

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 28th day of April, 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 April 28, 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. PUBLIC HEARING

4. Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License and Victualling License (expansion of premises)

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request by Tampella Restaurant Enterprise Inc., dba Caffe Milano, 4001 Quaker Lane, that the premises covered by their Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License and Victualling License, which expire on December 1, 2025, be expanded to include the outdoor seating as indicated on the diagram filed in the Town Clerk's Office, subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

5. Second Reading – Amendment to Chapter 9, Article XVII, Section 9-403

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt an Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" by amending Article XVII, entitled, "Mobile Food Establishments", Section 9-403, entitled, "Number of Permits Granted", and that this shall constitute the Second Reading thereof.

6. Public Comment

Mike Barner, 144 Mitola Drive, stated that he is in strong support of Agenda Item Number 19 (Resolution in Opposition of 2025-H5436 and 2025-S359 - Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025) The Bill is not the solution to the problem.

Nadine Swanson, 540 School Street, stated that she supports Agenda Item Number 19, the second amendment is not negotiable, and a blanket ban restricts law abiding citizens. She also asked the Council not to give the School Committee any more money.

Frank Maiorama, 21 Ranger Road, stated that the two prior speakers covered what he wanted to say and asked the Council to pass the Resolution.

Douglas Shehan, 41 Narragansett Street, stated that mental health workers are in support of the resolution, and we should focus on protecting the schools.

Kathleen Guarino, 139 Summit View Lane, stated that as a woman, mother, and grandmother she is saddened this resolution is before the Council. She is a speaker on behalf of and in support of all the children and adults in the United States of America who have been murdered by people carrying assault weapons. She hopes the bills are passed in Providence and she hopes this Town Council does the right thing and votes no on this misguided resolution. Please keep our children safe.

Nick Proscia, 7 Haverhill Avenue, stated that he understands the confusion of assault weapons, and there is a lot of miscommunications out there. There is actually no such thing as an assault rifle. He stated that he works part time in a gun store and people that come in to purchase these AR 15 want them for the sport of it.

Kathleen Layton, 17 Pilgrim Drive, stated that she is a member of the RI Moms Demand Action. She stated that RI must join 9 other states and prohibit the sale of assault weapons so please reject the resolution.

Michael Donohue, 141 West Main Street, read the following:

Several weeks ago, several of us came to you to indicate our support for the Council's proposed resolution asking the Rhode Island Department of Library Services to reject certain changes in policy that would require all state public libraries to maintain a higher number of hours of operation to remain part of the statewide library system. The changes would significantly affect the operations of the two smaller privately run libraries in North Kingstown, the Willett Free Library in Saunderstown, and the Davisville Free Library in the northern part of North Kingstown, likely requiring the Davisville Free Library to close and limit services at the Willett. You unanimously supported the resolution.

Last week we learned that the state Library Board decided not to mandate the change in policy and our libraries will remain in operation, continuing the history of providing citizens throughout North Kingstown with outstanding library service and programs. I have no doubt that the resolution from our Town Council, accompanied by efforts by each library to show the negative effects of the proposed changes on library operation, helped the state in their decision-making

process. Thank you for taking such an interest in our concerns. A good result for all of the citizens of North Kingstown.

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Larry Mandel, 54 Rome Street, stated that on Agenda Item Number 19, we have restrictions on cars, we require people to have licenses, insurance, registration, etc. for safety reasons, which is the same reason for guns. He hopes the State bans assault weapons, and the Council rejects the resolution.

Bob Kempe, 156 Northbriar Drive, stated that Agenda Item Number 19 is a state issue and asked why is it on this agenda?

Noeline Thomson, 5 Sea Grass Way, stated that she agrees with Kathleen and Larry on why we need assault weapons. It's a constitutional right and seems hypocritical, please do not support this resolution.

Melissa Devine, 373 Fletcher Road, stated that she is against the resolution. This should be heard at the state level and not at a Council meeting. Please don't support this resolution. Please reach out to our legislators.

Guy Cassaday, 221 Juniper Drive, stated that he is not against guns, but feels we need more education on them.

Kim Gilbert, 99 Mark Drive, stated that she works at a public school, and they need to go through three or four fabs to get into some places. She is not opposed to guns but realizes that some guns can blow through those same doors.

The Council took Agenda Item Number 19 next.

19. Resolution in Opposition of 2025-H 5436 and 2025-S 359 - Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025

Councilor Hill Ross stated "I was asked to bring about a resolution to make North Kingstown a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Town, to protect the lawful gun owners of North Kingstown against the 'BAD'ly written bill, H5436. I use the word 'BAD'ly because I am quoting one of our RI State Reps, an author and sponsor of this bill. After doing more research, I have learned that we must stop looking at gun violence as a political battle and start looking at it as a public health issue. There are many ways to curb gun violence...the predictable cycle of 'thoughts and prayers', calls for more gun control, debate over their need, and then nothing else until the next tragedy is...not the answer! Banning some gun styles is not the answer. Penalizing law-abiding citizens is not the answer. If the people of North Kingstown, and Rhode Island, want to actually do something about gun violence, then let us start to address some of the real problems that cause gun violence... early childhood trauma, adolescents in crisis, easy access to guns. We have RI gun laws, let's focus more on enforcing them to keep our residents safe.

I would like to additionally add that I too have a child, one who has been VERY interested in guns since he was a small boy. He has grown up with guns, learned gun safety first and foremost, and is now a very responsible gun owner who teaches others how to safely use firearms, all firearms."

Councilor Hill Ross read the proposed legislation into the record as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of North Kingstown, Rhode Island recognizes the importance of protecting the constitutional rights of its citizens, including the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has proposed new gun control legislation in 2025 that imposes restrictions on firearm ownership, purchase, and use; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 6 of the Rhode Island Constitution provides that "The right of the people shall be secure in their persons, papers and possession, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrant shall be issued, but on complaint in writing, upon

probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation and describing as nearly as many as maybe, the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that these proposed restrictions infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens and may not effectively address the root causes of gun violence; and

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WHEREAS, as a matter of general principle, and in recognition of the over 230 years of lawmaking under the guidance of the Constitution for the United States of America having properly established numerous laws regarding criminal use of firearms that are wholly adequate when judiciously enforced such that additional laws are unneeded, any law which upon passage renders a life-long law-abiding citizen a felon through no action of their own, is an unjustified law and should be unconstitutional under multiple amendments in the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its residents through measures that respect individual freedoms and promote responsible gun ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports efforts to reduce gun violence through community-based initiatives, mental health support, and law enforcement collaboration rather than through restrictive legislation; and

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, ratified on December 15, 1791, as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the individual right of the people to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 22 of the Rhode Island Constitution, adopted in 1842, provides that "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island General Assembly, in its 2025 legislative session, has pending before it bills regulation and restricting the rights afforded to the citizens of the State of Rhode Island and the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, most notably including, but not limited to: House Bill 5436 and Senate Bill 359, the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025, would prohibit the possession of "assault weapon", defined very broadly to include a wide range of semi-automatic firearms making these bills more accurately the semi-automatic firearms ban of 2025. In order to be exempt, the weapon must, within twelve (12) months of the bill passage, be registered seemingly violating R.I. Gen. Laws 11-47-41, be rendered inoperable, be surrendered to a registered dealer or police department, or be transferred to a person in another jurisdiction where such firearms are allowed. It would also require any heirs of a decedent to surrender or transfer the firearm. If registered, the lawful owner would be required to submit fingerprints and pay a fee to register the firearm; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Law 11-47-41, Government Firearm Registration Prohibited, specifically says, "No government agency of the state of its political subdivisions shall keep or cause to be kept any list or register of privately owned firearms or any list or register of the owners of those firearms which have been used in committing any crime of violence, nor to any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence"; and

WHEREAS, the North Kingstown Town Council Members each took an oath to support and defend the United State Constitution, the Rhode Island Constitution, and the laws of the State of Rhode Island which are not deemed unconstitutional by a court or competent jurisdiction, and the Town of North Kingstown Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Kingstown Town Council opposes the State of Rhode Island's 2025-gun control legislation and urges state legislators to reconsider the proposed measures. The Town Council advocates for alternative approaches to reducing gun violence that focus on community engagement, mental health services, and effective law enforcement practices. The Town Council calls upon other municipalities to join in opposition to the 2025-gun control legislation and to support efforts that protect constitutional rights while promoting public safety; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly, and other relevant state officials.

President Mancini stated that for him, in his experience here in our representative democracy is to get a feel of what the community wants, analyze the issue and how decisions impact the community by doing a cost benefit analysis and then make a well-informed decision in the best interest of North Kingstown. He believes that this proposed resolution fails the test. Based on his six years plus on this Council, he has a high degree of confidence that this Council does not want to support this initiative by a wide margin. As others indicated here tonight, we are the one body of jurisdiction. As many people tonight have invoked the constitution he would like to do likewise. Article XIII, Section 2 of the Rhode Island Constitution states that every city and town has the power to enact and amend local laws relating to town property, affairs and government. This resolution doesn't do any of this, and this resolution is before the wrong body. These resolutions do more harm than good as they unnecessarily divide our community. He will vote against this resolution as it is unnecessary, divisive, and has no benefit to this community. With that said, he appreciates everyone who came out tonight and practiced their First Amendment right.

Councilor McCoy stated "Our town is populated by a diverse group of approximately 27,739 people. Their perspectives and opinions differ widely on many of the notable issues of our day, including Constitutional matters such as 2A rights and gun safety legislation. The North Kingstown Town Council is responsible for legislating for all our citizens, not just those with whom our personal views align. That is why I believe that it is inappropriate for this elected body to pass resolutions on issues or matters that are not specifically related to the functioning or governance of our town.

The citizens of North Kingstown have elected officials to represent them and their concerns in the Rhode Island General Assembly. Our State Senators Alana DiMario and Bridget Valverde, and State Representatives Julie Casimiro and Robert Craven, are responsible for legislating at the state level, including deciding whether Rhode Island should pass a ban on Assault Weapons. Governor Daniel J. McKee is responsible for deciding whether he will sign an Assault Weapons Ban into law. We are not responsible for this at the municipal level.

The only time that I believe that the North Kingstown Town Council should be offering its official opinion on legislation before the General Assembly is when it pertains directly to the legislative priorities that we discussed in an open, public meeting with our state legislators.

For example Senate Bill Number 91 (Valverde & DiMario) and House Bill Number 5370 (Casimiro & Craven), legislation which, when enacted, would authorize the Town of North Kingstown to provide a two hundred dollar (\$200) tax credit or the equivalent assessment dollars to veterans and gold star parents; provide a tax dollar credit or the equivalent assessment dollars to the legally blind; and a four hundred fifty dollar (\$450) tax credit or equivalent assessment dollars to owner-occupied real property for persons over the age of sixty-five (65). Another example includes the passage in 2024 of the enabling legislation for our school construction bonds.

As individuals, each of us on the North Kingstown Town Council is free to speak to our elected officials in the General Assembly on any legislative matter or issue that concerns us. We are responsible for ensuring that others understand that we are speaking only for ourselves and not for the Town or Town Council. I would encourage every citizen of North Kingstown to become more engaged in the legislative process in Rhode Island and at the Federal level.

As an advocate for many different issues, including gun violence prevention and mental health and suicide prevention, I routinely exercise my First Amendment rights by providing in-person and written testimony on issues or matters before the General Assembly. Since taking office, I have never represented my personal views as those of the citizens of our town or those of the North Kingstown Town Council. This would be inappropriate.

In closing, I think that the North Kingstown Town Council has higher priority legislative matters on our agenda to discuss, like finalizing our Fiscal Year 2026 budget. I think that these divisive distractions are a waste of our meeting time and are counterproductive to the effective and efficient governance of our town. Let's get on with the people's business. Let's govern.

Councilor Page stated that she does not support this resolution.

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Councilor Drew stated "I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Mancini and Mr. McCoy that this is an inappropriate body to vote on such a resolution. Additionally: I was in 7th grade when the Columbine shooting happened, and my strongest memory of it is my parents and our next door neighbors frantically trying to reach the parents of my elementary school best friend who had moved to Littleton, because her older sister was in high school and we wanted to make sure she wasn't slaughtered alongside some of her classmates. My absolute favorite piece of music is one that was written after Columbine in honor and memory of the victims. Columbine divided my childhood into two periods: before school shootings were a concern and after they were a frequent reality. Kids today only know them as a frequent reality, and they are a reality because people have easy access to weapons that have no place in civil society and allow someone to massacre dozens of people in a short period of time. As someone whose husband and children are all in schools every single day, I live with the constant fear in the back of my mind that this will happen right here, and I know with 100% certainty that I am not alone. As elected town officials, all five of us represent every single resident of North Kingstown, regardless of who they voted for or whether they voted at all. Every educator, college student, concert attendee, and movie goer, and of course includes every single child in town. Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children, and to even CONSIDER putting the wants of adults to own weapons of war over the safety and fears of children is the height of irresponsibility. I stand in the strongest possible opposition to this resolution."

President Mancini stated that we have a motion on the floor to adopt the Resolution in Opposition of 2025-H 5436 and 2025-S 359 - Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025 and asked for a second.

There was no second, therefore the motion failed.

The Council recessed the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

The Council reconvened the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

The Town Council took the Consent Agenda next.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 7 through 16 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Numbers 10 and 13.

7. Approval of Minutes

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2025 as submitted by the Office of the Town Clerk.

8. Receipt of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$691.00 in memory of Matthew Drescher to be used by the Recreation Department to purchase a wishing well to be installed at Yorktown Park.

9. Receipt of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the donation of \$1,668.29 given by Maida Talancy who organized a "Spring Showdown" (a mountain bike race) at Ryan Park on April 6, 2025 for her Senior Project for the purposes of maintaining the trails at Ryan Park and installing a boardwalk area.

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10. Award of Contract

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Hill Ross and unanimously

VOTED: To award a five (5) year Contract for the Police Department for Traffic Enforcement Cameras and Automatic Speed Enforcement Cameras in School Zones to Blue Line Solutions, LLC, 4409 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416, as follows:

- Traffic Enforcement Red Light Cameras - \$1,500 per camera lease per month - Blue Line receives a \$12.00 Administrative Fee from each \$85.00 ticket. Monthly lease fees are taken out of ticket revenue.
 - Ten Rod Road at Tower Hill Road - 4 Cameras
 - Roger Williams Way at Commerce Park - 2 Cameras
- Speed Enforcement Camera in School Zones - No lease fee and no cost. Blue Line receives an Administrative Fee of \$16.00 from each \$50.00 ticket.
 - School Street - two separate zones - West Bay Christian Academy and Davisville Middle School
 - Annaquatucket Road and Fairway Drive - High School
 - Stony Lane - Stony Lane Elementary School

11. Award of Bid

VOTED: To award the bid for the Water Department for a Fire Hydrant Replacement Project to Iarossi Companies LLC, 800 Gibson Hill Road, Greene, RI, in the amount of \$79,400.00.

Funding is from FY2025 Budget - Contractual Services Account #44040010-531206.

12. Authorization for the Town Manager to enter into a two-year contract with Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC)

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Contract with the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) and the Town of North Kingstown for a Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement, for a two-year period, commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

Funding for this contract will be from FY2026 and FY2027 Transfer Station/Solid Waste Account 16210060-530305.

13. Ratification of Town Clerk's approval of an Exhibition License (no vendors) (new)

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Hill Ross and unanimously

VOTED: To ratify the Town Clerk's approval of an Exhibition License with no vendors by the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of RI Inc., 2865 Tower Hill Road, Saunderstown, for an Annual Wildlife "Baby Shower" which was held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Cold Spring Community Center, from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department and the Police Department.

14. Entertainment License (new)

VOTED: To approve an Entertainment License by Towards an Anti-Racist North Kingstown, 4 Hickory Drive East, to hold an outdoor concert at the Wickford Middle School, 250 Tower Hill Road, on Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

15. Holiday Sales License (new)

VOTED: To approve to July 1, 2026 the application for a Holiday Sales License by Farmgirls Front Porch, 10 Main Street, subject to taxes and water paid to date.

16. Victualling License (new)

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2025 the application for a Victualling License by North Kingstown Wraps, LLC, dba Gansett Wraps, 7380 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a certificate from the RI Department of Health; receipt of a copy of their Rhode Island Retail Sales Tax Permit; and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Marshall, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

III. REPORTS

17. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:



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Manager’s Report

A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager



School Department Capital Projects

Regular Update:

- I participated in last week's meeting of the School Department Building Advisory Committee. While I will provide an update here, I encourage anyone interested to [view this meeting](#) on the archived footage on the NKSD website as it was lengthy and covered a lot of information.
 - The Committee received a presentation on the various Construction Delivery Methods available for the middle school project. it was a presentation only; no votes were taken.
 - The Committee also received an update on the status of the Stage II submittal with RIDE from the Superintendent. He explained that they've been in regular contact regarding their feedback, redesign, and they plan to share a plan with the School Committee at their May 6th meeting prior to submitting to RIDE on May 7th.
 - The most important topic was a review of a revised Middle School design and cost options. One way to reduce costs significantly (by approx. \$6 million) would be to remove the Net Zero concept, but there did not seem to be an appetite to remove this concept.
 - Another concept would be to add Pre-School programs to the building, but this would only increase the footprint and increase the cost of the project, leaving less for capital improvements elsewhere.
 - Another option would be to increase enrollment to 525 students. This would create a disparity with Davisville Middle School while increasing the RIDE reimbursement from \$19.4 million to \$23.8 million.
 - The final option, which was supported by NKSD Administration and unanimously supported by the Building Advisory Committee, would be to add a third floor, eliminate some luxuries and reduce the overall square footage of the building by 3,400 sq ft, ultimately reducing the cost of the building by approx. \$8.1 million, allowing these funds to be used for other capital improvements and increase the eligibility of the building for the 35% RIDE reimbursement from 65% to 72.3% of the Middle School Project.
 - I believe the Superintendent will be bringing this proposal to the School Committee as the Building Committee is advisory only.
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The most important topic was a review of a revised Middle School Design and cost options. The goal of this redesign was to reduce costs and increase the eligibility for reimbursement. One way to reduce costs significantly would be to remove the Net Zero concept. While this would save approximately \$6 million, there did not seem to be an appetite to remove this concept. Another concept would be to add a pre-school to the building, but this would only increase the footprint and increase the cost of the project leaving less available for other capital improvements. Another option would be to increase the enrollment to 525 students. This would create a disparity with Davisville Middle School while increasing the RIDE reimbursement from \$19.4 million to \$23.8 million.

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Public Safety Complex Project

Regular Update:

- We continue to make significant progress during our internal staff Public Safety Complex Bond Project work sessions. We are currently reevaluating some efficiency and cost-savings measures by placing Fire Administration at Station One versus a combined Police/Fire complex at Quonset.
 - We are attempting to process to a draft footprint for consideration and we are evaluating the potential need for relocation of our fueling system.
 - We continue to work on the Quonset site with the hope of finalizing a purchase and sale tentative Agreement for review before Town Council.
 - My hope is for another 4-8 weeks of internal staff meetings before hosting a Public Meeting for a presentation of where we are, along with opportunity for Public Comment.

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- We had our regular bi-weekly meeting with Revolution Wind regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project taking place within Quonset Business Park. Construction and the

importing of cables are going well. They are scheduling the delivery of a Condenser which is not expected to have any impact on the neighborhood or abutters. Outreach is going smooth with no new concerns. And we are awaiting dates from Orsted and Revolution Wind regarding a small tour of staff who participate in our bi-weekly calls.

As always, I continue to encourage anyone having any questions or concerns to contact Revolution Wind at 401-251-2207 or email them at info@r:evoJutLon-wind.com. They provide us with regular reports on all concerns they receive and how they resolved them.

Projects/Updates



Wickford Waterfront Project

- A very limited update: our Solicitor is actively involved in all aspects of this project and our discussions with the surety company.
 - We met with our consultant last week and were advised that they are proceeding with awarding a bid to a new contractor. The new contractor has been advised of all events taking place within Wickford over these next 6-months as well as my, and the Town's request that the steel pilings, fencing, and debris be removed by Memorial Day weekend.
 - Our goal is to get the project back up and running, on-time with a significant aesthetic improvement to the area by the next holiday weekend.
- I will continue to keep the Council and public up to date with these updates.



North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce

Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

- Along with Council President Mancini and Councilperson Matt McCoy, I attended last week's North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards night.
 - My, and our, **congratulations to Ben Mandel** of our Planning Department on his award for his work in in Economic Development and Business Outreach within our community.
 - This recognition is well-deserved as Ben's efforts have been appreciated and recognized where he has achieved proven results.
- A very limited update on the Wickford Waterfront Project - First, our Solicitor is actively involved in all aspects of this project and our discussions with the Surety Company. We met with our consultant last week and were advised that they are proceeding with awarding a bid to a new Contractor. The new Contractor has been advised of all events taking place within Wickford over these next 6 months as well as my, and the Town's, request that the steel piling, fencing, and debris be removed by Memorial Day Weekend.

Our goal is to get the project back up and on time, with a significant improvement to the appearance in the area by Memorial Day Weekend. I will continue to keep the Council and public up to date.

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- I, along with Council President Mancini and Councilperson McCoy attended last week's North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Night. My and our congratulations to Ben Mandel of our Planning Department on his Award for his work in Economic Development and Business Outreach within our community. This award is well deserved as Ben's efforts have been appreciated, recognized and have achieved proven results. Congratulations Ben!



RI Department of Transportation

- We had a virtual meeting with RIDOT last week which was followed up by a call between Dave Walsh of RIDOT and me later on in the week. We continue to express the concerns of our Public Safety and Public Works Departments relative to their upcoming Frenchtown Road Bridge, South County Trail Bridge and the Devils Foot Road/Railroad Bridge projects over the next 15-months. We are hoping to hear back on these concerns.
 - Design and engineering work continues regarding the **Post Road/West Main Street Sidewalk Project**. RIDOT is working and discussing with our staff regularly regarding concerns and suggestions. It appears they hope to begin work sometime in 2026/27 with the project completed in late 2027.
 - The bid for the **Wickford mini-roundabout** project was advertised on March 31st, with a scheduled bid award for May 2nd.
 - Their goal is to have all work conducted at night to eliminate traffic issues. They estimate work commencing sometime after Labor Day, with a mid-October completion date.
 - We are awaiting confirmation but **an informational meeting with a tentative date of May 14th, at 5:30 p.m.** here in Council Chambers has been set aside for Wickford businesses and residents where RIDOT will present details on the project. *Attendees will have the opportunity to answer questions, but the meeting is not a venue for design suggestions or questions on whether the project's status is under consideration as the bid and design will have already been completed.*
 - This is an opportunity for RIDOT to work with businesses and residents and address questions as to how the project will be moving forward and best avoid disturbances for these stakeholder groups.
 - **RIDOT has also announced overnight and weekend lane closures beginning later this week, on Route 1 at the Route 138 interchange starting May 1st to complete their bridge project.**
 - We will continue to promote this news on our website and social media platforms.
- Some RI Department of Transportation/RIDOT news:

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Design and engineering work continues regarding the Post Road/West Main Street Sidewalk Project. RIDOT is working and discussing with our staff regularly regarding concerns and suggestions and it appears they hope to begin work sometime in 2026/2027 with the project completed in late 2027.

The bid for the Wickford Roundabout was advertised on March 31st with a scheduled bid award for May 2nd. Their goal is to have all work conducted at night to eliminate any traffic issues. They are looking at work commencing sometime after Labor Day with a mid-October completion date. We are waiting for confirmation but a tentative date of May 14th at 5:30pm here at our Council Chambers has been set aside for an informational meeting for Wickford businesses and residents so that DOT can present the project, their design, hours of work, etc. and answer any questions they may have.

RIDOT has stressed that this is an informational session and an opportunity to answer questions as to how this project can work best for residents and businesses and is not a session on design suggestions or whether the project is moving forward. The bid and design will have already been completed by this meeting and is an opportunity for RIDOT to work with businesses and residents with suggestions or questions as to how this construction project can best work to avoid any disturbances.

RIDOT also announced weekend lane closures beginning May 1st on Route 1 at the Route 138 interchange in order to complete their bridge project. We will be promoting this on our Social Media Platforms.

Updates

Signal Rock

- Funding was previously approved by Council, and we've since completed significant demolition of deteriorated buildings at this park.
- We've completed significant field improvements as well.
- The next step is for us to develop a master plan for the park campus and to bring it to Town Council for approval when complete.
 - This is currently on hold as we complete Yorktown Park and Ryan Park improvements but hope to bring a concept before you in the next 6-months.



- I haven't included Signal Rock Park in my recent Manager's Reports. As you know, and as funding was approved by the Town Council, we've completed significant demolition of deteriorated buildings at this park. We've also completed significant field improvements as well. The next plan is for us to develop a master plan for the campus and bring to the Town Council for approval. It is on hold as we complete our work at Yorktown Park and Ryan Park but hope to bring this project and concept before you over the next 6 months.



Updates

2025 Beach Parking Passes

- On sale starting May 1st at the Recreation Department (80 Boston Neck Rd) and the Town Clerk's Office (100 Fairway Drive), during regular business hours.
- Extended hours on Wednesday, June 11 (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.) on Saturday, June 14 (Noon – 3 p.m.), on June 22nd & June 26th.
- Individuals will need their valid vehicle registration for each vehicle that will receive a parking permit, as well as valid driver's license and/or proof of residence if addresses do not match.
- **Pricing has not changed from last season:**
 - Residents: \$10, Non-residents: \$20
 - Seniors (55+) receive a 50% discount
 - Multi-passenger (10+) pass. Vehicles: \$20 (residents) & \$40 (non-residents)

- Town Parking Passes for our Beach Campus will go on sale starting May 1st at our Municipal Office Building and our Town Hall, during business hours. We will also be offering evening hours on Wednesday, June 11th; 11am-3pm on Saturday, June 14; 12pm -3pm on Sunday, June 22nd; and extended hours on June 26th. Individuals will need their registration and a photo ID for proof of residency. Pricing hasn't changed for 2025 --- residents are \$10 per vehicle, non-residents \$20 per vehicle, Seniors 55+ get a 50% discount, and multi passenger vehicles with 10+ seating are \$20 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.

Updates

Concerts at North Kingstown Town Beach 10 Beach Street (over 6:30pm)*

★ sponsored

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TUESDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

AT ALL CONCERTS: Sprinkles Ice Cream, Saugy Shack, and Del's Lemonade

17 The New Reminiscence
24 Take it to the Bridge
8 Purple Honey
15 Liz Spencer Band
22 Country Wild
29 Neal and the Vipers
1 Howlin' Rhodes (FRIDAY)
5 Wing Nuts
12 Narrow River
19 Big "Dawg" Isaac
24 Brass Attack

Our bands are looking for your support. Your donation directly impacts these events. With your support, we can bring fun to our community. Thank you for donating today!

Food Trucks



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THURSDAY FAMILY CONCERT SERIES

AT ALL CONCERTS: Sprinkles Ice Cream, Saugy Shack, and Del's Lemonade

10 Atwater-Donnelly
17 Keith Munslow
24 Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys
31 Zoe Lewis
AUGUST
20 the Toe Jam Puppet Band

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Food Trucks

Boards & Commissions

- In our efforts to enact some recommendations from the [Boards & Commissions Report](#) we presented to Town Council last year, we are expected EDAB and the Wickford Advisory Committee to make presentations to Council, most likely at the June meeting.
- Our Planning Director, Nicole LaFontaine, will be coordinating this.

North Kingstown Arts Council Summer 2025 Concert Series

- In conjunction with our Recreation Department, the Tuesday and Thursday evening Summer Concert Series will be starting again on June 17th at the bandshell at the Town Beach.
- These are well-attended events with food trucks and shuttles for parking; music begins at 6:30 p.m.
- For a full schedule of concerts on each evening, please visit www.nkartscouncil.org

- As part of our efforts to enact some of the recommendations of the Boards & Commissions Report we presented to the Town Council last year, we are expecting EDAB and the Wickford Advisory Committee to make presentations to the Town Council most likely at your June Meeting. Nicole LaFontaine is attempting to coordinate this.
- The North Kingstown Arts Council, in conjunction with our Recreation Department, will begin their Tuesday Summer Concert Series and Thursday Family Concert Series on June 17th. These well-attended events, with food trucks, begin at 6:30pm. For a full schedule of concerts, please visit www.NKArtsCouncil.org.

Updates

Complete Milling, Overlay and Pavement Marking on West Daversville Road NB & SB "Night-Time Lane Closure"

New Ramp WD-C Open to Traffic

Complete Milling, Overlay and Pavement Marking on Route 403 NB & SB "Night-Time Lane Closure"

New Ramp WD-D Open to Traffic

New Roundabout Open to Traffic

Complete Milling, Overlay and Pavement Marking on Compass Circle EB & WB "Night-Time Lane Closure"

Complete Milling, Overlay and Pavement Marking on Route 403 EB & WB "Night-Time Lane Closure"

New Ramp C Open to Traffic

Complete Milling, Overlay and Pavement Marking on Route 1 Post Road NB & SB "Night-Time Lane Closure"

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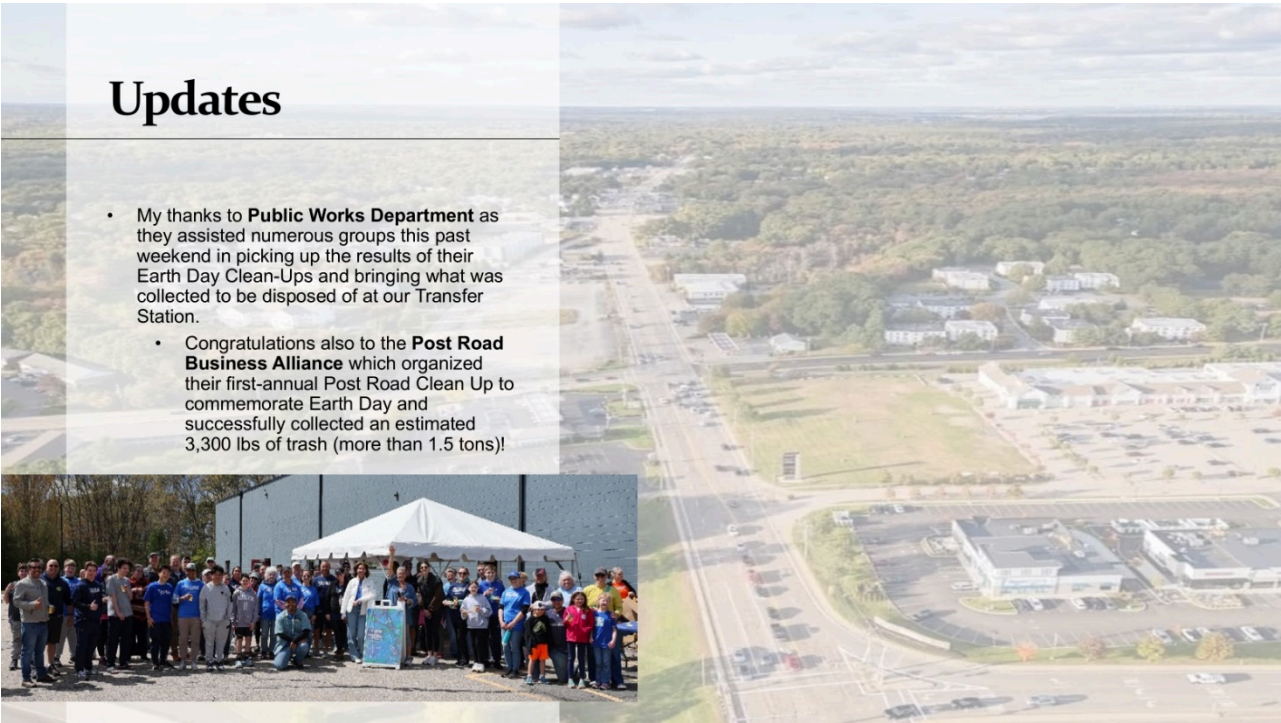
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- The Federal and State delegation will be hosting the Groundbreaking for the I-95 Quonset Connection "Missing Move" Project on Monday, May 5th.
 - This is an important project as it will link I-95 South to North Kingstown and Quonset.
 - I, along with Council Members, will be in attendance.

- The Federal and State Delegation will be hosting a Groundbreaking for the 1-95 Quonset Connection Project on Monday, May 5th. This is an important project as it will link 95 South to North Kingstown and Quonset and I, along with Council Members, will be in attendance at this Groundbreaking.



- And my thanks to Public Works as they assisted numerous groups this past weekend in picking up the results of their Earth Day Clean-Ups and bringing it to our Transfer Station.



Thank You

April 28, 2025
A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager



The Council thanked Mr. Mollis for his report.

President Mancini asked why we will only be receiving 72.3% reimbursement from RIDE instead of 100%. Mr. Mollis stated that we do not get reimbursement for items such as fields or non-educational items.

18. Report by the Finance Director

Finance Director Deb Bridgham gave the following report:

Town of North Kingstown
Fiscal Year 2025
March
Financial Report



Presented by: Deb Bridgham,
Finance Director

April 28,2025

This presentation is based on the revised budget for FY2025. The revised amounts were for State Aid to the three Libraries and the School Department. The increase in revenues and expenses has no impact to the taxpayer. This aid is a pass through from the State.

Revenue Type	FY 2025 Revised Budget	FY 2025 July - March	% of Total Budget	FY2025 Projection	Variance
Taxes, Interest	\$87,535,731	\$68,267,612	78.0%	\$87,535,731	n/a
Pilots	\$ 5,649,927	\$ 3,024,275	53.5%	\$ 5,649,927	n/a
State Aid	\$ 8,349,345	\$ 6,374,113	76.3%	\$ 8,704,525	\$355,180
Department	\$ 4,271,855	\$ 4,104,723	96.1%	\$ 5,068,546	\$796,690
Other	\$ 2,885,116	\$ 2,955,606	102.4%	\$ 3,702,532	\$817,416
Passthrough: Library					
School	\$ 325,575	\$ 247,561	76.0%	\$ 325,575	n/a
Unrestricted	\$13,448,838	\$ 9,907,875	73.9%	\$13,448,838	n/a
Restricted	\$ 45,954			\$ 45,954	n/a
Total	\$122,512,344	\$94,881,765	77.5%	\$124,481,631	\$1,969,287

Projections include increases over revised budget of \$1,716,122. The largest portion of the increase is interest earned by investing funds in high yielding accounts. This report also includes the loss of revenue for the sale of the Wickford El property.

Police Detail continues to generate revenue for the Town. We receive a 15% administrative fee over the cost of the officer and the patrol car, which is reflected in the total revenue.

REVENUE VARIANCES			
INCREASE	STATE AID		
	Tangible Property	\$ 329,980	The reimbursement is based the grand lists' assessed value at the rate set in 2024 (17.85 per thousand). This amount will not vary each year. Approximately 902 businesses received an exemption; maximum exemption is \$50,000 per business.
	Public Service	\$ 25,142	Budgeted \$367,064, State Adopted Budget \$392,206
	DEPARTMENT		
	Police Detail	\$731,500	Billing for police detail increased and collections strong
	All Other Departments	\$ 65,191	Increase in Planning & Town Clerk revenues, but reduction in Finance & Public Works
	OTHER		
	Interest Income	\$ 965,663	Reduced based on market conditions & negotiation of rate on investment
	Cell Tower	\$ 35,000	Final payment for cyber claim
DECREASE	Grant Revenue	\$ 25,148	Learn 365 RI Admin Fees
	Energy Refunds/credits	\$ 94,606	Rhode Island Energy refund
	OTHER		
	Sale of Property	\$ 300,000	Postponement of sale of Wickford El
	Misc Income	3,000	Various Department

As previously reported, Tangible Personal Property Tax of \$329,980 was not included in our adopted budget, therefore, this is a favorable addition to our revenues.

Expense Type	FY 2025 Revised Budget	FY 2025 July –March	% of Total Budget	FY2025 Projection	Variance
Salary	\$20,827,811	\$15,227,781	73.1%	\$21,721,258	\$893,445
Fringe Benefits	\$9,213,681	6,592,087	71.5%	\$9,354,681	\$141,000
Department Operations	\$8,145,111	\$5,582,888	68.5%	\$8,105,111	(40,000)
Utilities, Civic Contributions, QDC	\$2,456,109	\$2,108,927	85.9%	\$2,356,109	(100,000)
Library Appropriation	\$1,700,791	\$1,274,856	75.0%	\$1,700,791	n/a
School Appropriation	\$61,416,009	\$46,062,007	75.0%	\$61,416,009	n/a
School State Aid	\$13,448,838	\$10,070,698	75.0%	\$13,448,838	n/a
Unrestricted	\$45,954			\$45,954	
Restricted					
Debt Service	\$5,258,038	\$5,258,038	100.0%	\$5,258,038	n/a
Total	\$122,512,344	\$92,177,282	75.3%	\$123,406,789	\$894,445

The increase in salary and fringe benefits are attributed to additional costs from union negotiations, increase in pension and health cost, and increase in police detail wages (this is offset by revenue). The projection also includes savings from open positions or from positions that were filled during the fiscal year. This projection only reflects the savings through February. There will be additional savings if positions remain unfilled until the end of the fiscal year.



EXPENDITURE VARIANCES			
	DEPARTMENT		
	Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,034,445	Contractual obligations Police and Local 1033. Health, Dental, and Pension rates higher than originally provided. Overtime increased for Police, Fire, Dispatch Net of Savings from unfilled positions in various departments, reducing the impact of increases. Included in above is an increase of \$600,000 for Police Detail. As noted in Revenues the increase for police detail revenue is \$731,500, which offsets the additional cost.
	Operations	(\$40,000)	Savings from previous month is due to purchase of vehicle for planning, and additional cost for worker's compensation.
	Utilities	(\$100,000)	Streetlight cost reduced

My report also includes an increase in overtime for Public Safety personnel. However, all three divisions have open positions. This reduces the overall impact on the Public Safety’s budgets.

This report reflects a slight decrease in expenses in the Utilities and Departmental budgets. Utilities are reduced from savings we receive under the Solar and Net Metering programs. After discussion with the department heads, some expenses came in less than expected, therefore, I am projecting a slight savings within some of the departments.

Town of North Kingstown
February FY2025 Financial Report



Summary: Surplus of approximately \$1,074,842

Why

- Interest Income
- State Tangible Tax Reimbursement
- Open Positions reducing Fiscal Impact of Union Negotiations and Contractual Obligations (Pension, Health & Dental)
- Increase in Police Detail Revenue

Questions ??

Based on the available information at this time, I am pleased to report a projected surplus of \$1,185,122.00.

Ms. Bridgham stated that the Town currently has an agreement with Direct Energy for our utility supply charges. The contract ends in November 2025. With the assistance of Environ and their team, they went out for pricing for the most favorable supply services to begin in December 2025. Environ recommended an agreement with First Point Power. On April 8, 2025, the Town Manager signed this agreement for a three-year term, December 2025 – December 2028.

We are currently paying Direct Energy \$0.1121 and the agreement with First Point Power the rate will be \$0.1112, and based on our current usage, the savings will be approximately \$12,875 or more.

It's important to note that Environ's expertise in energy and solar is a service that is being provided free of charge to the Town and is paid by the selected third-party supplier.

The Council thanked Ms. Bridgham for her thorough report.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

The Council took Item Number 20 next.

20. Resolution making an appropriation of \$60,000,000 for and authorizing the Town of North Kingstown to finance Public Safety Projects

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$60,000,000 FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS INCLUDING A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX/POLICE STATION AND A NEW FIRE STATION AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$60,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

SECTION 1. The amount of \$60,000,000 is hereby appropriated for public safety projects including the construction of a new police station (which may also house emergency management, dispatch, and fire department administration) and a new fire station and all costs incidental thereto, including but not limited to furnishings and equipment, and demolition and environmental remediation of existing structures and site improvements (the "projects"), and specifically for the previously Council-approved contracts for architectural and engineering services with DBVW Architects, in association with Architects Design Group, in the amounts of \$2,760,033 and \$2,068,048 respectively.

SECTION 2. All projects utilizing the foregoing appropriation shall be carried out and all additional contracts made therefor on behalf of the Town shall be awarded by the Town Council and the Town Manager shall execute any contract or change order to evidence such approval, or as otherwise hereafter directed by the Council.

SECTION 3. The Town Treasurer and the President or the President Pro Tem of the Town Council be, and hereby are, authorized to issue up to \$60,000,000 bonds of the Town, in the aggregate, under Ordinance 24-08 and Chapter 45-12 of the General Laws, as amended, at one time or from time to time (a) in order to meet the foregoing appropriation, (b) in payment of the principal of and/or interest on temporary notes issued under SECTION 4 of this Resolution, and/or (c) in repayment of advances under SECTION 5 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Pending said issuance of bonds, said officers from time to time may issue and refund interest bearing or discounted notes ("Notes") under SECTION 3 of said Ordinance, in anticipation of the issue of said bonds. The manner of sale, which may be competitive or negotiated, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, interest of all such notes shall be fixed by said officers. The said officers may determine in their sole discretion and are authorized to execute and deliver such agreements and instruments necessary or desirable to effect such sale including but not limited to a note purchase agreement.

SECTION 5. Said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions, on behalf of the Town, necessary to ensure that interest on the bonds and notes will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; if permissible, to deem bonds and notes, and to the extent not deemed to be, to designate the bonds and notes as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and to refrain from all actions which would cause interest on bonds or notes of the Town to become subject to federal income taxes. The manner of sale which may be competitive or negotiated, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, and

interest rates of all such notes shall be fixed by said officers. Said officers may determine in their sole discretion and are authorized to execute and deliver such agreements and instruments necessary or desirable to effect such sale including but not limited to a bond or note purchase agreement. Furthermore, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized in her discretion to make any elections as provided under Section 148 (f)(4)(C)(v) and (vii) of the Code with respect to such bonds and notes or any portion thereof. The said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take such action as to comply with Rule 15c2 12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission as they deem necessary in their sole discretion and the Town Treasurer is specifically authorized to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

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SECTION 6. Pending the issuance of bonds under SECTION 3 hereof and/or notes under SECTION 4 hereof, the Town Treasurer may expend funds from the general treasury of the Town for the purposes specified in SECTION 1 under contracts awarded by this Council. Any advances made under this SECTION shall be repaid without interest from the proceeds of bonds or notes issued hereunder or from the proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

SECTION 7. The Town hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures authorized in SECTION 1 with proceeds of debt to be issued by the Town. This Resolution is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

21. Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for and authorizing the Town of North

Kingstown to finance construction, improvements, renovation, demolition, remediation, furnishing, equipping and other capital improvements of school facilities

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

RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ENTER INTO A FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

SECTION 1. The amount of \$20,000,000 is hereby appropriated for construction, renovations, remediation, alterations, additions and other improvements and/or related equipment for the North Kingstown public schools and all costs incidental thereto.

SECTION 2. All projects utilizing the foregoing appropriation shall be carried out and all contracts made therefor on behalf of the Town shall be awarded by the Town Council, provided however, the School Committee may with the approval of the Town Manager award any contract or change order not exceeding \$20,509, who shall execute such contract or change order, or as otherwise hereafter directed by the Council.

SECTION 3. The Town Treasurer and the President of the Town Council be, and hereby are, authorized to issue up to \$20,000,000 bonds of the Town, in the aggregate, under Chapters 41 and 42 of the Local Acts of 2024, at one time or from time to time in order to meet the foregoing appropriation.

SECTION 4. Pending said issuance of bonds, said officers from time to time may issue and refund interest bearing or discounted notes ("notes") under SECTION 5 of said Chapters of the Local Acts of 2024, in anticipation of the issue of said bonds. The manner of sale which may be competitive or negotiated, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, interest of all such notes shall be fixed by said officers. The Treasurer and the President of the Town Council may determine in their sole discretion and are authorized to execute and deliver such agreements and instruments necessary or desirable to effect such sale including but not limited to a note purchase agreement.

SECTION 5. The Town Treasurer and the President of the Town Council are hereby authorized to issue the aforesaid \$20,000,000 of bonds and deliver them to the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation and to execute and deliver a Financing Agreement with respect thereto with said Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation. Said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions, on behalf of the Town necessary to ensure that interest on the bonds and notes will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; if permissible, to deem bonds and notes, and to the extent not deemed to be, to designate the bonds and notes as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and to refrain from all actions which would cause interest on bonds or notes of the Town to become subject to federal income taxes.

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Furthermore, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized her discretion to make any elections as provided under Section 148 (f)(4)(C)(v) and (vii) of the Code with respect to such bonds and notes or any portion thereof. The said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take such action as to comply with Rule 15c2 12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission as they deem necessary in their sole discretion and are specifically authorized to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate. In addition, said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take such action as to comply with the provisions of §§16-7-35 to 16-7-47 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended; and any requirements of the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation with respect to such bonds, including the execution and delivery of agreements and certificates as may be requested by the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation.

SECTION 6. Pending the issuance of bonds under SECTION 3 hereof and/or notes under SECTION 4 hereof, the Town Treasurer may expend funds from the general treasury of the Town for the purposes specified in SECTION 1 under contracts awarded by this Council. Any advances made under this SECTION shall be repaid without interest from the proceeds of bonds or notes issued hereunder or from the proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

SECTION 7. The Town hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures authorized in SECTION 1 with proceeds of debt to be issued by the Town. This Resolution is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

SECTION 8. Any and all actions to be taken under this Resolution by the President of the Town Council may be taken by the President Pro Tempore of the Town Council.

SECTION 9. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Councilor Hill Ross voted in the negative.

22. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the General Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$41,235,283.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Debt Service Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$5,849,317.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Allen Harbor Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$450,273.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Golf Course Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$2,382,898.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Water Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$5,936,311.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Municipal Court Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$301,363.00;

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Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Sewer Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$2,280,198.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Transfer Station Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$1,386,507.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Town Appropriation for the Library Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$1,486,668.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts State Aid for the Library Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$297,906.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and was

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Town Appropriation for the School Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$63,789,200.00;

Councilor Hill Ross voted in the negative.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the State Aid for the School Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$13,424,235.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Restricted Aid for the School Fund for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$38,220.00;

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and was

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Total Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$138,858,379.00.

Councilor Hill Ross voted in the negative.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: That the Town Council authorizes the strict enforcement of Sections 605 and 606 of the Town Charter; whereby the Town Manager shall review and revise allotments of several offices, departments, and agencies of the Town so as to forestall the making of expenditures in excess of income.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

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VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Final School Enterprise Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 as follows:

School Food Service	\$1,321,660.00
Athletic Gate Receipts	\$ 30,000.00
Athletic Activities/Sports Camp	\$ 25,580.00
STEM Camp	\$ 12,100.00
Music/Chorus	\$ 42,335.00
Computer Repair Maintenance Prog.	\$ 28,500.00
 TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	 \$1,460,175.00

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

FURTHER VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby adopts the Final School Restricted Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 as follows:

Restricted Funds	\$2,396,250.00 (special revenue funds)
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President Mancini thanked Mr. Mollis, staff, and the Council for their work in preparing and passing this budget.

23. Correspondence

4/16/2025 - Lee Wilson - School Bond - To SC, encouraging them to "build what you sold the voters".

4/17/2025 - Vickie Bennett – WMS - Concerned about WMS project spending.

4/19/2025 - Kara Martone - NKSC Sub Membership - Doesn't support justification for one community member to be a parent, supports putting financial acumen over that criteria.

4/21/2025 - Lizzie Shriner - Redistricting and NKSD Budget - Concerned about budget cuts and redistricting process and potential outcomes.

4/21/2025 - Kevin Hirsch – Redistricting - Concerned about current redistricting, lack of a long-term plan, and possibility of more frequent redistricting.

4/22/2025 - Kara Martone - NKSD Budget - Concerned that the SD didn't update budget presentation to include TC preliminary budget; asks that TC not approve SC budget as it is.

4/23/2025 - Sue Alexander - Lone Tree Dock – E-mail to Rep. Craven expressing disappointment that he represented the property owner in favor of the dock that was opposed by the residents, Harbor Commission, CRMC, and TC.

4/25/2025 - Thomas Miozzi - Wickford Roundabout - Opposed to the roundabout.

4/25/2025 - Pam Pinheiro - NKSD Budget - In favor of holding the NKSD budget increase to 3.4%.

4/25/2025 - Mary Kay Kmack - Wickford Roundabout - Opposed to the roundabout.

4/26/2025 - Brian Votolato - Memorial Day Parade - Sent letter addressing request for increased Memorial Day Parade funding as discussed at TC meeting by Mary Ellen Madsen.

4/26/2025 - Patricia Siegmund - Wickford Roundabout - Opposed to the roundabout, asked for blinking pedestrian light.

4/26/2025 - Mike Donohue - State Library Standards - State Library Board decided NOT to mandate the change in services and Davisville and Willett Libraries will continue on as they have; his e-mail thanked TC for the support.

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4/28/2025 - Nadine Swanson - NKSD Budget - Opposed to giving NKSD more money.

4/27/2025 - Katie Anderson - Assault Weapon Ban (AWB) Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Michelle Girasole - AWB Resolution – Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - David Bergeron - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Amy Coleman - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Christine Marinello - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Jim Roehm - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Frances Bergeron - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Kathleen Guarino - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Lisa Bowe - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Debbie Lukacsko - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Keegan Bowman - AWB Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Nadine Swanson - AWB Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Patricia and Stephen Grier - AWB Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Mark Oltedale - AWB Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Ryan S - AWB Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

4/28/2025 - Douglas Shehan - AWB Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution against the AWB.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk