

At the Regular 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 25th day of March, 2024 at the Town Hall Council Chambers, 80 Boston Neck Road, at 7:00 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
 James M. Callaghan, Town Solicitor

An audio recording and video recording of this meeting was made to supplement the written record.

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown held on March 25, 2024 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. SPECIAL BUSINESS

4. Advise and Consent of the Town Council of the Town Manager's appointment of the Police Chief

Town Manager Mollis stated that he is very pleased to appoint Capt. John J. Urban, Jr. as our 11th Police Chief. John joined the North Kingstown Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 2002, while a member of the RI Army National Guard, 169th Military Police Company.

John has completed extensive NKPD and US Army training with many certificates and commendations awarded to him in his many years of service to each organization. Most notably, John received a Town Citation in 2004, for his service to the Army with Operation Iraqi Freedom and was twice honored as the Rotary Officer of the Year for protecting the life of a fellow officer in 2009, and for actions undertaken to save an entrapped citizen in 2013.

In his 22 years with the Police Department, John has successfully served in many capacities, including: Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Administrative Lieutenant, and Administrative Captain. He has been Acting Chief of Police since the fall of 2023, and prides himself on his record that includes distinguished military service, continued professional development, and a proved history of good management and leadership practice.

John and his wife Tara live in North Kingstown with their three children.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: In accordance with Section 510 of the Charter of the Town of North Kingstown, the Town Council hereby gives their advise and consent of the Town Manager's appointment of John Urban to the position of Police Chief.

5. Public Comment

President Mancini stated that he would like to acknowledge the sports at the high school and the successes of our teams. The girls basketball team made it to the final four, the hockey team also made it to the final four, the boys swim team was a runner up, the girls swim team was a runner up, and the boys basketball made it to the playoffs for the first time in three years.

Jennifer Lima stated that she is here in her capacity as the president of T.A.N.K. She has two (2) items on the Consent Agenda, the Book Festival on April 6, 2024 and the Pride Parade on June 2, 2024.

Kathleen Guarino, 139 Summit View Lane, handed a book to the Town Council written by Martin Luther King, entitled, Beyond Vietnam Time to Break the Silence. It was a speech given in the Riverside Church on April 4, 1967 during the Vietnam War. She stated that the speech could be written today for Gaza by sadly replacing the word Vietnam with Gaza. She asked that the Council please read the book.

Kathleen Kilcline stated that she is not in favor of the appointment of the new Police Chief, John Urban. She is the mother of Mark Kilcline who was fatally injured by this officer in 2009 and passed away in 2013. She was told by a few officers that there is a new course for new recruits on how to handle the type of situation that happened that day.

Tara Urban stated that mother to mother she is sorry for Ms. Kilcline’s loss, and she also lost a child. She further stated that Chief Urban is a very imperfect man, but he is a fantastic Police Officer, an amazing father, and incredible husband.

Acting Police Captain Eli Mulligan stated that he is very sensitive to Ms. Kilcline’s situation. He does understand what she is going through because he also lost a daughter in a homicide. He is not equating this to a homicide, but he can relate to how she feels because it never goes away. However, he stated that with regard to her incident, this was scrutinized at the highest level including the Attorney General and the Rhode Island State Police and they found in this particular case, the officers were cleared. In addition, as an Officer, he stated that he has worked with Chief Urban for two decades and he feels that Chief Urban is invaluable to this community.

President Mancini asked the Council if based on the public comment if any Council Member would like to reconsider their vote. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that they have confidence in Chief Urban and support him 100 percent.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 6 through 31 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Numbers 15, 28, and 29.

6. Approval of Minutes

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024 and the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2024 as submitted by the Office of the Town Clerk.

7. Receipt of Donations

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the following donations in the amount of \$40.00:

For: Beechwood Senior Center	
To be used for the Mealsite	
From: Anonymous	\$25.00
For: Beechwood Senior Center	
From: Anonymous	\$15.00

8. Receipt of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 given by an anonymous donor to be used by the Recreation Department towards 2023 summer camp scholarships.

9. Acceptance of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the donation of a Tree of Life Sculpture given by the North Kingstown Arts Council to be displayed "on the rock" in Old Library Park.

10. Approval of Eco-Land Art Installation Proposal – Yorktown Gateway

VOTED: To approve the proposal submitted by MaryAnn O'Halloran and Susan Fox for Eco-Land Art Installation at Yorktown Gateway and authorize the Town Solicitor to prepare a maintenance agreement to be signed by the Town Manager.

11. Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2022

VOTED: To accept the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2022 (CDBG-22) Competitive Block Grant Award in the amount of \$150,150.00 as follows:

North Kingstown Recreation Summer Camp Scholarships	*\$ 5,250.00
Crossroads RI Housing Services for NK Homeless Families	**\$144,900.00

*includes admin fee of \$250.00

**includes admin fee of \$6,900.00

12. Keep Rhody Litter Free Resolution

A resolution was passed as follows:

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is known for its natural beauty, including its pristine beaches, vibrant cities, and rural towns. Specifically, the Town of North Kingstown enjoys its clean beaches, public parks, and playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders in all thirty-nine cities and towns should be able to live in clean, litter-free, and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, as municipal officials, we are the stewards of such; and

WHEREAS, we must make a commitment to investing in environmental protection and educating residents on its importance and connection to improving our state’s overall health; and

WHEREAS, we will work with our state partners to advance these goals, such as hosting community cleanups, passing local litter-related ordinances, or working on shifting community culture around littering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town of North Kingstown:

- 1) Formally pledges to Keep Rhody Litter Free by supporting Governor Daniel J. McKee’s Litter Free Rhode Island campaign; and
- 2) Encourages each of the residents of the Town of North Kingstown to join us in taking this pledge by visiting litterfree.ri.gov; and
- 3) Commits to fulfill our pledge through coordinating various events such as community cleanups.

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon passage of this Resolution it be sent to His Excellency, the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Daniel J. McKee.

13. Resolution regarding the Port of Davisville

A resolution was passed as follows:

WHEREAS, the Quonset Business Park (hereinafter “Quonset”) is located within the municipality of North Kingstown; and

WHEREAS, Quonset makes a significant contribution to the North Kingstown economy as well as our local environment; and

WHEREAS, Quonset has been a leader in Rhode Island development of the offshore wind industry; and

WHEREAS, the cable for the Revolution Wind project is already plugged in at Quonset, and will supply 704 MWs of clean, affordable offshore wind power – enough to power 350,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, Quonset, and its infrastructure, are already essential to meeting Rhode Island’s Act on Climate objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Davisville is home to one of the top 10 auto importers in North America; and

WHEREAS, the offshore wind industry’s development has already led to a substantial increase in port activity; and

WHEREAS, of the 260 ship calls at Davisville last year, 40 were from offshore wind construction vessels alone; and

WHEREAS, in the first two months of this year, the port has already seen 13 ship calls supporting offshore wind – a pace that would nearly double last year’s numbers; and

WHEREAS, Quonset and the Port of Davisville has antiquated World War II infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in Article 5 of the governor’s proposed budget to the general assembly, he includes a proposed question that states in part to the citizens of Rhode Island asking them to approve \$20,000,000 for the continued growth and modernization of the Port of Davisville in order to accommodate the needs of the auto importers and growth of the offshore wind industry; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the citizens of Rhode Island, these proposed improvements to the Port of Davisville will further enhance the Port of Davisville’s economic and environmental contribution to the State of Rhode Island and the Town of North Kingstown.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of North Kingstown supports the governor’s proposed question to the citizens of Rhode Island and asks that the general assembly include such a question in its final budget.

14. Award of Bid

VOTED: To award the bid for the Fire Department for Trench Coats/Raincoats from Stillman Uniforms, 271 Post Road, Westerly, RI 02891, in the amount of \$19,270.00.

Funding is from the Rescue Billing Account.

15. Award of Bid

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To award the bid for the Police Department for one (1) 2024 Dodge Durango Police Command Vehicle (\$41,438.00) and three (3) 2024 Dodge Durango Police Patrol Vehicles (\$40,900.00 each) to Bald Hill Dodge of Warwick, 1035 Bald Hill Road, Warwick, RI 02886, in the amount of \$164,138.00; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To award the bid for Upfitting for these four (4) Vehicles to Global Public Safety, RI, 60 Alhambra Road, Suite 6, Warwick, RI 02886, in the amount of \$70,190.00 (Command Vehicle - \$11,465.00 and Patrol Vehicles - \$19,575.00 each).

Funding is from ARPA - Acct. 17808120-550701.

16. Approval of Sole Source Purchase

VOTED: To approve the Sole Source Purchase for the Sewer Department for a Channel Grinder Core Replacement from Boydco, 101 Commercial Way, East Providence, RI 02914, in the amount of \$32,700.00.

Funding is from the FY2024 Sewer Department - System Maintenance Account 54500000-531105.

17. Award of Bid

VOTED: To award the bid for the Water Department for the purchase of fifteen (15) Fire Hydrants to Warwick Winwater Company, 62 Wyoming Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888, for a total bid price of \$49,995.00.

Funding is from Capital Outlay 44040090-550701 - Water Service Improvements.

18. Detective License (new)

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2024 the application for a Detective License by Jaime Calore, 18 Bowline Drive, subject to taxes and water paid to date and receipt of a bond.

19. Class F Alcoholic Beverage License (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for a Class F Alcoholic Beverage License by the Wickford Art Association, 36 Beach Street, to serve beer and wine at an acoustic trio concert to be held at the art gallery building, 36 Beach Street, on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date.

20. Entertainment License (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Entertainment License by the Wickford Art Association, 36 Beach Street, to hold an Acoustic Trio Concert at the art gallery building, 36 Beach Street, on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

21. Entertainment License (new) (annual)

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2024 the application for an annual Entertainment License by Overabarrel LLC, dba Barrique Wine Bar, 7610 Post Road, Unit 5, to have live entertainment from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on various days throughout the week including some afternoons, subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

22. Exhibition License (no vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with no vendors by Meryl Gendreau, dba Grooves on West, LLC, 7358 Post Road, to hold a dance recital at the North Kingstown Town Beach Bandshell and the Cold Spring Community Center on Saturday, June 29, 2024 (rain date Sunday, June 30, 2024), from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

23. Exhibition License (1-10 vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 1-10 vendors by Towards an Anti-Racist North Kingstown (TANK), 72 Pine Tree Circle, to hold a public Book Festival, at the North Kingstown High School, 150 Fairway Drive, on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a copy of their Nonprofit 501C paperwork; receipt of a Show Promoter's Permit; receipt of a list of vendors at the Town Clerk's Office by April 5, 2024 (which shall include their name, address, phone number, Tax ID Number, type of merchandise, and date of birth); and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

24. Exhibition License (1-10 vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 1-10 vendors by Towards an Anti-Racist North Kingstown (TANK), 4 Hickory Drive, to hold a Pride Celebration following the Pride Parade, at the Wickford Middle School, 250 Tower Hill Road, on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a copy of their Nonprofit 501C paperwork; receipt of a Show Promoter's Permit; receipt of a list of vendors at the Town Clerk's Office by May 31, 2024; and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

25. Exhibition License (11-20 vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 11-20 vendors by RI Independent Contractors & Associates, PO Box 223, Exeter and the North Kingstown Rotary Club, PO Box 807, North Kingstown, to hold a charity Touch-a-Truck Event on the grounds of Romano Vineyard Way, North Kingstown, on Sunday, May 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a letter of permission from the property owner; receipt of a Show Promoter's Permit; receipt of a list of vendors at the Town Clerk's Office by May 17, 2024 (which shall include their name, address, phone number, Tax ID Number, type of merchandise, and date of birth); and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

26. Exhibition License (11-20 vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 11-20 vendors by Anthony Gorton, dba Kicks and Tricks, 127 Louisiana Avenue, Warwick 02888, to hold a sneaker exhibit at Wide World of Indoor Sports, 1610 Davisville Road, on Sunday, April 21, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a Show Promoter's Permit; receipt of a list of vendors at the Town Clerk's Office by April 19, 2024 (which shall include their name, address, phone number, Tax ID Number, type of merchandise, and date of birth); and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

27. Exhibition License (31-40 vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 31-40 vendors by Show Me Reptiles LLC, 189 Surrey Drive, Troy, MO 63379, to hold a reptile and exotic pet expo at Wide World of Indoor Sports, 1610 Davisville Road, on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a Show Promoter's Permit; receipt of a list of vendors at the Town Clerk's Office by April 26, 2024; and compliance with the

recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

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28. Peddler License (new)

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To approve to February 1, 2025 the application for a Peddler License by Buttercup the Flower Truck LLC, 4 Brown Street, subject to taxes and water paid to date and receipt of the following:

1. RI Retail Sales Tax Permit
2. Rhode Island Department of Health Certificate (if necessary)
3. Litter Tax Permit (if necessary)
4. Letter of consent from the property owner where vending (if stationary)
5. Motor Vehicle Registration (if necessary)

29. Victualling License (new)

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2024 the application for a Victualling License by Buttercup the Flower Truck LLC, 4 Brown Street, subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a certificate from the RI Department of Health; receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy; receipt of a copy of their Rhode Island Retail Sales Tax Permit; and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Marshall, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

30. Amendment to the 2024 Town Council Meeting Schedule

VOTED: To amend the Town Council Meeting Schedule for 2024 as follows:

Cancel the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2024

31. Pole Locations

VOTED: To grant the petition by National Grid for the placement of three (3) pole locations on Narrow Lane.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

32. Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License and Entertainment License (new)

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the application for a Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License and Entertainment License, expiring on December 1, 2024, by Overabarrel LLC, dba Barrique Wine Bar, 7610 Post Road, Unit 5, subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of Alcohol Server Training Certifications; receipt of a certificate from the Rhode Island Department of Health; receipt of a Rhode Island Retail Sales Tax Permit; receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy; receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing; and compliance with the recommendations of the Building Official, the Fire Marshall, and the Planning Department.

IV. REPORTS

33. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:

Projects

- We had our regularly scheduled meeting with Revolution Wind last week regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project. They are beginning to ramp up work on this project. In a summary of their activities, they will continue the installation of the King Piles until early May. They will restart the duct bank construction this week. They are going to begin the Pipe Pile Driving shortly. This will be the most disruptive part of their project and could last up to 6 months. Because of the anticipated noise, they are in the middle of extensive public outreach within the adjacent neighborhoods. They have requested of my office the opportunity to work weekends, which is allowable, the potential of police details for the Camp Avenue Gate, and permission to work during the evening and early morning as well. I want to let the Council know that in accordance with Section 8.93 of our Ordinances, I will be denying their request to work through the night as our Ordinance prohibits the operation of tools or equipment in construction, drilling, demolition, etc. between the hours of 6pm – 7am. We are scheduled to meet with them this Thursday.
- We continue to meet on a hopeful plan for a November Bond Question for a Public Safety Complex. We continue to face isolated challenges as we attempt to revise the plan that was on the ballot in 2023. We hope to introduce a possible plan and ballot question for your discussion and action at your April 29th Town Council Meeting.
- The Planning Department and I have been meeting with the representatives of Good Energy and are working on having them attend and be present at your April 29th Town Council Meeting.
- And the long-awaited Streetscape/Municipal Parking Lot Project is out to bid, and our plan is to have this introduced for action and award of bid at your April 29th Town Council Meeting.
- I had reported in a previous Manager's Report, and publicized on our local Social Media Platforms, that RIPTA had announced several proposed service changes to take effect on April 6th. Due to the outpouring of community concern throughout Rhode Island, they have delayed the effective date to June 15th and will assess the changes and make changes to mitigate the impact on passengers. I expect that they will keep us up to date on this matter.

School Department

- The next meeting of the School Department Building Sub-Committee will be Monday, April 1st at the School Department Administration Building at 5pm. The hope is that the Building Sub-Committee will put forth a recommendation for a November Ballot Question that night, followed by School Department review and final action and introduction of a question to the Town Council. Because any School Department Ballot Question will need enabling legislation, it is imperative that the School Committee provide a recommendation and request for a ballot question to the Town Council on or before your April 29th meeting.
- As I reported to the Council and has been discussed within public meetings of the School Committee, members of our team met with the School Department team to follow up on our discussion regarding our use of the School Department facilities, such as their gymnasiums, for our Recreational Programs and the billing of the town for use of these services – as well as the various services we provide to the School Department at no cost to them. My goal is for the School Committee to refrain from sending a bill for use of the

gymnasiums as this would only have an adverse effect on the residents who use our recreational programs.

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To that end we supplied the School Committee, through the School Department, with a list of services we provide to the School Department at no cost to them totaling over \$74,000, and this list did not contain the over \$144,000 we pay for the School Resource Officer. This figure is much greater than what the bill would be for the use of gymnasiums. Superintendent Duva and I, along with members of my team, have had multiple productive conversations on this matter and I look forward to hearing how the School Committee would like to handle this.

Budget/Finances

- The Public Hearing on the Budget will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd here in our Council Chambers. It will begin at 6:30 with a Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget followed by a 7:00 Public Hearing on the School Department Budget.
- A lengthy discussion took place during the recent Budget Hearings with the Town Council regarding the Council's interest in evaluating the various Tax Exemptions we provide to our residents. You, the Town Council, asked us to continue our research and report back on other programs, how our current programs weigh in comparison to other municipalities, any suggestions we may have, and the financial impact of those suggestions. I want to let you know that we continue with this work and hope to have a discussion with the Town Council very shortly. While early research shows that we are indeed generous in our exemptions, our research has also turned up some good news in that it appears, at this point, that we could address what appeared to be a priority of the Town Council in reducing the ownership requirement of our Senior Exemption (which currently stands at 15 years) via Ordinance, and that we may be able to avoid needing enabling legislation. I look forward to us providing information for discussion at an upcoming Town Council meeting.
- As you are aware, since our last meeting, Congressman Magaziner's Office announced that North Kingstown was one of fourteen communities who received federal funding for projects initiated last year. North Kingstown received \$1 million towards our vision for an indoor recreation center and emergency shelter. This appropriation is an example of the exceptional working relationship we have with our federal delegation. Constructing a much-needed Recreation Center, providing us with much needed gymnasium space and indoor recreational programs, as well as an Emergency Shelter, continues to be a priority of my administration and I hope to see this \$1 million appropriation be the beginning of our second effort to make this vision a reality over the coming years.

34. Report by the Finance Director

Finance Director Deb Bridgham stated that the Council has been provided a year-to-date budget report. She gave the following report:

Town of North Kingstown Fiscal Year 2024 February Financial Report



Presented by: Deb Bridgham,
Finance Director

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Description	Budget	Actual	Projection	Variance
Taxes, Interest	\$86,570,302	\$67,183,074	86,570,302	n/a
Pilots	\$5,198,667	\$2,484,826	\$5,259,267	\$ 60,600
State Aid	\$7,680,016	\$5,490,642	\$8,369,374	\$689,358
Department	\$4,340,085	\$2,274,472	\$4,345,302	\$ 5,217
Other	\$1,816,512	1975468	\$3,159,901	\$1,343,389
Passthrough:	\$353,799	\$182,792	\$ 353,799	n/a
Library	\$11,557,376	\$7,678,960	\$11,557,376	
School Aid				
Total	\$117,516,756	\$87,270,234	\$119,615,321	\$2,098,564

Variations

- Pilot – Renegotiated Flex Technology
- Direct Reimbursement from RIIB – Housing Aid
- Interest Income, Net Metering Credits Cyber Insurance Reimbursement
- Reduction due to delay in Wickford L closing

Description	Budget	Actual	Projection	Variance
Department	\$39,370,562	\$24,220,876	\$40,516,215	\$1,145,653
Debt Fund	\$5,365,110	\$5,365,110	\$5,365,110	n/a
Library	\$1,697,267	\$818,807	\$1,697,267	n/a
School Appr/ State Aid	\$71,083,818	\$53,312,864	\$71,038,818	n/a
Total	\$117,516,756	\$83,717,656	\$118,662,410	\$1,145,653

Variations:

Technology – Cyber Expenses

Public Safety – Fire, Police, & Communications: Overtime, due to vacancies, training, police detail

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■ Summary:

- Interest Rates continue to yield high earnings
- Tax Collections at 75.97% comparable to last year
- Continue to monitor overtime with Public Safety
- Projected Fund Balance of \$952,911

Questions?

The Council thanked Ms. Bridgham for the presentation.
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V. NEW BUSINESS

35. Authorization to apply for the 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Grant

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Recreation Department in partnership with the Fire Department and Police Department to apply for the 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Grant for the installation and purchase of Broadband and Security Camera Systems in Recreational areas within the Town of North Kingstown to include, but not limited to, the Beach Campus, Wickford Elementary School area, Yorktown Park, McGinn Park, McGinn Skate Park, Ryan Park, Golf Course, and Allen Harbor.

36. Request for an Increase of limits of a Class C Alcoholic Beverage License

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To receive and file the request by Buttercup the Flower Truck LLC, 4 Brown Street, to increase the Class C Alcoholic Beverage License Limits from 2 to 3.

37. Supplemental Appropriation School Fund (State Aid) and Reduction of the Town Appropriation

A motion was made by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted the FY2023/2024 School Department Budget on April 24, 2023 in the amount of \$71,083,818.00; and

WHEREAS, the School Department received \$336,922.00 in additional state aid than was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council approves a supplemental appropriation of funds to the FY2023/2024 School Department Budget in the amount of \$336,922.00; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town appropriation to the School Department for FY2023/2024 be reduced by \$336,922.00; therefore not affecting their operating budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Council appropriates \$336,922.00 to a Town Reserve Fund to be held for future school appropriations.

38. Arts Council – Appointments

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Christopher Teague, 41 Tamarack Circle, to the Arts Council to March 1, 2025, to fill the unexpired term of Marie Carroccia.

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the remaining three (3) vacancies to the Arts Council.

39. Economic Development Advisory Board - Appointment

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the vacancy of one (1) Second Alternate Member to the Economic Development Advisory Board as there were no applicants.

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40. Information Technology Advisory Committee – Appointments

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint the following three (3) members to the Information Technology Advisory Committee to March 1, 2027:

Owen Buckley, 63 Brookside Drive, Expert Member
Jason Covitz, 141 Wickford Point Road, Alternate Expert Member
Jeffrey Wilhelm, 234 Wilbert Way, Expert Member

41. Veterans Day & Memorial Day Parades Committee – Appointments

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Alfred Boucher, 76 Terre Mar Drive, to the Veterans Day & Memorial Day Parades Committee to March 1, 2026.

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the remaining two (2) vacancies.

42. Correspondence

The following is a summary of the email correspondence received by the North Kingstown Town Council:

03/04/2024 – Noeline Thompson – Subj: Holding Tax Rate at Current Level

03/04/2024 – Christopher Teague – Subj: NK Arts Council – Request for Appointment

03/06/2024 – Donna Hutchinson – Subj: North Kingstown Planning Meeting Re: Pickleball

03/07/2024 (2x) – Leah Crowley (WPRI) – Subj: House Passes Funding Bill – WPRI Inquiry

03/13/2024 – Sarilee Norton – Subj: School Budget

03/16/2024 – Dianne Louise Izzo – Subj: Budget Hearings

03/17/2024 – Margaret Kerr – Subj: RI Monthly “Treading Water”

03/19/2024 – Christopher Joyce – Subj: Air BNB Question

03/21/2024 – Richard Kinnes – Subj: NK Website – Possible Improvements

03/22/2024 – Margaret Kerr – Subj: Please Extend School Construction Incentives

03/22/2024 – Mary Worobec – Subj: Schools, Climate, and Other Needs

03/24/2024 – Nancy Whyte Sherman – Subj: March 25 Agenda, Tree of Life Sculpture

03/25/2024 – Margaret Kerr – Climate and Sustainability Committee

The information cut-off time and date for this listing is 1:30 PM, Monday, March 25, 2024.
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VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk