

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 12th day of May, 2025 at the Town Hall Council Chambers, 80 Boston Neck Road, at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Gregory A. Mancini, President
Linnea M. Drew
Elizabeth Hill Ross (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)
Matthew B. McCoy
Dr. Kimberly Ann Page

ALSO PRESENT: A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager
Jeannette Alyward, Town Clerk
Kerry Rollinson, Acting 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 May 12, 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. Executive Session

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and was

VOTED: To adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4 and 42-46-5, Subsection (2) - Collective Bargaining (Local 1651 - International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO), Subsection (5) - Real Estate (Easement/Indemnification Agreement - 61 Brown LLC), and Subsection (6) - Business/Industry (Amendment to PILOT Agreement)

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

4. Salute to Flag

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

5. Community Development Block Grant Program Years 2023/2024 Application

Motion by Councilor Page, second by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

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

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To authorize A. Ralph Mollis as the Chief Executive Officer to file this application for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant with the Office of Housing and Community Development for Program Years 2023/2024.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

President Mancini stated that he attended an event last week where our former Fire Chief Scott Kettelle was recognized and awarded the ASIS International Providence Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award.

Councilor Ross stated that she would like to file another 89 signatures, 8 of which are Wickford residents in opposition to the Wickford roundabout.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS

7. Advise and Consent of the Council of the Town Manager's appointment of the Fire Chief

Mr. Mollis stated that in accordance with Section 510 of the North Kingstown Town Charter, I am hereby requesting the advice and consent of the Town Council on my appointment of John G. Linacre, Jr. as Fire Chief of the North Kingstown Fire Department.

John began his tenure with the North Kingstown Fire Department on July 20, 1990. John rapidly rose through the ranks until being appointed Assistant Fire Chief on October 2, 2022. During his 35 years on the Department, John has been active in developing many of the department's Standard Operating Guidelines and General Orders; coordinating the recruitment and hiring process; overseeing the consolidated dispatch system; coordinating bid procedures and budget preparation; overseeing facility maintenance and renovations of our stations; organizing and overseeing the town's coordinated response to COVID including testing and immunizations; and has served as Acting Fire Chief numerous times in Chief Kettelle's absence.

In addition to his lengthy service here in North Kingstown, John also served in the United States Navy Reserve until his retirement in 2011. During his service, John was deployed in 2003 for 350 days; was a Field Medic for 16 years; was the 4th Marine Division's Sailor of the Year in 2003; and received numerous medals, awards and training certificates. John received a Degree in Applied Science in 1993, participated in the RI Interlocal Trust's Management Leadership Workshop at Roger Williams University Leadership Institute and the R.I. League of Cities and Towns Municipal Leadership Academy. John's skills and Certifications are numerous, accumulating experience and knowledge throughout his 35 years here in North Kingstown.

Since being appointed Interim Fire Chief on January 1, 2025, Chief Linacre has done an incredible job following what was a productive and successful tenure under Chief Scott Kettelle's leadership. These were not easy shoes to fill, and John has filled them admirably and successfully. I also had the opportunity to conduct numerous individual meetings with all the Battalion Chiefs over this past month, as well as speaking with various members of the Department and peers outside of the Department, and John has the respect, confidence and admiration of all. After conducting a series of meetings and interviews with John over this past month, listening to his vision and goals for the department as well as his leadership and management skills, it is obvious to me that John Linacre is the best choice and right choice to lead this amazing and well-respected department over the upcoming years.

I therefore request your advice and consent on my appointment of John G. Linacre, Jr. as Chief of the North Kingstown Fire Department, and ask that you join me in congratulating Chief Linacre as he continues his service in North Kingstown and the North Kingstown Fire Department as its next Fire Chief.

Chief Linacre thanked the Council for their consideration and the Manager and Department Heads for their support. He further stated that he would like to also thank Chief Scott Kettelle whose friendship and mentorship has helped him achieve his success. He offered a special thanks to his wife, sons, and daughter who he believes is looking over him.

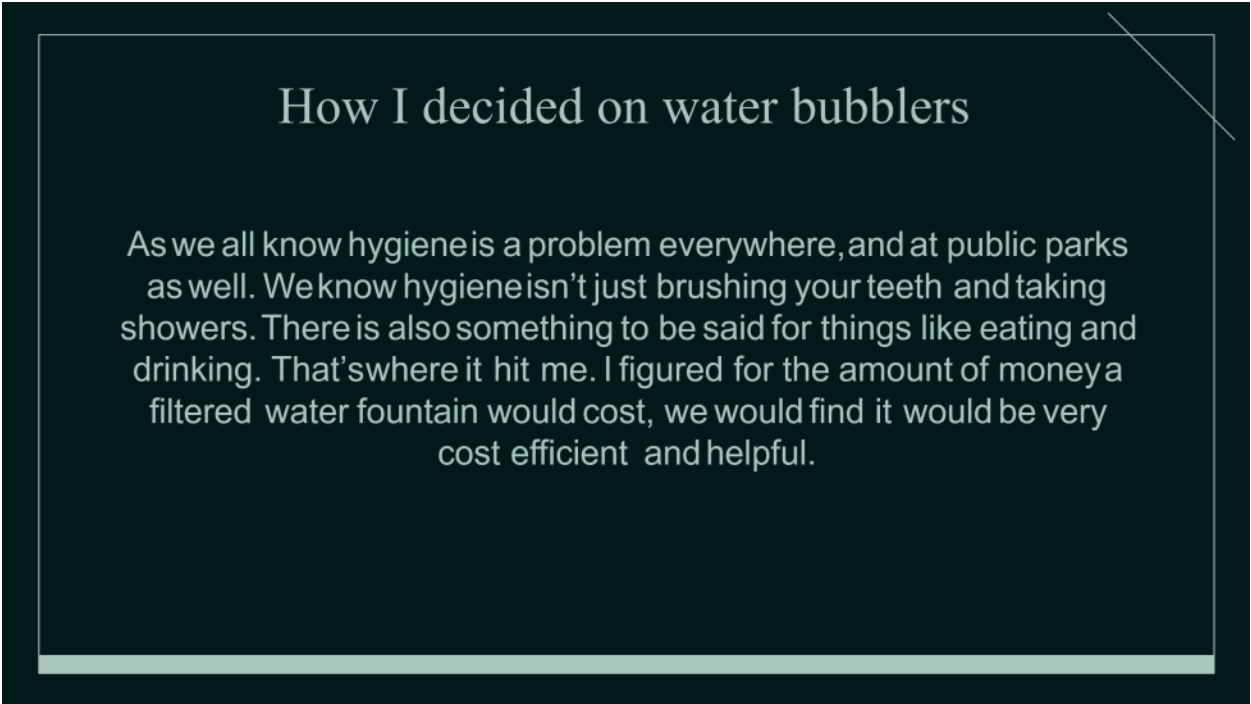
Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

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

8. Presentation by the Learn365 Youth Commission 2025 and authorization to expend funds

Kayla VanGordon and students of the Youth Commission thanked the Council for the opportunity to present their projects.

Ryan Gillette and Aria Holsombach gave the following presentation:



Whowillwecontact?

- NK Parks and Recreation

Howwilwegettheitems?

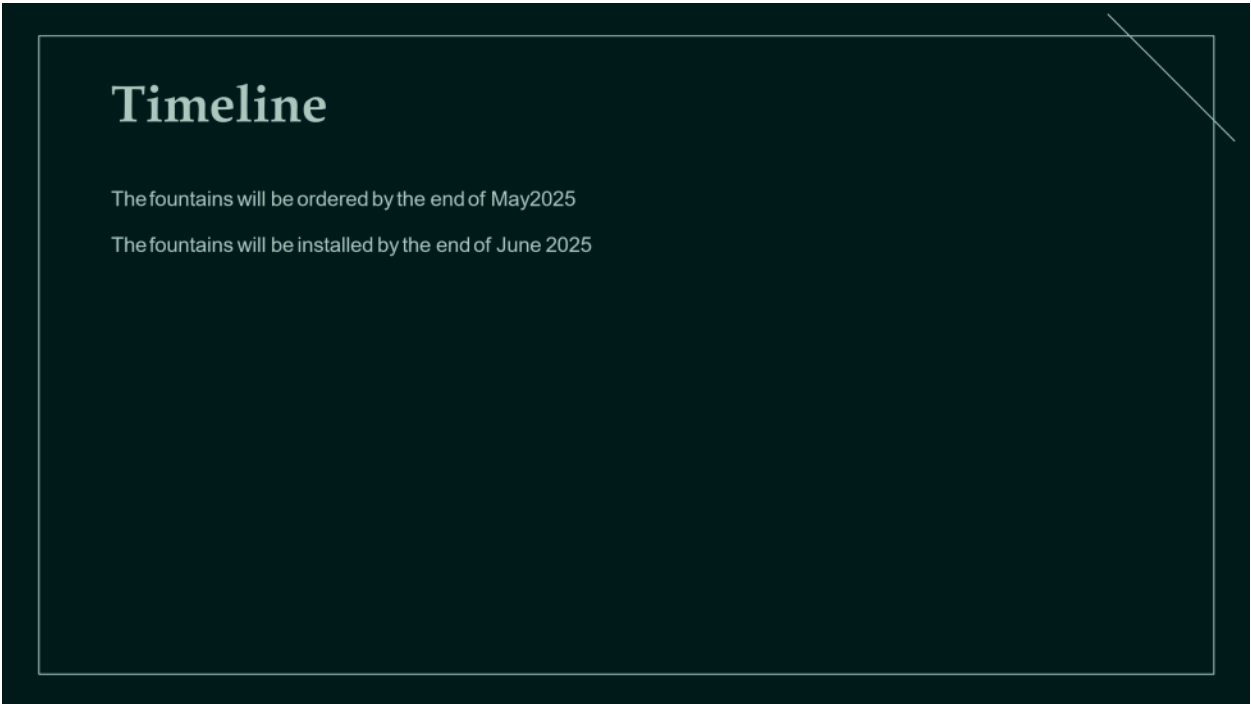
After getting approval from the North Kingstown Town Council, we will use the grant money to buy multiple water fountains. Then we will coordinate with NK Parks and Recreation to have the filters installed.

Budgeting 1 fountain, Costing \$4400

For this project, I would request \$2200 to spend. This is the based on including shipping

Bob Cola will do our installation in accordance with the towns previous water filter installations

The cost is \$2200 for the unit and \$2200 for the install for a total of \$4400



Ava Barber-Lecler, Tessa Johnson, and Alena Holsombach gave the following presentation:





HOW WE WILL GET THE ITEMS

Once our project has been approved by the Town Council we will order materials using \$2,500 from our grant funding. We have met with The Office of Family Learning to determine what they would need for the 2025-2026 school year.



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HOW WE WILL PACKAGE THE ITEMS





Organizing:

We will find the cheapest price of each item requested and deliberate as a team.



Distributing:






We will have the items delivered directly to the office of family learning for them to distribute to families in need in our town. They have access to these slides due to their position. We don't have access to financial records as that is confidential.



Sending them out:

The family center will distribute them to the families prior to the 2025-2026 school year. We will offer assistance at any events for this distribution. We are not creating kits to extend the value of our items because not all students need all items.

TIMELINE SCHEDULE

1 - Get the Grant	2 - Research	3 - Buy the supplies	4 - Organize the supplies	5 - Send the supplies out in late May 2025
				
Ask the town council for the grant of 2,500\$.	Research which store is the cheapest for the school supplies.	Buy the supplies at which store is the cheapest.	Ship the supplies to the office of family learning in NK	Put the pencil cases into boxes and send them out to the office of family learning .



Time?

We will order the items by the end of May 2025,they will be distributed by the end of August 2025.



How?

We have determined our items in conjunction with the Office of Family learning in NKSD.

**HOW/WHEN
WOULD WE
DISTRIBUTE
THE ITEMS?**



BUDGETING:

Headphones 8 packs of 30	\$59.99 per pc	3-4 years
Handheld sharpeners 33 packs of 48	\$14.99 per pc	3-4 years
Dry erase markers 16 packs of 144	\$29.99 per pc	Half a year per marker
Basic Calculators 14 packs of 24	\$33.99	Several Years
Water bottles 7 packs of 50	\$64.99	3-4 years



ALL PRICES FOUND ON THE AMAZON WEBSITE



**WHO WE WILL
CONTACT**

We will contact the Office of Family Learning once the items are ordered.





The Council thanked the students and Ms. VanGordon for their presentation.

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Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the North Kingstown Youth Commission to expend funds from the allocated LEARN365 Grant for the following initiatives:

- Purchase and Installation of a Water Fountain - \$4,400
- School Supply Drive - \$2,500

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 9 through 21 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Numbers 12 and 16.

9. Approval of Minutes

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Budget Public Hearings of April 21, 2025 as submitted by the Office of the Town Clerk.

10. Receipt of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude a donation given by the Rhode Island Foundation to be used for the Thomas and Erma Wood Peirce Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$415.50.

11. Receipt of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the donation of \$508.00 to be used by the Recreation Department towards 2025 scholarships given by Jaelyn Holmes who organized two bake sales for her Senior Project.

12. Receipt of Donation

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and was

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the donation of \$2,500.00 given by the North Kingstown 350th Anniversary Steering Committee to be used for the Veterans Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Councilor McCoy recused from this vote as he was the Chair of the 350th Anniversary Steering Committee.

13. Award of Contract

VOTED: To award a three (3) year Preventative Maintenance Contract for the Town's Emergency Generators to Lightship Group, 606 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown, RI as follows:

- Year 1 \$5,468.78
- Year 2 \$5,742.23
- Year 3 \$6,029.35

Service Calls	Reg. Hours	Nights/Saturdays	Holidays/Sundays
• Year 1	\$145.00/hr.	\$217.50/hr.	\$290.00/hr.
• Year 2	\$152.25/hr.	\$228.38/hr.	\$304.50/hr.
• Year 3	\$159.86/hr.	\$239.79/hr.	\$319.72/hr.

Funding is from Facilities - Contractual Services - Account #00110070-531206.

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14. Approval of a Lease Purchase

VOTED: To approve a lease purchase for the Police Department to lease four (4) Dodge Durango Police SUVs from Bald Hill Dodge of Warwick, RI, 1035 Bald Hill Road, Warwick, RI 02886, in the amount of \$170,422.00; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To authorize the upfitting of the four (4) SUVs with needed equipment to McGovern Municipal HQ, Inc., 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA 01752, in the amount of \$60,920.00.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget – Vehicle Lease Payments Account #00108120 551024.

15. Award of a Sole Source Purchase

VOTED: To award the sole source purchase of four (4) additional gooseneck microphones for the Information Technology Department from Shanix Technology, Inc., 40 Worthington Road, Cranston, RI 02920 (RI State MPA #416), in the amount of \$16,616.25.

Funding for this purchase will be charged to Council Contingency Fund #00101010-531206.

16. Request by the North Kingstown Semiquincentennial Committee

VOTED: To approve the request for the North Kingstown Semiquincentennial Committee to authorize the Town Manager to allocate \$25,000 to fund enlightening, educational and memorable events for our community in the 250th Year Anniversary of the birth of our country.

Funding for the request is from Civic Contributions - Account #00113010-530962.

Councilor McCoy recused from this vote as he is a member of the North Kingstown Semiquincentennial Committee.

17. Request from the Veterans Day & Memorial Day Parades Committee

VOTED: To approve the request from the Veterans Day & Memorial Day Parades Committee for additional FY2025 funding to hire the Providence Drum Troupe for the Memorial Day Parade in the amount of \$1,375.00.

Funding is from Civic Contributions - Account #00113010-530921.

18. Exhibition License (1-10 vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 1-10 vendors by the North Kingstown Rotary Club, PO Box 807, North Kingstown, to hold a charity Touch-a-Truck Event on the grounds of 21 Iafrate Way, North Kingstown, on Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a letter of permission from the property owner; receipt of a Show Promoter's Permit; and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

19. Holiday Sales License (new)

VOTED: To approve to July 1, 2026 the application for a Holiday Sales License by Wickford Cheese & Sundry, LLC, 26 Brown Street, subject to taxes and water paid to date.

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20. Mobile Home Park License Renewals

VOTED: To approve to June 1, 2026 the following list of Mobile Home Park License Renewals, subject to taxes and water paid to date, approval from the Building Official, and receipt of a map or plan of the mobile home park layout:

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| MH-2 | Kingstown Properties LLC
dba Kingstown Residential Community
6705 Post Road |
| MH-3 | The Kingstown Group
dba Post Road Mobile Home Park
6101 Post Road |
| MH-4 | The Kingstown Group
dba Post Road Mobile Home Park
6200 Post Road |

21. Placement by Rhode Island Energy for one (1) stub pole with anchor and guy

VOTED: To grant the petition by Rhode Island Energy for the placement of one (1) stub pole with anchor and guy on Weaver Road.

IV. REPORTS

22. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:



Manager’s Report

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager
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School Department Capital Projects

- To update on the School Department Building Advisory Committee meeting last week and the status of the School Bond Project, Council Person Kim Page will provide an update immediately following this Manager’s Report



Public Safety Complex Projects

- Progress continues in our internal work sessions with the architectural team in weekly meetings, with continued evaluation of moving Fire Administration to Station One versus a combined Fire/Police Administration at the Public Safety Complex and police station proposed in Quonset.
- Next, our attorney Bob Brooks will conduct a PLA study. The Phase I Environmental Study of the proposed site in Quonset has successfully been completed; preliminary boring will follow.
- We conducted an hour-long review of various mechanical options for each building; the focus of our next meetings will be progress towards 90% completion of design and footprint for each site.
- As mentioned previously, we will continue to meeting weekly for another 4-8 weeks, then host a public meeting on this important project.

- We had a lengthy and somewhat productive meeting of the School Department Building Advisory Committee last week. Council Person Kim Page, who serves on the Committee as well, will provide an update on the School Bond Project immediately following my Manager’s Report.
- We also had a very productive meeting last week of internal staff and the Architectural Team relative to the Public Safety Complex Bond Project. As mentioned in previous updates, we are meeting weekly due to the amount of work and time constraints related to

this project. We continue to evaluate the benefits of placing Fire Administration at Station One versus a combined Police/Fire Administration at the Public Safety Complex proposed in Quonset. We are moving forward with a PLA Study to be conducted by Attorney Bob Brooks. The Phase I Environmental Study of the proposed site for the Public Safety Complex has been successfully completed. We now proceed to the phase of preliminary boring locations. And we conducted a one-hour review of the various mechanical options in each building. Our next two meetings will be focused on proceeding to 90% completion of the design and footprint of both buildings. As I mentioned in my previous report, we are planning for another 4 – 8 weeks of internal staff meetings before hosting a public meeting for a presentation as to where we are with this important project.

Updates:

- Bi-weekly virtual meetings with **Revolution Wind** continue; they had a large equipment delivery early morning last week with notification to nearby residents, the Town, and Public Safety with no issues.
- Site visit next week for Town staff that participate in bi-weekly meetings, to be followed by an in-person occurrence of the bi-weekly status update the same morning.
- Cable pulling continues along with other work at the Onshore Substation. They are approaching a point where a plan will be presented for landscape restoration.
- I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact Revolution Wind directly: 401-251-2207, or via email: info@revolution-wind.com
 - I receive regular reports on all outreach they receive and how any issues are resolved.



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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. They had a large equipment delivery early morning last week with notification to residents, the Town, and Public Safety with no issues.

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We’ve scheduled a site visit for next week for those staff members who participate in the bi-weekly meetings which will be followed by an in-person bi-weekly meeting that same morning.

Cable pulling and other work at the Onshore Substation continues. They are moving closer to the point where they will present a plan for landscape restoration.

I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact Revolution Wind at 401-251-2207 or email them at info@revolution-wind.com. I am provided with regular reports on all outreach they receive and how they resolved any issues.

Updates:

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- I participated in and spoke at the RIDOT I-95 Missing Move/Quonset Ramp Groundbreaking last week.
- Our federal delegation, Governor, RIDOT Director, and members of our local delegation were also in attendance.
 - This is a significant project for North Kingstown and Quonset Business Park as it will provide a direct link to I-95 South and North to and from our community. It is a \$144 million project, funded predominately by federal funds, and supplemented by state and QDC monies as well.
 - In addition to the significant and obvious economic impacts, the project is expected to reduce congestion and wear and tear on local major roads.
 - RIDOT projected significant construction completion by Winter 2027, and closeout of the project will occur in Winter 2029.
- As reported in previous Manager's Reports, RIDOT has a number of **bridge projects** scheduled for our area in the coming weeks and months.
- Our public safety departments, as well as those in East Greenwich, have expressed concerns. Some have been resolved; others remain and will be addressed in another meeting on Wednesday of this week.
- It is our understanding that RIDOT may commence work at the end of next week.



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- I participated and spoke at the I-95 Missing Move/Quonset Ramp Construction Project Groundbreaking last week. Our Federal Delegation, Governor, RIDOT Director, and members of our local delegation were in attendance. This is a significant project for North Kingstown, and Quonset Business Park, as it will directly link our community to 95 South, as well as directly link those coming to North Kingstown from the South via 95 North. It is a \$144 million project with a majority of the funding being federal and the remaining being state and Quonset Development Corporation. In addition to the obvious benefits, it is also expected to reduce traffic and congestion on many of our major roads here in town. RIDOT projected that significant construction will be completed by the Winter of 2027 with a closeout date of Winter, 2029.
- As I've reported in previous Manager's Reports, RIDOT has a number of Bridge Projects scheduled for our area in the coming weeks and months. Our Public Safety Departments, as well as those in East Greenwich, have expressed concerns. Some of these concerns have been resolved while others are still outstanding. It is our understanding that some of this work may commence at the end of next week. We have a meeting with DOT scheduled for this Wednesday where we are hoping to address these concerns.

Updates:

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- I am happy to report that work has resumed with the **Wickford Waterfront** (Brown St. Municipal Parking Lot) project.
 - The construction site is already much improved.
- **My thanks to our staff and Solicitor, James Callaghan, as well as our Project Manager, BETA, and the new contractor, RICON, as well as the patience and understanding of the businesses and residents affected in this area.**
- Work is on schedule with all sheet pilings to be removed by Memorial Day weekend, add the asphalt binder to the entrance of the lot (Phase I) installed by the Wickford Harbor Fire event on June 19.
 - Substantial completion is expected by October 18.
 - Prioritization of Phase I is to provide a larger parking area and ease of movement to assist local businesses and their patrons.

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- I'm happy to report that work has returned to the Wickford Waterfront Project. My thanks to staff, our Solicitor James Callaghan, our Project Manager BETA, the new contractor RICON, and the patience and understanding of the businesses and residents affected in this area. They are on schedule to have all sheet pilings removed by Memorial Day Weekend, the asphalt binder to the entrance to the lot, which is Phase 1, installed by the next Harbor Fire Event on June 19th, and substantial completion by October 18th. The purpose of prioritizing Phase I is to provide a larger area for parking and ease of movement to assist local businesses. The area already looks better.

Updates:

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- Previous Manager's Report included an update that RIDOT would host an informational meeting for Wickford businesses and residents to present the details of the **Mini-Roundabout** project and answer questions relevant to the time of construction, dates of construction, and others related to project design.
- This meeting has been rescheduled from a tentative date of May 14th, to **May 29, at 5:30 p.m. in our Town Hall's Council Chambers (80 Boston Neck Rd).**
 - Information will be shared via online flyers, posts, etc. once all details have been confirmed.



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- During my last Manager's Report, I provided an update on the Wickford Roundabout and mentioned that RIDOT would be in town on May 14th to participate in an informational meeting for Wickford businesses and residents to present the details of the project and answer any questions they may have relative to time of construction, dates of construction, and any other questions on design. This meeting has been rescheduled to May 29th. It is scheduled to take place at 5:30 here in our Council Chambers. Information will be sent out once all details are confirmed.



- During my last Manager’s Report, Council Person Ross asked for an update on**bike lanes**:
- Along with staff in our Planning Department, I have had numerous meetings with RIDOT to aggressively pursue bike lanes along Ten Rod and Boston Neck Roads.
- We were able to workaround concerns of isolated businesses and their utilization of onstreet parking, then submit a Ten Rod Road bike lane proposal as pat of our STIP (State Traffic Improvement Plan) submission.
- Our aggressive pursuit of bike lanes on Boston Neck Road has led to RIDOT recently notifying us that this year, they will stripe bike lanes in both shoulders of Route 1A between Beach Street the north of Old Boston Neck Road in Narragansett to the south, with appropriate signage throughout this corridor.
- We will receive advance notice once the work is scheduled to begin and share that information widely.

- Also, during my last Report, Council Person Ross had asked for an update on bike lanes. We – Planning Staff and I – have had numerous conversations and meetings with RIDOT in order to aggressively pursue bike lanes along Ten Rod Road and Boston Neck Road.

While there were some initial concerns regarding the impact of removing on-street parking on Ten Rod Road to isolated local businesses, we were able to work around those issues and submitted a Ten Rod Road bike lane proposal as part of our STIP, State Traffic Improvement Plan submission.

In regard to a bike lane along Boston Neck Road, due to our aggressive pursuit, RIDOT notified us that they plan to stripe bike lanes in both shoulders of Route 1A between Beach Street to the north and Old Boston Neck Road in Narragansett to the South with appropriate signage throughout the corridor. They plan to begin this project this year. RIDOT will notify us with advance notice once the work is scheduled to commence.

Department Updates:



- As shared, **Town Beach Campus Parking Passes** for the 2025 season are on sale at the Recreation Department (Town Hall/80 Boston Neck Rd) and at the Town Clerk’s Office (Municipal Office Building/100 Fairway Dr) during weekday business hours.
 - The **Recreation Department** will offer extended evening hours on June 11 and June 26, as well as weekend hours on June 14 and June 22. These times will be shared in their emails, on our website, and social media platforms.
 - Parking pass prices have not changed from the 2024 season, with discounts for senior citizens, residents and veterans being offered.
 - To purchase, please bring cash or check as well as valid identification and vehicle registration with proof of address for resident rate.




- **Planning Department:** In effort to enact some recommendations presented in the Boards & Commissions Report to Town Council last year, we are planning to have EDAB and the Wickford Advisory Committee make presentations to Town Council, most likely at your June meeting.
 - Nicole LaFontaine, Planning Director, will 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.
 - For a full schedule, please visit www.NKArtsCouncil.org.

- Town Parking Passes for our Beach Campus are on sale. You can purchase them at our Municipal Office Building and our Town Hall. In addition to regular business hours, we will be offering evening hours on June 11th, extended hours on June 26th, and weekend hours on June 14th and June 22nd. We will be promoting these hours via our Social Media Platforms and on our website. Prices haven’t changed for 2025. Individuals will need their registration and photo ID.


- 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 planning to have EDAB and the Wickford Advisory Committee make presentations to the Town Council at will most likely be your June meeting. Nicole LaFontaine is coordinating 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. For a full schedule, please visit www.NKArtsCouncil.org.

Department Updates:

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- The **North Kingstown Free Library** has revised and improved their website, already having received significant positive feedback.
 - Please note: the Library will not open until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd to accommodate a staff meeting and training sessions that will take place in the morning.



- The North Kingstown Parades Committee will present their annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.
 - There will be a 9:00 a.m. wreath laying ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, followed by kickoff of the Parade from Wilson Park at 10:00 a.m., with concluding ceremonies planned for 11:00 a.m. at Elm Grove Cemetery.
 - We look forward to seeing you, and the "Dogs of Wickford" there!

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- The library has revised and improved their website and it is now live, receiving significant positive feedback. Please visit their website for a wealth of information and programs. Also, the Library will not open until 1pm on Friday, May 23rd as they are conducting a staff meeting and staff training sessions in the morning.
- The North Kingstown Parades Committee will be presenting their 2025 Memorial Day Parade and Commemoration on Memorial Day, May 26th. There will be a 9am Commemoration and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park followed by a 10am parade beginning at Wilson Park and ending at Elm Grove Cemetery with concluding ceremonies scheduled for 11am. We look forward to seeing you there.



Thank you.

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

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Councilor McCoy asked if the Recreation Department has been able to hire lifeguards for the beach. Mr. Mollis stated that Ms. Dumas-Gibbs is optimistic that we have enough lifeguards to support the beach operations.

The Council thanked Mr. Mollis for his report.

23. Report by Councilor Page – School Bond Projects

Councilor Page stated that both she and the Town Manager sit on this committee. At the last meeting on May 7th, we started moving forward reviewing submissions for architects and owners project management consulting services (OPM) for the CIP projects. We had approximately 9 RFP submittals for the OPM, and we ranked them, which resulted in the committee agreeing to the top 3. This Wednesday we will be interviewing these three companies. On Thursday, we will be interviewing the top three Architect firms who submitted their qualifications. After these interviews are completed, the committee will provide recommendations to the School Committee.

She further stated that a question had been asked by President Mancini regarding what the reimbursements will be for these projects, and she will give an update on that at the next meeting. She further stated that some of the projects such as athletic fields are not eligible for reimbursement.

The Council thanked Councilor Page for the update.

V. NEW BUSINESS

24. Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2023-04-051

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That no substantive objection be filed to Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2023-04-051 to allow the Quonset Development Corporation, c/o Steven J. King, P.E. to realign Maritime Way to shift a section of the roadway and new Port of Davisville entrance and connect with development properties to the south, Plat 192, Lots 12 and 9 and Plat 193, Lot 10. Laydown storage will be expanded north of Maritime Way and the stormwater management design has been adjusted to the modified roadway and laydown areas.

25. North Kingstown Veterans Memorial Scholarship Award

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: That the letter from the North Kingstown Veterans Memorial Scholarship Committee regarding their recommendation to award the Veterans Memorial Scholarship be received and filed, and that the Director of Finance be authorized to forward payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Elizabeth Mackrell, as recipient of the 2025 Veterans Memorial Scholarship Award.

26. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

VOTED: That the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute the contract between the Town and Local 1651, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, governing the terms and conditions of employment for the period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

27. Authorization for the Town Manager to execute a Third Amendment to a Payment-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Third Amendment to the Payment-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement (PILOT) between the Town of North Kingstown and the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, acting by and through its agent and attorney in fact, the Quonset Development Corporation and Electric Boat Corporation, a Delaware Corporation allowed pursuant to RIGL 42-64.10.

28. Correspondence

4/29/2025 - Cindy Buxton, 33 Oceanwoods Drive – Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

4/29/2025 - Jarrett Kerbel – Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

4/29/2025 - Stephen Grier, 187 Seabreeze Drive - Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

5/1/2025 - Michael Barner, 144 Mitola Drive - Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

5/1/2025 - Cody Trinko, 312 Newcomb Road - Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

5/1/2025 - Linda Ohsberg, 70 Saw Mill Drive - Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Opposed to Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

5/1/2025 - Tayler Proscia - Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

5/1/2025 - Justin Olsen - Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

5/1/2025 - Nick Proscia - Assault Weapon Ban Resolution - Supportive of Councilor Hill Ross's proposed resolution.

5/4/2025 - Ashley Ung, 404 Newcomb Road - Quonset Bike Path - Request to add another entrance to the Quonset bike path.

5/5/2025 - Marilyn Dedrick Buvinow - Crosswalk on Tower Hill Road - Request for us to request DOT add a crosswalk for the Summit View neighborhood.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk