Town Council President

Sakonnet Times – April 14, 2022
Dear Carol & Bob,  

On behalf of the 2022 Little Compton Home Rule Charter Review Commission, I have attached our final report which was unanimously approved at our May 9th meeting.

We are suggesting 15 Section revisions to the Little Compton Home Rule Charter dealing with new appointed positions, process’s and capital planning. We hope you will find these recommendations to be straightforward and clear.

I would only note that our recommended revision to Section 710 is intended to provide important flexibility for the Little Compton Housing Trust, from a timing perspective, for potential acquisitions throughout the year. Should you have questions on any of these suggested revisions, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration and support throughout our review.

Sincerely,

John E. Haire  
Chair, Little Compton Home Rule Charter Review Commission

Chuck Barend  
Ed Bowen  
Philip Crawford  
Mikel Folcarelli  
Monica Hopton  
Michelle Stecker
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<td><strong>The LCACT is not subject to the provisions of Section 103.</strong></td>
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<td>Town Clerk suggested timing of “no less than 15 minutes or such additional time for all voters to cast their ballot” is more than sufficient.</td>
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<td>301. Date and Purpose of Financial Town Meeting.</td>
<td>The electors of the Town of Little Compton shall assemble annually in Financial Town Meeting at a date, time and place to be established by the Town Council, said date and time to be set by the Council no later than February 1st of each year, with the meeting to take place during the third full week in May. ...</td>
<td>The electors of the Town of Little Compton shall assemble annually in Financial Town Meeting at a date, time and place to be established by the Town Council, said date and time to be set by the Council no later than February 1st of each year, with the meeting to take place on any date during the third full week in May, unless due to extenuating circumstances and by vote of approval by the Town Council, that period of time may be extended through the third full week of June.</td>
<td>To ensure that the town has an adequate period of time to meet in the event of extenuating circumstances causing inability to meet during the currently listed time frame.</td>
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<td>The warrant for any Town meeting shall be prepared and the meeting shall be warned as provided by law. Warrant items may be grouped to be moved and voted on as a unit, provided however, that the Town meeting may amend or vote separately on individual items in such grouping. The order of items to be considered at the meeting may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the electors present and voting. The listing and text of the warrant items to be voted on shall be posted with the warrant. The format of the Budget Committee report as supplied to the electors shall conform to the listing of warrant items which shall have been determined as aforesaid.</td>
<td>The warrant for any Town Meeting, whether the Annual Financial Town Meeting or a Special Meeting, shall be prepared and the meeting shall be warned by the Town Clerk as provided by law relevant provisions of Chapter 45-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, except as otherwise provided herein. The listing of warrant items may be grouped to be moved and voted on as a one or more units comprising multiple warrant items, provided however, that the Town meeting may by majority vote, amend, remove or vote separately on individual items in each such grouping. The order of items to be considered at the meeting may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the electors present and voting. The listing and text of the warrant items to be voted on shall be posted with the warrant. Voters may amend the total amount listed for any individual warrant item but may not amend individual line items within such warrant item. The format of the Budget Committee Report as supplied to the electors shall include conform to the listing of warrant items, which shall have been determined as aforesaid, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 502.B and 504 herein. The Budget Committee Report shall also include the Committee’s recommendations, as provided in Section 502.B, as well as any other data, information, or material the Committee deems appropriate. A listing of the full text of all warrant items is available on the Town website.</td>
<td>To properly acknowledge the role of the Town Clerk with regard to the warrant items and to include additional source for full text of Warrant items.</td>
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| 502. Budget Committee | B.2. Recommend changes in compensation for any elected official of the Town to that official by February 1st. The Budget Committee shall seek a recommendation of the Town Council on compensation for the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer/Tax Collector;  
B.3. prepare a capital expenditure program for the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Section 505 of the Charter | Town Clerk is an elected official. Compensation recommended by Town Council. Town Treasurer/Tax Collector is no longer an elected official.  
Clarifies Budget Committee’s role in capital expenditure program process. |
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<td>All budget requests shall be submitted to the Budget Committee not later than March 1st through the Town Clerk, provided however, that all such requests from appointed Town officials, departments, boards, committees, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Town Council shall first be submitted to the Council upon such date prior to March 1 as the Council shall determine. Each such request shall be accompanied by a breakdown of its proposed expenditures with appropriate supporting information and, if applicable, estimates of revenues during the fiscal year. ...</td>
<td>To acknowledge the role of the Town Administrator in preparation of the budget as well as adjust the timeline to allow more timely processing of the budget.</td>
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<td>505. Capital Program</td>
<td>The Council shall provide by ordinance for the orderly review and preparation by the Budget Committee of a multi-year program for capital expenditures by the Town. Such ordinance shall provide for projections and planning by Town departments, offices, boards, commissions and other agencies, and adoption by the Council after public hearing.</td>
<td>Town Administrator prepares the Town’s Capital Expenditure Program; the Budget Committee reviews and recommends the Capital Expenditure Program.</td>
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<td>603. Town Treasurer/ Tax Collector</td>
<td>There shall be a Town Treasurer who shall also hold and exercise the office of Town Tax Collector, who shall be elected at the general election each even numbered year to serve for a two (2) year term or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The Town Treasurer shall have all of the duties and responsibilities conferred upon Town Treasurers by State law, and all of the duties and responsibilities conferred upon Town Tax Collectors by State law, and shall give bond for each or both offices before assuming his or her duties, as provided in State law. The Town Treasurer may appoint a Deputy Town Treasurer with the approval of the Council, and any such Deputy Treasurer shall, in the absence or inability of the Town Treasurer, have all the powers and responsibilities of the Town Treasurer and of the Tax Collector, provided however, that in no case shall the Deputy have the power to sign the bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness of the Town except with the approval of the Council. The Deputy Treasurer shall also be bonded by the Town. The Town Treasurer shall be responsible for any misconduct, neglect, or default of the Deputy, and may revoke the appointment at his or her discretion. ...</td>
<td>In conformance with RIGL 45-8, The Town Council shall appoint, there shall be a Town Treasurer who shall, at the discretion of the Town Council, also hold and exercise, in conformance with RIGL 44-5, the office of Town Tax Collector. , who The combined position shall serve be elected at the general election each even numbered year to serve for a two (2) year term or until his or her successor is elected and qualified appointed. The Town Treasurer shall have all of the duties and responsibilities conferred upon Town Treasurers by State law, and all of the duties and responsibilities conferred upon Town Tax Collectors by State law, and shall give bond for each or both offices before assuming his or her duties, as provided in State law. The Town Treasurer may appoint a Deputy Town Treasurer with the approval of the Council Finance Director, and any such Deputy Treasurer shall, in the absence or inability of the Town Treasurer, have all the powers and responsibilities of the Town Treasurer and of the Tax Collector, provided however, that in no case shall the Deputy have the power to sign the bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness of the Town except with the approval of the Council. The Deputy Treasurer shall also be bonded by the Town. The Town Treasurer shall be responsible for any misconduct, neglect, or default of the Deputy, and the Finance Director may revoke the appointment at his or her discretion....</td>
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<td>Section 603</td>
<td>The Town Council may, by ordinance, make provision for the replacement of the elected Town Treasurer/Tax Collector with an appointed Town Finance Director employed by the Town Council from among persons having had prior professional training and/or experience in financial management, financial services and accounting. Such provision may be invoked at any time in the future agreeable to both the Town Council and the Treasurer/Tax Collector, but shall be invoked no later than November 2020. The duties of the appointed Town Finance Director shall include those specified in this section for the now current position of Treasurer/Tax Collector and any other additional duties set by the Town Council by ordinance.</td>
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<td>605. Tax Assessors</td>
<td>There shall be a Board of Tax Assessors of three (3) members elected for six (6) year staggered terms, with the term of one member expiring and the election of one member at the general election in each even numbered year. The Board of Tax Assessors shall have and perform all of the duties and discharge the responsibilities of Tax Assessors as set forth in State Law. The Town Council shall serve as the Tax Assessment Board of Review unless and until provision is made for the performance of those duties by another body. The Town Council may, by ordinance, make provision for the replacement of the Board of Tax Assessors with a single Tax Assessor employed by the Town Council from among persons having had prior professional training and/or experience in assessment, property appraisal and related matters.</td>
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Rationale listed above.

Reflects current structure of a single, appointed tax assessor and an appointed Tax Assessment Board of Review.
| 606. Tax Assessment Board of Review | Upon the appointment of a single Tax Assessor there shall be a Tax Assessment Board of Review consisting of three (3) members, appointed by the Town Council, each to serve for a term of six (6) years with terms staggered such that the office of one (1) board member shall become vacant every two (2) years. When this provision takes effect, the former Board of Assessors then in office shall relinquish their duties to the Tax Assessor appointed and shall serve thereafter as the Tax Assessment Board of Review. As the term of each of the former assessors expires, a member of the Tax Assessment Board of Review as heretofore provided for, shall be appointed. ... | Reflects current structure of a single, appointed Tax Assessor and Tax Assessment Board of Review |
| 612. Town Finance Director | New Section due to official change to appointed position | A Town Finance Director shall be employed by the Town Council from among persons having had prior professional training and/or experience in financial management, financial services and accounting. At the discretion of the Town Council, the duties of the appointed Town Finance Director may include those specified in section 603 for the position of Treasurer/Tax Collector and any other additional duties set by the Town Council by ordinance. | Town Officials, and in recognition that the position of Finance Director is now an actual rather than merely anticipated position, the position of Town Finance Director is assigned its own section. It further recognizes that though the Finance Director is presently acting as Treasurer and Tax Collector, at some future point the Council may wish to have a different arrangement, and allows for the same at the discretion of the Council. |
| 710. Little Compton Housing Trust | There shall be a Little Compton Housing Trust, authorized by ordinance of the Town Council and organized as a non-profit corporation, the purpose of which is to serve as an advocacy group for any person or group desiring to address the problem of housing affordability or housing for the elderly, those with special needs and families of low and moderate income. It shall oversee the implementation of the Affordable Housing Plan of the community. The Little Compton Housing Trust shall be subject to the provisions of Section 103 of the Charter. | There shall be a Little Compton Housing Trust, authorized by ordinance of the Town Council and organized as a non-profit corporation, the purpose of which is to serve as an advocacy group for any person or group desiring to address the problem of housing affordability or housing for the elderly, those with special needs and families of low and moderate income. It shall oversee the implementation of the Affordable Housing Plan of the community. With the approval of the Town Council, the Little Compton Housing Trust shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 103 of the Charter. | Freeing the Housing Trust from the restrictions of section 103 allows the Trust to act on real estate acquisition in a timely manner, and delegating oversight to the Council maintains checks on the Trust’s use of Town funds. |
| 901. Police Department | ... The Chief of Police shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department and the final departmental authority in all matters of policy, operations, and discipline, subject to applicable provisions of State law... | The Chief of Police shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department and the final departmental authority in all matters of policy, operations, and discipline, subject to applicable provisions of State law and Town ordinances. | Added compliance with “town ordinance” to Police Chief role as we have with Fire Chief role in 902. |
| 902. Fire Department | ... The Fire Chief shall subject to the approval of the Town Council, make rules and regulations concerning the operation of the Department and the conduct of all members thereof. ... | The Fire Chief shall subject to the approval of the Town Council, make rules and regulations concerning the operation of the Department and the conduct of all members thereof be the chief administrative officer of the Department and the final departmental authority in all matters of policy, operations and discipline, subject to the applicable provisions of State law and town ordinances. | Suggested by Chief Petrin: Clarifies that daily operations for Fire Department’s administrative, policy and discipline resides with Fire Chief, who then reports to the Town Council. Aligns more closely with the Police Chief’s role as laid out in Section 901 |
May 12, 2022

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

Honorable Town Council Members,

I am respectfully requesting your consideration in the appointment of Retired Sergeant Allan Garcia previously of the Middletown Police Department to a position within the Little Compton Police Departments Reserve Police Officer Program.

Retired Sergeant Garcia was a twenty-year member of the Middletown Police Department, where he served in both the patrol and detective divisions. Retired Sergeant Garcia has a wealth of law enforcement knowledge and served as an instructor at the Municipal Police Academy for several years. After retirement, Sergeant Garcia served as the Safety and Security Director for the Portsmouth School District for five years and is considered an expert in school safety in local law enforcement circles. Retired Sergeant Garcia continues to carry a full police officer certification, as required, as member of both the Middletown and Portsmouth Police Departments Reserve Program.

Retired Sergeant Garcia would be a valued asset to the Little Compton Police Department and our community, and I highly recommend him for appointment to the Reserve Officer Program.

Respectfully,

Scott N. Raynes
Chief of Police
Mr. Mushen, this year the week of May 15 – 21 is designated has Emergency Medical Services Week. Emergency medical services are a vital public service. The Little Compton Firefighters are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Having access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.

Emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important out of hospital care including preventative medicine, follow – up care, and access to telemedicine. The emergency medical services system in Little Compton is comprised of first responders, EMT’s, firefighters, police officers and dispatchers. The Little Compton Firefighters spend hundreds of hours in specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

I feel that it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of the Little Compton Firefighters by designating May 15 – 21 2022 Emergency Medical Services Week in Little Compton. With the theme “Rising to the Challenge” I encourage the Little Compton Town Council to observe EMS week. I respectfully request that the Town Council acknowledge this week at their next meeting.

Respectfully,

Richard G. Petrin

Chief of Department
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:

The Little Compton Game Club for a Clambake to be held on premises (88 John Dyer Rd) on June 5, 2023.

F-1 License


Roger S. Harding

Signature

In Town Council, __________________________, _______

Read and granted __________________________

Witness, ____________________________________

Town Clerk
TOWN OF TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing Nation Police Week 2022 and honoring the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy,

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including all dedicated TIVERTON POLICE OFFICERS; and

WHEREAS, figures for 2021 show 458 federal, state, local, and tribal police officers have made the ultimate sacrifice, an increase of 55% from the 295 officers killed during the same period the previous year and the highest total line-of-duty deaths since 1930 when there were 312 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tiverton Town Council does hereby declare May 15-21, 2022 as:

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

In the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island, and encourage all citizens to express their deep appreciation to our law enforcement officers who risk their lives to guard and protect us. Further, we hereby publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation.

PROCLAIMED AND APPROVED this 9th day of May 2022.

Denise de Medeiros
Town Council President
Coffee and Donuts at the Fort

The Battle of Rhode Island Association and the Butts Hill Fort Committee cordially invite you to "Coffee and Donuts at the Fort." This is an opportunity to see the progress we have made over the year that we have been working on the project to restore the Fort and introduce it to new generations of Rhode Islanders.

We plan a one-hour program that will include a brief history of the Fort and the plans of the Battle of Rhode Island Association. Nick Edwards, the Secretary of State’s Program Coordinator for the RI250 Commission, will present the Commission’s planned state-wide effort to celebrate the semiquincentennial. The program includes an optional, brief tour of the Fort.

The invitation list includes local legislators and town councils, local historical societies, Congressional Representatives and Senators, State patriotic groups, members of historical re-enactment units, and local and State print, on-line, and TV media outlets.

The program will be held at Butts Hill Fort in Portsmouth on Saturday, 21 May at 9:00 a.m. It will go rain (in a tent) or shine. We recommend sturdy shoes. Please park in the large parking lot on Dyer Street.

This is a free program, but reservations are requested so we can have enough donuts for all. To reserve, please email Nancy Crawford at redhatscrapper@gmail.com. Nancy will then send a map to direct you to the Fort and parking.
Butts Hill Fort, the largest Revolutionary War earthwork in southern New England, was central to Rhode Island's role in the War for Independence. This historic site exists today, little changed since 1778.

Even though it's on both the Register of National Historic Places, and the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, the Fort is hidden from view, unavailable to the public.

The Butts Hill Fort Restoration Committee needs your help to restore the Fort and return it to the public for educational, historical and recreational use.

The mission of the Butts Hill Fort Restoration Committee is to rededicate the Fort during our nation's 250th birthday in 2026 and to have an education center with public facilities completed by the anniversary of the Battle of Rhode Island in 2028.

Public and government support is critical to restoring and preserving this important, unique and historic site. Your tax-free donations can be made to the BATTLE OF RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION either by mail to PO Box 626 Portsmouth, RI 02871 or via PayPal.

The Committee is also seeking volunteers to assist with administrative and logistical tasks as well as with the removal of vegetation from the Fort. If you wish to volunteer or would like further information on the project, please email Seth Chiaro at seth.chiaro@gmail.com

Visit us at: www.battleofrhodeisland.org

Background map: Plan de Rhode Island. Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division.

The BUTTS HILL FORT RESTORATION COMMITTEE is a committee of the BATTLE OF RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION. The mission of the Committee is to restore and maintain the Revolutionary War fort in order to provide a safe and accessible educational and recreational site that raises public interest in this National Historic Landmark and its role in the Battle of Rhode Island. The Association is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit committed to raising awareness of Rhode Island's role in the War for Independence. Donations may be made payable to "BoRIA" at PO Box 626, Portsmouth, RI 02871.
Early Development of Butts Hill Fort

In 1776 Patriots build “a well-situated fort at the north end of the Island... It in some measure commands the passage to Bristol by the ferry.”

In December 1776 British forces land in Portsmouth and occupy the Fort and Aquidneck Island. They expand the Fort to hold 200 men and 6 cannon, requiring citizens of Portsmouth to work 3 days per week on the project. Later a barracks for 300 is built and enclosed within the earthworks.

The Battle of Rhode Island

The French fleet arrives in July 1778. British forces withdraw from the north end of the Island to positions running across Middletown.

General Sullivan leads a militia army across the Sakonnet Strait from Tiverton and establishes his headquarters at Butts Hill Fort. Continental Forces under General Nathanael Greene and General Lafayette arrive. Troops are deployed in Middletown to fix British troops outside Newport. French forces plan to take the city, but a hurricane damages the French fleet, causing it to sail to Boston for repairs.

The British attack north to evict Sullivan’s troops. Colonial troops put up a stiff resistance. The Black Regiment repulses several attacks.

Over the night of August 30, Sullivan’s forces conduct an orderly withdrawal of all troops and equipment from Aquidneck. It has been called the “Dunkirk of the Revolution.”

The French Arrival and Departure

The French Army under command of General Rochambeau arrives in Newport in July 1780. They occupy Butts Hill Fort in case the British return and to protect the ferry landings.

In June 1781 the French leave Newport to join Washington’s Army in New York. The Fort protects the line of march to and across the Bristol Ferry. Militia occupy the Fort to protect French soldiers too ill to march. The combined American-French army then goes south to defeat the British army at Yorktown, Virginia.

Since the Revolution

The Reverend Dr. Roderick Terry buys the property and around 1918 deeds it to the Newport Historical Society. In 1934 the State of Rhode Island acquires the land and transfers it to Town of Portsmouth in 1968.
Battle of Rhode Island Association

The Association began as an outgrowth of the Butts Hill Fort Restoration Committee. The Fort is the largest Revolutionary War earthwork extant in southern New England.

It was successively occupied by Americans, British, and French forces and was the headquarters of American forces in the Battle of Rhode Island in 1778. This historic site exists today, little changed since 1781.

The Battle of Rhode Island Association was created in 2021 to extend appreciation of Rhode Island’s Revolutionary War participation, including the British Occupation, the Siege of Newport, the Battle of Rhode Island, and the arrival and departure of the French allies.

This history is not just of local importance. The Campaign was the first American-French operation of the War. It included militia, not only from Rhode Island but also from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire as well as Continental Line troops. These Rhode Island events led directly to the defeat of British forces at Yorktown and the end of the War.

Our Goals:

- Become a focus for outreach to historical, educational, military, and patriotic groups interested in the Rhode Island Campaign.
- Enhance history education by ensuring wide recognition of Rhode Island’s unique Revolutionary War experiences, particularly those pertaining to the Rhode Island Campaign and Butts Hill Fort.
- Create the website for the exchange and documentation of historical information, educational resources, and events, related to Rhode Island’s role in the War for Independence.
- Partner with local, state, and federal groups and tourism agencies to encourage visits to Revolutionary Era sites.

Visit us at: www.battleofrhodeisland.org

PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT is critical to getting this story written and distributed and to restore and preserve Butts Hill Fort.

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COVER: The 5th Connecticut, 54th Regiment of Foot, Kingston Reds and members from the Artillery Company of Newport, Butts Hill Fort, Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Joe Studnick, 2021

ABOVE: Detail, Attacks upon Rhode Island, 1778. Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division.
British Occupation of Aquidneck Island

On December 8, 1776, British forces – more than 7,000 British and German soldiers – landed on Rhode Island (Aquidneck Island). Meeting little opposition, the invading army spread throughout the island and occupied the fortifications the Americans had begun, including a position on Butts Hill (Windmill Hill) in Portsmouth. The occupation would last until 1779, creating severe hardships for the people of the Island and nearby communities. Homes were taken for barracks; trees, fences, homes, and wharves were used for firewood. Farms were destroyed to build defensive positions, using ordinary citizens pressed into service. Nearby towns on the mainland were attacked and burned.

Siege of Newport

In July 1778, learning that a French fleet commanded by Admiral d’Estaing was enroute to American waters, General Washington ordered General John Sullivan to gather American forces to retake the Island. The Patriot forces included Continentals, state regiments, militia, and independent volunteer companies. Tiverton, RI became the staging area. The American forces would attack the British occupiers from the north while the 4,000 French marines from d’Estaing’s fleet would attack the British in Newport. With the arrival of the French fleet in Narragansett Bay on August 7th, the British pulled their troops from the north into defenses closer to Newport.

On August 9th, the Patriot troops crossed the Sakonnet (East Passage) from Tiverton to the north end of the Island at Howland Ferry while the French landed at Jamestown (Conanicut Island) to train.

General Sullivan, from his headquarters at Butts Hill Fort, commanded a force of 12,000 which had advanced on Newport to the point where they could see the enemy lines. On August 19th the Americans began firing. The British returned fire. Newport was under siege by the Patriots.

With a British fleet approaching from New York, the French left the Bay for the open Atlantic to prepare for battle. Before the battle was joined, both fleets were hit by a hurricane that raged from August 11th to the 13th. Both fleets were severely damaged. The British returned to New York. The French left for Boston.

When the Americans heard that the French would not return, morale sank. Militia and some of the Continentals whose enlistments had expired left for home. Sullivan did not have enough forces to fight the British alone, so he planned an orderly retreat. Siege operations continued, but equipment began to be moved north and off the Island.

French Allies Come to Newport

In 1779 the British evacuated Rhode Island. On July 11, 1780 a French fleet delivered about 5,000 French troops commanded by General Rochambeau to Narragansett Bay. The citizens were skeptical of another large force occupying the Island, but Rochambeau and his officers soon overcame the ill will left by the French departure in 1778. French engineers worked with American forces (including the Black Regiment) to improve Butts Hill Fort. In June of 1781 Rochambeau's troops, with Rhode Island troops watching from Butts Hill Fort, began their march toward the final victory over the British in Yorktown.

On August 28th Sullivan ordered the retreat. As the Americans moved north on the 29th, the British attacked. A withdrawal of troops while in contact is one of the most difficult of military operations, but Sullivan had planned well and his soldiers fought well. The Patriot's main defensive position was anchored at Butts Hill Fort and extended some two miles across the Island to Quaker Hill, Turkey Hill, and Almy's Hill. First contact between the forces occurred about 7 a.m. It was obvious that the state and militia troops had been trained well. Delaying actions at key locations protected withdrawing troops. The 1st Rhode Island Regiment, The Black Regiment, repulsed three attacks by the Hessians in heavy fighting. Bloody Run Brook got its name from the battle-field bloodshed. By 4 p.m. the general fighting subsided, replaced by sporadic artillery fire. British deaths were 38 while the Americans lost 30. Over the night of August 30/31, Sullivan evacuated all his men and equipment to Tiverton. It was the only battle fought in Rhode Island and the last fought in New England.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 5, 2022
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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New Organization Promotes RI Revolutionary War History

As the U.S. and Rhode Island prepare for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, a new non-profit organization has been formed to spotlight the role of Rhode Island in the War for Independence. The Battle of Rhode Island Association (BoRIA) mission is to raise awareness of Rhode Island’s unique Revolutionary War history, particularly that pertaining to the Rhode Island Campaign and Butts Hill Fort.

The new Association grew out of the effort to restore Butts Hill Fort. The work was initiated a year ago by the Portsmouth Historical Society in the form of the Butts Hill Fort Restoration Committee. As the restoration effort progressed, it became obvious that to gain the public support and resources needed to restore, and particularly to maintain, this historic Revolutionary War artifact, it would be necessary to bring to bring the story of Butts Hill Fort and its role in the War to a statewide audience. Rhode Island’s place in the Revolution is in general not widely known. It is an interesting story and deserves to be told.

Rhode Island is, at best, mentioned in the history books for the burning of the Gaspee. Those willing to dig a bit deeper may find reference to the one-day fight known as the Battle of Rhode Island which is itself a part of a broader series of events known as the Rhode Island Campaign. The Battle of Rhode Island Association intends to tell the story of the British Occupation of Aquidneck Island, the Battle of Rhode Island, including the Siege of Newport, and the arrival and departure of our French allies. It is a story important to a full understanding of the War for Independence in general and for Rhode Island history in particular.
"It is important to note," said Joe Studlick, Co-Chair of the Restoration Committee, "that the new organization in no way detracts from the efforts to open the restored Butts Hill Fort for public historical, educational and recreational pursuits. The Association will support the Fort’s restoration while serving as the focal point for the exchange of historical information, educational resources, and events relative to the Rhode Island in the Revolutionary War. The story covers the State."

The Association’s website, which should be operational by mid-year, has drawn interest from such organizations as the Rhode Island Maritime Archeological Project, the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, and Souvenir Francais USA. These and others have expressed interest in participating in, and contributing to, the site.

Directors of the Association recently met with Nick Edwards the Program Coordinator for the State’s RI250 Commission. Edwards was enthusiastic about the Battle of Rhode Island Association’s work and suggested that we brief the entire Commission. Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea chairs the RI250 Commission and frequently emphasizes Rhode Island’s role in the shaping of our country.

Recently the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati has provided a grant of $7000. The Society of the Cincinnati is made up of descendants of officers who served in the Continental Army, several of whom served here during the Rhode Island Campaign. Many units from the Massachusetts State Militia also served in this campaign. The fact that this organization from another state would generously give to this effort is an indication of the type of interest the Association expects to generate and more people become aware of both Butts Hill Fort and the related events.

The Whalley Foundation of Houston, Texas has provided $10,000 toward the development of a Master Plan for Butts Hill Fort Restoration. The Master Plan is a critical goal for 2022. BoRIA has also applied for other grants to fund the Master Plan, which is expected to cost more than $50,000. Once the Master Plan is approved by the Portsmouth Town Council and the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, the way ahead for the restoration of the Fort will be fixed.

The Heritage Harbor Foundation, founded by Rhode Island State Historian Laureate Dr. Patrick Conley, recently provided $2500 to be used also for the BoRIA website.
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2022 – H 8055
AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the lack of a workable, readily identifiable right of access to the shore by the public has led to confusion, conflict and disputes between those attempting to exercise their rights and privileges to the shoreline and the rights of property owners along the shore; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public and shoreline property owners to clearly and easily define the public’s rights and privileges of and to the shore to avoid constitutional rights conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton is committed to protect the public’s constitutional rights to access and enjoy their privileges of and to the shore while also respecting well-established property right laws; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2022 – H 8055 provides, in relevant part, a clear definition of the high tide line, so-called, to preserve the public’s constitutional right to access and use of the shore; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton finds that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the people and visitors to Rhode Island and the Town of Hopkinton to enact a workable, readily identifiable right of access to the shore by the public to prevent confusion, conflict and disputes between those attempting to exercise their rights and privileges to the shoreline and the rights of shoreline property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton hereby requests that the General Assembly act favorably and pass House Bill 2022 – H 8055; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Hopkinton’s representatives in the R.I. General Assembly and all 38 cities and towns.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted: May 2, 2022

Stephen Moffitt, Jr
Town Council President

ATTEST: Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Town Clerk