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TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF August 20, 2026

AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Announcements:

Requests for legal services from Town Boards, Committees and Commissions: none

Approval of Minutes – August 6, 2026

Department Head Reports:

1. Finance Department Activity Report
2. Tax Assessor July 2026 Monthly Activity Report
3. IT Department Monthly Activity Report
4. Director of Senior and Social Services July/August 2026 Monthly Activity Report
5. Fire Department – July 2026 Monthly Activity Report
6. Town Administrator - Monthly Activity Report

Old Business:

1. Receive RFP painting bids for 144 Willow Ave building, discussion and action.
2. Receive response from The Commons Foundation regarding request for tax exemption status and response from Tax Assessor as requested by Town Council, discussion and action.

3. Adoption of affordable housing in five lots or more subdivisions ordinance, as revised by the Solicitor, discussion and action.
4. Rural Health Transformation Program Application, discussion and action.
5. Rural Broadband Access – BEAD update, discussion.

New Business:

1. Receive letter of resignation from Julie Spreadbury, Clerk, to the Planning Board and Zoning Board, effective September 4, 2026, discussion and action.
2. Request from DPW Director, proposal to purchase/lease a wheeled excavator with mowing attachment, discussion and action.
3. Request for Resolution to the Rhode Island General Assembly and Executive Office of Housing to recognize the unique challenges facing the Town of Little Compton in the development of affordable housing and to provide support to address these obstacles, discussion and action.
4. Jason Burchard, Tree warden resignation effective August 11, 2026, discussion and action.
5. Presentation from Little Compton Primary Care work group, discussion and action.
6. Tax Assessor abatements to be approved, discussion and action.
7. Little Compton Housing Trust Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025, discussion and action.
8. Request from Harbor Commission for the town to reconsider former objection to the Sakonnet Point Club's desalination system design, discussion and action.

Board of License Commissioners: none

Communications:

1. Request from Russell Bodington for a Single Event Entertainment License for a family wedding on September 26, 2026 at 24 South of Commons from 6PM -10PM.
2. Proclamation naming Caroline Wilkie Wordell, the Town Crier of Little Compton.
3. Emails and letters received regarding proposed Farm-Wedding Zoning Amendment:
 - a. Letter from Eileen Storz-Salino and Robert Salino, supplemental public comment-for inclusion in the record regarding the proposed farm wedding ordinance, dated August 6, 2026.
 - b. Email from Rob Galford, let's not dismiss a reasonable idea for how to help farms survive, dated August 14, 2026.
 - c. Letter from James H. Rich, III, opposition to Young Family Farm Application for Commercial Evert/Wedding Pilot Program, dated August 17, 2026.
 - d. Email from Jack Selvaggio, opposition to proposal to host weddings for a fee at the Young Family Farm, dated August 16, 2026.
 - e. Letter from Terri Bahr, Annual Entertainment License granted to Young Family Farm ("YFF"), dated August 15, 2026.
 - f. Email from Tenney Cover, In Support of Young Family Farm's 2-Yr Pilot Program Proposal, dated August 18, 2026.
 - g. Email from Sarah Rich, Commercial Weddings on Farms, dated August 17, 2026.
 - h. Letter from Patrick and Kris Donovan, regarding Young Family Farm wedding proposal, dated August 17, 2026.

- i. Email from Renee Welchman, applications/proposals related to any and all, including but not limited to, Entertainment Licenses, permits and/or other petitions/proposals by Young Family Farm, dated August 18, 2026.
 - j. Email from Marc M. Brezinski, Commercial Weddings on Farm's, dated August 17, 2026.
 - k. Email from Don and Ellen O'Neill, Young Family Farm proposal to engage in the commercial wedding business, dated August 17, 2026.
 - l. Email from Elaine and Steve Bristol, support for Young Family Farm's-2 Year Pilot Program Proposal, dated August 18, 2026.
 - m. Letter from Christine Nixon, applications/proposals related to any and all, including but not limited to, Entertainment Licenses, permits and/or other petitions/proposals by Young Family Farm, dated August 17, 2026.
 - n. Email from Sarah Young, Advisory opinion for Special Use Permit (Two-Year Agritourism Pilot Program), dated August 17, 2026.
 - o. Email from Kimberly Christopher, support of Young Family Farm's – 2 year Pilot Program Proposal.
 - p. Email from Vishva Priya and Terri Bahr, applications/proposals related to any and all, including but not limited to, Entertainment Licenses, permits and/or other petitions/proposals by Young Family Farm, dated August 17, 2026.
 - q. Letter from Rennard P. Waldron. Application to Allow Various Celebrations and Entertainments on farmland Owned by Tyler Young and by what other title such a petition is called, dated August 18, 2026.
 - r. Letter from Ingrid Waldron, abutter of Tyler Youngs's Family Farm, dated August 18, 2026.
 - s. Email from Hattie Young/Goulart, Strong support for Young Family Farm's 2 year pilot program proposal.
 - t. Email from Pamela and Renke Thye, in support of Young Family Farm and their proposed pilot program, dated August 18, 2026.
4. Letter from Eileen Storz-Salino and Robert Salino, 2016 Wishing Stone Farm Entertainment License issued and correspondence, dated August 17, 2026.

Consent: none

Payment of Bills

- Bills are available at the Town Hall.

Adjourn

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.

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