

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 15th day of July, 2024 at the Town Hall Council Chambers, 80 Boston Neck Road, at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Katherine K. Anderson

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 July 15, 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. PUBLIC HEARING

4. Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License (new)

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

Emanuele Tampella, applicant, stated that he had a wonderful experience with the town staff through this licensing process and looks forward to doing business in North Kingstown.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the application for a Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License, expiring on December 1, 2024, by Tampella Restaurant Enterprise, dba Caffe Milano, 4001 Quaker Lane, subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a certificate from the RI Department of Health; receipt of a Rhode Island Retail Sales Tax Permit; receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing; receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance; receipt of a copy of their Alcohol Server Training Certifications; and compliance with the recommendations of the Police Department, the Fire Marshall, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

5. Class B-Limited Alcoholic Beverage License (new)

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel 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 Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the application for a Class B-Limited Alcoholic Beverage License, expiring on December 1, 2024, by Kurmanji LLC, dba Rhody Slice, 7415 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a certificate from the RI Department of Health; receipt of a Rhode Island Retail Sales Tax Permit; receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing; receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance; receipt of a copy of their Alcohol Server Training Certifications; and compliance with the recommendations of the Police Department, the Fire Marshall, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

6. Second Reading – Amendment to Section 2-1

Ms. Alyward stated that due to an advertising deficiency, this item should be continued to August 5, 2024.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To continue to the Regular Town Council Meeting of August 5, 2024 the Second Reading of an Ordinance in Amendment of Section 2-1 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Competitive Bidding Required", (1)a and b, entitled, "Quotations" and (2), entitled, "Sealed Bidding".

7. Second Reading – Amendment to Section 11-37

Town Clerk Alyward stated that due to an advertising deficiency, this item should be continued to August 5, 2024.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To continue to the Regular Town Council Meeting of August 5, 2024 the Second Reading of an Ordinance in Amendment of Section 11-37 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "No Parking or Limited Parking".

8. Second Reading – Uncodified Ordinance

Town Manager Mollis stated that this Second Reading will also need to be continued to August 5, 2024; however, Chief Kettelle and Chief Urban will make a short presentation to the Council.

Chief Kettelle and Chief Urban gave the following presentation:

NORTH KINGSTOWN PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

NEW POLICE & FIRE HEADQUARTERS

JULY 15, 2024



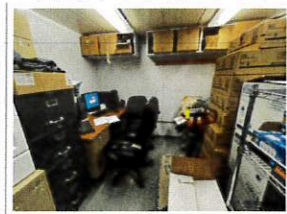
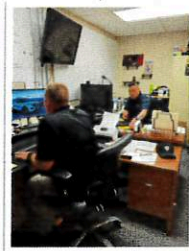
HISTORY

- 1957 • Fire Station upper level/Police Department lower level constructed
- 1976 • Police Station constructed adjacent to original structure
- 2008 • Dispatch/Emergency Operations Center added in 2008
- 2021-2023 • Town Manager creates committee to research feasibility of replacing aging and outdated Public Safety Complex.
 - (Numerous times) Public appearances before Town Council to gather input and direction on next steps for a Public Safety Complex.
 - Public tours of Public Safety Complex for residents and other interested parties



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Lack of support for modern fire apparatus
- Limited office space
- Lack of Facilities & Unsafe conditions
- Outdated Detention areas
- Aging mechanicals
- Lack of Storage
- Building envelope
- No secure parking



HISTORY CONTINUED

- March 2021 RFQ for design services: DBVW Architects & Architects Design Group
- October 2021 Space needs assessment (revisions down to 52,000 sq ft)
- December 2021 Site/wetlands assessment
- March 2022 Feasibility Cost Estimate by PM&C LLC
- March 2023 Appear before Town Council for initial approval of proposal and bond question
- August 2023 Conceptual building rendering
- November 2023 Voters turn down consolidated bond question
- January 2024 Town Manager directs committee to develop a new plan with minimized costs
- May 2024 Committee proposes new plan with new public safety office building within Quonset Business Park and new Station One on current site.
 PM&C, LLC of Hingham, MA, in concert with MichaelVivieros of DBVW, prepares a 50-page schematic design estimate resulting in a total cost estimate of \$64,875,194.
 At direction of Town Manager, Committee and MichaelVivieros revise proposal to achieve 5% reduction, resulting in revised figures/cost estimate of \$61,368,403.
 At direction of Town Manager, Committee decides to move forward with an ask not to exceed \$60,000,000 with plans to find additional cost savings or funding sources to make \$60M viable.
- July 15, 2024 Public Hearing on Bond Questions.

BUDGET

	2023 Bond Proposal	Quonset Public Safety Building	Wickford Fire Station
Square Feet	51,290	32,107	16,335
		48,442	
Construction Start	April 2025	April 2026	September 2027
Hard Cost Estimate	\$39,948,596	\$31,471,192	\$15,621,160
Soft Cost Estimate	\$12,281,059	\$11,586,521	
Contingency	\$2,505,660	\$2,689,530	
Total Estimated Cost	\$54,735,315	\$61,368,403*	
Bond Request	\$55,000,000	\$60,000,000	

* Initial cost estimate was \$64,508,453. Square footage on plans was reduced by ~10% to achieve current bond request amount.

Mr. Mollis explained the following slide:

TAX-SUPPORTED DEBT

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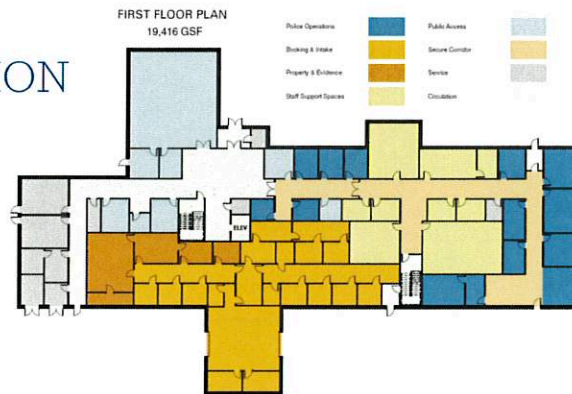
BOND DEBT SERVICE
 Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island
 2025 General Obligation Bonds (Town)
 25 Year Term - Level Debt Service
 Estimated Rates / Subject to Change

Period Ending	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Debt Service	Bond Balance	Total Bond Value
06/30/2026			1,275,000.00	1,275,000.00	60,000,000	60,000,000
06/30/2027	1,375,000	4.250%	2,520,781.25	3,895,781.25	58,625,000	58,625,000
06/30/2028	1,435,000	4.250%	2,461,068.75	3,896,068.75	57,190,000	57,190,000
06/30/2029	1,500,000	4.250%	2,398,700.00	3,898,700.00	55,690,000	55,690,000
06/30/2030	1,565,000	4.250%	2,333,568.75	3,898,568.75	54,125,000	54,125,000
06/30/2031	1,630,000	4.250%	2,265,675.00	3,895,675.00	52,495,000	52,495,000
06/30/2032	1,700,000	4.250%	2,194,912.50	3,894,912.50	50,795,000	50,795,000
06/30/2033	1,775,000	4.250%	2,121,068.75	3,896,068.75	49,020,000	49,020,000
06/30/2034	1,850,000	4.250%	2,044,037.50	3,894,037.50	47,170,000	47,170,000
06/30/2035	1,935,000	4.250%	1,963,606.25	3,898,606.25	45,235,000	45,235,000
06/30/2036	2,015,000	4.250%	1,879,668.75	3,894,668.75	43,220,000	43,220,000
06/30/2037	2,105,000	4.250%	1,792,118.75	3,897,118.75	41,115,000	41,115,000
06/30/2038	2,195,000	4.250%	1,700,743.75	3,895,743.75	38,920,000	38,920,000
06/30/2039	2,290,000	4.250%	1,605,437.50	3,895,437.50	36,630,000	36,630,000
06/30/2040	2,390,000	4.250%	1,505,987.50	3,895,987.50	34,240,000	34,240,000
06/30/2041	2,495,000	4.250%	1,402,181.25	3,897,181.25	31,745,000	31,745,000
06/30/2042	2,600,000	4.250%	1,293,912.50	3,893,912.50	29,145,000	29,145,000
06/30/2043	2,715,000	4.250%	1,180,968.75	3,895,968.75	26,430,000	26,430,000
06/30/2044	2,835,000	4.250%	1,063,611.25	3,898,011.25	23,595,000	23,595,000
06/30/2045	2,955,000	4.250%	939,993.75	3,894,993.75	20,640,000	20,640,000
06/30/2046	3,085,000	4.250%	811,643.75	3,896,643.75	17,555,000	17,555,000
06/30/2047	3,220,000	4.250%	677,662.50	3,897,662.50	14,335,000	14,335,000
06/30/2048	3,360,000	4.250%	537,837.50	3,897,837.50	10,975,000	10,975,000
06/30/2049	3,505,000	4.250%	391,956.25	3,896,956.25	7,470,000	7,470,000
06/30/2050	3,655,000	4.250%	239,806.25	3,894,806.25	3,815,000	3,815,000
06/30/2051	3,815,000	4.250%	81,068.75	3,896,068.75		
	60,000,000		38,682,437.50	98,682,437.50		

Chief Kettelle and Chief Urban continued with the presentation.

NORTH KINGSTOWN POLICE, FIRE ADMINISTRATION & DISPATCH

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



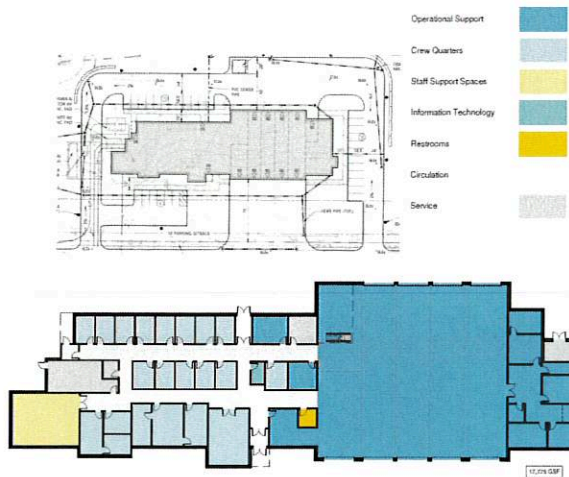
President Mancini opened the Public Hearing.

NORTH KINGSTOWN POLICE, FIRE ADMINISTRATION & DISPATCH

SECOND FLOOR PLAN



WICKFORD FIRE STATION NORTH KINGSTOWN STATION ONE



BOND QUESTION

NOVEMBER 2024

1. "Shall an ordinance, passed by the Town Council, entitled, 'AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS, INCLUDING A NEW POLICE STATION AND A NEW FIRE STATION AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$60,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR' be approved?"

- YES NO

THANK YOU

A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager
JULY 15, 2024



The Council thanked the chiefs and Mr. Mollis for the presentation. President Mancini stated that this will be presented again at the August 5, 2024 Town Council Meeting during the public hearing for the Second Reading of the Uncodified Ordinance.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To continue to the Regular Town Council Meeting of August 5, 2024 the Second Reading of an Uncodified Ordinance authorizing the Town of North Kingstown to finance public safety projects including a new police station and new fire station and to issue not more than \$60,000,000 bonds and notes.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS

9. Presentation by Chief Urban - #iMadethePledgeNK

Chief Urban gave the following presentation:

iMadethePledgeNK.com

Brought to you by:
The North Kingstown Police Department (NKPD) and IBPO Local 473

What do statistics show?

- Almost 1 out of 4 students (22%) report being bullied during the school year (National Center for Educational Statistics)
- About half of U.S. teens (53%) say online harassment and online bullying are a major problem for people their age

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I will treat others with kindness	I will be accepting of people's differences	I will help those who are left out	I will stand up for others who have been hurt or harmed

iMadethePledgeNK.com Kickoff Event: NoKo - 7/28 at 9AM-1PM



- Silicon band bracelets that say iMadethePledgeNK.com can be picked up at any announced event, at the Police Station, or from an officer working patrol.
- Student signs the pledge and receive bracelet
 - Good for a service, discount or free item at stores August 25 through September 1

The Council thanked Chief Urban for the presentation and the initiative of putting this program together.

10. Public Comment

President Mancini stated that he wanted to thank the North Kingstown Fire and Police Departments for their services regarding a fire at a residence on Fletcher Road. The departments have made our community very proud.

Frank Sullivan, 43 Firwood Drive, stated that he is upset about the Solar Panel Farm proposal over by his neighborhood. He stated that clearcutting of the land will hurt and poison the drinking water. He also stated that Green Development has a bad reputation, and they are involved in numerous lawsuits. He asked where the Council stands on this matter.

Jason Bergenstock, 5 Woodland Drive, stated that there is escalating noise pollution from Route 403. He stated that in 1995 an Environmental Impact Study was done. On Page 98, Section 9, the report detailed a noise analysis for Woodland Estates. Noise mitigation was critical to protect the residents of Woodland Estates, but these measures were never implemented because of the cost. He would like the Council to support the immediate implementation of the originally recommended noise mitigation efforts. He urged the Council to collaborate with the Planning Department to carefully consider any future developments around Woodland Estates.

Richard Welch, 8 Arrow Lane, asked what will happen to the existing buildings belonging to the Police and Fire Departments. Post Road has become a traffic nightmare with the Post Road diet. He feels we need to go back to four lanes because of all the changes the Town has had. We have added Reynolds Farm, Electric Boat has grown, and there are too many cars for the Post Road diet, and now there will be 77 apartment units behind Hahns Auto on Post Road.

Curt Fisher, 104 Phillips Street, stated that he wanted to thank the North Kingstown Fire and Police Departments for their presentation. He asked why we should bail out Jamestown with their water issue.

Susan Cleland, 30 Elmwood Drive, stated that she agrees with Frank Sullivan and Jason Bergenstock. She feels solar development will destroy the sound barrier and we need noise mitigation.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 11 through 33 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Numbers 13, 14, 15, 28, 30, and 31.

11. Approval of Minutes

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2024 as submitted by the Office of the Town Clerk.

12. 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

13. Receipt of Donation

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to be used for the North Kingstown Recreation Basketball Program, given by North Kingstown High School Senior Willem Andrews from the proceeds of his senior project of hosting a 2 v 2 Basketball Tournament.

14. Authorization for the Town Manager to sign an Emergency Water Supply Agreement

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to sign an Emergency Water Supply Agreement by and between the Town of Jamestown and the Town of North Kingstown.

15. Amendment to the Arts Council Membership

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To defer an amendment to the Arts Council membership so that the Town Clerk can have a discussion with the Chair of the Arts Council.

16. Letter of Resignation

VOTED: To accept the letter of resignation from John Lees, resigning from the Asset Management Commission, and that the Town Council President send a letter of appreciation to him for the dedicated service he gave to the Town of North Kingstown.

17. Letter of Resignation

VOTED: To accept the letter of resignation from John Lees, resigning from the Zoning Board of Review, and that the Town Council President send a letter of appreciation to him for the dedicated service he gave to the Town of North Kingstown.

18. Approval of Sole Source Purchase

VOTED: To approve the sole source purchase for the Fire Department for parts for the 2001 Smeal Aerial Ladder Truck from New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus Corporation, 10 Stillman Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$24,797.32.

Funding is from FY2025 Fire Dept. Budget - Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Equipment - Account #00108030-531001.

19. Approval of Contract

VOTED: To approve a Contract for the Information Technology Department for a wireless site survey, theoretical heat maps, and necessary equipment for wireless configuration, installation, and optimization to Envision Technology Advisors, LLC, 999 Main Street, Suite 703, Pawtucket, RI 02860 (RI State MPA #308), in the amount of \$77,500.00.

Funding for this Contract is from ARPA.

20. Approval of Contract Renewal

VOTED: To approve the renewal of a contract for the Information Technology Department for a Managed Services Provided and Cyber Security Needs to Envision Technology Advisors, LLC, 999 Main Street, Suite 703, Pawtucket, RI 02860 (RI State MPA #308 - FY2023 Award #3806678), in the amount of \$127,332.00.

Funding is from FY2025 IT Budget - Maintenance Server Related - Account #00105050-531004.

21. Ratification of Approval of License Renewal and Approval for License Renewals

VOTED: To ratify the Town Manager's approval of license renewals for one month for the Information Technology Department of 280 licenses for Office 365 G3, Microsoft Defender for Office Plan 2 (e-mail security), and Enterprise Mobility and Security G5 Licenses from Envision Technology Advisors, LLC, 999 Main Street, Suite 703, Pawtucket, RI 02860, in the amount of \$12,476.00; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To approve the license renewal for the Information Technology Department for 11 months for the renewal of 280 Licenses for Office 365 G3, Microsoft Defender for Office Plan 2 (e-mail security), and Enterprise Mobility and Security G5 Licenses from Envision Technology Advisors, LLC, 999 Main Street, Suite 703, Pawtucket, RI 02860, in the amount of \$146,228.30 (OMNIA CONTRACT NUMBER R220802).

Funding sources will be:

Annual Misc. Software Licenses - Account #00105050-544601 - \$12,476.00

Productivity Software Licenses - Account #00105050-549201 - \$146,228.30

22. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the Municipal Golf Course for two (2) Triplex Mowers from A-OK Turf Equipment, Inc., 1357 Main Street, Coventry, RI 02816 (MPA #3779057), in the amount of \$82,342.90.

Funding is from FY2025 Golf Course Budget - Vehicular Equipment - Account #43321010-550401.

23. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the Municipal Golf Course for one (1) 5-Deck Rotary Mower from A-OK Turf Equipment, Inc., 1357 Main Street, Coventry, RI 02816 (MPA #3779057), in the amount of \$70,650.00.

Funding is from FY2025 Golf Course Budget - Vehicular Equipment - Account #43321010-550401.

24. Award of a Sole Source Contract

VOTED: To award a Sole Source Contract for the Water Department for Hydraulic Modeling Evaluation to Pare Corporation, 8 Blackstone Valley Place, Lincoln, RI 02865, in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Funding is from FY2025 Budget - Contractual Services - Account #44040050-531206.

25. Award of Bid

VOTED: To award the bid for the Water Department for the purchase of fifteen (15) Fire Hydrants to Putnam Pipe, 86 Elm Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, for a total bid price of \$48,120.00.

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

26. Entertainment License (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Entertainment License by West Bay Community Theater, 25 Preston Drive, to hold an outdoor musical theater production on the grounds of the North Kingstown Town Beach Campus and band shell on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. (rain date Sunday, August 18, 2024), 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.

27. Ratification of Town Clerk's approval

VOTED: To ratify the Town Clerk's approval of a Fireworks Permit by Quidnessett Country Club, Inc., 950 North Quidnessett Road, for a Fireworks Display which was held on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 9:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date, compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department and the Police Department, and compliance with the State inspection of the vehicle transporting the fireworks.

28. Holiday Sales License (renewal)

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To approve to July 1, 2025 the renewal application for a Holiday Sales License by Kohl's Inc., dba Kohl's #1221, 110 Gate Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date.

29. Resolution authorizing Transfer of Funds

A resolution was passed as follows:

WHEREAS, as part of closing the Town's financial book for the fiscal year, unspent funds of various accounts are transferred from the General Fund to other funds to be used in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director will be recommending various transfers, with the recommendation of the Town Manager, at the Town Council's August 5, 2024 meeting, with such transfers resulting in a positive impact to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager and the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) Managing Director Steve King have been in discussions regarding the important and critical dredging of Allen Harbor for over two years now, with them recently coming to an agreement which would provide for the dredging of the Harbor in the Fall of 2024; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement calls for the \$1,450,000 cost of the Allen Harbor Dredging to be funded via \$450,000 from the QDC/Town of North Kingstown Joint Infrastructure Account, \$300,000 from QDC, \$300,000 from the Town of North Kingstown, and a \$400,000 "advance" from the Allen Harbor Enterprise Fund to be paid back over four (4) years via the \$50,000 annual contribution previously allocated to the Joint Infrastructure Account from Allen Harbor and \$50,000 annual contribution previously allocated to the Joint Infrastructure Account from QDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council approves a transfer of \$300,000 from the FY2023/FY2024 surplus to the Allen Harbor Capital Reserve; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Allen Harbor Marina distribute \$700,000 to the Quonset Development Corporation Infrastructure Fund for dredging of the Marina, with \$400,000 being paid back over four (4) years via the \$50,000 (each) annual contributions previously allocated to the Joint Infrastructure Account from the Town of North Kingstown and QDC; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Council approves the Town Manager agreeing to and signing an Agreement with QDC codifying the above-mentioned terms.

30. Transfer to Various Funds

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

WHEREAS, as part of closing the Town's financial book for the fiscal year, it is tradition that unspent funds of various accounts are transferred from the General Fund to other funds to be used in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reviewed the recommendations of the Director of Finance and funds being transferred have specific purposes; and

WHEREAS, making these transfers will positively impact the finances of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the following transfers of FY2024 funds are approved:

Planning & Development		
From: 00109010-550520	Grant Match	\$50,000
To: 00100000-315003	Restricted Grant Match	\$50,000
For: Wickford Waterfront Project		
From: 00109010-550510	Post Road Façade	\$68,937
To: 00100000-315004	Restricted Post Road Façade	\$68,937
For: FY2025 Post Road Façade Improvement Program		
Public Works - Facilities		
From: 00110070-531101	Capital Reserve	\$279,600
To: 30010070-531101	Restricted Capital Reserve	\$279,600
For: Senior Center design & installation, Upgrade PW Bldg. Fleet Fuel System,		
From: 00110070-531104		\$ 7,000
To: 30010070-531104	Restricted Capital Reserve	\$ 7,000
For: Replacement of DPW, exhaust dampers Senior Center, new relay control board		
Public Works - Highway		
From: 00110020-512350	Overtime Snow Plowing	\$ 9,360
00110020-540306	Road Salt	\$ 2,356
00110020-540502	Soil, Sand, and Gravel	\$32,153
00110020-531202	Snow Plowing	\$ 4,217
To: 00100000-315001	Restricted Snow Removal	\$48,086
For: Snow removal tasks and equipment		
Public Works – Highway		
From: 00110020-540504	Asphalt Products	\$18,500
From: 00110020-540504	Highway & Drains	\$29,649
To: 30010020-540504	Restricted Capital Reserve	\$48,149
For: Used for FY2025 purchasing of Asphalt products		
Transfers from Interest on Investments.		
Assessors		
From: 00106010-599999	Transfer Out - Salary	\$ 50,000
From: 00106010-599999	Transfer Out - Surplus	\$400,000
To: 37848000-499999	Restricted Revaluation Fund	\$450,000
For: Revaluation Cost		

Senior Center		
From: 00113050-599999	Transfer Out - Salary	\$ 50,000
To: 8570000-499999	Restricted Senior Bus Escrow	\$ 50,000
For: Future Bus Purchase		

Human Resources		
From: 00102016-599999	Transfer Out – Interest Earned	\$120,000
To: 71300000-499999	Transfer In - Premium Offset Fund	\$120,000
For: Additional Funding		

31. Reaffirm the Vote of June 24, 2024

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To reaffirm the vote of June 24, 2024 to defer the decision to have the Town Solicitor send a notice of intent to repurchase 55 Brown Street until further direction of the Town Council.

32. First Reading – Amendment to Chapter 2, Division 11, Section 2-389

VOTED: That this shall constitute the First Reading of an Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2, Division 11, Section 2-389 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, “Created; appointment; composition” (Economic Development Advisory Board), and that this be advertised and referred to the Regular Town Council Meeting of August 5, 2024 for Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption.

33. First Reading – Amendment to Chapter 2, Division 12, Section 2-389

VOTED: That this shall constitute the First Reading of an Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2, Division 12, Section 2-398 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, “Appointment” (Veterans Day and Memorial Day Parades Committee), and that this be advertised and referred to the Regular Town Council Meeting of August 5, 2024 for Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption.

IV. REPORTS

34. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:







JULY 15, 2024

Manager’s Report

A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager

Projects

<p>Revolution Wind Offshore Wind Farm</p> 	<p>Water Bottle Fillers Water Department</p> 	<p>Rain Barrel Program Water Department</p> 	<p>Municipal Parking Lot Streetscape Improvement Planning Department</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings continue • Pipe pile driving & duct - bank work continues with pile driving 90% complete; end of month completion date is expected (ahead of schedule). • QDC Technical Review Committee approved use of heavy machinery, trucks, loaders, etc. until 11 PM, Mon – Sat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven of eight have been installed and are operational. • At Wilson Park alone, the counter within the water filler shows that more than 1,100 water bottle fillings have occurred since installation on June 12th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rain Barrel program has been fully subscribed since it's announcement on May 21. • Another 50 rain barrels will be added as a result. • The program provides residents discounts at Wickford Lumber on select rain barrels, known to decrease stormwater pollution and preserve our water resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staging has begun; crane in place on Wednesday & work starting next week. • Beta Engineering will have a representative on-site for the duration to ensure resident and business concerns are addressed directly and as they occur • Striping in Wharf Lot and additional signage is happening to help visitors to be aware of additional parking options nearby.

- We continue with our regular meetings, and I've had what has amounted to daily conversations, with Revolution Wind regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project. Pipe Pile driving activity continues. They have completed 90% of their pile driving, are ahead of schedule, and they expect to complete this portion of the project by the end of this month. They are also continuing their duct-bank work on Circuit Drive. They inform us of all public outreach, any calls they get from residents, and how those calls are addressed.

Quonset Development Corporation's Technical Review Committee approved Revolution Wind's request for the use of heavy machinery, trucks and loaders to perform backfilling and concrete activities up until 11pm Monday thru Saturday. All trucks must use the Quonset Business Park Road network to reach the project site. Sound barriers must be in place. And sound levels will be monitored. I have advised both Revolution Wind and Quonset Business Park that we, the Town, will be monitoring as well and will reach out with a possible need to address their activities should we receive any concerns. Revolution Wind was very amenable and appreciative.

As always, anyone who has any questions or concerns on this project should call Revolution Wind at 401-251-2207 or email them at info@revolution-wind.com.

- Due to the incredible success of the Water Department's Rain Barrel Program, the Water Department has worked out an agreement with Wickford Lumber and will be adding another 50 rain barrels to the program. This program will have numerous benefits in assisting our residents, decreasing stormwater pollution, decreasing demand, and preserving our water resources.
- Seven of the eight Water Bottle Filling Stations have been installed and are operational. Just at Wilson Park, the counter in the Filling Station shows that more than 1,100 water bottle fillings have occurred since it's been installed.
- The extensive Municipal Parking Lot Streetscape Improvement Project has begun. They've begun staging, the crane is expected to be in place this Wednesday, and work will begin a week from today. We've had numerous meetings with local businesses, and the Contractor and Beta Engineering were very helpful and cooperative in our meeting with two directly affected businesses, Wickford on the Water and the Kayak Center. Beta will have someone on site during the entire project to address any resident or business concerns directly as they occur.

We are also in the process of restriping our Wharf Parking Lot and erecting signage throughout Wickford and in the vicinity of our Municipal Lot to make visitors and residents aware of the substantial parking available just down the road from our Municipal Lot. We are hoping this will be one of several steps to address any parking issues while our Municipal Lot is undergoing renovation.

Initiatives



ADA Beach Access

- Two ADA Beach Wheelchairs and an ADA Beach Mat/Walkway for our Town Beach will be delivered and in place soon.

Hearing Loop

- Installs in Conference Meeting Room and NK Free Library following successes in Council Chambers.

Post Road

- We are working with Town Solicitor to aggressively pursue options to address unsightly and/or unsafe conditions on the abandoned "Kwik Mart" property.

Cyber Security

- We are actively and aggressively pursuing an internal 100% participation rate in monthly training from the RI State Police.

Tax Exemptions

- Preliminary review has begun with presentation in October as goal for review and recommendations by Council prior to December 1st.

LEARN365RI

- We have been awarded \$189,124.06 in the 2025/26 expanded RIDE grant program to continue some existing out of school time student programming to increase school attendance, academic achievement, and FAFSA completions. Final programming details include partnerships with community partners, NKSD's Office of Family Learning, & our Recreation Department.

- We are excited to announce progress on an initiative that I know is very important to the Town Council. We have ordered and are expecting delivery shortly on two ADA Beach Wheelchairs and an ADA Beach Accessible Mat/Walkway for our Town Beach. We will promote this on our Social Media Platforms, and I will make the Council aware once they are delivered and in place.
- Due to the success of the Hearing Loop here at the Town Hall, we have had a Hearing Loop successfully installed in the Conference Meeting Room at our Town Library.
- We've received many complaints regarding the condition of the abandoned Gas Station on Post Road, or what was known as Kwik Mart. While this is private property which makes it challenging, we have issued Notices of Violation, and we have them appearing before our Municipal Court on July 24th. Working with our Solicitor, we are hoping to aggressively pursue any legal remedies we can to address the unsightly conditions on this property.
- The Town Council has asked my Administration to look at our current Tax Exemptions and prepare an analysis for the Council to review and act on in a timely fashion in order for any changes to be introduced during the upcoming General Assembly session in January and potentially be effective during our next Fiscal Year. I want to let the Council know we have begun a preliminary review and hope to present something formal to the Council at or before your first meeting in October to give you ample time for review and action prior to December 1st. I will be sure to keep the Council up to date and reach out if any questions.
- Our Administration has been very active in providing our employees, on the first of each month, with mandatory Cyber Security Training from the RI State Police. We are actively and aggressively pursuing actions in an effort to achieve 100% participation in this very important training and exercise.
- We have been awarded \$189,124 in the 2025/2026 expanded LEARN365RI RIDE Grant Program for us to continue our out of school-time student programming in an effort to increase school attendance, academic achievement and FAFSA completions. Final programming details will include partnerships with community partners, the School Department's Office of Family Learning, and our Recreation Department. We expect to be before the Town Council at your August 5th meeting with more information and a request to accept the Grant.



Update: North Kingstown Police Department

Sergeant Tim Daly: Life Saving Award

On July 2, NKPD and NKFD responded to a house fire on Fletcher Road. A construction worker told them he heard someone towards the back of the house. The home was engulfed in thick black smoke. Sgt Daly used only his flashlight to locate a 78-year-old wheelchair bound resident and extricate her to safety with the help of other officers.



- Many of you may have seen our Police Department being recognized by local and national Media on their acts of heroism in regard to a local fire. On July 2nd, the North Kingstown Police and Fire responded to a house fire on Fletcher Road. Upon arrival, a construction worker told the officers that he heard someone yelling towards the rear of the residence. Officers ran to investigate and heard a woman’s voice yelling for help from within. The interior of the home was engulfed in black smoke. Sergeant Daly used only his flashlight to locate the 78-year-old wheelchair bound resident and physically pulled the woman from the smoke-filled home with the assistance of his fellow officers. The resident was transported to a local hospital, treated and released. The quick and brave actions by Sergeant Daly no doubt saved the life of this individual.

Chief Urban will be presenting Sergeant Daly with the North Kingstown Police Department’s Life Saving Award at their next promotional and awards ceremony. Sergeant Daly is an 11-year veteran, town resident, North Kingstown High School graduate, husband, and father of two daughters. He has accumulated numerous commendations throughout his career and was recognized previously for courageous actions for pulling a motorist from a burning vehicle.

Our thanks to Sergeant Daly and the entire North Kingstown Police Department and Fire Department for representing our community with pride and for these lifesaving efforts.



Traffic Enforcement & Calming Measures Update

PER COUNCIL REQUEST/JUNE 2024

With the latest budget cycle, we have accomplished an initiative that has been a priority of mine since beginning as Town Manager in January 2017: increased staffing of patrol officers.

- Each dayshift now has 8 officers and nightshifts have 7 officers on one shift, with 8 on another.
- Additionally, Chief Urban initiated a full -time dedicated Traffic Officer for 42 hours/week.

PROGRAMS

The Department actively participates in Federal, State, and Local traffic enforcement campaigns, including but not limited to:

- Click-It or Ticket
- Distracted Driving
- Speed Enforcement
- In-Service Traffic Posts

EQUIPMENT

We are one of nine departments to receive, at no cost, a DUI car from RIDOT for our work related to DUI enforcement.

- 2 LTI Lasers, 4 handheld radar units; 17 dash -mounted radar units (in all patrol cruisers)
- Signboard and speed trailer; 2 portable data collectors with forensic and 3D mapping for traffic studies, and more.

- The Town Council, at your June meeting, asked me to put together our efforts and initiatives relative to Traffic Enforcement and Traffic Calming efforts over the years. Specifically, you asked me to address our Programs, Equipment, Training, Traffic Units and Staffing. My thanks to Chief Urban and our Command Staff for working with me and gathering the following information.

First, with the help of the Council during budget time, we have accomplished an initiative I set forth when I began as Town Manager in January of 2017 in increasing our staffing of patrol officers. In 2017, each dayshift had 6 officers on the road and each nightshift had 5. Today each dayshift has a full complement of 8 officers on each shift and our nightshifts have 7 officers on one shift, 8 on the other. In addition, Chief Urban recently initiated a full-time dedicated traffic officer that works weekdays and hours as needed for a total of 42 hours per week in dedicated traffic enforcement.

The North Kingstown Police Department actively participates in Federal, State and Local traffic enforcement campaigns, including but not limited to Operation Blue Tide which addresses impaired drivers; Click-It-or-Ticket; Distracted Driving; Speed Enforcement; and In Service Traffic Posts.

Regarding equipment, we are one of nine departments to receive, at no cost, a DUI car from RIDOT for our work related to DUI enforcement. We have two LTI Lasers for speed enforcement, four handheld radar units and 17 dash mounted radar units in all patrol cruisers. We have a sign board to display traffic related public safety announcements and a speed trailer. We have two Portable Speed data collectors to conduct traffic studies. We have forensic mapping and 3D Mapping Software for traffic studies. This is only some of the equipment we have.



Traffic Enforcement & Calming Measures Update

UPDATE PER JUNE 2024 COUNCIL REQUEST

TRAINING
 All officers receive required training and certifications to operate Radar, Lasers, Portable Breath Tests, and Intoxilizer Machines. Special certification is also acquired by some officers for Drug Recognition Expertise, Traffic Stop Instructors, Crash Reconstruction, Child Safety Seat Installation, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement, and Commercial Enforcement.

TRAFFIC UNITS
 Commercial Enforcement Division: 7 Officers to actively enforce statutes and bridge related weight restrictions
 Crash Reconstruction Unit: 4 Officers tasked with work associated with reconstruction of serious crashes
 Newly created traffic unit will be rolled out soon to address resident concerns regarding traffic safety.

- Our traffic stops are up 20% since 2020.
- Commercial Enforcement Unit stops are up over 50% since 2020.

All of our officers receive required training and certifications to operate our Radar, Lasers, Portable Breath Tests, and Intoxilizer Machines. We also have officers who have acquired special certifications in Drug Recognition Expertise, Traffic Stop Instructors, Crash Reconstruction, Child Safety Seat Installers, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement Certification, and Commercial Enforcement.

We have seven officers assigned to a proactive Commercial Enforcement Division where they are extremely active enforcing Commercial Enforcement related statutes and bridge weight restrictions. We have four officers assigned to a Crash Reconstruction Unit tasked with reconstructing serious crashes. And as I mentioned previously, we are rolling out our newly created traffic unit to address resident concerns regarding traffic safety.

Our traffic stops are up over 20% since 2020. Our Commercial Enforcement Unit stops are up over 50% since 2020.

This is only a snapshot of the many examples of progress we've made over these past 5+ years and addresses each of the questions the Council asked back in June. We look forward to keeping the Council and public up to date on these actions and initiatives.

Update 55 Brown Street

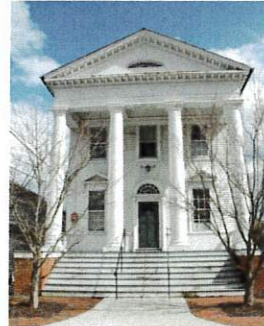
FORMER TOWN HALL ANNEX BUILDING

At our June meeting, Council voted to defer the decision to have the Town send a notice of intent to repurchase 55 Brown Street, with the understanding that we can exercise that intent at any time prior to September 30th, and after September 30th, still retain the First Right of Refusal on any sale.

Council asked me to meet with Town Solicitor and owner of 55 Brown Street to relay this news and to assist with her efforts to potentially market the property in a manner that would be beneficial to Wickford Village and the Town of North Kingstown.

James Callaghan, Town Solicitor, and I met with Eve Clulow on July 10, in a very cordial and productive meeting ending in a mutual understanding of the next deadline (September 30th) and other understandings.

We will keep the Council and public informed on this matter as updates are available.



- At our June Meeting, the Town Council voted to defer the decision to have the Town send a notice of intent to repurchase 55 Brown Street, with the understanding that we can exercise that intent at any time prior to September 30th and after September 30th still retain the First Right of Refusal on any sale. The Council also asked that the Solicitor and I meet with the owner of 55 Brown Street to relay this news and to assist in her efforts to potentially market this property in a manner which would be beneficial to the village and the Town.

James Callaghan and I met with Eve Clulow on July 10th in what I would consider a very cordial and productive meeting. Eve wanted to reiterate her disappointment in not being able to move forward and her position with the court action which delayed her buying this property, immediately followed by COVID and resulting cost increases, "killed this project". She looks forward to working with James and me in moving forward with finding an appropriate buyer for this property and will keep us up to date. I asked if she could consider addressing the condition of the exterior stairs, as well as confirmation of her understanding to please keep us up to date as our next deadline will be September 30th. She expressed a desire to do both.

James and I will keep the Council and public up to date on this matter.

The Council thanked Mr. Mollis for his report.

35. Report by the Finance Director

Finance Director Debra 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 June Financial Report



Presented by: Deb Bridgham,
Finance Director

July 15, 2024

Description	Revised Budget	Actual	Projection	Variance
Taxes, Interest	\$86,570,302	\$87,196,958	87,274,010	703,708
Pilots	\$5,198,667	\$5,000,997	\$5,259,267	\$ 60,600
State Aid	\$7,680,016	\$8,242,319	\$8,402,793	\$722,777
Department	\$4,340,085	\$4,251,784	\$4,342,776	\$2,691
Other	\$1,816,512	\$3,612,865	\$3,961,107	\$2,144,595
Passthrough:				
Library	\$353,799	\$353,799	\$ 353,799	
School Aid	\$11,894,298	\$11,177,387	\$11,894,298	n/a
Total	\$117,853,678	\$119,836,109	\$121,488,050	\$3,634,371

Variations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taxes, Interest- Personal Property, Interest Income Pilot – Renegotiated Flex Technology Direct Reimbursement from RIIB– Housing Aid Interest Income, Net Metering Credits (Revity contract) Cyber Insurance Reimbursement, Police Detail

Description	Revised Budget	Actual	Projection	Variance
Department	\$39,370,562	\$37,640,924	\$40,645,270	\$1,274,708
Debt Fund	\$5,365,110	\$5,365,110	\$5,365,110	n/a
Library	\$1,697,267	\$1,697,267	\$1,697,267	n/a
School Appr/ State Aid	\$71,420,740	\$71,420,740	\$71,420,740	n/a
Allen Harbor			\$300,000	\$300,000
Total	117,853,679	\$116,124,041	\$119,428,387	\$1,574,708

Variations:
Technology– Cyber Expenses
Public Safety– Fire, Police, & Communications: Overtime due to vacancies, training, police detail, and IOD
Public Works– Vacancies

Town of North Kingstown June 2024 Financial Report



- Summary:
 - Interest Income: \$2,000,000+ or 328.58% over budget.
 - Police Detail: \$1,402,000 or 21.9% over budget –prior year detail collections.
 - Net Metering Credits increased due to contract with Revity and GDIM
 - Tax Collections 100.8% largest portion due to Tangible Property
 - Projected Fund Balance of \$2,059,633

Questions?

The Council thanked Ms. Bridgham for her report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

36. Good Energy Draft Community Aggregation Plan

Mr. Mollis stated that this item should be continued as the representatives of Good Energy were not available tonight.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To continue to the August 5, 2024 Town Council Meeting the authorization for the Town Manager in concert with the Town’s consultant, Good Energy LLC, to finalize the draft community choice aggregation plan.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

37. Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2024-03-070

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: That no substantive objection be filed to Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2024-03-070 to allow the Quonset Development Corporation to construct and maintain the installation of Blue Economy Support Docks & Boat Ramp, 2574 Davisville Road, Plat 193, Lot 10.

38. Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2024-05-064

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: That no substantive objection be filed to Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2024-05-064 to allow SHM Wickford Cove LLC, 65 Reynolds Street, to construct and maintain the renewal of 39 pile mooring berths and a total of 41 piles, Plat 91, Lot 142.

39. Asset Management Commission - Appointment

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Steven R. Borowick, 205 Juniper Drive, Financial Representative, to the Asset Management Commission to July 1, 2027; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To direct the Town Clerk to re-advertise the vacancies for Town Council Representative and Technical Representative.

40. Building Code Board of Appeals – Amendment to Vote taken on June 24, 2024

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To amend the vote taken at the June 24, 2024 Town Council Meeting appointing Max Reynolds to the Building Code Board of Appeals as follows:

- To appoint Joseph Gentile, 106 Roger Williams Drive, from First Alternate to Regular Member, to the Building Code Board of Appeals to July 1, 2029;
- To appoint Max Reynolds, 179 Vista Circle, First Alternate, to the Building Code Board of Appeals to July 1, 2028;

and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To have the Town Clerk advertise the vacancy for a Second Alternate to the Building Code Board of Appeals to July 1, 2029.

41. Leisure Services Advisory Committee - Appointment

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint David Kaloupek, 330 School Street, to the Leisure Services Advisory Committee to July 1, 2027.

42. Zoning Board of Review - Appointment

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint the following two (2) members to the Zoning Board of Review to July 1, 2027:

John V. Gibbons, Jr., 3 Stone Gate Drive
John Kliever, 75 West Main Street

and it was

FURTHER VOTED: That the reappointment of Mr. Gibbons is made in accordance with Section 317 of the Charter as he has expertise and knowledge essential to this committee; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To have the Town Clerk advertise the vacancy for an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Review to July 1, 2025.

43. Proposed Questions to be placed on the November Ballot

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To continue to the August 5, 2024 Town Council Meeting the approval and placement of local questions on the November Ballot.

44. Correspondence

The following is a summary of the email correspondence received from constituents since the last regular NKTC meeting on 06/24/2024:

06/25/24 & 06/26/24 – Autumn Johnson – North Kingstown Town Beach Accessibility for the Disabled & Elderly

06/28/24 – Amy Denhoff – Parking in Breakdown Lanes/Shoulders of Boston Neck Road

07/01/24 (2x) – Tara Urban – NK Democrat Website Posting of NK School Report
07/03/24 & 07/13/24 – Kathleen Guarino – Good Energy’s North Kingstown Proposal
07/05/24 – Al & Beth Peckham – Complaint Regarding EMS Transport
07/06/24 (2x) & 07/09/24 – David Ahljianian – Proposed Solar Farm off Firwood Drive
07/07/24 – Sharon Tetreault – Solar
07/07/24 (2x) – Nadine Swanson – Davisville Solar Project
07/07/24 & 07/09/24 – Vicki Bennett – Proposed Solar Project
07/07/24 – Karen Anne Kolling – Solar Project
07/07/24 – Kathleen Okula – Solar Farm
07/08/24 – Kathy Naughton – Solar Farm
07/08/24 – Beth Hill Ross – Solar Farm
07/09/24 & 07/10/24 – Michael Riley – Solar Farm
07/09/24 – Ryan Cooney – Solar Panels Near Hunt River
07/13/24 – Dianne Izzo – Agenda Item #27 for July 15th
07/13/24 – Keith Finck – LSAC Appointment
07/14/24 – Tiffany Risch – RT 102/Autumn Drive Traffic

Note: Information cutoff time and date: 4:00 PM, Monday, July 15, 2024.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk