



LITTLE COMPTON TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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As we approach this year's Financial Town Meeting (FTM) where the townspeople vote on a budget that determines what their property taxes will be, it's time to look at where the taxes go. This is especially important at this time as we are potentially facing huge, double-digit tax hikes again this year. An informed voter can make the difference.

The current town budget is \$9,160,805 as determined last May at the FTM. The School budget is 60% of that or \$5,526,082 (includes the loan). Another way of slicing the budget is to look at the salary & benefit package for Town and School employees. It is 63% of the budget or \$5,783,927 (based upon what was appropriated at the FTM last May).

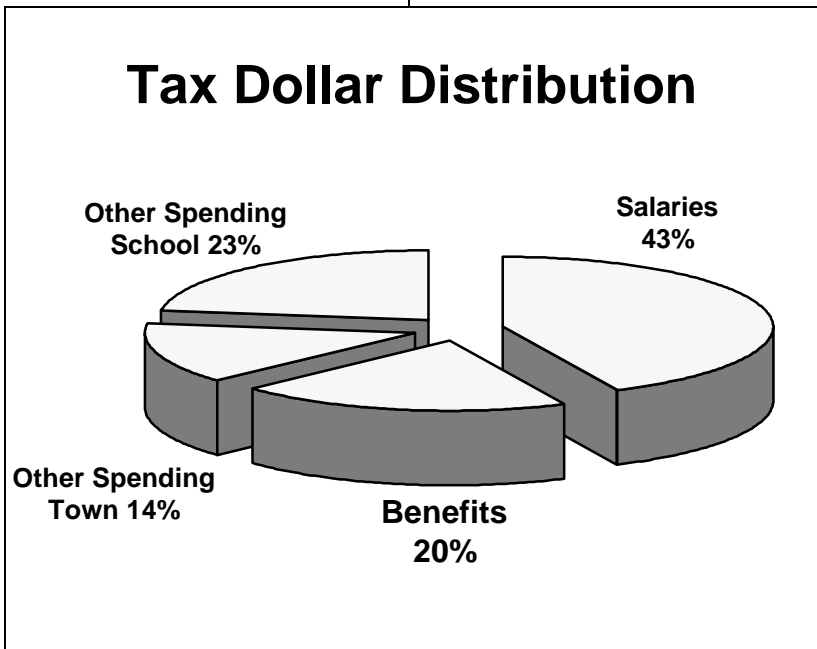
The pie chart on this page shows how the budget is broken up in terms of salaries, benefits, and non-salary appropriations for the current fiscal year. As can be seen, the salary & benefit pieces make up 63% of the total budget.

The benefit package for all employees totals \$1,833,761 broken up as follows:

Health Care	\$834,171
Pensions	\$443,061
Life Insurance	\$83,000
FICA/Misc	\$473,529
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	\$1,833,761

The following table is a summary of the various components of the Town's \$9,160,805 budget.

Salaries	\$3,950,166
Benefits	\$1,833,761
Town (non Sal/Ben)	\$1,277,579
School (non Sal/Ben)	<u>\$2,099,299</u>
	\$9,160,805



The Little Compton Taxpayers Association requested and received the Wages and Benefits paid to all employees during calendar year 2004. The wages are total wages including overtime based upon employee W2 information. The following two tables show where a major portion of the tax funds were spent.

The figures shown in the two tables represent money that was paid by the taxpayers of Little Compton for calendar year 2004. Including substitute teachers and others unnamed in the tables, 193 people received \$5,783,927 in compensation from the Town in 2004. The "BENEFITS" columns do not include individual Pension costs as they were not available. The total Pension cost for all in town, however, was budgeted at \$443,061.

Because the W2 data available to us was for calendar year 2004, and because the Town's fiscal year (FY) begins on July 1st, the totals shown in the table represent half of FY-04 and half of FY-05.

DEPARTMENT/EMPLOYEE	W2 WAGES	BENEFITS	TOTAL
Town Hall/Admin			
Mary Jane Harrington	\$32,405	\$15,470	\$47,875
Frances E Matta	\$18,087	\$7,672	\$25,758
Carol A Wordell / Bd of Canv	\$34,128	\$15,932	\$50,060
Town Hall			
Kathleen Almy	\$2,067	\$158	\$2,225
Barbara A Babbitt	\$2,290	\$175	\$2,465
Lauren R Bamberger	\$1,619	\$124	\$1,743
Marisa Bamberger	\$636	\$49	\$685
Diane A Booth	\$2,530	\$194	\$2,724
Linda D evoy	\$3,116	\$2,505	\$5,622
Nancy H Eames	\$4,823	\$381	\$5,204
Sheila A Oliveira	\$27,520	\$15,047	\$42,566
Jacqueline J Southworth	\$2,215	\$169	\$2,385
Police Department			
Stephen B Alfonso	\$4,220	\$346	\$4,566
Steven Doroch	\$123	\$9	\$132
John Faria Jr	\$46,470	\$16,901	\$63,371
John J Harris	\$57,402	\$9,189	\$66,591
Kennedy C Hawes	\$56,556	\$17,673	\$74,229
Randy J Lebeau	\$1,012	\$77	\$1,089
Antone Marion	\$63,974	\$18,240	\$82,214
Daniel Martin	\$54,200	\$8,691	\$62,891
Patrick Martin	\$15,611	\$3,507	\$19,118
Brendan M McKinnon	\$11,997	\$3,916	\$15,913
Jason Peixoto	\$676	\$52	\$727
Sidney M Wordell	\$70,734	\$18,757	\$89,491
Fire Department			
Gilbert Amarantes	\$40,554	\$16,979	\$57,533
Jeffrey L Bamberger	\$8,840	\$676	\$9,516
David R DeSouza	\$39,906	\$19,031	\$58,938
Steven L Lynch	\$39,787	\$7,183	\$46,969
Brendan P Martin	\$179	\$14	\$192
Brian Martin	\$39,322	\$4,014	\$43,336
Donald P Medeiros	\$45,836	\$17,383	\$63,219
Wayne Medeiros	\$49,259	\$17,232	\$66,491
Fred M Melnyk Jr	\$45,607	\$16,953	\$62,559
David A Nickerson	\$23,053	\$1,764	\$24,817
Michael Rocha	\$6,423	\$491	\$6,915
James B Vandal	\$5,903	\$452	\$6,355
Randall Waft	\$59,666	\$18,286	\$77,952
David Wood	\$56,547		\$56,547
Maintenance Department			
John S Abate	\$34,632	\$15,847	\$50,479
Mark S Giguere	\$30,090	\$7,498	\$37,588
Charles Simmons Jr	\$28,665	\$15,183	\$43,849
Dispatchers			
Lauren R Bamberger	\$100	\$8	\$107
Bertrand A Chretien	\$30,122	\$15,288	\$45,409
Holli M Koehn	\$3,268	\$250	\$3,518
Brian Martin	\$99	\$8	\$106
Heather Montgomery	\$33,875	\$7,787	\$41,662
Jason Peixoto	\$32,657	\$7,348	\$40,005
Jennifer C Rocha	\$6,622	\$507	\$7,129

DEPARTMENT/EMPLOYEE	W2 WAGES	BENEFITS	TOTAL
Jean M St Angelo	\$525	\$40	\$565
Russell E Wordell	\$30,554	\$15,328	\$45,882
Town Council			
Frederick M Bodington	\$269	\$21	\$290
William Brown	\$269	\$21	\$290
Paul J Golembeske	\$2,077	\$159	\$2,236
Donald T Gomez	\$5,423	\$415	\$5,838
William H Hutson	\$1,808	\$138	\$1,946
Joseph D Maiato	\$1,808	\$138	\$1,946
Gary S Mataronas	\$2,077	\$159	\$2,236
Robert L Mushen	\$808	\$62	\$869
Probate Judge			
Sidney Clifford Jr	\$4,415	\$338	\$4,753
Library			
Marisa R Bamberger	\$4,562	\$349	\$4,911
Patricia Christiansen	\$6,766	\$518	\$7,284
Sarah A Collier	\$1,773	\$136	\$1,909
Kareq A Corrigan	\$18,826	\$1,440	\$20,266
Rhoda Croft	\$495	\$38	\$533
Beth Golembeske	\$32,936	\$15,717	\$48,652
Building Official/Highway Sup			
Gareth Eames	\$19,962	\$8,328	\$28,289
William L Moore	\$14,000	\$7,261	\$21,261
Board Of Assessors			
Daniel A Curran	\$4,663	\$357	\$5,019
William Makepeace	\$5,125	\$392	\$5,517
Edward D Molloy Jr	\$4,663	\$357	\$5,019
Assessors' Clerk			
Lynne Borges	\$20,296	\$5,841	\$26,137
Joan M Shippee	\$2,968	\$2,494	\$5,462
Welfare			
Susan Sisson	\$1,200	\$92	\$1,292
Harbor Master			
Ronald F Coffey	\$39,174	\$9,218	\$48,392
Charles Hall	\$250	\$19	\$269
Michael Massa	\$2,750	\$210	\$2,960
Special Detail			
John Faria	\$1,137	\$575	\$1,713
John J Harris	\$503	\$754	\$1,257
Jason Peixoto	\$1,800	\$346	\$2,146

The School

EMPLOYEE	W2 WAGES	BENEFITS	TOTAL
Administration			
Bitar, Louis	\$9,240	\$707	\$9,947
Foley, Mary	\$7,225	\$553	\$7,778
Jermain, Colleen	\$65,616	\$13,692	\$79,308
Marchesi, Edith	\$14,580	\$6,060	\$20,640
Pacheco, John	\$37,560	\$2,873	\$40,433
Waite, Sandra	\$36,287	\$17,857	\$54,144
EMPLOYEE	W2 WAGES	BENEFITS	TOTAL

School Committee			
Cady, Cheryl	\$377	\$29	\$406
Desilets, Paul	\$314	\$24	\$338
Harvey, Darrell	\$1,882	\$144	\$2,026
Kinnane, Ellen	\$1,505	\$115	\$1,620
McCurdy, Elizabeth	\$1,255	\$96	\$1,351
Shapiro, Bernard	\$1,569	\$120	\$1,689
Theriault, Susanne	\$1,255	\$96	\$1,351
Teachers			
Aguiar, Catherine	\$44,048	\$14,592	\$58,640
Anthony, Ann	\$46,323	\$14,783	\$61,106
Belair, Carol	\$48,164	\$15,081	\$63,244
Berube, Jean	\$58,111	\$13,871	\$71,981
Bottari, Mary	\$53,564	\$6,115	\$59,679
Bowley, Erin	\$35,819	\$6,222	\$42,041
Cabral, Nancy	\$44,870	\$8,072	\$52,942
Connolly, Ann Marie	\$45,648	\$14,635	\$60,284
Daley, Debra	\$55,363	\$15,968	\$71,331
DeCosta, Christine	\$54,223	\$15,081	\$69,304
Deleo, Michael	\$53,131	\$14,718	\$67,849
Fennessy, Thomas	\$56,489	\$15,081	\$71,569
Freeman, Dorie	\$36,842	\$16,000	\$52,842
Kiernan, Noelle	\$50,524	\$15,993	\$66,517
Kirchner, Christine	\$51,673	\$15,081	\$66,754
Lambert, Debra	\$58,512	\$16,016	\$74,528
MacGregor, David	\$55,801	\$15,081	\$70,882
MacGregor, Diane	\$49,364	\$13,871	\$63,234
Maclean, Aimee	\$48,081	\$14,684	\$62,765
MacNeill, Mary	\$47,964	\$5,548	\$53,512
Medeiros, Dietra	\$42,492	\$15,761	\$58,254
Mullins, George	\$56,264	\$15,081	\$71,344
Perrault, Lynn	\$59,059	\$16,027	\$75,086
Rioux, Kathleen	\$53,594	\$6,115	\$59,709
Updegrove, Kathleen	\$48,524	\$15,081	\$63,604
Urreizti, Melissa	\$37,251	\$14,508	\$51,759
Vereika, Marianne	\$38,223	\$14,483	\$52,706
Ward, Constance	\$58,690	\$13,871	\$72,561
Whitehouse, Bruce	\$53,702	\$15,997	\$69,699
Special Ed Teachers			
Altshuler, Myrna	\$28,462	\$504	\$28,966
Goncalo, Karen	\$47,401	\$14,652	\$62,053
Nunes, Megan	\$39,418	\$17,203	\$56,620
Roeben, MaryEllen	\$31,396	\$16,525	\$47,920
Teacher Aides			
Busse, Janet	\$15,125	\$1,382	\$16,507
Helger, Joyce	\$10,532	\$2,022	\$12,554
Pineau, Cindy	\$14,653	\$12,813	\$27,465
Turcotte, Beth	\$20,389	\$1,785	\$22,174
Wilkie, Stephanie	\$21,825	\$13,362	\$35,187
Christ, Melissa	\$14,019	\$12,561	\$26,580
EMPLOYEE	W2 WAGES	BENEFITS	TOTAL

Guay, Debra	\$15,536	\$12,655	\$28,191
Manchester, Mary Lou	\$13,335	\$6,169	\$19,503
Massey, Diane	\$15,023	\$12,623	\$27,646
Transportation			
Evans, Shirley	\$22,181	\$2,931	\$25,112
Fleming, Mabel	\$18,544	\$13,110	\$31,654
Hagenston, Breda	\$18,348	\$13,095	\$31,443
Lawrence, Lorraine	\$25,057	\$13,609	\$38,666
Martin, Judith	\$15,471	\$2,417	\$17,888
Medeiros, Dawn	\$16,998	\$8,148	\$25,146
Moniz, Nancy	\$31,930	\$15,246	\$47,176
Thurston, Jane	\$4,670	\$2,805	\$7,475
Custodial			
Moniz, Steven	\$30,291	\$8,432	\$38,723
Osborne, Chris	\$47,997	\$18,753	\$66,750
Osborne, John	\$32,753	\$17,456	\$50,209
Support			
Dunn, Jean	\$44,116	\$14,604	\$58,720
Jansen, Sarah	\$28,489	\$0	\$28,489
Substitute Teachers	\$77,984	\$9,698	\$87,682

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Thank you.

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OFFICE PHONE _____ FAX _____

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First Home Address → Check if year-round address

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____

Second Home Address → From _____ To _____ (Month/Day)

ADDRESS _____

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