Date posted: FEBRUARY 16, 2021 by 4:00 P.M.
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TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2021

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AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes -

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be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.

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

Announcements:

Old Business:

1. Recommendation from Councilor Golembeske, Administrator and Director of Public Works regarding engineering service proposals for Wilbour Woods.
New Business:

1. Review and approve FY22 budget submittal for inclusion on the warrant for the Annual Financial Town Meeting
2. State Transportation Improvement Program FFY 2018-2027 Minor Amendment #30 Public Notice public meeting scheduled for Feb. 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM via zoom
3. Coastal Resources Management Council Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking end of public comment 3-12-21, actions relating to the potential amendment to the CRMC Red Book by adding a proposed new subsection §1.3.1(S) for submerged renewable energy cables within state waters.
4. Authorize Administrator to advise for part time personnel for public works department.

Board of License Commissioners: none

Communications:

1. Electronic communication received from Casey Merkle, graduate student working with StewMAP Southeastern New England project aiming to strengthen community capacity for stewardship by mapping where stewardship organizations work. Ms. Merkle is a student at RI School of Design.
2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Charlestown Town Council supporting 2021-H5380 and 2021-S0106, Acts relating to Health and Safety – Beverage Container Deposit and recycling Act of 2021
3. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Charlestown Town Council supporting 2021-H5113, an Act relating to miniature alcoholic beverage container deposit recycling
4. Copy of a resolution adopted by the North Providence Town Council in support of lifting restrictions on small businesses due to COVID-19
5. Request from Kristen Moniz to use 32 Commons for Girl Scout Troop 275 every other Thursday from 5:45 pm to 7:30 pm beginning Feb. 23 if permission is granted.

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 virtual meeting held February 4th, AD 2021 via Video and Tele-Conferencing at
7:00 o’clock PM. Councilors present acknowledged by roll call: Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas, Andrew W.
Moore, Robert L. Mushen and Anya Wallack. Also in attendance: Fire Chief Petrin and Police Chief Raynes.

A Public Hearing continued from January 21, 2021 was called to order by the Council President. Said hearing
is for the purpose of considering a request to extend the business zone on Plat 30, Lot 8-1 currently owned by 50
Commons, LLC. The Clerk was asked if there were any members of the public wishing to speak on this matter.
Seeing no raised hand features nor any comments in the chat feature the Clerk responded in the negative. It was noted
that Mr. James Lemos, managing partner of Preston Post, Ltd. Owner of Plat 30, Lot 8-2 had submitted a letter of
comment for the hearing. Mr. Lemos noted that he was supportive of the current request and would be interested in
having the business zone extended to include his entire lot. Councilor Mushen noted that he had discussed this letter
of comment with the Town Solicitor who offered his opinion that Mr. Lemos request should be handled separately.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call
(Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): Receiving no further public comment the
Council hereby votes to close a Public Hearing on a proposal to expand the Business Zone on Plat 30, Lot 8-1.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor by roll call
(Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To approve a request to expand the Business
Zone on Plat 30, Lot 8-1 owned by 50 Commons LLC to include the entire lot known as 8-1 on Assessors Plat
30, effective immediately.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor by roll call
(Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To schedule a Public Hearing with the
appropriate Notice to Abutters and Advertisement to hear a request of Preston Post, Ltd. Owner of Plat 30, Lot
8-2 to extend the business zone to include the entire lot 8-2.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call
(Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To approve, as written the January 21, 2021
Town Council meeting minutes.

Announcements:

1) The Town will participate in a Regional Point of Distribution with the Town of Tiverton at the Tiverton
High School for the purpose of supply COVID-19 vaccine to the 75+ population. Little Compton is to
receive only 20 vaccines per week. The Town is using the voting list and other resources to schedule
appointments with residents starting from the oldest residents. The vaccines will be given from 11 am to 3
pm and will be by appointment only.
2) Please continue to be cautious and aware of your circumstances. Wear your facial coverings when out in
public and in the presence of others. Following CDC guidelines and using commonsense will continue to
reduce the spread of COVID-19.
3) The Council President read the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence:

    We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by
    their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of
    Happiness.

Having said this he continued to comment that we have to acknowledge that the beginning of our country was
not perfect. He noted the mention of a creator in the preamble and that creator created people to be that way to
have certain rights. Over the years our governing fathers have made changes, but even with changes it’s not
about yard signs, or political differences or even skin color it is about heart attitude. About our attitude to
consider change, change in ourselves if we find we are treating anyone differently than others. The
Departments of the town are working in the direction to effect that change when it may be noticed and he encourages the citizens as well.

Councilor Golembeske after a quick reflective response to Councilor Mushen’s last announcement asked if clarification on the scheduling of the vaccines. Prioritized by age, using the voting list as the main source. Anyone not registered to vote may call the Town Clerk’s office to supply contact information. It should be noted that the town will be scheduling Little Compton residents only.

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

1. Police Department
2. Town Clerk
3. Fire Department
4. Tax Assessor
5. Town Administrator

Two (2) bid proposals were received in response to the RFP for engineering services for Wilbour Woods.

- Civil Engineering Concepts, Inc. total fee proposal $31,500 (Not to Exceed)
- Able Engineering Inc. total fee proposal $17,500

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To refer to the Town Administrator, Councilor Golembeske and the Public Works Director two (2) proposals for engineering work at Wilbour Woods and to ask for a recommendation be returned to the Town Council

Three (3) seats on the Charter Review Commission are still vacant. One (1) letter of interest has been received this evening.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To appoint Michelle Stecker to serve on the Charter Review Commission for the ensuing two (2) years.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To allow the Town Council President to reach out to IAFF Local 3957 to initiate a schedule for collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To recommend to the Budget Committee per LC Home Rule Charter Section 502, B, 2 the compensation for the elected Town Clerk to be $59,500 for FY2022.

The Town Administrator negotiated and entered into a contract with Republic Services for hauling cost per container for containers transferred from the Town Transfer Station to RI Resource Recovery Corporation due to increasing charges levied against the town. The new contract will extend for 36 months with a rate of $250 per haul a decrease from the $320 levied without notification. A credit is anticipated to be forwarded to the town for the excess paid above the $250.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Wallack, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack): To approve the actions of the Town Administrator to negotiated and enter into a contract with Republic Services for hauling cost per container for
containers transferred from the Town Transfer Station to RI Resource Recovery Corporation due to increasing charges levied against the town.

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

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An electronic member was received from Gabe Mernoff, member of the RI Homeless Bill of Rights Defense Committee offering suggestion to amend the Town Ordinances relating to disorderly conduct and sleeping in public places. Chief Raynes commented that Little Compton has not had a problem with these types of incidents and agrees some of the ordinances may be outdated and might need updating. The Councilors agree that any or all ordinances that are outdated should be reviewed and reflect current practice and policy.

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack):** To refer to the Town Solicitor and the Town Administrator a communication received from the members of the Rhode Island Homeless Bill of Rights Defense Committee suggesting the town amend its municipal ordinances for their review and recommendation.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor by roll call (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, Mushen and Wallack):** That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: $40,519.78

- Postmaster - Bd. Canvassers: $330.00
- Kofile - Town Clerk: $1,299.00
- Wilkie Excavating Inc - contingency Town Landing: $8,199.50
- JD Power - Assessor: $175.00
- AT&T Mobility - Fire Dept.: $241.77
- AT&T Mobility - Fire Dept.: $21.55
- Messenger Security Systems Inc - Public Safety Complex: $120.00
- Target Solutions - Fire Dept.: $1,352.00
- CLIA Laboratory Program - Amb. Reimb. Fund: $180.00
- Stryker Sales Corp - Amb. Reimb. Fund: $688.64
- RI General Treasurer - Transfer Station: $3,000.00
- East Bay Media Group - Probate: $15.00
- East Bay Media Group - Probate: $30.00
- East Bay Media Group - Probate: $15.00
- East Bay Media Group - Canvassers: $108.00
- East Bay Media Group - Zoning Board: $126.00
- East Bay Media Group - Civic Rec: $72.00
- GoTo Services - Public Safety Complex: $1,020.00
- GoTo Services - Town Hall: $1,050.00
- Nationalgrid - street lights - town dock: $23.84
- Nationalgrid - street lights: $134.02
- Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer: $407.95
- Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer: $261.95
- WB Mason - Town Hall: $34.96
- WB Mason - misc. departments: $180.38
- Galvin Law - legal consulting: $297.50
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The meeting was declared adjourned by the Council President at 7:35 PM.

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
town administrator

Date: February 18, 2021

Subject: Wilbour Woods Engineering Bids

We received two bids:

ABLE Engineering, Inc. $17,500.00

Civil Engineering Concepts, Inc. $31,500.00

Director of Public Works Bill More, Councilor Paul Golembeske, Chair John Gwynne and I reviewed the proposals and came to the consensus that ABLE Engineering, Inc. should be the recommended firm.

Thank you!
For Town Council consideration
The Little Compton Prevention Coalition wishes to request $750.00 to be included in the town budget again this year. Thank you for your consideration.

Polly

Polly Allen
Little Compton and Tiverton Prevention Coalition Coordinator
Certified Prevention Specialist
Town of Little Compton  
Budget Committee                                  February 3, 2021

BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

STAY AT HOME IN LITTLE COMPTON, INC. is requesting a stroke in the 2021

Budget for SENIOR TRANSPORTATION in the amount of $10,900.

With the sale of the previous Town of Little Compton Van and the purchase of a
replacement shuttle-style van, Stay at Home in Little Compton, Inc. will schedule
riders and assigning drivers for the benefit of our Senior Citizens.

With the return to some degree of normal, regularly scheduled rides to the Little
Compton Community Center luncheons, shopping trips bi-weekly to Market
Basket, and additional events will continue.

Advertising for these services appear weekly in the Sakonnet Times publication.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Wilkie,  
President  
denise@stayathomeinlc.org

Margaret M. Tirpaecck,  
VP, Operations  
margaret@stayathomeinlc.org

Stay At Home in Little Compton, Inc.  
401-592-0342

Cc: Robert Mushen, President, Little Compton Town Council  
    Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator  
    George Crowell, Chair, Budget Committee

PO Box 353 • Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837  
www.stayathomeinlittlecompton.org
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**NOTE:** The amounts listed are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect actual expenditures. The table includes contributions to various pension and insurance plans, as well as federal and state mandates such as FICA and Medicare. The total budget summary is $9,271.88.
The State Planning Council’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is accepting written comments on a proposed Minor Amendment, classified as Amendment #30, to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the State of Rhode Island.

The Minor Amendment has been requested by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority and proposes an increase of $13.8 million over the STIP’s constrained period (FFY2018 – FFY2021) and an addition of $19.3 million over the STIP’s 10 years. The amendment proposes 5 project changes to 3 programs: 1 project change in Mobility Innovation Program, 1 project change in Rolling Stock Program, 3 project changes in the Stops & Stations Program.

The proposed amendment is available for review at www.planning.ri.gov or by appointment at the R.I. Division of Statewide Planning’s Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The TAC will be requested to act on the proposed Minor Amendment #30 at its online based public meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The public can participate in the online TAC meeting at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88964896947?pwd=bWIPNm9oUkRWKytWSSFhuUJJxOUcXQT09 Passcode: 080685

Or join by phone at US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 9128 or 833 548 0282 (Toll Free) or 877 853 5247 (Toll Free) or 888 788 0099 (Toll Free) or 833 548 0276 (Toll Free)  Webinar ID: 889 6489 6947  Passcode: 080685

Written comments must be submitted via the Online Public Comment Form accessible here: http://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=t4DUc. All comments on the STIP Amendment must be received by 2:30 on February 25, 2021. The TAC will not accept oral public comments during the meeting related to Amendment #30.

Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact Thomas Mannock, Ph.D. at 401-222-6377 (voice) as soon as possible. Individuals requesting foreign language translation services should contact Benny Bergantino at (401) 222-1755 at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled start of a meeting.

Linsey J. Callaghan
Secretary, Transportation Advisory Committee
February 15, 2021
COMITÉ CONSULTIVO DE TRANSPORTE
AVISO AL PÚBLICO
Programa de Mejoramiento del Transporte Estatal para el Periodo Fiscal Federal 2018-2027
Enmienda Menor Núm. 30

El Comité Consultivo de Transporte (TAC) del Consejo de Planificación Estatal está aceptando comentarios por escrito acerca de una enmienda menor propuesta, llamada Enmienda Núm. 30, al Programa de Mejoramiento de Transporte Estatal (STIP) del periodo fiscal federal (FFY) 2018-2027 para el estado de Rhode Island.

Esta enmienda menor fue solicitada por la Autoridad del Transporte Público de Rhode Island y propone un incremento de $13.8 millones para el período fiscal federal del STIP de 2018 a 2021, y $19.3 millones adicionales a lo largo de los 10 años del STIP. La enmienda propone 5 cambios de proyecto en 3 programas: 1 cambio de proyecto en el Programa de Innovación a la Movilidad, 1 cambio de proyecto en el Programa de Material Rodante, y 3 cambios de proyecto en el Programa de Paradas y Estaciones.

La enmienda propuesta se puede ver en www.planning.ri.gov, o mediante cita en la Oficina de la División de Planificación Estatal de R.I. de lunes a viernes, de 8:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

El TAC deberá tomar acción en cuanto a la Enmienda Menor Núm. 30 propuesta durante la audiencia pública en línea programada para el jueves 25 de febrero de 2021, a las 5:30 p.m. El público podrá participar en la audiencia del TAC en línea, en https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88964896947?pwd=bWIPNmpoUkRWKytWSFhuUUJuOXcxQT09. Código de acceso: 080685

O bien, el público podrá participar por vía telefónica en EE. UU.: +1 301 715 8592, o +1 312 626 6799, o +1 646 558 8656, o +1 253 215 8782, o +1 346 248 7799, o +1 669 900 9128, o 833 548 0282 (de llamada gratuita), o 877 853 5247 (de llamada gratuita), o 888 788 0099 (de llamada gratuita) o 833 548 0276 (de llamada gratuita). ID para el seminario virtual (webinar): 889 6489 6947; código de acceso: 080685.

Los comentarios también se podrán entregar por escrito con el Formulario para Comentarios Públicos En Línea, disponible aquí: http://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=t4DUe. Todos los comentarios acerca de la enmienda al STIP deben recibirse a más tardar a las 2:30 del 25 de febrero de 2021. El TAC no aceptará comentarios del público verbales durante la audiencia sobre la Enmienda Núm. 30.

Aquello que necesiten que hagamos alguna adecuación dentro de lo razonable para poder participar en esta audiencia deberán comunicarse con Thomas Mannock al 401-222-6377 (buzón de voz) tan pronto como sea posible. Aquello que necesiten servicios de traducción deberán comunicarse con Benny Bergantino al (401) 222-1755 por lo menos cinco (5) días hábiles antes del inicio programado de la audiencia.

Linsey J. Callaghan
Secretaria, Comité Consultivo de Transporte
15 de febrero de 2021
February 10, 2021

Ms. Meredith Brady, Secretary
State Planning Council
Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Brady:

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) request a minor amendment to the FFY 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This amendment is needed to add funds associated with recent competitive grant awards that are now ready for obligation.

The requested minor amendment changes are as follows:

**Fixed Route Vehicle Replacement**
STIP ID Number: 7001
Location: Statewide
Project Description: RIPTA received two discretionary awards during 2020. Each are from the FTA’s section 5339 program. These awards represent an increase to RIPTA’s fixed route vehicle replacement line of $17,486,885.

The first award is from FTA’s Bus and bus facilities discretionary program. FTA awards funds each year through a competitive process to agencies to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. RIPTA was successful in receiving $8,913,508 in federal funds from the program to assist with vehicle replacement. A 20% match is required to leverage these federal funds. Out-year funds, totaling $2,228,377 (state funds) will be used to meet this requirement. The federal and matching funds combined represent an increase to the fixed route vehicle line of $11,141,885.

The second award is from FTA’s no/low emission grant program. These funds are to support the deployment of low or no emission vehicles. This program is also a competitive grant program. RIPTA was successful in receiving $5,076,000 in funding to purchase electric vehicles. A 20% match is required to leverage these federal funds. VW Settlement funds, totaling $1,269,000 will be used to meet the requirement. The federal and matching funds combined represent an increase to the fixed route vehicle line of $6,345,000.
Mobility Technology
STIP ID Number: 7017
Location: Statewide
Project Description: RIPTA has also received an award for $244,000 from FTA’s Accelerating Innovative Mobility research program. These funds will be obligated in 2021. RIPTA will use the funds to use GPS technology to enable free transit rides for passengers who use fare cards and board at designated stops. Ridership and other data will inform future fare incentive programs, both in Rhode Island and nationally. A portion of the match ($50,000 local) will come from Central Falls in FY 2021. RIPTA will supply the remainder ($11,000) from FY 2021 gas tax receipts (RIPTA-Operating funds). These additional funds will increase the mobility technology project by $305,000 for a total of $6,975,000.

Quonset Ferry Terminal
STIP ID Number: TBD
Location: Statewide
Project Description: RIPTA has been awarded $1,890,000 in Passenger Ferry discretionary funds. These funds will be obligated in 2021 and then used to construct a passenger ferry terminal at Rhode Island Fast Ferry’s docks in the Quonset Business Park. Rhode Island Fast Ferry will provide 25% matching funds ($630,000 local) in FY 2021. This will be a new project under the category of “Stops, Stations & Terminals — RIPTA”. The total project cost will be $2,520,000.

URI/CCRI Bus Hubs
STIP ID Number: TBD
Location: Statewide
Project Descriptions: RIPTA received $8,040,000 in FTA Bus and Bus facilities funds for the construction of bus hubs at CCRI’s Knight campus and URI’s Kingston campus. These funds will be obligated in 2021. Matching funds will be $1,110,000 in RICAP ($860,000 in 2022 and $250,000 in 2023), $500,000 in out-year funding in 2023 (RIHMA), and finally $400,000 in local funding from URI in 2023. These funds were previously added to the TIP in 2020. However, to add clarity to RIPTA’s program of work we are isolating these funds as their own project. The timing of match has been updated as well to reflect recent developments. The total project cost will be $10,050,000.

These projects are the result of additional federal funds received through a competitive grant process. All projects meet the fiscal constraint requirement.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Greg Nordin
Chief of Strategic Advancement
RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Red Book (650-RICR-20-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-20-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Important Dates:
Date of Public Notice: 02/12/2021
End of Public Comment: 03/12/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:
Coastal Zone Management Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 through 1464

Summary of Rulemaking Action:
Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5 the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) is issuing this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to gather relevant information the public and regulated community’s input on potential amendments to the CRMC Red Book (650-RICR-20-00-1) by adding a proposed new subsection § 1.3.1(S) for submerged renewable energy cables within state waters. The new subsection will add policies and standards to promote the installation of renewable energy cables from offshore wind farms into and through state waters within designated cable corridors that will aid in minimizing impacts to coastal resources and coastal activities. In addition, the new standards will provide predictability in the permitting of proposed renewable energy cables and establish specific installation and monitoring requirements. The proposed draft regulations would only apply within state waters and not apply to federal waters. The proposed draft regulations along with graphics are attached to this notice.

Background: Given the current and expected future proposals filed with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for commercial scale offshore wind farms within the Southern New England wind energy area (see https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities), the CRMC in 2018 established the Narragansett Bay SAMP Cable Working Group, an ad hoc stakeholder group of diverse interests, to review and consider designating submerged renewable energy cable corridors within state waters. It is expected that one or more offshore renewable energy companies will propose an export cable from future offshore wind farms to make landfall in Rhode Island or transit through Rhode Island state waters into a neighboring state. The proposed preliminary draft regulations attached as part of this ANPR are an outgrowth of the issues raised by working group to achieve a balanced approach to establishing renewable energy
cable corridors to meet renewable energy goals of the State, facilitate the installation of submerged cables and to minimize impacts to coastal resources and coastal activities.

The CRMC invites comment on the specific issues listed below, but will also consider other comments provided in writing during the 30-day comment period.

1. Potential costs that could be incurred by applicants by requiring cable burial at the specified depths or using specified technology within the rules. Are there more cost-effective methods and will they achieve the industry specified cable burial depths necessary (4 to 6 feet) to minimize impacts to the environment, coastal resources and coastal users as well as protect the integrity of the cable itself?

2. Are the monitoring provisions (e.g., fisheries and electromagnetic frequency) within the proposed rules sufficient to ensure that necessary information is provided to the agency and the public to ensure that the regulatory standards are achieved? Are there less costly and more efficient methods to achieve the desired monitoring information?

3. It is expected that having a designated renewable cable corridor or corridors would assist in state agency permitting reviews and provide predictability to applicants and the public. Do the proposed rules provide sufficient flexibility and are there other methods for designating preferred cable corridors within state waters, other than by the proposed rule adoption, that would be more efficient or be less costly? Additionally, CRMC is soliciting comments on any likely marginal costs or benefits concerning the Narraganset Bay West Passage, specifically regarding location and width, that might impact future offshore wind developers or other stakeholders.

4. This proposed rule sets out standards and process for designating Areas of Particular Concern (APC) and CRMC expects future regulatory actions will codify those exact areas consistent with the process specified in the CRMC’s Ocean SAMP. Do the standards set out in the proposed rule, and the APCs that are likely to be designated under these standards (e.g., shipwrecks), create any marginal costs or benefits that should be considered?

Additional Information and Comments:
All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until March 12, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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

Note: This is an entirely new subsection and proposed new text is identified as blue underline

650-RICR-20-00-1.3.1(S)

S. Submerged renewable energy cables within state waters

1. Policies

a. The Council shall identify and designate a renewable energy cable corridor or corridors within Rhode Island state waters for the purpose of facilitating the installation of submerged renewable energy cables from offshore wind farms and to minimize potential adverse impacts to Rhode Island coastal resources and uses.

b. The Council shall collaborate with and consider the advice and recommendations of the CRMC’s Cable Working Group as part of the Narragansett Bay SAMP, which includes members of the CRMC Fishermen’s Advisory Board (FAB), as defined in § 05-11.3(E) of this Chapter, representation of the RI Shellfisherman’s Association, RI Department of Environmental Management Division of Marine Fisheries (DEM DMF), and other interested stakeholders, to minimize, and when feasible eliminate, potential adverse impacts to Rhode Island coastal resources and uses.

c. For purposes of this Part in designating a renewable energy cable corridor or corridors, representation of all major commercial fishing interests in state waters, including, but not limited to, the RI Shellfisherman’s Association, the RI Lobstermen’s Association, etc., shall be included on the CRMC’s Cable Working Group to aid the CRMC in identifying areas of active fish, crustacean and shellfish harvesting within state waters and to advise and make recommendations to the CRMC for the purpose of minimizing, and when feasible eliminating, potential adverse impacts to the commercial fishing industry as a result of submerged renewable energy cable installation and operation within state waters.

d. It is the Council’s policy to identify and designate Areas of Particular Concern (APCs) within state waters with the advice and recommendations of the CRMC’s Cable Working Group for the purposes of this Part.

e. It is the Council’s policy to preserve submerged paleoecosystems, which are areas along the seafloor with a higher potential to contain cultural and historical resources, within state waters. When
paleolandslapes are identified as likely containing significant
cultural and historical resources, the Council shall designate them
as APCs.

f. Given the current state of uncertainty in the magnitude of potential
impacts to marine organisms from electromagnetic fields (EMF)
associated with submerged electrical cables from offshore wind
farms in southern New England offshore waters, the Council will
establish standards to require applicants to use best available
technology to achieve appropriate cable burial depths in an effort to
avoid and minimize adverse EMF effects.

g. Any submerged renewable energy cable approved by the CRMC,
regardless of its location within state waters, shall be subject to an
annual submerged lands fees specified by the CRMC and
consistent with R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-23-1(f) within any permit issued
by the CRMC or as may be required by any applicable legislative
action.

2. Prohibitions

a. Submerged renewable energy cables are prohibited from being
installed within a CRMC designated APC.

b. The installation of renewable energy cables within the U.S.
Department of Defense (DoD) restricted areas of Narragansett Bay,
as specified in 33 CFR §§ 334.80, 334.81 and 334.82, is prohibited
without the explicit authorization of the DoD and CRMC approval.

3. Standards

a. All submerged renewable energy cables in state waters shall be
installed and maintained within a CRMC designated renewable
energy cable corridor(s) as shown in § 1.3.1(S)(5) of this Part,
regardless of whether the cable makes landfall in Rhode Island or
another state.

b. Applications for submerged cables submitted to the CRMC shall
include site plans showing the location of the proposed cable(s)
within state tidal waters, the landfall location and proposed electric
grid connection point. In addition, design details and cable
installation methods shall be provided for all proposed renewable
energy cables within state waters including the cable landfall and
the upland cable routes to the electric grid connection point. The
site plans and detail sheets shall be certified and stamped by a
professional engineer licensed by the state of Rhode Island.
c. In the event that an applicant proposes an alternative location within state waters for a renewable energy cable that is located partially or wholly outside of a CRMC designated renewable energy cable corridor, then the applicant must meet the variance criteria of § 1.1.7 of this Part and provide scientifically valid assessments and evidence to the CRMC concerning the following conditions:

(1) It is not technologically feasible, regardless of cost, for the proposed renewable energy cable to be located within a CRMC designated renewable energy cable corridor;

(2) Maintaining the renewable energy cable entirely within a CRMC designated cable corridor is not feasible due to the proposed cable landfall location; and

(3) The proposed alternative cable route will not have significant adverse impacts to Rhode Island coastal resources and uses.

d. The CRMC considers the installation of submerged renewable energy cables within state waters as dredging activity pursuant to § 1.3.1(I) of this Part. Applications for submerged cables within state waters shall meet all applicable programmatic standards including, but not limited to, §§ 1.1.6(F), 1.3.1(A), 1.3.1(C), 1.3.1(H) and 1.3.1(I) of this Part.

e. **Submerged cable installation**

   (1) **All submerged cables proposed for installation on a seafloor bottom shall be buried below the seafloor surface at a depth determined by accepted scientific and engineering geophysical investigation techniques. The minimum cable burying depth shall be 2.0 meters to avoid potential adverse impacts from ship anchors, EMF or to commercial fishing operations. In the event a cable cannot be buried to the minimum depth of 2.0 meters, then appropriate cable protection shall be used in accordance with § 1.3.1(S)(3)(e)(4) of this Part.**

   (2) In areas where submerged cable installation may be challenging due to bedrock or other geologic obstruction, the applicant must use best available technology and accepted engineering techniques to assure cable burial depth to the standard specified in § 1.3.1(S)(3)(e)(1) of this Part. Jet plow cable installation methods may not be suitable in areas of hard bottom (those containing rocks, cobble, excess clay and silt and other known geologic obstructions). Under these conditions, the applicant must propose a cable burial depth of at least 4.0 meters.
circumstances best available technology must be used to achieve the cable burial standard specified in § 1.3.1(S)(3)(e)(1) of this Part.

(3) During cable trench excavation operations all installed cables shall be covered over to the cable burial standard specified in § 1.3.1(S)(3)(e)(1) of this Part as soon as technically feasible following the cable laying within the trench to minimize the possibility of cable damage from ship anchors. Mariners shall be advised daily by the applicant of cable laying operations through mariner bulletins on the appropriate VHF radio channel(s) in addition to twice weekly email notifications to an established email notification list.

(4) Cable protection methods may have adverse impacts on commercial fishing gear by creating obstructions that may snag and cause damage to mobile fishing gear (e.g., trawl nets) or fixed gear (e.g., lobster pots, fish pots and gill nets). Therefore, the applicant shall limit cable armoring to areas where the installed cable crosses other submerged cables and utilities (e.g., gas, water, sewer, etc.) to minimize adverse impacts. In addition, necessary cable armoring shall be constructed of biologically-friendly materials (i.e., that allow epifaunal colonization).

(5) Applicants shall avoid using jet plow or mechanical dredging techniques within preserved paleolandsapes that are likely to contain cultural and historical resources. In the event that alternative cable routing is not possible and disturbance will be unavoidable, the applicant will be required to work with the State Historic Preservation Office and the local Tribal Historic Preservation Office prior to cable installation to develop a satisfactory resolution to be stipulated as part of the CRMC assent.

(6) All submerged cables making landfall shall have a minimum cable burial depth determined by accepted scientific and engineering geophysical investigation techniques. Cable burial depth at the inland edge of a beach or dune shall not be less than three (3.0) meters below mean lower low water (MLLW) for any onshore cable landing. This standard is best achieved by using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) techniques and may be required by the CRMC. A variance to this standard may be granted where the CRMC determines that the cable landing area is composed of a stable seafloor and shoreline unlikely to suffer significant beach loss from coastal storms.
(7) Following the completion of a submerged cable and landfall installation project the applicant shall provide to the CRMC within 30 days a post-installation survey report verifying the installation was completed in accordance with the CRMC approved plans and application specifications.

f. Submerged cable monitoring

(1) Following submerged cable installation and activation all cables shall be monitored on an annual basis. For the first twenty-four (24) months, monitoring shall be done monthly from October through May, and twice each month starting June through September to capture the magnitude of the annual beach storm cycle and after major storm events to ensure cable installation stability. After the initial 24 month period the applicant or successive permit holder shall submit semi-annual (every three (3) months and after major storm events) cable inspection reports to the CRMC for the lifecycle of the project.

(2) In the event that cable monitoring shows an installed cable has been exposed or is not meeting the cable installation depth as permitted by the CRMC, then the applicant or successive permit holder shall promptly submit a corrective action report and receive approval from the CRMC before implementing corrective measures in compliance with the CRMC permit and any order of the Council.

g. Electromagnetic field (EMF) monitoring requirements

(1) Applicants shall provide to the CRMC background EMF measurements along the area of the intended cable route within state waters prior to the installation of any submerged renewable energy cable. Both alternating current (AC) and direct current (DC) EMF measurements shall be conducted.

(2) At the completion of installation and activation of any new submerged renewable energy cable within state waters, the applicant or successive permit holder shall monitor EMF levels along the cable route at least once annually for the service life of the cable and provide measurements to the CRMC with a location map of all measurement stations. Measurement stations shall include cable portions that achieved approved cable burial depth and cable portions that are protected by armoring that did not meet design burial depths.
4. Standards for Areas of Particular Concern (APCs)

a. APCs shall include areas of biological significance or areas of important fisheries harvesting as identified and recommended by the RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries. Proposed APCs shall be reviewed by the CRMC’s Cable Working Group, which shall make a recommendation to the CRMC for consideration of designation.

b. APCs shall include areas of paleolandsapes that contain or have a high probability of containing significant cultural artifacts. The Council shall consult with paleoarchaeologists in designating such APCs. Whenever possible, excavation to project depth should avoid paleosol and peat horizons. Furthermore, the “ravinement” surface, a widely recognized regional seismic reflector that indicates erosional processes at the time of marine transgression over the site, should not be disturbed.

c. APCs within state waters will be described and shown within this Part as they become identified, designated and adopted by the CRMC. Additional APCs may be identified and adopted by the CRMC as new information becomes available.

5. Narragansett Bay West Passage renewable energy cable corridor

a. The Narragansett Bay West Passage renewable energy cable corridor is an approximate 600-meter-wide corridor as depicted in the figures in §§ 1.3.1(S)(5)(b) through (j) of this Part. The West Passage cable corridor begins at a point south of Sachuest Point in Middletown at the 3-nautical mile limit of state waters and heads west towards the “Narragansett Bay Traffic Lane Inbound” as marked on NOAA nautical chart 13218. The corridor then heads northwest across the “Pilot Boarding Area” and around the “restricted area” identified on the same chart. From that point on the north side of the restricted area, the corridor heads north into the West Passage of Narragansett Bay between Bonnet Point and Beavertail Point. The corridor continues north within the West Passage, passing on the west side of Dutch Island, and continues north towards the Jamestown-Verrazano Bridge. The corridor crosses beneath the bridge and proceeds north following deeper water depths west of Conanicut Island. North of Hull Point on the Conanicut Island shore, the corridor turns west-northwest to a landfall along the southern shoreline of Quonset Point in North Kingstown. The cable corridor boundary extends along the shoreline between Blue Beach on the west and the Martha’s Vineyard Fast Ferry on the east, following the mean higher high water limit. The turning point coordinates identified in each detail map panel are listed in the table in § 1.3.1(S)(5)(K) of this Part.
b. Overall locus map
e. Detailed map panel 3

f. Detailed map panel 4
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6. [Reserved] Sakonnet River renewable energy cable corridor
To Little Compton Town Council,

I am a graduate student working with the StewMAP Southeastern New England project (StewMAP SNE), which aims to strengthen community capacity for stewardship by mapping where stewardship organizations work, what they do, and who they work with. This project is part of the SNEP Network.

I am reaching out because you were identified as a key collaborator in the first round of our project outreach. As a valuable organization engaged in stewardship activities in New England, would you like to join your peers by completing our survey to help our project?

This involves 1) answering questions about your group’s stewardship activities, 2) broadly mapping where your group works, and 3) listing key collaborators. Information collected will only be about your organization, not about individuals. (See below for details.)

If you feel that you are not able to represent your organization in the survey, please let us know who you think we should speak with. If you are the correct contact person for Little Compton Town Council, then I can send you the link to the survey address shortly. Before sending out the survey, would you please confirm that this is the best email address to contact you?

Feel free to ask any questions or requests for more information by replying to this email, or browsing the additional details below.

Thank you very much and take care!

Sincerely,

Casey Merkle on behalf of the StewMAP SNE Team

Project details:

- **What is StewMAP SNE?** A survey and public database that will map where stewardship organizations work, show what they do, and how different groups form stewardship networks. This project is part of the SNEP Network.
- **Who participates?** Environmental stewardship groups in the Southeastern New England region.
- **Why?** To strengthen community capacity for stewardship in the Southeastern New England region and empower communities to achieve healthy watersheds, sustainable financing and long-term climate resilience through management of stormwater and restoration projects.

This email is meant to identify the proper survey participant(s) and does not contain a link to the survey. Once identified, we will send the participating person(s) the survey link, which will also contain a consent form and burden statement. This project has been approved by the Rhode Island School of Design Human Subjects Review and is under the supervision of Dr. Bryce DuBois (who can be contacted at bdubois@risd.edu, or 413-
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RI

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2021 – H 5280 AND 2021 – S 0106
ACTS RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT
AND RECYCLING ACT OF 2021

WHEREAS, Single-use beverage containers are significant contributors to litter and marine
debris; and,

WHEREAS, Recycling collection rates for beverage containers in Rhode Island are significantly
lower than recycling collection rates for beverage containers in states with container deposit
systems; and

WHEREAS, Source-separated beverage containers collected via container deposit systems are
more likely to be recycled into new beverage containers than are containers collected via mixed-
stream recycling; and,

WHEREAS, Container deposit systems help create environmentally friendly local jobs; and,

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of residents of and visitors
to Rhode Island to protect our environment and our natural resources by improving recycling rates
and waste diversion through a container deposit system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown
hereby requests that the General Assembly act favorably and pass 2021 – H 5280 and 2021 - S
0106; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of
this resolution to the Town of Charlestown’s representatives in the R.I. General Assembly.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council at a meeting held on February 8, 2021.

Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RI

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2021 – H 5113
AN ACT RELATING TO MINIATURE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING

WHEREAS, the prevalence of roadside litter of miniature alcoholic beverage containers, often referred to a “nips” is undesirable and unhealthy; and,

WHEREAS, many states have determined that nominal refundable deposits when purchasing these nips has reduced roadside litter of these containers between 30 to 60 percent and increased recycling rates significantly; and

WHEREAS, requiring refundable deposits upon purchase of these containers will place the obligation to return the used container upon the purchaser and not require the public to undertake the continued clean-up of these containers when discarded along roadsides; and,

WHEREAS, increasing recycling of these products will help to extend the life-span of Rhode Island’s central landfill; and,

WHEREAS, uncollected deposits will be converted to fund environmental programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby requests that the General Assembly act favorably and pass 2021 – H 5113; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Charlestown’s representatives in the R.I. General Assembly.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council at a meeting held on February 8, 2021.

Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC
Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk
DATE: January 27, 2020

TO: Governor Gina Raimondo
House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi
Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio
North Providence Senators and Representatives

FROM: MaryAnn DeAngelus, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution 21-02

Enclosed please find Resolution 21-02, which was passed by the North Providence Town Council on January 26, 2021, in support of lifting the restrictions on small businesses due to COVID-19. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

MaryAnn DeAngelus
MARYANN DEANGELUS, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
R21-02

At a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Providence held January 26, 2021, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted as follows:

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the State of Rhode Island has enacted a number of executive orders and health directives that have negatively impacted Rhode Island’s small business community; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island’s small business community is comprised of a wide array of diverse business owners, employees and vendors who together make up the heart and soul of our state’s economy while providing employment and financial security for hundreds of Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, While well-intentioned, some directives, mandates and executive orders-in particular, the arbitrary 10:00 p.m. weekday and 10:30 p.m. weekend closing time established on November 8, 2020 have caused significant and in some cases irreparable harm to restaurants, bars, social clubs, stores, vendors, indoor recreational facilities and other small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the harm has not been adequately recognized by the State of Rhode Island, which also has not provided sufficient resources or assistance to the small business community and not signaled when or how small business may return to normal hours of operation, despite those businesses taking numerous precautions and complying with all other mandated health procedures; and

WHEREAS, the closing times established by the state are not enacted with an accompanying scientific or rational explanation, and while initially promised to be temporary in nature, have now been in effect continually for several months;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

RESOLVED: That the North Providence Town Council strongly urges both the Governor and General Assembly to act without delay to allow small businesses to resume their normal operating hours; and

RESOLVED: If the State of Rhode Island is unable or unwilling to remove this restriction, that immediate and decisive action be taken by state leaders to provide significant additional financial assistance to the small businesses that are struggling and negatively affected by this mandate, for the sake of their employees, for the health and welfare of the families that these businesses support and for the future survival of businesses that, because of overly strict mandates and the many challenges and expenses presented by COVID-19, are hanging on by a thread; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Town Clerk to Her Excellency Governor Gina M. Raimondo, to all of the Honorable Representatives and Senators representing the Town of North Providence in the General Assembly, to the Honorable Rhode Island Speaker of the House and Rhode Island Senate President and to all Rhode Island City and Town Councils, who are respectfully urged to also pass this Resolution in support of the small business community.

ADOPTED: January 26, 2021

ATTEST: Maryann DeAngelus
Maryann DeAngelus, Town Clerk

NORTH PROVIDENCE TOWN COUNCIL

BY: ______________________________
   Dino A. Autiello, President
February 1, 2021

Kristen Moniz
208 Long Highway
Little Compton, RI 02837

Carol A. Wordell, Town Clerk
40 Commons
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

Carol,

I am requesting permission to use the Grange Hall for Girl Scout Troop 275. We will be meeting from 5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. every other Tuesday, beginning February 23.

Know that we will respect the Grange property and leave it neat and clean. In addition, we will observe the CDC guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Respectfully,

Kristen Moniz

Kristen Moniz
C:401-323-9490