



East Greenwich Town Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

HYBRID IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Town Hall, Council Chambers, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Agenda

(Any matter listed on this agenda is subject to discussion and a vote by the Town Council. Full agenda packet with active links and videos available on Agendas & Minutes page on the Town website at www.eastgreenwichri.com . Remote access via Zoom is offered as a courtesy but is not guaranteed.)

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1. 6:00pm ~ Call to Order

2. Interviews for Boards and Commissions

- 2.a Peter Rodgers for re-appointment to Affordable Housing Commission
[Rodgers, Pete AHC 2023.pdf](#)
- 2.b Julian Frey for Housing Authority
[2026.02.10 Julian Frey HA 2026.pdf](#)
- 2.c Sierra Grasso for Zoning Board of Review or Housing Authority
[2026.03.09 Sierra Grasso ZBR_HA 2026.pdf](#)
- 2.d Thomas Plunkett for Quonset Development Corporation
[2026.04.08 Thomas Plunkett for QDC.pdf](#)

3. 7:00pm ~ Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

(This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Council's attention any item not listed on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person with a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes for all items. Speakers may not yield their time to others.)

5. Acknowledgements

- 5.a Proclamation recognizing Arbor Day on Friday, April 24, 2026.
[2026.04.13 Arbor Day.doc](#)

6. Consent Calendar and Communications

(Any agenda item of a routine nature or items provided for informational purposes only; considered under a single action. Any Councilor may have an item removed and considered separately on request.)

- 6.a Minutes from March 23, 2026 (Joint Meeting w/Planning Board & Regular Meeting ~ Open Session)
[2026.03.23 Town Council Minutes DRAFT redline by AMT clean.docx](#)
- 6.b Minutes from March 24, 2026 (Special Meeting ~ Open Session)
[2026.03.24 Town Council Minutes DRAFT redlined by AMT clean.docx](#)
- 6.c Renewal of Private Detective License for [Donald L. Mong](#) at 76 Cora Street.
- 6.d Petition of Verizon New England to install a new utility pole and anchors on Howland Road.
[Howland Rd Pole Petition.pdf](#)
- 6.e Application for NEW Victualing License for [Margolis Ventures Inc](#) d/b/a Nothing Bundt Cakes located at 1000 Division Street #62.

7. Reports and Presentations

(Any agenda items requested by the Town Manager, Town Council or Town Solicitor, or any item requiring a formal presentation by boards and commissions, or other agencies.)

- 7.a Report from Town Manager on town-wide projects and initiatives.
[Town Manager's report 4-13-2026 Regular Meeting.pdf](#)
[Housing Aid FY27 Shift.pdf](#)
 - 1 - H7581 The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act.pdf
 - 2 - H8036 Restoring Options in Occupancy Models (Room) Act.pdf
 - 3 - S2795 Pesticide Control.pdf
 - 4 - Failure to Stop For School Bus - 4-9-26 Draft.pdf
 - 5 - Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Infrastructure and Housing Alignment Period (Safe Harbor “ Draft).pdf

8. Unfinished Business

(Any items that were not completed at a prior meeting.)

- 8.a Request for 30-day extension on prior approval of an application for TRANSFER of Class B-V (full) Alcoholic Beverage License with Victualing FROM: Blackstone EG, Inc. d/b/a [Blackstone EG](#) TO: Ferrara's on Main Street, Inc. d/b/a [Ferrara's on Main Street](#) located at 241 Main Street.

9. New Business

(Any items that have not been previously discussed or acted upon.)

- 9.a RESOLUTION to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,100,000 to fund the engineering, design, and construction, of wastewater Treatment Facility infrastructure improvements and associated sewer system improvements along Main Street and the Hunts River Interceptor corridor.

[RIIB Council Request WasteWater Facility Upgrades 2026.pdf](#)

[East Greenwich Bonds 2026 - Resolution \(Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements\).docx](#)

[2026.03.24 EG Cost Estimate Review.pdf](#)

- 9.b Appointment of East Greenwich member of the Board of Directors to the Quonset Point Development Corporation to fill a vacancy for the remainder of a three-year term to expire December 31, 2027.

10. Public Comments

(This is an additional opportunity for members of the audience to provide public comment. Comments shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person with a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for all items. Speakers may not yield their time to others.)

11. Council Announcements and Comments

(Items may be added to the agenda for informational purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.)

12. Executive Session

(Limited to matters allowed to be exempted from discussions at open meetings per RIGL 42-46-5.)

- 12.a Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) and (5) for the approval of Executive Session minutes from March 9, 2026.

- 12.b Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) for sessions pertaining to litigation; specifically, Town of East Greenwich v. The Division Group and One Parcel of Real Estate commonly known as 1727 Division Road (KM-2023-0625).

- 12.c Closed pursuant to RIGL 42 -46-5 (a) (5) for sessions pertaining to discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes; specifically, Boesch Farm; and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) for sessions pertaining to litigation KC-2025-1228, East Greenwich v. Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission.

13. Adjournment

Pursuant to RIGL 42- 46-6, notice of this meeting was posted on April 9, 2026 on the Secretary of State's website, Town Hall, EG Free Library and Swift Community Center and on the internet at www.eastgreenwichri.com. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's office at (401) 886-8604 via RI Relay #711 (800-745-5555 TTY) or in writing, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date. RE-POSTED ON APRIL 10, 2026 WITH ADDITIONAL BACKUP ONLY.



Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Peter Rodgers for re-appointment to Affordable Housing Commission
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
Mr. Rodgers was originally appointed in February 2023.
4. Provide a suggested Action
Interview only
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Leigh Carney, 401-886-8604

ATTACHMENTS:

[Rodgers, Pete AHC 2023.pdf](#)

HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, OR BOARD IN EAST GREENWICH OR ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY OR STATE? YES ____ NO X
IF SO PLEASE INDICATE:

IS THERE A SPECIFIC EVENING OR OTHER PERIOD OF TIME YOU WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS? YES X NO ____
IF SO PLEASE EXPLAIN:

During typical business hours (0800-1700), it will be difficult to attend in-person meetings without prior notice as I work in Middletown. Evenings after 1700 should not be an issue. With sufficient notice, I should be able to make arrangements with my office to be available for daytime meetings.

DO YOU ANTICIPATE HAVING TO REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON ANY PARTICULAR MATTER (S) THAT MAY COME BEFORE SAID COMMISSION, COMMITTEE OR BOARD BECAUSE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST? YES ____ NO X
IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

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Kent County Water Authority	Municipal Land Trust	Personnel Board
Planning Board	Quonset Point Dev. Corp Board	Senior Advisory Council
Zoning Board		

NOTE: APPLICATIONS ARE KEPT ON FILE FOR ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT.

Pr G. G. G.

SIGNATURE

19 DEC 2022

DATE

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
TOWN HALL
125 MAIN STREET
PO BOX 111
EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818
LCARNEY@EASTGREENWICHRI.COM**

Peter Rodgers
15 David Court
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Dear Ms. Carney:

I am interested in joining the East Greenwich Affordable Housing Commission because I think that as East Greenwich continues to grow, the affordable housing elements associated with all development projects need to carefully balance compliance with state regulations with the best interests of the town and its residents.

I am currently working as a Program Manager for Rite-Solutions, Inc. supporting the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) in Newport. Prior to my current position, I was a Submarine Officer for 21 years and retired from the Navy in 2017. My family and I have lived in East Greenwich since 2013 when I was assigned as the Deputy Commander at NUWC Newport.

My undergraduate degree is in Physics and I have master's degrees in Government Strategy & Policy and Organizational Leadership. My professional training and experience as a Submarine Officer have given me much experience with project analysis, and I will dig into the details of a proposed project to identify unintended, yet potentially negative, impacts to the town and its residents and then work with other parties to find mutually beneficial solutions.

Over the past year, I have talked with many residents of the town and have learned that the growth of the town and the potential impacts to our schools and other town infrastructure are concerns for many. Thus, I would like to offer my time and experience as a way to continue my service within our community.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Peter Rodgers
m965646@gmail.com
(757) 375-9541



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Julian Frey for Housing Authority
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Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
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Applied on 2/10.
4. Provide a suggested Action
Interview only
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Leigh Carney, 401-886-8604

ATTACHMENTS:

[2026.02.10 Julian Frey HA 2026.pdf](#)

Julian Frey
6 Midlands Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818
freys@msn.com

Town Clerk's Office
Town Hall
125 Main Street
PO Box 111
East Greenwich, RI 02818
Attn. Leigh Carney

Feb 9th, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the East Greenwich Housing Authority. I am the owner and operator of Frey Construction in East Greenwich and have spent more than 40 years working as a General Contractor across both residential and commercial projects, serving the local community for decades. That experience has given me a practical, hands-on understanding of housing quality, ongoing maintenance, construction costs, and the long-term stewardship required to keep housing safe, durable, and financially sustainable. I have lived in East Greenwich for over 45 years and have been involved in the community throughout that time, including coaching youth sports for many years. I bring a steady, thoughtful approach, a strong work ethic, and a collaborative mindset, and I would value the opportunity to work with EGHA staff and residents in support of EGHA's mission of providing quality and affordable housing for the residents of East Greenwich.

Sincerely,



Julian Frey "Jud "

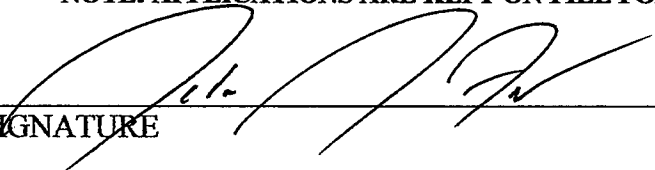
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2-9-2025
DATE

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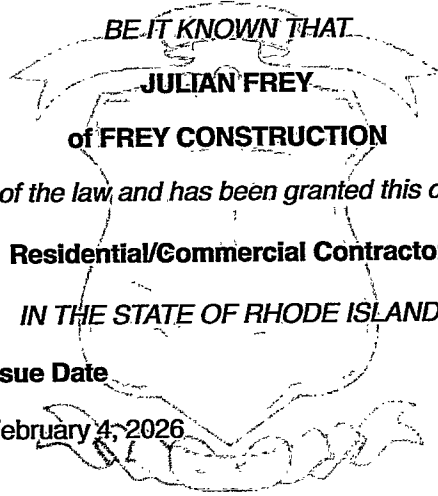
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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING
BOARD**



560 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI 02886



has met the requirements of the law, and has been granted this certificate of registration as a

**Residential/Commercial Contractor
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Registration Number

GC-9707

Issue Date

February 4, 2026

Expiration Date

February 4, 2027

James Gallo, Chief
Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board

Thomas E. Furey, Chair
Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board



Town of East Greenwich, RI

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1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Sierra Grasso for Zoning Board of Review or Housing Authority
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
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Applied 3/9
4. Provide a suggested Action
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ATTACHMENTS:

[2026.03.09 Sierra Grasso ZBR_HA 2026.pdf](#)

Application for Boards and Commissions Vacancies

East Greenwich, RI

Candidate: Sierra Grasso

Resident in Hill & Harbor

Rhode Islanders deserve access to affordable housing. While this is a complex problem in the state, there is a solution that can be found by coming together. I have served in multiple local and national leadership roles with the goal of creating solutions through productivity, teamwork and efficiency. Currently, my national leadership role is advocating for patient care during the surgical experience, however, this translates to the public community as well. Advocacy is the ability to hear others' concerns and be able to speak intelligently on those concerns to others on their behalf. This translates to any field, be it surgery or housing. I learn quickly and adapt to change without hesitation. I would be a strong candidate for the available Housing Authority and the Zoning Board of Review positions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OR COMMISSION**

NAME (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Grasso

Sierra

Autumn

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

12 Pearl St, East Greenwich, RI 02818

STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE

MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE (IF DIFFERENT FROM STREET ADDRESS)

Robotic General Surgeon

Landmark Medical Center

OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER

440-225-4819

HOME TELEPHONE

BUSINESS TELEPHONE

sierra.grasso@gmail.com

E-MAIL (PRINT CLEARLY)

MAY YOU BE CONTACTED AT YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS? YES ___ NO

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF EAST GREENWICH?

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER OF EAST GREENWICH? YES NO ___

NAME OF COMMISSION, COMMITTEE OR BOARD YOU WISH TO SERVE ON?

APPOINTMENT TO ANY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS REQUIRE THAT A FINANCIAL STATEMENT BE FILED ANNUALLY WITH THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION.

Please submit a resume and/or letter of interest indicating the reasons for seeking appointment to a commission, committee, or board. Also include education, training, experience, special skills, knowledge, talents, and insights or points of view that you might offer to the commission, committee or board of interest.


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Sierra Autumn Grasso

12 Pearl St, East Greenwich, RI 02818 · (440) 225-4819 · sierra.grasso@gmail.com

CLINICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Landmark Medical Center, Woonsocket, RI September 2025 - Present

- Elected **Medical Staff Secretary/Treasurer**, responsible for organization and management of all Medical Staff within the hospital
- Robotic general surgeon with a practice including hernia/abdominal wall, foregut and colorectal/anal procedures
- Provide wound care management one clinic day per week in the local wound care center

MEDICAL TRAINING & EDUCATION

Board-Certified General Surgeon, American Osteopathic Board of Surgery September 2024

Staten Island University Hospital, Staten Island, NY August 2024 – July 2025

Fellow Physician – Minimally Invasive Surgery

- Staten Island University Hospital Professionalism Subcommittee Member
- American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) Surgical Technique and Advanced Robotics Training (START) Program Member, 2024-2025
- ASMBS The FELLOW Project Participant, 2024-2025

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Southampton, NY July 2019 – June 2024

Peconic Bay Medical Center, Riverhead, NY

Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook, NY

New York-Presbyterian Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York, NY

Resident Physician – General Surgery

- Designed an informed consent workshop for incoming interns
- Led multidisciplinary creation of improved wound care documentation within a community hospital
- Provided continuing education on wound management to the medical team for optimal patient care

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Southampton, NY June 2018 – June 2019

Resident Physician – Transitional Year, preliminary

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OUHCOM), Athens, OH July 2013 – May 2018

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH September 2007 – June 2012

Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Sciences, GPA 3.87

NATIONAL SURGICAL INVOLVEMENT

Active Member in the following organizations:

- Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)
 - **Patient Engagement Task Force (PETF) Co-Chair**
 - Advocacy and Health Policy Committee Member
 - **Alternate Delegate for the AMA House of Delegates**
- American Hernia Society (AHS)
 - Patient Advocacy Committee Member
- Rhode Island Medical Society Member (RIMS)
- American College of Surgeons (ACS) Associate Fellow
- American Medical Association (AMA) member

PUBLISHED SOCIAL MEDIA PIECES

- **“Why a Nice Surgeon Might Actually be a Better Surgeon,”** In response to Dr. Oz, the 17th Administrator of the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services, who lectured at the 2025 American Medical Association House of Delegates Interim Meeting on November 17, 2025. Opinion essay, written November 30, 2025.
 - Published January 8, 2026 on KevinMD.com. Accessible at <https://kevinmd.com/2026/01/why-a-nice-surgeon-might-actually-be-a-better-surgeon.html>.

AWARDS & HONORS

- General Surgery Chief Resident, 2023-2024
- General Surgery Intern of the Year, 2019-2020
- Osteopathic Heritage Award, 2018
Presented by the Executive Dean to one graduating medical student for excellence in leadership, professional involvement and commitment to osteopathic principles
- Sigma Sigma Phi, 2014 – Present
- Huntington Award recipient, 2011
Awarded to two students annually who exemplify outstanding academic and extracurricular achievement from the Department of Geography at The Ohio State University
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2011 – Present

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS, POSTERS & ABSTRACTS

- **Poster Presentation**, “SADI: The Hard Thing is Always the Right Thing,” Video accepted in poster format at ASMBS Annual Meeting 2025, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Washington, DC, presenting June 17, 2025
- **Video Presentation with accepted abstract**, “Transgastric Lap Band Removal,” Abstract accepted at SAGES 2025 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Long Beach, CA, presented Wednesday March 12, 2025
- **Video Presentation with accepted abstract**, “Robotic Diaphragmatic Repair: Morgagni and Hiatal Hernias,” Abstract accepted at SAGES 2024 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Cleveland, OH, presented April 17, 2024
- **Video Presentation with accepted abstract**, “Robotic Preperitoneal Morgagni Hernia Repair with Mesh,” 2023 Annual Meeting, American Hernia Society, Austin, TX, presented September 23, 2023
- **Video Presentation with accepted abstract**, “Interstitial Hernia following Abdominal Wall Trauma” Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2022, Society of Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeons, New Orleans, LA, presented September 8, 2022
- **Virtual Poster Presentation**, “Renal Artery Dissection as an Overuse Injury” Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Southampton, NY, presented May 27, 2021
 - Second Place winner for case presentations
- **Virtual Poster Presentation**, “Renal Artery Dissection as an Overuse Injury” Peconic Bay Medical Center, Riverhead, NY, presented May 5, 2021
- **Poster Presentation**, “Dissection of the Ectopic Kidney” Peconic Bay Medical Center and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital Poster Competition, Riverhead and Southampton, NY, presented January 21, 2020 and April 20, 2020
- **Poster Presentation**, “Sigmoido-Cecal Fistula” Peconic Bay Medical Center and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital Poster Competition, Riverhead and Southampton, NY presented January 21, 2020 and April 20, 2020
- **Poster Presentation**, “Anorexia Nervosa Complications in the Postoperative Management of an Acute Abdomen: A Case Report.” 2018 Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACA), American College of Surgeons, Atlanta, GA, presented October 18, 2018
- Grasso S, Laurel M, Lewis J, Naiyer M, Ricca R, Keckeisen G. **Renal artery dissection as an overuse injury.** *SAGE Open Med Case Rep.* 2020;8:2050313X20951362. Published 2020 Sep 30. doi:10.1177/2050313X20951362.
- Van Ravenswaay VJ, Hain SJ, Grasso S, Shubrook JH. **Effects of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment on Diabetic Gastroparesis.** *J Am Osteopath Assoc.* 2015;115(7):452-458. doi: <https://doi.org/10.7556/jaoa.2015.091>.

LEADERSHIP & TEACHING

OUHCM Local Chapter Founder, Association of Women Surgeons, Athens, OH May 2017 – May 2018

- Created an OUHCM local chapter for all three extension campuses
- Acted as an adviser to the new executive board in development of their leadership skills
- Supported organization of suture clinics, lectures and speakers for the inaugural academic year
- Encouraged participation in group events by marketing through social media and word of mouth
- Led an interactive lecture for medical student members about residency applications, including a timeline of third and fourth year, and expectations during the process

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Fellow, Athens, OH

August 2016 – August 2017

- Taught 250 first-year medical students across three extension campuses using teleconferencing
- Provided at minimum ten hours of tutoring and mentoring each week
- Developed the rubrics for first and second year OMM exams under the direction of a faculty mentor
- Updated the educational SOAP note format students use during OMM labs
- Participated in faculty development training with work towards excellence in leadership skills, giving effective lectures, personal professional development, giving effective feedback, and negotiation and meeting management

Chair, Student American Academy of Osteopathy (SAAO), Indianapolis, IN March 2016 – March 2017

- Created the student program for the 2017 American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) Convocation
- Led the national executive board to advocate on behalf of its 8000 student members through promotion of education and research in OMM
- Advocated for the most beneficial financial, promotional, educational and research plans while participating in the AAO Board of Trustees as a voting member on behalf of student membership
- Examined the SAAO bylaws for incongruities and revised them to reflect the unified interest of the AAO and SAAO
- Voted on the Leadership Panel during the National Osteopathic Student Caucus to create the official student position on proposed house resolutions for the year
- Redesigned the content of the SAAO webpage released in 2016 and provided continual updates throughout the year

Lecturer, The Ohio State University Department of Chemistry, Columbus, OH August 2012 – May 2013

- Monitored students during the completion of organic chemistry laboratory exercises while ensuring safety and incorporating conceptual information into the content for the day
- Graded assignments for accuracy and effort through rigorous evaluation of understanding
- Encouraged communication with students to target common conceptual gaps and to facilitate answering student questions

CERTIFICATIONS

- Basic Life Support (BLS), expiration April 2026
- Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), expiration April 2026
- FLS, FES and FUSE Certified through SAGES, 2025
- Intuitive Training Certificate for Da Vinci Xi Surgical System, November 2024
- Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), completed June 2019, recertified March 2024



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ATTACHMENTS:

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Attorneys At Law

Partners:

Eric B. DiMario ♦
Ryan C. Hurley

Associates:

Charles N. Redihan, III ♦
Alison M. Plunkett

Founding Partner:

Leonard A. Kiernan,
Jr. (Retired)

Of Counsel:

Michael R. Calise
Brittane N. Donley ♦ †
Thomas C. Plunkett
Charles N. Redihan, Jr.
Robert D. Valvo

♦ Also admitted Massachusetts
† Also admitted Connecticut

April 8, 2026

Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
125 Main Street
PO Box 111
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Re: Quonset Development Corporation Board

Dear Council Members:

Please consider this as my letter of interest for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Quonset Development Corporation.

I am a 1971 graduate of Brown University and a 1975 graduate of Suffolk University Law School. I have practiced law in Providence since 1975 first with the firm of Keenan, Rice, Dolan, Reardon, and Kiernan and subsequently with Kiernan, Plunkett & Redihan, LLP. Primarily, my experience has been civil litigation in the areas of personal injury, damage to property, contract disputes, and commercial matters. In addition, I have maintained an active business practice representing companies and people, generally local, engaged in manufacturing and construction. This work has provided me with experience in business litigation, drafting of documents, government regulation, environmental matters, and business planning.

My litigation work has exposed me to a wide variety of companies and individuals in both adversarial and collaborative settings. I have been able to learn about business practices, product and project design and implementation, insurance, leases, sales agreements, government regulation, contracts and, most importantly, dealing with people.

I am intrigued by the possibility of being a member of the Board. I have had no direct contacts with the Quonset Development Corporation, but my observations from a distance are that it is a very significant economic driver in the State involving a variety of companies and that it is run very professionally. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to participate and hopefully provide some help with my knowledge and experience.

Thank you for considering my application.

Very truly yours,

Thomas C. Plunkett
TCP:tjm
tplunkett@kprlaw.com

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HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, OR BOARD IN EAST GREENWICH OR ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY OR STATE? YES NO

IF SO PLEASE INDICATE:

I am currently an alternate member of the Board of Canvassers.

IS THERE A SPECIFIC EVENING OR OTHER PERIOD OF TIME YOU WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS? YES NO

IF SO PLEASE EXPLAIN:

DO YOU ANTICIPATE HAVING TO REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON ANY PARTICULAR MATTER (S) THAT MAY COME BEFORE SAID COMMISSION, COMMITTEE OR BOARD BECAUSE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST? YES NO

IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

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Historic District Commission	Housing Authority	Juvenile Hearing Board
Kent County Water Authority	Municipal Land Trust	Personnel Board
Planning Board	Quonset Point Dev. Corp Board	Senior Advisory Council
Zoning Board		

NOTE: APPLICATIONS ARE KEPT ON FILE FOR ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT.

Thomas P. Plunkett
SIGNATURE

4/8/26
DATE

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
TOWN HALL
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EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818
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Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Proclamation recognizing Arbor Day on Friday, April 24, 2026.
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
Proclamation recognizing Arbor Day on Friday, April 24, 2026.
4. Provide a suggested Action
Motion to approve
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Leigh Carney, 401-886-8604

ATTACHMENTS:

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Town of East Greenwich, Rhode Island

PROCLAMATION ARBOR DAY

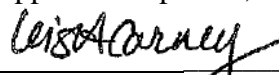
- WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *and*
- WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting more than a million trees in Nebraska, *and*
- WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and world, *and*
- WHEREAS, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, reducing heating and cooling costs, moderating temperatures, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, providing habitat for wildlife, *and*
- WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource providing paper, wood, fuel, and countless other wood products, *and*
- WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance economic vitality, and beautify our community, *and*
- WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy, renewal, and hope for the future.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of East Greenwich hereby proclaims Friday, April 24, 2026 as:

ARBOR DAY in the Town of East Greenwich

The East Greenwich Town Council further urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodland, and

FURTHER, all citizens are urged to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

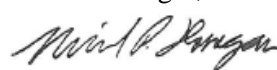
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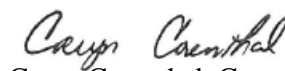
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Town Clerk



Mark Schwager, Councilor



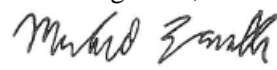
Michael Donegan, Vice President



Caryn Corenthal, Councilor



Renu Englehart, Councilor



Michael Zarrella, Councilor



Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Minutes from March 23, 2026 (Joint Meeting w/Planning Board & Regular Meeting ~ Open Session)
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
DRAFT minutes for review and final approval
4. Provide a suggested Action
Motion to approve
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Leigh Carney, 401-886-8604

ATTACHMENTS:

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East Greenwich Town Council

Joint Meeting with Planning Board/Regular Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

HYBRID IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Minutes

Town Council (3/5): Mark Schwager, President; Michael Donegan, Vice President (absent); Caryn Corenthal (absent), Renu Englehart and Michael Zarrella

Town Administration: Andrew Nota, Town Manager; Leigh A. Carney, Town Clerk; Andrew Teitz, Town Solicitor; Al Ranaldi, Director of Planning; John Studley, Town Planner; Andrew Wade, Director of Community Services

Planning Board (7/8): Benjamin Lupovitz, Chair; Marc Gertsacov, Vice Chair; David Johnston, Greg deGroot, Manny Gonzalez, Matt Renninger (absent), Matt Yoder, Tara Wood

Others: Barbara Montijo, Stenographer

1. **6:00pm ~ Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Schwager called the Town Council to order at 6:05pm. Town Clerk Carney led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Lupovitz called the Planning Board to order.

2. **Public Hearing ~ Joint Meeting with Planning Board**

2.a Comprehensive Plan Update - Phase 1 (SECOND READING)

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[Engagement Plan_EG Comp Plan_20260211.pdf](#)

[2026.03.05 Pendulum Legal Ad PH Comp Plan.pdf](#)

[2026.03.12 Pendulum Legal Ad PH Comp Plan.pdf](#)

[LIBRA_EG_Slides_Joint_03.23.26.pdf](#)

[EG_Ordinance_CompPlan_Adoption - d2 Clean.pdf](#)

[Weiss Gregory Email 03.22.26](#)

[Brickman Amanda Email 3.23.26](#)

President Schwager introduced the Comprehensive Plan update, noting that Rhode Island municipalities are required to adopt an updated plan every 10 years, and East Greenwich is currently undertaking that process. The plan establishes goals and policies for growth over a 20-year horizon, with assistance from Libra Planners and collaboration among Town staff, the Planning Board, and Town Council. The Planning Board reviewed a draft version of Phase 1 of the Plan on March 4, 2026.

Director Ranaldi explained that the current Comprehensive Plan has expired and, due to recent changes in state law, failure to re-adopt a new plan by the statutory deadline of March 24 would result in the Town losing the ability to rely on the plan for local land use decisions. To address this, a two-phase approach was developed, with Phase 1 focused on meeting state requirements and preserving

legal protections, and Phase 2 to include broader policy development and community engagement. He confirmed receipt of several emails from residents regarding a high-density/multi-use designation in the Division Road area tied to a previously proposed development (410-unit subdivision) and was prepared to recommend its deletion to keep the area zoned as F2.

Solicitor Teitz outlined the legal history of the project, including the Planning Board's denial, subsequent reversal by the State Housing Appeals Board, and ongoing litigation that resulted in negotiated conditions, including age-restricted units to mitigate traffic impacts. The Town is currently awaiting the developer's return for preliminary plan approval. Concern was expressed that failure to adopt the Comprehensive Plan in a timely manner would prevent the Town from applying the plan to any land use decisions. Solicitor Teitz further advised that, due to Ethics Commission guidance and recusal considerations involving Councilor Englehart, the Council could proceed with adoption of the Comprehensive Plan as a whole but could not act on a specific amendment affecting the Division Road parcel without losing quorum. As a result, any amendment to modify that designation would need to be addressed at a later date following proper notice and when a quorum is available.

It was emphasized that adoption of Phase 1 is necessary to avoid legal vulnerability, and that amendments to specific areas, including Division Road, may be brought forward in the near future. Council is permitted to amend the plan multiple times per year, including more frequently for housing-related matters. The amendment to address the high-density designation is anticipated to return for consideration once a quorum is available, likely in early May following required re-advertisement. The current developer retains vested rights, and any future amendment would not apply unless those rights are relinquished. Phase 2 will include robust public engagement, outreach, and development of detailed policies, including housing, resiliency, historic preservation, and economic development strategies.

Ms. Kim Salerno, Principal at Libra Planners, provided an overview of the Phase 1 Comprehensive Plan, outlining the methodology, data analysis, and framework developed to meet state requirements and support future planning efforts.

Mr. Manuel Cordero, Principal at Civic Planning & Design, outlined the planned community engagement strategy for Phase 2.

Discussion ensued on the timeline and legal considerations of a future amendment to address the Division Road project. The amendment would not impact vested Master Plan approvals, and new filings during the interim are considered unlikely. Projects must still undergo preliminary plan approval (public hearing), with final approval administrative. Discussion also included the potential need for a formal ethics opinion.

Discussion addressed discrepancies between the existing and future land use maps, including a Camp Fogarty designation identified as likely a 2013 plan carryover to be corrected, with detailed review deferred to Phase 2. Affordable housing targets were also discussed, noting that specific benchmarks are preferred; recent data indicates development trends of approximately 20–25 units per year, consistent with projected needs.

Discussion supported shifting from parcel-specific high-density designations to a broader, area-based approach, with density guided by community input and infrastructure capacity. Housing needs identified include downsizing options and “missing middle” housing.

Discussion addressed conservation and agricultural mapping, noting that some areas now identified as significant have already been developed due to less restrictive regulations in earlier decades. Current planning relies on GIS data (soils, wetlands) and connectivity of open space to identify priority areas for preservation, with an emphasis on protecting remaining farmland and conserved land from future development.

2.b Public Comments related to Item 2.a

Greg Weiss, 10 Westfield Drive, expressed concern that the draft Comprehensive Plan designates the Division Road parcel as a high-density mixed-use area, which could allow for greater future density and influence Planning Board decisions. He urged the Council to revise the designation to better reflect community opposition and align with goals to preserve the rural character of western areas.

Sabrina Weiss, 10 Westfield Drive, commented that the draft Comprehensive Plan continues to designate the Division Road parcel as high-density mixed-use, which she stated contradicts the plan's own guiding principles and could allow significantly greater development in the future. She urged the Council to revise the designation to better align with community input, preserve the rural character of the area, and ensure thoughtful, consistent planning moving forward.

Len Grecco, 15 Miss Fry Drive, asked for additional clarification on whether or not the proposed amendment on the 80-90 acres being discussed was to change it to F2 going forward, and if so what kind of pushback is expected in opposition. Solicitor Teitz reiterated that the parcel is and has been zoned as F2 and will stay that way. Anticipated pushback is unclear; however, the Town is obligated to provide housing either way.

Alisa Hoover, via Zoom, questioned whether or not amendments can be made to Phase 1 following submission to the State. Solicitor Teitz clarified that that the Plan can be amended up to four times per year, and if amendments deal with housing, an unlimited number of amendments can be made.

Chairman Lupovitz added that the Planning Board has discussed the issue at length and feels comfortable moving forward knowing there is flexibility for adjustments. Input from the community will be factored in to the process to make amendments that are in the Town's best interest.

Councilor Englehart suggested that the Plan encourage "missing middle" housing, such as smaller single-family homes (e.g., Cape Cod or raised ranch styles), rather than large homes, to better align with community character and affordability goals.

Ms. Salerno added that concerns about increased density often stem from building design rather than population or traffic impacts. She explained that incorporating design standards or pre-approved templates can help address community concerns and improve acceptance of development projects.

Denise Lopez, via Zoom, shared concerns that the process has felt rushed, with limited community input before engaging consultants and advancing to a draft. She urged the Council to better balance affordable housing and preservation of the Town's character and asked for clarification on future amendments and public input.

President Schwager stated that Phase 1 becomes the first component of the Plan before moving into Phase 2 before the Planning Board with more details and public hearings over several months.

Solicitor Teitz explained that once adopted at third reading, the Comprehensive Plan will be binding on all Town boards and actions, but not on the State until it receives state approval. He noted that the expedited timeline is intended to ensure the plan can guide local decision-making moving forward.

Andrew Winters, 1 Corr Way, asked whether such amendments had been made to the 2013 Plan. He expressed concern that the current process feels rushed, noting reliance on an older plan and limited time for review despite the ability to amend in the future. Solicitor Teitz confirmed amendments were made but was unable to provide specifics at the time.

2.c Recommendation from the Planning Board

Chairman Lupovitz acknowledged concerns that the process feels rushed but expressed confidence that the Plan can be revisited and refined over time with additional community input. The Planning Board supported moving forward with the current phase, emphasizing it is not the final product and will continue to evolve.

Motion to accept the Planning Board staff written recommendation, which is to recommend to the Town Council the adoption of the East Greenwich Comprehensive Plan March 2026, as set forth in correspondence of the same date to President Mark Schwager and honorable members of the East Greenwich Town Council; moved by Ben Lupovitz, seconded by Marc Gertsacov

Ayes: Lupovitz, Gertsacov, Johnston, deGroot, Gonzalez, Yoder, Wood

Motion carried 7 – 0 by unanimous vote

2.d Vote by Town Council on adoption of Comprehensive Plan.

Motion to close the Public Hearing and move to Third Reading moved by Mark Schwager, seconded by Renu Englehart

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager Zarrella

Motion carried 3 – 0

3. Adjournment of Planning Board/Beginning of Town Council Regular Meeting

Motion to adjourn the Planning Board moved by Ben Lupovitz, seconded by Greg deGroot

Ayes: Lupovitz, Gertsacov, Johnston, deGroot, Gonzalez, Yoder, Wood

Motion carried 7 – 0

Moved to Item 6. Reports and Presentations for an update from Superintendent Kenworthy.

4. Public Comments

(This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Council's attention any item not listed on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person with a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes for all items. Speakers may not yield their time to others.)

There were no public comments.

5. Consent Calendar and Communications

(Any agenda item of a routine nature or items provided for informational purposes only; considered under a single action. Any Councilor may have an item removed and considered separately on request.)

- 5.a Minutes from March 9, 2026 (Regular Meetings ~ Open Sessions)
[2026.03.09 Town Council Minutes 6pm DRAFT.docx](#)
[2026.03.09 Town Council Minutes 7pm DRAFT.docx](#)
- 5.b Application for Class F1 Alcoholic Beverage License for the [Army Aviation Association Deployment Reunion](#) event being held on March 28, 2026 at the Varnum Memorial Armory at 6 Main Street (rescheduled from February 28).
- 5.c Renewal of Private Detective License for [Donald L. Mong](#) at 76 Cora Street.

No action taken on Item 5.c.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 5.c moved by Renu Englehart, seconded by Michael Zarrella

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 3 – 0

Returned to Item 6. Reports and Presentations for a winter storm update.

Town Manager Nota reported that FEMA is allowing the Town as part of Kent County to consider a 72-hour period of the storm event for financial recovery. Totals were \$114,000 over budget for sand and salt and \$100,000 for hired contractors. This does not include contractors allocated by the state, which remains unclear if the Town is responsible or not. Costs can be addressed through contingency and surplus and up to 75% will be recovered. The Town can pick the 72-hour period.

6. Reports and Presentations

(Any agenda items requested by the Town Manager, Town Council or Town Solicitor, or any item requiring a formal presentation by boards and commissions, or other agencies.)

- 6.a Report from Town Manager on town-wide projects and initiatives.
[Town Manager's report 3-23-2026 Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Motion to add an item to the agenda for discussion purposes only as a Report from Superintendent Kenworthy moved by Michael Zarrella, seconded by Renu Englehart

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 3 – 0

Superintendent Kenworthy reported three separate antisemitic graffiti incidents at local schools, prompting coordinated investigations between the school district and police. He outlined next steps, including engaging an outside investigator, working with community organizations on educational programming, and planning a broader community conversation to address the incidents.

Town Manager Nota expressed support for the Superintendent and emphasized that addressing the antisemitic incidents is a shared responsibility between the Town and School Department. He highlighted ongoing collaboration, continued investigations, and the importance of community-wide education and outreach to prevent future incidents and address broader societal influences.

President Schwager expressed his appreciation for the leadership of the Superintendent and Town Manager and strongly condemned the recent antisemitic and racist graffiti incidents. He emphasized the harm caused to the community, reaffirmed the Town's commitment to addressing the issue, and called for unity and a coordinated response to ensure a safe and inclusive environment.

Councilor Englehart, speaking as a parent, condemned the recent graffiti incidents as disturbing and harmful to students and families. She emphasized that hate in any form has no place in the community and called for collective action to better protect residents. She thanked Dr. Kenworthy for his presence.

Councilor Zarrella agreed with prior remarks condemning the incidents and emphasized that targeting or isolating individuals is unacceptable. He noted the importance of accountability while also recognizing that those responsible may be young, urging a measured and thoughtful response.

Returned to Item 4. Public Comments

7. Public Hearing ~ Board of License Commissioners

(This is an opportunity for members of the audience to provide testimony/comments on the specific issue being considered.)

- 7.a Application for NEW Class B-VL (limited) Alcoholic Beverage License with Victualing for 431 Main Street, LLC d/b/a [EG Smash](#) located at 431 Main Street (continued from March 9, 2026).
[2026.03.12 Pendulum Legal Ad PH EG Smash NEW.pdf](#)

Christos Spyridis and Halil Ercelik, applicants, were present and sworn in by the stenographer.

Town Clerk Carney provided details on the status of the application.

They provided additional details on the plans for the business which will feature creative burgers and homemade gelato. They plan to change the DBA from EG Smash to Burgers on Main. Seating capacity was discussed as well as a temporary expansion of seats from inside to outside during warmer months.

There were no public comments.

Motion to close the public hearing approve the application for NEW Class B-VL (limited) Alcoholic Beverage License with Victualing for 431 Main Street, LLC d/b/a [Burgers on Main](#) located at 431

Main Street on a granted not issued basis to November 30, subject to full compliance as determined by the Town Clerk moved by Mark Schwager, seconded by Renu Englehart

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 4 – 0

8. New Business

(Any items that have not been previously discussed or acted upon.)

- 8.a Resolution regarding Low and Moderate Income Housing
[RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH - Housing.pdf](#)
[Joint Municipal Statement 1.26.pdf](#)

Town Manager Nota presented two draft resolutions addressing affordable housing, both aimed at supporting legislation to count units at the building permit stage to help the Town reach the 10% threshold sooner and gain greater local control. He explained that one version is more concise, while the other provides a broader, more detailed overview of infrastructure, environmental, and service impacts, emphasizing the need to balance housing goals with community capacity.

Councilors debated their preference for each version.

Motion to adopt version one moved by Michael Zarrella, seconded by Renu Englehart

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 3 – 0

- 8.b Resolution supporting the implementation of the Rhode Island Blue Ribbon Commission on Education Funding Recommendations.
[Education - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON EDUCATION FUNDING RECOMMENDAT.pdf](#)

Town Manager Nota outlined proposed state legislation (Senate Bill 3015) based on recommendations from a Blue Ribbon Commission to reform Rhode Island's education funding system, focusing on equity, predictability, and alignment with student needs. He noted the proposal would significantly redistribute funding toward State Aid, likely benefiting East Greenwich, but emphasized that implementation would require substantial, multi-year financial commitment and statewide support.

Discussion ensued on the Rhode Island Foundation's proposal being primarily focused on redistributing existing education funding more equitably rather than significantly increasing total funding at this stage. He noted the plan aims to address longstanding inequities such as funding teacher's pensions, introduce greater accountability, and reduce reliance on local taxpayers, while acknowledging challenges for communities like East Greenwich and the need for broader state commitment over time.

Motion to pass the Resolution supporting the implementation of the Rhode Island Blue Ribbon Commission on education funding recommendations moved by Mark Schwager, seconded by Michael Zarrella

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 3 – 0

9. Public Comments

(This is an additional opportunity for members of the audience to provide public comment. Comments shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person with a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for all items. Speakers may not yield their time to others.)

There were no public comments.

10. Council Announcements and Comments

(Items may be added to the agenda for informational purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.)

Councilor Englehart reminded everyone that Earth Day was coming up.

President Schwager recognized the Community Services and Parks Department for its achievements, including Andy Wade’s induction into the Rhode Island Recreation Hall of Fame and the department being named Rhode Island Department of the Year. They also highlighted the success of recent community programming, commending Recreation Manager Rachel Arbige for her contributions.

11. Executive Session (Cancelled)

(Limited to matters allowed to be exempted from discussions at open meetings per RIGL 42-46-5.)

- 11.a Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) and (5) for the approval of Executive Session minutes from March 9, 2026.
- 11.b Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) for sessions pertaining to litigation; specifically, Town of East Greenwich v. The Division Group and One Parcel of Real Estate commonly known as 1727 Division Road (KM-2023-0625).
- 11.c Closed pursuant to RIGL 42 -46-5 (a) (5) for sessions pertaining to discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes; specifically, Boesch Farm; and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) for sessions pertaining to litigation KC-2025-1228, East Greenwich v. Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission.

Given the late hour and the lack of urgency to any of these items, there was no motion to convene into Executive Session.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm moved by Michael Zarrella, seconded by Renu Englehart

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 3 – 0



Leigh A. Carney, MMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED:
(PENDING)

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Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

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Minutes from March 24, 2026 (Special Meeting ~ Open Session)
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Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
DRAFT minutes for review and final approval
4. Provide a suggested Action
Motion to approve
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Leigh Carney, 401-886-8604

ATTACHMENTS:

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East Greenwich Town Council

Special Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM

HYBRID IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Town Hall, Council Chambers, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Minutes

Town Council (3/5): Mark Schwager, President; Michael Donegan, Vice President (absent); Caryn Corenthal (absent), Renu Englehart and Michael Zarrella

Town Administration: Andrew Nota, Town Manager; Leigh A. Carney, Town Clerk; Andrew Teitz, Town Solicitor; Al Ranaldi, Director of Planning

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Schwager called the Town Council to order at 6:00pm. Town Clerk Carney led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by introductions.

2. Unfinished Business

(Any items that were not completed at a prior meeting.)

2.a Comprehensive Plan Update - Phase 1 (THIRD READING)

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[Signed PB recommendation to the TC - 03-23-2026.pdf](#)

Motion to approve an ordinance by the East Greenwich Town Council adopting the East Greenwich Comprehensive Plan Update dated March 2026 as the official Comprehensive Plan of the Town of East Greenwich; superseding and repealing the previously adopted Comprehensive Plan moved by Renu Englehart, seconded by Michael Zarrella

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 3 – 0

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:05pm moved by Michael Zarrella, seconded by Renu Englehart

Ayes: Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 3 – 0

Leigh A. Carney

Leigh A. Carney, MMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED:
(PENDING)

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Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Renewal of Private Detective License for [Donald L. Mong](#) at 76 Cora Street.
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
Town Council must approve all Private Detective Licenses per [RIGL 5-5](#).
(rescheduled from March 23, 2026)
4. Provide a suggested Action
Motion to approve.
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Sherri Dunwoody, 401-886-8606

ATTACHMENTS:



Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Petition of Verizon New England to install a new utility pole and anchors on Howland Road.
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Fred Gomes, Public Works
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
Petition of Verizon New England to install a new utility pole and anchors on Howland Road.
4. Provide a suggested Action
A motion to approve the petition of Verizon New England to install a new utility pole and anchors on Howland Road.
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Fred Gomes, 401-886-8622

ATTACHMENTS:

[Howland Rd Pole Petition.pdf](#)

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Rhode Island Energy™
a PPL company

March 27, 2026

Town of East Greenwich
DPW
125 Main Street
East Greenwich, RI 02818

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a petition of NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC covering the installation of underground facilities.

If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy for our file.

Wendy Paluch, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, RI 02907

If you have any questions regarding this petition, please contact Ms. Paluch:

wapaluch@rienergy.com / [401-430-6531](tel:401-430-6531)

Very truly yours,

Christopher Montalto: Distribution Design Supervisor
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

PETITION OF NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC
FOR POLE LOCATIONS
TO THE HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL
OF EAST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC

Respectfully asks permission to locate and maintain conduit, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustain and protecting fixtures to be owned by your petitioner along and across the following public ways:

Howland Rd

Installing P9088 West of Howland Rd to service 135 Howland

Wherefore your petitioner requests that they be granted locations for and permission to erect and maintain conduit and wires together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary to be in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked:

WR# 14803415

DATED 3/12/2026

Your petitioner agrees to reserve or provide space for one cross arm at a suitable point on each of said conduits for the fire, police, and communication wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipality purposes.

NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC

BY: *Christopher Montalto*

ORDER

The foregoing petition having been read it was voted that the consent of the

_____ for the use of public ways named for the purposes stated in said petition be and it hereby is granted----work to be done subject to the supervision at _____

A true copy of the vote at the _____

Adopted _____ and recorded in Records Book# _____ Page# _____

Clerk



Municipal Pole & UG Petition/Permit Request Form

Engineer: Tanner McCarthy Date: 03/12/26

City/Town: EAST GREENWICH Work Order # 14803415

Install: 1 SO JO Poles on HOWLAND RD
(Quantity) (Check One) (Street Name)

Remove: _____ SO JO Poles on _____
(Quantity) (Check One) (Street Name)

Relocate: _____ SO JO Poles on _____
(Quantity) (Check One) (Street Name)

Beginning at a point approximately 17 Feet EAST of
(Distance) (Compass Heading)
centerline of the intersection of HOWLAND RD and
(Street Name)
continuing approximately 30 feet in a WEST direction.
(Distance) (Compass Heading)

Install overhead/underground facilities: Street(s): HOWLAND DR

Description of Work: INSTALLING 35' CLASS 3 POLE WEST OF HOWLAND RD TO SERVICE 135 HOWLAND DR

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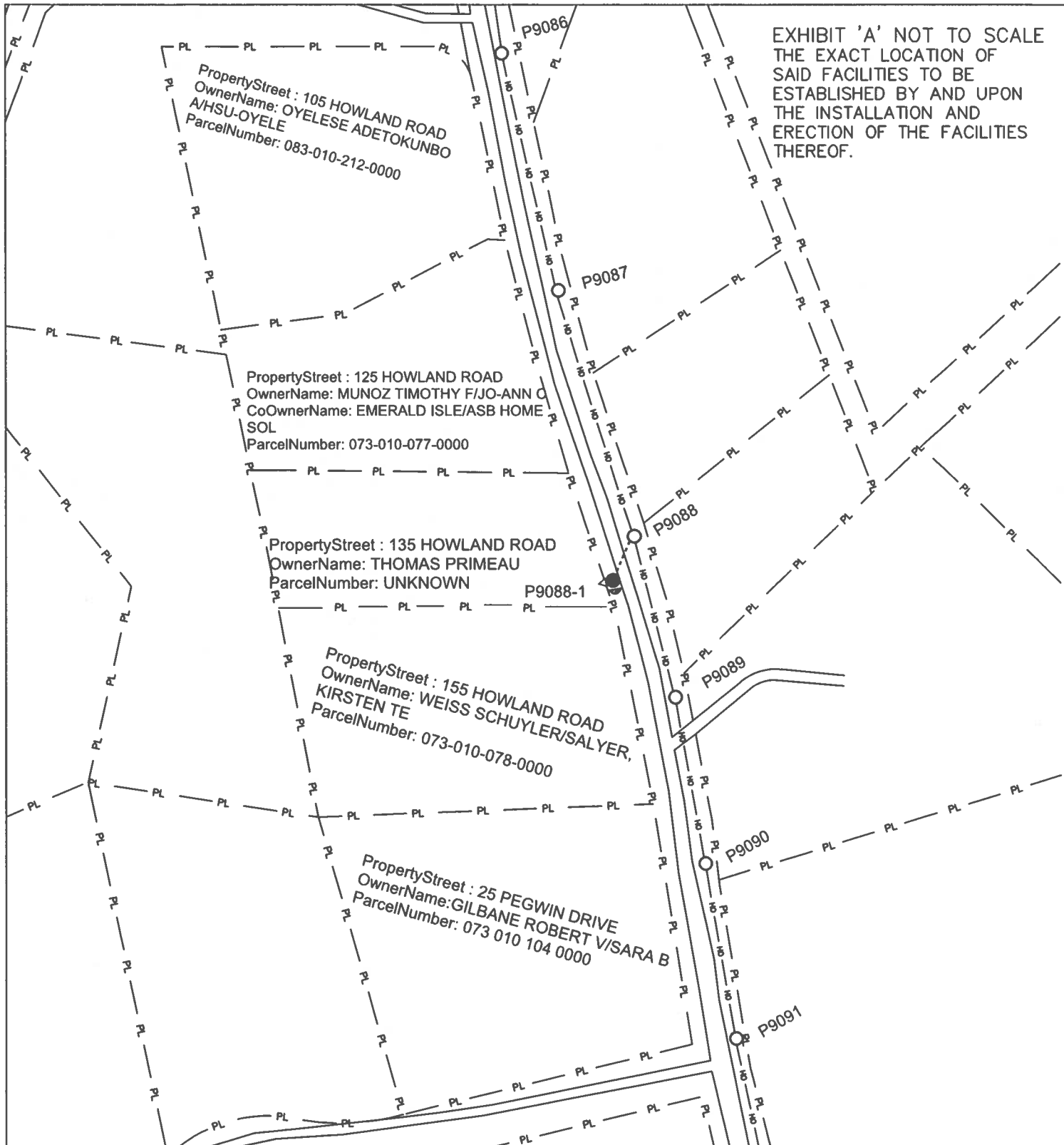


EXHIBIT 'A' NOT TO SCALE
THE EXACT LOCATION OF
SAID FACILITIES TO BE
ESTABLISHED BY AND UPON
THE INSTALLATION AND
ERECTION OF THE FACILITIES
THEREOF.

LEGEND

- OH --- NEW, EXISTING OH
- NEW SO POLE
- EXISTING JO POLE
- ▲ NEW RISER
- ← ANCHOR

PROPOSED
PETITION SKETCH

135 HOWLAND RD EAST GREENWICH EAST GREENWICH, RI

PETITION TO THE CITY/TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH

Date: 3/12/2026

Designer: McCarthy, Tanner Deshell (Contractor)

WO: 14803415

**The Narragansett
Electric Company**



Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Application for NEW Victualing License for [Margolis Ventures Inc](#) d/b/a Nothing Bundt Cakes located at 1000 Division Street #62.
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Sherri Dunwoody, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
Town Council to approve all Victualing Licenses as the Board of Licensing Commissioners per [RI General Law 5-24-1](#).
Application is 100% compliant!
4. Provide a suggested Action
Motion to approve an application for NEW Victualing License for [Margolis Ventures Inc](#) d/b/a Nothing Bundt Cakes located at 1000 Division Street #62 through November 30, 2026.
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Sherri Dunwoody, 401-886-8606

ATTACHMENTS:



Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Report from Town Manager on town-wide projects and initiatives.
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
Report from Town Manager on town-wide projects and initiatives.
4. Provide a suggested Action
Informational only
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Andrew E Nota, 401-886-8616

ATTACHMENTS:

[Town Manager's report 4-13-2026 Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

[Housing Aid FY27 Shift.pdf](#)

[1 - H7581 The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act.pdf](#)

[2 - H8036 Restoring Options in Occupancy Models \(Room\) Act.pdf](#)

[3 - S2795 Pesticide Control.pdf](#)

[4 - Failure to Stop For School Bus - 4-9-26 Draft.pdf](#)

Memorandum

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Andrew E. Nota, Town Manager
c. Leigh Carney
Date: April 9, 2026
Subject: Town Manager’s Report

The following business items are provided as part of the April 13, 2026 – Town Manager’s Report. These items reflect ongoing projects and initiatives that are under review and in various stages of development with the Towns professional staff inclusive of various matters that may require further Town Council direction.

A) **RILCT**

1. Attached is the community-by-community breakdown of the proposed housing aid shifts. The first page reflects capital reserve-funded projects spread over three years, as permitted under R.I.G.L. § 16-7-41(a). The second page reflects catch-up payments deferred over three years, as permitted under R.I.G.L. § 16-7-45. These approaches would only be used if the General Assembly appropriates less funding than is needed to fully pay for projects.

2. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

April 6, 2026 - April 10, 2026

This week, the League is highlighting two priority pieces of legislation scheduled for hearings this week. In the House Finance Committee, [House Bill 7502, sponsored by Chair Mary Ann Shallcross Smith](#), would return responsibility for the maintenance of sidewalks along state highways to the state, excluding snow and ice removal. This proposal restores the responsibility to the state, where it previously resided, prior to being shifted to municipalities as an unfunded mandate.

Also being heard this week is [Senate Bill 3092, sponsored by Chair Matthew L. LaMountain](#). This legislation would allow municipalities to request a one-time, state-approved extension to update their comprehensive plans, provided they demonstrate active progress. Importantly, it ensures that the existing comprehensive plan remains in effect during the extension period. We thank Chairman LaMountain for advancing a practical solution that recognizes the time and resources required for thoughtful and effective municipal planning.

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE BILL TRACKING
HEARING AND OR CONSIDERATION**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 **TIME:** Rise of the House **PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

House Bill No. [7331](#)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, McEntee, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Edwards, Bennett, Ackerman, Kazarian, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC4385/1} (Requires that certain data centers requiring large amounts of electricity be required to fund the cost of necessary infrastructure improvements to supply such electricity.)

House Bill No. [7871](#)

BY Finkelman, Baginski, DeSimone, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES {LC5770/1} (Allows the state to require utilities to relocate facilities for certain highway projects and to pay the cost of the relocation to the utility as part of the cost of the federally aided highway project.)

House Bill No. [7882](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT {LC5759/1} (Requires any public utility company that needs to close any state or municipal roadway for work to provide notice to all residential and business property owners located within 1,000 ft of the closed highway at least 48 hrs. before the road closure.)

House Bill No. [8127](#)

BY Tanzi, Cortvriend, Chippendale, Batista, Shanley, Stewart, Kislak, Cruz, Hull, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC5433/1} (Amends the Rhode Island Transit Authority (RIPTA) board composition by adding the Rhode Island Climate Community to the groups given due consideration for appointment to the board.)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 **TIME:** Rise of the House **PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

House Bill No. [7446](#)

BY Cotter, McGaw, Fogarty, Edwards, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Casimiro, Newberry, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4172/1} (Eliminates mandated housing densities/density bonuses for public drinking water supply watersheds/groundwater. Requires densities not exceed water availability, introduce pollution, stay within public water or sewer system capacity limits.)

House Bill No. [7447](#)

BY Roberts, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING -- PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION {LC4630/1} (Restores the requirement that a local review board issue findings for denial in reviewing a comprehensive permit request and clarifies that affordable housing units shall be included in each town and city when the building permits for units are granted.)

House Bill No. [7778](#)

BY Noret, Morales, Azzinaro, Read, Fascia, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Messier, Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC4937/1} (Amends the current law on low-income housing to include moderate-income housing and eliminates the income percentages used to determine qualifications for low or moderate income housing.)

House Bill No. [8032](#)

BY Cotter, Kennedy, Chippendale, McGaw, Casimiro, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC5780/1} (Eliminates mandated housing densities/density bonuses for public drinking water supply watersheds/groundwater. Requires densities not exceed water availability, introduce pollution, stay within public water or sewer system capacity limits.)

House Bill No. [8363](#)

BY DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC6196/1} (Authorizes municipalities, through ordinance, to require private real property owners to obtain a license to operate a dwelling unit as student housing.)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 **TIME:** Rise of the House **PLACE:** Room 135 - State House

House Bill No. [7675](#)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Spears, Speakman, McGaw, Kislak, Bennett, Handy, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION {LC3567/1} (Establishes Compost Fund to award grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.)

House Bill No. [7915](#)

BY Chippendale, Place, Santucci, Cotter, Handy, Carson, Tanzi, Noret, Bennett, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- REGULATION OF BOATS {LC5355/1} (Authorizes the collection of a small additional fee, in addition to the registration fee paid by motorboat owners, to be deposited in a restricted account, in order to fund the newly established freshwater lake management program.)

House Bill No. [7987](#)

BY Tanzi, Shanley, McGaw, Potter, Alzate, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Batista, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC5820/1} (Creates an emergency action plan related to the operation of warming and cooling centers during periods of extreme weather and establishes a statewide notification system with the National Weather Service initiating warming/cooling center alerts.)

Senate Bill No. [2767](#)

BY Thompson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT {LC5760/1} (Requires any public utility company that needs to close any state or municipal roadway for work to provide notice to all residential and business property owners located within 1,000 ft of the closed highway at least 48 hrs. before the road closure.)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 **TIME:** Rise of the Senate **PLACE:** Senate Lounge - State House

Senate Bill No. [2686](#)

BY McKenney, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Britto, Gu, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF THE ELDER ADVOCATE {LC5014/1} (Establishes the office of the elder advocate to promote the rights of older adults in Rhode Island.)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 **TIME:** Rise of the Senate **PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

Senate Bill No. [2404](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3396/1} (Allows citizens of a city or town who are at least sixteen (16) years of age to register to vote and to vote in school committee elections in municipalities where school committees are elected entities.)

Senate Bill No. [3113](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY LaMountain, Dimitri, Burke, Felag, McKenney, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC4583/1} (Increases from seven (7) days to nine (9) days the period of time in which a request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections. No certificates of election may be issued, until the recount if any is completed.)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 **TIME:** 4:00 PM **PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

House Bill No. [7248](#)

(by request)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC3191/1} (Reinstates general revenue sharing of state aid among the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island. The initial amount is based upon population, and increased annually thereafter based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers.)

House Bill No. [7502](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Nardone, Slater, Bennett, Azzinaro, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS {LC4823/1} (Requires that all maintenance of sidewalks along state highways, with the exception of snow and ice removal, be the responsibility of the state.)

House Bill No. [7691](#)

BY Stewart, Morales, Casimiro, Giraldo, Alzate, McNamara, Tanzi, Boylan, Kazarian, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES {LC4798/1} (Requires that the state's share to public libraries be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated by the city or town in their budgets for fiscal year 2027.)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 **TIME:** 4:00 PM **PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

Senate Resolution No. [3009](#)

BY Acosta, Felag, DiPalma, Quezada, Gu, E Morgan, Ujifusa, DiMario, McKenney, Zurier

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SHARED SERVICES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR REGIONALIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5709/1} (Creates a 9 member commission to study shared services and the potential for regionalization of school districts, and who would report back to the Senate by April 15, 2027, and whose life would expire once its report is issued.)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & GAMING

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 **TIME:** 4:00 PM **PLACE:** Room 212 - State House

Senate Bill No. [2326](#)

BY Appollonio, Patalano, Tikoian, Ciccone, Britto, Urso, Burke, LaMountain, Raptakis, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC4229/1} (Requires that before any fire fighter or police officer is eligible to receive benefits for illness or injury sustained

off duty, they prove they had reasonable grounds to believe that an emergency existed that required immediate need of their assistance.)

Senate Bill No. [2925](#)

BY Burke, Ciccone, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION {LC5951/1} (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.)

Senate Bill No. [3119](#)

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Patalano, LaMountain, McKenney, Thompson, Famiglietti, Vargas, Appollonio, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION {LC4994/1} (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.)

Senate Bill No. [2409](#)

BY Thompson, Famiglietti, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri, Quezada, Pearson, Vargas, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION {LC4253/1} (Recognizes that municipal employees have the opportunity to utilize binding arbitration and establishes new factors for the arbitrators to consider. These factors include comparisons of wages/hourly conditions of employment in similarly skilled jobs.)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2026 **TIME:** Rise of the House **PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

House Bill No. [7468](#)

(City of Providence)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC4259/1} (Increases the amount of state aid distributed to the towns and cities through appropriation in lieu of property tax provisions applicable to certain private and state properties that are exempt from property tax.)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2026 **TIME:** Rise of the Senate **PLACE:** Room 212 - State House

Senate Bill No. [2574](#)

BY de la Cruz, Burke, Patalano, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC5017/1} (Prohibits municipalities from restricting certain landscaping equipment based on its power source.)

Senate Bill No. [3029](#)

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Thompson, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC5253/1} (Prohibits municipalities from restricting certain landscaping equipment based on its power source. It also prohibits any changes in the regulation of the use of power equipment in the municipality, without a positive referendum vote.)

Senate Bill No. [2912](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY {LC5851/1} (Amends the definition of abandoned property by imposing the requirement that the building owner be notified of the violation and has failed to address such violations in the timeframes set forth in the notice of violation or court order.)

Senate Bill No. [2800](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY {LC4500/1} (Provides that energy storage systems located on abandoned or contaminated property be permitted by right as a permitted use and not considered to have negative environmental impacts.)

Senate Bill No. [2904](#)

BY Gu, Lauria, Euer, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES {LC5035/1} (Advances the interests of older Rhode Islanders by adding a representative of an aging adult organization to the state planning council and a permanent committee on aging to the state planning council.)

Senate Bill No. [3092](#)

BY LaMountain, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT {LC5390/1} (Allows municipalities

to request a one-time, state-approved extension to update comprehensive plans if they show active progress, while keeping the existing plan in effect during the extension period.)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2026 **TIME:** Rise of the Senate **PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

Senate Bill No. [2728](#)

BY Euer, Vargas, DiPalma, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC5122/1} (Requires notice to E-ZPass users before DMV reporting, and set rules and regulations for transponder failures, requires outreach and free replacements, and allow mitigation or forgiveness of tolls and penalties from equipment failures.)

Senate Bill No. [2728](#)

BY Euer, Vargas, DiPalma, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC5122/1} (Requires notice to E-ZPass users before DMV reporting, and set rules and regulations for transponder failures, requires outreach and free replacements, and allow mitigation or forgiveness of tolls and penalties from equipment failures.)

Senate Bill No. [3165](#)

BY Ciccone, Britto, Burke, Thompson, Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC4858/1} (Allows any city, town, state and/or agency of a municipality or the state to report unpaid fines of two hundred dollars (\$200) or more to the division of motor vehicles as grounds for refusal of registration.)

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UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND

NOTABLE DATES

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

RHODE ISLAND ENERGY ENVIRONMENT AND OCEANS LEADERS DAY

Thursday, April 9, 2026

STATEWIDE PLANNING COUNCIL

9:00 AM

235 Promenade Street

THE RHODE ISLAND RIVERS COUNCIL (RIRC)

Annual Meeting at the RI Statehouse

3:00 PM

RI State House

Friday, April 10, 2026

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE ISLANDERS.

2:00 PM

Room 135 – State House

B) EAST GREENWICH COMMUNITY CONVERSATION:

There is a scheduled community meeting organized by the School District regarding recent incident that occurred at multiple school buildings in the community. This is a facilitated discussion on several related topics that are highlighted below, which include panels of various stakeholders in this conversation as well as a scheduled public question and answer opportunity.

Community, Responsibility, and Respect Tuesday, April 14, 2026 (6:00-8:00PM) at Archie R. Cole Middle School (100 Cedar Ave, East Greenwich, RI 02818) 5:45–6:00PM | Arrival 6:05–6:10PM |

Superintendent Opening Remarks 6:10–6:35PM | Panel #1: Understanding the Moment

Talking about what hate/bias looks like in schools and in our community today, why incidents like this matter, and the impact on our youth (those targeted and observing).

- Thomas Kenworthy, Superintendent (Facilitator)
- Clare Cecil-Karb, School Committee Member
- Andrew Nota, East Greenwich Town Manager
- Wendy Joering, Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center
- Aubrey Lombardo, Esq. Henneous, Carroll, Lombardo, District Legal Counsel
- Harrison Gerstacov, EGHS student representative

6:35–7:00PM | Panel #2: Student Mental Health & Family Guidance Focused on how kids process incidents like this, what to watch out for, how to talk to your child about bias, hate, social media content that exacerbates hate, where to go for help in our schools.

- Beth Bixby, CEO, Tides Family Services (Facilitator)
- Neil Marcaccio, EGPS Student Services Director
- Nora Santamour, EGPS School Psychologist
- Andrea Coelho, EGPS School Social Worker
- Dr. Eryn Yamin, Child Psychiatrist, Tides Family Services

7:00–7:25PM | Panel #3: School-Specific Efforts Across the District Panel of principals from each level talking about educational efforts on tolerance and acceptance, past and planned for the future.

- Rob Petrucci, EGHS Social Studies Teacher (Facilitator)
- Maryann Crudale, Frenchtown Principal
- Dom Giusti, Meadowbrook Principal
- Jennifer Tedeschi, Eldredge Principal
- Coleen Smith, Hanaford Principal
- Beth Cauley, Cole Middle School Principal Assistant Principal
- Patricia Page, East Greenwich High School Principal

7:25–7:50PM | Panel #4: Unity of East Greenwich-Today and Tomorrow Given the magnitude of impact felt throughout the EG community around the recent racist and antisemitic graffiti incidents, this panel will focus on impact to the broader EG community and unity.

- Azadeh Noorbaloochi, EGPS Assistant Superintendent (Facilitator)
- Mark Schwager, Town Council President
- Major Robert Siple, Deputy Chief, East Greenwich Police Department
- Stephanie Hague, Jewish Alliance of Rhode Island
- Fr. Bernard Healey, Our Lady of Mercy Parish

7:50–8:00PM | Community Voice Time for questions from the audience. Panelists will stay longer, if possible, in case attendees would like to speak further.

8:00–8:05PM | Closing & Next Steps (Superintendent Kenworthy) 8:05PM | An interfaith, unified closing message from local clergy members

C) **Budget Development:**

The budget development process for FY2026/2027 is progressing with the School Department approving their proposed budget on Tuesday, April 7th. In that proposal, per the attached presentation, included a 4% increase in the tax transfer from the Town totaling \$1,718,595 and various revenue and expenditure modifications from prior years.

The Town staff is completing a draft budget at this time, that will be posted and presenting the community on Friday, May 1st. The Finance Director is working with the Department of Municipal Finance to qualify the Town to exceed the 4% tax levy, as required in the RIGL. At this stage of the discussion, the Town will only qualify for the debt service exception to the Levy requirement stemming from the debt service obligations of the School Construction project. The School will

not qualify this year for the Revenue Loss exception, in spite of the loss is state aid, that has been overcome through the increase in other categories of the non-tax supported revenues that are being proposed.

Based on the increase debt service, it is anticipated that the Tax Levy requirement in FY2027 will fall into the 6-7% range during this next year and exceed the cap in FY2028, until such time that the school project is substantially complete and the Town will begin receiving the state reimbursement on the 55% project approval. It is anticipated that the Town and School may incur additional budget reductions in the coming months should other factors require this added reduction.

The Towns Tax rates before any FY2027 budget impact finds the Residential rate placed at the 6th Highest, Commercial at 3rd Highest and Personal Property at 9th highest in the State. We will discuss this further as part of the overall budget presentation during the month of May.

D) Personnel Update:

The Town is excited to welcome Jessica Henry to our team, having started today as the Towns first Resiliency Planner. Many in Rhode Island know Jess from her six years with RIEMA and her consulting work in the Industry. With significant demands being placed on resiliency related matters from a State and National and in various funding programs, we anticipated that Jess will bring an expertise to the Planning Office that is needed and highly valued at this point in time. At some point in the future we'll introduce Jess to the Council in her support and management of various local initiatives.

FY 2027-2029 Projected Housing Aid, Capital Reserve option

Includes only existing projects. Does NOT include any new projects after June 2026.

LEA	FY'27 HOUSING AID w/ Capital Reserve Change	FY'28 HOUSING AID w/ Capital Reserve Change	FY'29 HOUSING AID w/ Capital Reserve Change
School District:			
Barrington	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bristol-Warren	\$0	\$0	\$0
Burrillville	\$0	\$0	\$0
Central Falls	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chariho	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coventry	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cranston	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cumberland	\$0	\$0	\$0
East Greenwich	(\$654,400)	\$327,200	\$327,200
East Providence	(\$147,039)	\$73,520	\$73,520
Exeter-West Greenwich	\$0	\$0	\$0
Foster	(\$257,000)	\$257,000	\$0
Foster-Glocester	(\$793,307)	\$396,654	\$396,654
Glocester	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jamestown	\$0	\$0	\$0
Johnston	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lincoln	(\$101,205)	\$50,603	\$50,603
Little Compton	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middletown	\$0	\$0	\$0
Narragansett	(\$434,700)	\$217,350	\$217,350
New Shoreham	\$0	\$0	\$0
Newport	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Kingstown	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Providence	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Smithfield	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pawtucket	(\$1,540,209)	\$770,105	\$770,105
Portsmouth	\$0	\$0	\$0
Providence	(\$3,953,874)	\$1,976,937	\$1,976,937
Scituate	\$0	\$0	\$0
Smithfield	\$0	\$0	\$0
South Kingstown	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tiverton	\$0	\$0	\$0
Warwick	\$0	\$0	\$0
West Warwick	\$0	\$0	\$0
Westerly	\$0	\$0	\$0
Woonsocket	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charter Schools:			
Achievement First	\$0	\$0	\$0
Blackstone Valley Prep	\$0	\$0	\$0
Compass	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highlander	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kingston Hill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Learning Community	\$0	\$0	\$0
Paul Cuffee	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Nurses Institute	\$0	\$0	\$0
Segue Institute	\$0	\$0	\$0
The Greene School	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trinity Academy	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	(\$7,881,734)	\$4,069,367	\$3,812,367

FY 2027-2029 Projected Housing Aid, Bond option

Includes only existing projects. Does NOT include any new projects after June 2026.

LEA	FY'27 HOUSING AID w/ Bond Catch Up Change	FY'28 HOUSING AID w/ Bond Catch Up Change	FY'29 HOUSING AID w/ Bond Catch Up Change
School District:			
Barrington	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bristol-Warren	\$0	\$0	\$0
Burrillville	\$0	\$0	\$0
Central Falls	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chariho	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coventry	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cranston	(\$1,189,963)	\$594,981	\$594,981
Cumberland	(\$381,580)	\$190,790	\$190,790
East Greenwich	\$0	\$0	\$0
East Providence	\$0	\$0	\$0
Exeter-West Greenwich	(\$335,499)	\$167,750	\$167,750
Foster	\$0	\$0	\$0
Foster-Glocester	\$0	\$0	\$0
Glocester	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jamestown	\$0	\$0	\$0
Johnston	(\$2,660,444)	\$1,330,222	\$1,330,222
Lincoln	\$0	\$0	\$0
Little Compton	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middletown	\$0	\$0	\$0
Narragansett	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Shoreham	\$0	\$0	\$0
Newport	(\$5,644,485)	\$2,822,243	\$2,822,243
North Kingstown	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Providence	(\$1,484,930)	\$742,465	\$742,465
North Smithfield	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pawtucket	\$0	\$0	\$0
Portsmouth	\$0	\$0	\$0
Providence	(\$1,524,023)	\$762,011	\$762,011
Scituate	\$0	\$0	\$0
Smithfield	\$0	\$0	\$0
South Kingstown	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tiverton	\$0	\$0	\$0
Warwick	(\$364,265)	\$182,133	\$182,133
West Warwick	\$0	\$0	\$0
Westerly	(\$1,017,131)	\$508,566	\$508,566
Woonsocket	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charter Schools:			
Achievement First	\$0	\$0	\$0
Blackstone Valley Prep	\$0	\$0	\$0
Compass	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highlander	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kingston Hill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Learning Community	\$0	\$0	\$0
Paul Cuffee	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Nurses Institute	\$0	\$0	\$0
Segue Institute	(\$456,774)	\$228,387	\$228,387
The Greene School	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trinity Academy	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	(\$15,059,094)	\$7,529,548	\$7,529,548

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

A N A C T

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Ajello, McNamara, Biah, Messier, Stewart, Spears, Phillips, and Donovan

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-7.2-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7.2 entitled "The
2 Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-7.2-6. Categorical programs, state funded expenses.**

4 In addition to the foundation education aid provided pursuant to § 16-7.2-3, the permanent
5 foundation education-aid program shall provide direct state funding for:

6 (a) Excess costs associated with special education students. Excess costs are defined when
7 an individual special education student’s cost shall be deemed to be “extraordinary.” Extraordinary
8 costs are those educational costs that exceed the state-approved threshold based on an amount
9 above four times the core foundation amount (total of core instruction amount plus student success
10 amount). The department of elementary and secondary education shall prorate the funds available
11 for distribution among those eligible school districts if the total approved costs for which school
12 districts are seeking reimbursement exceed the amount of funding appropriated in any fiscal year;
13 and the department of elementary and secondary education shall also collect data on those
14 educational costs that exceed the state-approved threshold based on an amount above two (2), three
15 (3), and five (5) times the core foundation amount;

16 (b) Career and technical education costs to help meet initial investment requirements
17 needed to transform existing, or create new, comprehensive, career and technical education
18 programs and career pathways in critical and emerging industries and to help offset the higher-

1 than-average costs associated with facilities, equipment maintenance and repair, and supplies
2 necessary for maintaining the quality of highly specialized programs that are a priority for the state.
3 The department shall develop criteria for the purpose of allocating any and all career and technical
4 education funds as may be determined by the general assembly on an annual basis. The department
5 of elementary and secondary education shall prorate the funds available for distribution among
6 those eligible school districts if the total approved costs for which school districts are seeking
7 reimbursement exceed the amount of funding available in any fiscal year;

8 (c) Programs to increase access to voluntary, free, high-quality pre-kindergarten programs.
9 The department shall recommend criteria for the purpose of allocating any and all early childhood
10 program funds as may be determined by the general assembly;

11 (d) Central Falls, Davies, and the Met Center Stabilization Fund is established to ensure
12 that appropriate funding is available to support their students. Additional support for Central Falls
13 is needed due to concerns regarding the city's capacity to meet the local share of education costs.
14 This fund requires that education aid calculated pursuant to § 16-7.2-3 and funding for costs outside
15 the permanent foundation education-aid formula, including, but not limited to, transportation,
16 facility maintenance, and retiree health benefits shall be shared between the state and the city of
17 Central Falls. The fund shall be annually reviewed to determine the amount of the state and city
18 appropriation. The state's share of this fund may be supported through a reallocation of current
19 state appropriations to the Central Falls school district. At the end of the transition period defined
20 in § 16-7.2-7, the municipality will continue its contribution pursuant to § 16-7-24. Additional
21 support for the Davies and the Met Center is needed due to the costs associated with running a
22 stand-alone high school offering both academic and career and technical coursework. The
23 department shall recommend criteria for the purpose of allocating any and all stabilization funds as
24 may be determined by the general assembly;

25 (e) Excess costs associated with transporting students to out-of-district non-public schools.
26 This fund will provide state funding for the costs associated with transporting students to out-of-
27 district non-public schools, pursuant to chapter 21.1 of this title. The state will assume the costs of
28 non-public out-of-district transportation for those districts participating in the statewide system.
29 The department of elementary and secondary education shall prorate the funds available for
30 distribution among those eligible school districts if the total approved costs for which school
31 districts are seeking reimbursement exceed the amount of funding available in any fiscal year;

32 (f) Excess costs associated with transporting students within regional school districts. This
33 fund will provide direct state funding for the excess costs associated with transporting students
34 within regional school districts, established pursuant to chapter 3 of this title. This fund requires

1 that the state and regional school district share equally the student transportation costs net any
2 federal sources of revenue for these expenditures. The department of elementary and secondary
3 education shall prorate the funds available for distribution among those eligible school districts if
4 the total approved costs for which school districts are seeking reimbursement exceed the amount
5 of funding available in any fiscal year;

6 (g) Public school districts that are regionalized shall be eligible for a regionalization bonus
7 as set forth below:

8 (1) As used herein, the term “regionalized” shall be deemed to refer to a regional school
9 district established under the provisions of chapter 3 of this title, including the Chariho Regional
10 School district;

11 (2) For those districts that are regionalized as of July 1, 2010, the regionalization bonus
12 shall commence in FY 2012. For those districts that regionalize after July 1, 2010, the
13 regionalization bonus shall commence in the first fiscal year following the establishment of a
14 regionalized school district as set forth in chapter 3 of this title, including the Chariho Regional
15 School District;

16 (3) The regionalization bonus in the first fiscal year shall be two percent (2.0%) of the
17 state’s share of the foundation education aid for the regionalized district as calculated pursuant to
18 §§ 16-7.2-3 and 16-7.2-4 in that fiscal year;

19 (4) The regionalization bonus in the second fiscal year shall be one percent (1.0%) of the
20 state’s share of the foundation education aid for the regionalized district as calculated pursuant to
21 §§ 16-7.2-3 and 16-7.2-4 in that fiscal year;

22 (5) The regionalization bonus shall cease in the third fiscal year;

23 (6) The regionalization bonus for the Chariho regional school district shall be applied to
24 the state share of the permanent foundation education aid for the member towns; and

25 (7) The department of elementary and secondary education shall prorate the funds available
26 for distribution among those eligible regionalized school districts if the total, approved costs for
27 which regionalized school districts are seeking a regionalization bonus exceed the amount of
28 funding appropriated in any fiscal year;

29 (h) [Deleted by P.L. 2024, ch. 117, art. 8, § 1.]

30 (i) State support for school resource officers. For purposes of this subsection, a school
31 resource officer (SRO) shall be defined as a career law enforcement officer with sworn authority
32 who is deployed by an employing police department or agency in a community-oriented policing
33 assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools. School resource officers should have
34 completed at least forty (40) hours of specialized training in school policing, administered by an

1 accredited agency, before being assigned. Beginning in FY 2019, for a period of three (3) years,
2 school districts or municipalities that choose to employ school resource officers shall receive direct
3 state support for costs associated with employing such officers at public middle and high schools.
4 Districts or municipalities shall be reimbursed an amount equal to one-half (½) of the cost of
5 salaries and benefits for the qualifying positions. Funding will be provided for school resource
6 officer positions established on or after July 1, 2018, provided that:

7 (1) Each school resource officer shall be assigned to one school:

8 (i) Schools with enrollments below one thousand two hundred (1,200) students shall
9 require one school resource officer;

10 (ii) Schools with enrollments of one thousand two hundred (1,200) or more students shall
11 require two school resource officers;

12 (2) School resource officers hired in excess of the requirement noted above shall not be
13 eligible for reimbursement; and

14 (3) Schools that eliminate existing school resource officer positions and create new
15 positions under this provision shall not be eligible for reimbursement; ~~and~~

16 (j) Categorical programs defined in subsections (a) through (g) shall be funded pursuant to
17 the transition plan in § 16-7.2-7; and

18 (k) Civics education. This fund shall provide funding to support the effective instruction of
19 civics education in every district. The percentage of funding assigned to each district shall be
20 determined by district needs, including variables such as the size of the student population,
21 socioeconomic status, the amount of students who are multilingual learners, and other dimensions
22 of need as defined by the department of elementary and secondary education. This categorical
23 funding amount shall be determined by the department of elementary and secondary education
24 within six (6) months from receipt of said funds and shall be provided for and administered as
25 follows:

26 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and each fiscal year thereafter, funding shall
27 include one million dollars (\$1,000,000), with six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) specifically
28 designated for teacher professional development, support implementing student-led civics projects,
29 and other civic education related uses described and defined in subsection (k)(2) of this section.
30 The remaining funding shall be dedicated to oversight from the department of elementary and
31 secondary education which may include personnel, assessment, accountability systems, guidelines
32 and resources specifically designated to civics education. The allocation of funding shall be
33 approved and implemented by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education pursuant
34 to a request for proposal (RFP) process;

1 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2028, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the
2 categorical funding provided pursuant to the provisions of § 16-7.2-6(k) shall be increased by a
3 minimum of fifty percent (50%) over the funding provided in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.
4 The increased funding shall be used exclusively for teacher professional development in civics
5 including, but not limited to, specific pedagogical needs such as culturally responsive teaching,
6 media literacy, and project-based learning; the purchase and creation of civic education curriculum;
7 technical assistance and support for the implementation of student-led civic projects; partnerships
8 with local community organizations; and the evaluation of civic learning at the district level, with
9 the results made accessible to the public upon review by the department of elementary and
10 secondary education. Further uses of funding may include a state civics showcase, at the conclusion
11 of the instructional period in a given academic year, with the exact date to be specified at the
12 beginning of each instructional period, not less than four (4) weeks into the period. Allocation of
13 the increased funding shall be subject to approval of the commissioner of elementary and secondary
14 education;

15 (3) Any funds appropriated but unutilized in the appropriated fiscal year shall be retained,
16 carried forward, and used in subsequent fiscal years;

17 (4) The department of elementary and secondary education shall be responsible for
18 oversight of the fund and assessing the effectiveness of its use throughout each school district of
19 the state. That assessment shall include, but not be limited to, direct input from teachers, parents,
20 and consideration of district need, as defined in the provisions of § 16-7.2-6(k); and

21 (5) If any one or more provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of
22 this legislation or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid,
23 illegal, unenforceable or unconstitutional, the same is hereby declared to be severable and the
24 balance of this legislation shall remain effective and functional notwithstanding such invalidity,
25 illegality, unenforceability or unconstitutionality. The general assembly hereby declares that it
26 would have passed this legislation, and each provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase
27 or word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more provision, section, subsection,
28 sentence, clause, phrase, or word be declared invalid, illegal, unenforceable or unconstitutional
29 including, but not limited to, each of the courses, assessment, funding, and diverse teacher
30 workforce provisions of this legislation.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF ACT

1 This act would establish a new categorical funding category for civics education and create
2 a new fund dedicated to civics education. This fund would also require that the allocation of funding
3 be approved and implemented by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education
4 pursuant to a request for proposal process.

5 This act would take effect on July 1, 2027.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

A N A C T

RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RESTORING OPTIONS IN OCCUPANCY

MODELS (ROOM) ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Diaz, Giraldo, and Cruz

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Legislative findings.

The general assembly finds and declares:

(1) Rhode Island is currently experiencing a housing availability and affordability crisis.

(2) Co-living, also known as Single Room Occupancy (SRO), is a residential property with sleeping units that are independently rented and provide living and sleeping space, in which residents share kitchen and/or bathroom facilities with residents of other units.

(3) Because of their smaller size and limited amenities, SROs historically have offered rental housing at the lowest per-unit cost typically available on the private housing market.

(4) Starting in the early 20th century, local governments began adopting restrictive zoning and other land use and building regulations that prohibited or made it impractical to build or operate SROs, causing the numbers of such units to dramatically decrease.

(5) Today, many cities and counties either exclude co-living from most residential zones or impose zoning and regulatory requirements that render the development or conversion of co-living properties economically or physically infeasible.

(6) Co-living provides additional options for people who:

(i) Wish to lower their housing expenses by paying less for a smaller home;

(ii) Value shared community spaces that facilitate social connections;

(iii) Wish to trade space for location and the ability to live in a high-opportunity neighborhood that would otherwise be out of reach; or

(iv) Want a more private alternative to having a roommate in a traditional rental.

(7) Recent studies show that in cities where co-living remains legal, monthly rents for co-living average 40 percent lower than rents for studio apartments.

(8) While co-living is often associated with single-person households, adding smaller, affordable units increases overall housing supply and triggers the economic process known as filtering, in which additional supply reduces competition for larger family-sized homes and eases pressure on rents across the market.

(9) Co-living is well suited for the conversion of office buildings, hotels and other underutilized commercial properties to housing, because such conversions typically require less plumbing and fixtures for kitchens and bathrooms, thus enabling the adaptive reuse of buildings which would not be economically feasible to convert to standard apartments.

(10) Co-living may provide income-earning opportunities for property owners, furthering housing affordability and economic mobility.

(11) Enabling the creation of co-living near downtowns, transit hubs, employment centers, commercial areas and public amenities can increase walkability, shorten commutes, curtail sprawl, limit growth of traffic and reduce the pressure to develop farmland and the natural environment.

SECTION 2. Title 45 of the General Laws entitled "TOWNS AND CITIES" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 24.8

RESTORING OPTIONS IN OCCUPANCY MODELS (ROOM) ACT

45-24.8-1. Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as, the "Restoring Options in Occupancy Models (ROOM) Act".

45-24.8-2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Co-living conversion" means the alteration of an existing building, or portion of a building, for the purpose of creating two (2) or more sleeping units that have access to shared kitchen and/or bathroom facilities, whether by reconfiguring interior space, changing the use or occupancy classification, or adding sleeping units to a structure previously used for another purpose.

(2) "Co-living occupancy agreement" means a written residential agreement that grants an individual the exclusive right to occupy a sleeping unit in a co-living property and the shared right to use common amenities and facilities in exchange for payment of rent. A co-living occupancy agreement is a residential tenancy for purposes of chapter 18 of title 34, except to the extent that this chapter provides different rules.

(3) "Co-living property" means a residential property that includes one or more sleeping units that are independently rented and lockable, with residents sharing separate kitchen and/or bathroom facilities with other sleeping units in the building. Municipalities may use other terms to refer to co-living including, but not limited to, boarding house, congregate living facilities, group home, lodging house, micro units, or single room occupancy. The term does not include a unit in a hotel, motel, or other establishment in which more than half of the units are intended to be used for transient accommodations.

(4) "Housing organization" means a trade or industry group consisting of local members primarily engaged in the construction or management of housing units, a nonprofit organization that provides or advocates for increased access or reduced barriers to housing, or a nonprofit organization that is engaged in public policy research, education, litigation or outreach that includes housing policy-related issues and advocacy.

(5) “Mixed use” means a type of development that combines residential uses with commercial, entertainment, institutional, office, or other uses within a single building, parcel, or development area.

(6) “Sleeping unit” means a room within a co-living property that is identified and intended for sleeping purposes by a single occupant or two (2) occupants living as a household, whether or not the room is currently occupied, leased, or in active use. A sleeping unit may include limited food preparation or sanitation facilities, but typically does not contain both a full kitchen and a full bathroom.

(7) “Transit station” means a stop on a municipal, tribal, intrastate, or interstate public transportation system providing fixed route services.

45-24.8-3. Co-living allowed by right.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a municipality shall allow co-living properties as a permitted use by right on each parcel that is zoned for ~~single-family, multifamily, commercial, or mixed use, or in any area where residential use is permitted at densities greater than single-family housing.~~

(b) Approval of co-living properties shall not be subject to discretionary review, special use permits, conditional use permits, planned unit developments, public hearing processes, or variance requirements.

(c) A municipality shall allow as a permitted use co-living property with the number of sleeping units consistent with the prescribed density standards of a lot zoned for multifamily, ~~commercial, or mixed use.~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a number of sleeping units that exceeds the maximum residential density otherwise allowed under applicable zoning.

(d) A municipality shall not treat a sleeping unit within a co-living property as more than one quarter (1/4) of a dwelling unit for purposes of calculating dwelling unit density.

(e) A municipality shall subject a co-living property to the least restrictive bulk, lot, and height, floor area ratio, lot coverage, and building envelope requirements applicable to any residential use within the same zoning district, provided such standards are applied equally to other residential uses.

(f) A municipality shall not require any design or code standards for co-living properties that are more restrictive than those required for other residential uses in the same zone.

(g) A municipality shall not require co-living properties to incorporate any aesthetic, functional, or recreation facilities other than those required for other residential uses in the same zone.

(h) An ordinance under this section shall not require co-living properties to:

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Commented [SH2]: Catchall; emphasizing that single-family zoned areas are excluded from the applicability of the bill.

Commented [SH3]: This is the backstop against overcrowding. While commercial and mixed-use areas are opened up to co-living, the density cannot exceed that permitted for other multifamily zones. While neutrally applicable, this addresses the concern about excessive bedrooms in smaller buildings or new-build dorms of densely packed students, etc.

“Commercial” was struck because there is unlikely to be a valid density prescription for commercially zoned land, and the density in such zones should be pegged to the density in multifamily zones.

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(i) Adhere to room dimensional standards larger than those established by 24 CFR § 982.605, including dwelling unit size, sleeping unit size, and habitable space;

(ii) Provide a mix of unit sizes or number of bedrooms;

(iii) Provide off-street parking if the property is located within one-half (1/2) mile of a transit station;

(iv) Provide more than one-quarter (1/4) off-street parking spaces per sleeping unit if located beyond one-half (1/2) mile of a transit station; or

(v) Include other uses.

(i) A municipality shall not limit the people who may occupy a co-living property or sleeping unit based on:

(i) Age;

(ii) Familial status;

(iii) Occupation;

(iv) Income or source of income;

(v) Disability status;

(vi) Relationship status; or

(vii) Whether the occupants are related to each other by a certain degree of affinity or consanguinity.

(i) A municipality shall maintain and make publicly available, on at least an annual basis, a record of new co-living properties and conversions, including:

(i) Each application for a permit to construct, convert, or operate a co-living property; and

(ii) The disposition of each application, including approval, denial, withdrawal, or pending status, and the stated reason for any denial.

(k) This section supersedes and preempts any ordinance, resolution, regulation, policy, or other local action that conflicts with or frustrates the purposes of this chapter. A municipality shall not enforce any zoning or land-use restriction that is inconsistent with this section.

45-24.8-4. Building code adjustments for single room occupancy.

(a) A municipality shall not require a co-living property to include a commercial-grade kitchen, notwithstanding the requirements of the state building code or the minimum

standards for basic equipment in the housing maintenance and occupancy code contained in § 45-24.3-7.

(b) A municipality shall not require a co-living property, or sleeping unit, to adhere to standards beyond those contained within 24 CFR § 982.605.2 (minimum housing quality standard).

(c) A municipality shall not require a co-living conversion of more than eight (8) sleeping units to incorporate operable windows in the sleeping units.

(d) This section supersedes and preempts any municipal or state building code requirement that conflicts with or frustrates the purposes of this chapter. A municipality shall not adopt or enforce any building code restriction that is inconsistent with this section.

45-24.8-5. Application of existing residential landlord and tenant laws.

(a) Occupants under co-living occupancy agreements are tenants for purposes of chapter 18 of title 34.

(b) A co-living occupancy agreement shall have a minimum initial term of not less than ninety (90) days, nor be offered for transient occupancy.

45-24.8-6. Co-living property usage.

(a) A municipality shall not require any co-living property, regardless of number of sleeping units, to construct, employ, operate or incorporate:

(i) Requirements for communal living space beyond the required bathroom and kitchen facilities;

(ii) A specified ratio of sleeping units to kitchens or bathrooms;

(iii) Rules governing tenant conduct, communal behavior, quiet hours, or use of shared spaces not applicable to any other residential tenancy;

(iv) Guest registration logs or visitor screening procedures not required of other residential uses;

(v) Restrictions on the hours of ingress and egress for tenants or guests; or

(vi) The provision, coordination, or funding of social services, supportive services, counseling, or case management.

(b) A municipality shall not require a co-living property containing eight (8) or fewer sleeping units to employ, operate, or incorporate:

(i) A building manager who resides on the premises;

(ii) A video surveillance or monitoring system; or

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(iii) A property management or maintenance plan beyond documentation required of any other residential rental property of similar size.

(c) A municipality shall not impose any management, operational, or tenancy requirement on a co-living property that is based on the presumed social, economic, or behavioral characteristics of its residents, or that has the purpose or effect of discouraging the construction or operation of co-living properties.

(d) A municipality shall not require a co-living property to participate in any affordable housing program, inclusionary zoning program, or rent stabilization or control program, nor condition approval upon compliance with any such plan.

(e) This chapter does not prohibit a municipality from imposing a limit on the number of people who may occupy a dwelling or sleeping unit based on health and safety standards contained in:

(1) The state building code;

(2) A fire code, to the extent that the code does not conflict with the provisions of this chapter; or

(3) Local, state, or federal affordable housing program guidelines.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a municipality from enforcing generally applicable health, safety, or building standards that are applied equally to all residential uses.

45-24.8-7. Applicability.

(a) A municipality shall adopt or amend by ordinance and incorporate into their development and zoning regulations the requirements of this chapter to take effect no later than January 1, 2027. ~~If~~ If it fails to do so, the requirements of this chapter shall prevail.

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(b) Any municipal regulation that imposes requirements uniquely upon co-living properties, or that has the effect of excluding co-living from otherwise permitted residential zones, shall be presumed unreasonable and inconsistent with this chapter.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the enforcement of private covenants, deed restrictions, homeowners' association rules, or other private agreements applicable to a property.

(d) The provisions of this chapter do not apply to state or local regulations governing the construction or operation of halfway housing, substance abuse rehabilitation centers, sober living, re-entry housing, on- or off-campus university dormitories, homeless shelters, or dedicated housing for the elderly or disabled.

(e) A co-living property lawfully existing on the effective date of this chapter is a conforming use and may continue, be maintained, repaired, or reconstructed, notwithstanding any contrary local ordinance or regulation.

45-24.8-8. Enforcement.

(a) An applicant, property owner or housing organization aggrieved by a municipal action inconsistent with this chapter may seek declaratory or injunctive relief in the superior court and shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as a prevailing party.

(b) For purposes of this section, a party prevails if it obtains any form of judicial or administrative relief, including a judgment on the merits, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, a preliminary injunction, a consent decree, or if the litigation is a material contributing factor in achieving the requested relief through voluntary action by the municipality.

45-24.8-9. Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or its application is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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A N A C T

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL

Introduced By: Senators Murray, Thompson, Urso, Gu, Acosta, DiMario, DiPalma, and
Lauria

Date Introduced: March 04, 2026

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-25-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-25 entitled "Pesticide
2 Control" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-25-4. Definitions.**

4 As used in this chapter:

5 (1) "Active ingredient" means any ingredient that will prevent, destroy, repel, control, or
6 mitigate pests, or that will act as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.

7 (2) "Adulterated" applies to any pesticide if its strength or purity falls below the professed
8 standards of quality as expressed on its labeling under which it is sold, or if any substance has been
9 substituted wholly or in part for the pesticide, or if any valuable constituent of the pesticide has
10 been wholly or in part abstracted.

11 (3) "Agricultural commodity" means any plant, or part of plant, or animal, or animal
12 product, produced by a person (including farmers, ranchers, vineyardists, plant propagators,
13 Christmas tree growers, aquaculturists, floriculturists, orchardists, foresters, or other comparable
14 persons) primarily for sale, consumption, propagation, or other use by humans or animals.

15 (4) "Animal" means all vertebrate and invertebrate species, including, but not limited to,
16 humans and other mammals, birds, fish, and shellfish.

17 (5) "Beneficial insects" means those insects that, during their life cycle, are effective
18 pollinators of plants, are parasites or predators of pests, or are otherwise beneficial.

19 (6) "Board" means the pesticide advisory board as provided for under § 23-25.2-3.

1 (7) “Defoliant” means any substance or mixture of substances intended for causing the
2 leaves or foliage to drop from a plant with or without causing abscission.

3 (8) “Desiccant” means any substance or mixture of substances intended for artificially
4 accelerating the drying of plant tissue.

5 (9) “Device” means any instrument or contrivance (other than a firearm) that is intended
6 for trapping, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest or any other form of plant or animal life
7 (other than humans and other than bacteria, virus, or other micro-organism on or in living humans
8 or other living animals) but not including equipment used for the application of pesticides when
9 sold separately from it.

10 (10) “Director” means the director of environmental management.

11 (11) “Distribute” means to offer for sale, hold for sale, sell, barter, ship, deliver for
12 shipment, or receive and (having so received) deliver or offer to deliver pesticides in this state.

13 (12) “Environment” includes water, air, land, and all plants and humans and other living
14 animals in it, and the interrelationships that exist among these.

15 (13) “EPA” means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

16 (14) “FIFRA” means the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. §
17 136 et seq., and other legislation supplementary to it and amendatory of it.

18 (15) “First generation anticoagulant rodenticide” means any pesticide product that contains
19 any of the following active ingredients:

20 (i) Chlorophacinone;

21 (ii) Diphacinone; or

22 (iii) Warfarin.

23 ~~(15)~~(16) “Fungi” means all nonchlorophyll-bearing thallophytes (that is, all
24 nonchlorophyll-bearing plants of a lower order than mosses and liverworts) as, for example, rusts,
25 smuts, mildews, molds, yeasts, and bacteria, except those in or on living humans or other living
26 animals, and except those in or on processed food, beverages, or pharmaceuticals.

27 ~~(16)~~(17) “Highly toxic pesticide” means any pesticide determined to be a highly toxic
28 pesticide under the authority of § 25(c)(2) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(2), or by the director
29 under § 23-25-9(a)(2).

30 ~~(17)~~(18) “Imminent hazard” means a situation that exists when the continued use of a
31 pesticide during the time required for cancellation proceedings pursuant to § 23-25-8 would likely
32 result in unreasonable adverse effects on the environment or will involve unreasonable hazard to
33 the survival of a species declared endangered by the secretary of the interior under 16 U.S.C. §
34 1531 et seq.

1 ~~(18)~~(19) “Inert ingredient” means an ingredient that is not an active ingredient.

2 ~~(19)~~(20) “Ingredient statement” means:

3 (i) A statement of the name and percentage of each active ingredient together with the total
4 percentage of the inert ingredients in the pesticide; and

5 (ii) When the pesticide contains arsenic in any form, the ingredient statement shall also
6 include percentages of total and water soluble arsenic, each calculated as elemental arsenic.

7 ~~(20)~~(21) “Insect” means any of the numerous small invertebrate animals generally having
8 the body more or less obviously segmented, for the most part belonging to the class insecta,
9 comprising six (6) legged, usually winged forms, as for example, moths, beetles, bugs, bees, flies,
10 and their immature stages, and to other allied classes of arthropods whose members are wingless
11 and usually have more than six (6) legs, as for example, spiders, mites, ticks, centipedes, and wood
12 lice.

13 ~~(21)~~(22) “Integrated Pest Management (IPM)” refers to a method of pest control that uses
14 a systems approach to reduce pest damage to tolerable levels through a variety of techniques,
15 including natural predators and parasites, genetically resistant hosts, environmental modifications
16 and, when necessary and appropriate, chemical pesticides. IPM strategies rely upon nonchemical
17 defenses first and chemical pesticides second.

18 ~~(22)~~(23) “Label” means the written, printed, or graphic matter on, or attached to, the
19 pesticide or device or any of its containers or wrappers.

20 ~~(23)~~(24) “Labeling” means the label and all other written, printed, or graphic matter:

21 (i) Accompanying the pesticide or device at any time; or

22 (ii) To which reference is made on the label or in literature accompanying the pesticide or
23 device, except to current official publications of EPA, the United States Departments of Agriculture
24 and Interior, and the department of health and human services; state experiment stations; state
25 agricultural colleges; and other federal or state institutions or agencies authorized by law to conduct
26 research in the field of pesticides.

27 ~~(24)~~(25) “Land” means all land and water areas, including airspace, all plants, animals,
28 structures, buildings, contrivances, and machinery appurtenant to it or situated on it, fixed or
29 mobile, including any used for transportation.

30 ~~(25)~~(26) “Nematode” means invertebrate animals of the phylum Nematelminthes and
31 class Nematoda, that is, unsegmented round worms with elongated, fusiform, or sac-like bodies
32 covered with cuticle, and inhabiting soil, water, plants, or plant parts; may also be called nemas or
33 eelworms.

34 ~~(26)~~(27) “Neonicotinoids” means any of a class of systemic water soluble insecticides

1 related to nicotine that affect the central nervous system of insects by selectively binding to the
2 postsynaptic nicotinic receptors of insects thereby causing paralysis and death. Neonicotinoids
3 include, but are not limited to:

- 4 (i) Imidacloprid;
- 5 (ii) Acetamiprid;
- 6 (iii) Clothianidin;
- 7 (iv) Nitenpyram;
- 8 (v) Nithiazine;
- 9 (vi) Thiacloprid;
- 10 (vii) Thiamethoxam; and
- 11 (viii) Dinotefuran.

12 ~~(27)~~(28) “Permit” means a written certificate, issued by the director, authorizing the
13 purchase, possession, and/or use of certain pesticides or pesticide uses defined in subsections ~~(36)~~
14 (37) and ~~(37)~~ (39) of this section.

15 ~~(28)~~(29) “Person” means any individual, partnership, association, fiduciary, corporation,
16 governmental entity, or any organized group of persons whether incorporated or not.

17 ~~(29)~~(30) “Pest” means:

- 18 (i) Any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, or weed; and
- 19 (ii) Any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other
20 micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organisms on or in living humans or other
21 living animals) which the director declares to be a pest under § 23-25-9(a)(1).

22 ~~(30)~~(31) “Pesticide” means:

- 23 (i) Any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling,
24 or mitigating any pest; and
- 25 (ii) Any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant,
26 or desiccant.

27 ~~(31)~~(32) “Pesticide dealer” means any person who distributes within the state any pesticide
28 product classified for restricted use by EPA or limited use by the director.

29 ~~(32)~~(33) “Plant regulator” means any substance or mixture of substances intended, through
30 physiological action, for accelerating or retarding the rate of growth or rate of maturation, or for
31 altering the behavior of plants or the produce of these but shall not include substances to the extent
32 that they are intended as plant nutrients, trace elements, nutritional chemicals, plant inoculants, and
33 soil amendments. Also, the term “plant regulator” is not required to include any of those nutrient
34 mixtures or soil amendments as are commonly known as vitamin-hormone horticultural products,

1 intended for improvement, maintenance, survival, health, and propagation of plants, are not for pest
2 destruction and are nontoxic and nonpoisonous in the undiluted packaged concentration.

3 ~~(33)~~(34)(i) “Private applicator” means any person who uses or supervises the use of any
4 pesticide for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on land owned or rented by him or
5 her or his or her employer or (if applied without compensation other than trading of personal
6 services between producers of agricultural commodities) on land of another person.

7 (ii) “Certified private applicator” means any private applicator who is certified under § 23-
8 25-14 as authorized to purchase, acquire, apply, or supervise the application of any pesticide
9 classified for restricted use by EPA or limited use by the director.

10 (iii) “Commercial applicator” means any person (whether or not that person is a private
11 applicator with respect to some uses), including employees of any federal, state, county or
12 municipal agency, department, office, division, section, bureau, board, or commission, who applies
13 or supervises the application of any pesticide for any purpose or on any property other than as
14 provided by the definition of “private applicator”.

15 (iv) “Certified commercial applicator” means any commercial applicator who is certified
16 under § 23-25-13 as authorized to purchase, acquire, apply, or supervise the application of a
17 pesticide classified for restricted use by EPA or limited use by the director.

18 (v) “Licensed commercial applicator” means any commercial applicator who is licensed
19 under § 23-25-12 as authorized to use or supervise the use of any pesticide not classified for
20 restricted use by EPA or limited use by the director on land not owned or rented by him or her.

21 ~~(34)~~(35) “Protect health and the environment” means protection against any unreasonable
22 adverse effects on the environment.

23 ~~(35)~~(36) “Registrant” means a person who has registered any pesticide pursuant to the
24 provisions of this chapter.

25 ~~(36)~~(37) “Restricted use pesticide” means a pesticide or pesticide use that is classified for
26 restricted use by the administrator of EPA, or under § 23-25-6(h).

27 (38) “Second generation anticoagulant rodenticide” means any pesticide product that
28 contains any of the following active ingredients:

29 (i) Brodifacoum;

30 (ii) Bromadiolone;

31 (iii) Difenacoum;

32 (iv) Difethialone.

33 ~~(37)~~(39) “State limited use pesticide” means any pesticide or pesticide use that, when used
34 as directed or in accordance with a widespread and commonly recognized practice, the director

1 determines, subsequent to a hearing, requires additional restrictions to prevent unreasonable
2 adverse effects on the environment including humans, land, beneficial insects, animals, crops, and
3 wildlife, other than pests.

4 ~~(38)~~(40) “Under the direct supervision” means on-site supervision of any pesticide
5 application by an appropriately certified or licensed applicator who is responsible for the
6 application and is capable of dealing with emergency situations which might occur.

7 ~~(39)~~(41) “Unreasonable adverse effects on the environment” means any unreasonable risk
8 to humans or the environment, taking into account the economic, social, and environmental costs
9 and benefits of the use of any pesticide.

10 ~~(40)~~(42) “Weed” means any plant that grows where not wanted.

11 ~~(41)~~(43) “Wildlife” means all living things that are neither human nor, as defined in this
12 chapter, pests, including but not limited to mammals, birds, and aquatic life.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 23-25 of the General Laws entitled "Pesticide Control" is hereby
14 amended by adding thereto the following sections:

15 **23-25-41. Rodenticides sales restricted.**

16 (a) Effective March 1, 2027, all pesticides registered in the state as a first-generation
17 anticoagulant rodenticide as defined in § 23-25-4, shall be prohibited from being sold in
18 “consumer” stores and online retail stores including, but not limited to, drug stores, grocery stores,
19 hardware stores, club stores and similar retail outlets.

20 (b) Effective January 1, 2028, all pesticides registered in the state as a second-generation
21 anticoagulant rodenticide as defined in § 23-25-4, shall be prohibited from being sold in
22 “consumer” stores and online retail stores including, but not limited to, drug stores, grocery stores,
23 hardware stores, club stores and similar retail outlets.

24 (c) This section shall not apply to the sale of a first and/or second-generation anticoagulant
25 rodenticide by a wholesaler to a business that employs the following: certified private applicator,
26 commercial applicator, certified commercial applicator or licensed commercial applicator.

27 **23-25-42. Rodenticides use restricted.**

28 (a) Effective January 1, 2029, the use of any pesticides registered in the state as a first or
29 second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide as defined in § 23-25-4 shall be prohibited.

30 (b) This section shall not apply to the following:

31 (1) The use of any second generation anticoagulant rodenticide by a state or municipal
32 employee for public health activities, the protection of a drinking water supply, to control vectors
33 for mosquito borne illnesses, the eradication of non-native invasive species of rodents, for control
34 of an actual rodent infestation that has been deemed a public health issue where it has been

1 documented that all other rodent control alternatives, including nonchemical alternatives, are
2 inadequate to control the infestation.

3 (2) The use of any second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide at a medical waste
4 generator or a facility registered annually and subject to inspection under 21 U.S.C. § 360 et seq.
5 and compliant with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. § 136 et
6 seq.).

7 (3) The use of any second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide for agricultural activities
8 conducted in the following locations:

9 (i) A warehouse used to store foods for human or animal consumption;

10 (ii) An agricultural food production site including, but not limited to, a slaughterhouse or
11 cannery;

12 (iii) A distillery, meadery, brewery, or winery.

13 SECTION 3. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby
14 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

15 CHAPTER 25.7

16 RODENT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM ACT

17 **23-25.7-1. Short title.**

18 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Rodent Integrated Pest Management
19 Pilot Program Act”.

20 **23-25.7-2. Definitions.**

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

22 (1) “Integrated pest management” means a science-based approach to managing rodents
23 using a variety of methods to prevent and treat rodent concerns including, but not limited to,
24 addressing sanitation, landscaping concerns, promotion of natural predators, manufactured
25 alternatives to pesticides and other methods of prevention, reduction, and mitigation including, but
26 not limited to, rodent contraceptive applications.

27 (2) “Rodent contraceptive” means an agent for the reduction of reproductive capacity in
28 rodents that is approved for such use by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

29 (3) “Rodent mitigation zones” means the zones designated by municipalities within its
30 municipalities’ boundaries to be areas in which the pilot program shall be implemented.

31 (4) “Rodent signs” means the observable indicators used by the designated municipal
32 departmental agency to determine the presence of rodents, including burrows, rub marks, runways,
33 tracks, gnaw marks, droppings, and the presence of live rodents.

34 **23-25.7-3. Pilot program.**

1 (a) Municipalities are authorized to implement and participate in a voluntary pest
2 management pilot program pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. A municipality may choose
3 to participate by designating the municipality’s department agency responsible for the
4 implementation and services related to rodent extermination or mitigation in consultation with the
5 department of environmental management. The municipality may establish a pilot program for
6 integrated pest management and track the efficacy of such program in reducing the rodent
7 population. Such a program shall involve the following:

8 (1) The program implementation shall take place in pilot program areas, to be designated
9 by the municipal department assigned to identify rodent mitigation areas;

10 (2) The designated municipal department shall designate at least one pilot program
11 comparison area with similar zones, building types and landscapes to the pilot program rodent
12 mitigation areas, and shall make reasonable efforts to implement rodent mitigation efforts, other
13 than the implementation of the integrated pest management mitigation application, across the pilot
14 program comparison area or areas to allow for a controlled comparison;

15 (3) For not less than three (3) months immediately before the deployment of the integrated
16 pest management application in the designated rodent mitigation areas, the designated municipal
17 department shall perform monthly inspections of the pilot program areas and shall document all
18 rodent signs observed in each pilot program mitigation area and pilot program comparison area,
19 disaggregated by type of rodent sign;

20 (4) Following at least three (3) months of inspections, as required in subsection (a)(3) of
21 this section, the designated municipal department shall deploy an integrated pest management
22 application in the pilot program mitigation areas;

23 (5) For not less than six (6) months immediately after the deployment of the integrated pest
24 management application, the designated municipal department shall perform monthly inspections
25 of the pilot program mitigation areas and shall document all rodent signs observed in each pilot
26 program mitigation area and pilot program comparison area, disaggregated by type of rodent sign;
27 and

28 (6) The designated municipal department shall track all interventions in all pilot program
29 mitigation areas, including the integrated pest management application, any change in sanitation
30 procedures, and any other rodent mitigation interventions, including the dates and locations of such
31 interventions, during the periods designated by subsections (a)(3), (a)(4) and (a)(5) of this section.

32 (b) A municipality that conducted an integrated pest management program prior to the
33 effective date of this chapter may qualify for funds available through the rules and regulations
34 established in § 23-25.7-4 provided the municipality files a report containing the requested data

1 outlined in subsection (d) of this section and the findings of the municipal program are accepted by
2 the department of environmental management to further the intent of this chapter.

3 (c) Implementation. The pilot program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
4 shall commence no later than July 1, 2027. The duration of such program shall be no less than
5 twelve (12) months unless the designated municipal department terminates or suspends the program
6 on an earlier date;

7 (d) Report. No later than three (3) months after the termination of the pilot program
8 established pursuant to this section, the director of the designated municipal department shall
9 submit to the mayor or city or town administrator a report regarding the outcomes of such pilot
10 program, the existing pilot program areas, identified rodent mitigation areas and control areas and
11 inspections of such areas during the period of such program. Such report shall include, but need
12 not be limited to, the following information:

13 (1) The direct costs associated with the implementation of such program;

14 (2) Any challenges experienced by the designated municipal department during the
15 implementation of such program; and

16 (3) A table in which each separate row references a unique pilot program mitigation area
17 and pilot program comparison area. Each such row shall include the following information, as well
18 as any additional information the director of the designated municipal department deems
19 appropriate, set forth in separate columns:

20 (i) A unique identification code for the area;

21 (ii) Whether the area is a pilot program mitigation area or pilot comparison area;

22 (iii) The location of such area; and

23 (iv) A description of the building classification or zone designation in such area.

24 (4) A table on all rodent inspections in which each separate row references a unique
25 inspection in all pilot program rodent mitigation areas and pilot program comparison areas. Each
26 such row shall include the following information, as well as any additional information the director
27 of the designated municipal department deems appropriate, set forth in separate columns:

28 (i) The location of such area;

29 (ii) The date of such inspection;

30 (iii) The tally of all rodent signs, disaggregated by type of rodent sign; and

31 (iv) A description of the mitigation activity implemented in the area, including integrated
32 pest management applications, change in sanitation procedure and/or other rodent mitigation
33 applications

34 (5) Upon completion of the report and approval from the municipality's mayor or

1 administrator the report shall be submitted to the department of environmental management.

2 **23-25.7-4. Integrated pest management fund.**

3 (a) There is hereby established the integrated pest management fund to be administered by
4 the department of environmental management as set forth in this chapter.

5 (b) In addition to any funds appropriated by the general assembly, the department of
6 environmental management shall seek grant and philanthropic funding resources to supplement the
7 additional costs incurred by municipalities that voluntarily establish and participate in the
8 implementation of a municipal integrated pest management pilot program. The department may
9 seek assistance from independent third-party entities in identifying, applying and securing funds to
10 assist in the implementation of the pilot programs.

11 (c) Funds collected shall be deposited into the integrated pest management fund a restricted
12 receipt account and distributed in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the
13 department of environmental management.

14 **23-25.7-5. Rules and regulations.**

15 The department of environmental management shall promulgate rules and regulations to
16 implement the provisions of this chapter.

17 **23-25.7-6. Sunset.**

18 Unless extended by the general assembly the provisions of this chapter shall sunset and
19 expire on October 1, 2029.

20 SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 4 of this act shall take effect upon passage, and sections 2 and
21 3 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities
2 that choose to participate. Reports would be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator
3 and would be submitted to the department of environmental management.

4 Sections 1 and 4 of this act would take effect upon passage, and sections 2 and 3 would
5 take effect on January 1, 2027.

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Section 1:

§ 31-20-13. School buses stopped on divided highway or in loading zone.

When operating a vehicle upon a highway, the driver need not stop upon meeting or passing a bus marked as “school bus” in accordance with § 31-20-11 in the following circumstances:

(1) When a highway is a divided highway that is divided by a raised median or physical barrier, and the bus is stopped in the roadway on one side of the divided highway and the driver is operating on the other side of it.

(2) When the bus is stopped in a loading zone adjacent to a limited access highway and pedestrians are not permitted to cross the highway.

Section 2:

§ 31-41.1-4. Schedule of violations

(Intent: Add to list of traffic violations that do not require mandatory appearance before payment/admission of liability)

ADD:

§ 31-20-12, pursuant to § 31-51-2.2, Failure to stop for a school bus - \$300

Section 3:

§ 31-51-1. Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “School Bus Safety Enforcement Act.”

§ 31-51-2. Live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems.

- (a) All school departments of this state are hereby authorized to install and operate live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems. Such systems shall at a minimum, be systems which monitor and detect school bus traffic violations. For purposes of this chapter a live digital video bus violation detection monitoring systems means a system with one or more camera sensors and computers which produce live digital and recorded video of motor vehicles being operated in violation of school bus traffic laws in violation of § 31-20-12. All systems installed for use under this chapter shall, at a minimum, produce a live visual image viewable remotely, a recorded image of the license plate, and be able to record the time, date, and location of the vehicle, and a

signed affidavit by a person who witnessed the violation via live [or recorded](#) video.

- (b) On and after July 1, 2027, all new school buses to be operated pursuant to § 31-20-11(a) shall be equipped with a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system that conforms with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) On and after July 1, 2032, all school buses to be operated pursuant to § 31-20-11(a) shall be equipped with a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system that conforms with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.
- (d) The school departments with input and approval by the municipal police may enter into an agreement with a private corporation or other entity to provide ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems and to maintain and operate such systems.
- (e) [Neither the school department, nor the municipality shall incur liability or have an obligation to reimburse a vendor for any expenses or costs associated with the operation or administration of the contracted digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system beyond their violations revenue collected over the term of the contract, even if expenses or costs to the vendor exceed such violation revenues.](#)

§ 31-51-2.1. Installation and signage.

- (a) All vehicles installed with a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system shall post a warning sign indicating the use of such system.
- (b) Warning signage shall remain on each vehicle as long as a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system is in operation.

§ 31-51-2.2. Stopping for school bus required — Penalty for violation.

- (a) Any vehicle being operated upon a street, highway, private way or private or public parking area upon meeting or overtaking from any direction any school bus on which there is in operation flashing red lights [or activated stop sign](#), shall stop before reaching the bus. The vehicle shall not proceed until the bus resumes motion or until the flashing lights are no longer actuated. [Notwithstanding any provision of the general laws to the contrary](#), an owner and/or operator of a motor vehicle operated in violation of this section based on evidence obtained from a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system shall, upon [admission or](#) conviction of a violation of this section, be punished by a civil fine of ~~not less than two hundred fifty~~ [three hundred](#) dollars (~~\$250~~) ([\\$300](#)) ~~nor more than five hundred (\$500) and/or suspension of his or her driving license~~

~~for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.~~

- (b) A law enforcement officer or technician employed by a municipality ~~authorized to issue a traffic violation summons pursuant to this title~~ may issue a summons notice of a violation of this chapter based on evidence from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system; provided that the statement of testimony, or evidence provides the law enforcement officer or technician with sufficient probable cause that a violation under this section was committed. The summons notice of violation shall be in the form referred to in § 31-51-3.

§ 31-51-3. Procedure — Notice

- (a) Except as expressly provided in this chapter, all prosecutions based on evidence produced by a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system shall follow the procedures established in chapter 41.1 of this title, chapter 18 of title 18 and the rules promulgated by the chief magistrate of the traffic tribunal for the hearing of civil traffic violations in the traffic tribunal. Provided, that in an action brought pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, references in chapter 41.1 of this title to an “operator” shall apply to the registered owner of the vehicle. A summons notice of violation may be issued by an officer or technician solely based on evidence obtained by use of a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. All ~~summons~~ notices of violation issued based on evidence obtain from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system shall be issued within ~~ten (10)~~ thirty (30) days of the violation. Notwithstanding any provision of the general laws to the contrary, jurisdiction to hear and decide any violation under this chapter shall be as follows:
1. By the traffic tribunal over all violations for which the summons notice of violation is issued by a state agency;
 2. By the traffic tribunal over all violations for which the summons notice of violation is issued by a city or town which has not established a municipal court; and
 3. By the municipal court over all violations for which the summons notice of violation is issued by a city or town which has established a municipal court.
- (b) It shall be sufficient to commence a prosecution based on evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. A copy of the summons notice of violation and supporting documentation shall be mailed to the address of the registered owner kept on file by ~~the~~ an applicable registry of motor vehicles. For purposes of this section, the date of issuance shall be the date of mailing. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared in the ordinary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.
- (c) The officer or technician issuing the ~~citation~~ notice of violation shall certify ~~under penalties of perjury~~ that the evidence obtained from the live digital video school bus

violation detection monitoring system was sufficient to demonstrate a violation of the motor vehicle code. Such certification shall be sufficient in all prosecutions pursuant to this chapter to justify the entry of a default judgement upon sufficient proof of actual notice in all cases where the ~~citation~~ [notice of violation](#) is not answered within the time period permitted.

(d) [Notwithstanding any provision of the general laws to the contrary](#), the summons shall [be in the form of a notice of violation and](#) contain [the following](#): ~~all the information provided for on the uniform summons as referred to in § 31-41.1-1 and the rules of procedure promulgated by the chief magistrate of the traffic tribunal as well as the date, time, and location of the violation. In addition, the following information shall be attached to or accompany the summons:~~

1. [The date, time, and approximate location of the violation;](#)
2. Copies of two (2) or more photographs, or microphotographs, videos, or other recorded images taken as proof of the violation;
3. A signed statement certified ~~under the penalties of perjury~~ by a trained law enforcement officer [or authorized municipal technician](#) that, based on inspection of recorded images and video, the motor vehicle was being operated in violation of this chapter;
4. A signed statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation of this chapter;
5. A statement that the person who receives the ~~summons~~ [notice of violation](#) under this chapter may either [admit liability](#) by paying the civil fine [to the municipality or its designee](#), in accordance with the provisions of § 31-51-2.2, proceed under § 31-51-5(c) ~~(3)~~ [\(2\)](#) of this section, or ~~elect to stand trial~~ [request a hearing](#) for the alleged violation.
6. ~~A signed affidavit by a person who witnessed the motor vehicle being operated in violation of this chapter; and~~
7. ~~A signed statement certified under the penalties of perjury by a trained law enforcement officer that the summons and attachments required under this subsection were mailed to the address of the registered owner kept on file by the registry of motor vehicles.~~
6. [A website where the recorded video and images from a digital school bus violation detection monitoring system can be observed.](#)
7. [The amount of the civil fine imposed by the municipality, the date by which the civil fine must be paid, and instructions on how to pay the civil fine.](#)
8. [Instructions on how to request a hearing or stand trial to contest liability.](#)
9. [A warning that failure to pay the civil fine within 30 days of the issuance of the notice of violation shall incur a thirty-five dollar \(\\$35.00\) administrative late fine in addition to the unpaid civil fine.](#)

10. A warning that failure to pay the civil fine may result in withholding of the motor vehicle registration.

- (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general laws to the contrary, a ~~any summons~~ notice of violation issued pursuant to this chapter shall be issued by a law enforcement officer authorized to issue a traffic violation summons or technician designated by a municipality pursuant to this ~~title~~ chapter, however, a municipality may assign a designee to perform ministerial mailing and payment processing services associated with a notice of violation.
- (f) Any registered owner or otherwise liable party who fails to pay the civil fine within 30 days of the issuance of the notice of violation shall be subject to a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) administrative late fine in addition to the unpaid civil fine.
- (g) If an unpaid civil fine or administrative late fine is not paid within ninety (90) days of the issuance of the original notice of violation, the municipality shall report the registered owner or otherwise liable party to the Rhode Island division of motor vehicles, who then shall not permit the renewal of the vehicle registration associated with the violation until any unpaid civil fines or administrative late fines are paid to the municipality. Upon the municipality's receipt of such payment or a written repayment agreement between the person and the municipality, the municipality shall promptly issue a verbal, written, or electric confirmation showing the amounts paid and a certification that the person does not owe any amounts to the municipality or has otherwise made satisfactory repayment arrangements with the municipality. In any such case, the Rhode Island division of motor vehicles shall forthwith release any hold placed for this purpose on the person's vehicle registration renewal. If a person who made satisfactory repayment arrangements with the municipality subsequently fails to honor and comply with such arrangements with the municipality according to their terms, the municipality may re-report the person to the Rhode Island division of motor vehicles which shall then prohibit that person from renewing the vehicle registration until the originally unpaid civil fines and administrative late fines are paid to the municipality.

§ 31-51-4. Hearings.

Notwithstanding any provision of the general laws to the contrary, a hearing to decide any violation under this chapter may be conducted in person, online via video conferencing or by mail through submission of a written explanation. Evidence from a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system shall be considered substantive evidence in the prosecution of all civil traffic violations. ~~Evidence~~ Recorded images from a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system ~~approved by the school department~~ shall serve as prima facie evidence of a violation, shall be admitted without further authentication, and ~~such evidence may~~ shall be deemed sufficient to sustain a civil traffic violation. Notwithstanding any provision of the general laws to the contrary, liability at any hearing shall be determined by a preponderance of the evidence whether the violation occurred. In addition to any other defenses set forth herein, any and all defenses cognizable at law shall be available to the individual who

receives the ~~citation~~ [notice of violation](#) commencing a prosecution under this chapter, [provided, however, school bus compliance with § 31-20-11 or § 31-20-11.1 shall not be a defense to the violation. Notwithstanding any provision of the general laws to the contrary, the traffic tribunal or a municipal court may charge a hearing fee not to exceed one hundred dollars \(\\$100\) to a party that requests a hearing for a notice of violation issued under chapter, and at the discretion of the municipality such hearing fee may be refunded if the party is deemed not liable at the hearing.](#)

§ 31-51-5. Driver/registered owner liability.

(a) The registered owner of a motor vehicle shall not operate or allow the motor vehicle to be operated in violation of this chapter. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle that is photographed pursuant to this chapter was operating the vehicle.

(b) In all prosecutions of civil traffic violations based on evidence obtained from a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system as provided under this chapter, the registered owner of the vehicle shall be primarily responsible in all prosecutions of violations pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, except as otherwise provided under this chapter.

(c) In the event that the registered owner of the vehicle operated in violation of this chapter was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation, the registered owner shall either:

(1) Accept responsibility for the violation by paying the fine [to the municipality or its designee](#); or

(2) Upon receipt of the notice of the violation, provide the issuing authority, [a notarized affidavit under penalty of perjury](#), within ~~twenty-three~~ (20) (30) days of the date of issuance, the name and address of the individual operating the vehicle at the time which the violation occurred.

(d) It shall be prima facie evidence, establishing a rebuttable presumption, that the owner of the registered motor vehicle was the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation if the registered owner of the motor vehicle fails to pay the fine and fails to proceed under subdivision (c)(2) of this section. Evidence offered pursuant to this chapter shall be sufficient to establish a violation of § 31-51-2.2 by clear and convincing evidence.

(e) The owner of a rented or leased motor vehicle, [or the owner of a corporation or authorized agent](#), may establish non-liability for violations issued pursuant to this chapter by providing to the issuing authority [the name and address of the custodian of the vehicle at the time of the violation. The owner of the rented or leased vehicle shall provide](#) a copy of the written rental or a lease agreement ~~which~~ shall be prima facie evidence, establishing a rebuttable presumption, that the lessee was the operator of the vehicle. In the event that the lessee was not the operator of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation, the lessee shall either:

(1) Accept responsibility for the violation by paying the fine [to the municipality or designee](#); or

(2) Upon receipt of the notice of the violation, provide the issuing authority within ~~twenty~~ thirty (20) (30) days of the date of issuance, the name and address of the individual operating the vehicle at the time which the violation occurred.

31-51-5.1. Revenue.

The revenue generated from each fine imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be allocated as follows:

- 1) ~~Forty (40%)~~ Twenty (20%) percent to the state general fund;
- 2) (i) ~~Thirty (30%)~~ Forty (40%) percent to the municipality where the violation takes place; and
(ii) ~~Thirty percent (30%)~~ Forty (40%) to the vendor who supplies and supports the video detection monitoring system being used; and
- 3) The provision of this section shall not apply to contract existing at the time of the enactment of this section, and shall only apply to new contracts, ~~or extensions of existing contracts,~~ entered into on or after the effective date of this section.

§ 31-51-6. Use of evidence in criminal and civil cases.

Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the use of evidence produced by a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system in a criminal or private civil proceeding provided that the admissibility of such evidence shall not follow the applicable laws and rules of procedure and rules of evidence which apply in criminal and civil cases.

§ 31-51-7. Nature of violations.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

- (a) No violation for which a civil fine is imposed under this chapter shall be considered a moving violation, nor shall be included on the driving record of the person on whom the liability is imposed, nor shall it be used for insurance rating purposes in providing motor vehicle insurance coverage.
- (b) Impositions of a penalty pursuant to this chapter shall not be deemed a criminal conviction of an owner or operator;
- (c) The “good driving record” provision of § 31-41.1-7 shall not be used to dismiss an action brought pursuant to this chapter.

§ 31-51-8. Security of records.

- (a) The recorded images and live video produced by a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system shall not be deemed “public records” subject to disclosure pursuant to subdivision 38-2-2(4)(i).

(b) All recorded images and live video that do not identify a violation shall be destroyed within ~~twenty four (24) hours~~ ninety (90) days of the date the ~~live~~ video was recorded, unless ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) All recorded images and live video that identify a violation shall be destroyed within one year after the citation is resolved by administrative payment, trial or other final disposition of the citation, unless ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) The privacy of records produced pursuant to this chapter shall be maintained; provided, that aggregate data not containing personal identifying information may be released.

§ 31-51-9. Reports.

The school department authorizing the installation of a ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system, in consultation with the municipality, shall prepare an annual report containing data on:

- (1) The number of citations issued;
- (2) The number of those violations paid;
- (3) The number of those violations found after trial or hearing;
- (4) The number of violations dismissed after trial or hearing;
- (5) The amount of revenue obtained from the ~~live~~ digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system.

Section 4:

This act shall take effect upon passage.

2026 -- XXXX
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

AN ACT

RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING-
INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING ALIGNMENT PERIOD

Introduced By: TBD

Date Introduced: TBD

Referred To: TBD

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 45-53 of the General Laws entitled “Low and Moderate Income Housing” is hereby amended by adding the following section:

45-53-____. Infrastructure and Housing Alignment Period

(a) Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to allow municipalities to align infrastructure capacity and municipal services with ongoing housing production by providing temporary relief from the processing and approval of comprehensive permit applications when substantial progress has been made toward achieving low and moderate income housing thresholds.

(b) Eligibility.

A city or town may qualify for a Housing Alignment Pause if:

- i. The municipality has achieved at least ten percent (10%) of its year-round housing stock as low and moderate income housing; or
- ii. The municipality demonstrates that approved or pending residential developments, based on currently approved and actively progressing pipeline projects, will result in the municipality achieving or exceeding ten percent (10%) of low and moderate income housing within the next twelve (12) months, as demonstrated by approved and actively progressing developments, or within such reasonable timeframe as determined by the Executive Office of Housing.

(c) Declaration and certification.

- i. A municipality seeking a Housing Alignment Pause shall adopt a resolution of its city or town council declaring such intent.
- ii. The municipality shall submit documentation supporting its eligibility to the Executive Office of Housing, or its successor agency.
- iii. A Housing Alignment Pause shall become effective upon written certification by the Executive Office of Housing.
- iv. The certification shall constitute substantial evidence that the municipality meets the requirements for the pause.

(d) Duration.

A Housing Alignment Pause shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of certification and shall not be extended unless the municipality continues to meet the requirements of subsection (b) and obtains the permission of the Executive Office of Housing.

(e) Effect.

During a Housing Alignment Pause:

- i. A local review board may temporarily deny any application for a comprehensive permit submitted pursuant to this chapter;
- ii. The municipality shall continue to process and honor any previously approved comprehensive permits; and
- iii. Nothing herein shall prohibit the submission or approval of residential developments that include low and low and moderate income housing outside of the comprehensive permit process.

(f) Pipeline definition.

For purposes of this section, “pipeline” shall include residential developments that have:

- i. Received building permits;
- ii. Obtained final plan approval; or
- iii. Been granted a comprehensive permit that remains valid and is under active development.

(g) Revocation.

A Housing Alignment Pause may be revoked by the Executive Office of Housing if:

- i. The municipality no longer meets the requirements of subsection (b); or
- ii. Developments included in the pipeline fail to demonstrate substantial progress toward completion.

(h) Appeals.

- i. Any applicant or aggrieved party whose comprehensive permit application is temporarily denied, or granted with conditions that make the project infeasible, may appeal the municipal decision.
- ii. Such appeal shall be filed in the Rhode Island Superior Court for the county in which the property is situated within twenty (20) days after the recording and posting of the local review board’s decision.
- iii. The complaint shall contain a statement of the prior proceedings and the reasons upon which the appeal is based and shall name the local review board as the appellee.
- iv. The Superior Court shall give substantial deference to any certification issued by the Executive Office of Housing and shall not overturn a municipal decision unless it is arbitrary, capricious, or clearly erroneous.

(i) Rules and regulations.

The Executive Office of Housing is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

A N A C T
RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING-
INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING ALIGNMENT PERIOD

This act provides municipalities with a temporary mechanism to manage comprehensive permit applications while actively progressing toward affordable housing goals. It ensures that cities and towns can align housing development with available infrastructure and municipal services in conjunction with the Executive Office of Housing, while maintaining protections for applicants through a clear appeals process.

This act would take effect upon passage.



Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Request for 30-day extension on prior approval of an application for TRANSFER of Class B-V (full) Alcoholic Beverage License with Victualing FROM: Blackstone EG, Inc. d/b/a Blackstone EG TO: Ferrara's on Main Street, Inc. d/b/a Ferrara's on Main Street located at 241 Main Street.
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
REQUESTED BY THE TOWN CLERK. Pending: DOH approval, TIPS certification for all servers and insurance,

24-5 Current Application/Current Owner
A-26-1 Transfer Application/New Owner

RIGL 3-7-7 Class B License
RIGL 3-5-19 Transfer or relocation of license

RI DBR Regulations

4. Provide a suggested Action
Motion to approve a 30-day extension on prior approval of an application for TRANSFER of Class B-V (full) Alcoholic Beverage License with Victualing FROM: Blackstone EG, Inc. d/b/a Blackstone EG TO: Ferrara's on Main Street, Inc. d/b/a Ferrara's on Main Street located at 241 Main Street to May 8, 2026, subject to full compliance as determined by the Town Clerk
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Leigh Carney, 401-886-8604

ATTACHMENTS:



Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
RESOLUTION to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,100,000 to fund the engineering, design, and construction, of wastewater Treatment Facility infrastructure improvements and associated sewer system improvements along Main Street and the Hunts River Interceptor corridor.
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Fred Gomes, Public Works
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
A resolution to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,100,000 to fund the engineering, design, and construction, of wastewater Treatment Facility infrastructure improvements and associated sewer system improvements along Main Street and the Hunts River Interceptor corridor.
4. Provide a suggested Action
A motion for resolution to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,100,000 to fund the engineering, design, and construction, of wastewater Treatment Facility infrastructure improvements and associated sewer system improvements along Main Street and the Hunts River Interceptor corridor.
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Fred Gomes, 401-886-8622

ATTACHMENTS:

[RIIB Council Request WasteWater Facility Upgrades 2026.pdf](#)

[East Greenwich Bonds 2026 - Resolution \(Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements\).docx](#)

[2026.03.24 EG Cost Estimate Review.pdf](#)



Town of East Greenwich

Public Works

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Town Council
From: Fred Gomes, Director of Public Works
Cc: Andrew Nota, Town Manager
Patricia Sunderland, Director of Finance
Date: April 1, 2026
Subject: \$11,100,000.00 Appropriation for engineering, design, construction, and equipping of critical wastewater infrastructure improvements

The purpose of this memorandum is to request Town Council consideration of a resolution authorizing the Town of East Greenwich to finance the engineering, design, construction, and equipping of critical wastewater infrastructure improvements, including upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTP) and associated sewer system improvements along Main Street and the Hunts River Interceptor corridor.

The resolution would further authorize the engineering and design services necessary to fully implement the project scope, including final design development, permitting, construction administration, and construction-phase services required to deliver these improvements.

The proposed resolution further authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,100,000 to fund these essential wastewater infrastructure investments.

The scope of the proposed project includes, as necessary:

- Engineering and design services for WWTP upgrades and sewer system improvements
- Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, including process improvements and UV disinfection system replacement
- Sewer system rehabilitation and/or replacement along Main Street
- Sewer system rehabilitation and interceptor improvements along the Hunts River corridor
- Construction of open-cut and trenchless sewer improvements as required
- Installation of modern wastewater treatment and disinfection infrastructure
- Associated electrical, mechanical, and control system improvements
- Site work, bypass pumping, utility coordination, and restoration
- All related work, services, and attendant expenses required to fully implement the improvements

These improvements are intended to ensure continued regulatory compliance, improve treatment reliability and capacity, enhance system resiliency, and address aging wastewater infrastructure that is critical to protecting public health and environmental quality.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility is a core component of the Town's environmental infrastructure, responsible for the treatment of all sanitary flows prior to discharge. The proposed improvements are necessary to maintain compliance with current and anticipated regulatory requirements, including updated treatment standards and system redundancy expectations.

The sewer collection system improvements are equally critical, as portions of the Main Street and Hunts River corridors include aging infrastructure that requires rehabilitation to reduce infiltration and inflow, improve hydraulic capacity, and ensure long-term system reliability. These improvements will help reduce the risk of system failures, sanitary sewer overflows, and emergency repairs.

The existing wastewater infrastructure presents increasing operational and maintenance challenges due to age, limited capacity, and evolving regulatory requirements. Without these improvements, the Town risks escalating maintenance costs, reduced system reliability, and potential non-compliance with environmental standards.

The proposed upgrades are intended to extend the useful life of the wastewater system, improve operational efficiency, and provide long-term cost savings by reducing emergency repairs and excessive inflow and infiltration impacts.

Authorization of the proposed bond financing will allow the Town to move forward with essential infrastructure investments that protect public health, support environmental compliance, and ensure reliable wastewater service for residents and businesses.

Therefore, I request a motion that the Town Council authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eleven Million one hundred thousand Dollars (\$11,100,000) to fund said improvements, and authorize the Town Manager, Finance Director, and other appropriate Town officials to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out this resolution.



Town of East Greenwich

State of Rhode Island

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, EXTENSION, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE TOWN'S SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUILDINGS, NITROGEN REMOVAL AND ULTRA VIOLET DISINFECTION FACILITIES, PUMP STATIONS, HEADWORKS, CLARIFIERS, INTERCEPTORS, RESILIENCY UPGRADES, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, STUDIES AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,100,000

RESOLVED, That:

SECTION 1. The sum of \$11,100,000 is appropriated to finance the construction, equipping, extension, replacement, repair, rehabilitation and improvement of the town's sewage collection and treatment system, including, but not limited to, buildings, nitrogen removal and ultra violet disinfection facilities, pump stations, headworks, clarifiers, interceptors, resiliency upgrades, design, engineering, studies and all attendant expenses (the "Projects").

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 45-12-2, the Director of Finance and the President of the Town Council are authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$11,100,000 (the "Bonds") in order to meet the foregoing appropriation.

SECTION 3. The said officers from time to time may issue and refund not exceeding \$11,100,000 interest bearing or discounted notes (the "Notes") in anticipation of the issue of said Bonds.

SECTION 4. The manner of sale, forms, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, interest rates, and other conditions and details of the Bonds and Notes authorized herein shall be fixed by the said officers. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Resolution to the contrary, the Town may enter into financing agreements with the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank pursuant to the provisions of chapter 12.2 of title 46 and, with respect to Notes or Bonds issued in connection with such financing agreements, if any, the Town may elect to have the provisions of chapter 12.2 of title 46 apply to the issuance of the Bonds or Notes issued hereunder to the extent the provisions of chapter 12.2 of title 46 are inconsistent herewith. Such election may be fixed by separate resolution of the Town Council, or, to the extent provisions for these matters are not so made, they may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the Bonds or Notes.

SECTION 5. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Director of Finance and President of the Town Council, acting on behalf of the Town, to issue the Bonds and Notes for the purposes set forth herein and to take all actions as they deem necessary to effect the issuance of the Notes and Bonds. The Bonds and Notes shall be issued by the Town under its corporate name and seal or a facsimile of such seal. The Bonds and Notes shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Director of Finance and President of the Town Council.

SECTION 6. The Director of Finance and President of the Town Council are hereby authorized to issue the Bonds and Notes and deliver them to the purchaser. To the extent that the Bonds and Notes are to be issued on a tax-exempt basis, said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions, on behalf of the Town, necessary to ensure that interest on the Bonds and Notes will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and to refrain from all actions which would cause interest on the Bonds and Notes to become subject to federal income taxes. The Director of Finance and the President of the Town Council are further authorized to take all lawful action necessary or desirable to designate the Bonds and Notes as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 7. The Bonds and Notes may be issued either alone or consolidated with other issues of notes or bonds of the Town.

SECTION 8. The Town’s Director of Finance is authorized to execute and deliver continuing disclosure certificates in connection with the Bonds and Notes issued by the Town, in such form as shall be deemed advisable by the Town’s Director of Finance. The Town hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of each continuing disclosure certificate, as it may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution or the Bonds or Notes, failure of the Town to comply with any continuing disclosure certificate shall not be considered an event of default; however, any bondholder or noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Town to comply with its obligations under this Resolution and under any continuing disclosure certificate.

SECTION 9. The Director of Finance and President of the Town Council are also authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the Town, to: (i) execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all other applications, agreements, documents, certificates or instruments necessary to effectuate such borrowing, including, without limitation, a Preliminary Official Statement, a final Official Statement, all in such form and with such provisions as such officer shall deem advisable; (ii) amend, modify or supplement the Bonds or Notes and any and all other applications, agreements, documents, certificates or instruments at any time and from time to time, in such manner and for such purposes as such officers shall deem necessary, desirable or advisable; (iii) do and perform all such other acts and things deemed by such officers to be necessary, desirable or advisable with respect to any matters contemplated by this Resolution in order to effectuate said borrowing and the intent hereof.

SECTION 10. This Resolution is an affirmative action of the Town Council toward the issuance of Bonds and Notes in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State. This Resolution constitutes the Town’s declaration of official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation

Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the Town's General Fund or the Sewer Fund for certain capital expenditures for the Projects paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this Resolution, but prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Notes. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$11,100,000, and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (b) the date the Projects are placed in service or abandoned, but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 11. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

MEMORANDUM



TO: Fred Gomes
CC: Jon Pratt, Riley Greene, Ken McKay
FROM: Paul Dombrowski
DATE: March 24, 2026
RE: Cost Estimate Review

We have reviewed the cost estimates for the WWTP, Hunts River, and Main Street projects and provide the following feedback.

We reviewed this with limited information available as there we no drawings or description of the scope of work to be performed. Therefore, we compared the costs provided to similar projects we've worked on and escalated project costs based on our assumption that a mid-point of construction for these projects would be March of 2027.

For comparison, the WWTP cost estimates provided included a 30% contingency and 20% for engineering (although slightly different values were used in the more recent UV system estimate provided by Geremia & Assoc.). However, neither of the sewer cost estimates provided included any allowances for either contingency or engineering. We have added a contingency of 20% for the sewer projects in our estimate which is standard for projects when estimates are developed at the conceptual phase. Consistent with the cost estimates provided for the sewer projects, we did not include any allowance for engineering fees in the OPC for the sewer projects.

The following are our best judgement for an Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the three projects, given the information available to W&C in comparison to the original estimates provided: (some from 2022 and others from 2025)

Summary of Wastewater Original Estimates vs. Estimated OPC in 2027		
	Original Estimate	Escalated OPC – Q1 2027
WWTP	\$7,200,000	\$7,350,000
Main St. Sewer	\$1,975,000	\$2,760,000
Hunts River Sewer	\$641,150	\$885,000
Total	\$9,816,150	\$11,095,000

Our notes and comments describing our approach to updating the cost estimates are presented below and our markups of the previously provided estimates are attached at the end of this memo.



1. WWTP - includes a series of improvements plus the UV system replacement that has been broken out separately.
 - a. The estimate provided includes a list of improvements that are based on costs as of November 2022 and these estimates included an allowance of 30% contingency and 20% for engineering.
 - b. We have a more recent estimate from Geremia & Associates on the UV system that includes allowances of 15% for engineering and 18% for contingency. The cost basis for this estimate is considered to be March 2026.
 - c. In all these estimates, there is very limited detail in what is included in the work to be completed, especially the UV system (especially given the regulatory standards for redundancy and flood resiliency). It does not appear that construction estimates for the WWTP are based on any detailed drawings.
 - d. Riley Greene has provided info that some aspects of the work on the WWTP site (hydrants) and in the Process Building has been completed and those costs have been removed from the WWTP estimate
 - e. The previous estimate of WWTP work was \$7,143,500 (rounded to \$7.2M). The combination of removing the work completed to date, increasing the cost associated with the updated estimate from Geremia (for the UV system) and then escalating the cost to a mid-point of construction of March 2027 results in an Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) of \$7,350,000.
2. Sewer Projects - includes estimates for sewer work on Main Street and the Hunts River Interceptor
 - a. Both estimates of sewer work include a list of quantities and unit prices for the work proposed. There is little detail of the nature of the work, such as depth of construction, proximity to other buildings/infrastructure or groundwater levels that will likely influence the costs. No drawings for this work have been provided.
 - b. Neither the Main St. nor Hunts River estimates include either engineering or contingency allowances.
 - c. The cost estimates for these sewer projects were developed on 8/29/25 (Main) and 9/29/25 (Hunts River)
 - d. Our review of the unit prices for both project cost estimates compared to other projects we've bid in Eastern MA and RI indicate that about half of the unit prices are reasonable and the remaining unit prices are less than we've seen on projects. As noted, conditions likely experienced during construction are not provided. We would not expect this would likely have a major impact on the Hunts River work (given it is predominately a lining project) but may be a significant factor for Main Street as we are interpreting that Main Street has a significant component of open cut construction.
 - e. The previous estimate for the Main Street sewer project was presented as \$1,975,1000. With our suggested increases in some unit prices, including a modest escalation factor for construction in 2027 and including a 20% contingency results in an OPC of \$2,760,000. This OPC does not include costs associated with engineering services.



- f. The previous estimate for Hunts River sewer project was presented as \$641,150. With our suggested increases in some unit prices, including a modest cost escalation factor for construction in 2027 and including a 20% contingency results in an OPC of \$885,000.

We are happy to set up a call to discuss our approach and to provide more info our how we approached this and/or for us to learn more details of the proposed projects that may influence how we estimated costs.

Near-Term WWTP Improvements Project Cost Estimate

Location/Facility	Summary of Proposed Upgrades	2022 Estimated Cost	2022 Estimated Cost with Completed work subtracted	2027 Estimated Cost (escalated)	Justification
Site/Civil	Replacement of yard hydrants and misc. landscaping	\$149,200	\$0	\$0	Work completed per RG
Water Street Pumping Station	Electrical upgrades to include surge protection, lighting, electrical boxes, receptacles, and MCC. Window and floor drain upgrades. HVAC upgrades to include supply, exhaust fans and unit heaters. Floor and ceiling coating replacement. Replacement of sump pumps.	\$657,200	\$657,200	\$724,892	
Headworks	Replacement of four slide gates. Guardrail upgrade. Replacement of windows and exterior doors. Electrical upgrades to switches/outlets and lighting. Replacement of damper and unit heater.	\$197,400	\$197,400	\$217,732	
Primary Clarifiers.	None at this time.		\$0		
Pump Chamber No.1	Replacement of lighting, unit heater, exhaust fan and a pressure reducing valve.	\$47,200	\$47,200	\$52,062	
Process Building	<i>First Floor</i> : Structural framing, handrail, steel frame columns, and concrete slab upgrades. New garage door, and painting of existing doors. Hypochlorite room tank replacement. Replacement of sludge piping and valving. <i>Second Floor</i> : Required ceiling paint work. Replacement of 10 doors and 31 windows. Bathroom repairs/upgrades including replacement of sinks and toilets. Electrical upgrades to include new MCC's, lighting, main switchboard and controls, and receptacles. HVAC upgrades to include replacement of office air handling unit, exhaust fans, unit heaters, and damper. Repair of sinks and cabinetry in lab. Exterior: Transite Roof Replacement & misc building envelope repairs.	\$2,653,000	\$2,037,900	\$2,247,804	Work completed per RG includes: hypo tank (\$64k), womens bath (\$21.6k), Unit heaters (\$209.3k), Exhaust fans (\$270.8k), bathrooms (\$49.4k)
Secondary Clarifiers and	Replacement of 6 slide gates and 2 stop gates.	\$156,800	\$156,800	\$172,950	
Pump Chamber No. 2	Replacement of sump pumps, lighting, exhaust fan, unit heater, and 2 roof ventilators. Installation of a protective coating on concrete surfaces and installation of a handrail.	\$131,000	\$131,000	\$144,493	
Nitrogen Removal Building	Replacement of 5 electric unit heaters, 3 level sensors, 6 ultrasonic level sensors, 2 sump pumps, 9 automatic valves for the denitrification filters, BAF filter media and underdrain, and a PLC.	\$1,168,500	\$1,160,500	\$1,280,032	Work completed per RG includes: mudwell level sensor (\$8k)
Parshall Flume	None at this time.				
UV Disinfection	Replacement of UV unit and composite sampler as well as required concrete and mechanical piping upgrades. (updated estimate from March 2026)	\$1,983,200	\$2,447,000	\$2,511,601	Estimate changed to 2026 pricing by Jim Geremia, escalated to 2027 costs
Total Cost		7,143,500	6,835,000	Escalated Cost 7,351,565	

1. Budgetary costs are based on a November 2022 ENR 20-City National Average Construction Cost Index of 13175 and include material costs, installation costs, demolition costs (where appropriate), general conditions costs, the contractor's overhead and profit, and a 30% contingency.

Main Street Rehab and Lining - Geremia Estimate of 8/29/25

W&C Unit Prices

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost		Updated Unit Prices	Updated Line Item Costs
1	Cleaning & CCTV	LF	3,740	\$ 10.00	\$ 37,400		\$ 10.00	\$ 37,400
2	Locating Service Laterals	EA	70	\$ 200.00	\$ 14,000		\$ 200.00	\$ 14,000
3	Earth Excavation & Refill for Test Pits	CY	800	\$ 100.00	\$ 80,000		\$ 100.00	\$ 80,000
4	Borrow Gravel	CY	2,800	\$ 30.00	\$ 84,000		\$ 30.00	\$ 84,000
5	CB Erosion Control	EA	40	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,800		\$ 70.00	\$ 2,800
6	Calcium Chloride	LBS	1,000	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,000		\$ 1.00	\$ 1,000
7	Removal & Disposal Debris	TON	25	\$ 250.00	\$ 6,250		\$ 300.00	\$ 7,500
8	15" CIPP Liner	LF	750	\$ 105.00	\$ 78,750		\$ 125.00	\$ 93,750
9	14" CIPP Liner	LF	930	\$ 100.00	\$ 93,000		\$ 120.00	\$ 111,600
10	12" CIPP Liner	LF	1,500	\$ 93.00	\$ 139,500		\$ 95.00	\$ 142,500
11	10" CIPP Liner	LF	200	\$ 85.00	\$ 17,000		\$ 85.00	\$ 17,000
12	8" CIPP Liner	LF	360	\$ 80.00	\$ 28,800		\$ 80.00	\$ 28,800
13	Furnish & Install 15" SDR 35	LF	200	\$ 270.00	\$ 54,000		\$ 337.50	\$ 67,500
14	Furnish & Install 15" C900	LF	40	\$ 300.00	\$ 12,000		\$ 375.00	\$ 15,000
15	Furnish & Install 12" SDR 35	LF	100	\$ 250.00	\$ 25,000		\$ 312.50	\$ 31,250
16	Furnish & Install 12" C900	LF	40	\$ 275.00	\$ 11,000		\$ 343.75	\$ 13,750
17	Furnish & Install 10" SDR 35	LF	20	\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000		\$ 312.50	\$ 6,250
18	Furnish & Install 8" SDR 35	LF	30	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,000		\$ 250.00	\$ 7,500
19	Furnish & Install 6" SDR 35	LF	1,400	\$ 200.00	\$ 280,000		\$ 250.00	\$ 350,000
20	Furnish & Install 6" C900	LF	300	\$ 250.00	\$ 75,000		\$ 312.50	\$ 93,750
21	Furnish & Install 4" SDR 35	LF	100	\$ 200.00	\$ 20,000		\$ 250.00	\$ 25,000
22	Furnish & Install 15 x 6 SDR35 Wye	EA	37	\$ 500.00	\$ 18,500		\$ 625.00	\$ 23,125
23	Furnish & Install 15 x 6 C900 Wye	EA	10	\$ 750.00	\$ 7,500		\$ 937.50	\$ 9,375
24	Furnish & Install 12 x 6 SDR35 Wye	EA	20	\$ 450.00	\$ 9,000		\$ 562.50	\$ 11,250
25	Furnish & Install 12 x 6 C900 Wye	EA	4	\$ 700.00	\$ 2,800		\$ 875.00	\$ 3,500
26	Furnish & Install 10 x 6 SDR35 Wye	EA	2	\$ 450.00	\$ 900		\$ 562.50	\$ 1,125
27	Furnish & Install 8 x 6 C900 Wye	EA	6	\$ 700.00	\$ 4,200		\$ 875.00	\$ 5,250
28	Furnish & Install Precast Concrete Chimneys	VFT	150	\$ 250.00	\$ 37,500		\$ 250.00	\$ 37,500
29	3" Temporary Patch	SY	2,500	\$ 40.00	\$ 100,000		\$ 75.00	\$ 187,500
30	Remove & Dispose Concrete Base	SY	2,000	\$ 50.00	\$ 100,000		\$ 50.00	\$ 100,000
31	Full Depth Trench Patch	TON	550	\$ 250.00	\$ 137,500		\$ 250.00	\$ 137,500
32	Waterborne Pavement Markings	LF	2,800	\$ 0.50	\$ 1,400		\$ 0.50	\$ 1,400
33	Epoxy Resin Pavement Markings	LF	2,800	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,800		\$ 1.00	\$ 2,800
34	Remove & Dispose AC Pipe	LF	100	\$ 5.00	\$ 500		\$ 50.00	\$ 5,000
35	Soil Compaction Trench Testing	ALLOW	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
36	Unforeseen Issues	ALLOW	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
37	Furnish & Install Additional SDR 35 Fittings	EA	30	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,000		\$ 125.00	\$ 3,750
38	Furnish & Install Additional C900 Fittings	EA	20	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,000		\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000
39	Furnish & Install SRF Sign	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000
40	Furnish & Install Conc. Base	SY	2,000	\$ 200.00	\$ 400,000		\$ 200.00	\$ 400,000
Contingency					20%	\$ 395,020		\$ 447,885

Total \$ 2,370,120 \$ 2,687,310

Escalation Factor 0.0265

Notes
 No erosion control other than CB
 No understanding of coordination with other work
 20% cont includes \$ for fuel factor
 No engineering costs included

Escalated Cost \$ 2,758,524

Hunts River Interceptor Lining - Geremia Estimate of 9/29/25

W&C Unit Prices

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost		Updated Unit Prices	Updated Line Item Costs
1	Cleaning & CCTV	LF	8,200	\$ 6.00	\$ 49,200		\$ 8.00	\$ 65,600
2	Cleaning & CCTV 16" Route 4	LF	540	\$ 30.00	\$ 16,200		\$ 30.00	\$ 16,200
3	Removal & Disposal Debris	TON	50	\$ 250.00	\$ 12,500		\$ 300.00	\$ 15,000
4	15" CIPP Liner	LF	725	\$ 105.00	\$ 76,125		\$ 125.00	\$ 90,625
5	12" CIPP Liner	LF	3,625	\$ 93.00	\$ 337,125		\$ 95.00	\$ 344,375
6	Sealing of Joints	EA	40	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,000		\$ 150.00	\$ 6,000
7	CIP Short Liner	EA	20	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 90,000		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 90,000
8	Filter Sock	LF	9,000	\$ 6.00	\$ 54,000		\$ 10.00	\$ 90,000
Contingency				20%	\$ 128,230			\$ 143,560

Total \$ 769,380 \$ 861,360

Escalation Factor 0.0265

No engineering in estimate

Escalated Cost \$ 884,186



Town of East Greenwich, RI

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

Town Council Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

1. Agenda Item (List as it should appear on the agenda)
Appointment of East Greenwich member of the Board of Directors to the Quonset Point Development Corporation to fill a vacancy for the remainder of a three-year term to expire December 31, 2027.
2. Submitted by (List department and individual, if necessary)
Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
3. Provide a brief description of the item and why it is on the agenda
Per RIGL 42-64.10

Terms are 3-years, max 2 terms. After 12 months, can be re-appointed.
4. Provide a suggested Action
Motion to appoint _____ as the East Greenwich member of the Board of Directors to the Quonset Point Development Corporation to fill a vacancy for the remainder of a three-year term to expire December 31, 2027
5. Contact person and phone number for questions.
Andrew E Nota, 401-886-8676

ATTACHMENTS: