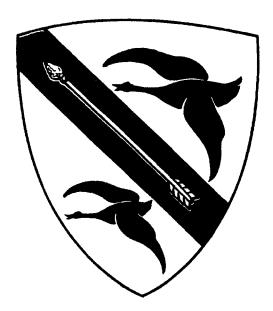
Little Compton, Rhode Island FOUNDED 1675



REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE to the

Annual Financial Town Meeting

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, R.I.

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Special Financial Town Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Financial Town Meeting at 7:15 P.M. or at the conclusion of Special Financial Town Meeting

WILBUR SCHOOL AUDITORIUM DOORS OPEN at 6:00 P.M.

Please bring this report with you to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD Thursday, May 1, 2014

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm, Town Council Chambers

Dear Citizens of Little Compton:

There will be two meetings held on May 20th this year, a Special Financial Town Meeting (SFTM) at 7:00PM and our regular Financial Town Meeting (FTM) at 7:15PM or at the conclusion of the SFTM (whichever is later).

The sole agenda item for the SFTM is a request to grant the Town Council authority to make the final payments for the School renovation project (up to \$400,000) from Town funds on hand. The project has been completed on budget; however, the proceeds from the bond issuance are insufficient to cover the total project costs. This situation has as its cause the process the Town was required to follow to receive State approval for the issuance of the bond. In essence, we had to receive approval for a maximum level of bond issuance before we had a definitive cost for the project. The lowest bidder was selected to perform the work, but his bid resulted in a project cost approximately \$400,000 higher than the bond proceeds. That same shortfall that existed at the commencement of the project is the amount that needs to be paid at the completion of the project. The Town has sufficient resources on hand in the General Fund, the Reserve Fund, the Capital Fund and the Cell Tower Fund to meet this obligation.

The Budget Committee endorses the Town Council's request that the remaining payments be made and that the source of those monies be the indicated funds rather than from the fiscal 2015 tax levy. The School renovation is a capital project that will provide a multi-decade benefit; thus we agree that the costs of such a project should not be borne by the taxpayers of a single year. However, we also recommend that whatever amount that is utilized from the General Fund be repaid over the next ten years beginning in fiscal 2016 in order to return the General Fund balance to the targeted level of 12% of the annual expense budget. We believe that the best way to accomplish this is through an annual allocation to the Capital Fund which is used to repay the General Fund (please see page 16). By doing this, we will in effect be borrowing the required money from ourselves on a ten-year term and interest free. We believe that the 12% balance is an important level to return to in order to maintain our excellent credit rating and maximum financial flexibility. The benefits of this strategy have already been proven as Little Compton has the only AAA credit rating in the State, which will save us close to \$1 million in interest on the School bond, and we have the funds available to bridge the current gap in School renovation costs without needing to impose a one-year special tax levy of approximately 4% on the property owners of the Town.

The FTM will be the regular annual meeting at which the voters of the Town determine the expense budget and tax levy for the next fiscal year and decide any other business that may come before it.

Article #5 is a request submitted by the Town Council for \$250,000 to be used to create a Town playing field on the Peckham Lot, to upgrade the Town tennis courts and to complete the walking circuit in that area. The amount represents the matching portion towards a \$250,000 matching grant that has been requested from the RI Department of Environmental Management for the project. The Budget Committee believes that the project should be supported; however, we believe that the funding should be accomplished through both private and public sources. As a result, we recommend that the Town contribute up to \$62,500 from the General Fund which, in combination with a \$125,000 2-for-1 matching grant from the Little Compton Municipal and Talco Trusts and the required \$62,500 in other private contributions, will result in \$250,000 of local support for the project. We further

recommend that whatever amount that is utilized from the General Fund be repaid in the same manner as that of the remaining School renovation payments detailed above.

The Budget Committee is pleased to present our recommended budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, based on our review of requested expense budgets and projected town revenues, also presented herein. Our goals are to form a budget that 1.) meets the current and future needs of our Town, 2.) is compliant with State laws, 3.) limits the growth in the property tax burden on our citizens, and 4.) targets an unrestricted general fund balance equivalent to 12% of annual budgeted expenses. To achieve these goals, the Budget Committee follows a standardized process that begins with a detailed analysis of Town funds and historical and projected expenditures and revenues to better understand trends and key issues driving the budget balance. From this effort, a Projected Budget is developed to provide insight regarding upcoming budget issues. These data and findings are publicly reviewed before the formal request for expense budgets is made. Beginning in early March, all expense budget requests are reviewed in advertised meetings with submitters to arrive at our recommendations. We also update the long-term plan including a 3-year expense and revenue projection and capital plan during this process.

This budget season has been the most difficult of any in recent history due to the budget and tax impact of the first year of debt service on the School bond. The total cost of debt service on the bond during fiscal 2015 will be \$850,332 with the State reimbursing the Town for 40% of that amount leaving a net cost to the Town of \$510,199. This expense alone requires an increase in the tax levy of 4.94% next year. The Town has applied to the State for a one-time exemption from the 4.00% annual tax cap due to the increase in debt service which is one of the few reasons for which an exemption may be granted. The requested levy increase limit is 5.68%.

The result of the tremendous cooperation we enjoyed from the Town Council, School Committee, Business Manager, and department heads is a recommended budget for next year that yields a 4.65% increase in the property tax rate to \$5.63 per thousand from the current rate of \$5.38 per thousand. Under this recommendation, the total tax levy will increase by 5.32% as the result of the growth in the assessed value of the Town's tax base. The main factor that permits a recommended budget requiring a tax increase about in-line with the bond expense is that there is no increase in the required tax levy contribution for the recommended budgets (including benefits) of the three largest Town departments: School, Police and Fire. There was also "budget friendly" news in the areas of Pension and Health Care costs as both of these will see declines in fiscal 2015.

Although this budget season was extraordinarily difficult, we know that there will be plenty of challenges in future budget seasons. Last year we highlighted the dramatic change in demographics that is occurring in our Town which will continue to affect the mix of required services for our citizens. The Drug Forfeiture Fund which has been a long-lasting benefit is rapidly approaching its end. The required capital spending on Town buildings and other assets likely needs to increase which, in combination with our proposed funding plan for the School construction payments and the Peckham Lot project, will result in significant increases in the necessary annual allocation to the Capital Fund. We encourage all of you to play an active and constructive role in analyzing, planning and managing these and other factors that will have an impact on our Town budget over the coming years.

We thank the citizens, departments, and employees of Little Compton for their efforts to develop an efficient budget for the Town. We hope we have been successful in our goal of providing the information you require to make informed decisions at the FTM on May 20th. Procedural guidelines

from the Town Moderator are again included at the end of this report. We also encourage your attendance at the Public Hearing on May 13th. This is an opportunity to ask questions before the FTM.

Sincerely,

The Little Compton Budget Committee Scott A. Morrison, Chair Robert Goff, Clerk George Crowell Ben Gauthier Robert Goulart

SPECIAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING AGENDA

"To authorize the Town Council to expend an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to satisfy the payments owed for the completion of the school renovation. The revenues are expected to be drawn from a combination of the capital fund, cell tower revenues, the reserve fund and the unreserved balance of the general fund. Any allocation from the reserve fund will be replenished with cell tower revenues in FY15 and thereafter."

Budget Comm. Rec:

Approve

Budget Comm. Note: Endorses the Town Council's request that the remaining payments be made and that the source of those monies be the indicated funds. Further recommend that whatever amount that is utilized from the General Fund be repaid over the next 10 years beginning in FY2016 through a higher annual allocation to the Capital Fund (please see page 18).

SUMMARY OF FISCAL 2015 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Article General Government	Appropriation	Article Employee Benefits	<u>Appropriation</u>
21 Town Clerk	134,640	15 Alfred Texceira	0
22 Board of Canvassers	7,000	16 Leonard Corrao	39,180
24 Budget Committee	4,000	37 Health Benefits	652,585
26 Board of Assessors	62,921	38 F.I.C.A., Misc. Benefits	181,750
27 Board of Assessors-Revaluation	15,000	44 Pension	412,141
29 Records Vault	1,000		1,285,656
32 Town Council	20,500		
35 Advisory Boards	16,470	Article Financial	Appropriation
39 insurance	108,000	25 Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	96,192
40 Legal Services	62,849	31 Business Manager	43,670
41 Incidental & Emergency	40,000	50 Auditor	20,000
42 Town Hall	28,491		159,862
49 Computer Services	40,751		
52 Street Lights	2,100	Article Public Welfare	Appropriation
53 Probate Judge	5,106	5 Peckham Lot Restoration	62,500
54 I.O.O.F./32 Commons Meeting Hall	6,030	9 Senior Citizens Busing	4,680
,	554,858	17 Director of Social Services	5,356
	•		72,536
Article School	Appropriation		
18 School Department	6,740,441	Article Parks and Recreation	Appropriation
NOTE: Town portion is \$6,321,000	, .	36 Town Beach	133,700
,		51 Library	153,900
		55 Civic Recreation	23,500
			311,100
Article Public Safety	Appropriation	Article Grants/Charitable	Appropriation
10 Police Department	976,213	6 Friends of L.C. Wellness Center	5,000
11 Drug Forfeiture Funds	43,000	7 East Bay Community Action	
12 Police/Fire Complex	57,380	8 Prevention Coalition	
13 Fire Department	706,621		5,000
14 Ambulance Reimbursement	183,900		
Subtotal	1,967,114		
Article Public Works	Appropriation	Article Debt Service/Capital projects	Appropriation
33 Building Official/Highway/DPW	53,740	28 Wastewater Treatmant Facility	72,075
34 Inspectors	18,000	30 Capital Expenditure	70,000
45 Transfer Station	167,956	19 Bond Debt - School	850,332
46 Town Maintenance	160,597	25 Bolld Debt Selloo	992,407
	207,300		332,701
47 Highway Department 49 Tree Warden	207,300 18,700		
		Total Americanian	12 715 267
Subtotal	626,293	Total Appropriation	12,715,267

Budget Comm. Rec:

Approve

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. The expenditure of said funds so received exceeding \$300,000 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.

Budget Comm. Rec:

Approve

2 To authorize the Town Treasurer 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.

Budget Comm. Rec:

Approve

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 any manner including grant, gift, bequest or purchase, 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 and in conformance with Section 103 of the Little Compton Town Charter. 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.

Budget Comm. Rec:

Approve

To authorize the Reserve Fund to receive the accumulated revenues from the lease of the cell tower at the Transfer Station and will be subject in all respects to the conditions of the Little Compton Town Charter, Section 512.

ARTICLE

APPROPRIATED

ADJUSTED REQUESTED RECOMMENDED

NO.

ITEM

2013-2014

2013-2014

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THE PECKHAM LOT 5

> To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars for the creation of a Town playing field, upgrade of the Town tennis courts and completion of the walking circuit in the Town property at Plat 20 Lot 11, commonly known as "the Peckham Lot".

Total Voting Amount:

\$250,000

\$62,500

Budget Comm. Note: Recommend that up to \$62,500 from the Town's General Fund be used for the "Peckham Lot Project" during FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016. This in conjunction with a \$125,000 2-for-1 matching grant from the Municipal/Talco Trusts and \$62,500 in required private and in-kind contributions will result in a total of \$250,000 of private/public local support for the project. Further recommend that money spent from the General Fund for this project be repaid over 10 years beginning in FY2016 through an increased allocation to the Capital Fund. Please see Capital Fund detail on page 18.

ARTICLE APPROPRIATED ADJUSTED REQUESTED RECOMMENDED NO. ITEM 2013-2014 2013-2014 2014-2015 2014-2015 6 FRIENDS OF L.C. WELLNESS CENTER, INC.

\$6,000

Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization. Recommend continuing to reduce amounts in budget going to entities that are not overseen by appointed or elected Town officials/boards/commissions.

\$6,000

\$6,000

\$5,000

7 EAST BAY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Total Voting Amount:

Total Voting Amount: \$750 \$0

Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.

Recommend continuing to reduce amounts in budget going to entities that are not overseen by appointed or elected Town officials/boards/commissions.

8 PREVENTION COALITION

Total Voting Amount: \$750 \$750 \$750 \$0

Budget Comm. Note: This article is submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization. Recommend continuing to reduce amounts in budget going to entities that are not overseen by appointed or elected Town officials/boards/commissions.

9 SENIOR CITIZEN'S BUSING

Total Voting Amount: \$4,680 \$4,680 \$4,680 \$4,680

10 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Voting Amount:

\$948,927 \$948,927 \$996,213 \$976,213

Recommended voting amount is based on additional funding of \$43,000 from the Drug Forfeiture Fund (Article 11) and an allocation of \$17,000 of Dispatcher-related expenses into the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund (Article 14). These changes to the requested amounts will result in a slight decline in required

contribution from the tax levy for the total department cost including benefits for FY2015.

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Estimated Distribution:		
Salary, Chief	\$80,921	\$83,350
Salaries	495,668	515,710
Holiday Pay	33,265	34,560
Court, OT, Vac, SkLv&OOR Pay	65,300	65,300
Uniforms	13,700	13,700
Education	1,500	1,500
Maint, Gas, Off Sup & Tele	53,700	53,700
Shift differential	3,000	3,000
Convention expenses	1,500	1,500
Service Contracts	-	15,000
Longevity	22,700	26,200
Animal Control Fees & Expenses	5,050	5,050
Police Cruiser		*
SUBTOTAL	\$776,304	\$818,570
Clerk-Typist/Dispatchers:		
Salaries	\$133,680	\$138,410
Vacation & SkLv Rep Pay	17,200	17,200
Holidays	5,890	6,100
Weekend Replacement	10,800	10,800
Differential	1,533	1,533
Longevity	3,520	3,600
Longevity SUBTOTAL _	3,520 \$172,623	3,600 \$177,643

ARTICLE

APPROPRIATED ADJUSTED 2013-2014

Note for Article 10.

2013-2014

REQUESTED 2014-2015

RECOMMENDED 2014-2015

NO.

DRUG FORFEITURE FUNDS 11

ITEM

To authorize the expenditure of up to \$40,000 of Drug Forfeiture Funds for use by the Little Compton Police

Total Voting Amount:	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$40,000	\$43,000	
Budget Comm. Note:	Agree with reducing	FY2015 contribut	tion due to low level of	of remaining balance,	
	but recommend reduction be to \$43,000 in order to help achieve a decline in				
	required contribution from the tax levy for total department costs including				
	benefits for FY2015	. Contributions fro	om Drug Forfeiture Fi	ands will likely end in	
	next 2-3 years due to	low remaining ba	lance. Please review	Budget Committee	

Amounts from other Town Articles:

nts from other I own Articles:			
Health	\$200,876	\$175,409	\$175,409
Pension	145,013	140,883	140,883
FICA	56,130	57,513	57,513
Drug Forfeiture	55,000	40,000	43,000
Ambulance Reimbursement	_ _	<u></u>	17,000
Total Police Dept	\$1,405,946	\$1,410,018	\$1,410,018
From the tax levy	\$1,350,946	\$1,370,018	\$1,350,018

POLICE/FIRE COMPLEX 12

Total Voting Amount: \$47,380 \$47,380 \$57,380 \$57,380

Budget Comm. Note: Heat, electricity and janatorial services. Additional funds requested for public works director.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Voting Amount:	\$699,446	\$699,446	\$717,321	\$706,621
Budget Comm. Note:	Agree with shifting	increased expenses	into Ambulance Rei	mbursement to achieve
an approximate level funded cost to the Town including benefits for FY2015.				
	Agree with establish	hment of part-time p	paid program to redu	ce OT and increase
		4 C20 000 Cam	EV2016	

	coverage, but recommend \$30,0	000 for FY2015.	
Estimated Distribution:			
Salary, Chief	\$69,769	\$71,862	
Salaries, Part-Time	-	40,700	
Salaries	404,891	410,874	
Longevity	15,759	16,231	
Holiday Pay	27,079	27,764	
Vac, Sick & Overtime Repl.	112,820	117,340	
Cardiac/Paramedic Incent.	6,100	5,350	
Uniform Allowance	10,800	10,800	
Part-Timers Clothing	3,000	3,000	
Training	25,800	5,000	
Equip. Maint. & Off. Suppl.	10,140	8,400	
New Equip. & NFPA Requ.	13,270		
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$699,428	\$717,321	
Amounts from other Town Articles:			
Health	247,902	<i>\$239,186</i>	\$239,186
Pension	102,624	\$102,732	\$102,732
FICA	53,467	\$54,780	\$54,780
Ambulance Reimbursement	<u>100,000</u>	<u>\$166,900</u>	<u>\$166,900</u>
Total Fire Dept	\$1,203,421	\$1,280,919	\$1,270,219
From the tax levy	\$1,103,421	\$1,114,019	\$1,103,319

14 AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT

To see if the Town will authorize the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund to receive and expend monies up to \$166,900 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.

Total Voting Amount: \$100,000 \$100,000 \$166,900 \$183,900					
	Total Voting Amount:	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$166,900	\$183,900

Budget Comm. Note: Town has realized a significant increase in reimbursements and we recommend that more related expenses be paid from this fund including \$17,000 for Dispatcher-related expenses. Approximately 20% of calls to Dispatchers are Fire Dept/Ambulance calls. Please review Budget Committee note for Article 10.

ALFRED TEXCEIRA 15

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.

\$0 \$1,000 \$0 Total Voting Amount: \$1,000

LEONARD CORRAO 16

To see if the Town will appropriate \$39,180 to pay salary and benefits for disabled fire fighter Leonard Corrao for the ensuing year.

Total Voting Amount:	\$40,280	\$40,280	\$39,180	\$39,180
Estimated Distribution:				
Salary	\$18,915		\$18,915	
Health Benefits	21,365		20,265	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$40,280		\$39,180	

17 SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

\$5,200 \$5,356 \$5,356 Total Voting Amount:

18 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

\$6,740,441 \$6,740,441 **Total Voting Amount:** \$7,167,926 \$7,167,926 \$6,321,000 \$6,321,000 \$6,321,000 Town Share: \$6,321,000

Budget Comm. Note: School Administration recommended and School Committee requested level funding from the Town.

Included in Pension Stroke:

\$67,297

\$60,516

SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT-BOND DEBT

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$850,332.00 Dollars for the annual principal and interest payments on the bond issued to fund the school renovation.

\$850,332 \$850,332 **Total Voting Amount:**

Budget Comm. Note:

This is the total cost for FY2015. State will reimburse the Town for 40% of the principal and interest resulting in a net cost to the town in FY2015 of \$510,199.

20 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will appropriate for the School Department the use of all additional monies received from other sources allocated for the school department.

Budget Comm. Rec.:

Approve

TOWN CLERK 21

Total Voting Amount:	\$131,569	\$131,569	\$134,640	\$134,640
Budget Comm. Note:	Compensation struc	ture for Town Cler	k and Treasurer/Tax (Collector consists of a
	base salary of \$40,5	500 and \$1,000/yea	r increase for every el	ection won.
Estimated Distribution:				
Salary, Town Clerk	\$48,500		\$49,167	
Salary, Deputy Town Clerk	34,787		36,004	
Salary, Full time clerk	31,235		32,328	
	0.455		2.770	

2,770 2.677 Longevity 12,270 12,271 OT, office equip., phone, supplies, dog lic. & tags 2,100 Document preservation 2,100 TOTAL REQUESTED \$131,569 \$134,640

REQUESTED RECOMMENDED ARTICLE APPROPRIATED ADJUSTED 2013-2014 2013-2014 2014-2015 2014-2015 NO. **ITEM**

22 TOWN CLERK

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

Budget Committee Rec.:

Approve

23 **BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

Total Voting Amount:	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Rudget Comm Note:	Salaries election ex	enenses and supplies		

Budget Comm. Note: Salaries, election expenses and supplies.

BUDGET COMMITTEE 24

Total Voting Amount:	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000

Budget Comm. Note: Costs of printing and mailing flyer and BCR.

TOWN TREASURER/ TAX COLLECTOR 25

Total Voting Amount:	\$92,722	\$92,722	\$96,192	\$96,192
Budget Comm. Note:	Compensation stru	cture for Town Clerl	k and Treasurer/Tax	Collector conists of a
	base salary of \$40,	500 and \$1,000/year	increase for every e	lection won.

Estimated Distribution: Salary Treasurer/Tax Collector \$45,500 \$46,083 Salary/Clerk 31,235 32,328 Longevity Pay 937 1,131 10,000 Service Contracts 8,400 6,200 6,200 Department Expenses 450 <u>450</u> Phone/Security \$96,192 TOTAL REQUESTED \$92,722

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 26

Total Voting Amount:	\$66,795	\$66,795	\$62,921	\$62,921
Estimated Distribution:				
Salaries (3 Assessors)	\$15,923		\$15,923	
Clerk	31,235		32,328	
Longevity	937		970	
Office Expense	4,500		4,500	
Training/Education	2,500		2,500	
Tax Maps & Engineering	3,500		3,500	
Service contr Vision online	7,750		2,750	
Tel/Security	450		450	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$66,795		\$62,921	

BOARD OF ASSESSORS-REVALUATION

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be held in a special fund toward conducting a complete revaluation in 2018 in accordance with section 44-5-11.6 of the General Laws of RI.

\$15,000 \$15,000 \$15,000 Total Voting Amount:__ \$15,000

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY 28

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$72,075.00 Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the principal and interest on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Bond note for the ensuing year and maintenance contract obligations.

\$74,275 \$74,275 \$72,075 \$72,075 Total Voting Amount:_

RECORDS VAULT 29

CIOS VIICEI				
Total Voting Amount:	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

Budget Comm. Note: To be placed in a fund for the future expansion of the records vault located in Town Hall.

ADJUSTED ARTICLE APPROPRIATED REQUESTED RECOMMENDED **ITEM** 2013-2014 2013-2014 2014-2015 NO.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 30

> To see if the Town will appropriate \$70,000 for a capital expenditure fund to be used for the general repairs and improvements to Town buildings and for any capital improvement deemed necessary.

\$70,000 Total Voting Amount: \$60,000 \$60,000 \$70,000

2014-2015

Budget Comm. Note: Please see page 18 for further details.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Total Voting Amount:	\$42,410	\$42,410	\$43,670	\$43,670
Salary	\$41,935		\$43,195	
Tel and Office Expenses	475		475	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$42,410		\$43,670	

TOWN COUNCIL

\$20,500	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$20,500
\$6,372		\$6,372	
8,495		8,495	
3,633		3,633	
2,000		2,000	
\$20,500		\$20,500	
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BUILDING OFFICIAL/HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR 33

Total Voting Amount:	\$54,400	\$54,400	\$53,740	\$53,740
Estimated Distribution:				
Salary	\$42,000		\$42,840	
Part-time clerical	5,000		2,000	
Expenses - Mileage, Tele.,				
Office Supplies & Misc	7,400		8,900	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$54,400		\$53,740	

INSPECTORS 34

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Total Voting Amount:	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$18,000

Budget Comm. Note: Fees for independent inspectors to perform electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspections. Increase reflects increased construction activity in Town.

ADVISORY BOARDS 35

ADVISOR I DUARDS				
Total Voting Amount:	\$16,470	\$16,470	\$16,470	\$16,470
Budget Comm. Note:				
Estimated Distribution:				
Charter Review Commission	\$2,000		\$2,000	
Planning Board	3,000		3,000	
Zoning Board of Review	2,000		2,000	
LC Housing Trust	1,470		1,470	
Conservation Commission	500		500	
Rec., Cons., & Open Space	7,500		7,500	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$16.470		\$16,470	

TOWN BEACH

To see if the Town will appropriate \$129,200 generated by the current fiscal year's Town Beach revenues, for the operation of the Town Beaches in the ensuing fiscal year.

Total Voting Amount:	\$141,725	\$141,725	\$129,200	\$133,700
Budget Comm. Note:	Recommended amo	unt includes an allo	ocation of \$4,500 to C	Capital Equipment

subaccount of Beach Parking Lot Repair Fund to fund future major equipment replacement.

RTICI NO.	LE ITEM	APPROPRIATED 2013-2014	ADJUSTED 2013-2014	REQUESTED 2014-2015	RECOMMENDED 2014-2015
37	HEALTH BENEFITS Total Voting Amount:	\$688,018	\$688,018	\$652,585	\$652,585
	Total Voting Amount.	4000,010	\$000,010	\$03 2 ;303	\$652,565
	Active Employees	\$526,791		\$499,661	
	Retired Employees	\$161,227		\$152,924	
	Breakdown Active:				
	Police	\$158,147		\$136,670	
	Dispatch	64,185		63,585	
	Fire	129,404		125,001	
	Municipal	<u> 175,055</u>		174,405	
	•	\$526,791		\$499,661	
	Breakdown Retirees:			·	
	Police Retirees	\$42,729		\$38,739	
	Fire Retirees	87,037		96,487	
	Fire - Accurued Sick Time	31,461		17,698	
	The Meeting Stew Time	\$161,227		\$152,924	
	Total	\$688,018		\$652,585	
38	F.I.C.A., Misc Benefits				
50	Total Voting Amount:	\$176,449	\$176,449	\$181,750	\$181,750
	Budget Comm. Note:				
	Breakdown:	To will b matering por		Town Employees	
	Police Police	\$55,277		\$57,513	
	Dispatch	14,096		14,032	
	Fire	53,467		54,780	
	Municipal	53,609		55,425	
	Total	\$176,449		\$181,750	
39	INSURANCE				
37	Total Voting Amount:	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$108,000	\$108,000
40	LEGAL SERVICES				
70	Total Voting Amount:	\$62,849	\$62,849	\$62,849	\$62,849
	Estimated Distribution:	\$02,047	ψ02,04 <i>)</i>	\$\text{\$\pi_2,04}\$	ψ02,042
		\$ 19 000		\$48,000	
	Town Solicitor Other legal services	\$48,000		14,849	
	TOTAL REQUESTED			\$62,849	
	-				
41	INCIDENTAL & EMERGENO		#40.000	640,000	640.000
	Total Voting Amount: Budget Comm. Note:		\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
	Dauget Comm. Note:	To be spent at the di	scretion of the 10	wii Council	
42	TOWN HALL		DAT 101	\$28,491	000 404
	Total Voting Amount:	\$27,491	\$27,491	W7W 401	\$28,491

 ARTICLE
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 ADJUSTED
 REQUESTED
 RECOMMENDED

 NO.
 ITEM
 2013-2014
 2013-2014
 2014-2015
 2014-2015

43 HARBOR MANAGEMENT FUND

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.

Budget Committee Rec.:

Approve

Budget Comm. Note: Fund to collect Harbor revenue. Separate fund for harbor only required per Federal Law. Covers expenses for Harbor Master, harbor facility maintenance/ repair, and funding towards a dredging fund.

44 PENSION

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$412,141 as the Town contribution to the Pension Plan for the ensuing year and to accept the Annual Report of the Pension Committee.

Total Voting Amount:	\$420,236	\$420,236	\$412,141	\$412,141
Breakdown:	Active	Retired	Total	
Police	\$ <u>91,179</u>	\$49,704	\$140,883	
Dispatch	21,031	-	21,031	
Fire	67,153	35,579	102,732	
Municipal	68,350	18,629	86,979	
School _	26,864	33,652	60,516	
Total	\$274,577	\$137,564	\$412,141	

45 TRANSFER STATION

Total Voting Amount:	\$165,456	\$165,456	\$170,456	\$167,956
Budget Comm. Note:	Continued emphasis of	n recycling.	Additonal funds requeste	d for public works
	director.			
Estimated Distribution:				

\$70,000	\$70,000
78,000	78,000
17,456	22,456
\$165,456	\$170,456
	78,000 17,456

46 TOWN MAINTENANCE

Total Voting Amount:	\$150,666	\$150,666	\$160,597	\$160,597
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Budget Comm. Note: For the general maintenance and upkeep of all Town property (exclusive of road repair or road construction). Additional funds requested for public works director.

Estimated Distribution:		
Salaries	\$126,550	\$135,733
Longevity	\$4,216	4,364
Material, Parts, Equip.	\$19,900	20,500
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$150,666	\$160,597

47 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Total Voting Amount:	\$181,300	\$181,300	\$207,300	\$207,300

Budget Comm. Note: Maintenance and upkeep of Town roads, road paving, and sand, salt and clearing of snow from Town roads. Increase required to return Town to 20-year paving cycle.

48 TREE WARDEN

Total Voting Amount:	\$18,150	\$18,150	\$18,700	\$18,700

ARTIC	CLE	APPROPRIATED	ADJUSTED	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
NO.	ITEM	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015
49	COMPUTER SERVICES				
	Total Voting Amount:		\$50,751	\$40,751	\$40,751
	Budget Comm. Note:				
		Hiring full-time emp	loyee resulting in	better service at a io	wer cost.
50	AUDITING				
30	Total Voting Amount:	\$17,347	\$17,347	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Budget Comm. Note:				\$20,000
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51	LIBRARY				
	Total Voting Amount	\$138,211	\$138,211	\$153,900	\$153,900
	Budget Comm. Note:				n care plan.
	3		•	•	•
52	STREET LIGHTS				
	Total Voting Amount	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,100
53	PROBATE JUDGE				
	Total Voting Amount	\$4,957	\$4,957	\$5,106	\$5,106
54	I.O.O.F./32 COMMONS MEE				
	Total Voting Amount		\$5,030	\$6,030	\$6,030
	Budget Comm. Note:	Oil, Electricity, Misc	c. Expenses		
	To see if the Town will appropriate employee compensation, exprograms, for maintenance of	quipment and supplies Fown recreational fiel	s to be expended t	for the Town gymnas	ium recreation
	facilities for recreational fields		017.540	#32 FAR	£32 £00
	Total Voting Amount		\$16,549	\$23,500	\$23,500
	Budget Comm. Note:		ision of funding fo	or engineering work	for Pecknam Lot
		project.			
	OTHERS NOT REQUESTED	\$199,525	\$199,525		
			lex - bond debt (\$		during FY14; Interest ng FY14, and Beach
56	Budget Comm. Recarron See if the Town will approve		of the 4% levy ca	ap, as a result of bone	Approve ded debt issued in a
	manner consistent with a speci	al act, in accordance v	with RI General L	aws Title 44-5-2.	
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57	Budget Comm. Rec				Approve
57	Budget Comm. Reco	:		d Town and the inhal	Approve bitants thereof for the
37	Budget Comm. Record To order a tax to be levied and 2014 tax year for the payment	: assessed on the ratab	le property in said		oitants thereof for the
37	To order a tax to be levied and	: assessed on the ratab of the Town debts and	le property in said	support of schools, f	oitants thereof for the or the support and
57	To order a tax to be levied and 2014 tax year for the payment	assessed on the ratab of the Town debts and building, repairing onging to the Town, f	le property in said d interest, for the and amending of for all necessary c	support of schools, f highways, for the im harges and expenses	oitants thereof for the or the support and provement in manner whatsoever arising
58	To order a tax to be levied and 2014 tax year for the payment maintenance of the poor, for the deemed fit of any property bel	assessed on the ratab of the Town debts and be building, repairing onging to the Town, f idental or not to the al	le property in said d interest, for the and amending of for all necessary c	support of schools, f highways, for the im harges and expenses	oitants thereof for the or the support and provement in manner whatsoever arising
	To order a tax to be levied and 2014 tax year for the payment maintenance of the poor, for th deemed fit of any property bel within said Town, whether inc	assessed on the ratab of the Town debts and the building, repairing onging to the Town, f idental or not to the al	le property in said d interest, for the and amending of for all necessary c bove, and for any	support of schools, f highways, for the im harges and expenses and all purposes aut n sum of money in	oitants thereof for the or the support and provement in manner whatsoever arising horized by law.

anticipation of taxes, and give the negotiable note or notes of the Town therefor.

Elections to be held at the Annual Financial Town Meeting

Ballot order of candidates done by lottery and listed as follows:

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE FOR ANY 2

Roy F. Bonner 12 Bass Terrace

Hilary G. Woodhouse 24 Round Pond Road

Robert H. Goff, Jr. 200 John Dyer Road

D. Craig Curtis 3 High Meadow Road

Jeffrey Z. Snyder 46 William Sisson Blvd

Albert B. Staebler 27 High Meadow Road

	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$12,281,440	\$12,280,440	\$12,914,967	\$12,715,267
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ESTIMATED REVENUES				
_	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES _	\$12,280,440	\$12,280,440	\$12,914,986	\$12,721,064
Estimated Town Resources				
Property Taxes*	\$10,418,865	\$10,329,739	\$10,916,493	\$10,878,998
Town Administration Fees	430,000	430,000	444,548	410,000
Town Beach Fees	195,000	195,000	200,000	205,000
Cell Tower Fees	33,500	33,500	48,524	48,524
Investments and Other Income	45,787	45,787	12,000	12,000
RI Resource Recovery Dividend	10,000	10,000	12,000	12,000
Newport Cty Reg Spec Ed Program	9,500	9,500	14,500	14,500
School Unrestricted Fund	7,500	- -	-	- 1,500
School Renovation Fund	268,076	268,076	-	-
General Fund Appropriation	200,070	89,126	209,379	62,500
Sub-total	\$11,410,728	\$11,410,728	\$11,845,444	\$11,631,522
540 10141	\$11,110,720	411,110,72 0	411,010,111	4,
*The State Certified 4.00% Cap on th	e FY2015 tax levy is		\$10,742,929	
Amount requested and app	proved to exceed ca	p is	<u>\$173,564</u>	
	Total Levy		\$10,916,493	
Ed alga IEI ID.				
Estimated State and Federal Resources General State Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Housing Aid	36,206	36,206	J O	φ 0
School Renovation Reimbursement	30,200	30,200	340,133	340,133
	560.250	560 250	404,941	404,941
Education Aid	569,350	569,350		
Sub-total	\$605,556	\$605,556	\$745,074	\$745,074
Tax Reimbursements from State (Library	aid not included)			
Telephone Tax	\$42,026	\$42,026	\$43,867	\$43,867
Hotel Tax	9,118	9,118	8,756	8,756
Meal Tax	34,347	34,347	33,671	33,671
Municipal Incentive Aid			16,614	16,614
Motor Vehicle Tax	23,665	23,665	14,660	14,660
Sub-total	\$109,156	\$109,156	\$117,568	\$117,568
Special Funds: Drug Forfeiture	\$55,000	55,000	\$40,000	\$43,000
Ambulance Reimbursement	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$166,900	\$183,900
	\$200,000	2-23,022	,- · · ·	
TAX BASE	2013-2014	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Real Estate	\$1,856,073,167	\$1,841,292,068	\$1,854,680,767	\$1,854,680,767
Tangible	\$9,691,899	\$9,785,154	\$10,039,732	\$10,039,732
Motor Vehicles	<u>\$23,662,369</u>	<u>\$22,914,353</u>	<u>\$23,316,400</u>	\$23,316,400
Total Tax Base	\$1,889,427,435	\$1,873,991,575	\$1,888,036,899	\$1,888,036,899
PROPERTY TAXES				
Property Tax Rates	Approp Tax Rate	Approp Tax Rate	Req Tax Rate	Rec Tax Rate
Real Estate	\$5.41	\$5.38	\$5.65	\$5.63
Tangible	\$10.82	\$10.76	\$11.30	\$11.26
Motor Vehicles	\$13.90	\$13.90	\$13.90	\$13.90
Decreate Tay Dames			Reg Taxes	Rec Taxes
Property Tax Revenue Real Estate	10,041,356	9,906,151	10,478,946	10,441,853
		105,288	113,449	113,047
Tangible Motor Vehicles	104,866	•	324,098	324,098
	328,907 \$10,475,120	318,510 \$10,320,040	\$10,916,493	
Net Property Taxes	\$10,475,129	\$10,329,949	\$10,916,493 5.68%	\$10,878,998 5.32%
Tax Levy Increase Tax Levy Cap	3.17% 4.00%	2.61% 4.00%	5.68% 4.00%	5.32% 4.00%
Tax Levy Cap	4.0076	4,0070	4.0070	4.0070

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CAPITAL PLAN

Based on prior year information and input from the Town, we present below a five-year Capital Plan. We recommend adding \$70,000 in FY15 to the Capital Fund, with pro forma increases in succeeding years. We recommend that the money from the General Fund that is used to pay the remaining payments for the School construction project and the Peckham Lot project be repaid over ten years beginning in FY2016 through an allocation to the Capital Fund. An estimate for this use of funds is included in the table below. The exact amount will be refined when the final amount is known.

					5 YEAR PLAN				
ITEM	RATIONALE	SOURCE	(cu	/14 rrent ear)	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Highway Maintenance	Efficiency	or.					\$30	\$30	
facility - Construct		CF			•		330	330	
Maintenance Sheds -	Need	C E			\$4	\$4			
Fabric	D 11:1	CF				34			
Transfer Station	Poor condition	05				630			
Compactor	_	CF				\$20			
Post MODS restoration	Improve	0.5		015					
	condition	CF		\$15					
Police Cruiser	Annual need			007	630	620	#20	620	630
procurement		CF		\$26	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Police Chief - SUV				\$17	\$18				
PSC Fire alarm receiver	Efficiency	CF + Grant			\$10	\$10			
PSC asphalt	Poor condition	CF			\$6				
Procure dump truck	Efficiency								
(possible lease)		CF		\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	
Procure Snow Plow &	Efficiency								
spare chain for Sanding									
Truck		CF		\$4					
Town Building	Efficiency								
Improvements		CF			\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	20
School	GF Repayment								
Renovation/Peckham Lot		CF				<u>\$30</u>	<u>\$30</u>	<u>\$30</u>	<u>30</u>
Total Expenditures			•	\$72	´ \$98	\$124	\$90	´ \$90 ˈ	\$50
Fund Additions		FY13 Capital Fd Balance	\$59	\$60	\$70	\$105	\$100	\$100	\$100
Projected Fund									
Balance at FYE				\$47	19	0	10	20	70

The current projection of expenses and revenues for FY15 to FY18 are shown below. Expense projections are based on the FY15 Budget Committee recommendations. One of the biggest drivers to increased expense budgets over time has been the growth in the cost of Employee Benefits. The focus needs to continue to be on reducing expenses. Effective FY10 the Town was required to show in its financial statements its liability to fund retiree benefits other than their pension benefit such as healthcare and dental costs. As with the pension plan the Town may be required to fund these benefits on an actuarial basis rather than a "pay-as-you go" basis as we do now. The current Town Council and School Committee efforts to manage costs and find cost savings ideas will need to continue to be enhanced and focus its efforts on employee cost share for those plans or other substantive changes in the plans based on negotiations with our unions and our police, fire and municipal contracts.

		FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Expenses	Description	(Current Year)	(Appropriated)	(Proj)	(Proj)	(Proj)
•	Public Safety	\$1,850,753	\$1,967,114	\$2,006,456	\$2,046,585	\$2,087,517
	Employee Benefits	\$1,324,983	\$1,285,656	\$1,324,226	\$1,363,952	\$1,404,871
	General Government	\$555,412	\$554,858	\$563,181	\$571,629	\$580,203
	Public Works	\$581,972	\$626,293	\$635,687	\$645,223	\$654,901
	Parks & Recreation	\$309,485	\$311,100	\$315,767	\$320,503	\$325,311
	Debt Service	\$260,800	\$922,407	\$913,275	\$912,725	\$856,975
	Financial	\$152,479	\$159,862	\$162,260	\$164,694	\$167,164
	Public Welfare	\$9,880	\$72,536	\$73,624	\$74,728	\$75,849
	Capital Projects	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$105,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Grants/Charitable	\$6,750	\$5,500	\$5,583	\$5,666	\$5,751
	Total Town	\$5,112,514	\$5,975,326	\$6,105,058	\$6,205,706	\$6,258,543
	Wilbur & McMahon - Salaries	\$2,906,507	\$2,814,554	\$2,856,772	\$2,899,624	\$2,943,118
	Wilbur & McMahon - Employee Benefits	\$1,140,503	\$1,061,417	\$1,166,527	\$1,179,836	\$1,193,346
	Wilbur & McMahon - Tech & Professional Services	\$340,625	\$257,700	\$261,566	\$265,489	\$269,471
	Wilbur & McMahon - Purchased Property Services	\$350,591	\$95,300	\$96,730	\$98,180	\$99,653
	Wilbur & McMahon - Purchased Other Services	\$2,162,000	\$2,251,400	\$2,264,171	\$2,373,134	\$2,428,731
	Wilbur & McMahon - Supplies & Materials	\$247,800	\$213,570	\$216,774	\$220,025	\$223,326
	Wilbur & McMahon - Operations	\$7,400	\$8,500	\$8,628	\$8,757	\$8,888
	Wilbur & McMahon - Capital Outlays	\$12,500	\$38,000	\$38,570	\$39,149	\$39,736
	Total School	\$7,167,926	\$6,740,441	\$6,909,736	\$7,084,194	\$7,206,269
Total		\$12,280,440	\$12,715,767	\$13,014,795	\$13,289,899	\$13,464,811
Revenues	Cell Tower	\$33,500	\$48,524	\$50,400	\$51,912	\$53,469
	School -State/Fed Aid	\$569,350	\$404,941	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
	School Bond - RIDE reimbursement	\$0	\$340,133	\$341,050	\$342,010	\$342,790
	Drug forfeiture	\$55,000	\$43,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$0
	Ambulance Reimbursement	\$100,000	\$183,900	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000
	Non-Property Tax	\$734,156	\$627,000	\$636,405	\$645,951	\$655,640
	Property Tax	\$10,329,739	\$10,878,998	\$11,248,884	\$11,530,106	\$11,737,648
	Town - State/Fed Aid	\$36,206	\$117,568	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Town - Other	\$55,787	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	School - Medicare Reimbursement	\$9,500	\$14,500	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
	School Unrestricted Fund Appr (Capital)	\$0	S 0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	School Renovation Fund	\$268,076	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	General Fund appropriation	\$89,126	\$62,500			
Tota		\$12,280,440	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$13,009,739	\$13,292,979	\$13,482,548
(Shortfall)/S	iurplus	\$0	\$5,297	(\$5,056)	\$3,080	\$17,736