

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 9th day of June, 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 June 9, 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 the Flag

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew 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 approve the request by Kurmanji LLC, dba Rhody Slice, 7415 Post Road, that the premises covered by their Class B-Limited 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. Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License (new)

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

Richard Welch stated that this location has a Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License and asked what happened to that license. Town Clerk Alyward stated that they closed the business, and they turned in their license at which at that time the Council reduced the limits, therefore the Council had to create a new license.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the application for a Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage License, expiring on December 1, 2025, by HuyNga, Inc., dba Saigon Hot Pot, 6900 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a certificate from the RI Department of Health; receipt of a Rhode Island Retail Sales Tax Permit; receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing; receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance; receipt of a copy of their Alcohol Server Training Certifications; and compliance with the recommendations of the Police Department, the Fire Marshall, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

6. Public Comment

President Mancini stated that he will allow public comment after Item Number 9 – Presentation – North Kingstown Climate Conversations Group.

Jennifer Lima, 4 Hickory Drive East, read the following statement:

“I’m here tonight in my capacity as President of TANK – Towards an Anti-Racist North Kingstown.

I’d like to begin by thanking the Town Council for marching in the third annual North Kingstown Pride Parade earlier this month. I truly appreciate that the entire Council has participated each year. I know Dr. Page was unable to attend this year due to being out of town.

One year ago, I stood before you and urged the Council to consider alternate ways to show municipal support for our LGBTQ+ community if you felt unable to grant the request to raise a pride flag. At your very next meeting, you passed a resolution recognizing June as Pride Month. That resolution is again on the agenda this evening and I thank you for continuing to affirm it.

Part of the resolution reads:

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to affirm that North Kingstown should recognize, value, and maintain an inclusive environment for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and families of all compositions, and should cultivate the town’s reputation as a welcoming and safe place for members of the LGBTQIA+ community and their families.

That statement is a strong and important start. But words alone are not enough – they must be matched with actions that create real inclusion, safety and equity.

As a municipality, you have the ability – and the responsibility – to ensure that all residents, including LGBTQ+ youths, adults and families feel not just acknowledged, but protected and truly valued.

Some meaningful and achievable ways to do this include:

- Enacting policies that explicitly prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.
- Providing LGBTQ+ cultural competency and anti-bias training for all municipal employees.
- Ensuring that all employees and visitors have access to restrooms that align with their gender identity and/or designating gender-neutral restrooms.
- Making sure HR policies and benefits are inclusive of LGBTQ+ individuals and families, with no exclusions in coverage.
- Hosting or sponsoring community Pride events – not just matching, but actively supporting and uplifting LGBTQ+ visibility.

These aren't abstract ideals. They are concrete steps that show a commitment to equity – not just in word, but in practice.

I understand that you cannot legislate people's hearts and minds. Interracial marriage has been legal for just 57 years – a heartbeat in history – but there are still people who oppose it. My husband and I have been married for 23 years, and while our life here in North Kingstown is good, I cannot overstate the difference we feel when we spend time in Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard. It's a truly inclusive and affirming community - where commitment to black lives, LGBTQ+ rights, and justice are visible on storefronts and government buildings alike.

There is a difference between being tolerated and being welcomed.

I urge you to take further steps to support and affirm the LGBTQ+ community especially in a time when hate-fueled rhetoric and legislation are rising across the country. Inclusive policies and services can literally save lives. They improve mental health, strengthen communities, and elevate the quality of life for everyone.

Local governments shape the daily lives of residents. You help determine how safe, seen and valued people feel. So, I ask you – Put your words of the resolution into action.

Thank you.”

Richard Welch, 8 Arrow Lane, stated that as long as he has been in town and serving as a member of the Council, we have never had a bond issue as big as the one we are about to put into effect. Tonight, the Council is talking about \$20 million to go ahead of the plans being approved for the school. He is not aware of Bond Counsel services ever going out to bid and doesn't understand why we have not done so. In answer to his question about what the budget is for the Bond Counsel, Mr. Mollis stated that he does not have that with him but will get back to Mr. Welch. In regard to why we have not gone out to bid for Bond Counsel, Mr. Welch was on the Council when he was hired and is not sure why it never went out to bid. Our current Bond Counsel has been with the town for many years, which we are very fortunate to have. President Mancini stated that he agrees with Mr. Mollis and as Mr. Welch knows municipalities are not required to go out to bid for legal service.

Mr. Welch stated that he asked a Council Member to be put on the agenda and was told to make that request tonight at the Public Comment. President Mancini stated that it is his understanding that Mr. Welch wants to discuss the Post Road Diet, which has been discussed at least during five meetings. Unless there are three Council Members who want to put this discussion on an agenda, he will not put it on the agenda. The Road Diet was approved in 2014 by a motion by Mr. Welch, it was also on a meeting in May of 2016, twice in 2020, and also on an agenda in 2022. He wants to see this Council move forward and not keep looking back. Mr. Welch stated that he did not make a motion to approve the diet, President Mancini stated that it was in the minutes.

Mr. Welch stated that the former Chief of the Fire Department asked that the Fire mechanics do work on the police cars. He stated that he had witnessed police cars being serviced by private businesses and asked why. Mr. Mollis stated that it is only because we have a mechanic that has been out injured, and our other mechanic is only working part-time due to a medical issue.

Phil Bergeron, 50 Cecil Avenue, stated that he does not support the roundabout and suggested that Brown Street be made “one-way”.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS

7. Presentation by HistWick and Donation of Original Art

Randy Wietman, President of Historic Wickford stated that HistWick would like to officially donate artwork depicting the Town's rail history. This is one more addition to the Wickford Walk series and depicts the area known as Wickford Depot where the Newport and Wickford Railroad and Steamship Company passed through, what is now, Veterans Memorial Park. The trolley (Sea View Railroad) also passed through the park. Tonight, he and the artist Guy Cassaday will be speaking briefly about the significance and inspiration for this new marker as well as the original artwork.

Mr. Wietman stated that the Wickford Depot, constructed in 1871, was an integral part of the Newport & Wickford Rail and Steamship Line, a short line rail/boat transportation system that remained active from 1870 to 1925. The original depot, a simple utilitarian structure, was destroyed by fire in August of 1907 and replaced by a more elaborate station in early 1908.

Running from the main line station at Wickford Junction to a steam ferryboat dock at Poplar Point, the completed Newport & Wickford Line spurred a transition in the economy of the Village of Wickford from its roots in maritime-related industries to a new emphasis on tourism.

In 1900 tourism received an additional boost with the opening of the Sea View Trolley, which shared the Wickford Depot with the Newport and Wickford Line. Passing through Wickford Depot on its route along the coast between East Greenwich and the Narragansett Pier area, the Sea View Trolley brought a steady stream of visitors to Wickford Village during the early part of the 20th Century.

After passenger service ceased in 1925, Wickford Depot was sporadically utilized to offload freight. In early 1940, the station was demolished, and the space was utilized by the United States Federal Government as a staging area for building materials and supplies needed to construct the Quonset/Davisville Naval Base.

Today the only tangible reminder of the Wickford Depot is an “everyman” Civil War soldier monument that was installed in front of the depot building in 1912 by the local Charles Cahoon Baker Chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Veterans. Since 1929, the monument has stood on the front lawn of the nearby North Kingstown Town Hall.

Mr. Wietman further stated that Historic Wickford had 2 focuses for the new artist: (1) a different local artist for each of the Wickford Walk signs and (2) the artist should preferably have expertise in the medium and subject that we were looking at. Guy Cassaday has a degree in Product Design. He has contributed to some of the most significant American toy concepts going back 30 years. Hired by Tonka, because of his background in Transportation Design and the inspiration behind the Tonka Dump Truck and other construction vehicles, bringing to life his love of vehicle design. He also worked for Playskool and had a long career with Hasbro, where he designed GI Joe vehicles. When looking for an artist to paint the Wickford Depot and its associated rail cars, Guy Cassaday was a logical choice.

Guy Cassaday stated that the process was extremely rewarding and is honored that he was chosen to be part of this project.

The Council thanked Mr. Wietman and Mr. Cassaday for their presentation.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To accept with gratitude an original piece of art from Guy Cassaday depicting the Town's Rail History.

8. Presentation – Wickford Advisory Committee Report – November 2024 Resident Forum

Wickford Advisory Committee Chairperson George Brennan stated that on November 7, 2024 the Wickford Advisory Committee (WAC) hosted a discussion forum for residents of the Wickford Community. The goal of the meeting was to receive feedback from the residents about the six areas of the Wickford Plan on which WAC advises the Council. Forty-two residents attended and actively participated in the forum discussion.

Mr. Brennan further stated that the group discussions focused on four topics aligned to the Wickford Plan. Resident attendees joined one, or multiple of the following group discussions:

- Imagining Growth in the Village
- Wickford's Relationship to the Harbor
- Amenities and Infrastructure
- Economic Vitality of the Village

Pierce Nixon gave the following power point presentation:

Wickford Advisory Committee
November 2024 Resident Forum Summary



Priority Feedback Areas

- 1. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety
- 2. Harbor Planning
- 3. Vacant Buildings
- 4. Climate Change

Wickford Advisory Committee
November 2024 Resident Forum Summary



Resident Feedback

1. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

- Traffic speed and enforcement
- Unsafe pedestrian infrastructure
- Walkability barriers that disincentivize access to businesses

2. Harbor Planning

- Mooring availability
- Breakwater functionality and hazard mitigation
- Public access to the water



Proposed Next Steps

1. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

- Eliminate unsafe gaps in RIDOT sidewalk plan
- Release '24 NKPD W. Main St. traffic data
- Review signage and enforcement
- Adopt Complete Streets (Comp. Plan 2.4.b)

2. Harbor Planning

- Provide status of long-term harbor planning, including mooring availability
- Update on progress to make Wickford a "Boater Destination" (Comp. Plan 19.a)

Wickford Advisory Committee
November 2024 Resident Forum Summary



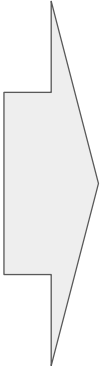
Resident Feedback

3. Vacant Buildings

- Vacant storefronts
- Undeveloped current and former Town properties

4. Climate Change

- Unclear town policy toward sea level rise and impact to the village



Proposed Next Steps

3. Vacant Buildings

- Recurring updates at Council meetings on status of vacant current/previous town properties
- Examine root causes of vacancies

4. Climate Change

- HDC/WVDGC to incorporate reasonable resilience in design standards
- Update on town progress toward modeling sustainability (Comp Plan 4.6)

The Council thanked Mr. Nixon and Mr. Brennan for their presentation. President Mancini stated that he believes that the town has been working on a number of these initiatives. He also shares concerns about these issues. The Wickford Elementary School is an important project, and he hopes to see progress in the near future. He further stated that according to DOT, the roundabout will help with pedestrian safety.

Councilor McCoy stated that Wickford/North Kingstown was one of the municipalities intended to be a recipient of a statewide grant and asked if there is an update on the status of that grant. Mr. Mollis stated that the grant is an imitative of the Governor and chose North Kingstown to announce that grant; however, we have not heard anything regarding the next steps for that grant.

In answer to President Mancini's question if this grant will be funded from this fiscal budget or next year's budget, Mr. Mollis stated that he assumes that it is in the upcoming budget but is unsure.

9. Presentation – North Kingstown Climate Conversations Group

Sally Kingsbury, 44 Edgar Nock Road, stated that she is a member of the Climate Conversations Group. In the spring of 2024, the Climate Conversations Group organized four lectures/discussions at the North Kingstown Free Library. The purpose was to engage the community discussions about the problems associated with climate events.

The photo slideshow that I will be presenting tonight sets the stage for the well-attended four presentations. Topics ranged from coastal flooding, to protecting historical properties, to improving climate resilience on your own property. An additional two workshops this spring introduced people to how insurance companies are viewing climate effects and how to make your gardens more efficient through composting, rainwater collection, and putting native plants in your garden.

We have shown the gallery of photos at the Davisville Free Library, the Exeter/West Greenwich High School, the East Greenwich Library, and plan for more showings.

There was discussion about what the town is doing to plan for climate effects – the Wickford Waterfront Project, Roger Williams Drive stormwater retrofit, and plans for the new middle school.

There was a proposal made to have citizens, and the Town set up and work together on a commission to plan and act on climate mitigation goals.

Ms. Kingsbury showed the following video (54:00).

https://northkingstown.granicus.com/player/clip/1491?view_id=3&redirect=true

President Mancini stated that he is on record as saying that climate change is the most extra central threat facing our community and he has had conversations with staff and the Council who are all on the same page and want to work with the residents for solutions as well as experts.

Ms. Kingsbury said that many other communities are doing things as well and it is nice to interact with them as well.

President Mancini thanked Ms. Kingsbury for the presentation.

President Mancini opened the floor for public comment on this topic.

Bob Vanderslice, 151 Prospect Avenue, stated that he found the photos in the presentation compelling and inspirational. It has been great to see what the Town has done, but for everything the Town has already done, there are 10 more things that can be done. He congratulated the Town on the Wickford Parking Lot Projects and the efforts being made to ensure that our new school will be net zero. We need to figure out how to keep moving forward and making progress with all our Town buildings. He further stated that there are plenty of volunteers who are willing to assist the Town.

Mr. Mollis stated that this Council has made it very clear to him and staff that this is a priority. With regard to this issue, he thinks that Mr. Vanderslice is correct in saying that with every one thing that is done there are ten more things that could/should be done. Think about the Wickford Waterfront Project, the beach wall improvements, the School Department embarking on a \$6 million net zero program which they have been told that not one cent of that is reimbursable, and the fact that climate is in every discussion our planning staff has. The Climate Conversations group has a partner with the Town staff.

President Mancini stated that he is the Council Representative to the Washington County Regional Planning Council and there may be initiatives that can be done or coordinated on a county basis and encouraged the group to consider using that resource.

Meg Kerr, 151 Prospect Avenue, stated that the photos shown tonight are very impactful drives home on what we are facing. She further stated that she was very happy to hear that climate change is a priority for the Wickford Advisory Committee. Being on the Planning Commission, she is appreciative of the work the Town is doing around planning for climate. One of the ideas that occurred to her was to institutionalize and organize the Town's work around climate change by having a committee that focuses on these issues. Other communities such as South Kingstown have a Sustainability Committee, Block Island has a Coastal Resilience Committee, Charlestown has a Climate Resilience Committee, Narragansett includes sustainability in the name and charge to their Conservation Commission, and Providence has a Sustainability Commission (and a City Office of Sustainability). There may be others. There are two ways we could approach this: 1) by adding to the charge of an existing committee focusing on climate issues, such as the Conservation Commission and/or Planning Commission or 2) a separate commission could be formed. At the State level, they have study commissions, which is also something the Council could consider which would consist of staff and the community.

Mary Worobec, 25 North Road, stated that the Town's Comprehensive Plan has many good points in it about climate change, and she agrees with Meg that we need to prioritize climate mitigation and resiliency in our historic coastal town. She feels we need a separate body/committee. Barrington has created the Ready and Resilient Barrington Climate Action Plan which was approved in October 2024 which she will send to the Council to review. Barrington's efforts could provide a simplified effort for our Town.

Donna Lico, 62 Edgewood Drive, stated that she wants to support her friends on Climate Conversations and has been part of this group since its inception. She is very happy to hear the Town's top priority is climate change. She further stated that we take pride in looking back on history; however, we need to look to the future. She wants us to be a resilient community so we will be here in the next 350 years.

Nancy Sherman, 64 Pleasant Street, stated that she supports Climate Conversations and the Arts Council was happy to fund and support the photo presentation.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 10 through 38 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Numbers 15, 32, and 34.

10. Approval of Minutes

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025 as submitted by the Office of the Town Clerk.

11. Acceptance of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the donation of a Franksred Maple Tree in honor of Frank Caseglia given by Beth Hill Ross to be planted between the two northern baseball fields at Wilson Park.

12. Letter of Resignation

VOTED: To accept the letter of resignation from J. Kent Dresser resigning from the Board of Canvassers, and that the Town Council President send a letter of appreciation to him for the dedicated service he gave to the Town of North Kingstown.

13. Award of Contract

VOTED: To award the contract for the Public Works Department for Town Facilities Maintenance Services to Fire Alarms, Fire Sprinkler Systems, Fire Extinguishers, Ansul System Inspection, and Testing and Emergency Repairs to Precision Alarm Corporation, 14 Wakefield Street, West Warwick, RI 02893, for a three (3) year contract as follows:

Year One	\$10,886.00
Year Two	\$11,607.00
Year Three	\$12,351.00

Funding will be from Public Works Budget - Contractual Services - Fiscal Year DPW Budget.

14. Award of Contract

VOTED: To award a contract for the Public Works Department for Container Services for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclables from Municipal Facilities as follows:

- Bid Option I – Container Services for Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclables from Municipal Facilities to Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts, LLC, dba Republic Services Inc., 1080 Airport Road, Fall River, MA 02720, for a bid price of \$29,091.96 for year one, commencing on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and \$29,964.71 for year two, commencing on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, based on satisfactory performance and available funds.

Funding for this service is from the various departments participating in this program (Fire, Police, Animal Control, Facilities, Library, Golf Course, and Allen Harbor) under budget line item 530305 – Solid Waste.

- Bid Option II – Tractor Trailer and Roll-off Container Service and Transportation of Transfer Station Commodities to Waste Management of Rhode Island, Inc., 1610 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, for a bid price (unit price per container emptied) of \$589.00 per haul for trash trailer and \$370.00 per haul for all sizes of roll-off container for year one, commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and per haul price of \$634.00 for trash trailer and \$407.00 for roll-off containers for year two, commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, based on satisfactory performance and available funds.

Funding for this service is from Transfer Station Contractual Services 162100060-531206.

15. Approval of an Emergency Contract

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve an Emergency Contract for the Department of Public Works for a comprehensive evaluation and design service of the HVAC equipment at the Beechwood Senior Center to R.K. Baker & Associates, 21 Burdick Drive, Cranston, RI 02920, in the amount of \$14,800.00.

Funding is from the 2018 Authorized Bond.

16. Award of Contract

VOTED: To award the bid for the IT Department for a Managed Services Provider Contract to Envision Technology Advisors, 999 Main Street, Suite 703, Pawtucket, RI 02860 (MPA 308 - Award #3389043), in the amount of \$132,540.00.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget - Maintenance - Server Related Account 00105050-531007.

17. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the IT Department for Microsoft Office 365 Licensing from Envision Technology Advisors LLC, 999 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, in the amount of \$146,228.30 under OMNIA Contract Number R220803.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget - Productivity Software License - Account Number 00105050-549201.

18. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the IT Department for Microsoft Server 2025 from Envision Technology Advisors LLC, 999 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, in the amount of \$83,025.60 under OMNIA Contract Number R220803.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget - Office Equipment Maintenance - Account Number 00105050-531004.

19. Award of Bid

VOTED: To award the bid for the Department of Water Supply for the annual supply of Liquid Caustic Soda to the lowest bidder, Borden & Remington, PO Box 2573, Fall River, MA 02722, for a bid price of \$3.0655/gallon.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget - Water Supply Chemicals - Account Number 44040020-540308.

20. Award of Bid

VOTED: To award the bid for the Department of Water Supply for the Annual Supply of Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite to Roberts Chemical Co., Inc., 330B Victor Road, Attleboro, MA 02703, in the amount of \$4.20 per gallon.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget - Water Supply Chemicals - Account Number 44040020-540308.

21. Class F Alcoholic Beverage License

VOTED: To approve the application for a Class F Alcoholic Beverage License by the Wickford Art Association, 36 Beach Street, to serve beer and wine at the Wickford Art Festival in a secured approved area on the grounds of the soccer field at Wilson Park on Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a Certificate of Insurance; receipt of Alcohol Server Training Certificates; and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

22. Exhibition License (11-20 vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 11-20 vendors by Wickford Village Association, 17 Brown Street, to hold a Wickford Maker's Mart at Updike Park and various businesses in Wickford Village, on Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a Show Promoter's Permit; receipt of a list of vendors at the Town Clerk's Office by July 10, 2025 (which shall include their name, address, phone number, Tax ID Number, type of merchandise, and date of birth); and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

23. Fireworks Permit (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for a Fireworks Permit by Plum Beach Club, 224 Plum Beach Road, Saunderstown, to have a Fireworks Display at the Plum Beach Club Dock, on Friday, June 27, 2025, at 9:00 p.m. (rain date Saturday, July 12, 2025), subject to taxes and water paid to date, compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department and the Police Department, and compliance with the State inspection of the vehicle transporting the fireworks.

24. Holiday Sales License (new)

VOTED: To approve to July 1, 2026 the application for a Holiday Sales License by The Pearl, LLC, 29 Phillips Street, subject to taxes and water paid to date.

25. Holiday Sales License Renewals

VOTED: To approve to July 1, 2026 the following list of Holiday Sales License Renewals subject to taxes and water paid to date:

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Business Name	DBA	Location of Business	Mailing Address (if different)	Phone	Hours
Jay Snit Inc	Colonial Wine & Spirits	7745 Post Road	7745 Post Road	294-4623	9:00 AM-10:00 PM
Baseball Cards of Rhode Island, Inc.		6861 Post Road	6861 Post Road	885-7340	10:00 PM-7:00 PM
Kayak Centre at Wickford Cove, LLC	Kayak Centre	70 Brown Street	70 Brown Street	295-4400	10:00 PM-5:00 PM
Marine Consignment of Wickford, LLC		7725 Post Road	7725 Post Road	295-9709	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Wickford Shipyard, Inc.		125 Steamboat Avenue	125 Steamboat Avenue	294-3361	9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Dave's Marketplace of Quonset, Inc.	dba Dave's Marketplace	105 Gate Road	1000 Division Street Ste 20	295-0019	7:00AM-9:00PM
Dave's Marketplace of Wickford, Inc	dba Dave's Marketplace	125 Tower Hill Road	1000 Division Street Ste 20	268-3991	7:00 AM-9:00 PM
Corner Cupboard		835 Tower Hill Road	835 Tower Hill Rd	401-294-4720	10:00AM-5:00PM
MJ Donuts Inc.	dba Dunkin Donuts	6166 Post Road	90 S. Pier Road	290-8718	5:00 AM-8:00 PM
NK Donuts Inc (FKA Ten Rod Donuts)	dba Dunkin Donuts	1241 Ten Rod Road	90 S. Pier Road	290-8718	4:00 AM-12:00 AM
BBA Donuts Incorporated	dba Dunkin Donuts	6923 Post Road	90 S. Pier Road	290-8718	4:00 AM-10:00 AM
Barron, Gregory L & Bianca M	dba Lafayette Antiques	814 Ten Rod Road	814 Ten Rod Road	295-2504	10:30 am- 4:30 pm
Post Road Liquor Mart, Inc.	Dbu Kingstown Liquor Mart	6800 Post Road	6800 Post Road	884-4203	10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Green Ink, Inc.		89 Brown Street	89 Brown Street	294-6266	10:00 AM-6:00 PM
North Kingstown Wines & Spirits Inc	Wickford Package Store	41 West Main Street	41 West Main Street	294-4681	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Everything Under the Sun, Inc.	dba Midnight Sun	13 Main St	13 Main St	316-0505	10:00AM-6:00 PM
Hurry & Elizabeth Spring	dba Spring Pottery	14 Brown St	14 Brown St	805-766-3254	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wickford Building Company, LLC	dba Wickford Lumber Co	434 Tower Hill Rd	434 Tower Hill Rd	295-8866	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Brickson, Carl J & Tietze, Susan E	dba Rose Shack	2363 Tower Hill Road	2363 Tower Hill Road	294-4088	8:00 AM-6:00 PM
Sunrich Inc	dba 7-Eleven #33099 H	7330 Post Road	7330 Post Road	295-7295	24hrs
Capital Ventures Corporation	dba Amazing.net	6774 Post Road	44 Bedson Road	885-0209	10:00 PM-10:00 PM
Teddy Bearskins, Inc.	dba Teddy Bearskins	17 Brown Street	17 Brown Street	295-0282	M- S 10-5/SUN 12-5
Stickney Holdings LLC	Shell Food Mart	10 Ten Rod Road	10 Ten Rod Road	294-2616	24 Hours
North Koffee Inc		7726 Post Rd	7726 Post Rd	667-2889	6:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Ocean State Job Lot of RZ015, LLC	dba Ocean State Job Lot #123	5957 Post Road	375 Commerce Park Road	885-1890	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc	Petco	1007 Ten Rod Road	654 Richland Hills Dr	401-372-9971	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Advanced Communication Technologies, Inc.	dba Wireless Zone	76 Gate Rd	76 Gate Rd	886-8484	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Chandromet, Chester E.	dba Wickford Antique Estate Liquidators	200 Ten Rod Rd	35 West Main Street	294-9705	11:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chandromet, Chester E.	dba Wickford Antique Estate Liquidators	35 West Main Street	35 West Main Street	294-9705	11:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Wal-Mart Stores East LP	dba Wal-Mart Store #2261	1031 Ten Rod Road	508 SW 8 th Street	294-0025	7:00 AM-10:00 PM
Colbea Enterprises, LLC	dba Seasons Corner Market Shell #30	7025 Post Road	695 George Washington Hwy	884-9434	24 Hours
O'Reilly Automotive Stores Inc	dba O'Reilly Auto Parts #6304	7570 Post Rd	Tax Dept P.O.BOX 9167	522-5860	7:30 AM - 9:30 PM
SHM Wickford Cove LLC	dba Wickford Cove Marina	65 Reynolds Street	65 Reynolds Street	884-7014	8:00 AM-6:00 PM
Marylou News, Inc.	Salk's Hardware & Marine	5939 Post Rd	5939 Post Rd	885-2700	8:00 AM-8:00 PM
The Choc Shop LLC	dba Marylou's Coffee	7025 Post Road	183 Whiting St	781-749-3557	5:00AM-9:00PM
Lady Sycamore Bridal LLC		7 W Main St	7 W Main St	641-1008	11:00 am- 4:00 pm
Smith, Susan Amelia	dba Different Drummer	6 Main Street	6 Main Street	203-260-7306	9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Dollar Tree Stores, Inc.	dba Dollar Tree #1724	15 W Main Street	15 W Main Street	294-4867	10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Dollar Tree Stores, Inc.	dba Dollar Tree #09594	6649 Post Road	500 Volvo Parkway	884-0258	8:00 AM-9:00 PM
Star Smoke Shop Inc		59 Brown St	500 Volvo Parkway	757-321-5199	9:00 AM- 9:00 PM
Starbucks Corporation	dba StarbucksCoffee #68522	6172 Post Road	6172 Post Road	218-2034	10:00 am- 9:00 pm
NK Mercantile Inc	Wickford Gourmet	105 Gate Road	2401 Utah Ave S	206-594-7273	5:00 am- 8:00 pm
World Store, LTD.	dba The World Store	21 W Main St	21 W Main St	294-8430	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
RAYO-X, Inc.	dba The World Store	16 West Main St-Bldg A-1st floor	16 West Main St-Bldg A-1st floor	295-0081	10:00AM-6:00PM
Walgreen Eastern Co	dba Green River Silver Co. II	83 Brown Street	83 Brown Street	295-0086	10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Quaker Lane Wine and Spirits, Inc	dba Walgreens #19680	7991 Post Road	PO Box 401	295-8811	7:00 AM-10:00 PM
		4020 Quaker Lane	4020 Quaker Lane	294-7766	9:00AM-10:00PM
Northland Hearing Centers Inc.	dba Ascent Audiology and Hearing	70 Romano Vineyard Way, Ste 149	Attn: Tax Dept P O Box404	952-947-4857	M-F 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Harbor View Artisans LLC		22 Brown St	42 Circle Dr	294-9020	10:00 AM- 6:00 PM
Beebe, Palmer	dba Yes Gallery	17 Brown Street	17 Brown Street	295-5525	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
McKay's Furniture, Inc.	dba McKay's Front Porch	751 Ten Rod Road	182 Lafayette Rd	295-3350	9:00 AM-5:30 PM
McKay's Furniture, Inc.		182 Lafayette Rd	182 Lafayette Rd	295-1915	9:00 AM-5:30 PM
Dania Foodmart LTD	dba Dania Food	7000 Post Rd	7000 Post Rd	860454-2222/401-398-2858	6:00AM-11:00 PM
TJX Company, Inc. (The)	dba T J Maxx #449	6653 Post Rd	PO Box 9358	884-7674	9:30 AM-9:30 PM
Marshalls of MA, Inc.	dba Marshalls #110	20 Frenchtown Road	PO Box 9358	884-7850	9:30AM-9:30 PM
HomeGoods, Inc.	dba HomeGoods #133	50 Gate Road	PO Box 9358	884-8914	9:00 am - 10:00 nm
Pleasant Street Wharf, Inc.		160 Pleasant Street	160 Pleasant Street	294-2791	8:00 AM-8:00 PM
Cheryl A Fonseca	dba Pink Parasol Boutique	24 Brown St	24 Brown St	640-4539	10:00AM- 5:00PM
Village Veterinary Center, LLC	dba Village Veterinary Center	170 W Main St	170 W Main St	401-583-4560	9:00 am - 5 pm
Keystone Novelties Distributors LLC		6653 Post Rd	531 N 4th Street	717-390-0844 x103	9:00 AM- 9:00 PM
Kingstown Bowl, Inc.	dba Kingstown Bowl	6125 Post Road	6125 Post Road	884-4450	9:00 AM - 1:00 AM
Kerry Oliver	dba Eclectic Bungalow	1 Brown St	1 Brown St	667-0747	10:00 Am- 8:00PM
RRH Hotel LLC	Town Place Suites	55 Gate Rd	230 Commerce Way Ste 200	667-7500	24 Hours
Sew-Op, LLC	The-Sew-OP	31 W Main St	31 W Main St	447-5500	11:00 AM-5:00 PM
Jitters Cafe, Inc.	dba Jitters Cafe	530 Tower Hill Road	530 Tower Hill Road	295-9155	6:00 AM-5:00 PM
Rhode Island CVS Pharmacy, LLC	dba CVS/Pharmacy #595	6495 Post Road	One CVS Drive, Mail Code 1160	885-4920	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Rhode Island CVS Pharmacy, LLC	dba CVS/Pharmacy #4544	4255 Quaker Lane	One CVS Drive, Mail Code 1160	372-9101	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Cellco Partnership	dba Verizon Wireless	1310 Ten Rod Road	2200 Cabot Dr Ste 405	267-0053/630-857-2290	9:00AM-9:00PM
Stop & Shop Supermarket Co.	dba Super Stop & Shop #737	1300 Ten Rod Road	1385 Hancock St	268-9845	7:00 AM-12:00 AM
Stop and Shop Supermarket CO	dba Super Stop & Shop #716	90 Frenchtown Road	1385 Hancock St	884-9400	6:00 AM-12:00 AM
Office Superstore East LLC	dba Staples, The Office Super Store	1007 Ten Rod Road	590 Staples Drive	295-5505	8:00 AM-9:00 PM
Therapy (Clothing) Boutique LLC	dba Therapy Boutique	6 West Main Street	3436 Main St	932-2006	10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Keystone Novelties Distributors LLC		4020 Quaker Lane	531 N 4th Street	717-390-0844 x103	9:00 AM- 9:00 PM

All taxes/water assessments have been paid to date 06/05 Collection Dept.
Date 6/6/25

26. Laundry License Renewals

VOTED: To approve to July 1, 2026 the following list of Laundry License Renewals subject to taxes and water paid to date:

- L-2

Wickford Shipyard Inc.
dba Wickford Shipyard Launderette
125 Steamboat Avenue
- L-3

North Kingstown Laundry Inc.
7421 Post Road

27. Peddler License (renewal)

VOTED: To approve to July 5, 2025 the application for renewal of a Peddler License by Keystone Novelties Distributors, LLC, 531 N 4th Street, Denver, PA 17517, to temporarily sell sparklers and novelty devices under a tent at 6653 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date and receipt of the following:

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

28. Peddler License (renewal)

VOTED: To approve to July 5, 2025 the application for renewal of a Peddler License by Keystone Novelties Distributors, LLC, 531 N 4th Street, Denver, PA 17517, to temporarily sell sparklers and novelty devices under a tent at 4020 Quaker Lane, subject to taxes and water paid to date and receipt of the following:

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

29. Victualling License (new)

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2025 the application for a Victualling License by HuyNga Inc., dba Saigon Hot Pot, 6900 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.

30. Request by Historic Wickford (HistWick)

VOTED: To approve the request by Historic Wickford (HistWick) to locate a yard sign on the grass area adjacent to the Town Hall, 80 Boston Neck Road, from June 2, 2025 to June 22, 2025, promoting the Wickford in Bloom - Home and Garden Tour.

31. Vote Ordering Tax

VOTED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown does hereby levy and order an assessment and collection of a tax on the ratable real estate and tangible personal property in a sum not less than \$88,604,763 and not more than \$92,221,284, said tax is for ordinary expenses and charges and sinking funds, for the payment of interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said Town, and for other purposes authorized by law.

The Tax Assessor shall apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said Town upon the assessed valuations determined by the Tax Assessor as of the 31st day of December A.D., 2024 according to law and shall, on completion of said apportionment, date, certify and sign the assessment and deliver to and deposit the same in the Office of the Town Clerk in accordance with law.

The Town Clerk on receipt of said assessment, shall forthwith make a copy of same and deliver it to the Town Treasurer, who shall forthwith issue and affix to said copy a warrant under his/her hand, directed to the Collector of Taxes of said Town, commanding him/her to proceed and collect said taxes of the persons and estates liable, therefore.

Real and personal property tax upon assessed valuations determined by the Tax Assessor as of December 31, 2024, shall be due and payable on or before the 31st day of July A.D., 2025.

Said taxes, if levied in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), may be paid in quarterly installments, the first installment of twenty-five per centum (25%) on or before the 31st day of July A.D., 2025 and the remaining installments as follows: twenty-five per centum (25%) on or before the 31st day of October A.D., 2025 twenty-five per centum (25%) on or before the 31st day of January A.D., 2026; twenty-five per centum (25%) on or before the 30th day of April A.D., 2026.

Each installment of taxes if paid on or before the last day of each installment period successively in order shall be free from any charges of interest.

If the first installment or any succeeding installment of either real and personal property taxes is not paid by the last date of the respective installment period, but said delinquent taxpayer is otherwise current on his installment tax payments, then such installments of either unpaid real and personal property tax or excise tax upon registered motor vehicles and trailers, shall carry until collected an interest penalty at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum running from August 1, 2025 for the first installment, from November 1, 2025 for the second installment, from February 1, 2026 for the third installment, and from May 1, 2026 for the fourth installment. In all other circumstances, unpaid installments, of either real and personal property tax or excise tax upon registered motor vehicles and trailers, shall carry until collected an interest penalty at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum running from August 1, 2025; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: That should said due date of July 31st, October 31st, January 31st, and April 30th fall on a Saturday or Sunday, then the installment is due on the subsequent business day.

32. Vote of Appropriation – All Funds

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That the Final Budget as adopted by the Town Council on April 28, 2025 in accordance with Section 1008 of the Town Charter is hereby approved and appropriated. The final budget being appropriated for the current expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year to be taken from any funds in the Town Treasury not otherwise appropriated. With reference to the expenses of the School Department, estimated revenues, together with an amount received from General Property Tax and unappropriated funds balances sufficient to make the combination equal the total appropriation are hereby appropriated; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: That any and all grant funds received by the Town of North Kingstown during the current fiscal year be and the same are hereby appropriated.

33. Vote of Appropriation – Library Fund

VOTED: That the North Kingstown Free Library, represented by the Library Board of Trustees or its designated agents, be authorized to apply for, to receive and to disburse any and all funds to which the North Kingstown Free Library may be entitled under any grant programs in Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: That all funds received under such grant programs are hereby appropriated.

34. Vote of Appropriation – School Funds

Motion by Councilor Drew, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: That the North Kingstown School Department, represented by the School Committee or its designated agents, be authorized to apply for, to receive and to disburse any and all funds to which the North Kingstown School Department may be entitled under any grant programs in Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: That all funds received under the foregoing be and are hereby appropriated and the receipt of same shall be reported to the Town Council.

35. Vote to Apply for and Receive Funds – Development Surety

VOTED: That the Town Council or its designated agent or agents be and hereby is authorized to apply for and to receive such funds as may be required to complete roadway construction, drainage, water pipe installation, surveying, and traffic and street sign purchase and erection in plat development areas wherein the developer has filed, or caused to be filed, with the Town, as surety, cash, letter of credit, a bank passbook in the name of the Town of North Kingstown from a bank located within the incorporated boundaries of the State of Rhode Island, or a certified check made payable to the Town, such sums to be drawn from the posted sureties of the defaulted developers; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: That all such sums of money as may be received by the Town for or on behalf of any such plat developer who may have defaulted, be appropriated, said monies to be utilized for the completion of roadway construction, drainage, water pipe installation, surveying and traffic and street sign purchase and erection in said development.

36. Joint Pole Location

VOTED: To grant the petition by Rhode Island Energy and Verizon New England Inc. for one (1) joint pole location on School Street.

37. Authorization for the Director of Water Supply to Sign a Pipe and Wire License Agreement

VOTED: To authorize the Director of Water Supply to sign a Pipe and Wire License Agreement to July 2050 between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the Town of North Kingstown for the repair, maintenance, inspection, use, and operation of a 16-inch ductile iron watermain under and across 72 feet of railroad right-of-way from School Street to Old Baptist Road/Davisville Road.

Funding is from FY2026 Water Dept. Budget – License Fees – Account #44040020-530504.

38. Resolution Recognizing the Month of June as North Kingstown Pride Month

A resolution was passed as follows:

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual had equal dignity and worth; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1969, the Stonewall Uprising sparked the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States, and worldwide, and has since served as the anchor for recognizing internationally the month of June as Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island, which was founded on the principles of tolerance and freedom, has outlawed discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation since 1995, and on the basis of gender identity or expression since 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 both chambers of the Rhode Island General Assembly unanimously passed a bill banning conversion therapy on minors; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Parentage Act, which would provide a clear pathway to the protection of legal parentage for all children in RI, regardless of the way their families were formed, was signed into law effective January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Questioning/Queer, Asexual) LGBTIQIA+ individuals have had an immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country, our state, and our town; and

WHEREAS, LGBTIQIA+ youth are almost five times as likely to have attempted suicide compared to heterosexual youth, and 68% of LGBTIQIA+ youth say they hear negative messages from elected leaders; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 in 3 LGBTQIA+ adults and more than 3 in 5 trans adults identify instances of discrimination within the past year, with 1 in 2 of those impacted identifying negative psychological impacts related to this; and

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to affirm that North Kingstown should recognize, value, and maintain an inclusive environment for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and families of all compositions, and should cultivate the town’s reputation as a welcoming and safe place for members of the LGBTQIA+ community and their families; and

WHEREAS, expressions of community solidarity and celebration promote further efforts toward the full legal, social and cultural equality for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, within North Kingstown, statewide, and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the North Kingstown Town Council, officially designate and joyously celebrate the month of June in the year 2025, annually, as North Kingstown Pride Month; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the North Kingstown Town Council encourages the entire community to continue to recognize and support activities that highlight the LGBTQIA+ community and the experiences of our LGBTQIA+ residents.

IV. REPORTS

39. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:

Manager’s Report

**A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager**

June 9, 2025





School Department Capital Projects

- I recently attended a meeting of the School Department and RIDE.
- RIDE is looking forward to working with the School Department's new vendors with a goal of receiving the Stage II submission by September 15th
 - They are working towards a scenario where the School Department will be receiving as close to 100% reimbursement as possible.
- We are working with the School department on a new 'draw down' schedule
 - We expect to issue the Bond Anticipation Notes later this month.

Regarding the School Department Bond Projects: While I couldn't attend last week's Building Advisory Committee Meeting due to another local commitment, I attended a meeting of the School Department and RI Department of Education the week prior. RIDE is looking forward to working with the School Department's new vendors with a goal of receiving the Stage II submission by September 15th and working towards a scenario where the School Department will be receiving as close to 100% reimbursement as possible. We are coordinating with the School Department on a new 'draw down' schedule and we expect to issue the Bond Anticipation Notes later this month.



Public Safety Complex Projects

- We continue to have productive, weekly roundtables with internal staff and the architectural team.
 - We are reviewing design plans for the new Police Complex in Quonset and the new Fire Administration/Station One on Post Road.
- Cost and risk analyses for geothermal and net zero have been reviewed.
 - Based on our current Remote Net Metering arrangement, the unpredictability of future federal credits, and the increased cost, impacts to project timelines, and many other considerations, it's not prudent to move in that direction.
- We continue working with our vendor to continue our study and borings on the Quonset site which we hope to purchase soon.
- We are planning another 4-8 weeks of internal meetings and designs before presenting and hosting a discussion at a public meeting.

Regarding the Public Safety Complex Bond Project: We continue to have productive, weekly meetings of internal staff and the Architectural Team. We are reviewing design plans for the new Police Complex in Quonset and the new Fire Administration and Station One on Post Road. We have reviewed a cost analysis and risk analysis relative to Geothermal and Net Zero options and based on our current Remote Net Metering arrangement, the unpredictability of future credits and many other aspects, it wouldn't be prudent to move in that direction. We are also working with our vendor to continue our study and borings on the Quonset site which we hope to present a request to purchase before the Town Council soon. We are planning for another 4 – 8 weeks of internal staff meetings and design work before hosting a public meeting for a presentation and discussion.

Updates:

- Bi-weekly virtual meetings with **Revolution Wind** continue.
- We had a successful on-site meeting and tour last week. Work is moving along rapidly.
 - Deliveries and employees on site are in a reduction phase. They are looking to be energized via the substation in January, and operational (providing energy) by November 2026.
 - I will continue to keep you and the public up to date.
- 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.



We continue with our bi-weekly meetings with Revolution Wind regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project. We had the opportunity to have an on-site meeting and tour last week. Work is moving along rapidly. Deliveries and employees on site are in a reduction phase. They are looking to be energized via the substation in January and operational, providing energy, by November of 2026.

I will continue to keep the public up to date. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Revolution Wind at 401-251-2207 or email them at info@revolution-wind.com. They provide us with weekly reports on all outreach, issues, and how they were resolved.

Updates: (continued)

- As I've previously reported, RIDOT has several bridge and roadway projects both ongoing and planned for our area.
- The Devils Foot Road bridge is temporarily closed to all traffic as they replace the superstructure over Amtrak. RIDOT anticipates it will remain closed through the fall of 2025.
 - Our Public Safety departments have coordinated our response with East Greenwich; we are comfortable with our situation until the road reopens.
- RIDOT is also:
 - working on a full replacement of both bridges carrying South County Trail and Frenchtown Roads over Route 4, along with repaving the connection ramps.
 - commencing work on the installation of the new ramps located along Route 403, I-95 and Route 4 as part of the Missing Move Project.
 - installing a rotary at the intersection of W. Davisville Road and Compass Circle with signal improvements along Post Road.



As I've been reporting in my Manager's Reports, RIDOT has multiple Bridge Projects in the works which affect North Kingstown. The Devils Foot Road Bridge is temporarily closed to all traffic as they replace the structure which travels over Amtrak. They have projected that it will be closed until late fall of this year. Our Public Safety Departments have coordinated our response with East Greenwich, and we are comfortable with our situation.

RIDOT is also working on the full replacement of the bridge which carries Frenchtown Road over Route 4, and the bridge which carries South County Trail over Route 4, along with the repaving of the connecting ramps.

And they are commencing work on the installation of the new ramps located along Route 403, I-95 and Route 4 as part of the Missing Move Project. They are also installing a rotary at the intersection of West Davisville Road and Compass Circle with signal improvements along some existing signals on Post Road.

Municipal Office Building
100 Fairway Drive



Updates: (continued)

- After numerous meetings, Adam White and our architect have made some inroads to reintroduce a revised and reduced improvement plan for our Municipal Office Building.
 - We are preparing bid specs based on these changes, and hope to receive some bids that are financially achievable.
 - I will keep you up to date.
- The renovations and improvements at Yorktown Park are nearing completion.
 - We are very excited to reopen it for the public later this month.
 - I will be in contact with the Town Council regarding the official Ribbon Cutting, and we look forward to promoting it when it's finished within the next couple of weeks.



Yorktown Park
Yorktown Road

As to another local project, after numerous meetings with Adam White and our Architect, we have made some inroads to reintroduce a revised and reduced improvement plan for our Municipal Office Building. We are preparing bid specs based on these changes and hope to receive some bids that are financially achievable. I will keep you up to date.

The renovation and improvements at Yorktown Park are nearing completion. We are very excited about it opening soon, sometime this month. I will be in contact with the Town Council regarding any official ribbon cutting and we look forward to promoting it in the next couple of weeks once it's finished.

Updates: (continued)

- RIPTA provided an update to me last week thanking North Kingstown for their support of public transit and to let us know of their realigned service to Quonset to support the growing needs of the Business Park.
- Route QX, "Quonset Express," will originate further north in Rhode Island, with a seamless connection to and through Providence, to Quonset, and align with Electric Boat's first, second and third shift schedules.
 - These changes will go into effect starting June 23rd.



RIPTA reached out to me last week to thank North Kingstown for their continued support of public transit and to let me know that they have realigned service to Quonset to support the growing needs within the Business Park. Route QX, Quonset Express, will update their route to originate further north in Rhode Island, continue to and through Providence with a seamless connection to Quonset, aligning with Electric Boat's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd shift schedules. This will be effective June 23rd.

Updates: (continued)

- After 4 years of permitting and work, we are happy to announce the work associated with our \$88,000 Ryan Park Trails Grant has been completed.
- The result is a new middle school cross country loop, accessible pathways, parking near the trailhead, regrading of existing pathways and walkways, and the construction of boulder retaining walls at the dam.
- My thanks go to the Field Maintenance Division, School Department coaches, residents, booster club, and our Town Historian, as well as our Recreation Director, Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, for their collective efforts to complete this project.



After 4 years of continued efforts with permitting and work, we are happy to announce that the work associated with our \$88,000 Ryan Park Trails Grant has been completed. The result has been a new Middle School cross country loop, accessible walkways, parking near the trail head, regrading existing pathways and walkways, and building boulder retaining walls at the dam. My and our thanks to the Fields Maintenance Division, School Department coaches, residents, booster club, our Town Historian, and of course our Recreation Department led by Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs.

Updates: (continued)

- Town Parking Passes for our Beach Campus are on sale at the Municipal Office Building (100 Fairway Drive) in the Town Clerk's Office, and in Town Hall (80 Boston Neck Rd) in the Recreation Department
- North Kingstown Arts Council, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, begins the Tuesday Night Concert Series and Thursday Family Concert Series on June 17th.
 - For the full Summer 2025 Schedule, please visit: www.nkartsCouncil.org
- A reminder: our annual Fireworks display at the Town Beach will be on July 3rd this year. As always, there will be food trucks and entertainment with parking shuttles starting at 4:00 PM.



Updates: (continued)

- EDAB presentation rescheduled to July 14th Council Meeting.
- I provided my annual update at the Summer Meeting of HistWick last week; they were appreciative of the update and all that is going on in Wickford and North Kingstown. I thanked them for their work as well.
- In anticipation of the Bond Anticipation Notes for the upcoming School & Public Safety complex project, our Finance Director and I had a 2-hour meeting with the S&P Global Ratings Team for an updated Ratings Report.
 - The resulting report was very positive, reaffirming our **AA+** long term rating, citing:
 - Our "approach to financial management"
 - "robust reserves"
 - "sound finances"
 - "conservative budgeting"
 - S&P also assigned its **SP-1+** rating on our upcoming debt.
 - These ratings should be very beneficial for our issuance.
- Similarly, Moody's Rating Agency also issued their Annual Issuer Comment Report for us, reaffirming out current **Aa2** rating.
 - This was all considered positive news by our Financial Advisor, showing financial success with growing residential and commercial developments.



I have been reporting that, as part of our efforts to enact some of the recommendations of the Boards and Commissions Report, the EDAB and the Wickford Advisory Committee will be making presentations to the Town Council in June. While the Wickford Advisory Committee appeared before you this evening, EDAB had to reschedule their appearance to your July Meeting.

Speaking of Boards and Commissions, I provided my annual update at the Summer Meeting of HistWick last week. They were very appreciative of the update on all that is going on in Wickford and North Kingstown and I thanked them for all they do as well.

In anticipation of the issuance of the Bond Anticipation Notes for the upcoming School and Public Safety Complex Projects, we had a 2-hour virtual meeting with Standard & Poor’s Global Ratings team for an updated Ratings Report. The resulting report was very positive, noting the “town’s approach to financial management,” our “robust reserves,” “sound finances,” “conservative budgeting,” and “positive budgetary performance.” They reaffirmed our AA+ long-term rating and assigned its SP-1+ rating on our upcoming debt. These ratings should be very beneficial for our issuance.

Moody’s Rating Agency also issued their Annual Issuer Comment Report for Noth Kingstown where they reaffirmed our current rating of Aa2. This was all considered positive news by our Financial Advisor as he commented that we have a good story to tell with our financial success and growing residential and commercial developments.

Department Updates: (continued)



- Congressman Magaziner contacted me recently to let me know that he has submitted our \$620,000 request for the revitalization of the Old Town Meeting House as part of his 2026 Community Project Funding submissions.
 - It will need further approval by the Appropriations Committee, then both chambers of Congress.
 - He will keep us updated throughout the process.



- I'm happy to report that the Water Department has completed installation of the insertion valve to allow it to better isolate problematic areas of the water main, ultimately decreasing the interruptions associated with water main breaks.
 - This work will speed up the water main replacement project on Post Road scheduled for later this year, which will minimize disruptions once the new sidewalks are completed.

Congressman Magaziner contacted me Memorial Day Weekend to let me know that he has submitted our \$620,000 request for the revitalization of the Old Town Meeting House as part of his 2026 Community Project Funding submissions. It will need further approval by the Appropriations Committee followed by both Chambers of Congress. He will keep me up to date throughout the process. Our sincere thanks to Congressman Magaziner for prioritizing our requests.

In line with the West Main Street/Post Road Sidewalk Project, I’m happy to report that the Water Department has completed its installation of the insertion valve which will allow the Water Department to better isolate problematic areas of the water main and decrease the interruptions associated with water main breaks. This work will also speed up the water main replacement project on Post Road scheduled for later this year which will minimize disruption once the new sidewalks are in.

Employee News:



- Congratulations to:
 - **Joe Pacquet** and **Adam Littlefield** of Public Works as they placed 1st in their division, and helped North Kingstown take home the 1st place title in the annual Rhode Island Public Works Association Snowplow Rodeo competition.
 - Adam and Joe will represent the state of Rhode Island in Colorado this fall for the national competition.
 - **Natalia Armstrong** of Public Works and **Tim McDavitt** of Purchasing for completing a significant training program with RI Trust, designed to help member employers improve safe work practices, increase safety hazard awareness, and broaden their safety expertise.
 - Natalia and Tim are among only 71 municipal employees in the state to have earned this certification to date.
 - **Kate Glass** of my office for completing and graduating from the RI League of Cities and Towns' Municipal Leadership Academy.
 - **Ryan Boucher** of the Water Department, for winning the RI Rural Water Association's annual competition at their annual conference and trade show, a timed reassembling of a water meter!
 - This skill has earned him an all-expenses-paid trip to New Orleans to complete on the national level.

Some employee news:
Congratulations to:

Adam Littlefield and Joe Paquet of Public Works as they placed 1st in their division in the Annual RI Public Works Snowplow Rodeo Competition, helping North Kingstown place 1st overall in the annual Public Works Competition. Adam and Joe will now go to Colorado this Fall for the national competition.

Natalia Armstrong of Public Works and Tim McDavitt of Purchasing on completing a significant training program with the RI Trust designed to help member employees improve safe work practices, increase safety hazard awareness, and broaden their safety expertise. They are among only 71 Trust Member Employees to have earned this certificate to date.

Kate Glass of my office for completing and graduating from the RI League of Cities and Towns Municipal Leadership Academy.

Ryan Boucher of our Water Department who won the RI Rural Water Association’s annual competition at their Conference and Trade Show for his ‘timed’ reassembling of a water meter. He has won an all expenses paid trip to New Orleans to compete at the national level.



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Thank you.

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

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The Council thanked Mr. Mollis for his extensive report.

Councilor McCoy stated that regarding the purchase of land for the public safety building, he asked if the Council would consider this purchase prior to the QDC acting on it. Mr. Mollis stated that this is something that he and Steve King will be working on, but his sense is that he will bring it to the Council and then Mr. King will bring it to the QDC board.

President Mancini stated that the construction market is softening, work is drying up in Massachusetts, and we will be seeing more competitive prices in the near future. Mr. Mollis stated that we have been discussing this and believes the timing of these projects will be in our favor.

Update by the Planning Director – Community Rating System

Ms. LaFontaine stated that she is happy to announce that we have received notice from the Community Rating System that our rating has increased to Class 7. We have been in this program for over 30 years and have been classified as Class 9.

This is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is managed by FEMA and is delivered to the public by insurance companies. The NFIP provides flood insurance to property owners, renters, and businesses. The NFIP works with communities required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that help mitigate flooding effects.

Flood insurance is available to anyone living in one of the 22,600 participating NFIP communities. Home and businesses in high-risk flood areas with mortgages from government back lenders are required to have flood insurance.

Based on the total number of points your community earns, the CRS assigns you to one of ten classes. Your discount on flood insurance premiums is based on your class.

North Kingstown earned enough points to elevate from Class 9 to Class 7, which equates to a 15% savings effective April 1, 2026. We currently have 1,138 buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA).

Our current Hazard Mitigation Plan is under review and once complete we hope to gain an additional 200 points, to then be Class 6 realizing 20% savings.

The Council thanked Ms. LaFontaine for the update and asked that she get this great news out to the public.

40. Report by the Finance Director

Finance Director Deb Bridgham gave the following report:

Town of North Kingstown
Fiscal Year 2025
April
Financial Report



Presented by: Deb Bridgham,
Finance Director

June 9, 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 on the taxpayer. This aid is a pass through from the State.

Revenue Type	FY 2025 Revised Budget	FY 2025 July - April	% of Total Budget	FY2025 Projection	Variance
Taxes, Interest	\$ 87,535,731	\$ 83,297,687	95.2%	\$ 87,535,731	n/a
Pilots	\$ 5,649,927	\$ 4,977,969	88.1%	\$ 5,959,745	\$ 309,818
State Aid	\$ 8,349,345	\$ 8,362,604	76.3%	\$ 8,770,249	\$ 420,904
Department	\$ 4,271,855	\$ 4,806,454	112.5%	\$ 5,491,355	\$1,219,500
Other	\$ 2,885,116	\$ 3,620,683	125.5%	\$ 3,860,216	\$975,100
Passthrough: Library School	\$ 325,575	\$ 247,561	78.6%	\$ 325,575	n/a
Unrestricted	\$ 13,448,838	\$11,103,514	83.8%	\$ 13,448,838	n/a
Restricted	45,954			45,954	n/a
Total	\$122,512,344	\$116,416,472	95.1%	\$125,437,663	\$2,925,322

REVENUES

Projections include increases over revised budget of \$2,925,322. The largest portion of the increase is interest earned by investing funds in high yielding accounts and Police Detail revenue. Interest income came in higher due to the investments of our fund balance at a rate which could not be determined at the time of my last report. Request from RIDOT and contractors for police details have also increased, some project having twenty-four-hour police coverage.



REVENUE VARIANCES			
INCREASE	PILOT		
	Various	\$309,818	Continue growth of Businesses in Pilot Program
	STATE AID		
	Tangible Property	\$ 329,980	Reimbursement based on value & rate (17.85 per thousand) as of 2024. Approximately 902 businesses received an exemption; maximum exemption \$50,000.
	Public Service Aid	\$ 25,142	Budgeted \$367,064, State Adopted Budget \$392,206
	Housing Aid	\$ 65,680	Projects eligibility determined after budget adopted –received in April
	DEPARTMENT		
	Police Detail	\$1,015,500	Police Detail request increased and and collections strong
	All Other Departments	\$ 204,000	Net results of departmental revenues. Major increase due to Recreation and Planning, decreases related recording and transfer fees (real estate).
	OTHER		
DECREASE	Interest Income	\$ 1,115,000	Obtained favorable rates for remainder of fiscal year
	Cell Tower	\$ 35,000	Town receives % of revenues generated by our contracts with providers
	Grant Revenue	\$ 25,100	Learn 365 RI Admin Fees
	Energy Refunds/credits	\$ 100,000	Rhode Island Energy/Net metering Credits
	OTHER		
	Sale of Property	(\$ 300,000)	Postponement of sale of Wickford EI

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.

Based on the Pilot agreements and growth within the Quonset Business Park, we will be receiving additional revenue of \$309,818.

Expense Type	FY 2025 Revised Budget	FY 2025 July –April	% of Total Budget	FY2025 Projection	Variance
Salary	\$20,827,811	\$16,754,028	80.4%	\$21,429,670	\$601,860
Fringe Benefits	\$9,213,681	\$7,234,888	78.5%	\$9,479,095	\$265,414
Department Operations	\$8,145,111	\$5,623,990	69.0%	\$8,844,111	\$699,000
Utilities, Civic Contributions, QDC	\$2,456,109	\$2,211,712	75.6%	\$2,633,859	\$177,750
Library Appropriation	\$1,700,791	\$1,274,856	75.3%	\$1,700,791	n/a
School Appropriation	\$61,416,009	\$46,062,007	75.0%	\$61,416,009	n/a
School State Aid Unrestricted Restricted	\$13,448,838 \$45,954	\$10,070,698	75.0%	\$13,448,838 \$45,954	n/a
Debt Service	\$5,258,038	\$5,258,038	100.0%	\$5,258,038	n/a
Total	\$122,512,344	\$94,490,216	77.3%	\$124,256,365	\$1,744,023

EXPENSES

The increase in salary and fringe benefits are attributed to additional costs from union negotiations, increase in pension and health costs, 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 project only reflects the savings through April, with the exception of police and fire positions. These candidates are required to attend the academy which is unavailable in this fiscal year. There will be additional savings if positions remain unfilled until the end of the fiscal year.



EXPENDITURE VARIANCES			
	DEPARTMENT		
	Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 867,274	Contractual obligations Police and Local 1033 Health, Dental, & Pension rates higher then original projections Overtime increased for Police, Fire, Dispatch due to vacancies NOTE: <i>Police Detail Salary & Benefits are offset by Police Detail Revenue. The net effect on the budget is \$ 315,000 additional income over adopted budget.</i> Impact of salary and benefits projections significantly decreased do to unfilled positions in various departments.
	Departmental Expenses	\$ 799,000	Capital purchases from FY2025 surplus. Bid awards will be presented to council
	Utilities	(\$100,000)	Streetlight cost reduced
	Civic Contributions	\$177,750	250 th Anniversary ,Food Pantry and Veterans/Memorial Day Parades

This report also includes projections to utilize the surplus to purchase vehicles for Public Works. These are capital purchases needed for the Public Works Highway Department. Many of their vehicles are over 20 years older and we no longer can obtain parts for these vehicles.

Town of North Kingstown
April FY2025 Financial Report



Summary: Surplus of approximately \$1,181,299

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 ? ?

The estimated surplus is \$1,181,299.

I will continue to update you with any significant changes to these projections. The next report to the Council will be at the July 14th meeting.

The Council thanked Ms. Bridgham for her report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

41. Resolution making awards from prior appropriation of \$20,000,000 for construction, improvement, renovation, demolition, remediation, furnishing, equipping and other capital improvements of school facilities

President Mancini stated that Mr. Thompson would like to comment on this item.

Rickey Thompson, 191 Plain Road, read the following statement:

“As is, I can understand the need to secure a Middle School Project Manager and Architect.

Unless I'm mistaken, I also understand that RIDE will not consider approval of our School Committee's new middle school Stage 2 request with the resulting reimbursements until fall at the earliest.

In addition, throughout this process, Town Officials have maintained that for North Kingstown debt cliff purposes and taxpayers' costs, the goal was to minimize bond releases too as needed.

With consideration to all, I would like to ask why you are considering a vote to release \$20 million when \$6.5 million is currently outlined as needed."

Mr. Mollis responded that at the time based on our drawdown, the Town Council authorized up to \$20 million in BANs. Because of new information, we have decided internally based on the School Department drawdown and the Town's drawdown over the next 12-18 months we are going to only do \$5 million for the school.

Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Mollis for the clarification.

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING AWARDS FROM PRIOR APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

SECTION 1. From the prior appropriation of \$20,000,000 in Resolution 25-21 for construction, renovations, remediation, alterations, additions and other improvements and/or related equipment for the North Kingstown public schools and all costs incidental thereto; \$4,010,375 is hereby designated for Architecture and Engineering Services for the School's Capital Improvement Projects and \$2,422,610 for Owner's Project Manager for the new Wickford Middle School and Capital Improvement Projects.

SECTION 2. Per the recommendation of the School Committee from the foregoing appropriation, an award is hereby made to The Peregrine Group for Owner's Project Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,422,610 and to DBVW Architects for architectural and engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$4,010,375 and the Town Manager shall execute any contract or future change order thereto to evidence such approval.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

42. Board of Canvassers – Appointment

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Palmer Beebe, 74 Steamboat Avenue, from First Alternate to Regular Member, to the Board of Canvassers to March 1, 2030, to fill the unexpired term of J. Kent Dresser.

43. Correspondence

5/19/2025 – Domenic Lury – Sidewalks - Thinks we should add more sidewalks, specifically cited Old Baptist Road.

5/21/2025 – Vanessa Thomson – Davisville Bridge - Unaware of the length of the Devil's Foot Road bridge closure.

5/21/2025 – Kent Dresser – School Transportation - Made TC aware of his email to the SC and NKSD regarding district transportation of Monsignor Clarke students.

5/22/2025 – David Martinelli – Rec Center - Advocated for a NK rec center given its potential utility by residents of all ages.

5/22/2025 – Jessica Drew Day – Wickford Roundabout - Concerned about pedestrian safety of the future Wickford mini roundabout, suggests a lighted sign and reduced street parking to improve visibility; also suggests a rotary at Rt 1/4 interchange.

5/23/2025 – Hope Ryan – Wickford Roundabout - Against roundabout.

5/27/2025 – Kazmeier Morosetti – Athletic Complex in NK - Advocated for an athletic complex in NK.

5/27/2025 – Heather Murphy – School Bond Project - Asked for an update citing unreliability of information she receives "in passing" - Ralph responded and we received an update this evening.

5/28/2025 – Tamar Bishop – Camp Avenue Traffic - Concerned about traffic on Camp Avenue resulting from the Revolution Wind Project and asked about a specific access road - Ralph followed up that they do use that road when possible and the project is winding down which will decrease traffic.

5/30/2025 – Kahlia Shmerer – ACLU Immigrant Protection - Asked again that the ACLU immigrant protection ordinance be considered by the TC.

6/8/2025 – Meg Kerr – Town Action on Climate - Asked that we create a Town body on climate mitigation, either a new commission or by expanding the charge of an existing commission (Conservation or Planning).

6/8/2025 – Beth Heaney – The Preserve - Asked if we have an update on progress at The Preserve at Rolling Greens.

6/9/2025 – Lori Duffy – Pride Resolution - Asked that we support the Pride Resolution on the agenda tonight.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk