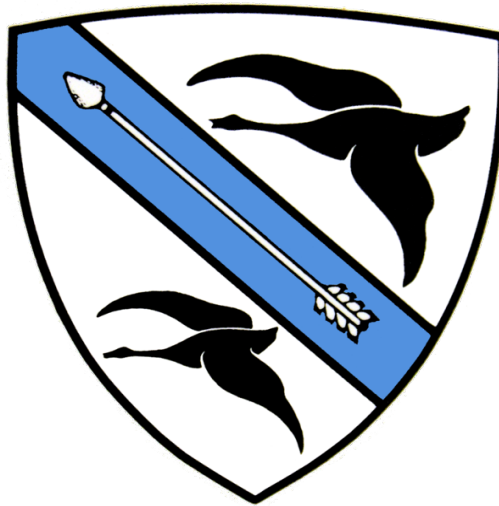


TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND

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REPORT OF THE LITTLE COMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE to the ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

**TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
Tuesday, June 17, 2025
at 7:00PM**

**Location: Wilbur McMahon School Gymnasium
28 Commons**

Transportation Available to Financial Town Meeting - June 17th

The Little Compton Community Bus will provide transportation to and from the Financial Town Meeting on June 17th. To reserve your seat, please call the Little Compton Community Bus line at (401) 777-9700 by 4:00pm on Sunday, June 15th.

Please bring this report with you for use during the Financial Town Meeting.

The Little Compton Budget Committee's Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Wilbur McMahon School Gymnasium.

Please monitor the Town website for further information on the meeting.

www.littlecomptonri.org

Little Compton Financial Town Meeting Procedures

June 17, 2025

Scott A. Morrison
Town Moderator

The **quorum** for the Financial Town Meeting ("FTM") is (5) percent of registered voters, as provided by Section 305 of the Little Compton Home Rule Charter. Please make every effort to remain until the end of the meeting. Our business is not complete until the tax levy and borrowing authority are approved.

Seating: Please remain seated during the meeting, except for purposes of debate and voting. The votes of anyone standing in back or along the side will not be recognized. In addition, non-voters should be seated in the roped-off area on the bleachers, unless the Moderator has previously given individuals permission to be seated elsewhere.

Powers of the Moderator: Charter Section 305 provides that the "Town Moderator shall have all authority conferred upon Moderators by State law in conducting and managing the business of Town Meetings". Section 45-3-18 of the Rhode Island General Laws reads, in its entirety: "Every Moderator has the power to manage and regulate the business of each meeting, conforming to law, and to maintain peace and good order at the meeting".

Motions and Amendments: The Charter, Section 502(a), provides that the Budget Committee "shall have the primary responsibility for evaluation of all requests for appropriation by the Financial Town Meeting, and for presenting the proposed budget to the Annual Financial Town Meeting". Thus, the Budget Committee will be recognized for the purposes of making the first motion (or "main motion") on each warrant article involving the appropriation of funds. That motion, after receiving a second, will of course be subject to amendment. We will deal with and dispose of one amendment at a time. That is, we will not act on amendments to amendments. Any substantial amendment should be prepared and presented to the Moderator in written form.

A motion for adoption of warrant articles in a group is permitted under Section 304 of the Home Rule Charter. However, amendment and debate of individual warrant items within such a grouping are also permitted.

Amendments may also be offered to separate one or more warrant articles from a motion involving a group of articles. Furthermore, amendments that encompass several articles may also be proposed. Finally, Section 304 provides that "the order of items to be considered... may be changed by two-thirds of the electors present and voting."

Discussion and debate: If you wish to make a motion or speak to a motion, please come to a microphone on the floor. Please identify yourself when you speak. State law provides that all electors who "deserve to be heard" on a motion are entitled to be heard, but electors are not entitled to be heard repeatedly or interminably. If you have been heard once on a question, you will not be recognized again unless and until all others speaking to that question have been heard. Any questions for town officials or others should be addressed to and through the Moderator. All voters are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and civil manner. Comments directed at personalities will not be tolerated.

Voting: I will first ask for a voice vote on a question, calling for "ayes" and "nays". If conclusive, I will declare the results of the vote. If I am in doubt on a voice vote, I will call for a standing vote, which will be counted by the tellers, two of whom will count each section. Remain standing until you are instructed by the tellers to be seated. Please be patient so that we can achieve an accurate vote count. Once I have declared the outcome of a voice vote or standing vote, there is no opportunity for a recount.

Vote by ballot: State law provides that "a vote shall be taken by ballot, if a ballot is called for and the call is seconded by at least one-fifth (1/5) of the electors who are qualified to vote on the pending question". **A motion for a vote by ballot must be made before I have called for and concluded a vote by other means, such as a voice or standing vote.** The tellers will direct you to the outside aisles. You'll then be handed a ballot. Mark it "yes" or "no" at one of the voting booths, insert it into the voting machine, and then return to your seat by the center aisle.



Town of Little Compton Budget Committee

P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

May 20, 2025

Voters of Little Compton,

The proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget request exceeds the state mandated four percent (4%) increase allowable under R.I. General Laws.

At this time, the Little Compton Budget Committee, in cooperation with the Town Council and the Acting Town Finance Director have been in direct contact with R.I. Auditor General's Office, the R.I. Department of Revenue as well as our elected representatives in the R.I. General Assembly to enact legislation to allow the Town of Little Compton to exceed the four percent (4%) threshold.

The Budget Committee is recommending a budget totaling \$18,346,633.00 dollars, a reduction of \$584,521 dollars from the budget approved by the Town Council. The recommended budget is a 3.66% increase over last years approved budget.

Enclosed are a summary of the budget articles to be presented at Financial Town Meeting (FTM) along with the recommendations of the Little Compton Budget Committee. The Committee believes that the recommendations put forth are in the best interest of the taxpayers of Little Compton at this time. We strongly encourage the voters to adopt our recommendations of the budget articles.

For additional information and updates regarding the FY 2026 budget as well as a summary sheet of the recommended budget appropriations, please click the following hyperlink or scan the QR code.

<https://www.littlecomptonri.org/newslist.php>

Sincerely,

Little Compton Budget Committee

George M. Crowell, Chairman

Peter A. Bermudez

Alison Monds-Ward

Andrew L. Rhyne

Corey Soderlund



APPROPRIATED	RECOMMENDED
2024-2025	2025-2026
\$17,678,722	\$18,346,633

ESTIMATED REVENUES

	2024-2025	2025-2026
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$17,678,722	\$18,346,633
<u>Estimated Town Resources</u>		
Property Taxes*	\$14,068,229	\$15,587,497
Delinquent Property Tax Rev	\$250,000	\$300,000
Town Administration Fees	\$275,000	\$350,000
Town Beach Fees	\$215,000	\$300,000
Building Fees	\$140,000	\$155,000
Cell Tower Fees	\$49,000	\$49,000
Investments and Other Income	\$5,000	\$27,207
Misc. School Revenues	\$186,500	\$281,350
General Fund Appropriation	<u>\$1,116,796</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Sub-total	\$16,305,525	\$17,050,054
<u>Estimated State Resources</u>		
School Renovation Reimbursement	\$331,098	\$253,201
Education Aid	\$334,800	\$321,488
Telephone Tax	\$47,712	\$48,768
Hotel Tax	\$41,952	\$44,428
Meal Tax	\$66,458	\$57,120
Motor Vehicle Tax Reimbursement	\$366,775	\$375,577
Tangible Tax Reimbursement	<u>\$44,402</u>	<u>\$35,997</u>
Sub-total	\$1,233,197	\$1,136,579
<u>Housing Trust Fund</u>	\$20,000	\$20,000
<u>Ambulance Reimbursement</u>	\$140,000	\$140,000
<u>TAX BASE</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
Real Estate	\$2,749,508,126	\$3,293,163,364
Tangible	\$10,154,035	\$10,154,035
Total Tax Base	\$2,759,662,161	\$3,303,317,399
<u>PROPERTY TAXES</u>		
<u>Property Tax Rates</u>	<u>Req Tax Rate</u>	<u>Req Tax Rate</u>
Real Estate	\$5.08	\$4.72
Tangible	\$9.92	\$9.92
<u>Property Tax Revenue</u>	<u>Req Taxes</u>	<u>Req Taxes</u>
Real Estate	13,967,501	15,543,731
Tangible	100,728	100,728
Net Property Taxes	\$14,068,229	\$15,644,459
Tax Levy Increase	3.92%	11.08%
Tax Levy Cap	4.00%	4.00%

Summary of Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026) Proposed Budget

<u>Article</u>	<u>General Government</u>	<u>FY 2025 (Approved)</u>	<u>FY 2026 (Requested)</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation</u>
28	Town Clerk	172,315	184,829	7.26%	184,829
30	Board of Canvassers	16,000	20,000	25.00%	20,000
31	Budget Committee	9,500	10,000	5.26%	10,000
36	Capital Expenditure	250,000	374,774	39.94%	0
38	Town Administrator	88,094	90,773	3.04%	90,773
39	Town Council	20,428	21,128	3.43%	21,128
40	Building Dept/Zoning Official	96,304	97,706	1.46%	97,706
41	Inspectors	37,000	41,000	10.81%	41,000
42	Advisory Boards	50,500	64,000	26.73%	64,000
47	Insurance	173,257	190,257	9.81%	190,257
48	Legal Services	123,000	128,000	4.06%	128,000
49	Incidental & Emergency	171,420	160,000	-6.66%	160,000
61	Probate Judge	6,525	6,848	4.95%	6,848
		1,214,343	1,390,315	13.51%	1,014,541

<u>Article</u>	<u>Information Technologies</u>	<u>FY 2025 (Approved)</u>	<u>FY 2026 (Requested)</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation</u>
57	Computer Services	169,000	272,910	61.49%	169,000

<u>Article</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>FY 2025 (Approved)</u>	<u>FY 2026 (Requested)</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation</u>
25	School Department	8,571,725	8,863,976	3.41%	8,863,976
	Town Contribution	8,050,425	8,261,138	2.62%	8,261,138
	NOTE: Town portion is \$8,261,138 (2.62% Increase)				

<u>Article</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 2025 (Approved)</u>	<u>FY 2026 (Requested)</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation</u>
19	Police Department	1,242,309	1,422,966	14.54%	1,422,966
19	Dispatchers	252,281	272,602	8.05%	272,602
20	Public Safety Complex	62,880	65,280	3.82%	65,280
21	Fire Department	1,159,381	1,363,996	17.65%	1,363,996
22	Ambulance Reimbursement	140,000	140,000	0.00%	140,000
		2,856,851	3,264,844	14.28%	3,264,844

<u>Article</u>	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>FY 2025 (Approved)</u>	<u>FY 2026 (Requested)</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation</u>
35	Wastewater Treatment Facility	10,000	25,000	150.00%	25,000
50	Town Hall	54,400	49,000	-9.93%	49,000
53	Transfer Station	257,293	261,793	1.75%	261,793
54	Department of Public Works	273,104	334,787	22.59%	284,950
55	Highway Department	266,300	275,800	3.57%	275,800
56	Tree Warden	35,000	40,000	14.29%	40,000
60	Street Lights	9,000	9,000	0.00%	9,000
62	I.O.O.F./32 Commons Mtg Hall	8,950	12,750	42.46%	12,750
		914,047	1,008,130	10.29%	958,293

<u>Article</u>	<u>Employee Benefits</u>	<u>FY 2025 (Approved)</u>	<u>FY 2026 (Requested)</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation</u>
23	Alfred Texeira	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000
24	Leonard Corrao	18,915	18,915	0.00%	18,915
45	OPEB Health Benefits	160,595	170,231	6.00%	170,231
45	Active Health Benefits	795,789	852,278	7.10%	917,278
46	F.I.C.A. Misc. Benefits	258,319	319,215	23.57%	319,215
52	Pension	416,819	542,226	26.15%	542,226
		1,651,437	1,903,865	14.20%	1,968,865

Article	Financial	FY 2025 (Approved)	FY 2026 (Requested)	% Increase/Decrease	FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation
33	Tax Assessor	130,367	140,599	7.85%	140,599
34	Tax Assessor-Revaluation	45,000	65,000	44.44%	45,000
32	Finance Department	135,159	149,626	10.70%	149,626
58	Auditing	35,000	45,000	28.57%	45,000
		345,526	400,225	15.83%	380,225

Article	Public Welfare	FY 2025 (Approved)	FY 2026 (Requested)	% Increase/Decrease	FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation
17	Senior Citizens Services	16,000	16,000	0.00%	16,000
18	Director of Social Services	7,731	31,500	307.45%	31,500
17	Director of Senior Services	0	31,800	100.00%	31,800
14	LC Comm. Ctr. Meals	30,000	30,000	0.00%	30,000
15	Food Bank	30,000	37,500	25.00%	37,500
		83,731	146,800	75.32%	146,800

Article	Parks and Recreation	FY 2025 (Approved)	FY 2026 (Requested)	% Increase/Decrease	FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation
43	Town Beach	316,200	316,200	0.00%	316,200
44	Beach Capital Budget	14,000	14,000	0.00%	14,000
64	Civic Recreation	62,000	63,000	1.61%	63,000
63	Tennis Courts	175,000	100,000	-42.86%	0
		567,200	493,200	-13.05%	393,200

Article	Library	FY 2025 (Approved)	FY 2026 (Requested)	% Increase/Decrease	FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation
59	Library	193,410	202,401	4.65%	202,401

Article	Grants/Charitable	FY 2025 (Approved)	FY 2026 (Requested)	% Increase/Decrease	FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation
8	Brownell House	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000
9	Friends of LC Wellness Ctr.	15,000	28,000	86.67%	28,000
10	East Bay Comm Action	750	750	0.00%	750
11	Preservation Coalition	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000
12	Eastern RI Cons. District	1,000	1,500	50.00%	1,500
16	Stay at Home in LC	0	11,900	100.00%	11,900
6	350th funding request	15,000	15,000	0.00%	15,000
7	Police/Fire Detail/350th	0	31,000	100.00%	31,000
13	Wildlife Clinic	0	1,078	100.00%	1,078
		42,750	100,228	134.45%	100,228

Article	Debt Service	FY 2025 (Approved)	FY 2026 (Requested)	% Increase/Decrease	FY 2026 BudCom Recommendation
37	Capital Borrowing-Town	236,114	232,260	1.63%	232,260
26	Bond Debt-School	852,588	652,000	-23.53%	652,000
		1,088,702	884,260	-18.78%	\$884,260

TOTAL BUDGET		17,698,722	18,931,154	6.96%	\$18,346,633
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Comparison		LC Budget Committee Recommended Budget			
Proposed FY 2026 Budget		18,931,154	Recommended Budget		18,346,633
FTM FY 2025 Budget		17,698,722	INCREASE \$		647,911
INCREASE \$		1,232,432	% Increase		3.66%
% Increase is 6.96%		6.963395436			

ARTICLE NO.

- 1** To authorize and direct the Town Finance Director to receive funds from the State of Rhode Island, the Federal Government, 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, 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 Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE WITH INCREASE TO \$1,000,000.00**

- 2** 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.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

- 3** 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 located at the Transfer Station, subject in all respects to the conditions of the Little Compton Town Charter, Section 512, to authorize 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.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

- 4** [REMOVED BY TOWN COUNCIL ON 5/20/2025]

- 5** [REMOVED BY TOWN COUNCIL ON 5/20/2025]

ARTICLE NO.

APPROPRIATED	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026

6 LITTLE COMPTON'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Total Voting Amount:

\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars to assist in funding of Little Compton's 350th anniversary celebration in 2025.

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

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

7 POLICE AND FIRE DETAILS FOR LITTLE COMPTON'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Total Voting Amount:

\$0	\$31,000	\$31,000
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To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand (\$31,000.00) Dollars to cover the cost of providing police and fire details for events scheduled for the Little Compton 350th anniversary celebration.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

ARTICLE NO.		APPROPRIATED	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
		2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026
8	BROWNELL HOUSE			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
	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.			
	<i>Note: This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.</i>			
	Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
9	FRIENDS OF L.C. WELLNESS CENTER, INC.			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$15,000	\$28,000	\$28,000
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand (\$28,000.00) as a donation to the Friends of Little Compton Wellness Center, Inc.			
	<i>Note: This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.</i>			
	Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
10	EAST BAY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$750	\$750	\$750
	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.			
	<i>Note: This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.</i>			
	Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
11	PREVENTION COALITION			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	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.			
	<i>Note: This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.</i>			
	Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
12	EASTERN RI CONSERVATION DISTRICT			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Thousand, Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars as a donation to the Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District.			
	<i>Note: This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.</i>			
	Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
13	WILDLIFE CLINIC OF RHODE ISLAND			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$0	\$1,078	\$1,078
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Thousand, Seventy-Eight (\$1,078.00) dollars in support of the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island who serves Little Compton wildlife needs.			
	<i>Note: This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.</i>			
	Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
14	SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM (LITTLE COMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER)			
	Total Voting Amount:	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
	To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars as a donation to the Little Compton Community Center in support of the Senior Meal Program which provides food to Little Compton citizens.			
	<i>Note: This article was submitted by the Town Council on behalf of a private organization.</i>			
	Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			

ARTICLE NO.

APPROPRIATED 2024-2025	REQUESTED 2025-2026	RECOMMENDED 2025-2026
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15 LITTLE COMPTON FOOD BANK**Total Voting Amount:**

\$30,000	\$37,500	\$37,500
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand, Five Hundred (\$37,500.00) dollars as a donation to the Little Compton Food Bank to assist in providing food to Little Compton citizens.

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

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

16 STAY AT HOME IN LITTLE COMPTON, INC.**Total Voting Amount:**

\$0	\$11,900	\$11,900
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eleven-Thousand Nine Hundred (\$11,900.00) to support Stay at Home in Little Compton, Inc.

Note: This article was submitted by a private organization.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

17 SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES**Total Voting Amount:**

\$16,000	\$47,800	\$47,800
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred (\$47,800.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for Senior Citizens Services and the payment of salary and department expenses for a Director of Senior Services, as follows:

Senior Citizen Services	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
Salary, Director Senior Services	\$0.00	\$31,200.00	\$31,200.00
Phone	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	\$16,000.00	\$47,800.00	\$47,800.00

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

18 SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR**Total Voting Amount:**

\$7,731	\$31,500	\$31,500
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand, Five Hundred (\$31,500.00) dollars for the salary and phone of the Social Services Director for the ensuing year, distribution as follows:

Salary	\$31,200.00	\$31,200.00
Phone	\$300.00	\$300.00
	\$7,731.00	\$31,500.00

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

19 POLICE DEPARTMENT**Total Voting Amount:**

\$1,494,590	\$1,695,568	\$1,695,568
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To see if the Town will appropriate the following sum of One Million, Six Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty Eight (\$1,695,568.00) dollars for the Little Compton Police Department for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution is as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Salary, Chief	\$96,516	\$98,447	\$98,447
Salaries	\$734,398	\$896,012	\$896,012
Holiday Pay	\$52,258	\$52,486	\$52,486
Court, OT,Vac,SkLv&OOR Pay	\$134,800	\$141,600	\$141,600
Uniforms	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
Training/Education	\$20,000	\$11,500	\$11,500
Maint,Gas,Off Sup & Tele	\$91,660	\$100,540	\$100,540
Shift differential	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Convention expenses	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000

ARTICLE NO.
19 (Con't)

	APPROPRIATED 2024-2025	REQUESTED 2025-2026	RECOMMENDED 2025-2026
Service Contracts	\$36,415	\$48,595	\$48,595
Accreditation	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Longevity	\$34,262	\$30,786	\$30,786
Animal Control Fees & Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$6,500
<u>SUBTOTAL:</u>	\$1,242,309	\$1,422,966	\$1,422,966

Clerk-Typist/Dispatchers:			
Salaries	\$169,189	\$187,180	\$187,180
Vacation & SkLv Rep Pay	\$34,800	\$40,050	\$40,050
Holidays	\$11,200	\$11,400	\$11,400
Weekend Replacement	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
Differential	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
Longevity	\$8,892	\$4,772	\$4,772
Training/Education	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<u>SUBTOTAL:</u>	\$252,281	\$272,602	\$272,602
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$1,494,590	\$1,695,568	\$1,695,568

Amounts from other Town Articles

Health	\$287,295	\$303,964	\$303,964
Pension	\$144,155	\$153,064	\$153,064
FICA	\$89,500	\$113,378	\$113,378
Ambulance Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Police Dept.	\$2,015,540	\$2,265,974	\$2,265,974

Active employees only OPEB not included

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

20 PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

Total Voting Amount:

\$62,880	\$65,280	\$65,280
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Five Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty (\$65,280.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the heat, electricity and maintenance for the Public Safety Complex.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

21 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Voting Amount:

\$1,159,381	\$1,363,996	\$1,363,996
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Six (\$1,363,996.00) Dollars to maintain the Little Compton Fire Department for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution is as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Salary, Chief	96,516	98,447	98,447
Salaries, Part-Time	25,000	25,000	25,000
Salaries, Firefighters	706,581	834,113	834,113
Longevity	13,185	16,069	16,069
Holiday Pay	46,819	58,632	58,632
Vac, Sick & Overtime Repl.	132,860	165,435	165,435
Cardiac/Paramedic Incent.	21,120	25,800	25,800
Uniform Allowance	16,800	19,000	19,000
Part-Timers Clothing	2,500	2,500	2,500
Training	22,000	25,000	25,000
Dept. Expenses	12,000	12,000	12,000
Service Contracts	16,000	33,000	33,000
Phone/Security	5,000	6,000	6,000

ARTICLE NO.
21 (Con't)

	APPROPRIATED 2024-2025	REQUESTED 2025-2026	RECOMMENDED 2025-2026
Vehicle Maintenance/repair/fuel	43,000	43,000	43,000
TOTAL REQUESTED:	1,159,381	1,363,996	1,363,996

Amounts from other Town Articles

Health
Pension
FICA
Ambulance Reimbursement
Total Fire Dept.

Active employees only OPEB not included

\$250,510	\$265,052	\$265,052
\$103,015	\$113,410	\$113,410
\$71,000	\$92,478	\$92,478
\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
\$1,723,906	\$1,974,936	\$1,974,936

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

22 **AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT**

Total Voting Amount:

\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
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To see if the Town will authorize the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund to receive and expend monies up to One Hundred Forty Thousand (\$140,000) 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.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

23 **ALFRED TEXCEIRA**

Total Voting Amount:

\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
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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.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

24 **LEONARD CORRAO**

Total Voting Amount:

\$18,915	\$18,915	\$18,915
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To see if the Town will appropriate Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifteen (\$18,915.00) Dollars to pay the salary for disabled fire fighter Leonard Corrao for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

25 **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Total Voting Amount:

\$8,571,725	\$8,863,976	\$8,863,976
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Town Share:	\$8,050,425	\$8,261,138	\$8,261,138
Included in Pension Stroke:	\$78,687	\$137,349	\$137,349

Note: See detailed school budget on pages 24-26

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

26 **SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT-BOND DEBT**

Total Voting Amount:

\$852,588	\$652,000	\$652,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Six Hundred, Fifty-Two Thousand (\$652,000.00) Dollars for the annual principal and interest payments on the bond issued to fund the school renovation.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

27 **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

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.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

ARTICLE NO.

APPROPRIATED 2024-2025	REQUESTED 2025-2026	RECOMMENDED 2025-2026
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28 TOWN CLERK**Total Voting Amount:**

\$172,315	\$184,829	\$184,829
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred, Eighty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine (\$184,829.00) Dollars for the Town Clerk's office for the ensuing year. The distribution to be as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Salary, Town Clerk	\$70,000	\$72,800	\$72,800
Salary, Deputy Town Clerk	\$44,596	\$48,776	\$48,776
Salary, Full time clerk	\$40,158	\$44,299	\$44,299
Longevity	\$1,561	\$1,954	\$1,954
OT, office exp, dog lic. & tags	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Document preservation	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$172,315	\$184,829	\$184,829

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE****29 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 Recommendation: **APPROVE****30 BOARD OF CANVASSERS****Total Voting Amount:**

\$16,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars, or so much as may be necessary, for the Board of Canvassers, for salaries, election expenses and supplies.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE****31 BUDGET COMMITTEE****Total Voting Amount:**

\$9,500	\$10,000	\$10,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars in support of the Budget Committee's communications and publication expenses, and for secretarial services.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE****32 TOWN FINANCE DIRECTOR****Total Voting Amount:**

\$135,159	\$149,626	\$149,626
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Six (\$149,626.00) Dollars to run the Finance Director's Office for the ensuing year. The distribution is as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Salary, Finance Director	\$71,000	\$70,890	\$70,890
Salary, Clerk	40,159	\$44,299	\$44,299
Longevity	0	\$2,437	\$2,437
Service Contracts	15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Training/Education	2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Department Expenses	7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$135,159	\$149,626	\$149,626

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

ARTICLE NO.

APPROPRIATED 2024-2025	REQUESTED 2025-2026	RECOMMENDED 2025-2026
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33 TAX ASSESSOR**Total Voting Amount:**

\$130,367	\$140,599	\$140,599
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety Nine (\$140,599.00) Dollars for the Office of the Tax Assessor for the ensuing year. The distribution is as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Salary, Assessor	\$69,500	\$72,300	\$72,300
Salary, Clerk	\$40,158	\$44,299	\$44,299
Longevity	\$2,209	\$0	\$0
Department Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Training/Education	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Service Contracts	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Tax Maps & Engineering	\$2,500	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$130,367	\$140,599	\$140,599

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE****34 TOWN RE-EVALUATION 2027****Total Voting Amount:**

\$45,000	\$65,000	\$45,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Five Thousand (\$65,000.00) Dollars to be held in a special fund toward conducting the town's full revaluation in 2027 in accordance with section 44-5-11.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE WITH DECREASE****35 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY****Total Voting Amount:**

\$10,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay maintenance contract obligations on the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE****36 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE****Total Voting Amount:**

\$250,000	\$375,774	\$0
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To see if the Town will appropriate Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Four (\$375,774.00) Dollars for a capital expenditure fund to be used for the general repairs and improvements to Town buildings and for any capital improvement deemed necessary.

NOTE: The Town Council voted on 5/8/2025 to reduce Article 36 from the original request of \$400,000.00 to \$375,774.00 and apply the difference of \$24,226.00 to Article #53 (Pension).

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE WITH DECREASE****37 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND DEBT****Total Voting Amount:**

\$236,114	\$232,260	\$232,260
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty (\$232,260.00) Dollars for the annual principal and interest payments on the bond issued to fund capital improvement projects.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE****38 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR****Total Voting Amount:**

\$88,094	\$90,773	\$90,773
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy Three (\$90,773.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to cover the expenses incurred through the use of a Town Administrator. The estimated distribution is as follows:

ARTICLE NO.
38 (Con't)

	APPROPRIATED 2024-2025	REQUESTED 2025-2026	RECOMMENDED 2025-2026
<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
Salary	\$78,914	\$80,493	\$80,493
Phone/Security	\$780	\$780	\$780
Admin. Assistant	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Dept. Expenses	\$1,900	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$88,094	\$90,773	\$90,773

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

39 TOWN COUNCIL

Total Voting Amount:

\$20,428	\$21,128	\$21,128
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-Eight (\$21,128.00) Dollars for the salaries and expenses of the Town Council for the ensuing year. The distribution is as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Salary, President	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
Salary, Council Members (4)	\$8,528	\$8,528	\$8,528
Dept. Expense	\$3,800	\$4,500	\$4,500
Town Code Additions	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$2,900
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$20,428	\$21,128	\$21,128

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

40 BUILDING DEPARTMENT/ZONING OFFICIAL

Total Voting Amount:

\$96,304	\$97,706	\$97,706
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ninety Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Six (\$97,706.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the services of a building official for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution is as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Building Official, Salary	\$82,054	\$83,456	\$83,456
Expenses - Mileage, Tele., Office	\$14,250	\$14,250	\$14,250
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$96,304	\$97,706	\$97,706

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

41 INDEPENDENT INSPECTORS

Total Voting Amount:

\$37,000	\$41,000	\$41,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand (\$41,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the fees of independent inspectors to perform electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspections.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

42 ADVISORY BOARDS

Total Voting Amount:

\$50,500	\$64,000	\$64,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Four Thousand (\$64,000.00) Dollars for the use of various boards to the Town Council for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution is as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Charter Review Commission	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Historic Preservation Adv. Committee	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Planning Board	\$8,500	\$18,500	\$18,500
Zoning Board of Review	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
PT Clerk Planning and Zoning	\$9,000	\$10,500	\$10,500
LC Housing Trust	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Conservation Commission	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$50,500	\$64,000	\$64,000

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

	APPROPRIATED 2024-2025	REQUESTED 2025-2026	RECOMMENDED 2025-2026
43 TOWN BEACH			
Total Voting Amount:	\$316,200	\$316,200	\$316,200
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 year's Town Beach revenues, for the operation of the Town Beaches in the ensuing fiscal year.			
Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
44 BEACH CAPITAL BUDGET			
Total Voting Amount:	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000.00) Dollars to add to the 2025/2026 Capital Budget spread to help cover future lot repairs.			
Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
45 HEALTH BENEFITS			
Total Voting Amount:	\$956,384	\$1,022,509	\$1,087,509
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Million, Twenty Two Thousand, Five Hundred Nine (\$1,022,509.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay Health Insurance Benefits for the Town Employees, both active and retired.			
Active Employees	\$795,789	\$852,278	\$917,278
Retired Employees	\$160,595	\$170,231	\$170,231
Total:	\$956,384	\$1,022,509	\$1,087,509
Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE WITH INCREASE</u>			
46 F.I.C.A. MISC. BENEFITS			
Total Voting Amount:	\$258,319	\$319,215	\$319,215
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Nineteen, Two Hundred Fifteen (\$319,215.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the Town's matching portion of F.I.C.A..			
Breakdown:			
Police	\$69,500	\$92,507	\$92,507
Dispatch	\$20,000	\$20,871	\$20,871
Fire	\$71,000	\$92,478	\$92,478
Municipal	\$97,796	\$113,359	\$113,359
Total:	\$258,296	\$319,215	\$319,215
Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
47 TOWN'S INSURANCE COVERAGE			
Total Voting Amount:	\$173,257	\$190,257	\$190,257
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Seven (\$190,257.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the Town's insurance coverage.			
Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			
48 LEGAL SERVICES			
Total Voting Amount:	\$123,000	\$128,000	\$128,000
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred, Twenty Eight Thousand (\$128,000.00) Dollars for legal services for the ensuing year. Distribution as follows:			
Estimated Distribution:			
Town Solicitor	\$85,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
Other legal services & litigation	\$38,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$123,000	\$128,000	\$128,000
Budget Committee Recommendation: <u>APPROVE</u>			

APPROPRIATED	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026

49 INCIDENTAL & EMERGENCY FUND

Total Voting Amount:

\$171,420	\$160,000	\$160,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand (\$160,000.00) Dollars as an incidental and emergency fund to be spent at the discretion of the Town Council.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

50 TOWN HALL

Total Voting Amount:

\$54,400	\$49,000	\$49,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand (\$49,000.00) Dollars for expenses to run the Town Hall for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

51 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 Recommendation: **APPROVE**

52 PENSION

Total Voting Amount:

\$416,819	\$542,226	\$542,226
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Six (\$542,226.00) 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	\$524,226	\$524,226
Pension Matching Benefits	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
Total:	\$416,819	\$542,226	\$542,226

Breakdown:

<i>Police</i>	\$126,705	\$135,614	\$135,614
<i>Dispatch</i>	\$17,450	\$17,450	\$17,450
<i>Fire</i>	\$103,015	\$113,410	\$113,410
<i>Municipal</i>	\$72,962	\$120,403	\$120,403
<i>School</i>	\$78,687	\$137,349	\$137,349
Total:	\$398,819	\$524,226	\$524,226

NOTE: Per Town Council vote on 5/8/2025 and with the recommendation of the Pension Committee, the original request of \$518,000.00 was increased to \$542,226.00. The increase will be applied by reducing Article #36 (Capital Expenditure) by \$24,226.00 and applying that amount to this Article.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

53 TRANSFER STATION

Total Voting Amount:

\$257,293	\$261,793	\$261,793
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty One Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety Three (\$261,793.00) Dollars to operate the Town Transfer Station for the ensuing year. The estimated distribution is as follows:

<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
Contract Hauling	\$115,568	\$115,568	\$115,568
Solid Waste Management	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Electric, Telephone & Misc.	\$21,725	\$26,225	\$26,225
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$257,293	\$261,793	\$261,793

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

54 DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS**Total Voting Amount:**

\$273,104	\$334,787	\$284,950
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Seven (\$334,787.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the public works (exclusive of road repair or road construction) for the ensuing year. The estimated breakdown to be as follows:

Estimated Distribution:

Salaries	\$200,131	\$257,272	\$207,435
Longevity	\$4,773	\$5,215	\$5,215
Material, Parts, Equip.	\$68,200	\$72,300	\$72,300
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$273,104	\$334,787	\$284,950

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE WITH DECREASE**

55 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**Total Voting Amount:**

\$266,300	\$275,800	\$275,800
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand, Eight Hundred (\$275,800.00) 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.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

56 TREE WARDEN**Total Voting Amount:**

\$35,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) Dollars for the removal of dead trees, pruning dead limbs and low hanging branches along Town property.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

57 COMPUTER SERVICES (TOWN HALL/PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX)**Total Voting Amount:**

\$169,000	\$272,910	\$169,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten (\$272,910.00) Dollars for the purchase of maintenance contracts and supplies for the Computer Systems in use in the Town Hall and Public Safety Complex.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE WITH DECREASE**

58 AUDITING**Total Voting Amount:**

\$35,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand (\$45,000.00) Dollars for auditing the books of the Finance Director and any and/or other Town Department books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 (not including the School Department).

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

59 BROWNELL LIBRARY**Total Voting Amount:**

\$193,410	\$202,401	\$202,401
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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Two Thousand, Four Hundred One (\$202,401.00) Dollars for the Brownell Library, home of the Little Compton Free Library.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

60 STREET LIGHTS**Total Voting Amount:**

\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
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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.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

	APPROPRIATED 2024-2025	REQUESTED 2025-2026	RECOMMENDED 2025-2026
61 PROBATE JUDGE			
Total Voting Amount:	\$6,525	\$6,848	\$6,848
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Eight (\$6,848.00) Dollars for the salary and expenses of the Probate Judge for the ensuing year.			
<u>Estimated Distribution:</u>			
Salary	\$6,125	\$6,248	\$6,248
Telephone and Office Expenses	\$400	\$600	\$600
	\$6,525	\$6,848	\$6,848

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

62 I.O.O.F./32 COMMONS MEETING HALL			
Total Voting Amount:	\$8,950	\$12,750	\$12,750
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty (\$12,750.00) 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.			

NOTE: This appropriation is to cover the costs of utilities and miscellaneous expenses. This amount is not used for reovations and maintenance of the 32 Commons structure.

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

63 TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURT			
Total Voting Amount:	\$175,000	\$100,000	\$0
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars to be used to assist in supplementing the cost of repairs to the town tennis &pickleball courts.			

Budget Committee Recommendation: **REJECT**

64 CIVIC RECREATION			
Total Voting Amount:	\$62,000	\$63,000	\$63,000
To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Three Thousand (\$63,000.00) Dollars for the employee compensation, equipment and supplies, including team apparel, 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.			

Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

65	To order a tax to be levied and assessed on the ratable property in said Town and the inhabitants thereof for the 2025 tax year for the payment of 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.
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Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

66	To authorize the Town Finance Director to borrow from time to time, a certain amount of money in anticipation of taxes, and give the negotiable note or notes to the Town therefor.
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Budget Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE**

67	ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING (CANDIDATES HAVE UNTIL MAY 27, 2025 TO FILE FOR CANDIDACY. ALL CANDIDATE NAMES WILL APPEAR IN THE SAKONNET TIMES PRIOR TO FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING.
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**BEACH COMMISSION
VOTE FOR ANY 2**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
VOTE FOR ANY 3**

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Building Department	Project	Est Cost	Funding Source	Note	Status	Funds Spent
Community Development	Antique Street Lamps Repair / Replace	\$50,000	ARPA	Enlist Madden Electric to install conduit and repair the wiring. DPW will monitor the fixtures.	Metalworks/Lanterns, Steve Flowers/Joles	\$43,943.49
Community Development	Broadband	\$25,000	Capital - ARPA no longer available	Community survey & hire a consultant	The Town continues to gather information with the assistance of the School IT Director	
Community Development	Commons Paving/Sidewalks and curbing	\$100,000	ARPA	Continue to work with RIDOT ... project period spring/summer 2024	Project completed	\$159,958.63
Community Development	Municipal Parking Lot	\$250,000	Capital/Housing Aid	complete the engineeringTown/School partnership	Continue to collaborate with the School Department	
Fire Department	Radios	\$16,000	Capital	Replacement cycle	Purchased	\$14,811.00
Police Department	Cruiser	\$115,000	Capital	Replacement cycle	Purchased	\$62,067.06
Police Department	Radios	\$12,000	Capital	Replacement cycle	Thus far purchased	\$2,080.06
Public Safety Complex	Title Removal / Floor Sealing/new lockers	\$30,000	Capital	Hallway, custodial room and closets	Completed	\$35,645.92
Public-Safety Complex	Painting	\$5,000	Capital	Continue the painting	DPW is working on the task	
Public Works	Road Paving Program	\$274,242	State MR & BP	Beta Engineering Road Program - State match Road and Bridge funds	BETA has drafted an RFP ... out for bid	
Public Works	New DPW Building at Transfer Station	\$600,000	Capital	Will need to tap another source - Town Bond and Capital - ARPA no longer available	bumped to FY27	
Public Works	New lawnmower	\$18,500	Capital	Cycle replacement	This item has been removed due to all the paving being done	
Public Works	Hot box road repairs	\$35,000	Capital	Hot box avoid trips and have hot patch vs. cold patch & recycle	looking at FY 27 for replacement	
Public Works	Compactor(s)	\$100,000	Capital	Replacement cycle	Fire Code Consultant is working to get a number	
Meeting Hall / IOOF	Fire Alarm	\$3,000	Capital	Estimate from Crescent	Architectural work/Melissa Hutchinson	\$1,250.00
Meeting Hall / IOOF	Stairs/Exterior Painting	\$25,900	Capital	Moved from FY24	Water heater replacement	\$2,935.09
Meeting Hall / IOOF	New Boiler	\$25,000	Capital	The current boiler is old and need for a replacement	Feasibility study on-going	
Meeting Hall / IOOF	Renovations	\$20,000	Capital	Upgrade the meeting area for better ventilation and sanitation	Part of payment from ARPA/TFM	\$185,000
Wilbur McMahon School	Solar Project	\$185,000	Capital	Roof Assessment and permitting	Working to make the necessary repairs	
Parks & Recreation	Playground	\$150,000	Capital	Contemplate full playground replacement 2030	Looking at FY27	
Town Hall	Vault	\$40,000	Vault Fund	Ongoing budgeting		
Town Hall	Digital Scanning of Maps	\$120,000	Capital	Digitize the application		
TOTAL		\$2,199,642				\$507,701.25
			Summary of Funding Sources			
		\$40,000	Vault Fund			
		\$250,000	Town Bond		ARPA	\$288,907.12
		\$860,400	Capital		Capital	\$218,799.13
		\$274,242	Paving			
		\$775,000	ARPA			
Created February 3, 2025		\$2,199,642				

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5 Year Capital Improvement Plan								
1	Department/Building	FY27	Estimated Cost	FY28	Estimated Cost	FY29	Estimated Cost	FY30
2	Community Development	Broadband	\$50,000	Broadband	\$50,000	Broadband	\$50,000	Broadband
3	Community Development	Municipal Parking Lot	\$250,000	Municipal Parking Lot	\$150,000			
4	Community Development	Town Buildings	\$250,000	Town Buildings	\$100,000	Town Buildings	\$100,000	Town Buildings
5	Fire Department	Radios/RISCON	\$30,000	Radios	\$30,000	Radios	\$30,000	
6	Fire Department			Rescue	\$100,000	Rescue	\$75,000	Rescue
7	Fire Department			Command Vehicle	\$50,000	Command Vehicle	\$25,000	Command Vehicle
8	Police Department	Cruiser	\$125,000			Cruiser	\$125,000	
9	Police Department	Radios/RISCON	\$30,000	Radios	\$30,000	Radios	\$30,000	
10	Public Works	Annual Road Paving Program	\$150,000	Annual Road Paving Program	\$125,000	Annual Road Paving Program	\$125,000	Annual Road Paving
11	Public Works	Compactor(s)	\$75,000	Compactor(s)	\$50,000			
12	Public Works	Structure to protect the sand/salt	\$25,000					
13	Public Works	DPW Building	\$500,000	DPW Building	\$50,000	DPW Building	\$50,000	DPW Building
14	Public Works			Lawnmower	\$20,000			Lawnmower
15	Parks & Recreation	Playground	\$25,000	Playground	\$10,000	Playground	\$10,000	Playground
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18	TOTALS		\$1,485,000.00		\$765,000.00		\$430,000.00	\$305,000
19	NOTE - FY26 Capital projections stand alone							
20	Revised May 9, 2025 TT							

Little Compton School Department

Annual Update to the Citizens of Little Compton



Total Student Population: 309 / Wilbur & McMahon Schools - 219 / Portsmouth High School - 75 / CTE, MET + Other - 15

We are pleased to report on the status of the schools to the Citizens of Little Compton. *The proposed PreK through Grade 12 school budget for Fiscal Year 2026 shows an increase in expenditures of \$210,713 (2.6%) over the last year's budget. The town appropriation requested to support the Fiscal Year 2026 budget is \$8,261,138. The Little Compton School Department (LCSD) and Wilbur and McMahon Schools (WMS) offer a vibrant, inclusive, rigorous yet nurturing learning experience for all PreK through Grade-8 students. The LCSD's high schoolers are "tuitioned out" to Portsmouth High School (ranked #4 in RI, U.S. News & World Report 2024).

Scholastic Highlights

Wilbur and McMahon, in recent years, has emerged as a top school in the state — with two #1 spots (ELA and Math achievement, RICAS 2024), a 5-STAR rating (two years running!) by the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), and the distinction as the only public International Baccalaureate (IB) certified World School in Rhode Island, offering the prestigious Middle Years Programme. These extraordinary achievements are due to the town's strong support of the school department, which affords our students a PK-8 education supported by excellent teachers and specialists, optimal class-sizes, beautiful green spaces, a well-maintained facility/formal Capital Improvement Plan, and continuous investment in high-quality curriculum materials as well as state-of-the-art instructional technology.

Curriculum Offerings

At Wilbur and McMahon, rigor and relevance drive the curriculum: Eureka Math² K-5; EnVision Math 6-8; Grade 8 "Pre-AP" Pathways - Algebra 1 and Spanish 1; EL Education K-8 Language Arts from Open Up Resources; FOSS (Full Option Science System) & Carolina OpenSciEd Curriculum K-8; RIDE's new Social Studies Standards - 2024/McGraw-Hill; Co-curricular offerings in Art, Music, Band, Piano, History of Music, Journalism, Physical Education, Health, Library Media Skills, Spanish and Design. IB MYP 8th Grade Community Project, 8th Grade Advocacy Day, 7th Grade Engineering Exposition, 6th Grade Solution Symposium.

Instructional Technology

Wilbur and McMahon's IT is cutting edge: interactive whiteboards (Promethean) in every classroom, 1-to-1 ratio of Chromebooks for all K-8 students, state-of-the-art AV system in flex space "gymnasium" (gymnasium-auditorium), and digital signage throughout the building.

*Navigate here <https://www.lcsd.k12.ri.us/finances> for "Finances" section of the LCSD web site.



Field Trips and On-Campus Events

In addition to offering rigorous, supportive, and achievable educational programs, Wilbur and McMahon values the arts and civic engagement and collaborates within our school and local community to offer school assemblies, workshops and field trips (both on and off campus), including: Buck Hill (4 days of 18th Century camping), RI State House, Newport Contemporary Ballet, RI Resource Recovery Center, Fort Adams, Roger Williams Zoo, Newport Volvo Ocean Race Village, Block Island, Washington DC, Boston Freedom Trail, Boston Science Museum, Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, RI School of Design Museum, Plimoth Patuxet Museum, Trinity Repertory Theater, Save the Bay, Body Works in Boston, South Shore Beach, Historic Simmons Mill, Old Stone Orchard, Young Family Farm, Providence Bruins (chorus sings patriotic songs), Little Compton Historical Tour, Biomes, Audubon Society Presentations, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Zeiterion Theater, Atwater & Donnelly, Lloyd's Center, local Garden Club classroom programs and holiday greens, Law Day, Author Talks, Story Tellers, Dodgeball Tournament, Student-Faculty Basketball Game, Field Day, Literacy Week, 4th-Grade Parade of History, National Civics Bee@Rhode Island State Finals, Art Expositions, Scripps Spelling Be, Spirit Week, Student Council, and so much more.

Athletics and After-School Offerings

With the whole child in mind, after-school activities include: Soccer (photo above), Cross Country/Track, Basketball, and Lacrosse; Beginner Ballet, Green Team (environmental club), Glee Club/Chorus, Beginner Band and Individual Band Lessons, Drama/Musical Theater, FIRST Tech Challenge, FIRST LEGO League, and After-School Library Hours. We also partner with community organizations that sponsor and/or bring programs into the school: LC Makers, Girls on the Run, local garden clubs, Sakonnet PTO, Up With School Arts, Newport Contemporary Ballet, Little Compton Community Center, Little Compton Prevention Coalition, and the Little Compton Education Foundation.

Facilities and Campus Highlights

Our beautiful campus includes: Library/Media Center with over 8,000 books + RILINK + RICAT; State-of-the-art performance space (for town use, as well); Science Lab, Art, Music, and Band Suites; Outdoor Classroom (Eco-Oasis) and Greenhouse; Gymnasium (town Rec. Department use, as well) and access to athletic fields and walking trails; Caf/Servery - offering hot breakfast and lunch.



TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE <i>Chairperson:</i> Travis Auty <i>Vice Chairperson:</i> Amy Gleicher <i>Secretary:</i> Susan Chase <i>Members:</i> Mark Gleicher, Michael Rocha, II <i>SC Confidential Secretary*:</i> Interim/TBD	DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION <i>Superintendent of Schools*:</i> Dr. Laurie Dias-Mitchell <i>Business Manager*:</i> John McNamee, CPA <i>Student Support Services Director*:</i> Mark Dufresne <i>Director of Information Technology**:</i> Jonathan Gabriel <i>HR Director/Admin Assistant to Superintendent:</i> Carolyn Sedgwick <i>Student Support Services Admin Assistant/Data Coordinator:</i> Meriah Dufur
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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE <i>School Principal:</i> John McKinnon <i>School Administrative Assistant:</i> Darlene Goodreau	DISTRICT CONSULTANTS <i>Science*:</i> Natalie Eliason <i>Materials Resource*:</i> Linda Audette <i>International Baccalaureate (IB) ***:</i> Aimee Lotz
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CUSTODIAL STAFF <i>Custodians:</i> Paul Borges Jeffrey Lopez <i>Head Custodian**:</i> Christopher Osborne, Jr.	TEACHING ASSISTANTS Marjorie Harnedy Carla Woodhouse* Lee Eddy Manuel Medeiros* Karen Ferreira* Natasha Dupre	TEACHING/IT ASSISTANTS Joshua Guay Michael Ayotte
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TEACHING STAFF

Preschool Teacher/Child Outreach Coordinator Kimberly Smith Specials Teachers <i>Visual Arts:</i> Michael DeLeo <i>Library/Media Arts:</i> Karen Corrigan <i>Physical Education & Health:</i> Noelle Kiernan Jason Ford <i>World Language - Spanish*:</i> Edilberto Bellizzia <i>Design*:</i> Grace Vinbury <i>Music Arts:</i> Nicole Oriol <i>Instrumental & Music Arts:</i> Noah Rousseau Special Education Teachers Courtney Stoller Bryan Goodwin Mary Ellen Roeben	Elementary Teachers (K-4): Marianne Vareika Jennifer Segala Catherine Aguiar Gabrielle Sullivan Mary Morash Erin Bowley Cindy Pineau Stephanie Costello Stephanie Harlow Student Support Specialists <i>School Nurse Teacher:</i> Jean Dunn <i>School Social Worker* *** :</i> Mary Elizabeth Miller Leslie Brackett <i>Speech Pathologist:</i> Kayla Bailey <i>School Psychologist*:</i> Jamie Sunderland <i>Behavioral Interventionist/Guidance Counselor***:</i> Kara DeGiulio <i>Multi Language Learner (MLL) Teacher*:</i> Tara Murray	Middle School Teachers (5-8): Jessica Higgins Maureen Devlin Nichole Guay Aimee MacLean Michael Tomasso Lee Torres Marissa Brasil Abigail Kaul Title 1 Interventionists* *** Debra Lambert Francis Fennessey Reading Specialists Nicola Philp Jennifer Giles
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* Part Time

** Shared with Town

*** Grant-Funded

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ENROLLMENT

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025^
Preschool/Pre-K	13	9	22	12	14
Kindergarten	25	18	20	27	20
Grade 1	15	26	21	19	29
Grade 2	21	16	26	20	16
Grade 3	23	19	18	28	19
Grade 4	26	23	20	20	27
Total PreS/PreK and Elementary	123	111	127	126	125
Grade 5	20	25	19	20	23
Grade 6	30	22	26	20	22
Grade 7	24	26	22	27	21
Grade 8	27	23	26	22	28
Total Middle School	101	96	93	89	94
Total Wilbur & McMahon Schools	224	207	220	215	219
Portsmouth High School	102	87	76	84	75
NACTC, MET + other	10	8	8	12	15
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	336	302	304	311	309

^Note: Enrollment as of 3/25/2025

Little Compton Schools		
Fiscal Year 2026 and 2025 Budget		
	Budget FY25	Budget FY 26
Revenues		
State Aid to Education	\$ 334,800	\$ 321,438
Town Appropriation	8,050,425	8,261,138
Out of District Student Tuitions	115,500	258,900
Medicaid Reimbursement	21,000	21,000
Miscellaneous revenues- Grants, etc.		1,500
NCRSEP Fund Balance Distribution	50,000	-
Total Revenues	8,571,725	8,863,976
Expenses		
Salaries		
51110 Reg Sal w/Base/Degree/Long	3,890,000	4,154,000
51113 Professional Development	24,700	44,650
51115 Substitute	125,000	125,000
51201 Regular Overtime	25,000	30,000
51309 Tutoring	2,500	2,500
51338 Summer Programs	21,400	14,000
51401 Stipend - Other	15,050	37,000
51404 Stipend - Extracurricular/Athletics	37,500	19,150
Total Salaries	4,141,150	4,426,300
Employee Related Salary Costs		
52101 Medical Premiums	598,675	624,700
52102 Life	11,500	14,500
52103 Dental	23,000	24,400
52109 Medical Buy Back	21,600	25,300
52203 Teacher/Admin Pension	442,000	470,500
52207 Survivor Benefits	4,000	4,130
52208 MERS Supplemental	1,170	
52213 Tchr/Admin Defined Contribution	86,300	92,700
52301 FICA	51,000	56,300
52302 Medicare	57,000	62,000
52501 Unemployment Insurance	1,000	1,000
52710 Worker's Comp Premium	12,500	17,600
52902 Employee Assistance Program	600	1,000
Total Fringe Benefit Related Costs	1,310,345	1,394,130

Little Compton Schools		
Fiscal Year 2026 and 2025 Budget		
	Budget FY25	Budget FY 26
Operating Expenses		
53203 OT/PT Services	31,250	25,200
53207 Interpreters and Translators	4,500	3,100
53209 Bus Assistants/Monitors	86,000	72,000
53216 Tutoring	1,500	1,500
53220 Other Purchased Educational	15,500	7,400
53222 Web Based Instructional Programs		31,300
53302 Curriculum Development/Training	24,500	21,000
53401 Auditing/Actuarial Services	20,000	15,000
53402 Legal	40,000	35,000
53406 Other Services	37,000	40,000
53411 School Physician	800	800
53412 Dentists	500	500
53416 Officials/Referees	2,000	2,000
53417 Contracted Nursing Services	4,000	3,000
53501 Data Processing Services	23,000	23,000
53502 Other Technical Services	59,100	57,100
53705 Postage	1,500	2,000
Total Technical and Professional Services	351,150	339,900

Little Compton Schools		
Fiscal Year 2026 and 2025 Budget		
	Budget FY25	Budget FY 26
54201 Rubbish Disposal Services	10,500	12,800
54205 Rodent & Pest Control	1,200	500
54312 Maint & Repair - B & G	20,000	9,000
54320 Techn Rep & Main	2,000	5,000
54321 Contracted Srvcs - Electrical	3,500	2,000
54322 Contracted Srvcs - HVAC	25,000	26,000
54324 Contracted Srvcs - Plumbing	20,000	15,000
54402 Water	7,500	4,000
54403 Telephone	9,400	9,000
54406 Wireless Communications	14,400	16,000
54407 Internet Connectivity	6,000	4,500
54602 Rental of Equip & Vehicles	36,000	36,000
54901 Other Purchased Property Servi	4,000	10,000
54902 Alarm & Fire Safety Services	16,000	21,000
Total Purchased Property Services	175,500	170,800
55111 Transportation Contractors	603,000	529,500
55201 Property/Liability Insurance	40,000	47,046
55401 Advertising Costs	1,000	1,000
55501 Printing	3,000	3,000
55610 Tuition to Agencies - In-State :		
Portsmouth High School	1,326,300	1,309,000
Vocational, etc. - MET, Newport C&T	88,000	80,900
Out of District SPED	125,000	179,000
55809 Travel	1,300	1,500
Total Purchased Other Services	2,187,600	2,150,946

Little Compton Schools		
Fiscal Year 2026 and 2025 Budget		
	Budget FY25	Budget FY 26
56101 General Supplies	86,000	111,300
56115 Medical Supplies	3,500	1,600
56116 Athletic Supplies	1,500	1,500
56209 Fuel Oil	52,500	41,000
56211 Propane	4,550	4,200
56212 Maintenance Bldgs.	15,000	7,500
56215 Electricity	43,500	5,000
56219 Custodial Supplies	30,000	26,500
56401 Textbooks	28,000	35,800
56402 Library Books	10,500	11,000
56404 Subscriptions	4,500	4,200
56406 Textbooks - Non Public	1,700	1,000
56501 Computer Supplies	8,000	8,000
Total Materials & Supplies	289,250	258,600
57305 Equipment		35,300
57306 Furniture & Fixtures	6,750	
57309 Technology Hardware	68,000	26,000
57311 Technology Software	16,980	42,000
Total Capital Outlay	91,730	103,300
58101 Professional Org Dues	8,000	4,500
58102 Other Dues and Fees	17,000	15,000
58201 Other Penalties and Fees		500
Total Other Operating Expenses	25,000	20,000
Total Operating Expenses	3,120,230	3,043,546
Total Expenses	\$ 8,571,725	\$ 8,863,976

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