

At the Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown, County of Washington, and State of Rhode Island, held in and for said Town, County, and State this 20th day of March, 2023 at the Municipal Office Court/Meeting Room, 100 Fairway Drive, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Gregory A. Mancini, President
Katherine K. Anderson
Lawrence C. Mandel
Matthew B. McCoy
Dr. Kimberly Ann Page

ALSO PRESENT: A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager
Jeannette Alyward, Town Clerk
Susan A. Murray, Deputy Town Clerk

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1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown held on March 20, 2023 was called to order by President Mancini.

2. Notice of Meeting being posted

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-6(c), notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's Website.

3. Salute to Flag

President Mancini led those in attendance in a salute to the flag.

I. WORK SESSION

President Mancini stated that tonight we are going to continue our department's budget submissions and adoption of the preliminary budget. The public hearing for the municipal and school budgets will be held on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. and adoption of the final budget will be on April 24th.

4. Town Manager's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Interim Superintendent Dr. Frank Pallotta reviewed the following handout that was provided to the Council. (03:15)

FY 2024 North Kingstown School Department Budget



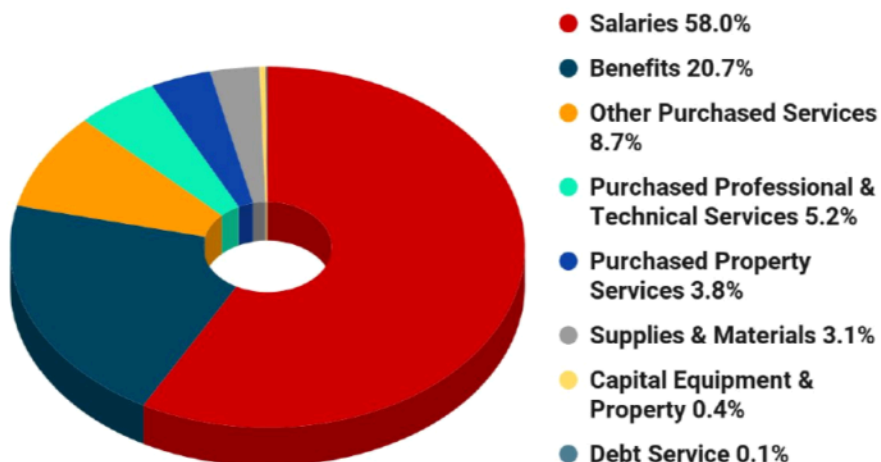
Presented to the
North Kingstown School Committee
March 9, 2023

Fixed Cost Increases 2023-2024

Category	Additional \$ over 22/23
Substitutes	470,372
Statewide Transportation	261,014
Pension	313,059
Fuel (Transportation)	194,216
Utilities (Elec, Gas)	154,423
Custodial Services	106,600
Interpreters/Therapists	78,250
Non-Medical Insurance	31,403
Out-of-District Tuitions	9,226
TOTAL	1,618,563



Overview of 2023-2024 Budget



Estimate of How Budget Will Be Funded

	2022-2023 APPROVED	2023 -2024 REQUEST	DIFFERENCE	% over FY23 Revised
Town Appropriation	57,273,515	59,526,422	+2,252,907	3.934%
State Aid	11,541,757	11,557,376	+15,619	0.001%
Fund Balance - Reappropriation	500,000	500,000	0	
Tuitions	4,268,600	4,268,600	0	
Medicaid	300,000	300,000	0	
Other Earnings	103,000	130,000	+27,000	
Investment Earnings	15,000	60,000	+45,000	
TOTAL	74,001,872	76,342,398	+2,340,526	3.163%



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Object	Description	FY24 Budget	Variance FY24/FY23	2023 Revised Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
	\$	2,252,907	3.934%			
41210	OTHER TAXES-LOCAL GOVT UNIT	59,526,422	-	57,273,515	55,876,600	53,906,526
41211	SUPPL TAXES-LOCAL GOVT UNIT		-	-	500,000	400,000
41250	RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUND BAL	500,000	-	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
41310	TUITION FROM INDIVIDUALS	150,000	-	150,000	156,648	66,994
41321	TUITIONS FROM OTHER LEAS	4,118,600	-	4,118,600	4,498,811	4,108,461
41440	TRANSP FRM OTHER PRIVATE SRCS		-	-	-	-
41510	INVESTMENT EARNINGS - SCHOOL F	60,000	45,000	15,000	23,690	28,746
41707	OTHER FEES	60,000	-	60,000	67,476	61,183
41901	RENTAL INCOME-15% CAPITAL RESR	20,000	20,000	-	16,586	14,702
41920	GIFTS / DONATIONS		-	-	-	-
41940	SALE/RENTAL OF TEXTBOOKS		-	-	-	-
41950	MISC REVENUE OTHER DISTRICTS		-	-	-	-
41980	REFUNDS OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENDIT		(8,000)	8,000	49,766	64,938
41990	MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS		-	-	-	-
43101	STATE AID UNRESTRICTED	11,557,376	15,619	11,541,757	11,295,672	11,861,298
44202	MEDICAID REVENUE	300,000	-	300,000	455,920	310,961
45208	FUND TRANSFER IN-INDIRECT COST	50,000	15,000	35,000	41,373	35,282
45209	FUND TRANSFER IN-CIP/MISC		-	-	5,483	103,597
45210	FUND TRANSFER IN-PAYROLL FUND		-	-	-	-
45211	FUND TRANSFER IN FROM GRANT		-	-	-	10,000
45301	SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY		-	-	800	-
46101	REFUNDS-CURRENT YEAR		-	-	-	-
46601	Insurance Proceeds		-	-	1,791	-
		76,342,398	87,619	74,001,872	73,490,616	71,972,688

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Objec	UCOA Description	FY24 Budget	Variance FY24/FY23	2023 Revised Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
51110	Regular Salaries	44,231,296	1,540,698	42,417,473	40,516,551	39,379,071
52100	Health/Medical Benefits	15,834,917	(932,180)	16,651,666	15,032,210	15,055,022
53202	Speech Therapists	40,000	7,600	32,400	47,942	37,939
53203	Occupational Therapists	13,000	3,500	9,500	-	3,075
53204	Therapists	41,700	16,100	25,600	39,839	27,952
53205	Psychologists	356,000	336,000	20,000	299,807	179,810
53206	Audiologists	11,000	850	10,150	11,710	14,646
53207	Interpreters and Translators	81,500	78,250	3,250	3,384	2,344
53208	Orientation and Mobility Specialists	141,800	40,258	101,542	106,762	173,939
53210	Performing Arts	-	-	-	-	-
53212	Payment for Services - Volunteers	22,100	1,950	20,150	20,000	-
53213	Evaluations	21,000	6,000	15,000	1,500	7,355
53216	Tutoring Services	39,809	13,000	30,000	35,922	39,741
53218	Student Assistance	70,000	-	70,000	68,573	68,573
53220	Other Purchased Professional Educational Services	-	(250)	250	-	-
53221	Virtual Classrooms	4,500	(4,500)	9,000	6,630	9,690
53222	Web-based Supplemental Instructional Programs	257,142	(46,658)	303,800	124,431	236,151
53223	Instructional Teachers	1,572,974	604,254	1,073,518	1,165,841	838,369
53224	Personal-Care Attendants	131,250	(4,875)	136,125	42,847	25,375
53225	Other Substitutes	50,000	(29,650)	79,650	131,782	78,775
53301	Professional Development and Training Services	22,291	8,566	13,725	40,847	-
53302	Curriculum Development	75,000	3,800	71,200	9,836	22,396
53303	Conferences/Workshops	24,657	(14,832)	39,489	16,053	56,333
53401	Auditing/Actuarial Services	6,250	(48,750)	55,000	50,060	44,898
53402	Legal Services	180,000	-	180,000	282,946	172,591
53406	Other Services	45,236	39	45,197	78,917	45,807

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53409	Negotiations/Arbitration	50,000	-	50,000	1,325	2,650
53410	Police and Fire Details	8,000	(12,000)	20,000	16,256	82,801
53411	Physicians	250	(1,900)	2,150	2,000	2,000
53412	Dentists	375	(3,000)	3,375	3,220	3,220
53414	Medicaid Claims Provider	37,000	10,000	27,000	32,266	26,607
53416	Officials/Referees	53,500	-	53,500	37,584	38,989
53417	Contracted Nursing Services	306,290	12,832	293,458	163,221	153,370
53502	Other Technical Services	228,875	78,995	149,880	125,277	151,041
53503	Testing	5,000	1,390	3,610	331	1,035
53701	Other Charges	27,000	(4,832)	31,832	665	4,625
53703	Accreditation	-	-	-	-	-
53705	Shipping and Postage	16,000	(4,141)	20,141	15,300	18,191
53706	Catering/Food Reimbursement	10,500	(5,076)	15,576	3,765	3,123
54201	Rubbish Disposal Services	81,909	7,446	74,463	65,275	65,200
54202	Snow Plowing and Removal Services	50,000	-	50,000	47,145	39,830
54203	Custodial Services	1,746,600	106,600	1,640,000	1,631,548	1,973,317
54204	Groundskeeping Services	10,000	(4,975)	14,975	5,100	2,005
54205	Rodent and Pest Control Services	-	(200)	200	-	2,750
54206	Cleaning Services	-	-	-	-	-
54310	Non-Technology-Related Maintenance and Repairs	360,728	21,919	338,809	333,015	379,387
54311	Maintenance and Repairs - Fixtures and Equipment; Ser	2,500	(600)	3,100	2,065	2,615
54312	Maintenance and Repairs - General; Service Contracts a	61,000	11,547	49,453	33,827	45,551
54320	Maintenance and Repairs - Technology-Related Hardwa	5,250	2,750	2,500	2,385	2,385
54322	Maintenance and Repairs - HVAC; Service Contracts and	-	40,274	9,726	67,914	6,833
54323	Maintenance and Repairs - Glass; Service Contracts and	-	(3,000)	3,000	-	3,825
54402	Water	30,000	10,000	20,000	28,356	19,046
54403	Telephone	54,500	579	53,921	51,428	51,598
54405	Sewage/Cesspool	63,650	-	63,650	65,896	56,678
54406	Wireless Communications	25,000	(12,255)	37,255	23,305	24,879
54407	Internet Connectivity	30,000	21,836	8,164	9,884	7,106
54601	Renting Land and Buildings	127,921	7,551	120,370	119,504	118,843
54602	Rental of Equipment and Vehicles	163,050	46,301	116,749	159,127	126,709

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54603	Rentals of Computers and Related Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
54604	Graduation Rentals	12,000	(6,688)	18,688	9,903	19,250
54605	Ice Rink Rental	20,000	5,000	15,000	13,890	9,755
54606	Pool Rental	7,000	-	7,000	2,898	4,620
54902	Alarm and Fire Safety Services	85,000	(20,642)	105,642	91,100	56,270
54903	Moving and Rigging	-	-	-	-	-
54904	Vehicle Registration (Non-Student transportation vehicl	-	-	-	-	71
55110	Student Transportation Purchased from another School	1,000	-	1,000	6,959	850
55111	Transportation Contractors	1,996,755	261,014	1,735,741	1,895,665	1,579,125
55121	Vehicle Registration (Student Transportation Vehicles)	1,619	1,444	175	-	108
55201	Property and Liability Insurance	415,168	27,161	388,007	362,557	343,486
55202	Theft Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
55203	Fire Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
55206	Fleet/Vehicle Insurance	64,851	4,243	60,609	56,341	51,725
55207	Errors & Omissions Insurance (Directors and Officers)	-	-	-	-	-
55401	Advertising Costs	-	(18,750)	18,750	11,572	8,003
55501	Printing	2,000	(10,150)	12,150	1,750	4,110
55502	Binding	250	50	200	195	-
55610	Tuition to Other School Districts within the State	661,819	15,528	646,291	659,345	689,899
55630	Tuition to Private Sources	1,669,499	(93,501)	1,763,000	1,766,588	1,490,140
55640	Tuition to Educational Service Agencies within the State	108,418	56,418	52,000	-	52,681
55660	Tuition to Charter Schools	1,646,190	30,781	1,615,409	1,551,360	1,566,091
55690	Tuition - Other	90,000	-	90,000	47,047	85,973
55801	Board Travel	-	-	-	-	-
55802	Board Training	-	-	-	-	-
55803	Employee Travel - Non-Teachers	4,200	(3,763)	7,963	6,498	3,894
55807	Student Travel	-	-	-	-	-
55809	Employee Travel for TEACHERS Only	3,232	(2,068)	5,300	7,585	2,618
56101	General Supplies and Materials	335,740	(138,551)	474,291	406,943	1,140,517
56112	Uniform/Wearing Apparel Supplies	500	-	500	500	490
56113	Graduation Supplies	7,500	(7,500)	15,000	7,767	4,649
56115	Medical Supplies	8,800	(12,475)	21,275	13,908	22,929

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56116	Athletic Supplies	36,000	4,000	32,000	33,881	9,617
56117	Honors/Awards Supplies	3,300	-	3,300	1,704	2,168
56201	Natural Gas	330,023	63,023	267,000	300,021	262,273
56202	Gasoline	88,000	53,000	35,000	59,673	29,950
56203	Diesel Fuel	231,276	136,216	95,060	191,611	78,137
56204	Propane	200	-	200	57	172
56207	Vehicle Maintenance Supplies/Parts	40,422	24,364	16,058	35,149	15,655
56208	Bottled Gas	-	-	-	-	-
56209	Fuel Oil	15,000	5,000	10,000	11,572	5,503
56211	Other Supplies	18,000	1,550	16,450	29,002	13,042
56213	Glass	1,500	1,500	-	-	-
56214	Paint	11,000	(10,000)	21,000	8,222	10,317
56215	Electricity	863,000	91,400	771,600	818,730	784,442
56216	Lumber and Hardware	15,000	(10,980)	25,980	25,686	19,862
56217	Plumbing and Heating Supplies	70,000	(39,795)	109,795	105,657	64,835
56218	Electrical Supplies	7,649	-	7,649	1,583	3,821
56219	Custodial Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
56220	Materials for Snow and Ice Removal	-	-	-	-	-
56221	Lamps and Lights	5,004	-	5,004	849	2,078
56401	Textbooks	184,300	163,539	70,761	35,009	51,459
56402	Library Books	33,872	4,099	29,773	26,366	12,572
56403	Reference Books	-	-	-	-	-
56404	Subscriptions and Periodicals	17,981	14,611	3,370	4,798	1,771
56405	Book Repairs	100	100	-	-	83
56406	Textbooks - Non-Public	-	(10,500)	10,500	2,340	2,100
56407	Web-based Software and Databases - Library	18,000	(1,500)	19,500	32,695	13,030
56410	Textbooks - Dual and Concurrent Enrollment	-	(5,450)	5,450	2,236	4,841
56501	Technology-Related Supplies	45,300	(29,700)	75,000	42,642	37,862
57102	Land Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
57202	Building Improvements	-	(8,676)	8,676	79,067	98,231
57301	Vehicles	-	(26,152)	26,152	6,264	-
57303	Buses	-	0	(0)	45,849	270,214

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57305	Equipment	82,850	(45,396)	128,246	52,181	153,933
57306	Furniture and Fixtures	-	(5,500)	5,500	3,655	11,420
57309	Technology-Related Hardware	-	(80,110)	80,110	843,516	799,683
57311	Technology Software	201,993	(38,307)	240,300	293,471	305,514
58101	Professional Organization Fees	26,510	(8,474)	34,984	22,815	32,345
58102	Other Dues and Fees	26,258	(22,777)	49,035	52,895	21,170
58103	Bank Fees	-	-	-	5,959	-
58104	License & Permit Fees	-	-	-	-	-
58201	Tax Liability/Penalty	-	-	-	6,123	-
58206	Claims and Settlements	-	(51,000)	51,000	51,000	56,575
58401	Real and Personal Property Tax Payment	-	(2,885)	2,885	-	2,804
58901	Other Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-	-	(353)	11,611
58902	Bad Debt Expense	-	-	-	-	194
59102	Fund Transfers Out - No. 2	-	-	-	211,000	157,500
59105	Fund Transfers Out - No. 5	-	-	-	-	19,288
77303	Buses (Contra Account)	-	-	-	(42,049)	(42,049)
	Fiscal Impact of SC Requested					
	Total Budgeted Expenses	76,342,398	2,159,960	74,001,872	71,502,625	70,397,336

Mr. Mollis stated that the number presented tonight is different than what is reflected in his budget.

The Council thanked Mr. Pallotta and the School Committee.

The Council recessed the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

The Council reconvened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Police Chief Flanagan and Captain Urban reviewed the Police Department Budget (Page 36), Animal Control Budget (Page 38), and Harbormaster’s Budget (Page 39) with the Council. (41:50)

Town Clerk Jeannette Alyward reviewed the Town Clerk’s Budget (Page 23), Board of Canvassers Budget (Page 24), and Municipal Court Budget (Page 59) with the Council. (1:30:40)

5. Public Comment

Lisa Garcia, 394 Westmoreland Lane, Saunderstown, stated that she is a math teacher at the High School and is in favor of the School Budget, especially for the Mental Health Profession and the need for late buses. She also stated that teacher recruitment is difficult because teachers are looking for the best system and there are many places to apply.

Jordan Albernaz, 109 Mount View Road, Narragansett, stated that he is also a teacher at the High School and in favor of the School Budget. He echoes what Lisa Garcia stated earlier.

II. NEW BUSINESS

6. Adoption of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$39,370,562.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$5,365,110.00.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Allen Harbor Budget in the amount of \$442,058.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Golf Course Budget in the amount of \$1,968,137.00.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously
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VOTED: To adopt the Water Fund Budget in the amount of \$5,784,736.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Municipal Court Fund Budget in the amount of \$198,921.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Sewer Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,568,684.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Transfer Station Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,354,673.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Library Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,697,267.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Town Appropriation – School Fund in the amount of \$59,526,442.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the State Aid – School Fund in the amount of \$11,557,376.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the FY2024 Town Council Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$129,833,966.00.

7. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk