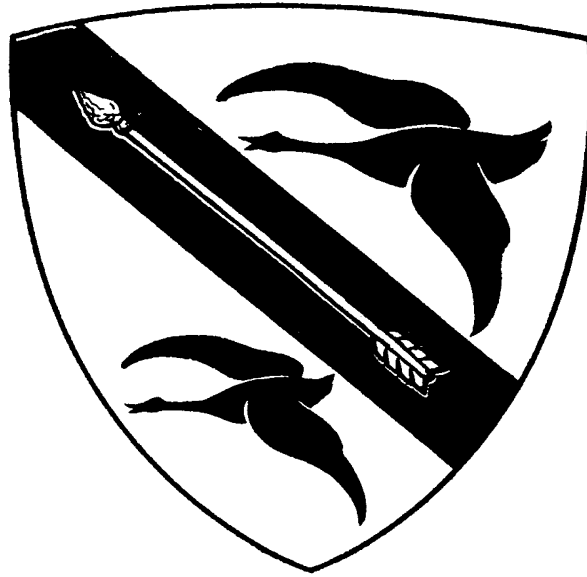


**Little Compton, Rhode Island
FOUNDED 1675**



**REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE
to the
ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING**

**TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, R.I.
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
at 7:00 PM**

Location: Wilbur-McMahon School Auditorium/Gymnasium 28 Commons

**Transportation will be available via the Little Compton senior bus to attend the
Financial Town Meeting on May 21st**

**If you would like to reserve your seat call the Little Compton Senior Bus
Mailbox at 777-9700 by 4 pm on Monday May 20th**

Please keep this report with you for use during the meeting.

Public Hearing - Friday, May 3, 2024

at 7:00 pm, LC Town Hall, Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton.

Please monitor the town website for further information on the meeting.

www.littlecomptonri.org

Little Compton Financial Town Meeting Procedures

May 21, 2024

Scott A. Morrison
Town Moderator

- The **quorum** for Financial Town Meeting (“FTM”) is five (5) percent of registered voters, as provided by Section 305 of the Little Compton Home Rule Charter. Please make every effort to remain until the end of the meeting. Our business is not complete until the tax levy and borrowing authority are approved.
- **Seating:** Please remain seated during the meeting, except for purposes of debate and voting. The votes of anyone standing in back or along the side will not be recognized. In addition, non-voters should be seated in the roped-off area on the bleachers, unless the Moderator has previously given individuals permission to be seated elsewhere.
- **Powers of the moderator:** Charter Section 305 provides that the “Town Moderator shall have all of the authority conferred upon moderators by State law in conducting and managing the business of Town meetings.” Section 45-3-18 of the Rhode Island General Laws reads, in its entirety: “Every moderator has the power to manage and regulate the business of each meeting, conforming to law, and to maintain peace and good order at the meeting.”
- **Motions and amendments:** The Charter (Section 502.A.) provides that the Budget Committee “shall have the primary responsibility for evaluation of all requests for appropriation by the Financial Town Meeting . . . and for presenting a proposed budget to the Annual Financial Town Meeting.” Thus, the Budget Committee will be recognized for the purposes of making the first motion (or “main motion”) on each warrant article involving the appropriation of funds. That motion, after receiving a second, will of course be subject to amendment. We will deal with and dispose of one amendment at a time. That is, we will not act on amendments to amendments. Any substantial amendment should be prepared and presented to the Moderator in written form.

A motion for adoption of warrant articles in a group is permitted under Section 304 of the Home Rule Charter. However, amendment and debate of individual warrant items within such a grouping are also permitted. Amendments may also be offered to separate one or more warrant articles from a motion involving a group of articles. Furthermore, amendments that encompass several articles may also be proposed. Finally, Section 304 provides that “the order of items to be considered . . . may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the electors present and voting.”
- **Discussion and debate:** If you wish to make a motion or speak to a motion, please come to a microphone on the floor. Please identify yourself when you speak. State law provides that all electors who “desire to be heard” on a motion are entitled to be heard—but electors are not entitled to be heard repeatedly or interminably. If you have been heard once on a question, you will not be recognized again unless and until all others speaking to that question have been heard. Any questions for town officials or others should be addressed to and through the Moderator. All voters are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and civil manner. Comments directed at personalities will not be tolerated.
- **Voting:** I will first ask for a voice vote on a question, calling for ayes and nays. If conclusive, I will declare the results of the vote. If I am in doubt on a voice vote, I will call for a standing vote, which will be counted by the tellers, two of whom will count each section. Remain standing until you are instructed by the tellers to be seated. Please be patient so that we can achieve an accurate vote count. Once I have declared the outcome of a voice or standing vote, there is no opportunity for a recount.
- **Voting by ballot:** State law provides that “a vote shall be taken by ballot, if a ballot is called for and the call is seconded by at least one-fifth (1/5) of the electors who are qualified to vote on the pending question.” A motion for a vote by ballot must be made before I have called for and concluded a vote by other means, such as a voice or standing vote. In the event of a vote by ballot, we will use ballots and the optical-scanning voting machine provided to us by the Board of Elections. Please follow closely the direction of the tellers in voting section by section and row by row. The tellers will direct you to the outside aisles. You’ll then be handed a ballot. Mark it “yes” or “no” at one of the voting booths, insert it into the voting machine, and then return to your seat by the center aisle.

Voters of Little Compton,

The Little Compton Budget Committee is pleased to present our recommended budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, based on our intensive review of departmental budget requests, a citizen stroke and other expenditure requests, we are confident that this is a fiscally responsible budget. We have also reviewed the results of the yearly town financial audit as this information is crucial to our process. Enclosed is a list of each budget request along with the recommendation of the Budget Committee.

This year's Financial Town Meeting (FTM) will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Wilbur McMahon School gymnasium.

The Little Compton Budget Committee would like to thank all of the department heads, town officials, community organizations and concerned citizens who took the time to appear before the committee to present information and/or testimony critical to making an informed recommendation to the taxpayers of Little Compton.

The Budget Committee has high confidence that the Town of Little Compton is in excellent financial standing. A vote in favor of the enclosed budget, with the recommendations of the Little Compton Budget Committee, will result in an approximate \$0.12/per thousand dollar increase in the property tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2025. The Little Compton Budget Committee is focused on keeping property taxes low, while maintaining or enhancing our town services.

The Budget Committee would like to highlight several items for discussion that are enclosed in this document.

Article #5: The Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust (Ag Trust) has submitted a request to increase the transfer tax exemption amount from \$300,000 to \$450,000 while maintaining the existing 4% tax rate. This would take effect July 1, 2024. The Little Compton Budget Committee supports the mission of the Ag Trust to preserve land for agricultural and recreational use. Since its creation in 1985, the Ag Trust has acquired an extensive portfolio of properties, which has helped Little Compton maintain its rural character. However, current economic conditions have resulted in a decrease in the town's population of young families, and as a result, a decline in student population at our school. New families who may wish to purchase a home in Little Compton are instead choosing more affordable options due to skyrocketing median home values, currently at \$1,170,700.00 (Source: Little Compton Tax Assessor). For first-time (young) homebuyers, the transfer tax may be an additional financial burden on those that can afford to buy a home here. Using this tax income to buy undeveloped land and restrict development of new homes contributes to the Town's overarching affordability and housing issues. Buying and preserving undeveloped land removes property from the tax roll and stunts future tax growth. Based on these factors, the opinion of the Budget Committee is that the transfer tax, at its current rate or at the new rate being proposed by the Ag Trust, contributes to Little Compton being an unaffordable destination for families and funds the restriction of new housing supply. The effects of this change can be revisited by the Ag Trust, Budget Committee, and public during the next budget season. At that time, the exemption and tax rates can be modified again, if necessary.

Article #7: In 2023, a citizen stroke for the amount of \$250,000.00 was presented for consideration and recommended by the Little Compton Budget Committee to repair/replace the tennis/pickleball courts. This citizen stroke was recommended to the taxpayers by the Budget Committee, based on the information presented that the \$250,000.00 amount would cover both the engineering, planning and construction costs. The citizen stroke was approved by the voters at the 2023 Financial Town Meeting (FTM). The Recreation Committee, utilizing \$25,000.00 of those funds approved by the taxpayers hired an engineering firm to conduct a study of the existing facilities to determine the estimated cost for repair/replacement. These findings were then presented to the Recreation Committee. Unfortunately, the study found that the previous construction methods and materials used would not result in a product that would meet the pre-determined life expectancy.

The engineering firm then presented four (4) repair/replacement options to the Recreation Committee, ranging in cost from \$342,657.00 to \$582,158.00, not including lighting. The Recreation Committee then voted to recommend a "post-tension" concrete replacement option at a cost of the \$582,158.00, not including the cost for the installation of lighting. The Town Council then voted to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Committee, based on the 25-year warranty of the option chosen.

This year, the Budget Committee was presented with a second citizen stroke requesting the amount of \$350,000.00 in additional funding towards this project. The new stroke, as written, states that the funds, if approved at Financial Town Meeting, would be allocated towards the "replacement of the tennis/pickleball court as well as the installation of a new lighting system". This has put the Budget Committee in a difficult position. Based on the information received from the engineer, the discrepancy between the anticipated and the actual

costs of this project could unintentionally appear misleading to our taxpayers. In the opinion of the Budget Committee, the original 2023 citizen stroke was not presented before the town with any intent to deceive the taxpayers. The results of the engineering study simply reveal that the condition of the tennis/pickleball court was much worse than originally anticipated. The LC Budget Committee clearly understands the validity and demand for this project and it has our complete support.

The Budget Committee is required, by Town Charter, to consider each citizen stroke, as written, when making a recommendation. The requested amount of this year's citizen stroke (\$350,000.00) combined with the remaining balance of the funds of (\$225,000.00) approved last year, will not cover both the cost of the tennis/pickleball court replacement and the installation of lighting. According to the engineer, the lighting is estimated to be around \$137,000.00, for a total project cost of approximately \$700,000.00.

The LC Budget Committee believes that this project, and any other projects of this magnitude, that involves the town's recreational facilities should be classified as a "Capital Improvement Project" under the oversight of the Recreation Committee with the funds for these projects allocated to the town capital budget. Funding for these projects should be accumulated over the course of several years from both the town and independent fundraising, as will be the case in this project. This would eliminate any sudden tax burden on the taxpayers by spreading out the projected costs over several years.

After careful analysis of the engineering study and funding projections necessary to complete the full scope of this project, including lighting, the LC Budget Committee does not recommend, as written, the citizen stroke for the amount of \$350,000.00. The LC Budget Committee does recommend that the taxpayers approve the sum of \$175,000.00 to be appropriated to the Recreation Capital Improvement Fund routed through the Recreation Committee for allocation towards the overall cost of this project. The remaining balance of the funds from the 2023 citizen stroke should also be transferred into the capital fund to support this project (\$225,000.00). Revenues gathered through fundraising efforts should be allocated in a designated fund created by the Finance Director for this specific purpose. The Budget Committee wishes to convey the sentiment that, in future years, projects of this scope and magnitude, should be addressed by the Town Council, so the most expedient and efficient means of planning and funding can be attained.

Article #14: The Little Compton Community Center has requested the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to support the Little Compton Senior Lunch Program, hosted each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Director of the LC Community Center appeared before the Budget Committee to discuss their plan to increase the number of meals provided to Little Compton seniors to **nine thousand-two hundred (9,200)** meals this year, to satisfy the increasing demand. The Little Compton Community Center has been an outstanding partner, providing much needed nutrition to our seniors, while also providing an important opportunity for seniors to socialize with fellow community members. This also provides an opportunity for the town and community organizations to connect with our seniors and to make them aware of additional community events and outreach services. The Community Center is providing both their facilities and staff to support this program at no cost to the town. The Budget Committee has learned that the Community Center hosts this program at a significant expense to their own budget. Estimated to be around twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) each year. It is the opinion of the Budget Committee that the town should fund the complete cost of this program, allowing the LC Community Center to utilize their own funds to support other critical programs that support our youth, seniors and civic organizations. Based on these findings, the Budget Committee recommends an increase to the LC Community Center's requested funding amount to thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2025.

Article #15: The Little Compton Food Bank provides a critical service to both our seniors and our low-income families. This year, the LC Food Bank is requesting an amount of fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to support their efforts for the Fiscal Year 2025. Representatives of the LC Food Bank appeared before the Budget Committee to discuss their efforts and plans for the upcoming year. The LC Food Bank has informed the Budget Committee that demand for their services is at an all-time high. Due to the current economic conditions and increased cost of living, many seniors and low-income families rely on the LC Food Bank for their basic nutritional needs. The LC Food Bank has also informed the Budget Committee that the requested amount of fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) would not be enough to realistically meet the demand of the community for the upcoming year, including the other financial support and donations they receive. We commend the staff LC Food Bank for their fiscally minded request, but understand that this program is vital to our community and needs to be funded appropriately. Therefore, the Budget Committee recommends an increase in the funding request from the Little Compton Food Bank to thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars for Fiscal Year 2025.

Tax Relief/Hardship Exemptions: The LC Budget Committee would like to remind taxpayers that property tax relief/hardship exemptions are available through the LC Tax Assessor's Office. There are opportunities for senior citizens, members of the military and veterans, disabled residents and low- income families to seek tax relief based on income or other financial hardships. We strongly encourage those who may be interested or may just have questions to meet with the Little Compton Tax Assessor at Town Hall or contact by phone at (401) 635-4519. This process is confidential and participation in any of these programs is not disclosed to the public in any form.

School Capital Improvement Plan/Budgeting: The Wilbur & McMahon School, serving grades PK- 8, is a cornerstone of our community that requires careful planning to maintain and improve. It is important to provide voters and community members with a comprehensive view of both operational and capital budgets. Ensuring that the Budget Committee and public understand the school's budget processes and long-term planning is crucial to fostering a collaborative and trusting relationship between the School Committee, Budget Committee, and the community we serve.

The long-term capital plan for the school, detailed in the recent RIDE Stage II submission, forecasts significant investments aimed at addressing deferred maintenance and improving capital infrastructure critical to the school's operational and educational success. We acknowledge the school administration's effort in preparing these detailed plans. This type of planning is essential for maintaining and enhancing the school's infrastructure and educational capabilities.

The Little Compton Budget Committee's key responsibility is oversight, ensuring funds are utilized effectively. The school's process of using surplus operational funds and transferring those funds to capital projects allows the school to leverage matching funding from state and federal resources. Because the school chooses not to specifically budget for capital projects in their budget requests, the transfer process must be clearly understood by the community. For instance, the school's recent initiative to install solar panels, of which \$185,000.00 was approved at the 2023 Financial Town Meeting (FTM) with the remainder funded by a portion of the school's accumulated surplus, exemplifies prudent capital management. This project not only contributes to significant energy cost savings but also benefits from substantial federal and state reimbursements. Such strategic financial management enables the school to leverage town funds effectively, multiplying the impact of Little Compton taxpayers' contributions through additional state and federal aid. The ability to set aside capital funds for projects related to reimbursable projects allows the school to multiply Little Compton taxpayers' funds with state and federal aid.

To further our commitment to clarity and transparency, we advocate for the Little Compton School Committee and the Administration to enhance their presentation of budget information in future submissions. The school should submit both annual budgets and long-term capital planning documents and projections, along with anticipated matching funds or reimbursements. It is crucial that the flow of funds from operational to capital projects is depicted clearly. Ideally, this presentation of budget information to the LC Budget Committee would be in the form of flow diagrams and multi-year budget sheets with projections of capital projects, highlighting the savings the school is obtaining by leveraging matching funds.

In closing, the members of the Little Compton Budget Committee thank you for your participation in this very important process and for your attendance at the Financial Town Meeting (FTM) on May 21, 2024 at 7:00pm. Based on our detailed research and analysis of the town's finances and budget requests, we respectfully ask for your support and your vote to adopt the recommendations of the Little Compton Budget Committee listed in this report.

Sincerely,

Little Compton Budget Committee

George M. Crowell, Chairman
Corey Soderlund
Brandon E. Pineo
Andrew L. Rhyne
Peter A. Bermudez
Maureen R. Rego, Secretary

SUMMARY OF FISCAL 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS						
<u>Article</u>	<u>General Government</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Employee Benefits</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
27	Town Clerk	172,315	22	Alfred Texeira	1,000	
29	Board of Canvassers	16,000	23	Leonard Corrao	18,915	
30	Budget Committee	9,500	44	OPEB Health Benefits	160,595	
35	Capital Expenditure	250,000	44	Active Health Benefits	795,789	
37	Town Administrator	88,094	45	F.I.C.A., Misc. Benefits	258,319	
38	Town Council	20,428	51	Pension	416,819	
39	Building Dept/Zoning Official	96,304			1,651,437	
40	Inspectors	37,000				
41	Advisory Boards	50,500	<u>Article</u>	<u>Financial</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
46	Insurance	173,257	32	Tax Assessor	130,367	
47	Legal Services	123,000	33	Tax Assessor-Revaluation	45,000	
48	Incidental & Emergency	171,420	31	Finance Department	135,159	
60	Probate Judge	6,525	57	Auditing	35,000	
		1,214,343			345,526	
<u>Article</u>	<u>Information Technologies</u>		<u>Article</u>	<u>Public Welfare</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
56	Computer Services	169,000	16	Senior Citizens Services	16,000	
			17	Director of Social Services	7,731	
<u>Article</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	14	LC Comm. Ctr meals	30,000	
24	School Department	8,571,725	15	Food Bank	30,000	
	Town's portion	8,050,425			83,731	
NOTE: Town portion is \$8,050,425 (2.99 % increase)						
<u>Article</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
18	Police Department	1,242,309	42	Town Beach	316,200	
18	Dispatchers	252,281	43	Beach Capital Budget	14,000	
19	Public Safety Complex	62,880	62	Civic Recreation	62,000	
20	Fire Department	1,159,381			392,200	
21	Ambulance Reimbursement	140,000	<u>Article</u>	<u>Library</u>		
	Subtotal	2,856,851	58	Library	193,410	
<u>Article</u>	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Grants/Charitable</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
34	Wastewater Treatment Facility	10,000	9	Brownell House	10,000	
49	Town Hall	54,400	10	Friends LC Wellness Ctr	15,000	
52	Transfer Station	257,293	11	East Bay Comm Action	750	
53	Department of Public Works	273,104	12	Prevention Coalition	1,000	
54	Highway Department	266,300	13	Eastern RI Cons. District	1,000	
55	Tree Warden	35,000	7	Tennis Courts request	175,000	
59	Street Lights	9,000	8	350th funding request	15,000	
61	I.O.O.F./32 Commons Mtg Hall	8,950			217,750	
		914,047	<u>Article</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
			36	Capital borrowing - Town	236,114	
			25	Bond Debt - School	852,588	
					1,088,702	
Budget Committee Recommended Budget						17,698,722

ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
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1 To authorize and direct the Town Finance Director to receive funds from the State of Rhode Island, the Federal Government, and private and other sources, and to credit these funds to the proper appropriated Town accounts or to other Town Meeting designated accounts. Said funds so received would reimburse the Town for specific expenditures, or be in anticipation of specific expenditures within said accounts. The expenditure of said funds so received exceeding \$300,000, in total, from one source, or for one project or purpose, shall only be spent as authorized by vote of the Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting. All other monies would continue to be deposited into the General Fund.

Budget Comm. Rec: **Approve**

2 To authorize the Town Finance Director to accept private donations to all private funds set up by the Little Compton Town Council. Said funds to be expended only after approval of the various committees and authorization and approval of the Town Council.

Budget Comm. Rec: **Approve**

3 To authorize the Little Compton Housing Trust to receive monies, including State and Federal grant monies, to receive or acquire any real or personal property, by grant, gift, bequest, purchase or devise and to convey or lease real estate and/or buildings, so long as such conveyances shall be in keeping with the purposes of the Housing Trust. Said real or personal property may be held in any manner so long that said acquisition and improvement are consistent with the Mission of the Trust. Furthermore, to authorize the Housing Trust to expend monies from the Housing Trust Fund during Fiscal Year 2025 for the purposes of the Trust, as provided in Section 2-9.2 of the Town Code and Section 710 of the Home Rule Charter.

Budget Comm. Rec: **Approve**

4 To authorize the Reserve Fund to receive up to One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from the accumulated revenues from the lease of the cell tower at the Transfer Station, subject in all respects to the conditions of the Little Compton Town Charter, Section 512. Authorized expenditures from the Reserve Fund in the current fiscal year are to be reimbursed from the cell tower lease revenues in the coming fiscal year.

Budget Comm. Rec: **Approve**

5 LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust
To see if the Town, pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 16 of the Rhode Island Public Laws of 1985, as amended (An Act Establishing the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust"), will: increase the current transfer-tax exemption on real property transfers from \$300,000 of the total purchase price to \$450,000. The \$450,000 exemption and unchanged 4% tax rate will take effect upon approval by electors at Financial Town Meeting.

Budget Comm. Rec: **Approve**
Effective 1st July of next fiscal year per Sections 7 and 8 of the enabling legislation - Town Solicitor's opinion. Please see Budget Committee letter.

6 ARPA FUNDING

Total Voting Amount:	\$677,838	\$572,575	\$572,575
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To authorize the Town Council to expend the remaining sum of \$572,575 of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to accelerate accomplishment of the town's capital project plans, including (but not limited to) a public works building at the Transfer Station and \$50,000.00 for development costs associated with 184 Colebrook Road for the acquisition of property of the LCHT.

Budget Comm. Rec:

7 Pickleball/Tennis Courts

Total Voting Amount:	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$175,000
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To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Three Hundred, Fifty Thousand (\$350,000) Dollars to replace the town tennis and pickleball courts and lights.

Budget Comm. Note: This article was submitted as a private citizen stroke and certified by the Board of Canvassers for inclusion on the warrant. Please see the Budget Committee letter.

ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
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8 350TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Total Voting Amount:	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
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To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars to assist in funding of Little Compton's 350th anniversary celebration in 2025.

Budget Comm. Note: This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of the LC350 Committee.

ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
9	BROWNELL HOUSE			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars for the repair and maintenance of the Brownell House.			
	Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.			
10	FRIENDS OF L.C. WELLNESS CENTER, INC.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
	Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.			
11	EAST BAY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$500	\$750	\$750
	Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.			
12	PREVENTION COALITION			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.			
13	EASTERN RI CONSERVATION DISTRICT			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.			
14	SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM @ LC COMMUNITY CENTER			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$6,200	\$10,000	\$30,000
	Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.			
	<u>Please see Budget Committee letter.</u>			
15	LITTLE COMPTON FOOD BANK			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$5,200	\$15,000	\$30,000
	Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.			
	<u>Please see Budget Committee letter.</u>			
16	SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$15,900	\$16,000	\$16,000
17	SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$7,145	\$7,731	\$7,731
18	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$1,450,126	\$1,494,590	\$1,494,590
	Budget Comm. Note: Please see Capital Plan pages beginning at page 16.			

<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>		
Salary, Chief	\$94,624	\$96,516
Salaries	\$705,412	\$734,398
Holiday Pay	\$44,830	\$52,258
Court, OT, Vac, SkLv&OOR Pay	\$140,800	\$134,800
Uniforms	\$21,000	\$23,000
Education	\$20,010	\$20,000
Maint, Gas, Off Sup & Tele	\$92,460	\$91,660
Shift differential	\$4,500	\$4,500
Convention expenses	\$2,500	\$2,500
Service Contracts	\$34,060	\$36,415
Accreditation	\$6,000	\$6,000
Longevity	\$38,210	\$34,262
Animal Control Fees & Expenses	\$5,500	\$6,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,209,906	\$1,242,309

ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
18	POLICE DEPARTMENT, continued			
	Clerk-Typist/Dispatchers:			
	Salaries	\$165,870	\$169,189	
	Vacation & SkLv Rep Pay	\$30,600	\$34,800	
	Holidays	\$11,200	\$11,200	
	Weekend Replacement	\$22,000	\$24,000	
	Differential	\$2,200	\$2,200	
	Longevity	6,350	8,892	
	Training/Education	2,000	2,000	
	SUBTOTAL	\$240,220	\$252,281	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$1,450,126	\$1,494,590	

Amounts from other Town Articles:

Active employees only OPEB not included

Health	\$294,927	\$287,295
Pension	\$201,917	\$144,155
FICA	\$83,000	\$89,500
Drug Forfeiture	\$0	\$0
Total Police Dept.	\$2,029,970	\$2,015,540

19 PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

Total Voting Amount:	\$62,880	\$62,880	\$62,880
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Budget Comm. Note: Please see Capital Plan pages beginning at page 16.

20 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Voting Amount:	\$1,071,298	\$1,159,381	\$1,159,381
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Budget Comm. Note: Please see Capital Plan pages beginning at page 16.

Estimated Distribution:

Salary, Chief	\$94,624	\$96,516
Salaries, Part-Time	25,000	25,000
Salaries	644,802	706,581
Longevity	12,270	13,185
Holiday Pay	42,870	46,819
Vac, Sick & Overtime Repl.	125,972	132,860
Cardiac/Paramedic Incent.	19,360	21,120
Uniform Allowance	15,000	16,800
Part-Timers Clothing	2,500	2,500
Training	20,000	22,000
Dept. Expenses	12,000	12,000
Service Contracts	15,000	16,000
Phone/Security	5,900	5,000
Vehicle Maintenance/repair/fuel	36,000	43,000
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$1,071,298	\$1,159,381

Amounts from other Town Articles:

Active employees only OPEB not included

Health	\$193,439	\$250,510
Pension	\$132,045	\$103,015
FICA	\$73,000	\$71,000
Ambulance Reimbursement	\$140,000	\$140,000
Total Fire Dept.	\$1,609,782	\$1,723,906

21 AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT

To see if the Town will authorize the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund to receive and expend monies up to One Hundred Forty Thousand (\$140,000) Dollars from reimbursement payments received from third party billers. All revenues generated by said reimbursement payments shall be deposited in the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund and expended by the Town Council for Fire Department equipment and other related expenses.

Total Voting Amount:	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
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22 ALFRED TEXCEIRA

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, to add to the pension of Alfred Texceira as per the agreement dated May 31, 1989.

Total Voting Amount:	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
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ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
23	LEONARD CORRAO To see if the Town will appropriate Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifteen (\$18,915.00) Dollars to pay the salary for disabled fire fighter Leonard Corrao for the ensuing year.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$18,915	\$18,915	\$18,915
24	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$8,352,101	\$8,571,725	\$8,571,725
	<i>Town Share:</i>	<i>\$7,815,947</i>	<i>\$8,050,425</i>	<i>\$8,050,425</i>
	Budget Comm. Note: See comments found in Budget Committee letter.			
	<i>Included in Pension Stroke:</i>	<i>\$106,174</i>	<i>\$78,687</i>	
25	SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT-BOND DEBT To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty Eight (\$854,988.00) Dollars for the annual principal and interest payments on the bond issued to fund the school renovation.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$854,188	\$852,588	\$852,588
26	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT To see if the Town will appropriate for the School Department the use of all additional funds received from other sources allocated for the school department.			
	Budget Comm. Rec.:			Approve
27	TOWN CLERK			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$166,404	\$172,315	\$172,315
	Budget Comm. Note:			
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Salary, Town Clerk	66,780	70,000	
	Salary, Deputy Town Clerk	43,722	44,596	
	Salary, Full time clerk	39,371	40,158	
	Longevity	1,531	1,561	
	OT, office exp, dog lic. & tags	13,000	14,000	
	Document preservation	2,000	2,000	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	166,404	\$172,315	
28	TOWN CLERK To see if the Town will appropriate for the Town Clerk's office use all additional monies received to repair and maintain Town Records, pursuant to Section 42-8.1-20, RI Historical Records Trust and Section 34-13-7,c General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended.			
	Budget Committee Rec.:			Approve
29	BOARD OF CANVASSERS			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
	Budget Comm. Note:			
30	BUDGET			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500
	Budget Comm. Note: Printing and mailing of Budget Committee Report and services of Secretary to Board.			
31	TOWN FINANCE DIRECTOR			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$131,188	\$135,159	\$135,159
	Budget Comm. Note:			
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Salary, Finance Director	\$69,317	\$71,000	
	Salary/Clerk	39,371	40,159	
	Service Contracts	12,500	15,000	
	Training/Education		2,000	
	Department Expenses	10,000	7,000	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$131,188	\$135,159	

ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
32	TAX ASSESSOR			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$128,037	\$130,367	\$130,367
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Salary	\$66,000	\$69,500	
	Clerk	39,371	\$40,158	
	Longevity	2,166	\$2,209	
	Office Expense	8,000	\$6,000	
	Training/Education	4,000	\$4,000	
	Service Contracts	6,000	\$6,000	
	Tax Maps & Engineering	2,500	\$2,500	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$128,037	\$130,367	
33	TAX ASSESSOR-REVALUATION			
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand (\$45,000.00) Dollars to be held in a special fund toward conducting the town's statistical revaluation in 2024 in accordance with section 44-5-11.6 of the General Laws of RI.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
34	WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY			
	To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay maintenance contract obligations on the Wastewater Treatment Facility.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
35	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			
	To see if the Town will appropriate Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars for a capital expenditure fund to be used for the general repairs and improvements to Town buildings and for any capital improvement deemed necessary.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$435,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
	Budget Comm. Note: Please see Capital Plan pages beginning at page 16.			
36	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND DEBT			
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Six Thousand, One Hundred Fourteen (\$236,114.00) Dollars for the annual principal and interest payments on the bond issued to fund capital improvement projects.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$239,968	\$236,114	\$236,114
37	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$85,947	\$88,094	\$88,094
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Salary	\$77,367	\$78,914	
	Phone/Security	\$780	\$780	
	Admin. Assistant	\$6,000	\$6,500	
	Dept. Expenses	1,800	\$1,900	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$85,947	\$88,094	
38	TOWN COUNCIL			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$20,428	\$20,428	\$20,428
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Salary, President	5,200	5,200	
	Salary, Councilmen (4)	8,528	8,528	
	Dept. Expense	3,800	3,800	
	Town Code Additions	2,900	2,900	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	20,428	20,428	
39	BUILDING DEPARTMENT/ZONING OFFICIAL			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$85,430	\$96,304	\$96,304
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Salary	71,180	82,054	
	Expenses - Mileage, Tele., Office Supplies & Misc.	14,250	14,250	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	85,430	96,304	

ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
40	INSPECTORS			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$30,000	\$37,000	\$37,000
	Budget Comm. Note:			
41	ADVISORY BOARDS			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$45,000	\$50,500	\$50,500
	Budget Comm. Note:			
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Charter Review Commission	\$1,000	\$1,000	
	Planning Board	3,500	8,500	
	Zoning Board of Review	5,000	5,000	
	PT Clerk Planning and Zoning	8,500	9,000	
	LC Housing Trust	20,000	20,000	
	Conservation Commission	7,000	7,000	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$45,000	\$50,500	
42	TOWN BEACH			
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Two Hundred (\$316,200.00) Dollars, generated by the current fiscal year's Town Beach revenues, for the operation of the Town Beaches in the ensuing fiscal year.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$268,640	\$316,200	\$316,200
	Budget Comm. Note:			
43	BEACH CAPITAL BUDGET			
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000.00) Dollars to cover the 2023/24 Capital Budget spread.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
44	HEALTH BENEFITS			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$895,706	\$956,384	\$956,384
	Active Employees	\$722,887	\$795,789	
	Retired Employees	\$172,819	\$160,595	
	<u>Breakdown Active:</u>			
	Police	\$191,591	\$181,894	
	Dispatch	103,336	105,401	
	Fire	193,439	250,510	
	Municipal	234,521	257,984	
	OPEB:	\$722,887	\$795,789	
	<u>Breakdown Retirees:</u>			
	Police Retirees	\$84,795	\$78,797	
	Fire Retirees	77,039	71,590	
	Municipal Retirees	10,985	10,208	
		\$172,819	\$160,595	
	Total	\$895,706	\$956,384	
45	F.I.C.A., Misc. Benefits			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$248,808	\$258,319	\$258,319
	Budget Comm. Note: Town's matching portion of FICA for Town Employees			
	<u>Breakdown:</u>			
	Police	\$65,500	\$69,500	
	Dispatch	17,500	20,000	
	Fire	73,000	71,000	
	Municipal	92,808	97,796	
	Total	\$248,808	\$258,296	
46	INSURANCE			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$158,112	\$173,257	\$173,257
47	LEGAL SERVICES			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$128,680	\$123,000	\$123,000
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Town Solicitor	\$85,000	\$85,000	
	Other legal services & litigation	\$43,680	\$38,000	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$128,680	\$123,000	

ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
48	INCIDENTAL & EMERGENCY			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$125,000	\$171,420	\$171,420
	Budget Comm. Note: To be spent at the discretion of the Town Council			
49	TOWN HALL			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$50,400	\$54,400	\$54,400
	Budget Comm. Note: Budget request covers heat, utilities and maintenance/ repair.			
50	HARBOR MANAGEMENT FUND			
	To see if the Town will authorize the Harbor Management Fund (the "Fund") to receive and expend monies for harbor related purposes. All revenues generated by Town boat launching fees, mooring permit fees, qualified mooring inspectors, and all other fees and fines received in connection with the Fund ordinance shall be deposited into the Fund and expended by the Town Council with the advice of the Harbor Commission. Funds shall be disbursed for purposes directly associated with the management and implementation of the Town's Harbor Management Plan and the Harbor Management Fund Ordinance. Monies from the Fund shall be allocated to the Harbor Master and/or his designee, subject to Town Council approval, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Town's Harbor Management Plan and/or the Fund ordinance.			
	Budget Committee Rec.:			Approve
	Budget Comm. Note: Fund to collect Harbor revenue. Separate fund for harbor only required per Federal Law. Covers expenses for Harbor Master, harbor facility maintenance/ repair, and funding towards a dredging fund.			
51	PENSION			
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Nineteen (\$416,819.00) Dollars as the Town contribution to the Pension Plan and cover contractual obligations for employee benefits for the ensuing year, and to accept the Annual Report of the Pension Committee.			
	Pension Plan contribution	\$537,861	\$398,819	
	Pension Matching benefits	\$18,010	\$18,000	
	Total Voting Amount:	\$555,871	\$416,819	\$416,819
	<i>Breakdown:</i>			
	<i>Police</i>	\$175,720	\$126,705	
	<i>Dispatch</i>	26,197	\$17,450	
	<i>Fire</i>	132,045	\$103,015	
	<i>Municipal</i>	97,725	\$72,962	
	<i>School</i>	106,174	\$78,687	
	<i>Total</i>	\$537,861	\$398,819	
52	TRANSFER STATION			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$245,786	\$257,293	\$257,293
	Budget Comm. Note:			
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Contract Hauling	\$115,568	\$115,568	
	Solid Waste Management	112,000	120,000	
	Electric, Telephone & Misc.	18,218	21,725	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$245,786	\$257,293	
53	DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$271,415	\$273,104	\$273,104
	Budget Comm. Note: Please see Capital Plan pages beginning at page 16.			
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Salaries	225,207	200,131	
	Longevity	4,528	4,773	
	Material,Parts,Equip.	41,680	68,200	
	TOTAL REQUESTED	271,415	273,104	
54	HIGHWAY			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$255,700	\$266,300	\$266,300
	Budget Comm. Note:			

ARTICLE NO.	ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2023-2024	REQUESTED 2024-2025	RECOMMENDED 2024-2025
55	TREE WARDEN			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$35,310	\$35,000	\$35,000
56	COMPUTER SERVICES			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$177,500	\$169,000	\$169,000
	Budget Comm. Note:	The Town shares in the cost of the School Director of IT based on time needed.		
57	AUDITING			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
	Budget Comm. Note:	Town's share of annual audit of financial books		
58	LIBRARY			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$193,352	\$193,410	\$193,410
	Budget Comm. Note:			
59	STREET LIGHTS			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$8,820	\$9,000	\$9,000
60	PROBATE JUDGE			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$6,140	\$6,525	\$6,525
	<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
	Salary	\$6,005	\$6,125	
	Tel and Office Expenses	135	400	
		6,140	6,525	
61	I.O.O.F./32 COMMONS MEETING HALL			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$7,000	\$8,950	\$8,950
	Budget Comm. Note:	Oil, Electricity, Misc. Expenses		
62	CIVIC RECREATION			
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand (\$62,000.00) Dollars for the employee compensation, equipment and supplies to be expended for the Town gymnasium recreation programs, for maintenance of Town recreational fields and facilities, and for the provision of portable sanitary facilities for recreational fields.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$55,500	\$62,000	\$62,000
63	Budget Comm. Rec:			Approve
	To order a tax to be levied and assessed on the ratable property in said Town and the inhabitants thereof for the 2024 tax year for the payment of the Town debts and interest, for the support of schools, for the support and maintenance of the poor, for the building, repairing and amending of highways, for the improvement in manner deemed fit of any property belonging to the Town, for all necessary charges and expenses whatsoever arising within said Town, whether incidental or not to the above, and for any and all purposes authorized by law.			
64	Budget Comm. Rec:			Approve
	To authorize the Town Finance Director to borrow from time to time a certain sum of money in anticipation of taxes, and give the negotiable note or notes of the Town therefor.			
	Articles not requested in FY2025	\$15,000		
65	Elections to be held at the Annual Financial Town Meeting			
	BUDGET COMMITTEE	Vote for 2 candidates		

CANDIDATES HAVE THROUGH April 30, 4 pm to file. **All candidate names will appear in the Sakonnet Times prior to the Town Meeting.**

APPROPRIATED	RECOMMENDED
2023-2024	2024-2025
\$17,465,595	\$17,698,722

ESTIMATED REVENUES

	2023-2024	2024-2025
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$17,465,595	\$17,678,722

Estimated Town Resources

Property Taxes*	\$13,537,209	\$14,068,229
Delinquent Property Tax Rev	\$150,000	\$250,000
Town Administration Fees	\$325,000	\$275,000
Town Beach Fees	\$210,000	\$215,000
Building Fees	\$195,000	\$140,000
Cell Tower Fees	\$48,500	\$49,000
Investments and Other Income	\$7,500	\$5,000
Newport Cty Reg Spec Ed Program	\$121,000	\$71,000
General Fund Appropriation	<u>\$1,445,889</u>	<u>\$1,116,796</u>
Sub-total	\$16,040,098	\$16,190,025

Estimated State Resources

School Renovation Reimbursement	\$331,719	\$331,098
Education Aid	\$361,154	\$334,800
Out of District Tuition	\$54,000	\$115,500
Telephone Tax	\$43,310	\$47,712
Hotel Tax	\$38,763	\$41,952
Meal Tax	\$69,776	\$66,458
Motor Vehicle Tax Reimbursement	\$366,775	\$366,775
Tangible Tax Reimbursement	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$44,402</u>
Sub-total	\$1,265,497	\$1,348,697

Housing Trust Fund

\$20,000 **\$20,000**

Special Funds: Drug Forfeiture

\$0 **\$0**

Ambulance Reimbursement

\$140,000 **\$140,000**

TAX BASE

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Real Estate	\$2,703,263,062	\$2,749,508,126
Tangible	\$13,006,427	\$10,154,035
Total Tax Base	\$2,716,269,489	\$2,759,662,161

PROPERTY TAXES

Property Tax Rates

	<u>Approp Tax Rate</u>	<u>Req Tax Rate</u>
Real Estate	\$4.96	\$5.08
Tangible	\$9.92	\$9.92

Property Tax Revenue

		<u>Req Taxes</u>
Real Estate	13,408,185	13,967,501
Tangible	129,024	100,728
Net Property Taxes	\$13,537,209	\$14,068,229
Tax Levy Increase	2.48%	3.92%
Tax Levy Cap	4.00%	4.00%

FY24 Capital Budget Status

Building/ Department	Project	Est Cost	Funding Source	Notes	Status	Funds Used
Community Development	Antique Street Lamps Repair/Replace	\$50,000	ARPA	Quoted \$845/replacement; approx 50+ lamps - RFP to fully assess all lamps, posts and electric wiring	10 lamps fixtures purchased	\$9,000
Community Development	Broadband	\$25,000	ARPA	Community survey & hire a consultant	Continue FY25	
Community Development	Commons Paving/sidewalks and curbing	\$100,000	ARPA	Continue to work with RIDOT ... project period spring/summer 2024 - (owe \$35K to RIDOT)	RIDOT \$35K plus BETA \$15,800	\$50,800.00
Community Development	Municipal Parking Lot	\$250,000	Bond	complete the engineering ... Town/School partnership	Continue FY25	
Fire Department	Radios	\$16,000	Capital	Confirm with Chief	Purchased	\$9,759
Fire Department	Ladder rack	\$12,007	Capital	Need item for the Fire Department	Purchased	\$12,007
Police Department	Cruiser	\$47,000	Capital	Replacement cycle	Purchased	\$47,000
Police Department	Radios	\$24,000	Capital	Replacement cycle	Purchased	\$15,901.05
Public Safety Complex	Tile Removal / Floor Sealing	\$30,000	Capital	Need estimate; may need to move to FY25	To be completed FY24	
Public Safety Complex	Apparatus Bay floor	\$60,000	Capital	Constant wet and slippery	Completed	\$59,897
Public Safety Complex	Painting	\$5,000	Capital	Continue the painting	To be completed FY24	
Public Works	Vehicle - Pickup Truck	\$45,000	Capital	Truck replacement the red truck	purchased a new truck F350 with plow	\$62,000
Public Works	Road Paving Program	\$281,659	State MR & BP	Beta Group - Road Program & State Road & Bridge Fund match	BETA Group has begun with borrowing and engineering	\$7,416.75
Public Works	New DPW Building at Transfer Station	\$600,000	ARPA	higher estimated cost - will need to tap into a another source of funding	Engineering study and develop building envelope	
Public Works	New lawnmower	\$18,500	Capital	Cycle replacement	Purchased	\$13,800.00
Public Works	Roadside Tractor	\$58,000	Capital	Continue to explore the cost and function may need to be moved to FY25	Have checked some options	
Public Works	Hot box road repairs	\$35,000	Capital	Hot box avoid trips and have hot patch vs. cold patch & recycle	Continue to explore cost	

FY24 Capital Budget Status, continued

Meeting Hall/ IOOF	Fire Alarm	\$3,000	Capital	Estimate from Crescent	Check with Crescent cost	
Meeting Hall/ IOOF	Stairs/Exterior Painting	\$25,900	Capital	Moved to FY24	Town has applied for a grant to carry out the project	
Meeting Hall/ IOOF	New Boiler	\$25,000	Capital	The current boiler is old and needs to be replaced	Vaultcourt/Sakonnet Plumbing cost estimate	
Parks & Recreation	Tennis Courts	\$250,000	Capital	Access the current courts and engineering/construction	Phase I - assessment of the current courts/continue FY25	\$28,175.40
Wilbur McMahon School	Solar Project	\$185,000	Capital	Newport Renewables awarded the contract	Roof assessment and permitting	
Town Hall	Clerk's Vault	\$50,000	Vault Fund	Continue to save for assessment and expansion	Review previous plans	
Town Hall	Continue interior and exterior renovations; redo the Finance Office to accommodate the Tax Assessor, reconfigure the space, construction, paint, flooring	See spread sheet	Town Bond	additional projects were undertaken; the bathrooms renovated to be ADA compliant, the Clerk and DPW offices were added for renovations, cast iron radiators restored		
TOTAL		\$2,196,066			Project 98% completed	\$315,757
			Summary of Funding Sources			
			Vault Fund			
			Town Bond			
			Capital	School solar project is include - voted at the May 2023 Town Finance meeting		
			State MR&BP	Municipal Road and Bridge Program Funds - October 2023		
			ARPA			
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5 Year Capital Improvement Plan										
Department/Building	FY26	Est Cost	FY27	Est Cost	FY28	Est Cost	FY29	Est cost		
Community Development	Broadband	\$25,000	Broadband	\$50,000						
Community Development	Street Lamps	\$50,000								
Fire Department			Fire Apparatus	\$70,000	Fire Apparatus	\$70,000	Fire Apparatus	\$70,000		
Fire Department			Command Vehicle	\$85,000						
Police Department	Cruiser	\$125,000			Cruiser	\$125,000				
Police Department	Radios	\$20,000	Radios	\$24,000						
Public Works	Annual Road Paving Program	\$125,000	Annual Road Paving Program	\$125,000	Annual Road Paving Program	\$125,000	Annual Road Paving	\$125,000		\$125,000
Public Works	Compactor(s)	\$50,000								
Public Works	Structure to protect the sand/sa	\$25,000								
Public Works			Lawnmower	\$20,000						
TOTALS		\$420,000.00		\$374,000.00		\$320,000.00		\$195,000		
Revised April 16, 2024										

Little Compton School Department Annual Update to the Citizens of Little Compton



Total Student Population: 309 / Wilbur & McMahon Schools - 215 / Portsmouth High School - 84 / CTE, MET + Other - 10

We are pleased to report on the status of the schools to the Citizens of Little Compton. The proposed PreK through Grade 12 school budget for Fiscal Year 2025 shows an increase in total expenditures of \$219,624 over the last year's budget. The town appropriation requested to support the Fiscal Year 2025 budget is \$8,050,425. The Little Compton School Department (LCSD) and Wilbur and McMahon Schools (WMS) offer a vibrant, inclusive, rigorous yet nurturing learning experience for all PreK through Grade-8 students. The LCSD's high schoolers are "tuitioned out" to Portsmouth High School (ranked #4 in RI, U.S. News & World Report 2023).

Scholastic Highlights

Wilbur and McMahon, in recent years, has emerged as a top school in the state — with two #1 spots (ELA and Science achievement, RICAS 2023), a 5-STAR rating (its first ever) by the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), and the distinction as the only public International Baccalaureate (IB) certified World School in Rhode Island, offering the prestigious Middle Years Programme. These extraordinary achievements are due to the town's strong support of the school department, which affords our students a PK-8 education supported by excellent teachers and specialists, optimal class-sizes, beautiful green spaces, a well-maintained facility/formal Capital Improvement Plan, and continuous investment in high-quality curriculum materials as well as state-of-the-art instructional technology.

Curriculum Offerings

At Wilbur and McMahon, rigor and relevance drive the curriculum: Eureka Math² K-8; Grade 8 "Pre-AP" Pathways - Algebra 1 and Spanish 1; EL Education K-8 Language Arts from Open Up Resources; FOSS (Full Option Science System) & Carolina OpenSciEd Curriculum K-8; RIDE's new Social Studies Standards - 2024/McGraw-Hill; Co-curricular offerings in Art, Music, Band, Physical Education, Health, Library Media Skills, Spanish and Design.

Instructional Technology

Wilbur and McMahon's IT is cutting edge: interactive whiteboards (Promethean) in every classroom, 1-to-1 ratio of Chromebooks for all K-8 students, state-of-the-art AV system in flex space "gymnasium" (gymnasium-auditorium), and digital signage throughout the building.

Navigate here <https://www.lcsd.k12.ri.us/finances> for "Finances" section of the LCSD web site.

Field Trips and On-Campus Events

In addition to offering rigorous, supportive, and achievable educational programs, Wilbur and McMahon values the arts and civic engagement and collaborates within our school and local community to offer school assemblies, workshops and field trips (both on and off campus), including: Buck Hill (4 days of 18th Century camping), RI State House, Newport Contemporary Ballet, RI Resource Recovery Center, Fort Adams, Roger Williams Zoo, Newport Volvo Ocean Race Village, Block Island, Washington DC, Boston Freedom Trail, Boston Science Museum, Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, RI School of Design Museum, Plimoth Patuxet Museum, Trinity Repertory Theater, Save the Bay, Body Works in Boston, South Shore Beach, Historic Simmons Mill (pic above), Old Stone Orchard, Young Family Farm, Providence Bruins (chorus sings patriotic songs), Little Compton Historical Tour, Biomes, Audubon Society Presentations, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Zeiterion Theater, Atwater & Donnelly, Lloyd's Center, local Garden Club classroom programs and holiday greens, Law Day, Author Talks, Story Tellers, Dodgeball Tournament, Student-Faculty Basketball Game, Field Day, Literacy Week, 4th-Grade Parade of History, 8th-Grade Science and Engineering Fair (5 of our students won top honors including Best in Fair, 2024!), Art Expositions, Scripps Spelling Bee (#2 speller in the state, 2024!), Spirit Week, Student Council, and so much more.

Athletics and After-School Offerings

With the whole child in mind, after-school activities include: Soccer, Cross Country/Track, Basketball, and Lacrosse; Ballet, Green Team (environmental club), Glee Club/Chorus, Beginner Band and Individual Band Lessons, Drama/Musical Theater, FIRST Tech Challenge and After-School Library Hours. We also partner with community organizations that sponsor and/or bring programs into the school: LC Makers, Girls on the Run, local garden clubs, Sakonnet PTO, Up With School Arts, Little Compton Community Center, Little Compton Prevention Coalition, and the Little Compton Education Foundation.

Facilities and Campus Highlights

Our beautiful campus includes: Library/Media Center with over 8,000 books + RILINK + RICAT; State-of-the-art performance space (for town use, as well); Science Lab, Art, Music, and Band Suites; Outdoor Classroom (Eco-Oasis) and Greenhouse; Gymnasium (town Rec. Department use, as well) and access to athletic fields and walking trails; Caf/Servery - offering hot breakfast and lunch.



Little Compton Schools		
Fiscal Year 2025 Budget		
4.10.24		
	Budget FY24	Budget FY 25
Revenues		
State Aid to Education	\$ 361,154	\$ 334,800
Town Appropriation	7,815,947	8,050,425
Out of District Student Tuitions	54,000	115,500
Medicaid Reimbursement	21,000	21,000
Miscellaneous revenues- Grants, etc.		
NCRSEP Fund Balance Distribution	100,000	50,000
Total Revenues	8,352,101	8,571,725
Expenses		
Salaries		
51110 Reg Sal w/Base/Degree/Long	3,804,003	3,890,000
51113 Professional Development	22,000	24,700
51115 Substitute	130,000	125,000
51201 Regular Overtime	15,000	25,000
51309 Tutoring	2,500	2,500
51338 After School/Summer Programs	4,000	21,400
51401 Stipend - Other	42,750	40,050
51404 Stipend - Extracurricular/Athletics	12,000	12,500
Total Salaries	4,032,253	4,141,150
Employee Related Salary Costs		
52101 Medical Premiums	583,231	598,675
52102 Life	12,247	11,500
52103 Dental	22,180	23,000
52109 Medical Buy Back	18,400	21,600
52122 Medical Premiums Retirees	2,500	-
52203 Teacher/Admin Pension	451,000	442,000
52207 Survivor Benefits	4,025	4,000
52208 MERS Supplemental	1,170	1,170
52213 Tchr/Admin Defined Contribution	89,000	86,300
52301 FICA	48,648	51,000
52302 Medicare	58,141	57,000
52501 Unemployment Insurance	2,500	1,000
52710 Worker's Comp Premium	14,000	12,500
52902 Employee Assistance Program	540	600
Total Fringe Benefit Related Costs	1,307,582	1,310,345

Little Compton Schools		
Fiscal Year 2025 Budget		
4.10.24		
	Budget FY24	Budget FY 25
Operating Expenses		
53202 Speech and Language Services	62,000	
53203 OT/PT Services	28,000	31,250
53207 Interpreters and Translators	1,000	4,500
53209 Bus Assistants/Monitors	80,000	86,000
53210 Performing Arts	-	
53213 Evaluations	2,500	
53216 Tutoring	2,960	1,500
53218 Student Assistance	500	-
53220 Other Purchased Educational	6,050	15,500
53222 Web Based Instructional Programs	-	
53301 PD/Training Services	29,330	1,000
53302 Curriculum Development/Training		3,500
53303 Conferences and Workshops		20,000
53401 Auditing/Actuarial Services	20,000	20,000
53402 Legal	36,000	40,000
53406 Other Services	33,660	37,000
53410 Fire and Police Details	-	
53411 School Phycian	800	800
53412 Dentists	500	500
53416 Officials/Referees	2,500	2,000
53417 Contracted Nursing Services	1,000	4,000
53501 Data Processing Services	25,000	23,000
53502 Other Technical Services	51,350	59,100
53705 Postage	1,500	1,500
Total Technical and Professional Services	399,650	351,150
54201 Rubbish Disposal Services	12,000	10,500
54204 Groundskeeping Services	200	-
54205 Rodent & Pest Control	1,200	1,200
54312 Maint & Repair - B & G	20,000	20,000
54320 Techn Rep & Main	2,000	2,000
54321 Contracted Srvc - Electrical	3,500	3,500
54322 Contracted Srvc - HVAC	25,000	25,000
54324 Contracted Srvc - Plumbing	15,000	20,000

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Fiscal Year 2025 Budget		
4.10.24		
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54402 Water	8,000	7,500
54403 Telephone	9,100	9,400
54406 Wireless Communications	13,000	14,400
54407 Internet Connectivity	4,500	6,000
54602 Rental of Equip & Vehicles	33,000	36,000
54901 Other Purchased Property Servi	16,000	4,000
54902 Alarm & Fire Safety Services	19,500	16,000
Total Purchased Property Services	182,000	175,500
55111 Transportation Contractors	567,800	603,000
55201 Property/Liability Insurance	42,300	40,000
55401 Advertising Costs	1,000	1,000
55501 Printing	2,500	3,000
55610 Tuition to Agencies - In-State :	-	
Portsmouth High School	1,249,000	1,326,300
Vocational, etc. - MET, Newport C&T	77,500	88,000
Out of District SPED	38,000	125,000
55809 Travel	1,000	1,300
55910 NCRSEP Payments, net of IDEA Funds	-	
Total Purchased Other Services	1,979,100	2,187,600
56101 General Supplies	76,500	86,000
56115 Medical Supplies	3,500	3,500
56116 Athletic Supplies	1,200	1,500
56209 Fuel Oil	60,000	52,500
56211 Propane	4,425	4,550
56212 Maintenance Bldgs.	15,000	15,000
56214 Paint	1,500	-
56215 Electricity	68,400	43,500
56218 Electrical Supplies	-	
56219 Custodial Supplies	35,000	30,000
56401 Textbooks	25,000	28,000
56402 Library Books	10,000	10,500
56404 Subscriptions	6,000	4,500
56406 Textbooks - Non Public	1,800	1,700
56501 Computer Supplies	8,000	8,000
Total Materials & Supplies	316,325	289,250

Little Compton Schools		
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4.10.24		
	Budget FY24	Budget FY 25
57202 Building Improvements		
57305 Equipment	61,500	
57306 Furniture & Fixtures	-	6,750
57309 Technology Hardware	31,855	68,000
57311 Technology Software	17,556	16,980
Total Capital Outlay	110,911	91,730
58101 Professional Org Dues	7,280	8,000
58102 Other Dues and Fees	17,000	17,000
58201 Other Penalties and Fees		
58401 Property Taxes		
Total Other Operating Expenses	24,280	25,000
Total Operating Expenses	3,012,266	3,120,230
Total Expenses	8,352,101	8,571,725
Net Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	-	-
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund		
Net Change in Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

<p>SCHOOL COMMITTEE Travis Auty, <i>Chairperson</i> Hannah Ayotte, <i>Vice Chairperson</i> Megan Gonzalez, <i>Secretary</i> Michael Rocha, II Susan Kinnane School Committee Confidential Secretary: Jennifer Sylvia*</p>	<p>DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION <i>Superintendent of Schools:</i> Dr. Laurie Dias-Mitchell* <i>Business Manager:</i> John McNamee, CPA* <i>Student Support Services Director:</i> Mark Dufresne* <i>Director of Information Technology:</i> Jonathan Gabriel** <i>HR Director/Admin Assistant to Superintendent:</i> Carolyn Sedgwick <i>Student Support Services Admin Assistant/Data Coordinator:</i> Meriah Dufur</p>
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PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE AND FRONT OFFICE STAFF

School Principal: John McKinnon

Admin Assistant to Principal/School Secretary: Heather Fitzgerald

TEACHING STAFF

Preschool Teacher

Kimberly Smith

<p>Elementary Teachers (Grades K-4): Marianne Vareika, Jennifer Segala Catherine Aguiar Mary Morash, Gabrielle Sullivan Erin Bowley, Cindy Pineau Stephanie Costello, Stephanie Harlow</p>	<p>Middle School Teachers (Grades 5-8): Jessica Higgins, Maureen Devlin Nichole Guay, Aimee MacLean Michael Tomasso, Lee Torres Marissa Brasil, Abigail Kaul</p>
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Specials Teachers

Visual Arts: Michael DeLeo

Library/Media Arts: Karen Corrigan

Physical Education & Health: Noelle Kiernan and Jason Ford

World Language - Spanish: Edilberto Bellizzia*

Design: Grace Vinbury*

Music Arts: Nicole Oriol

Instrumental and Music Arts: Noah Rousseau

Student Support Specialists

School Nurse Teacher: Jean Dunn

School Social Worker: Mary Elizabeth Miller, Leslie Brackett*

Speech Pathologist: Kayla Bailey

School Psychologist: Jamie Sunderland*

Behavioral Interventionist/Guidance Counselor: Kara DeGiulio***

Special Education Teachers

Courtney Stoller, Bryan Goodwin, Mary Ellen Roeben

Reading Specialists

Nicola Philp and Jennifer Giles

Title 1 Teachers

Debra Lambert*, *** and Francis Fennessey*, ***

Teaching Assistants

Joshua Guay, Marjorie Harnedy, Darlene Goodreau, Carla Woodhouse*, Lee Eddy, Michael Ayotte, and Manuel Medeiros*

CUSTODIAL STAFF*Head Custodian: Christopher Osborne, Jr.**Custodians: Paul Borges, Jeffrey Lopez*

* Part Time

** Shared with Town

*** Grant-Funded

ENROLLMENT

Grade	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Integrated Pre-K/EIS	9	17	13	9	22	12
K	18	18	25	18	20	27
1	22	23	15	26	21	19
2	23	22	21	16	26	20
3	24	24	23	19	18	28
4	31	24	26	23	20	20
Total Pre-K/Elementary	127	128	123	111	127	126
5	26	32	20	25	19	20
6	25	26	30	22	26	20
7	26	27	24	26	22	27
8	29	26	27	23	26	22
Total Middle School	106	111	101	96	93	89
Total Wilbur & McMahon Schools	233	239	224	207	220	*¹215
Portsmouth High School	125	116	102	87	76	84
NACTC, MET + other			10	8	8	10
TOTAL	358	355	336	302	304	309

Notes:

1. *Out-of-District Tuition Program: 18, K-8 students currently enrolled at Wilbur and McMahon Schools.

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