

WARNING FOR FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

COUNTY OF NEWPORT, SC.



By the Town Clerk of the Town of Little Compton,  
in the County and State aforesaid,  
To SIDNEY M. WORDELL, Town Sergeant of the  
Town of Little Compton, or any of the Constables of  
said Town,

GREETINGS :

Pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 45 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, you are hereby required to post, at least seven (7) days before the Twenty-First day of May, A.D. 2024 written notifications in three (3) or more public places in the said Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island notifying and warning the electors of said Town of Little Compton, qualified to vote upon any proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money, to assemble in Town Meeting at the Wilbur-McMahon School Auditorium/Gymnasium in said Town of Little Compton, on Tuesday the Twenty-First day of May, A.D. 2024 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of ordering a tax to be levied and assessed on the ratable property of the town and the inhabitants of the town for the payment of the town debts and interest, for the payment of the town's proportion of the state tax, for the support of schools, for the support and maintenance of the poor, for the building, repairing, and amending of highways, for the building, repairing and amending of bridges, for the improvement in any manner deemed fit of any property belonging to the town, for all necessary charges and expenses whatsoever arising within the town, whether incidental or not to the above, and for the following purposes, viz.:

Accept the report of the Finance Director.

FIRST

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, or 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.

SECOND

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.

THIRD

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.

#### FOURTH

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.

#### FIFTH

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. (Solicitor’s Opinion effective date to be 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 per enabling legislation)

#### SIXTH

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.

#### SEVENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) Dollars to replace the town tennis and pickleball courts and lights.

This article was submitted by Citizens Petition.

#### EIGHTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars to assist in funding of Little Compton’s 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2025.

This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of the LC350 Committee.

#### NINETH

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.

This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.

#### TENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars as a donation to the Friends of the Little Compton Wellness Center, Inc.

This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.

#### ELEVENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars as a donation to the East Bay Community Action Program to help defray the cost of providing services and programs that benefit Little Compton citizens.

This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.

TWELFTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars as a donation to the Prevention Coalition to offset expenses to operate programs for youth in our community.

This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.

THIRTEENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars as a donation to the Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District.

This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.

FOURTEENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars as a donation to the Little Compton Community Center in support of the senior meal program which provides food to Little Compton citizens.

This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.

FIFTEENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars as a donation to the Little Compton Food Bank to assist in providing food to Little Compton citizens.

This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.

SIXTEENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for Senior Citizens Services.

SEVENTEENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty One (\$7,731.00) Dollars for the salary of the Social Services Director for the ensuing year, distribution as follows:

Salary	\$7,431.00
Phone	<u>300.00</u>
	\$7,731.00

EIGHTEENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Million, Four Hundred Ninety Four Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety (\$1,494,590.00) Dollars for the Little Compton Police Department for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salary, Chief	\$96,516.00
Salaries	734,398.00
Holiday Pay	52,258.00
Court,OT,Vac,Sk Lv & OOR Pay	134,800.00
Uniforms	23,000.00
Education	20,000.00
Maint,Gas,Off Sup & Tele	91,660.00
Shift differential	4,500.00
Convention expenses	2,500.00
Service Contracts	36,415.00
Accreditation	6,000.00
Longevity	34,262.00
Animal Control Fees & Expenses	<u>6,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$1,242,309.00
Clerk-Typist/Dispatchers:	
Salaries	\$169,189.00

Vacation & Sk Lv Rep Pay	34,800.00
Holidays	11,200.00
Weekend Replacement	24,000.00
Differential	2,200.00
Longevity	8,892.00
Training/Education	<u>2,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$252,281.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,494,590.00

NINETEENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty (\$62,880.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the heat, electricity and maintenance for the Public Safety Complex.

TWENTIETH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty One (\$1,159,381.00) Dollars to maintain the Little Compton Fire Department for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salary, Chief	\$	96,516.00
Salaries, Part-Time		25,000.00
Salaries, Firemen		706,581.00
Longevity		13,185.00
Holiday Pay		46,819.00
Vacation, Sick & Overtime Repl.		132,860.00
Cardiac/Paramedic Incentive		21,120.00
Uniform Allowance		16,800.00
Part-Timers Clothing		2,500.00
Training		22,000.00
Service Contracts		16,000.00
Department Expenses		12,000.00
Phone/Security		5,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance/repair/fuel		<u>43,000.00</u>
	\$	1,159,381.00

TWENTY-FIRST

To see if the Town will authorize the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund to receive and expend monies up to One Hundred Forty Thousand (\$140,000.00) 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.

TWENTY-SECOND

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.

TWENTY-THIRD

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifteen (\$18,915.00) Dollars to pay the salary for disabled fire fighter Leonard Corrao for the ensuing year.

TWENTY-FOURTH

To see if the Town will make the expenditure appropriation of Eight Million, Five Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty Five (\$8,571,725) Dollars for the support of the public schools in the Town for the ensuing year. The Town's contribution shall be Eight Million, Fifty Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Five (\$8,050,425) Dollars. The remaining amount will be funded from State Aid to Education and Medicaid reimbursement.

TWENTY-FIFTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Two Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty Eight (\$852,588.00) Dollars for the annual principal and interest payments on the bond issued to fund the school renovation.

TWENTY-SIXTH

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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fifteen (\$172,315.00) Dollars for the Town Clerk's office for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salary, Town Clerk	\$	70,000.00
Salary, Deputy Town Clerk		44,596.00
Salary, Full Time Clerk		40,158.00
Longevity		1,561.00
Overtime, Office Equipment, Supplies, Dog Lic. /Tags		14,000.00
Document Preservation		<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$	172,315.00

TWENTY-EIGHTH

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, R.I. Historical Records Trust and Section 34-13-7,c General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended.

TWENTY-NINETH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000.00) Dollars, or so much as may be necessary, for the Board of Canvassers, for salaries, election expenses and supplies.

THIRTIETH

To see if the Town will approve the expenditure appropriation of Nine Thousand, Five Hundred (\$9,500.00) Dollars in support of the Budget Committee's communications and publication expenses, and for secretarial services.

THIRTY-FIRST

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, One Hundred Fifty Nine (\$135,159.00) Dollars to run the Finance Director's Office for the ensuing year. The distribution is estimated as follows:

Salary, Finance Director	71,000.00
Salary, Clerk	40,159.00
Department Expenses	7,000.00
Training/Education	2,000.00
Service Contract	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$135,159.00

THIRTY-SECOND

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty Seven (\$130,367.00) Dollars for the Office of the Tax Assessor for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salary	\$69,500.00
Salary, Clerk	40,158.00
Longevity	2,209.00
Department Expenses	6,000.00
Tax Maps & Engineering	2,500.00
Training/education	4,000.00
Service Contracts	<u>6,000.00</u>
	\$130,367.00

THIRTY-THIRD

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 Rhode Island.

THIRTY-FOURTH

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.

THIRTY-FIFTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of 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 other capital improvement deemed necessary.

THIRTY-SIXTH

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.

THIRTY-SEVENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eighty Eight Thousand, Ninety Four (\$88,094.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to cover expenses incurred through the use of a Town Administrator. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salary	\$	78,914.00
Phone/Security		780.00
Admin. Assistant		6,500.00
Dept. Expenses		<u>1,900.00</u>
	\$	88,094.00

THIRTY-EIGHTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Eight (\$20,428.00) Dollars for the salaries and expenses of the Town Council for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salary, President	\$	5,200.00
Salary, Councilmen (4)		8,528.00
Dept. Expense		3,800.00
Town Code Additions		<u>2,900.00</u>
	\$	20,428.00

THIRTY-NINETH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ninety Six Thousand, Three Hundred Four (\$96,304.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the services of a building official for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Building Official - salaries	\$	82,054.00
Expenses – Veh, Mileage, Tele., Office Supplies & Misc.		<u>14,250.00</u>
	\$	96,304.00

FORTIETH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand (\$37,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the fees of independent inspectors to perform electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspections.

FORTY-FIRST

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand, Five Hundred (\$50,500.00) Dollars for use of various advisory boards to the Town Council for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Charter Review Commission	\$	1,000.00
LC Housing Trust		20,000.00
Planning Board		8,500.00
Zoning Board of Review		5,000.00

PT clerk Planning and Zoning	9,000.00
Conservation Commission	<u>7,000.00</u>
	\$ 50,500.00

FORTY-SECOND

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 years Town Beach revenues, for the operation of the Town Beaches in the ensuing fiscal year.

FORTY-THIRD

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000.00) Dollars to cover the 2024/2025 Capital Budget spread. (Beach Commission)

FORTY-FOURTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty Six Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty Four (\$956,384.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay Health Insurance Benefits for Town employees, both active and retired.

Active Employees	\$ 795,789.00
Retired Employees	<u>160,595.00</u>
	\$ 956,384.00

FORTY-FIFTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Nineteen (\$258,319.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the Town's matching portion of F.I.C.A.

FORTY-SIXTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Seven (\$173,257.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the Town's insurance coverage.

FORTY-SEVENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Three Thousand (\$123,000.00) Dollars for legal services for the ensuing year. Distribution as follows:

Town Solicitor	\$ 85,000.00
Other legal services & litigation	<u>38,000.00</u>
	\$ 123,000.00

FORTY-EIGHTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty (\$171,420.00) Dollars as an incidental and emergency fund to be spent at the discretion of the Town Council.

FORTY-NINETH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Four Thousand, Four Hundred (\$54,400.00) Dollars for expenses to run the Town Hall for the ensuing year.

FIFTIETH

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.

FIFTY-FIRST

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 for the ensuing year and to accept the Annual Report of the Pension Committee.

Pension Plan Contribution	\$	398,819.00
Pension Matching Benefits		<u>18,000.00</u>
	\$	416,819.00

FIFTY-SECOND

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Three (\$257,293.00) Dollars to operate the Town Transfer Station for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Contract Hauling	\$	115,568.00
Solid Waste Management		120,000.00
Electric, Telephone & Miscellaneous		<u>21,725.00</u>
	\$	257,293.00

FIFTY-THIRD

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, One Hundred Four (\$273,104.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for public works (exclusive of road repair or road construction) for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution to be as follows:

Salaries	\$	200,131.00
Longevity		4,773.00
Material, Parts, Equip.		<u>68,200.00</u>
	\$	273,104.00

FIFTY-FOURTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Six Thousand, Three Hundred (\$266,300.00) Dollars for the maintenance and general upkeep of Town roads, for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Town roads and for sand, salt and clearing of snow from Town roads.

FIFTY-FIFTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand (\$35,000.00) Dollars for the removal of dead trees, pruning dead limbs and low hanging branches along Town property.

FIFTY-SIXTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand (\$169,000.00) Dollars for the purchase of maintenance contracts and supplies for the Computer Systems in use in the Town Hall and Public Safety Complex.

FIFTY-SEVENTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand (\$35,000.00) Dollars for auditing the books of the Finance Director and any and/or all other Town Department books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 (not including the School Department).

FIFTY-EIGHTH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Four Hundred Ten (\$193,410.00) Dollars for the Brownell Library, home of the Little Compton Free Public Library.

FIFTY-NINETY

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000.00) Dollars for the expenses of Street Lights for the ensuing year.



SIXTIETH

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Five (\$6,525.00) Dollars for the salary and expenses of the Probate Judge for the ensuing year.

Salary	\$ 6,125.00
Expenses	<u>400.00</u>
	\$ 6,525.00

SIXTY-FIRST

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty (\$8,950.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for oil and electricity and/or miscellaneous expenses for the International Order of Odd Fellows Hall (I.O.O.F.)/32 Commons Meeting Hall.

SIXTY-SECOND

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.

SIXTY-THIRD

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.

SIXTY-FOURTH

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.

SIXTY-FIFTH

**Elections to be held at the Annual Financial Town Meeting:**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
VOTE FOR ANY 2**

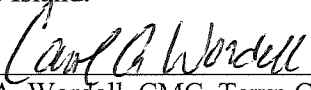
D. Craig Curtis, Jr.  
3 High Meadow Road

Corey Soderlund  
6 Bramblewood Cross Road

Alison Monds Ward  
59 Oak Forest Drive

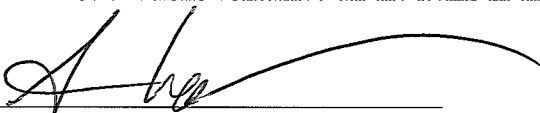
And to transact such other business as may legally come before said Annual Financial Town Meeting.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Town of Little Compton this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2024 at said Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island.

  
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Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk  
Little Compton, R.I.

May 6, 2024

I hereby certify that I have notified and warned the qualified electors of said Town of Little Compton, as the law requires, by posting written notifications at three public places in said Town of Little Compton, to wit: one (1) in the Community Center on the Commons in Little Compton, one (1) in the Brownell Library on the Commons in Little Compton and one (1) at the Sakonnet Yacht Club at Sakonnet Point, and that said notifications contained all the items in this Warrant.

  
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Sidney M. Wordell, Town Sergeant