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Lisa Bourbonnais 2012

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Name: Lisa Bourbonnais

Title: Planning Director

Company: Town of East Greenwich, RI

Birthplace: Norton, VA

Family: Husband Richard and two sons, Christian and Grayson

College: Masters Degree in Urban Planning from Virginia Tech - Go Hokies!

First job unrelated to your current field: Farm hand

First job in current field: Economic Development Planner for a regional consortium in Virginia.

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? As one of Rhode Island's most desirable communities to live, work, and play in, staff strives to ensure that East Greenwich provides affordable, quality services leading to economic, social and environmental vitality for its residents and businesses.

Hobbies: I recently discovered paddle-boarding - my new favorite pastime

Favorite short story: "Send Me to the Electric Chair," by Clyde Edgerton (later made into the novel "Where Trouble Sleeps," which is not my favorite novel).

Favorite film: The recently released and filmed entirely in Rhode Island "Moonrise Kingdom!"

Keys to success: Listen well, learn fast, stay positive, and be yourself.

Person you admire most (outside of family): Matthew Bourne

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? Playwright

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