

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held April 5th, AD 2012 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske and Gary S. Mataronas. Absent: Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Tom Dunn, Business Manager.

Salute to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To approve, as written the March 19, 2012 special Town Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To approve, as written the March 22, 2012 Town Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To approve, as written the March 27, 2012 special meeting of the Town Council sitting as the Board of Tax Assessment Appeals.

Announcement:

1. The Little Compton Grange Post #32 has invited the Council and public to attend a meeting to honor several members of the community for their service on April 18, 2012 at 7 PM:

Police Man of the Year – Kennedy Hawes

Citizen of the Year – Sandra Waite

Fireman of the Year – Peter Zarriello

Agriculturalist of the Year – DeLucia Berry Farm

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for March 2012.

Mr. Robert Torchia withdrew his letter of resignation and offered to remain on the LC Housing Trust for the remainder of his term. His resignation was due to a lack of ability to attend a number of meetings, but not a lack of desire to serve. Another vacancy remains on this board and will continue to be posted.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To amend the following strokes and resubmit to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the warrant for the Annual Financial Town Meeting of May 22, 2012:

#3

To authorize and direct the Town Treasurer 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. All other monies would continue to be deposited to the General Fund.

#13

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety Four Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy Five (\$894,575.00) Dollars for the Little Compton Police Department for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salary, Chief \$78,755.00

Salaries, officers 479,686.00

Holiday Pay 31,438.00

Court,OT,Vac,Sk Lv & OOR Pay 50,300.00

Uniforms 13,000.00

Education 1,500.00

Maint,Gas,Off Sup & Tele 40,700.00

Shift differential 3,000.00

Convention expenses 1,500.00

Longevity 21,695.00

Animal Control Fees & Expenses 4,750.00

SUBTOTAL \$726,324.00

Clerk-Typist/Dispatchers:

Salaries (4-full time) \$129,123.00

Vacation & Sk Lv Rep Pay 16,200.00

Holidays 5,687.00

Weekend Replacement 10,800.00

Differential 1,533.00

Longevity 4,908.00

SUB-TOTAL \$168,251.00

TOTAL \$894,575.00

#17

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Four Thousand, Seventy Four (\$684,074.00) Dollars to maintain the Little Compton Fire Department for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salary, Chief \$ 67,764.00

Salaries, Firemen 392,210.00

Longevity 18,408.00

Holiday Pay 26,421.00

Vacation,Sick & Overtime Repl. 118,488.00

Cardiac/Paramedic Incentive 5,450.00

Uniform Allowance 10,800.00
Part-Timers Clothing 1,200.00
Training 25,833.00
Equipment Maint. & Office Supplies 17,500.00
\$ 684,074.00

#20

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Two Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty Three (\$42,683.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay salary and benefits for disabled fire fighter Leonard Corrao for the ensuing year as follows:

Salary \$ 18,915.00
Health Benefits 23,768.00
\$ 42,683.00

#41

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Sixty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty (\$766,920.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay Health Insurance Benefits for Town employees, both active and retired.

Active Employees \$ 616,038.00
Retired Employees 150,882.00

\$ 766,920.00

#42

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Three Hundred Ten (\$171,310.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the Town's matching portion of F.I.C.A.

#50

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighteen (\$144,718.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the general maintenance and upkeep of all town property (exclusive of road repair or road construction) for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salaries \$ 121,308.00

Longevity 3,510.00

Material,Parts,Equip. 19,900.00

\$ 144,718.00

Two applications have been received for the part time board secretary vacancy. Interviews will be set up immediately prior to the

next Town Council meeting April 19th.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To interview two (2) applicants for the part time board secretary vacancy on April 19, 2012 beginning at 6:15 PM, the Town Clerk shall notify the applicants.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize Councilor Bodington and the Maintenance Foreman to review a single application received for the part time seasonal maintenance laborer and to further authorize the ability to hire said individual, should he be deemed qualified, at a rate of \$13 per hour, no more than 1000 hours of service and no benefits.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To send a letter to Senator DiPalma and Representative Dan Gordon advising them that the Town Council is opposed to House bill H-7867 due to the negative impact this legislation would have on the Town's revenue stream.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To grant permission to the Wilbur &

McMahon Schools to use Veteran's Field to place their portable classrooms for the 2012-2013 school year, acknowledging that the modules will not be placed on the field until after the August 4, 2012 Chicken Barbeque Celebration and contingent upon both the Police and Fire Chief's being kept apprised of the placement of the modules.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize the Town Council President, Vice-President and Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee Chairman to open bids for the Walkway and Field Improvement Project, Passive Grant Bids, on April 16, 2012 and to bring a recommendation to the April 19, 2012 Town Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, RI

WHEREAS, the Town of Little Compton hereby acknowledges that the Sakonnet River Bridge is utilized by many commuters to and from Aquidneck Island, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Little Compton also acknowledges that our

High School students are bused to Portsmouth High School on Aquidneck Island, and

WHEREAS, on average the Little Compton school buses must utilize the Sakonnet River Bridge three (3) times a day to bring students to and from school activities, and

WHEREAS, transfer of the bridge to the RI Bridge and Turnpike Authority would result in an adverse effect on those using the Sakonnet River Bridge should a toll charge or fee be imposed on the commuters using the Sakonnet River Bridge, and

WHEREAS, House bill H-7036 has been introduced into the General Assembly to prevent the transfer of the Bridge and further prevent any toll charge or fee from being imposed,

NOW THEREFORE, be it further resolved that on this 5th day of April, 2012 the Town Council of the Town of Little Compton does hereby request that Senator Louis DiPalma and Representative Dan Gordon support passage of 2012 – H-7036, An Act Relating to Highways – Construction and Maintenance of State Roads.

Paul J. Golembeske, Vice-President, Town Council

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington,

Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file a solicitation letter received from New England Amateur Athletic Union, a company wishing to be hired to promote athletic events in Rhode Island.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file a copy of a resolution adopted by the Glocester Town Council opposing 2012-H 7617 and any binding arbitration legislation currently being considered by the RI General Assembly.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file a Notice of Public Hearing received from the RI Dept. of Administration, Statewide Planning Council concerning the proposed adoption of a draft plan entitled “RI Water 2030” as State Guide Plan Element 721.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize Councilor Mataronas to review a set of Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps and a Flood Insurance Study report for coastal areas of Newport County with the Building Official and to report his findings at a future Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To grant permission to the LC Community Center to use 32 Commons on July 16, 18 and 20 from 9 am to 12 pm for the Senior Luncheon Program due to the Summer Art Show taking over the space normally used by the Seniors, contingent upon availability of the room for use.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To request the Town Council President review a request for participation in a 2012 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey and to return to a future Council meeting with any concerns or recommendations.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file a letter received from Michael A. Solomon, Providence City Councilor urging support of House Bill – H-7450 which relates to tax-exempt institutions within cities and towns.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A 2% INCREASE
IN THE MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX**

Whereas, Governor Lincoln Chafee proposes a 2% increase in the meals and beverage tax in the State of Rhode Island's FY2013 budget; and

Whereas, the hospitality industry is the fourth largest industry in Rhode Island; and

Whereas, the hospitality industry is one of the few industries currently experiencing growth coming out of the long recession; and

Whereas, the tourism industry supports over 50,000 jobs in Rhode Island and generates over \$4.9 billion in tourism-related sales; and

Whereas, restaurants are already struggling due to increased prices of commodities and keeping their prices down to stay competitive; and

Whereas, any additional tax could force taxpayers that are still struggling due to the recession to reduce the frequency of their meals out; and

Whereas, Massachusetts and Connecticut have lower meals and beverage taxes and Rhode Islanders may opt to eat in neighboring

communities with the lower taxes; and

Whereas, Narragansett and elsewhere in Rhode Island are destinations for conferences, events and weddings and many people may opt for destinations with lower taxes while planning their events.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Council respectively requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to oppose Governor Chafee's proposed 2% increase in the meals and beverage tax; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator DiPalma and Representative Gordon and Governor Chafee.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2012 by the Little Compton Town Council.

**Paul J. Golembeske, Vice-President
Town Council**

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPANSION
OF THE LODGING TAX**

Whereas, in the State of Rhode Island FY2013 budget, Governor Lincoln Chafee proposes expanding the lodging tax base to include rentals of vacation homes and rooms in bed and breakfast establishments with fewer than three (3) bedrooms to rent; and

Whereas, the travel and tourism industry is the fourth largest industry in Rhode Island; and

Whereas, the hospitality industry is one of the few industries currently experiencing growth coming out of the long recession; and

Whereas, the tourism industry supports over 50,000 jobs in Rhode Island and generates over \$4.9 billion in tourism-related sales; and

Whereas, Little Compton has many seasonal and vacation rental homes; and

Whereas, any additional tax to the homeowner would be passed along as a rental increase; and

Whereas, many vacationers may be forced to find alternative vacation destinations; and

Whereas, many property owners may be forced to sell their investment properties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Council respectively requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to oppose Governor Chafee's proposed expansion of the lodging tax base; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator DiPalma and Representative Gordon and Governor Chafee.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2012 by the Little Compton Town Council.

**Paul J. Golembeske, Vice-President
Town Council**

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file a Notice of proposed changes for hearing April 24, 2012 by the Coastal Resources Management Council regarding Narrow River Special Area Management Plan (SAMP).

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place the consent calendar on file as

follows:

- 1. Copies of resolutions adopted by the Smithfield Public Schools and the Cumberland School Committee supporting a proposal to change School Department layoff notice to June 1 through House bill 7272**
- 2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the North Kingstown School Department opposing House bills H-7617 and H-7620 relating to mandatory binding arbitration**
- 3. Copy of a resolution adopted by the North Kingstown School Department opposing House bill H-7250 relating to mandatory contract continuation**
- 4. Copy of a flyer announcing a Lockout/Tagout Workshop offered by the RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust (offered previously)**

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$31,450.39

Mobile Fire Apparatus Repair & Services- Fire Dept. \$502.19

Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Fire Dept. \$1,581.78

Shipman's Fire Equipment - Fire Dept. \$490.00

JJ Gregory & Son, Inc. - Fire Dept. \$55.90

Shipman's Fire Equipment - Fire Dept. \$60.00

Shipman's Fire Equipment - Fire Dept. \$292.00
Firematic Supply Co Inc. - Fire Dept. \$332.00
CPS HR Consulting - Fire Dept. \$762.30
Staples - Fire Dept. \$12.39
Belmont Springs - Fire Dept. \$2.39 \$4,090.95
Paul's Press - Budget Committee \$179.00
Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Maintenance Dept. \$1,369.10
Effluent Technologies - Wastewater Treatment Facility \$712.50
Everlasting Designs - computer \$100.00
WB Mason - Building Official - Treasurer \$228.69
Susan Sisson - Director of Social Services \$1,350.00
International Salt - Highway \$5,460.67
Allied Court Reporters - Zoning Board \$125.00
Home Depot - Maintenance \$220.28
Paychex of New York, LLC - Treasurer \$361.86
MaryJane Harrington - Treasurer \$15.54
CS & M Tele-Systems - Town hall \$80.00
Nationalgrid - lights at Town Dock \$39.23
Nationalgrid - street lights \$21.34
KTR Maintenance & Supply - Public Safety Complex \$1,080.00
Humphrey's - Maintenance \$31.53
EastBay Newspapers - Council - CDBG - Clerk - Highway \$1,067.40
EastBay Newspapers - Zoning \$107.10
Maguire Equipment Inc. - Transfer Station \$600.00
Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$44.41
Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$521.16

EastBay Newspapers -Probate \$120.00

Cox Communications - Town Hall depts. \$256.51

Cox Communications - computer \$252.00

Direct Energy - Street Lights Town Dock \$9.69

Direct Energy - Street Lights \$9.16

Robert H Goff Jr. - Assessors \$230.01

Sterry Street Towing - Drug Forfeiture \$1,500.00

Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$501.38

NITV Federal Services - Drug Forfeiture \$295.00

Fall River Police Department - Drug Forfeiture \$333.00 \$2,629.38

Cox Communication/Internet - Police Dept. \$171.00

Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$181.90

W.B. Mason - Police Dept. \$131.21

K.T.R. Maintenance - Police Dept. \$87.26

Pitney Bowes - Police Dept. \$145.50

Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$20.50

IPMA-HR - Police Dept. \$300.00 \$1,037.37

Vernon L. Gorton Jr. - Assessors - legal contingency \$2,250.00

Dave Venancio - Inspectors \$570.00

Building Official - Laura Rom \$238.00

Planning Board - Laura Rom \$56.00

Zoning Board - Laura Rom \$70.00

East Bay Comm. Action Program - Student Asst. Counsel \$3,031.07

KTR Maintenance & Supply - Town Hall \$90.82

Petro - Gasoline \$2,758.63

Thomas G Dunn III - Business Manager \$35.99

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To adjourn at 7:24 PM.

Carol A Wordell

Town Clerk