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

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2021  

AGENDA  

Pledge to the Flag  

Board of License Commissioners: 7:00 PM – Remonstrant’s Hearing – regarding an application for the transfer of a Class A Retail Beverage License now held by Coastal Interests, LLC d/b/a Gleeson’s Wine and Spirits to Meetinghouse Spirits LLC d/b/a Meetinghouse Spirits for premises located at 39 Meeting House Lane.  

Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2021  

* 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be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be withdrawn from the General Order of business and considered in the normal sequence on the agenda.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. Proposal for extension of Special Directive 5  

New Business:  

1. Public Hearing to gather comment regarding proposed projects to be considered for funding by the American Recovery Rescue Plan Act funds – POSTED FOR 7:30 PM  
2. Announcement of availability of $4 million in outdoor recreation funding to help communities build and expand local recreational resources through Dept. of Environmental Management  
3. Request from the Recreation Committee to consider:  
   a. Check and change rain sensor battery on Hayes field shed during the year specifically at daylight savings time and standard time
b. Send out an RFP requesting electrical engineering for town tennis court lighting including a photometrics component

c. Finish construction on Hayes field shed not to exceed $3,000 specifically including trap door on well pump

4. Recent resignation of a member of the public works staff, request from Town Administrator to advertise to Union of vacancy and to public upon expiration of deadline for Union application

Board of License Commissioners:

1. Request from the LC Community Center for a one-day Class F Retail Beverage License for a Fall Community Concert event to be held October 12, 2021 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the street in front of the community center.

Communications:

1. Request from the LC Village Improvement Society to change the date of a Plant Sale previously scheduled for May 14, 2022 to May 7, 2022 due to conflicts with outside organizations. A request to reschedule has been forwarded to the Recreation Committee for their approval.

2. Abatement list submitted by the Tax Assessor

Consent:

1. Electronic communication from the Programs Administrator, Extension Educator, Kathleen M. Mallon Outreach Center announcing a round table discussion on solar siting tradeoffs in Rhode Island to be held October 8, 2021.

2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the New Shoreham Town Council in support of Block Island Pride Sept. 16-19, 2022

3. Copy of a letter from the Beach commission to Mr. Jeff Raposo concerning his comments on the beach being for residents only.

4. Proclamation from the Town of Bristol declaring October as Dysautonomia Awareness Month.

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.
NOTICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Pursuant to Title 3-5-19 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended; NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been received for the transfer of the name of a retailer’s beverage license Class A held by Coastal Interests, LLC d/b/a Gleeson’s Wine and Spirits to Meetinghouse Spirits LLC d/b/a Meetinghouse Spirits for premises located at 39 Meeting House Lane.

Remonstrants against the above application will be heard by the Board of License Commissioners in a public hearing to be held on September 23, 2021 at 7:00 o’clock PM in the Town Hall, Town Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI.

Board of License Commissioners

By Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on September 9th, A.D. 2021 at 7:00 o’clock PM in the Town Hall, Town Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas, Patrick McHugh, Andrew W. Moore, and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator and Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor.

At 7:00 PM the Council President called the meeting to order with a Pledge to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor McHugh, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the August 19, 2021 Town Council meeting minutes.

School Superintendent, Lori Dias Mitchell spoke briefly about a $50,000.00 grant received for the development of Stage 1 Needs Assessment from R.I. Department of Education (RIDE). She then introduced Phil Conte, President and CEO of Studio JAED, an Engineering and Architect Company who gave a detailed presentation for the many aspects of both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the “Necessity of School Construction Process” for RIIDE. Stage 1 is required to be submitted by September 15, 2021. Mr. Conte continued his presentation to explain Stage 2 of the process where solutions are offered in response to the submitted needs assessment and are developed in collaboration with the Council. Stage 2 offers a 10 year plan including deferred maintenance, capital improvements, and pragmatic enhancements and is to be submitted for February 2022. Approval is being sought for the Stage 1 submission, although it is not required from Council until Stage 2.

Councilor Mataronas commented on the late receipt of the information for the Council, suggesting future submissions with such a large amount of information are given adequate time for review. Town Solicitor also commented on best practices would be to not give just 48 hours before a meeting for such a matter. The Councilors were concerned they will need to answer to the public on this matter and should have been better informed. It was noted that the Stage 1 submission is more of a wish list and the Stage 2 submission will define anticipated projects the town chooses to move forward with. Councilors were opposed to a proposal listed for Stage 1 for a new vehicle drop off around the playground area. After review of the process to date and noting that the Council’s approval is not required until Stage 2 the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To thank Phil Conte of Studio JAED for a very informative presentation of the Stage 1 proposal under a RIIDE Necessity of School Construction; to take no action at this time and place the presentation on file.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To accept the Department Head Reports and place them on file.

Councilor McHugh asked Town Clerk, Carol Wordell for an update on the hybrid meeting process for upstairs in the Town Hall. Town Clerk, Carol Wordell responded the process would be anticipated for October 2021. Councilor McHugh also noted that the Finance Director was not present at the meeting, but wondered what the COVID Reimbursements listed within his report meant. Town Administrator, Tony Teixeira responded that the Fire Chief and Finance Director track COVID expenses for potential reimbursement to the town.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To set an effective date of January 1, 2022 for the amendment to Chapter 8 of the Little Compton Town Code adopted by vote of the Council August 19, 2021.

Town Administrator, Antonio Teixeira explained that an effective date of January 1, 2022 would allow time for appropriate signage at the transfer station and communication to public.
Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To approve actions cited in a memo from the Town Administrator where the timeline for paving Maple Avenue is offered, letters are to be sent to each Maple Avenue resident informing them of the paving and a request to authorize a RFP to be advertised soliciting contractors for the paving and drainage project.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor McHugh, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To hold a Public Hearing on September 23, 2021 to review American Recovery Plan Act recommended funding projects.

Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor left the dais and Chambers briefly at 8:14 PM returning at 8:16 PM.

At 8:16 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a request from the LC Game Club for a Class F-1 one day Beverage License for a clambake to be held on September 19, 2021 at the John Dyer Road Facility.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To acknowledge and approve a request of the Tax Assessor to correct a typographical error with the account number used on an abatement granted August 19, 2021. (Account #08-0120-00 should have been #08-0120-20)

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Moore, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file without comment a communication received from the Technical Director of SWCA Environmental Consultants with supporting documents relating to the South Fork Wind Farm Project.

Councilor Mataronas mentioned that the requested comments relate to historical underwater landmarks in the area of the South Fork Wind Farm Project and does not affect Little Compton.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): 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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Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file the letter sent to Town Administrator RE: Notice of Intent for the Sunrise Wind Farm Project.

Councilor Mataronas commented that the Commercial Fisherman in the area are against the Sunrise Wind Farm Project.

Councilor McHugh requested to read and discuss briefly consent calendar #3. Councilor McHugh asked if there is a requirement in place for Town Employees to be vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus. A response of no was given.
Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): To place the consent calendar on file as follows:

1. Electronic mail from Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District announcing a farm tour Sept. 25, 2021 at the Barrington Farm School, 100 Federal Rd, Barrington
2. Copy of electronic mail from the RI General Treasurer highlighting the Crime Victims Compensation Program (link posted on the website for this resource)
3. Copy of Vaccination Resolution for the Little Compton School Department, policy manual, adopted August 11, 2021
4. Out of Office notice from the Fire Chief designating Captain Watt as his replacement during his absence

Councilor McHugh asked for an explanation as to what the CIA Tech bill was, receiving an explanation from the Town Clerk, Carol Wordell of partial expenses for the GIS - Assessors Maps digitization project.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, Moore, McHugh, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid: $104,012.85

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At 8:22 PM the Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to enter into executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(2) – litigation Claim 118236-EO-01 RUS-Manchester, South Shore Beach. All Councilors voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, McHugh, Moore, Mushen)

Present at this time Councilor Mushen, Councilor Mataronas, Councilor Moore, Councilor McHugh, Councilor Golembeske, Town Administrator, Antonio Teixeira and Town Solicitor, Richard S. Humphrey.

A brief recess was taken to allow the public to leave the chambers. At 8:25 PM the executive session convened with a brief update by the Town Solicitor, Richard S. Humphrey on the Manchester claim at South Shore Beach. No actions were taken.

At 8:29 PM the Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to come out of executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(2) – litigation Claim 118236-EO-01 RUS-Manchester, South Shore Beach. All Councilors voting in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, McHugh, Moore, Mushen)

The Council President Mushen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Little Compton
Office of the Council President
Post Office Box 226
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

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24 September 2021

Special Directive 5 (Revision 14)

Extension of State of Emergency in Town of Little Compton

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19, as set forth in Executive Order 20-02 issued by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on 9 March 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Little Compton Town Council on 16 March 2020 adopted a Declaration of Emergency and Emergency Ordinance due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, confirming the authority of the Town Council President to declare a state of emergency in the Town of Little Compton, and

WHEREAS, said state of emergency in the Town was renewed and amended on 30 April 2020, and subsequently has been extended through 24 September 2021, and

WHEREAS, further extension is in order due to the continued danger to health and safety.

NOW THEREFORE, the Little Compton Town Council on 23 September 2021 extended the state of emergency in the Town through 22 October 2021, unless renewed, modified or terminated by subsequent order.

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Robert L. Mushen
President, Little Compton Town Council
NOTICE
Public Hearing
American Recovery Rescue Plan Act funding
September 23, 2021 at 7:30 PM
Location: Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI.

The purpose of this public hearing is to gather public input on proposed candidate projects to be considered for funding by American Recovery Rescue Plan funds.

A list of the proposed projects are as follows:

- **Infrastructure**
  - Upgrade water supply piping to town buildings
  - Upgrade sewer line piping to town buildings
  - Correct town leaching field discrepancies
  - Accelerate town road repairs schedule in the recently developed plan
- **Broadband/Fiber**
  - Upgrade current internet access to improve efficiency and reception
- **Award to Sub-recipient: Little Compton Community Center**
  - Renovate kitchen to improve service to seniors and allow emergency shelter and warming/cooling center
- **Town Building Upgrades**
  - Town Hall
  - Public Safety Complex
  - Replacement Public Works Building
- **Restore antique lantern streetlights in the Commons and Adamsville**

Non-profits, outside agencies and citizens may submit potential proposals in written format or submit comments in-person during the public hearing. Proposals submitted will be considered by the council for potential inclusion of the ARPA funding application. Written submittals must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk, 40 Commons, PO Box 226, Little Compton, RI 02837 by the close of business September 23, 2021.

Notice posted: September 14, 2021
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Friday, September 17, 2021

GOV. MCKEE AND DEM ANNOUNCE AVAILABILITY OF $4 MILLION IN OUTDOOR RECREATION FUNDING TO HELP COMMUNITIES BUILD AND EXPAND LOCAL RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

PROVIDENCE – Governor Dan McKee and the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) announce today that $4 million in outdoor recreation matching grants is available to help local municipalities and Native American tribes acquire, develop, or renovate outdoor recreational facilities in their communities. The grant round is now open, with a deadline of Dec. 17, 2021. Funding provided through the 2021 Beach, Clean Water and Green Bond – which Rhode Island voters approved by a margin of almost 80 percent last March – is capitalizing the grants.

Since the inception of DEM’s community recreation grant program in 1988, 541 grants have been awarded and more than $85 million invested in improvements in all 39 Rhode Island communities. Recreation development grants require a 20 percent community match. Applicants can apply for either small grants for grant funding up to $100,000 or large grants for grant funding up to $400,000.

“Access to green space and clean, functional recreation facilities improves health, promotes stronger social ties, and enhances neighborhood satisfaction and pride,” said Governor McKee. “Our network of bikeways, open spaces, and other recreational assets help attract people and businesses to Rhode Island.”

Recreation acquisition grants require a 50 percent match and are capped at $400,000. Applicants are encouraged to review the grant instructions available at www.dem.ri.gov/plangrants. Scoring criteria is established by the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCROP). Well-planned, well-described projects in urban, distressed, and environmental justice areas will score particularly well. As part of a larger network of recreational opportunities in the state, municipal facilities play an important role in beautifying communities, supporting public health, strengthening climate resilience, and

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promoting a cleaner environment.

A virtual pre-application workshop is scheduled in October. Details below:

Topic: RI Outdoor Recreation Grant Round 2022  
Time: Oct. 20, 2021 10 AM  
Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3947594847  
Meeting ID: 394 759 4847 - Call in number: 1-929-205-6099

Electronic applications are encouraged and should be forwarded to Lisa McGreavy in DEM’s Division of Planning and Development at lisa.mcgreavy@dem.ri.gov by 3 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2021. Proposals and supporting materials also may be mailed to Ms. McGreavy’s attention at DEM, Division of Planning and Development, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908. Rhode Island municipalities and recognized Native American tribes are eligible to apply.

DEM’s GreenSpace programs – which include Outdoor Recreation, Local Open Space, and Recreational Trail grants – fund land conservation, recreational land acquisition and development, and recreational trail development and improvements statewide. Rhode Island’s historic parks, bikeways, and green spaces provide opportunity for public enjoyment – in addition to improving the health of the environment, strengthening the state’s climate resilience, and supporting the economy. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation in Rhode Island generates $2.4 billion in consumer spending and supports 24,000 local jobs.

For more information on DEM programs and initiatives, visit www.dem.ri.gov. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RhodeIslandDEM or on Twitter (@RhodeIslandDEM) for timely updates.

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Good Morning,

- The Recreation Committee has voted in the affirmative and recommends to the town council the following.
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  1. Check and change rain sensor battery on Hayes field shed during the year specifically at daylight saving time and standard time.
  2. Send out an RFP requesting electrical engineering for town tennis court lighting including a photometrics component.
  3. Finish construction on Hayes field shed not to exceed $3000.00 specifically including trap door on well pump.
To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
       Town Administrator

Date: September 23, 2021

Subject: Department of Public Works Vacancy

Shawn Mottram, a current DPW employee, has provided a letter of resignation with a last day of employment September 30, 2021. Due to his resignation, I will be posting his position for a seven (7) day period in the Town Hall bulletin board and notify the Union President as per Article 8, Section 2.

If no responses are received after the seven days, I ask that the Honorable Town Council authorizes me to advertise for a Maintenance Personnel/Laborer.

Timeline:

- Internal posting for seven days – September 24, 2021 through Friday, October 1, 2021
- Advertise (if necessary) October 6 through October 15, 2021
- Interview and provide recommendation(s) for October 21st Town Council meeting

I respectfully ask that you acknowledge the hiring process as detailed above.
September 13, 2021

Town Council Members  
c/o Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk  
Town Hall  
Little Compton, RI 02837

Dear Council Members,

The Community Center requests a one-day Class F liquor license for the following Fall Community Concert event which will involve the Center selling beer or wine to attendees. The date is as follows:
  • October 13, 2021 from 6 pm to 8 pm

Our TIPS certified staff will bartend at this event, as usual, and food will be served. Our insurance policy requires that one of our TIPS-certified staff members serve all alcohol on site to protect the Community Center from liability, as well as to protect the town of Little Compton as a named insured on our policy.

In addition, the Community Center requests that the street in front of the Community Center be blocked to traffic during this concert, which will be free to the public. We will follow any COVID-19 restrictions in force at the time. I will be happy to work with both the Police Department and the Fire Department regarding the details if this request is approved.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Aimee B. Lotz  
Associate Director, Little Compton Community Center

Cc: Police Chief Raynes  
    Fire Chief Petrin
September 16, 2021

Dear Esteemed Council Members,

The Little Compton Village Improvement Society would like to change the date of our previously approved plant sale on Veterans Field from May 14, 2022 to May 7, 2022.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mikel Folcarelli
President LCVIS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

To the Honorable Town Council

Dear Council Members:

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

ABATEMENTS: See attached list totaling ninety-one dollars and twenty cents ($91.20).

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA
Tax Assessor
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Dear RI municipal planners,

I hope this email finds you happy and healthy, enjoying the end of summer.

I am working alongside Dr. Corey Lang in the URI Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics on a USDA-funded integrated research and extension focused on solar siting tradeoffs in Rhode Island. You can learn more about our project here.

As part of this project, we are hosting a series of round table discussions to engage stakeholders working in and impacted by solar siting. Our first session for state-level policy makers and legislators was attended by Terry Gray and Ken Ayars of RIDEM, Paul Gonsalves of DSP, Chris Keams of RI OER, Senators DiMaria and Sosnowski, Representatives Speakman and Cortvriend, and a few others.

We are excited to engage municipal planners in our second roundtable session on Friday, October 8, 2021 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.. We are hosting an in-person session, but will also provide for folks to attend virtually via Zoom or by phone. We will serve light refreshments in-person (masks are required).

We’ve attached a flyer (PDF) here with more information.

Here is the link to register: https://uri.co1.qualtrics.com/fe/form/SV_cUObWhFl5Nty0E6

We hope to see you on October 8th in Kingston, or on Zoom.

All the best,

Kate

Kate Venturini Hardesty (she/her/hers)
Programs Administrator, Extension Educator
Kathleen M. Mallon Outreach Center
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URI Cooperative Extension...We’ve got science behind us.
WHEREAS, in June of 1969, the Stonewall Uprising sparked the gay liberation movement in the United States, and worldwide, and has since served as the anchor for recognizing Pride events internationally.

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (LGBTQ+) people still experience harassment and discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity locally, nationally and internationally.

WHEREAS, although much progress has been made, including, but not limited to, gaining civil rights protections in Rhode Island in 1995 and 2001, winning the right to marry in Rhode Island in 2013, and nationally in 2015, more progress needs to be made; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Town of New Shoreham denounce prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Shoreham appreciate the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of LGBTQ+ community which strengthen our social welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all of the people in our community feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression; and

WHEREAS, this Council seeks to affirm that the town and all residents of New Shoreham should recognize, value and maintain an inclusive environment with members of the LGBTQ+ community, their families and families of all compositions, whether they call New Shoreham home or are visiting, and cultivate New Shoreham's reputation as a safe harbor for members of the LGBTQ+ community and their families; and

WHEREAS, Pride is a time to celebrate the right to live authentically and to be proud of who you are instead of ashamed by a social stigma that was, and unfortunately still is, a reality in our society; and

WHEREAS, expressions of community solidarity and celebration promote further efforts toward the full legal, social and cultural equality for members of the LGBTQ+ community, within New Shoreham, state-wide and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The New Shoreham Town Council, officially recognizes, supports and joyously celebrates “Block Island Pride” and urges residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, justice and individual freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council directs the town manager to raise the Pride Flag at Town Hall between and including September 16, 2021 and September 19, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution, be transmitted to New Shoreham’s State Senator and Representative in the General Assembly, our Senator and Representative in Congress, all cities and towns in the State of Rhode Island and the Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we decree that this resolution be made a part of the permanent record of the Town of New Shoreham. Witness our hands and seal this 13th day of September, 2021.

First Warden Andre Boudreau

Town Councilor Martha Ball

Town Councilor Mark Emmanuelle

Second Warden Steven Bisguy

Town Councilor Keith Stover

Attest: Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick
September 6, 2021

Mr. Jeff Raposo
37 Sakonnet Trail
Little Compton, RI 02837

RE: Letter sent requesting beach be for Town Residents only

Dear Jeff:

Thank you for your interest and suggestion in your recent letter to the Town Council regarding having the beach be for residents only.

This idea has been brought up numerous times over the years and has been carefully considered but deemed not to be feasible.

The real estate taxes you referenced in your letter do not support the beach in any way. At this time, the beach relies solely on the revenue generated from non-resident day and season passes to operate.

Thank you again for your suggestion.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gould
Secretary
Little Compton Beach Commission
Per:
Bill Ryan – Chairman
Mikel Folcarelli
Joe Malato
Don Medeiros
Samantha Snow

CC: Little Compton Town Council
Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

PROCLAMATION

Be it hereby known to all that:

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more;

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare diseases, such as Multiple System Atrophy and Pure Autonomic Failure, while other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting millions of people in the US and around the world, such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurocardiogenic Syncope and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome;

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race or background, including many individuals living in Bristol;

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling and this disability can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship;

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones;

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community;

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world;

WHEREAS, we seek to recognize the contributions of the professional medical community, patients and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia in Bristol.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Bristol declares the month of October to be DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and affixed the SEAL of the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island on adoption this day of.

[Signatures]

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk