

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 10th day of February, 2025 at the Town Hall Council Chambers, 80 Boston Neck Road, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Gregory A. Mancini, President
Linnea M. Drew
Elizabeth Hill Ross
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 February 10, 2025 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. Presentation by the Asset Management Commission – Capital Improvement Program FY2026 – FY2030

James Halley, Chair of the Asset Management Commission gave the following presentation:



Process

- AMC met to discuss Department requests
 - November 21st, December 5th, 19th, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th
 - Public Safety, Public Works, Recreation, Library, School, and Water Departments made presentations
 - Town Manager and Finance Director made a presentation as well

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November 2023 Bond Referendums

- Two Bond Questions totaling \$247.5M – Over 7,600 or 34.0% of registered voters participated
 - New Middle School & Public Safety Complex
 - \$222.5M: \$167.5M for Middle School & \$55.0M for the Public Safety Complex
 - 61.9% Against vs 38.1% Approve
 - Recreation Center
 - \$25.0M
 - 64.6% Against vs 35.4% Approve

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November 2024 Bond Referendums

- Two Bond Questions totaling \$192.7M – over 16,600 or 70% of registered voters participated (for these 2 questions)
 - Public Safety Complex and Station 1
 - \$60M
 - 60.3% For vs 39.7% Against
 - School Facility Upgrade Projects
 - \$137.2M
 - 57.7% For vs 42.3% Against

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CIP Rankings

- Four Funding Sources
 - Enterprise Funds
 - Non-Enterprise Funds
 - School Revolving Fund Projects
 - School Unfunded Projects
- All 8 members submitted priority rankings
 - 1 being lowest priority; 5 being highest priority
 - 40 would be highest possible score
- Projects funded by the recently passed Bond Referendum were excluded from this analysis

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Enterprise Funds

1. Well 3 Replacement (Water) – 36/40
 - Ranked 1st highest priority over all funding sources (tied with School Department's unfunded NKHS Vestibule Project)
2. Water Main Condition Assessment (Water) – 33/40
3. [Tied for 3rd] – 32/40
 - Golf Course Irrigation Pond (Rec)
 - Poplar Point Water Main Planning (Water)

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Non-Enterprise Funds

1. Road Maintenance (DPW) – 35/40
 - Ranked 3rd highest priority over all funding sources
2. Municipal Office Building (DPW) – 34/40
3. [Tied for 3rd] – 32/40
 - HVAC Control System Expansion & Upgrade (Library)
 - Air Handler / Air Exchanger Replacement (Library)
 - Facility Improvements/ Maintenance (DPW)
 - Senior Center HVAC Improvements (ongoing) (DPW)
 - Beach Wall (Rec)

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School Revolving Fund

- 1. Davisville Middle School Gymnasium Panel Wall System – 32/40
- 2. [Tied for 2nd] – 31/40
 - Davisville Academy Building Management System
 - Fishing Cove Building Management System Controls
 - Forest Park Building Management System Controls
 - Hamilton Elementary Building Management System Controls
 - Stony Lane Building Management System Controls

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School Unfunded Projects

- 1. NKHS Enhanced Interlock School Vestibule – 36/40
 - Ranked 1st highest priority over all funding sources (tied with Water Department's Well 3 Replacement Project)
- 2. NKHS - Electrical Room Ventilation – 33/40
- 3. Hamilton Elementary Playground Drainage – 30/40

These projects were identified as priorities for the near future that were not included in the Bond Referendum projects. Cost estimates for these projects are still being reviewed by the School Department.

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Departmental Requests

DEPARTMENT	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total
Water	\$700,998	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,998
Library	\$0	\$2,300	\$0	\$118,700	\$0	\$0	\$121,000
Recreation	\$307,000	\$610,000	\$3,719,700	\$6,384,200	\$5,888,000	\$5,876,000	\$22,784,900
Public Works	\$2,202,355	\$1,778,000	\$265,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,290,000	\$8,535,355
Total	\$3,210,353	\$2,440,300	\$4,034,700	\$6,502,900	\$5,888,000	\$10,166,000	\$32,242,253

-Note this does not include the 2024 Bond Referendum Projects
-School Projects on following slides

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Department Requests – by Fund Source

DEPARTMENT	General Fund	Enterprise Funds	Authorized Bonds	Unauthorized Bonds	Grants/Other	Unallocated
Water	\$0	\$800,998	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library	\$2,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,700
Recreation	\$1,185,000	\$1,174,900	\$0	\$19,120,000	\$1,305,000	\$0
Public Works	\$6,739,824	\$0	\$148,000	\$0	\$1,640,931	\$6,600
Total	\$7,927,124	\$1,975,898	\$148,000	\$19,120,000	\$2,945,931	\$125,300

-Note this does not include the 2024 Bond Referendum Projects
-School Projects on following slides

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School Department Requests

- Revolving Fund Projects
 - 6 projects proposed totaling \$4,432,500
 - Note these projects would not be covered by the 2024 Bond Referendum dedicated to school improvements
- Unfunded Projects
 - 14 projects were identified as priorities for the near future that were not included in the Bond Referendum projects
 - Cost estimates for these projects are still being reviewed by the School Department

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School Revolving Fund Projects

Davisville Academy Building Management System	\$738,200
Fishing Cove Building Management System Controls	\$816,400
Forest Park Building Management System Controls	\$566,300
Hamilton Elementary Building Management System Controls	\$943,300
Stony Lane Building Management System Controls	\$766,400
Davisville Middle School Gymnasium Panel Wall System	\$601,900
	\$4,432,500

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School Unfunded Projects

NKHS - Rug & tile replacement, stage floor refurb, and gym painting
Stony Lane Elementary Playground Pavement Replacement
Hamilton Elementary Playground Drainage
NKHS - Electrical Room Ventilation
Transportation - Gas Tank Install
Facilities Vehicles / Equipment
NKHS - Pave Parking Lot Entrance
Stony, Hamilton, & Quidnessett Windows
District-Wide Tree Assessment
Facilities Metal Storage Building
NKHS Athletics Fields
NKHS Softball Field Upgrade
NKHS Tennis Court Resurfacing
NKHS Enhanced Interlock School Vestibule

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AMC Recommended Projects - by FY

PROJECT	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total
Well 3 Replacement Project	\$600,998	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,998
Water Main Condition Assessment	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Poplar Point New Water Main Planning	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Golf Course Irrigation Pond	\$55,000	\$11,500	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$76,500
Road Maintenance	\$1,250,755	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,755
Municipal Office Building	\$505,000	\$520,000	\$265,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,290,000
Air Handler / Air Exchanger Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$106,000	\$0	\$0	\$106,000
HVAC Control System Expansion & Upgrade	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,700	\$0	\$0	\$12,700
Beach Wall	\$0	\$200,000	\$165,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$365,000
Facility Improvements/ Maintenance	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000
Senior Center HVAC Improvements (ongoing)	TBD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,911,753	\$1,931,500	\$490,000	\$118,700	\$0	\$0	\$5,451,953

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Note this does not include the school projects nor 2024 Bond Referendum Projects

AMC Recommended Projects by Fund

PROJECT	General Fund	Enterprise Funds	Authorized Bonds	Unauthorized Bonds	Grants/Other	Unallocated
Well 3 Replacement Project	\$0	\$600,998	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Main Condition Assessment	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Poplar Point New Water Main Planning	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Golf Course Irrigation Pond	\$0	\$76,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Road Maintenance	\$1,609,824	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$390,931	\$0
Municipal Office Building	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,000	\$0
Air Handler / Air Exchanger Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$106,000
HVAC Control System Expansion & Upgrade	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,700
Beach Wall	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$305,000	\$0
Facility Improvements/ Maintenance	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Senior Center HVAC Improvements (ongoing)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$7,927,124	\$1,975,898	\$148,000	\$19,120,000	\$2,945,931	\$125,300

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AMC Recommended Projects - Schools

SCHOOL PROPOSED REVOLVING FUND PROJECTS	Ranking	
Davisville Middle School Gymnasium Panel Wall System	1	\$601,900
Davisville Academy Building Management System	2	\$738,200
Fishing Cove Building Management System Controls	2	\$816,400
Forest Park Building Management System Controls	2	\$566,300
Hamilton Elementary Building Management System Controls	2	\$943,300
Stony Lane Building Management System Controls	2	\$766,400
		\$4,432,500

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AMC Recommended Projects – Schools Unfunded

SCHOOL UNFUNDED PROJECTS	Ranking
NKHS Enhanced Interlock School Vestibule	1
NKHS - Electrical Room Ventilation	2
Hamilton Elementary Playground Drainage	3

Recommendations

1. Present Clear Funding Plans in the Budget
 - o Asset Protection Fund embedded in the budgets of each department
 - o Find additional sources of revenue
 - o Continue to clearly identify projects funded in FY 2026
 - o Annually publish a five-year plan for projects and show the funding
2. Asset management / work order software
3. Seek additional opportunities for grant funding
 - o Grant writer
 - o Third party consultant
 - o Community collaboration in the development of grants (e.g., a grant commission)

Thank you

- o Adam White, Aly Sparks, Kris Kinder, Rebecca Morse Whitten
- o Ralph Mollis, Deb Bridgham, Dr. Kenneth Duva
- o Town Department Heads
- o Most importantly, the members of AMC
 - o Great group of dedicated volunteers willing to give up their free time to help put together this document for you

Asset Management Commission Members

- James Halley, Chair
- Steven Borowick
- Lisa Bowe
- Susan Gardiner
- Joseph Gentile
- Dianne Izzo
- John Pyne
- Richard Sciola

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President Mancini thanked Dr. Halley and all the members of the commission for their dedication and hard work on this report.

Mr. Mollis stated that he also would like to thank the Asset Management Commission and working with the Departments for putting this plan together. He further stated that the CIP is instrumental in preparing the budget for current and future years.

President Mancini stated that we recognize the needs that are in this report, the tricky part is the funding for these projects.

Councilor McCoy stated that he recognized several of the recommendations from previous presentations by the Asset Management Commission, the first being a Grant Writer and the second putting the maintenance funds in departmental budgets. Mr. Mollis stated that the recommendation for funding maintenance is now in departmental budgets, whereas in the past their recommendation was to fund a capital improvement fund. He feels that by budgeting this in each department, it is more transparent. With regard to having a “grant writer”, in the best world we would love to have a grant writer, but it comes at a substantial cost in salary and benefits. We have been very successful in obtaining grants through the hard work of our staff. Some communities do it as third-party consultants, but he thinks we can save money by continuing what we have been doing.

Councilor Page stated that she appreciates all the work that goes into this report.

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Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To receive and file the Capital Improvement Program for FY2026 - FY2030.

5. Presentation/Discussion – Traffic Calming

Chief Urban stated that a while back Councilor McCoy inquired about “flashy signs” to indicate certain speed limits, and Councilor Anderson asked that we present on the efficacy of these devices. He then tasked Capt. MacCoy to research and put together the presentation for tonight.

Capt. John MacCoy gave the following presentation:



T.E.A.R

Traffic

Education

Accident

Reduction

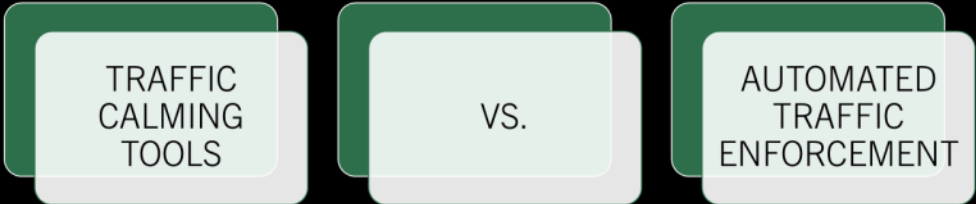
OUR MAIN GOALS

Reduce	Reduce fatalities
Reduce	Reduce injuries
Reduce	Reduce overall crashes
Address	Effectively address all traffic complaints
Educate	Educate the motoring public
Employ	Employ effective enforcement measures

HOW ARE WE
WORKING TO
ACCOMPLISH
THIS?

Take	Take part in all Federal, State, and Local traffic campaigns.
Continue	Continue to build our newly formed Traffic Safety Unit.
Continue	Continue to employ strategic well directed traffic posts on our local highways & byways.
Continue	Continue to work collaboratively with our State and Local Traffic engineers.
Continue	Continue to invest in continuous education/training for our personnel.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS



TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES



- Flashy speed limit signs that are either Battery or Solar-powered radar speed boards.
- Record data only no enforcement mechanisms in place.
- Come in several different sizes and configurations.
- These devices can cost anywhere between \$3,100-\$3,955 per unit.



HOW EFFECTIVE ARE TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES?

- The very limited unbiased research available on these devices show that these speed indicators are effective but work best when supported by periodic law enforcement.



AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- The Department is exploring the implementation of AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT in specifically targeted areas:
 - Industrial areas (Roger Williams Way: Traffic violation monitoring systems).
 - Selected School Zones regulated by Automated Speed Enforcement

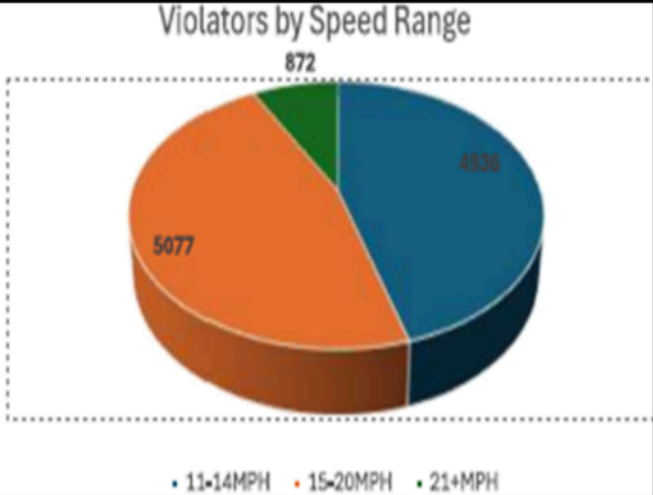


SPEED STUDIES: SCHOOL ZONES

- Currently RI General Law allows for Automated speed enforcement in School Zones only. This allows for Automated enforcement between the hours of 7am-6pm Monday-Friday on scheduled school days.
- As part of our Traffic Safety Assessment, we teamed up with BLUE LINE SOLUTIONS to conduct assessments throughout town in our school zones. These studies highlighted a need for further monitoring and enforcement actions in two local school zones. These school zones were identified as Annaquatucket Road & School Street.

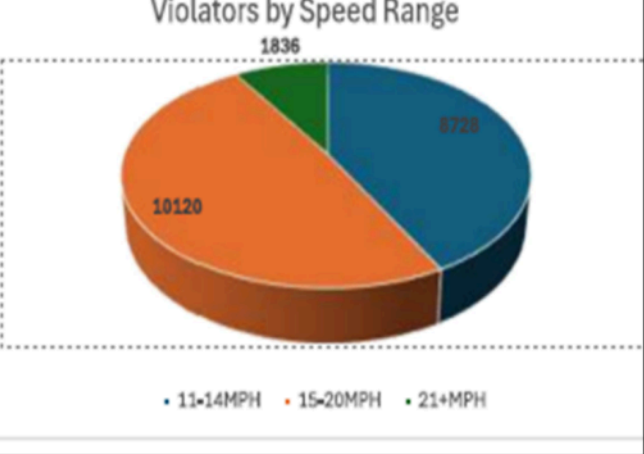
ANNAQUATUCKET ROAD SPEED STUDY

Date	(7:00 AM-6:00 PM)		
	<u>Vehicle Count</u>	<u>Speeders</u>	<u>% Speeding</u>
10/22/2024	2,837	2,196	77.4%
10/23/2024	2,760	2,104	76.2%
10/24/2024	2,924	2,307	78.9%
10/25/2024	2,800	2,132	76.1%
10/28/2024	2,769	2,146	77.5%
Totals:	14,090	10,885	77.3%



SCHOOL STREET SPEED STUDY

Date	(7:00 AM-6:00 PM)		
	<u>Vehicle Count</u>	<u>Speeders</u>	<u>% Speeding</u>
10/22/2024	5,396	4,099	76.0%
10/23/2024	5,426	4,266	78.6%
10/24/2024	5,330	4,084	76.6%
10/25/2024	5,833	4,582	78.6%
10/28/2024	4,721	3,653	77.4%
Totals:	26,706	20,684	77.5%



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The Installation of Automated Traffic Enforcement in the Quonset Point Industrial Park specifically on Roger Williams Way.
- Explore the future possibility of installing Automated Speed Enforcement in 2 of our local school zones specifically Annaquatucket Road and School Street.

**THE
END**

Councilor McCoy thanked Capt. MacCoy for the presentation and stated that he appreciates the effort. The reason he asked for this is that we all want to live in a safe town and the Police Department deals with the consequences of drivers not obeying the rules. He lives in the north end of town, and we have had people having their houses run into by drivers speeding and many complaints of pedestrians almost being hit while walking to the high school. We should do whatever we can that makes sense to protect our citizens. It is clear to him that just flashing the person's speed, while good for an awareness, does not have any consequences attached to it. He is not interested in these devices as a money grab, but for safety reasons only. Based on the presentation, he would be in favor of automatic speed enforcement devices where allowed. He further stated that he is very well aware of the issues with traffic devices at Quonset. In answer to his question about if the QDC or some other entity could assist in acquiring these devices, Capt. MacCoy stated that most of these companies do not charge for these devices. In answer to Councilor McCoy's question if the Council would have to adopt an ordinance to codify fees/fines associated with these devices, Capt. MacCoy stated that they are set by state law and the company we select would retain a percentage of the fine. The upfront costs of this program are solely on the company we chose.

In answer to Councilor Drew's question if Capt. MacCoy's recommendation is to install the speed enforcement devices on School Street and Annaquatucket Road, Capt. MacCoy stated yes as of right now.

Councilor Page stated that she understands the proposal for the schools and asked if the traffic enforcement devices at Quonset are for awareness only. Capt. MacCoy stated that those offenders would also receive a ticket for \$50.00 if they were to run the light. He further stated that part of the program requires signage with the hope that it cures people's behavior.

Chief Urban stated that the speed enforcement devices can only be used in school zones during certain times, but the hope is that it deters those traveling in those school zones to adhere to the speed limits which would allow the patrol cars to focus on other areas. He further stated that in the first month after these devices are installed the driver will receive a warning.

Daniel Viererra, Director of Health and Safety at Electric Boat, stated that Electric Boat employs 7,000 people at Quonset. We routinely meet with employees and management at safety meetings and the vast majority of them support this effort of traffic enforcement devices. Electric Boat has spent over \$100,000 on fencing to guide people to crosswalks.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with both traffic enforcement devices at Quonset and Speed Enforcement Devices. The Council looks forward to the Police Department coming back to them for approval for an award of bid to implement these programs.

6. Public Comment

Kim Greenberg, 44 Phillips Street, stated that she has some safety concerns with Brown Street and Phillips Street. She feels that we can't afford to wait for a roundabout, and we need something there now as there are way too many close calls with pedestrians at this corner. She thinks maybe some flags and a sign could help bring attention to this matter.

Dianne Izzo, 62 Poplar Avenue, stated that she is on the Asset Management Commission. Regarding Item Number 14 (Award of Contract for a Pavement Management Program - Beta Group), she wanted to bring to your attention that on Page 38 of the 53-page report the original request for the upgrade to the road pavement software was for \$65,000.00, but thanks to Allie Sparks she found a vendor for \$42,500.00. She also stated that she supports the enforcement of Item Number 27 (Houseboat Legislation Resolution).

Rickey Thompson, 194 Plain Road, stated that he is concerned about Item Number 26 (Community Aggregation Program Presentation) and how the elderly will be notified of the opt out plan. He still believes this should be an opt in plan and not an opt out plan.

Kathleen Guarino, 139 Summit View Lane, stated that on Item Number 26 (Community Aggregation Program Presentation), she has concerns with this project and read something in the Boston Globe about private companies going door to door trying to get people to sign up for these programs and it didn't go well. She wants to know what the difference is between these companies' going door to door and the Town of North Kingstown signing everyone up in this program. What is the benefit to the Town?

Meg Kerr, 151 Prospect Avenue, stated that anything she says here is her own personal opinion. She is on the Planning Commission, and they received the first cut of the Comprehensive Plan. She thinks it would be great if the town staff could frame up what a comp plan is, what the law is, and how it applies in North Kingstown. She also stated that she has heard a lot about tax rates for seniors. She is now a senior, raised her children here, and now her children are raising their children. When she looks at the cost of what families are paying today, she would hate to see the Town raise taxes on the young families that are critical to our community.

Bob Vanderslice, 151 Prospect Avenue, stated that he has great sympathy for all of the officials trying to educate the residents on the roundabout. We have Town officials, social media, an excellent presentation by the Town Manager, letters in Pro-Jo, and he bets half the people still don't know about the roundabout. He offered that if you want to do a schematic, he will make it into a poster, take it to the businesses around that area, and ask them to put it in their windows. Good job trying to educate the residents.

Rick Sellers, 17 Johnson Avenue, stated that he wants to comment on the community aggregation program. He congratulated the Council and the Town Manager for the program they are putting into place. It will help motivate the Town with the climate challenge that we are going to have. He has a couple of thoughts on how to optimize the agreements, like longer contracts and buying from local solar businesses.

Joyce Fennell, 25 Boston Neck Road, stated that she is here to ask about the crosswalks at Boston Neck Road and Brown Street. Because it is very dangerous there, she asked about possibly putting up flags or signage before the roundabout is constructed.

Bill Flynn, 16 Dawes Avenue, stated that this is his 50th year here and wants to congratulate the Town Council on the Energy Aggregation Plan. He hopes you close the deal tonight.

Deanna O'Neill, 425 Butternut Drive, stated that regarding Item Number 26 (Community Aggregation Program), she would rather opt in than opt out.

Richard Welch, 8 Arrow Lane, stated that with regard to Item Number 14 (Award of Contract for a Pavement Management Program), we just did this 5-6 years ago and why are we doing it again. He also asked if there was an award of bid on Item Number 19 (Contract with DBVW Architects). He stated that on Item Number 27 (Houseboat Legislation), this should only be during the summertime.

Joseph Teixeira, 200 Delano Drive, stated that regarding Item Number 26 (Community Aggregation Program) he is against the opt out and not opt in and the cost of energy is crazy. It's not the cost of the kilowatts that is high; it's the delivery of the services cost that is high. He also stated he is in favor of an elderly exemption in this town.

Councilor Hill Ross stated that she wanted it on record that she gave Town Clerk Jeannette Alyward 9 pages of signatures of North Kingstown residents against the Wickford roundabout. President Mancini stated that we talked about that on the 13th of January. He understands that not everyone wants the roundabout, but there are many provisions of the petition that were inaccurate. Councilor Hill Ross stated that the petition that she just filed is different than the on-line one.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 7 through 24 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Numbers 10, 17, and 19.

7. Approval of Minutes

VOTED: To approve, as amended, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2025 as submitted by the Office of the Town Clerk.

8. Receipt of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the following donation in the amount of \$4,000.00:

For: Beechwood Senior Center	
To be used for Instructors	
From: North Kingstown Senior Association	\$4,000.00

9. Receipt of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$250.00 given by Wickford Shipyard (Wes McKeen) to be used by the Harbor Division for Harbor Division expenses.

10. Award of Bid

Motion by Councilor Drew, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To award the bid for the Recreation Department for Ryan Park Trails Rehabilitation, Phase 1, to Warner Irrigation, LLC, 827 Plainfield Pike, North Scituate, RI 02857, in the amount of \$90,875.00.

Funding for this project will come from 2021 RIDEM Recreational Trails Grant (80%) and 20% -In-Kind and Capital Outlay Account.

11. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the Fire Department for twenty (20) Mobile Data Computers, warranties, and power cords to CDW Government LLC, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-151 (MPA List #345), in the amount of \$44,042.00.

Funding for this purchase is from Rescue Billing.

12. Approval of Sole Source Purchase

VOTED: To approve the sole source purchase for the Police Department for fourteen (14) mobile radios and accessories in the amount of \$57,782.76 and nine (9) portable radios with accessories in the amount of \$61,573.23, through the State of Rhode Island MPA List #395, from Motorola Solutions, Inc., 123 Tice Boulevard, Suite 200, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677.

Funding for this purchase is from the Municipal Court Fund Balance - Account #1300000 320000.

13. Approval of Sole Source Purchase

VOTED: To approve the sole source purchase for the Police Department for one (1) Faro Focus S-70 3D Scanner with Accessories from FARO Technologies Inc., 125 Technology Park, Lake Mary, FL 32746, in the amount of \$40,014.79.

Funding for this purchase is from the Municipal Court Fund Balance - Account #1300000 320000.

14. Award of Contract

VOTED: To award a contract for the Department of Public Works for a Pavement Management Program to BETA Group, Inc., 701 George Washington Highway, Lincoln, RI 02865 (RI State MPA #584K - Transportation Engineering Services), in the amount of \$42,500.00.

Funding is from the Public Works FY2025 Budget - Engineering Consulting Services - Account #00110050-530602.

15. Award of Concession Contract

VOTED: To authorize the Recreation Director to award and sign a Concession Contract for Mobile Food Services to Knightstand, LLC, dba Del's Lemonade of North Kingstown, 10 Woodridge Drive, Saunderstown 02874, for the sale of non-alcoholic drinks at Wilson Park, in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Funding will be from Recreation Revenue Account #00147016-471008.

16. Acceptance of Placemaking Phase 2 Grant Initiative

VOTED: To accept the Placemaking Phase 2 Grant Initiative from the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation in the amount of \$107,500.00 to be used to expand the South County Troll project by installing one (1) troll structure in North Kingstown.

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17. Acceptance of RIDEM and CRMC Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience (OSCAR) Fund Grant

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To accept the RI Department of Environmental Management and Coastal Resources Management Council Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience (OSCAR) Fund Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 to be used for the Town Beach Seawall Revetment Project to redesign Town Beach seawall and stormwater mitigation measures for the surrounding beach campus.

18. Acceptance of the 2025 RIDEM Water Safety Grant

VOTED: To accept the 2025 RIDEM Water Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,705.88 to be used to provide low cost/free swimming lessons throughout the summer of 2025 at the Town Beach.

19. Authorization for the Town Manager to execute contracts

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to, on behalf of the Town, retain and execute contracts with DBVW Architects, in association with Architects Design Group (ADG) for architectural and engineering services for:

Public Safety Complex	\$2,760,033.00
Wickford Fire Station	\$2,068,048.00

Funding is from the voter approved Bond.

20. Refuse Collector – Commercial For Hire Licenses (6) (renewal)

VOTED: To approve to January 1, 2026 the renewal application for six (6) Refuse Collector - Commercial For Hire Licenses by Eastern Waste Services, LLC, dba Charlie's Rubbish, 280 Dry Bridge Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date.

21. Refuse Collector – Commercial For Hire Licenses (4) (renewal)

VOTED: To approve to January 1, 2026 the renewal application for four (4) Refuse Collector - Commercial For Hire Licenses by Republic Services, dba Allied Waste Services, 1080 Airport Road, Fall River, MA 02720, subject to taxes and water paid to date.

22. Victualling License (new)

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2025 the application for a Victualling License by North Kingstown Juice, LLC, dba Jersey Mike's Subs, 114 Gate Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date, receipt of a certificate from the Rhode Island Department of Health, receipt of a copy of their RI Retail Sales Tax Permit, and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Marshall and the Building Official.

23. Amendment to the 2025 Town Council Meeting Schedule

VOTED: To amend the 2025 Town Council Meeting Schedule as follows:

- Cancel the Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Evening Budget Work Session/Adoption of Preliminary Budget

- Adoption of the Preliminary Budget will be done on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at the All Day Budget Work Session

24. First Bond Reduction

VOTED: To approve the request by SalSam Properties, LLC, for a first bond reduction on Cottages at Weeden Farm, from \$403,151.40 to \$142,719.57, in the amount of \$260,431.83.

III. REPORTS

25. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:

February 10, 2025

Manager’s Report

A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager



Projects/Initiatives

Wickford Waterfront Project
Update



- We had a productive meeting with the Contractor and Engineer overseeing the Wickford Waterfront Improvement Project last week.
 - My thanks to **Nicole LaFontaine** and **Becky Lamond** from our Planning Department for their outstanding work on this project.
 - While there have been some unexpected challenges and delays, New England Building and Bridge has provided us with an accelerated schedule showing an on-time completion date of all activities by the contractual date of September 14th.
 - More importantly, they expect to be out of the cofferdam with the metal sheetpiling and extensive fencing removed within the next 4-6 weeks.
 - Then, they will proceed with parking lot drainage and enhancement work.
 - I will continue to keep the Council up to date.
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Projects/Initiatives

RI250 & North Kingstown America250



- **Kate Glass** of my office, and I, met with representatives of the Secretary of State's Office recently to begin discussions on our community's involvement in the nation's 250th Anniversary in 2026.
- The Secretary of State's office stated that they were very impressed with our 350th Anniversary activities and will be using many of our experiences within their recommendations for 250th celebrations in other communities.
 - They foresee each city and town independently celebrate this historic national anniversary, as well as participate and partner in State celebrations as well as potentially collaborating in regional events/commemorations.
- We are organizing our next steps for North Kingstown's role in yet another exciting anniversary milestone. Details will become available on our website as planning advances: <https://bit.ly/ri250northkingstown>

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Projects/Initiatives

State Education Funding Formula Summit & Workshop Update



- I attended the State's Education Funding Formula Summit and Workshop this past Friday.
 - This was in follow-up to the initial Forum they held last month, which I also attended.
 - While the information was very helpful and the presenters were very knowledgeable, the workshop was further proof that the funding formula is extremely convoluted with a number of red flags.
 - One being an item I was very vocal on during the workshop – to the dismay of some – which is the taking of much needed dollars from high performing school systems to properly fund underperforming systems.
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Another concern was the lag in years, meaning that the FY2026 funding formula is based on 12-31-2021 indicators. While I understand this can't be corrected, it is concerning for North Kingstown as our assessed value and median wealth most likely increased at a large clip since 2021 which could mean less Education Aid in future years. The RI League of Cities and Towns and I will continue being proactive on this funding issue and I will keep the Council up to date.

Projects/Initiatives

2025 Electric Boat Legislative Briefing Update



- I attended the 2025 Electric Boat Legislative Briefing last week and was joined by Council Person Matt McCoy, QDC Director Steve King, Chamber Director Maria Masse, our Governor, and our entire Federal Delegation.
 - The overall message was how critical the work being done at Electric Boat is to our nation's defense and how important our support, and the funding and staffing of Electric Boat is.
 - With their home in North Kingstown, Electric Boat is Rhode Island's largest for-profit employer.
 - They hired over 1,500 employees in 2024, and are projected to hire over 1,300 in 2025.
 - Our relationship with Electric Boat, particularly our work on the long-term PILOTS, has been critical to their success and calling North Kingstown, and Rhode Island, home.
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Projects/Initiatives

North Kingstown Day at the State House March 13, 2025



- The Rhode Island House of Representatives will be hosting a “North Kingstown Day” at the State House during the afternoon of March 13th to mark our recent 350th anniversary.
 - It is scheduled to include organizations with informational tables within the Rotunda, followed by a showing of the short official North Kingstown 350th Anniversary video in the House Lounge and recognition by **Representative Bob Craven** on the House Floor at 4:00 PM.
 - My office will provide additional information as we receive it and will be sure to promote this further via a Press Release and on our social media platforms.
 - If you’re interested in representing your North Kingstown non-profit or community organization at a table, please contact **Council Person Matt McCoy**: mmccoy@northkingstownri.gov.
 - In additional 350th Anniversary-related news, inspired by the well-attended 350th Anniversary Speaker Series in 2024, a community-funded 2025 Speaker Series continues educational and enlightening lectures that are free and open to the public throughout the calendar year.
 - For complete details, please see our website: <https://bit.ly/2025speakerseries>
 - The first lecture, hosted by **HistWick**, will be on February 22nd by **Tim Cranston**, called “The Stained Glass Windows of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.”
- The Rhode Island House of Representatives will be hosting a “North Kingstown Day” at the State House on March 13th, celebrating our historic milestone of 350 years. It is scheduled to include organizations with informational tables within the Rotunda, followed by a 3:30 North Kingstown Video in the House Lounge and recognition on the House Floor at 4pm. Local leaders and the 350th Committee will be part of the commemoration. My office will provide additional information as we receive it and will be sure to promote this further via a Press Release and on our Social Media Platforms.

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A community funded 2025 Speaker Series will take place this year, inspired by the well-attended 350th Anniversary Speaker Series. The first lecture, hosted by HistWick, will be on February 22nd called “The Stained Glass Windows of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church” with Tim Cranston as the guest speaker. Information can be found on our website at 2025 speaker series.

Projects/Initiatives

Upcoming Federal Appropriations Discussion With Senator Whitehouse’s Office

- I had brief conversations with members of our Federal Delegation when I saw them at Electric Boat Legislative Briefing last week
 - As a result, I have a call scheduled with Senator Whitehouse’s staff this week to discuss the status of our Appropriation Requests from last year as well as what our priorities are for this year – and how they coincide with and relate to previous appropriation requests.
- I will keep the Council up to date.

Revolution Wind Offshore Wind Farm Project

- We had our regularly scheduled bi-weekly meeting with Revolution Wind; construction activity is increasing with over 150 people working on the Onshore Substation and related buildings as well as work increasing at the landfall site within Quonset Business Park.
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- Anyone with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact Revolution Wind directly: (401) 251-2207 or info@revolution-wind.com

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Projects/Initiatives

FY2026 Budget Reminder Upcoming Schedule

- As a reminder to the public, I will be presenting our Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 to the Town Council on March 10th.
- This will be followed by budget meetings between the Council, staff, and myself and a public hearing to be held on April 21st.

Summer Beach Operations Lifeguard Update

- A further reminder that this is the first year in many that we are moving forward without the partnership of the Greater Providence YMCA for operations at our Town Beach this summer.
- This is challenging, and I want to reiterate our outreach to anyone who would like to be considered for a lifeguard position here in North Kingstown.
- Please see our website or reach out directly to our Recreation Director for details:
<https://bit.ly/northkingstownnowhiring>



P/T & F/T Lifeguard(s)
RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI

RESPONSIBILITIES: Full and part-time summer positions for lifeguards at Town Beach are required to have and maintain all current RI certifications as required by the State of RI, including Non-Surf Beach Credential, First Aid, CPR and AED certifications. Will be required to work weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day and be aware of schedule conflicts in advance of commitment to summer season.

Complete details are online: <https://bit.ly/northkingstownnowhiring>

NOTE: Beach is open weekends-only in June, then 7 days/week until Labor Day. Operating hours: 9 AM - 5 PM. Must be at least 17 years of age.



SALARY: \$18.00 - \$24/hr; retention bonus and certification reimbursements possible.

TO APPLY: Submit online application or email cdumas@northkingstownri.gov

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITIONS ARE FILLED.

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Construction Updates

School Department Capital Projects

- Our next meeting of the School Building Committee is this Wednesday night regarding the proposed Middle School and North Kingstown School Department Capital Projects.
- It was asked that I include updates on this important initiative in my Manager’s Reports and it is my pleasure to do so.
- I expect to have an update on the status of these projects following this Wednesday’s meeting, which I will include in my next Report.
- Of course, anyone wanting an in-person or earlier update can attend the meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the School Department Administrative Building (100 Romano Vineyard Way, Ste 120).

Public Safety Complex Project

- I was also asked, and am happy to oblige, to include an update on the Public Safety Complex Project in my Manager’s Reports.
 - This evening, we introduced an Agreement with an Architectural Firm to join us in the final design and compilation of bid or qualification requests for this project.
 - This will now be followed by our first meeting of 2025, where we will assemble representatives from Fire, Police, Public Works, Legal my office, and others, and begin the preparation of the final design necessary to go out to bid.
 - I hope to include the results of this meeting and a further update within my next Manager’s Report.

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Staff Updates

Department of Building and Code Enforcement

- Congratulations to **Matt Souza**, North Kingstown’s Deputy Building Official, on being voted Vice President of the Building Officials Association week.
- Matt has been an incredible asset to our Building and Code Enforcement Department, and we are fortunate to have two certified building officials on staff here in North Kingstown.

Presenters for Annual Convention Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns

- Congratulations to Recreation Director, **Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs**, and Personnel Manager, **Haley Wicker**, on being chosen by the RI League of Cities and Towns to participate as presenters in a workshop at their annual convention on March 20th at the Crowne Plaza.
- I will be forwarding additional information to the Town Council for the convention once the RI League has completed their program.

- Congratulations to Matt Souza, North Kingstown’s Deputy Building Official, on being named Vice President of the Building Officials Association week. Matt has been an incredible asset to our Building and Code Enforcement Department, and we are fortunate to have two certified building officials on staff here in North Kingstown.
- Congratulations to Recreation Director Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs and Personnel Manager Haley Wicker on being chosen by the RI League of Cities and Towns to participate at one of the workshops at their March 20th Convention at the Crowne Plaza. I will be forwarding to the Town Council additional information on this Convention once the RI League has completed their program.

Staff Updates

North Kingstown Notes New Newsletter Coming!

- **Kate Glass** of my office will be facilitating a List Serv where residents and others can sign up for periodic updates on municipal information and events taking place here in North Kingstown.
- This will be in addition to, and supplement for, our very active social media platforms.
- It will be an opt-in email communication via a newsletter that will be published once or twice per month. We’re excited to announce and roll this out tomorrow – you can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/NKnotes>
- Many thanks to Council Person **Kim Page** for reaching out to me and suggesting this back in mid-December. We think this will be a valuable addition to our goal of providing accurate information to our residents on a regular basis.



Kate Glass, Director of Communications & Executive Assistant
Office of the Town Manager

- And finally, Kate Glass of my office will be facilitating a List Serve Project where residents can sign up for periodic updates on information and town events taking place here in North Kingstown. This will be in addition to and supplement our very active Social Media platforms. This will be an opt-in service, where once opted in someone can opt out at any time. We're excited to be announcing and rolling this out tomorrow. Please keep an eye out.

And my thanks to Council Person Kim Page for reaching out to me and suggesting this back in mid-December. We think this will be a valuable addition to our goal of providing accurate information to our residents on a regular basis.

Thank You



February 10, 2025
A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager

Councilor McCoy recognized that Mr. Mollis has been the Town Manager for 8 years.

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

26. Community Aggregation Program Presentation and Authorization to select Electricity Supplier
- Dawn Euer, Rachel Ferdinand, Philip Carr, and Patrick Roach of Good Energy gave the following presentation:



What is Community Electricity?



Supply Services
North Kingstown selects an electricity supplier that sources the electricity needed for our community



Delivery Services
Rhode Island Energy delivers the electricity from North Kingstown's supplier

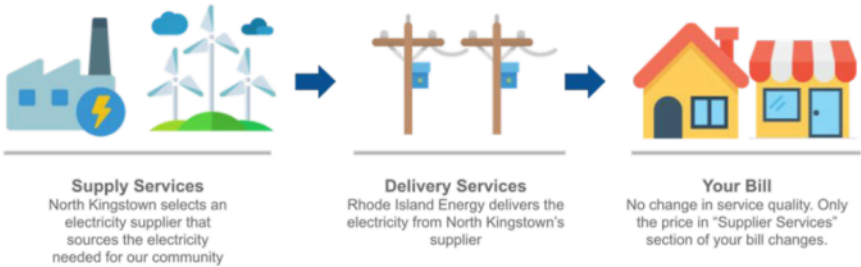


Your Bill
No change in service quality. Only the price in "Supplier Services" section of your bill changes.

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What is Community Electricity?



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Community Electricity

- Empowers North Kingstown to provide the community a strategy to navigate evolving energy market
- Provides competitively priced supply options
- Delivers cleaner power to residents and businesses
- Provides flexibility, with individual able to leave at any time
- Ability to introduce new and innovative energy products

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Key Dates

- Town authorized program: Nov 2022
- Public review of aggregation plan: Summer 2024
- Submitted plan to PUC: September 3, 2024
- Approved by PUC: Oct 31, 2024
- Recommended launch: June/July 2025

NORTH KINGSTOWN Basic (Option)	NORTH KINGSTOWN Standard (Auto-enroll)	NORTH KINGSTOWN 100 (Option)
 Meets State minimum renewable energy standards	 Adds 5-10% additional renewable energy	 100% renewable energy

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RI Buying Group Overview

- Barrington
- Narragansett
- Portsmouth
- South Kingstown
- Central Falls
- Newport
- Providence

- NextEra Energy Services selected by RFP focused on best strategy for the RI market - North Kingstown can utilize the results of this RFP
- Implements a layered procurement strategy with regular, competitive purchases
- Currently utility-tracking, and flexible to adapt to evolving utility and market structures
- Successfully delivered additional, RI-based renewable energy to buying group, while achieving cost savings
- Strong track record of success with Cape Light Compact

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Launching the Program

- Town signs its own ESA with NextEra
 - Same ESA terms for all group members
- After ESA has been signed, there are two triggers for launch
 - Price must be below RI Energy
 - Price must not be higher than existing group
- Summer 2025 launch opportunity
 - Current market is in a favorable position, and town would join at rate below RI Energy
 - North Kingstown would join buying group in June/July 2025
 - In November 2025, group will change to winter 6-month rate

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Enrollment Details

- All customers using RI Energy supply eligible for automatic enrollment in the default product
- April 2025: Notification letter sent to eligible customers
 - 30 day period to opt-out or choose optional product
 - Good Energy supports with presentation, press releases, social media, and other general awareness, as well as all customer support
- May 2025: End of consideration period
- June/July 2025: All customers that did not opt-out begin receiving power from the program
- Reminder: Program does not affect 1) net metering or other solar payments or 2) Budget billing or low-income discounts

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After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution by the roll call vote as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council has authorized the development of a community aggregation program, approved an aggregation plan following a public hearing, and had the plan approved by the Public Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to provide to residents and businesses competitively priced electricity supply options including options to increase the amount of renewable energy used to generate electricity and ability to offer innovative electricity solutions tailored to our community through the aggregation plan; and

WHEREAS, seven Rhode Island cities and towns have conducted a joint bidding process and, since May 2023, have operated individual community electricity programs as part of a buying

group and such programs have provided net cost savings as well as additional renewable energy to present; and

WHEREAS, North Kingstown may join the multi-municipal buying group to select a supplier for its community electricity program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute an Electricity Supply Agreement to provide electricity supply for North Kingstown’s community aggregation program so long as the supply rate for the default supply option offered by the program is lower than the projected Last Resort Services rates, as provided by Rhode Island Energy to the Public Utilities Commission, to go into effect June 2025; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That prior to the Town Manager executing the contract, the Solicitor must review and confirm that the Electricity Services Agreement is consistent with the authorizing resolution, the aggregation plan as approved by the Council, and the criteria described in this resolution.

Councilor Drew	-	Yes
Councilor Hill Ross	-	Yes
Councilor Page	-	Yes
Councilor McCoy	-	Yes
President Mancini	-	Yes

V. NEW BUSINESS

27. Houseboat Legislation Resolution

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

WHEREAS, Houseboats are currently being manufactured to provide permanent or rental housing permanently berthed in local marinas; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Management Commission requests support for the legislation to be introduced by the State Legislators, a bill to “create a uniform definition of houseboats”; and

WHEREAS, this bill to “create a uniform definition of houseboats”, is currently a joint effort with Newport and Narragansett, would support the goals set forth in the North Kingstown Harbor Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, this bill to “create a uniform definition of houseboats” would allow the Town to adequately enforce building code compliance, wastewater control, taxation, and assure that adequate public safety measures are in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Kingstown Town Council send a resolution through the legislative delegation in support of this bill to “create a uniform definition of houseboats” to be introduced by Representatives Carson, Casimiro, Craven, Cortvriend, and Fogarty.

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28. Request for a Water Main Extension

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That the request for the installation of less than 300 feet of water main consisting of an extension of the twelve (12) inch water main off Devil's Foot Road to a short distance down Namcook Road and a six (6) inch water main connecting to each building (one off of Namcook Road and one off of Devil's Foot Road), 165 Namcook Road, Plat 147, Lots 30, 34, 67, 68, and 79 be approved, as amended, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Water modeling was conducted for two (2) twenty-eight (28) unit multi-story units standing next to each other on the site. Any addition to the number of dwelling units,

substantial changes in building configurations, or additional uses proposed for the site will require additional water modeling.

2. The water system design yet to be submitted for technical and construction approval must be without substantial changes in elevation and layout from the plan submitted to the Water Department with their modeling application submitted in October 2024.
3. That the water infrastructure must be completely installed within 24 months of the Planning Commission's final approval. Failure to install the water infrastructure as approved within the 24 months will result in automatic revocation of this approval. No extension to this requirement will be provided without the approval of the Town Council.
4. All water improvements are to be paid for by the developer and must be installed in accordance with the North Kingstown Department of Water Supply standards and procedures in place at the time of the installation or as otherwise required by the Director of Water Supply.
5. The development must be constructed in complete compliance with all applicable Town Ordinances and/or conditions as imposed by the Planning Commission, Town Council, or the Water Department.
6. No inground irrigation systems shall be permitted to be connected to the municipal water system.
7. The submitted modeling plans are for hydraulic analysis only. Construction plans, to include location of tapping sleeves, valves, air release valves, fire hydrants, and blow off assemblies must be submitted and approved by the Director of Water Supply prior to initiating construction. The Director of Water Supply may approve minor field changes during construction.
8. In accordance with the North Kingstown Department of Water Supply Planning, Material and Construction Specifications, as built plans (hard copy and digital copy) shall be submitted to the Town Engineer and the Director of Water Supply upon completion of the work.

29. Correspondence

2/3/2025 - Sarilee Norton - Senior Tax Exemptions - Objects to freezing property taxes for people over 65 who have lived in NK for 15 years or more, or other additional special tax treatment for that population. In favor of finding ways to help NK residents who are struggling generally and not targeting seniors.

2/7/2025 - John Machata - Ryan Park Trails - Asked for an explanation on the work being done on Ryan Park trails as he has been active in maintaining these trails.

2/9/2025 - Brian Guzas, 62 Stone Gate Drive - Electricity Aggregation - In favor and supports moving forward on the community electricity aggregation plan, citing renewable energy and cost savings.

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2/10/2025 - Bob and Suzanne Baglini, 450 Wickford Point Road - Electricity Aggregation - In favor and supports moving forward on the community electricity aggregation plan, citing renewable energy and cost savings.

2/10/2025 - Kahlia Shmerer - Immigrant Protection - Asked TC to consider the ACLU immigrant protection ordinance at the next meeting as a measure of safety against extreme federal measures.

2/10/2025 - Jennifer Lima, TANK - Immigrant Protection - Disappointed to not see the immigrant protection ordinance on the agenda, asked us to consider it at the next TC meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk