Date posted: NOVEMBER 1, 2022 by 4:00 P.M.

All items on this agenda are to be discussed and/or acted upon.

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
Town Hall 40 Commons
TOWN COUNCIL meeting

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022

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

AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

7:00PM - Board of License Commissioners: Remonstrant's Hearing
for the following Retail Beverage License renewals and Transfer applications:

LIQUOR LICENSES

CLASS A:

Adamsville Wine & Spirits, LLC d/b/a Adamsville Wine & Spirits
81 Stone Church Road in the Village of Adamsville
Meetinghouse Spirits, LLC d/b/a Meetinghouse Spirits 39 Meeting House Lane

CLASS BV-LIMITED:

Common's Lunch, Inc. d/b/a Common's Lunch 48 Commons
Simmons Café & Marketplace LLC d/b/a Simmons Café & Market
78 Crandall Road in the Village of Adamsville

CLASS BV:

M& K, LLC d/b/a the Barn Restaurant, 15 Main Street
RL Flounders, Inc. d/b/a RL Flounders, 90 Pottersville Road
StoneHouse Resort, Inc. d/b/a Stone House 122 Sakonnet Point Rd

CLASS D:

Sakonnet Golf Club 79 Sakonnet Point Road
Sakonnet Point Club d/b/a Sakonnet Point Club 11 Bluff Head Avenue

Close Remonstrant's Hearing; continue as Board of License Commissioners:

1. Miscellaneous Business License Renewal Requests:

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE REQUESTS:
Indoor entertainment only

- RL Flounders, Inc. d/b/a RL Flounders, 90 Pottersville Road

VICTUALING LICENSE REQUESTS:

Delvin Corp d/b/a A-1 Pizza
The Art Cafe
M & K, LLC d/b/a the Barn Restaurant
Dionysus Acquisition LLC d/b/a Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard
Commons Lunch, Inc d/b/a Common's Lunch
RL Flounders
Sakonnet Golf Club
Sakonnet Point Club
Simmons Café & Marketplace LLC d/b/a Simmons Café & Market
StoneHouse Resort, Inc. d/b/a Stone House
Wilbur's General Store
Young Family Farm LLC d/b/a Young Family Farm
Warren's Point Beach Club

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE REQUESTS:

Delvin Corp d/b/a A-1 Pizza
The Art Café
M & K, LLC d/b/a the Barn Restaurant
Dionysus Acquisition LLC s/b/a Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard
Commons Lunch, Inc. d/b/a Common's Lunch
RL Flounders
Sakonnet Golf Club
Sakonnet Point Club
Simmons Café & Marketplace LLC d/b/a Simmons Café & Market
StoneHouse Resort, Inc. d/b/a Stone House
Wilbur's General Store
Young Family Farm LLC d/b/a Young Family Farm
Warren's Point Beach Club
Meetinghouse LLC, d/b/a Meetinghouse Spirits

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS:

Anita Couto d/b/a Anita's Ice Cream
Anita Couto d/b/a Seashore Hotdogs
Hawaiian Jim Ice

MISC. OTHER LICENSE REQUESTS:

Juke Box License – RL Flounders
Moving Picture License – LC Community Center

Announcements:
Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2022

Department Head Reports for the month of October:

1. Town Clerk
2. Tax Assessor

3. Finance Director
4. Police Department
5. Fire Department
6. Town Administrator

Old Business:

1. Proposed resolution concerning petitioning the General Assembly to accept Juneteenth National Independence Day as a State Holiday
2. Comments received from Benoit Gauthier expressing concern with changes to how the Budget Committee duties are reflected in the proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter for consideration by the electorate on November 8.
3. Consider next steps toward funding under the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program, update to be received from Councilor McHugh

New Business:

1. Determine dates for November 2023 Town Council meetings due to conflict with Thanksgiving Holiday
2. Copy of an electronic communication received from Amy Veri asking if Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard holds an entertainment license for this current license period, noting she has heard music recently.

Board of License Commissioners:

1. Request from the LC Game Club for a Class F-1 one day Retail Beverage License for a Surf & Turf Dinner to be held on November 12, 2022

Communications: none

Consent:

1. Copy of an email received from Frank Haggerty forwarding a link to a court docket involving Siemens Gamesa A/A v. General Electric – Vineyard Wind 1 LLC
2. Copy of an email received from Frank Haggerty forwarding an article by Bridget Reed Morawski claiming Developers (Commonwealth and Mayflower wind projects) say Massachusetts offshore wind farms "no longer viable"

Payment of Bills

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

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

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on October 20th A.D. 2022 at 6:32 o'clock PM held in in-person format at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas, Patrick McHugh and Robert L. Mushen. Absent at this time: Andrew W. Iriarte-Moore.

Police Chief Raynes and a candidate for employment within the Police Department were both present. Devin Izkowitz was interviewed by the Council.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To make a conditional offer of employment to Devin Izkowitz as a Jr. Probationary Patrolman, contingent upon successful completion of standard conditions.

The Council President declared a brief recess at 6:45 PM reconvening the session at 7:00 PM the Council President with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor present at this time.

A Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing proposed amendments to the Little Compton Home Rule Charter was called to order. Fifteen (15) questions proposing to amend the Home Rule Charter and a single question concerning licensing in town of cannabis related businesses. These questions will be considered by the electorate on November 8th. After a call for comments resulted in no one coming forward the hearing was closed.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To close a public hearing for comments on proposed questions that will be on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

Announcements:

1. Councilor Mushen informed those present of a rescue which took place at South Shore Beach where an individual was found unresponsive in the waters, pulled ashore by by-standers who administered CPR until the Emergency Personnel could arrive and take over. The local First Responders and the initial by-standers were lauded with saving this man's life. Councilor Mushen stated that he is privileged to be able to give testimony of our First Responders praise worthy actions.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for October 4, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for October 6, 2022.

A draft ordinance proposal was submitted by Councilors Mataronas and Mushen. Councilor Mataronas spoke of rising concerns regarding short term rentals (STR) within town. He offered his desire to see a minimum of a five (5) day rental avoiding 1 or 2 night stays. He believed this might reduce party environments. A quick review of the proposed ordinance was made for those present while additional copies of the draft were being made.

Councilor Mushen noted that he considered this discussion as round one to review, gather comments and return with a revised draft. He believes we should continue in this manner until satisfied the ordinance can serve the town residents.

Councilor Iriarte-Moore arrived at 7:15 PM.

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Suggestions and comments made:

- Bonnie Phinney – can we define "bedrooms", also concerned that five (5) minimum might be problematic for some existing rental properties. Maybe consider a different standard for summer vs. winter rentals
- Amanda Toste – concerned that addressing properties with cesspools or waters that are not cleared for human consumption might be needed. As a realtor she knows (hears) of properties that have water problems as well as cesspool problems that sometimes are not disclosed to the renters. She also hopes an ordinance drafted does not restrict the true Air B&B especially those owner occupied residences where this serves to complement their limited income.
- Councilor Iriarte-Moore doesn't see this proposal to limit the single bedroom rentals.
- Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor feels this is an excellent simple draft.
- Sal Marinosci suggest the town treat this as another license type. Similar to the format for liquor licenses, limit the number of license and consider penalties where you would lose the license if violations persist. He also expressed concerns regarding properties with cesspools and monitoring number of individuals who can be on the property.
- Bill Mackintosh – can we define the difference between Bed and Breakfast and VRBO properties. Local owner occupied vs. non-resident owner properties. Some residents use this rental method to supplement income. Is VRBO more of an industrial business as it is operated solely as a business? How to control or monitor these properties?
- Councilor Mataronas calls for a local agent/manager to be registered, hoping this will help.
- Councilor McHugh reviewed Jamestown ordinances. They call for 183 day residency requirement and he would like to see that included. He would also be in favor of a seven (7) day minimum. He also believes the owner or manager needs to be able to answer a call about problems within 2 hours and be available 24/7.
- Andrew Rhyne – suggests a moratorium on this type of business. Some areas of town effected more than others. Would like to see the council look at how many roadways can access the property. Those with limited access (single ingress/egress) should be restricted from operating this type of rental.
- Isabelle Mattia – STR have an impact on affordable housing and the housing stock in town. She would like to see some percentage of proceeds from this licensing/violation penalties go into the Housing Trust Fund for use with goals in meeting affordable housing needs.
- Need to get a better handle on how many STR properties actually exist in town.
- Councilor McHugh – keep in mind, Little Compton has been a seasonal rental community for a long time. It was only recent that the ill effects have been felt.
- Councilor Iriarte-Moore – seasonal rentals or STR properties are beginning to be seen in neighborhoods as opposed to the pre-existing summer homes that have been the standard rental properties for the town.
- Consider limit to # bedrooms able to rent, or available parking spaces, or number of cars able to park whether sleeping on site or visiting during a period of time.
- Cricket Snow – he has used Air B&B for the past 8 years and most of his customers are 3 day reservations. Increasing to 5-7 days would be a hardship for his rental property.
- Councilor Golembeske does not want to hurt the local resident who rents to make ends meet and pay their bills.
- Lavignia Gadsden – VRBO's pay 7% tax to the state
- Dawn Simmons expresses her concerns. She explained that she now manages her Grandmother's home as a method to help pay for her nursing home care and preserve her family home. She has had no problems with rentals, but has many security methods in place such as cameras and back ground checks. They have had very respectful patrons.
- Councilor Mushen recognizes that the Council needs to be careful to acknowledge that some operating STR have been good neighbors.
- Maureen Rego – her family has used STR for many years for 2, 3, 4, and 5 night visits. She cautions limiting terms to longer lengths offering to let the homeowner control. She feels the regulations seem to be a good start and believes it might be good to look into a moratorium.

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- Kristen Silveira has owned and operated several rental properties with her husband for about 11 years. They have had excellent experience operating. The sales tax is 7% with a portion that goes to the towns. She would have a problem with the minimum extended to 5 or 7 days especially during wedding season when they often rent for 1, 2 or 3 nights.
    - She verbally offered quite a bit of data from the census on owner occupied homes and percentage rentals
- Currently the weekend short term rentals seem to be the stumbling blocks mentioned by most concerned.

It was offered that the Councilors should review the Clerk's notes, assemble their own comments and submit through the Clerk for collection. A compilation of the comments will be brought back for the November 17th Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To authorize the Town Administrator to contract on behalf of the town for janitorial services with Southcoast Cleaning for the Town Hall (40 Commons), 32 Commons, and Public Safety Complex.

The Town Administrator, Antonio Teixeira addressed the Council with an update on the review of net metering program offered to municipalities. John McNamee, Finance Manager for the Wilbur McMahon School and the Council President have been active in this review as well. The town may benefit from the energy being generated out of the Warren facility potentially reducing the town's municipal energy costs by $35,000.

Councilor Iriarte-Moore asked if this action would preclude the town from continuing to explore municipal solar panels on town buildings. He was informed that this did not preclude exploring that option.

Both the Credit Purchase and Sale and the Leasehold Agreement were reviewed for the Councilors by the Solicitor. He noted that he gave a written opinion to the Town Administrator that both documents could be executed and did not require a Financial Town meeting vote (this document was not submitted to the Council, but will be by the Administrator for the record). Councilor McHugh expressed his concern with Section 103 of the Home Rule Charter requiring a Financial Town meeting for real property transactions. He was told that the purchase is of energy financial credits, not real property. The Solicitor stated that he does not believe Section 103 applies to this case, but if at some point it is determined to apply to this case then the Council could have the decision ratified at a future Town Meeting. He further noted that the Leasehold is for purchasing product not purchasing property.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To adopt the recommendation of the Town Administrator to execute two (2) documents, Credit Purchase and Sale and Leasehold Easement between the Town of Little Compton and TPE RI WA1, LLC in conjunction with the Net Metering Program for energy credits.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To re-appoint David DeSouza to serve on the Tax Assessment Board of Review for another term which will expire November 8, 2028.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To acknowledge the outstanding work done by two members of the Little Compton Police Department, Sergeant Ryan LeClaire and Corporal Caitlin Farrar, who worked tirelessly on an investigation involving the exploitation of one of Little Compton's elderly residents resulting in a felony arrest.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To charge the Town Administrator to follow up with a list of deficiencies found during a recent Fire Marshall inspection for 40 Commons and to report back to a future Town Council meeting.

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Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To approve a proposal made by the RI Dept. of Transportation for the State to take responsibility for the ownership, maintenance and billing of the lights located on state roads within Little Compton.

Councilor McHugh asked to return for a moment to the discussion of the fire inspection on the Town Hall. He asked if there were sprinklers being installed during the restoration work. He was informed that the Town is seeking guidance from the State Fire Marshall on whether the town should be granted a waiver from sprinklers due to the size and occupancy of the building.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file an invitation received from the Eighth Grade Class at Wilbur – MacMahon Schools to attend the Annual Veteran's Day Assembly on November 10th at 10 am. Councilors are encouraged to attend.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): Based on a Superior Court Settlement the Town Council hereby votes 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:

Acct/Name	Plat/Lot/MV	Abatement Value	Abatement	Year
Sakonnet Point Marina Assoc., Inc.				
19-0049-94	009/0434-3	$3,927,480.00	$22,268.81	2016
		$3,726,754.00	$21,764.24	2017
		$3,501,940.00	$20,871.56	2018
		$3,250,149.00	$19,273.38	2019
		$2,968,143.00	$17,779.18	2020
		$2,652,296.00	$16,019.87	2021
		$2,298,547.00	$11,262.88	2022
		Total	$129,239.93	

Councilor Mushen stepped away from dais recusing himself from the following matter. Councilor Golembeske stated he also needed to recuse himself from the same subject matter.

Motion made by Councilor McHugh, receiving a second by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, all in favor (Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh) Councilors Golembeske and Mushen recused themselves from this matter: To move forward to schedule a public hearing for the consideration of an amendment to Chapter 15 of the Town Code to amend language relating to exemption of taxation values for Veteran's and Person's visually impaired as recommended by the Tax Assessor and a change to update the structure of a single Tax Assessor.

Councilors Golembeske and Mushen returned to the dais.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To allow the Town annual Christmas Tree lighting to be held on December 4, 2022 at 5 pm in conjunction with the 29th annual Ben & Chet Wilkie Memorial Tree Spree.

Motion made by Councilor Iriarte-Moore, receiving a second by Councilor McHugh, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To adopt a resolution similar to a copy sent by the Barrington Town Council urging the RI General Assembly to recognize June 19th Juneteenth National Independence Day as an official Rhode Island State Holiday.

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Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): To place on file consent calendar #1 - Communications from Frank Haggerty regarding Mayflower Wind SouthCoast articles.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, all in favor (Golembeske, Iriarte-Moore, Mataronas, McHugh, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: $19,909.98

Sue Theriault - Tree Committee Funds		$200.00
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC - Legal other		$472.50
WBMason - Administrator		$5.97
WBMason - Canvassers - Assessor		$40.41
Info Quick Solutions Inc. - Town Clerk		$340.50
Info Quick Solutions Inc. - Computer		$1,337.50
CS&M Tele-Systems Inc. - Town hall phones		$312.46
Crystal Rock - Town Hall - Transfer Station		$132.96
EastBay Media Group - Probate		$45.00
EastBay Media Group - Charter Review - Contingency		$156.00
RI Energy - Street Lights		$15.67
RI Energy - town Dock		$32.37
RI Energy - Street Lights		$106.31
RI Energy - 32 Commons		$30.70
RI Energy - IOOF		$27.16
RI Energy - Public Safety Complex		$1,100.89
RI Energy - Town Hall		$1,324.41
RI Energy - Adamsville Street Lights		$52.56
RI Energy - Cell Tower		$366.46
RI Energy - Transfer Station		$80.38
Petro - Diesel		$662.19
Petro - Gasoline		$881.43
Petro - Gasoline		$1,862.86
AFS Associates Inc. - OPEB report		$900.00
EastBay Media Group - Probate		$45.00
EastBay Media Group - Charter Review - Council		$234.00
Richard S Humphrey - Legal other		$1,652.50
Richard S Humphrey - Legal other		$630.50
MH Architect, LLC - Town Hall restoration		$1,210.00
FR Modern Printing - Assessor		$235.00
Brendan P Buckless - Town Landing		$1,200.00
Griggs & Browne Co - Public Safety (police)		$50.00
Griggs & Browne Co - Public Safety (fire)		$50.00
Sakonnet Plumbing & Heating - Public Safety Complex		$560.00
Boundtree - Amb. Reimb. Fund		$241.30
Fire Dept. Training Network - Fire Dept.	$300.00	
Cox - Fire Dept.	$76.18	
Rob's Auto Care Inc. -Fire Dept.	$55.00	
Anna's Uniform Supply Inc. - Fire Dept.	$152.00	
Crystal Rock - Fire Dept.	$93.19	
On Scene, LLC - Fire Dept.	$350.00	
On Scene, LLC - Fire Dept.	$350.00	$1,376.37
Verizon - Police Dept.	$82.83	
Crystal Rock - Police Dept.	$141.06	
Wilbur's General Store - Police Dept.	$2.88	
WBMason - Police Dept.	$180.62	

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Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Police Dept.	$223.00	
Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Police Dept.	$240.00	
Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Police Dept.	$205.00	
Cox - Police Dept.	$140.00	
Stateline Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram - Police Dept.	$20.74	
Cox - Police Dept.	$65.18	$1,301.31
E&J Tripp Lawn Care Inc. - Cemetery Fund		$224.00
Paul's Press - Tree Committee		$201.00
Direct Mail Manager Inc. - Charter		$212.31

Having no further business before the Council the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:33 PM.

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Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk

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Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
40 Commons
PO Box 226
Town of Little Compton, RI

To: Antonio A. Teixeira
Town Administrator

From: Carol A. Wordell, CMC
Town Clerk

Date: October 31, 2022

The office of the Town Clerk handles on a daily basis a wide array of tasks. During the month of October the following figures display the volume of work:

Dump stickers 33 issued
Recording land evidence 80 instruments recorded
Dog licenses – 3
Vital records certified copies issued – 35
Marriage License issued - 1
Miscellaneous fees collected for Probate, copying, appliance etc. – see attached.

In addition to our day to day activities we have the following:

- Probate Court responsibilities
- Council Clerk responsibilities – meetings, minutes, follow up actions
- Coordinate with the IT personnel for day-to-day issues, oversee website daily needs, audio/visual needs for council chambers in prep for hybrid meetings
- Ongoing responsibilities as Wellness Coordinator for the Trust, sharing multiple opportunities to achieve better overall health
- Continue assisting Hazard Mitigation Team with their 5 year review
- Election related responsibilities including:
    - Meetings with Board of Canvassers, state filings
    - Oversight of Early Voting for November 8th
    - Conducted Supervisor trainings
    - Deliveries to the Board of Elections and Secretary of State's Office
- Attended NE City and Town Clerks' Association Board meeting

Distribution Report - Summary

LITTLE COMPTON COUNTY RI

Carol A. Wordell - Town Clerk

10/3/2022 TO 10/31/2022

SALES ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Appliance Coupon		
	Applicance Coupon	**100.00**
		100.00
Copies & Other Services		
	Copies	**73.70**
	Trade Name Certificate	**10.00**
		83.70
Dog License		
	Female	**5.00**
	Male	**10.00**
	Replacement Tag	**0.00**
		15.00
Dog Spayed and Neutered		
	Spayed / Neutered	**3.00**
		3.00
Historical Records - Probate		
	Historic Preservation - Probate	**4.00**
		4.00
Historical Records - State		
	Historic Preservation - State	**201.00**
		201.00
Historical Records - Town		
	Historic Preservation - Town	**63.00**
		63.00
Land Records		
	Map	**49.00**
	Recording Fee	**3,798.90**
		3,847.90
License Fees		
	Entertainment License Single Event	**15.00**
	Liquor License Class F	**30.00**
		45.00
Preservation		
	Preservation Fee	**422.10**
		422.10
Probate		
	Petition to File Will with No Assets	**120.00**
	Probate Advertising	**135.00**
		255.00

SALES ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Town Transfer Station		
	Compost Bin	**45.00**
	Construction Debris	**600.00**
	Dump Stickers	**160.00**
	Single Use Coupon	**60.00**
	Tires	**75.00**
		940.00
Transfer Tax State		
	Transfer Tax - State	**20,703.25**
	Transfer Tax - State Over 800K	**15,759.60**
		36,462.85
Transfer Tax Town		
	Transfer Tax - Town	**18,980.95**
		18,980.95
Vital Records - State		
	Marriage License - State	**16.00**
	Vital Copy - State Mail-In	**42.00**
	Vital Copy - State Walk In	**270.00**
	Vital Copy State Online	**22.00**
		350.00
Vital Records - Town		
	Marriage License - Town	**8.00**
	Vital Copy Mail In	**42.00**
	Vital Copy Mail In Additional	**9.00**
	Vital Copy Online	**28.00**
	Vital Copy Walk In	**126.00**
	Vital Copy Walk In Additional	**198.00**
		411.00
	Grand Total:	**62,184.50**

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Town of Little Compton
OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR
Post Office Box 226
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837
(401) 635-4509

October 31, 2022

To: Town Administrator
Antonio A. Teixeira

From: Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA
Tax Assessor

Re: DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

The month of October:

- Visited over eighty tax payers to review property details, building permits, plan changes and sales.
- Scanned through the various avenues available to identify the businesses in Town in order to update personal property records and process the annual fillings.
- Reviewed with Town Administrator and Finance Director an option offered by Scan- Optics for scanning records and consolidating files.
- Co-ordinated with both the Fire and Police chief, a user workshop for Town employees to utilize the GIS platform.
- Submitted a request to change the wording for various ordinances relative to the office to reflect current practice.
- Attended the RIAAO educational and quarterly Assessor's meeting.
- Prepared for and mailed the annual FFOS (Farm, Forest and Open Space) annual compliance forms.
- Prepared for mailing the Income based exemption applications.
- Processed appeals for tax relief.
- Continually updating deeds, property records and office forms as needed.
- Reviewed E-911 issue with Fire chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA

Denise M. Cosgrove, RICA
Tax Assessor

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TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

P.O. BOX 226

LITTLE COMPTON, R.I. 02837

JOSEPH DESANTIS

FINANCE DIRECTOR

PHONE 401-635-4219

FAX 401-635-2470

Finance Director Monthly Report

October 2022

Initiatives & Financial Highlights:

- ARPA Funding final tranche payment received on 10/14/2022
- Fiscal Year 2022 Material Audit completed
- School Payroll upgrade to PayChex Flex completed

Tax Highlights:

- Total tax revenue collected for Current Year, Prior Years and Interest in the month of August was $2,932,421.11
- Total tax revenue collected for (C,S,I) Current Year, Prior Years and Interest in the month of October are $237,831.68
- Total Tax Delinquency Balances (P) collected in October are $1,587.91

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Little Compton Police Department
60 Simmons Road
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island
Office of the Police Chief

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 1, 2022

To: The Honorable Town Council

From: Chief Scott N. Raynes

Subject: **Monthly Report for October 2022**

October 2022 Patrol Activity

Totals

Calls responded to	1013
Formal Complaints received	25
Complaints closed this month	4
Complaints closed (previous month)	1
Motor vehicle citations issued	11
Motor vehicle warning issued	83
Criminal Arrest	9
Violation of Town Ordinances	4
Accident investigated	6
Burglar alarms	16
Reported deaths	0
Total Gallons of gasoline used	
Mileage	
Breaking & Entering	0
Larceny	1
Value of Stolen Property	$50.00

Little Compton Police Department
60 Simmons Road
Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island
Office of the Police Chief

MEMORANDUM

October 2022 Police Overtime Hours

	Totals:
Sick Leave replacement	16
Personal leave replacement	0
Vacation replacement	48
Training replacement	5
Court/Misc.	5
Town Detail	0
Private Detail	41
Patrol Supplement	0
Comp-time replacement	0
Injured on duty replacement	0
DARE	0
Military leave replacement	0
Investigation	0

October 2022 Dispatch Overtime Hours

	Totals:
Sick leave replacement	64
Personal leave replacement	0
Vacation replacement	16
Training replacement	0
Holiday replacement	0
Comp-time replacement	8
Weekend replacement	8

Little Compton Police Department
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MEMORANDUM

October 2022 Part-time Dispatch Hours

	Totals:
Weekend replacement	56
Vacation replacement	0
Sick leave replacement	21
Personal day	0
Holiday replacement	8
Training replacement	0
Comp-time replacement	0

October 2022 Town fuel log

Gasoline	September	October	Total
# 1 Unused	76,010.0	76,010.0	0
# 2 Fire department	27,219.4	27,391.1	99.7
# Unused	4,223.5	4,223.5	0.0
# 4 Maintenance	40,475.4	40,665.4	190.0
# 5 Highway Department	2,531.0	2,531.0	0.0
# 6 Senior Bus	5,083.3	5,083.3	0.0
# 7 Beach Commission	1,410.1	1,410.1	0.0
#8 Police Department	7,155.4	7,762.3	606.9

Total Gasoline: 896.6

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Diesel	**September**	**October**	**Total**
# 1 Fire Department	42,518.6	42,730.8	212.2
# 2 Unused	11,043.7	11,043.7	0.0
# 3 Highway Department	5,279.1	5,279.1	0.0
# 4 Maintenance Department	4,231.5	4,265.5	34.0
# 5 Old Senior bus	362.8	362.8	0.0

Total Diesel: 246.2

Respectfully,

John Faria

John Faria
Lieutenant

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Little Compton Fire Department

Monthly Report

October 2022

Incidents By Time And Day

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT	TOTALS
1 AM		1						1
2 AM						1	1	2
3 AM		1						1
4 AM	1							1
5 AM	1							1
6 AM				1				1
7 AM		1		1	1			3
8 AM		1						1
9 AM			1	2				3
10 AM		1	1			1		3
11 AM	1	1		1		1		4
12 PM				1	1			2
1 PM	1	1	1		1		1	5
2 PM		1			1	2		4
3 PM	1				1	2	1	5
4 PM	1	2					1	4
5 PM		1			2	1	3	7
6 PM			1		1			2
7 PM	1		1		1			3
8 PM			1		1		2	4
9 PM	1	1			1		1	4
10 PM				1				1
11 PM			1		1			2
12 AM							1	1
TOTALS	8	12	7	7	12	8	11	65

GRAND TOTAL: 65

NFPA Part III: Fire And Incident Type Breakdown

A: Structure Fires By Fixed Property Use	Number	Deaths	Injury	Dollar Loss
1. Private Dwellings (1 or 2 Family)	0	0	0	0
2. Apartments (3 or More Families)	0	0	0	0
3. Hotels and Motels	0	0	0	0
4. All Other Residential	0	0	0	0
5. TOTAL RESIDENTAL FIRES	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
6. Public Assembly	0	0	0	0
7. Schools and Colleges	0	0	0	0
8. Health Care and Penal Institutions	0	0	0	0
9. Stores and Offices	0	0	0	0
10. Industry, Utility, Defense, Laboratories	0	0	0	0
11. Storage in Structures	0	0	0	0
12. Other Structures	0	0	0	0
13. TOTAL STRUCTURE FIRES	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
B: Other Fires And Incidents				
14a. Fires in Highway Vehicles	0	0	0	0
14b. Fires in Other Vehicles	0	0	0	0
15. Fires Outside of Structures With Value Involved	1	0	0	0
16. Fires Outside of Structures With No Value Involved	0	0	0	0
17. Fires in Rubbish	0	0	0	0
18. All Other Fires	0	0	0	0
19. TOTALS FOR ALL FIRES	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
20. Rescue, Emergency Medical Responses	40	0	0	0
21. False Alarm Responses	11	0	0	0

22. Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0
23a. Hazmat Responses	1	0	0	0
23b. Other Hazardous Conditions	1	0	0	0
24. All Other Responses	11	0	0	0
25. TOTAL FOR ALL INCIDENTS	**65**	**0**	**0**	**0**

NFPA Part IV: False Alarm Responses

Type Of Call	Number
1. Malicious, Mischievous Fall Call	0
2. System Malfunction	6
3. Unintentional	5
4. Other False Alarms	0

Incident Type Category Breakdown

Incident Type Category	Occurrences	Percentage
[100-199] Fire/Explosion	1	1.5
[200-299] Overpressure Rupture	0	0.0
[300-399] Rescue Call	40	61.5
[400-499] Hazardous Condition	2	3.1
[500-599] Service Call	10	15.4
[600-699] Good Intent Call	1	1.5
[700-799] False Call	11	16.9
[800-899] Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	0	0.0
[900-999] Special Type/Complaint	0	0.0
Undetermined	0	0.0
TOTAL	**65**	**100.0**

Fixed Property Type Category Breakdown

Fixed Property Type Category	Occurrences	Percentage
[100-199] Public Assembly Properties	4	6.2
[200-299] Educational Properties	0	0.0
[300-399] Institutional Properties	0	0.0
[400-499] Residential Properties	47	72.3
[500-599] Mercantile Properties	2	3.1
[600-699] Utilities/Technology/Farming/Mining	3	4.6
[700-799] Manufacturing Properties	0	0.0
[800-899] Storage Properties	1	1.5
[900-999] Special Properties	8	12.3
None	0	0.0
Undetermined	0	0.0
TOTAL	**65**	**100.0**

Fire District Breakdown

Fire District	Occurrences	Percentage
NORTH WEST	8	12.3
WESTPORT	1	1.5

SOUTH WEST	6	9.2
NORTH CENTRAL	8	12.3
NORTH EAST	22	33.8
CENTRAL	7	10.8
SOUTH	12	18.5
OUT OF TOWN	1	1.5
TOTAL	**65**	**100.0**

Personnel Breakdown

Name	Pers. Form	Time Sheet	Reporting	Approving
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Lieutenant David A Nickerson	0	0	14	14
Lieutenant James B Vandal	0	0	15	16
Firefighter Jonathan j Bednarz	0	0	2	2
Captain Randall A Watt	0	0	14	14
Lieutenant Samuel T Hussey	0	0	20	19
TOTAL	**0**	**0**	**65**	**65**

Apparatus Breakdown

Apparatus	Responses	Percentage
Fire Chief's Car	5	5.8
Fire Prevention Car	4	4.7
Engine 2	15	17.4
Fire Boat	1	1.2
Rescue 2	45	52.3
Squad	5	5.8
Tanker 1	2	2.3
TIVERTON COMMAND	1	1.2
TIVERTON ENGINE	2	2.3
TIVERTON RESCUE 1	6	7.0
TOTAL	**86**	**100.0**

Incident Type

Incident Type	Occurrences	Percentage
Natural vegetation fire, other	1	1.5
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	34	52.3
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	3.1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2	3.1
Search for person on land	1	1.5
Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	1.5
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.5
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	1.5
Service Call, other	8	12.3
Lock-out	1	1.5
Assist invalid	1	1.5
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	1.5
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6	9.2
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.5
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	4	6.2
TOTAL	**65**	**100.0**

Aid Given or Received

Aid Given or Received	Occurrences	Percentage
Mutual aid received	6	9.2
None	59	90.8
TOTAL	**65**	**100.0**

Apparatus Use

Apparatus Use	Occurrences	Percentage
Other	18	20.9
Suppression	17	19.8
EMS	51	59.3
TOTAL	**86**	**100.0**

For Districts: All
For Situations: All
For Jurisdictions: All
For Street(s): All
For Location: All

DHR-6

Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Antonio A. Teixeira
Town Administrator

Date: November 3, 2022

Subject: October Monthly Report

Town Hall Restoration – The Damon Company has begun the renovation construction; demolition of the handicap ramp to be rebuilt in compliance with ADA regulations, installed a temporary handicap ramp, strip clapboard, and prep for gutter installation. Of course they will be working one side at a time. The main entrance, Finance and side entrances are available to access the Town Hall.

Municipal Resiliency Projects (MRP) – Engineer Don Medeiros has begun to survey Town Landing as the second project from the list of the MRP. In the meantime Wilkie Excavating, Inc continues to work on the South Shore Beach project.

Senior Van – We are finalizing the mechanical work to insure and register the van to be available for service.

RIDOT – Kevin Aguiar from BETA Group is engineering the portion of the Commons that the Town wants to incorporate into RIDOT work; curbing and sidewalks. He's has been invited to attend RIDOT's "Teams" meeting to stay appraised of the RIDOT engineering.

Power Options – The agreements have been signed and sent to TPE RI WA1, LLC for their signature and return a set of originals for our files.

State Lights Agreement – the agreement has been signed and sent to the State for them to sign and return an original set.

Local Solar – Mr. James Lock has been gathering information to come back to share with the Town Council his findings and possibilities.

Fire Marshal inspection – many of us have taken on the tasks to rectify some of the issues identified. As for the sprinkler system, we will be visiting with the State Fire Marshal to discuss options.

Building/Zonning Official – we continue to receive applications and have identified some candidates. We will be interviewing very soon.

RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust – I attended the annual meeting that includes reports from various committees and the Board of Trustees. We had guests from the Minnesota Trust and they complimented how well run we are and the services provided to the various RI Municipalities.

Payroll – Joseph DeSantis and Rachel Bruno continue to work through the various phases to convert into a new payroll system. They have invested much time to make sure that all the info is correct for each employee.

Southcoast Cleaning – they will begin the janitorial service twice a week, starting this week, Town Hall and Police Department; Wednesdays and Fridays.

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON

URGING THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO RECOGNIZE JUNE 19, JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY,
AS AN OFFICIAL RHODE ISLAND STATE HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States Congress enacted the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, codified into law at Title 5, Sec. 6103(a) of the U.S. Code; and

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act recognizes Juneteenth National Independence Day, June l 9, as a federal holiday, commemorating the anniversary of the last African American slaves being freed in Texas on June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Rhode Island General Assembly has not yet enacted a law-making Juneteenth an official State holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Compton Town Council respectfully urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to adopt legislation making Juneteenth a State holiday.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the clerks of all cities and towns in Rhode Island, and on January 4, 2023 to Little Compton's members of the RI General Assembly, The Speaker of the RI House of Representatives, President of the RI Senate, and the Governor of the State of RI.

Passed as a resolution of the Little Compton Town Council this 3rd day of November, 2022

OB-2

Carol Wordell

From: Benoit Gauthier <2benoitgauthier@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 9:33 AM
To: Carol Wordell
Subject: Concerns over proposed Charter Changes

To: Carol Wordell, Clerk, Town of Little Compton

Carol,

Pursuant to review of the 2022 Voter Information handbook I am writing to formalize my concerns over the proposed changes to the budget development process submitted by the Charter Review Commission. I apologize for these late-coming arguments against their recommendation, I was overwhelmed during the past two years and oblivious to their efforts on these matters. I would like the following distributed to the Council for their consideration, and will try to make myself available if anyone wishes a discussion of these matters.

I strongly believe the transfer of duties and responsibilities of the Budget Committee for development of the initial draft budgets does not serve the best interests of the town. I believe this transfer of duties by Charter and diminishment of the Budget Committee's responsibility represent offenses to cherished principles of citizen-led open meeting policy development and also represent a consolidation of influence in a non-elected position that is inadequately represented in the proposal as described, and will not be sustainable in future years. In short, core democratic and conservative sensibilities are at risk in these proposed charter changes.

My perspective is shaped by involvement with the Budget Committee over two separate periods. My first few terms began working under Chairman John Ort. The budget development process in Little Compton was re-invigorated by John, who introduced an open-meetings intensive process wherein the Budget Committee successfully executed its responsibility to produce a Recommended Budget and Capital Plan according to language in the Town Charter. The Budget Committee was busy throughout the Fall meeting with all Department heads and submitters, understanding and discussing in open meeting their current year execution progress, concerns they held for future expenses in operating and Capital Plan ledgers, and opportunities that could be researched to seek efficient solutions. Serious issues the townspeople had over transparency in budget development, especially with respect to the school department, were solved using John's process. Subsequent Budget committees utilized this process to develop responsible and efficient Budget Recommendations through 2018.

The proposed changes seek to formalize in the Charter a new process for budget development which is an aberration resulting from the pandemic and introduction of a new Administrator position in the town. In the lockdown, we were unable to follow this public-meeting intensive process, and the town was extremely fortunate to have a new Administrator with the energy and initiative to poll the submitters during the workday and put together a draft budget for the Budget Committee to review late in the budget development season. Our letter to the Voters in the FTM mailing acknowledged the efforts of the Administrator in assisting the development of the budget under these emergency conditions. Since that year, for reasons I do not understand, and did publicly object to in our September meetings during my last term of service, the Budget Committee has allowed its responsibility for preliminary budget development and Capital plan development to continue to be performed by the Administrator. I believe is is critical for the Town to not codify this 'new normal' as the Town's budget development process.

The drafting of the Town's budget recommendation and Capital Plan recommendation constitute the drafting of a fiscal policy for the upcoming year as well as long terms fiscal constraints inherent in any recommended borrowing. These are rightly cited in the existing Charter as the Responsibility of the Budget Committee, and

need to be developed by Elected Citizens, in Public Meetings. We should strongly object to any drafting of a fiscal policy recommendation by an unelected public official, especially when it is being conducted during the work day out of public meetings. Moreover, execution of this responsibility by the Budget Committee places the budget planning in the hands of taxpayer citizens who are traditionally drawn to this work by their inherent fiscal conservatism. Transferring responsibility for development of the first draft budget to an Administrator whose primary role is task execution will result in a different outcome.

I agree with the Charter Commissions desire to achieve an earlier submission of budget submissions, but they need to come to the Budget Committee, not just the Administrator. Early season work in budget development has been an opportunity for the committee members to develop an appreciation for the the challenges facing all departments, the desires of citizen stroke applicants, and the develop a better understanding of the workings of our town. Keeping early discussion and deliberation in these public meetings is increasingly important to our town. The recent practice of voting the entire budget in one stroke at FTM seems efficient to those of us who have spent hours working the recommendation, but we must respect the fact that there are many who feel disenfranchised by this practice and do not attend FTM. The wait for quorum continues to grow. Restoring and preserving the public-meeting intensive budget development process is increasingly more important to preserving voter confidence in our budgeting processes.

Finally, I believe that the proposed Charter Changes diminishing the role of the Budget Committee will have ramification for development of future leaders in town government. The Budget Committee has been a first step step in public service for many who have gone on to make even bigger commitments to serve in Town Hall, on the Council and as Moderator. It is one of the few feeder institutions we have where citizens can begin to feel the value of their contributions to the town. In the last two seasons the Committee has lost three new, bright young people who left for essentially the same reason, " we do nothing all year, it's a waste of my time."

I hope in the foregoing it is clear that my arguments against the proposed Charter changes for budget development are focused on principles and processes. We have been blessed to make it through the pandemic so well, and this is simply due to the excellent people we presently have working for the town. My concerns are for the future of the town, and I believe the best future for the town will be achieved if we adhere to the sensibilities expressed as far back as the writings of Hamilton, Jay and Madison. We need to insist on keeping responsibility for drafting policies impacting taxation, infrastructure and rent-seeking in the hands of publicly elected citizens doing their work in open meetings. I urge the Council to recommend against the proposed Charter changes regarding the Budget Committee, and to charge the Budget Committee to return to its pre-pandemic mode of operation.

Respectfully,

Ben

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Carol Wordell

From: Amy Veri <amyveri721@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 1:57 PM
To: Carol Wordell; Town Council
Subject: Carolyns Sakonnet Vineyard

Hello Hon. Town Council and Madam Town Clerk,

Was the vineyard granted an entertainment license this year? I am asking because I am currently inside my home with the windows closed trying to work from home and can hear nothing but the music playing from the vineyard. This is not the first time I have experienced the vineyard playing music loud enough to interfere with the quiet enjoyment of my property this year (albeit much less of a nuisance than previous years). However, today is notably much more invasive than in other occasions this year.

I have not seen anything advertised or announced in the Sakonnet Times, but with a new baby I have not been hyper vigilant in keeping up on this issue.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

Amy Veri
120 West Main Road

Sent from my iPhone

BLC-1

PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, RI

The undersigned respectfully requests of your honorable board, that a license may be granted to:

The Little Compton Game Club for a F-1 Liquor License for a Surf + Turf Dinner to be held on premises (88 John Dyer Rd Nov 12, 2022

Roger P. Shardell
Signature

In Town Council, _____, _____

Read and granted _____

Witness, _____
Town Clerk

Consent-1

Carol Wordell

From: fnhaggerty@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 10:08 AM
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Subject: Ocean Wind Lawsuits : Siemens v. General Electric - Appellant Vineyard Wind

Ocean Wind Turbines
Siemens Gamesa A/S v. General Electric - Appellant Vineyard Wind September 23, 2022 https://dockets.justia.com/docket/circuit-courts/cafc/22-2184

Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy A/S v. General Electric Company

Plaintiff / Appellee:	SIEMENS GAMESA RENEWABLE ENERGY A/S
Defendant / Appellee:	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
Petitioner / Appellant:	VINEYARD WIND 1 LLC
Case Number:	22-2184

Filed:	September 7, 2022
Court:	U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
Nature of Suit:	Patent Infringement (Fed. Qst.)

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September 22, 2022	**Filing 11 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE: The submission of Appellee General Electric Company, Entry of Appearance [# 8], is not in compliance with the rules of this court (see attached). Compliant document due on 09/29/2022. Service as of this date by the Clerk of Court. [873447] [CAB] [Entered: 09/22/2022 02:19 PM]**

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Consent-2

Carol Wordell

From:	fnhaggerty@aol.com
Sent:	Monday, October 31, 2022 1:45 PM
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Subject:	Commonwealth and Mayflower wind say Massachusetts offshore wind farms "no longer viable"

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Developers say Massachusetts offshore wind farms "no longer viable"

by **Bridget Reed Morawski**

October 31, 2022

https://energynews.us/newsletter/developers-say-massachusetts-offshore-wind-farms-no-longer-viable/

OFFSHORE WIND: The developers behind the Commonwealth and Mayflower wind projects in Massachusetts say the facilities are "no longer [economically] viable" and that their contracts need to be renegotiated and a regulatory review should be paused. *(State House News Service)*

ALSO: Federal officials release a draft plan to conserve the North Atlantic right whale around offshore wind projects along the East Coast, with public comments open until December 4. *(Associated Press)*