

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 18th day of August, 2025 at the Town Hall Council Chambers, 80 Boston Neck Road, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Gregory A. Mancini, President
Linnea M. Drew
Elizabeth Hill Ross
Matthew B. McCoy

ABSENT: 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 August 18, 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 McCoy, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4 and 42-46-5, Subsection (2) - Litigation (Opioid), Subsection (2) - Potential Litigation (61 Brown Street), Subsection (5) - Real Estate (Easement/Indemnification Agreement - 61 Brown Street and 61 Brown LLC), and Subsection (6) - Business/Industry (PILOT Agreements).

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:04 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Drew, seconded by Councilor McCoy 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. Class B-Limited Alcoholic Beverage License

This application was withdrawn at the request of the applicant; therefore, the Public Hearing did not take place.

6. Public Comment

Katie Anderson, 66 Peaceful Lane, read the following statement:

“My comments to the North Kingstown Town Council last night in defense of our immigrant neighbors - sharing in the hopes others will join me:

“I’m here tonight to both express my gratitude to you all, and to urge action in support of all who reside in and visit North Kingstown given the political climate at present.

We are inundated daily with news of states, municipalities, and federal agencies who circumvent their constitutional authority and, in many cases, unlawfully target individuals for reasons related to political activism or immigration status - or in some cases, mistaken identity. We’ve all heard stories of individuals searched without warrants, held without cause, detained, sent abroad, deported to countries they’ve never known, and met with violence even if not resisting or behaving unlawfully. This is happening in big cities and small towns alike, with places like Wells, Maine expressing their explicit intent to collaborate with federal agencies in conducting sweeping immigration raids. These actions send shockwaves through communities and create an environment of fear, with people of all immigration statuses afraid to go to school, seek medical care, report crimes, and more.

But as I said, first, gratitude. I’m grateful because I firmly believe that North Kingstown is a welcoming, safe, affirming community. Our elected officials, chief of police, and town manager all give every indication they respect the letter and spirit of the law and do not abuse their positions. You all value this community and strive to create systems, policies, and institutions that are fair and just, and that respect and uphold the laws of our land. For all of this and more, I am indeed grateful.

Second, action. I trust all of your leadership, and I trust our local institutions, because I know you, and because I’ve seen firsthand how our leaders and our systems ensure public safety, quality education, and law and order in the truest sense. However, I ask that you all consider ways to reassure the public at this time of great and growing concern. This is a critical time to build trust, ensure transparent access to our town policies, and strengthen relationships with constituents of all backgrounds. Communication and collaboration are always essential in any healthy community, but there is now greater urgency. People are hurting, and don’t know if they can trust their government. Trump associate and confidant Laura Loomer stated publicly she’d like to see 65 million people fed to the alligators around the Florida detention center. 65 million is the whole Latino population in the United States. We at the local level need to do our part countering this kind of hateful, violent rhetoric. The message here is simple: we in North Kingstown follow all relevant laws and statutes, we do not discriminate, we affirm the dignity and legal rights of all people, and we value and promulgate public safety and public services for all.

Thank you.”

Jennifer Lima (President of TANK), 4 Hickory Drive East, read the following statement:

“Good evening. As you know, I’ve previously urged this body to adopt the ACLU’s model immigration protection ordinance. After conversations with several of you as well as the Chief of Police, I understand and respect the decision not to move forward. I believe that the NKPD is not acting as an immigration authority and that their priority is community safety. But while town officials may know this, the people who most need to know it may not. So my question is: how do we clearly tell our community that it is always safe to report a crime, seek medical care, or send children to school?

I have some suggestions on what that could look like:

- Make existing policies and protections visible by posting them prominently on the town website, police department page, and school district homepage — and by sharing them in the town newsletter, water bill inserts, and on social media.
- Have the Town Council, Police Chief, and Superintendent issue a joint statement affirming: “In our community, it is always safe to call for help, report a crime, seek medical care, and send your children to school — regardless of immigration status.”
- Partner with local community groups to help share that message widely.

This approach doesn't create new legal prohibitions on cooperation with federal agencies — it simply communicates our existing priorities and commitment to public safety. The benefits are significant:

- Trust before a crisis.
If we establish this message now, we won't have to repair mistrust later.
- Universal value.
“Safe to come forward” applies to everyone — whether undocumented, on a visa, facing domestic violence, struggling with addiction, or simply fearful of calling authorities.
- Economic and cultural strength.
A welcoming reputation attracts residents, workers, and businesses.
- Proactive safety.
Visitors, seasonal workers, or residents from neighboring towns should all feel safe to report crimes here — because that helps keep everyone safe.

This is about making our values visible, building trust in our institutions, and ensuring that every person who lives in, works in, or visits North Kingstown knows: you are safe to come forward here.

I have emailed to all of you, copying the chief of police and the superintendent of schools, an example of what a joint statement to this effect might look like and I hope you will consider it.

Thank you.

I want to note that I wrote these remarks prior to the letter sent to Governor McKee by US Attorney General Pam Bondi and it doesn't change anything in them.

I applaud RI Attorney General Peter Neronha for calling out that letter for what it is - the tactics of a bully. As AG Neronha said, the only way to deal with a bully is to let them know that they're not going to intimidate you. He is absolutely correct - there is no appeasing a tyrant.”

Tom Sgouros, 15 Boston Neck Road, stated that he reviewed the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (Agenda Item Number 7). He stated that it's hard to understand that so much time goes into something like this and that North Kingstown has a role in preventing it. As he reviewed it, he found that North Kingstown is doing nothing.

Richard Welch, 8 Arrow Lane, stated that the Town lost another friend this week in the passing of Ed Hughes. He stated that Ed was a great guy and was the former Harbormaster for the Town of North Kingstown. He was also a great photographer.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS

7. Adoption of the Town of North Kingstown Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024 Update

Director of Planning and Development Nicole LaFontaine gave the following overview of the update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan:

The Hazard Mitigation Plan before you is an update of the 2019 plan. We are required to update every 5 years. It is a 2-stage review process where RIEMA reviews the plan for initial completeness then forwards the plan to FEMA for final review and approval. RIEMA deemed the plan complete in March 2025 and then submitted the plan to FEMA for their review and approval. On July 11, 2025, FEMA determined the plan to be “Approvable Pending Adoption” by the Town of North Kingstown. Municipal adoption is the final step in the process. The project process has already included a visit to the Town Council as part of the plan's public outreach.

The project team included our consultants GZA GeoEnvironmental, Mike Gardner, David Leone, Alex Roper, and Bin Wang and a staff level team, which included Nicole LaFontaine, Becky Lamond, and Elle Moore – day to day project management.

A Local Hazard Mitigation Committee (LHMC) was created to facilitate the plan development. The LHMC consisted of the Planning Department, Town Manager, Building Official, Fire and Police Departments including the chiefs, DPW, Quonset, Senior Services, School Department, Harbormaster, Planning Commission, and local nursing and rehabilitation center (Lakeside).

Over the past 18 months we have conducted public outreach; producing a draft plan; soliciting RIEMA's comments; and undergoing revisions to produce a final plan. Public outreach included meeting with the Planning Commission and Town Council; conducting a public input survey; posting information to our website as well as social media postings. The survey was also shared with the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce as well as our local boards and commissions in order to give them an opportunity to provide input.

The update includes:

- updating the town's existing plan as per FEMA and RIEMA standards;
- characterizing the natural hazards;
- inventory of assets;
- risk assessment;
- updating mitigation strategies and actions;
- plan maintenance;

Risk analysis

- Inventories town assets and critical facilities and potential risks.
- Got input from QDC, nursing home, school department, planning commission representative, other neighboring communities, along with various Town departments.

Summarizes hazards affecting NK, historic and current

- Main hazards are: Coastal flooding, hurricanes/tropical storms/nor'easters, and riverine flooding.
- Identifies probability of hazards to impact NK, potential severity of impacts, impact areas.
- Climate-related hazards and future changes also identified based on current available data.

Identifies mitigation actions and implementation to reduce exposure to risks

- Strategies are a guide for the next 5 years to build upon the mitigation and climate adaption work carried out over the previous 5 years as prompted in the 2019 plan.
- Action table is broken down by larger goals, smaller strategies, and actions which support the strategies to complete the goals.
- Goals include: promoting resilient ecosystems; reducing vulnerabilities to the built environment; developing plans and policies to reduce risk; and using outreach and education to create a coordinated approach to mitigation planning.
- The plan includes the status of 2019 actions and incorporates some into the new actions.
- Action table identifies the benefit, costs, prioritization, timeline, and identifies potential funding sources – inclusion in this plan creates eligibility for future grant funding.

KEY ACTIONS (53 total actions in plan)

- #15 Complete an assessment of municipal structures located in SFHA that are utilized by vulnerable populations and retrofit as needed.
- #21 Road Evaluation: Evaluate roads at least annually to develop plans for improvement or elevation for emergency access and evacuation, especially under future sea level rise scenarios. Identify strategies and coordinate with Neighboring towns where roadways run along town borders. Develop conceptual plans and prioritization for pursuing engineering, design, and construction funding of identified roadways.
- #29 Continue to monitor, update, and evaluate town owned and private dams in accordance with Emergency Action Plans (EAPs). EAP's will be regularly updated through public outreach with dam owners to ensure Notification Flow Charts are kept current, risk awareness is properly communicated, and maintenance responsibilities understood. The North Kingstown Public Safety Director is responsible for outreach to HHPD owners when there are concerns with storm events and/or potential dam failure. This information will be reviewed and updated annually.
- #31 Create policy to direct development away from areas subject to erosion and flooding from gale-force winds, storm surge, and sea level rise.
- #32 Implement recommendations based on the findings of the climate adaptation strategies at the local level to help North Kingstown make informed decisions and build an increased resilience and reduce risk to coastal hazards and climate change.

- #48 Education and Outreach to residents and community stakeholders to 1) promote owner participation in mitigation efforts to protect their property; 2) educate public on how the town uses conservation planning, regulations to mitigation natural and climate related hazards; 3) educate residents and community stakeholders at high risk to impacts from natural hazards on the hazards relative to where they live; and 4) inform citizens and business owners of impacts of storm surges and rising sea levels.

Changes from the 2019 version

- Big change was the inclusion of the HAZUS - a regional multi-hazard loss estimation model developed by FEMA. The primary purpose is to provide a methodology to develop multi-hazard loss estimates at a regional scale.
- Another change was creating overarching “goals” in the action table to better organize the strategies and actions that work towards those goals.
- Included a more thorough discussion of high-hazard potential dams (HHPDs) to make us eligible for potential funding.

Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for dams – see p1-14 for high potential loss dams

- Total of 23 dams, classified as either High, Significant or Low Hazard
- Rhode Island General Laws Section 46-19-9 requires the preparation of Emergency Action Plans (EAP) dams with High or Significant Hazard classifications. Local communities are responsible for completing these EAPs.
- Town continues to work with private owners with periodic visual inspections, notice of storm events and reminders of their maintenance responsibilities.
- The Town will monitor, update, and evaluate town owned and private dams in accordance with the EAPs. Town Engineering staff will ensure that updated plans and structural assessments on dams are properly documented and incorporated into the EAPs. The Dam EAPs provide information on event response responsibilities and preventive actions.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Drew, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the North Kingstown Town Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to the people within our community; and

WHEREAS, proactive mitigation of natural hazards before disaster can reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Kingstown has prepared a natural hazard mitigation plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 HM identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property in North Kingstown from impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the North Kingstown Town Council demonstrates their commitment to achieving the hazard mitigation and flood management goals outlined in the 2024 plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Kingstown Town Council adopts in its entirety the Town of North Kingstown Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024 Update.

Clerk’s note: A copy of the North Kingstown Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024 Update is filed with the back-up materials for this meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 8 through 30 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Numbers 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, and 29.

8. Approval of Minutes

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

9. Tax Abatement List #881

VOTED: To approve Tax Abatement List #881 submitted by Deb Garneau, Tax Assessor, in the amount of \$142,347.55; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: That overpayments, if any, resulting from these abatements are hereby approved for refund by the Tax Collector.

10. Approval of Waiver of Sewer Assessment Late Fees

VOTED: To approve the request by Taylor Rental for waiver of sewer assessment late fees for property located at 7769 Post Road (Plat 135/Lot 006) as follows:

- Account #P200529500 \$6,241.13

and it was

FURTHER VOTED: That the late fee of \$6,241.13 will be used towards credit against future payments on the assessment.

11. Receipt of Donations

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the following donations in the amount of \$6,000.00:

For: Beechwood Senior Center	
To be used for Instructors	
From: North Kingstown Senior Association	\$4,000.00
For: Beechwood Senior Center	
To be used for Supplies	
From: Anonymous	\$2,000.00

12. Acceptance of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the donation from the Leisure Services Advisory Committee in the amount of \$5,439.13 to be used for the Troll Project; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To authorize the transfer of \$5,439.13 from Leisure Services Fund 420 to the Troll Exhibit Fund 875.

13. Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Councilor Drew, seconded by Councilor Hill Ross and was

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the donation of a Mr. Potato Head Statue (Surfer Spud) given by the Quidnessett Elementary School to be displayed at the Town Beach Campus.

Councilor McCoy voted in the negative.

14. Letter of Resignation

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by President Mancini and unanimously

VOTED: To accept the letter of resignation from Dianne Izzo, resigning from the Asset Management Commission, and that the Town Council send a letter of appreciation to her for the dedicated service she gave to the Town of North Kingstown.

15. Letter of Resignation

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by President Mancini and unanimously

VOTED: To accept the letter of resignation from Dianne Izzo, resigning from the Library Board of Trustees, and that the Town Council send a letter of appreciation to her for the dedicated service she gave to the Town of North Kingstown.

16. Letter of Resignation

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by President Mancini and unanimously

VOTED: To accept the letter of resignation from Dianne Izzo, resigning from the Sewer Appeals Board, and that the Town Council send a letter of appreciation to her for the dedicated service she gave to the Town of North Kingstown.

17. Authorization for the Town Manager to execute the Municipal Road and Bridge Program Agreement

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to execute the Municipal Road and Bridge Program State Funds Local Public Agency Agreement with the State of Rhode Island acting through its Department of Transportation for State Matching Funds of thirty-three percent (33%), not to exceed \$187,273.05, for various projects as defined in said agreement.

18. Approval of a Sole Source Purchase

VOTED: To approve the sole source purchase for the Fire Department for the replacement of fifteen (15) air cylinders for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus from MES Shipman's Fire Equipment Co., 172 Cross Road, Waterford, CT 06385, in the amount of \$20,949.60.

Funding for this purchase is from Rescue Billing Account No. 16708030 540202.

19. Approval of a Sole Source Purchase

VOTED: To approve a Sole Source Purchase for the Fire Department for two (2) SigCom TRX-50 Radio Box Reporting Systems from M5 Communications, Inc., 175 N. Main Street, Attleboro, MA 02703, in the amount of \$118,039.71.

Funding is from Rescue Billing - Account Number 16708030-540202.

20. Approval of a Sole Source Purchase

VOTED: To approve the Sole Source Purchase for the Golf Course from Turf Products, 175 Moody Road, Enfield, CT 06082, for:

- One (1) Reel Grinder with Hoist in the amount of \$65,049.35; and
- One (1) Bed Knife Grinder with Bellows in the amount of \$36,319.78

for a total purchase price of \$101,369.13.

Funding for this purchase is from FY2026 Budget - Golf Course - Vehicular Equipment - Account Number 43321010-550401.

21. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the Golf Course of one (1) Grounds Master 3500 Sidewinder Rough Mower from Turf Products, 175 Moody Road, Enfield, CT 06082, in the amount of \$46,785.14, utilizing Sourcewell Contract Member Number 19730.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget - Golf Course - Vehicular Equipment - Account Number 43321010-550401.

22. Award of Bid

VOTED: To award the bid for the Water Department for the installation of Air Conditioning Units at Well #4 and Well #9 to Energy One, 197 James Murphy Industrial Highway, West Warwick, RI 02893, in the amount of \$45,500.00.

Funding is from Water Department - Other Capital Outlay Account - Account Number 44040010-550701.

23. Award of Contract

VOTED: To award a contract for the Department of Public Works for consulting work associated with the evaluation of the Old Forge Mill Pond Dam to GZA GeoEnvironmental, 188 Valley Street, Suite 300, Providence, RI 02909, in the amount of \$18,125.00.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget - Public Works - Engineering Consulting Services - Account Number 00110050-530602.

24. Transfer of Various Funds

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the following transfers of FY2025 funds are approved:

Planning & Development

From: 00109010-550520	Grant Match	\$50,000
To: 00100000-315003	Restricted Grant Match	\$50,000
For:	Wickford Waterfront Project	

Public Works – Facilities

From: 00110070-531101	Capital Reserve	\$332,945
To: 30010070-531101	Restricted Capital Reserve	\$332,945
For:	These funds are requested to be transferred for but not limited to Building repair and upgrades to systems and components.	

Public Works – Facilities

From: 00110070-531101	Capital Reserve	\$14,355
To: 30010070-531104	Restricted Capital Reserve	\$14,355
For:	These funds are requested to be transferred for but not limited to Building HVAC systems, mechanical maintenance, and cleaning.	

Public Works – Highway

From: 00110020-531202	Snow Plowing	\$15,000
To: 00100000-315001	Restricted Snow Removal	\$15,000
For:	These funds are requested to be transferred for snow removal tasks and equipment.	

Public Works – Highway

From: 00110020-531107	Highway Drains & Maintenance	\$6,284
To: 30010020-531107	Restricted Capital Reserve	\$6,284
For:	These funds are requested to be transferred for Stormwater Maintenance.	

25. Authorization to Transfer Funds

VOTED: To authorize the transfer of \$25,000.00 from Fund Balance to the Family Day Fund to be used to help fund a portion of the Family Day Event.

26. Ratification of Town Clerk’s Approval of an Entertainment License (new)

VOTED: To ratify the Town Clerk's approval of the application for an Entertainment License by West Bay Community Theater, 25 Preston Drive, for an outdoor musical theater production which was held on the grounds of the North Kingstown Town Beach Campus and bandshell on Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. (rain date Sunday, August 17, 2025), subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To ratify the Town Manager's approval to allow West Bay Community Theater to place a sign on the lawn of the Town Hall, 80 Boston Neck Road, through August 16, 2025.

27. Holiday Sales License (transfer) (renewal)

VOTED: To approve the application for transfer of a Holiday Sales License from Wasay Mini Mart LLC, 6769 Post Road, to Yorktown Market LLC, 6769 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Planning Department, the Building Official, the Water Department, and the Fire Marshall; and it was

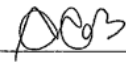
FURTHER VOTED: To approve to July 1, 2026 the renewal application for a Holiday Sales License by Yorktown Market LLC, 6769 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Planning Department, the Building Official, the Water Department, and the Fire Marshall.

28. 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	Phone	Hours
T's Vault LLC	T's Vault Smoothie & Juice	78 Onte Rd	556-9579	7:30 am- 7:00 pm
Lyons, Lori	dba Beauty & the Bath	11 West Main Street	294-3576	10:00 AM-6:00 PM
PK Fuel Corp	dba Mobil	6228 Post Road	773-580-2434	5:00 am- 11:00 pm
Dover Saddlery Retail Inc.	Dover Saddlery Retail Store #13	1340B Ten Rod Road	978-952-8062	9:00 AM-8:00 PM

All taxes/water assessments have been paid to date 8/17/25  Collection Dept.

29. Bond Reduction/Acceptance of Required Public Improvements

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

VOTED: To approve the request by Wickford Harbor Estates LLC for acceptance of required public improvements at Harbor View (also known as Wickford Harbor Estates) and start the one-year clock for the maintenance guarantee. The Town of North Kingstown holds \$141,161.59, or 9.7%, therefore no financial reduction will occur. One year following this date, the applicant may, by writing to the Department of Planning and Development, request the commission to release the remaining guarantee, provided no defects in the design or construction of the required bonded improvements have become evident.

30. First Reading – Amendment to Section 9-4

VOTED: That this shall constitute the First Reading of an Ordinance in Amendment of Section 9-4 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Fee Schedule Enumerated - Table III - Building Permit Fees", and that this be advertised and referred to the Regular Town Council Meeting of September 8, 2025 for Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption.

IV. REPORTS

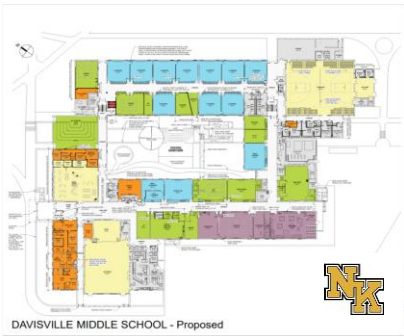
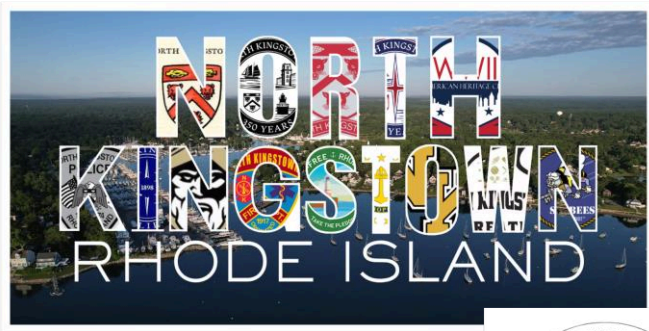
31. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:

August 18, 2025

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

Manager’s Report



School Department Capital Bond Projects
& Public Safety Complex Bond Projects

- A great deal has taken place with both items since the Council’s last meeting on July 14. Following my Manager’s Report, Council President Mancini will deliver an update on behalf of Council Person Kim Page, a member of the School Department Building Advisory Committee, regarding the **School Bond Projects**.
- Productive, internal meetings continue for the **Public Safety Complex Bond Projects**. We are finishing interior design and schematics, and exterior renderings for both buildings.
- We will be meeting with QDC on the Public Safety Complex on the site in Quonset, and are preparing initial plans for Planning, Zoning, and the Town’s Technical Review Committee.
- An analysis of our current Fueling Station has determined that it can be retained with improvements to be funded by the Town, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings for the project overall.
- We are hoping to have cost estimates in by September 12; if they come back within the range of the bond amount, a public meeting will be scheduled for us to present the project and its timeline, to the public.

- A great deal has taken place with both the School Bond Projects and the Public Safety Complex Bond Projects since our last Council Meeting on July 14th.

Following my Manager’s Report, Council President Mancini will be providing an update on the School Bond Projects on behalf of Council Person Kim Page who, along with myself, sits as a Member of the School Department Building Advisory Committee.

The Public Safety Projects continue with productive, internal meetings. We are finishing up the interior design and schematics of both buildings, as well as exterior renderings. We will be meeting with Quonset Development Corporation regarding the Police Complex being built in Quonset and are preparing our initial plans for Planning, Zoning and the Town’s Technical Review Committee. We have conducted an analysis of our current Fueling Station and have decided that with improvements funded by the town, we will be able to retain this current system and location which will save hundreds of thousands of dollars on this project. We will be using all of this information to begin preparations for a cost estimate which we’re hoping to have by September 12th. If the cost estimates come in over the bond amount, then we will be having some difficult internal conversations. If the cost estimates are within the range of the bond amount, then we will schedule a public meeting to present where we are at with this project and the upcoming timeline. We are also in the initial discussions of a Project Labor Agreement Analysis, the potential hiring of an Owner’s Project Manager and the decision of whether to proceed with the project via Design/Bid/Build or Construction Manager.



Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot Project

- This work continues to move forward on schedule.
- As mentioned in previous updates, RICON has combined Phases 2 & 3, which should ultimately put them ahead of schedule.
 - Paving took place this past weekend, and curbing, piping, and bioretention layout have taken place, or are taking place, alongside other significant aspects.
 - The parking lot remains open.
 - Wickford Harbor Fires have continued while construction is underway, and we've provided ongoing signage and instructions to additional parking elsewhere in the village.
 - I will continue to keep you up to date on this initiative.

- The Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot Project continues to move forward on schedule. As I mentioned previously, RICON has combined Phases 2 and 3, which should put them on or ahead of schedule. Paving took place this past weekend. Curbing, piping, layout of bioretention area and other significant aspects of the project have or are taking place. The parking lot is open. We’ve been able to host Harbor Fires while construction is taking place and we’ve provided signage and instructions and additional parking throughout the village as well as regular communication with the business community. I will continue to keep you up to date.

Updates:

- We continue with bi-weekly meetings with **Revolution Wind** regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project. A good portion of their operation is beginning to wind down as we see fewer workers on site, and minor work taking place at the Onshore Substation; restoration is taking place at Circuit Drive.
- The Interconnection Facility's operation is now under the jurisdiction of Rhode Island Energy.
- There haven't been any additional abutter or outreach concerns. If you do have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Revolution Wind directly, at 401-251-2207 or via email: info@revolution-wind.com.
- As I reported last month, the **Wickford Elementary School Residential Project** received historic approval. We are now working with them to attempt to receive CRMC review and approval.
- This has been a challenging process for the developers.
- CRMC has received correspondence from concerned neighboring abutters which may be providing additional challenges. The Town is working with the developer in an attempt to notify CRMC on how important it is to get this reviewed, and hopefully approved.
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Updates:



- The primary purpose of our meeting with **RIDOT** earlier this month was to discuss the Safe Streets for All Project, which is planned to provide an aesthetically-pleasing tree-lined pedestrian and bike route to serve as the missing link for Wickford Junction and Wickford Village, with the remainder of North Kingstown.
- It's a long-term project, to include public process and partnership.
- Bike lane striping is planned this fall for Boston Neck Road, as I've updated you on previously. Once complete, we will begin discussion on a long-term, larger bike project - similar to what they're envisioning for Ten Rod Road.
- Additionally, we discussed the paving of Phillips Street. While they have it scheduled for later years within their Transportation Improvement Plan, we asked that it be moved up considering the limited overall size of the project and given its current state. They will get back to us on this request.
- We also brought up the Route 4 traffic signal concerns: we asked for a response to our letter that was sent in follow-up to their original proposal and the public meeting that followed. RIDOT representatives were disappointed their proposal was not looked upon favorably, and expressed they are running out of options for viable solutions.
 - When a response is received, I will review with the Town Council to determine how we will proceed.



- We had a lengthy and productive meeting here in North Kingstown with RIDOT earlier this month.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Safe Streets for All Project which is planned to provide a very impressive and aesthetic, tree-lined pedestrian & bike route to serve as a missing link between Wickford Junction and the remainder of North Kingstown. It is a long-term plan and will include a public process and partnership.

We also talked about the bike lane striping planned for Boston Neck Road. It is planned for this Fall and once striped, we will begin discussion on a long-term, larger bike project similar to what they're envisioning for Ten Rod Road.

We discussed the paving of Phillips Street. While it is scheduled for later years within their Transportation Improvement Plan, we asked them, being that it's not a large project, if it could be moved up as the road is in deplorable condition. They will be getting back to us.

And we discussed the Route 4 Traffic Signal issue and asked for a response to our letter which was a follow-up to their original proposal and the public meeting that followed. They were disappointed that their proposal was not looked upon favorably as they feel they are running out of options for a solution. I will await their response, will review with the Town Council, and we can then decide on how to proceed from there.

Updates:

- Their Frenchtown Road Bridge Replacement, South County Trail Bridge Replacement, and the Devils Foot Road Bridge projects continue.
 - Devils Foot Rd Bridge is expected to be closed through late fall 2025.
 - RIDOT will be reducing traffic to one lane in each direction for a new traffic pattern on Frenchtown Rd over Route 4 to accommodate construction, and remain in place until January 2026; there will be signed detours in place for the Rt-4 on-ramp. We will continue to assist RIDOT in keeping the public aware of the [project updates](#) they publish.
 - The work on the Frenchtown Road Bridge is a part of a larger, \$76.8 million multi-bridge project that includes Devil's Foot Road Bridge replacement, and is scheduled for completion in Spring 2027.
- In another RIDOT-related matter, this evening, Town Council approved our Agreement with the RhodeRestore 2026 Program, where we will once again fully participate in additional state funding for road repairs and paving. If other municipalities do not confirm their participation, we will have an opportunity to receive additional funding beyond the \$187,373.05 we can receive from the state through a match that is annually budgeted for in our paving budget.



- In RIDOT-related matter, the Frenchtown Road Bridge replacement project, the South County Trail Bridge replacement project, and the Devils Foot Road Bridge Project continue. The Devils Foot Road Bridge is projected to remain closed through late Fall. RIDOT will be reducing traffic to one lane in each direction to set up a new traffic pattern on Frenchtown Road over Route 4. There will be signed detours in place for the on-ramp to Route 4. We will continue to receive as much information as possible in order to assist RIDOT in keeping the public up to date.
- And in yet another RIDOT-related matter, this evening the Town Council approved our Agreement with the RhodeRestore 2026 Program where we once again will fully participate in the additional funding from the state. This Fiscal Year we will receive \$187,373.05 from the state which is matched with the amount we budget annually for paving. If other municipalities do not participate, we will have the opportunity to receive additional funding. We have taken full advantage of this program since Governor McKee introduced it and we are fortunate that we have a policy to budget for paving annually, which automatically provides the required and appropriate match.

Updates:



- As promised, we scheduled a meeting with the **Climate Conversations**. I thought it was very productive and look forward to future meetings and continued discussions with an organization that plays a vital role in bringing awareness to our staff, recognition of what we've already accomplished, as well as research and insight on projects and initiatives that should be considered.



- The **North Kingstown Free Library** has started their strategic planning process, and have appointed a team, including Council Person Matt McCoy, that will play an essential role in this endeavor. They will put together a community survey to receive public input through this process and help direct the future of our Library.

- As promised, we scheduled a meeting with the Climate Conversations Group to discuss our progress, what we feel has taken place, their vision, which items we feel can be tackled, and a path forward to work together in order to assist them in meeting the goals that they feel are essential for our community. I felt the meeting was extremely productive and I look forward to future meetings and discussions as this organization, and its leadership, can play a vital role in bringing awareness to our staff, recognition on what we've already accomplished, and research & knowledge as to projects and initiatives we should be addressing. I'll be sure to keep the Council up to date as I know this is a policy that is important to this Town Council.

- The North Kingstown Free Library has started their strategic planning process. They’ve appointed a team, which includes Council Person Matt McCoy, who will play an essential role in the strategic planning process. They will also be putting together a community survey to receive public input as part of this process. This will all lead to a new Strategic Play for the Library, setting the future for the Library.

Thank you!

- I would like to recognize and thank the many groups, individuals, and volunteers for their incredible work and dedication to the transformation of Veterans Memorial Park – including Randy Wietman, VFW Post -152, Plum Beach Garden Club, Mike Donohue and the 350th Anniversary Heritage Tree Program, George Silva, municipal staff members led by members of our Department of Public Works and our Tree Warden, Brynn McNamee, and many others
- Their efforts have made the park across from Town Hall on Boston Neck Road a beautiful and permanent tribute to late local servicemembers from many generations. Our sincere thanks go to each person and organization that played a role in this transformation.
- We now wait for RIDOT for the finishing touch – a crosswalk from Town Hall to Memorial Park.



- I want to recognize the many individuals and groups.... volunteers, Randy Wietman, local veterans organizations, municipal staff members led by members of our Public Works Department, and many I’m sure I’m missing...for their incredible work over the past two years in the transformation of Memorial Park across from Town Hall on Boston Neck Road. Their efforts have turned this area into a beautiful permanent tribute to late local service members from many generations. Our sincere thanks to each of them. We now await for RIDOT to help us place the finishing touch with a crosswalk across Boston Neck Road, from Town Hall to Memorial Park.

Updates:

- Work has begun for North Kingstown's Ryan Park to take its place on the world-famous Thomas Dambo Troll Map (<https://trollmap.com/>)
- This larger-than-life recycle art project is being completed by Thomas Dambo, a world-famous Dutch recycle artist, that has produced popular tourist attractions in cities and countries across the globe with the help of volunteers. Our troll will complete the **Rhode Island Troll Trail**, connecting our troll on the map with those already in place in Charlestown, RI, and also currently being built in Blackstone Valley and Richmond.
- Thomas Dambo's vision is to design and install 1,000 giant Trolls all over the world, using only recycled materials, to bring attention to his concerns that we will run out of natural resources in a world overrun with discarded materials.
- Thanks to **Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs**, our Recreation Director, we are a part of this incredible public art project.



- Work has begun in North Kingstown becoming part of the world-renowned Troll Map, as a Troll is being constructed in Ryan Park. This larger-than-life recycle art project by world famous Dutch artist Thomas Dambo which has become a popular tourist attraction in cities across the world, will be completed and unveiled later this month, completing the 5-figure Rhode Island Troll Trail connecting Charlestown, Richmond, North Kingstown, and Blackstone Valley.

Thomas Dambo’s vision is to build 1,000 Trolls all over the world using recycled materials, promoting his concern of our running out of natural resources and showing what can be made out of discarded materials. Thanks to the efforts of Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, we are proud to be part of this worldwide project.

Reminder:

- Our 2nd Annual Family Day Celebration in Wilson Park is coming up! Please put September 6th on your calendar, and join us for this day of family-friendly fun from Noon until 5:00 p.m.
- There will be live music by the Steve Anthony Band, food trucks, inflatables, community booths, demonstrations from our police and fire departments, and much more!
- Thank you to the community sponsors for their support in keeping admission to this event FREE!



- A reminder to put our 2nd Annual Family Day Celebration, Saturday, September 6th from noon till 5:00 p.m. at Wilson Park, in your calendars. This event will include free rides, inflatables, live music by the Steve Anthony Band, community booths, demonstrations from both the North Kingstown Fire and Police Departments, and face painting. There will also be food for sale via numerous food trucks. Our thank you to our generous sponsors:
 - Our Platinum Sponsors - Orsted and Revolution Wind.
 - Our Gold Sponsors - Pleasant Street Wharf, Navigant Credit Union, Taylor Rental, and Centreville Bank.
 - Our Silver Sponsors - Ocean State Credit Union, Cargill, and Bank Newport.
 - And our Bronze Sponsors - Washington Trust, Signarama, and Bob Carr.
 - We look forward to seeing you on the 6th.

Updates:

- Some unfortunate news – Senator Whitehouse’s office recently notified me that our submission for a Congressionally-Directed Spending Appropriation for rehabilitation of the Old Town Meeting House did not advance in the subcommittee’s bill.
- We do still have this request within Congressman Magaziner’s office, so it is still possible.
- Our other project with Senator Whitehouse, the Broadband and Camera Project, for \$625,000, was included in the subcommittee’s spending bill package, so it will continue as a possibility.
- State law requires all zoning and planning applications be electronic this fall; to comply, starting October 1, our application system will be the North Kingstown Online Permitting System on our website: <https://northkingstownri.portal.opengov.com/>
- Staff will be available to assist in this transition; please call the Planning Department for guidance (401-268-1574).



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- State law requires that all zoning and planning applications be electronic by October 1st. Starting September 1st, we will be accepting all zoning applications electronically by using the North Kingstown Online Permitting System which is on our website @ northkingstownri.portal.opengov.com. Staff will be available to assist in the transition. Please call the Planning Department for any guidance. We will be publicizing this on our social Media Platforms and Website.

Updates:

- I'm happy to report that **Matt Souza**, our Building Official, was selected to participate in the upcoming Rhode Island League Municipal Leadership Academy, which begins September 5th.
 - Upon graduation, Matt will join fellow North Kingstown municipal employees and program graduates, Haley Wicker, Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, and Kate Glass.
- I participated in a **Ribbon Cutting** last week for the new administrative offices, dining, and medical facilities at Quonset Point Air National Guard base. Council Persons Greg Mancini, Linnea Drew, Matt McCoy, and Beth Hill-Ross were there as well, accompanied by member of our State Delegation, Federal Delegation, and other dignitaries.
- I will also participate in the **Ribbon Cutting** for Anduril Manufacturing at Quonset Business Park, one week from today, and follow that with a lunch with Senator Whitehouse who will also be in attendance.



- I'm happy to report that Building Official Matt Souza was selected to participate in the upcoming R.I. League Municipal Leadership Academy, which begins September 5th. Matt joins our prior graduates, Haley Wicker, Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs and Kate Glass. Congratulations Matt.
- I participated in a Ribbon Cutting last week for the new administrative offices, dining facilities and medical facilities at the Quonset Point Air National Guard Base. Council Persons Greg Mancini, Linnea Drew, Matt McCoy and Beth Hill Ross were there as well and we were joined by members of our State Delegation and Federal Delegation among many dignitaries.

I will also be participating in the Ribbon Cutting at Quonset Business Park for Andurill Manufacturing a week from today and I'll follow that with a lunch meeting with Senator Whitehouse, who is also scheduled to be at the Ribbon Cutting.

Updates:

- As I've reported, our **Municipal Golf Course** has come a long way. With the support of our Town Councils, we've made significant investments in our equipment, course, driving range, clubhouse, restaurant, and personnel with record setting numbers each and every year.
- It is likely the busiest public course in the state, and receives rave reviews as we host numerous RIGA tournaments.
- RIGA Senior Writer, Joe McDonald, wrote a glowing review earlier this month as we hosted the U.S. Mid-Amateur Sectional Qualifier. Players commented that "it's one of the best in the state," is "immaculate" with "scenic views" of the airfield and Narragansett Bay, and course conditions "the best they have ever been."
 - They particularly commended **Course Superintendent Dan McDermott** and his staff, as well as what they said was "the best logo in the state."



- As I’ve reported, our Municipal Golf Course has come a long way over these past 10 years. Thanks to the Town Council’s support, we’ve made significant investments in our equipment, golf course, driving range, clubhouse, restaurant, and personnel. The result has been record setting numbers each year with most likely the busiest public golf course in all of Rhode Island receiving rave reviews as we host numerous RIGA Tournaments. This past month RIGA Senior Writer Joe McDonald wrote a glowing review of the course as we hosted the U.S. Mid-Amateur Sectional Qualifier. Players commented that “it’s one of the best in the state”, is “immaculate” with a “scenic view” noting the Air Base and Narragansett Bay, with “course conditions being the best they’ve ever been”. They particularly commended Superintendent Dan McDermott and his staff as well as what they called “the best logo in the state” with the original Seabee logo. I wanted to bring this RIGA article to your attention as well as that of the public as we’ve made great strides at our golf course over the years and our thanks to the Council for their support.

Updates:

- Lastly, at a recent meeting of the Town Council, Council members had requested a report on the **Rescue Billing Account** and the associated **Fire Department 5-year Capital Plan** which coincides with that account.
- As you know, I meet annually with the Fire Chief to discuss the Capital Plan and its relation to the Rescue Billing Account. Chief Linacre and I have an updated prepared for a presentation at your meeting on September 22nd.



- Finally, at a recent meeting of the Town Council, you had requested a report on the Rescue Billing Account and the associated 5-year Capital Plan for the Fire Department which coincides with that account. As you know, I meet annually with the Fire Chief to discuss the Capital Plan for the upcoming 5 years and its relation to the Rescue Billing Account. Chief Linacre and I have met and updated the Capital Plan as well as the Rescue Billing Account, and we plan to have a presentation for you at your September 22nd meeting.

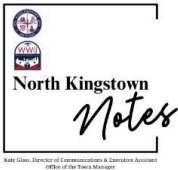


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Thank you.

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

August 18, 2025



President Mancini stated that he recently had the opportunity to play at the North Kingstown Golf Course, and the course was in great condition. The biggest problem is getting on the course, which isn’t a bad thing. Staff is doing a great job.

Councilor McCoy asked if a start date had been established for the roundabout in Wickford. Mr. Mollis stated that next week we will be sending out notices that the roundabout project will start after Labor Day. Councilor McCoy suggested that in an upcoming publication of “Notes” that contact information be provided for the project.

Councilor McCoy stated that he saw something today that Representative Craven was in communication with residents regarding the Route 4/West Allenton issue and suggested that the Manager have a conversation with Rep. Craven. Mr. Mollis stated that he will follow up with Rep. Craven.

Councilor McCoy stated that he received information from Steven King, QDC that soon we will be celebrating a milestone in employing 15,000 at the park.

President Mancini stated that we have had a couple of water leaks recently and asked if everything is all set. Mr. Mollis stated that the Water Department has done a great job in addressing these recent leaks. He further stated that Water Director Alan Austin is analyzing the locations of these breaks/leaks and will be addressing infrastructure upgrades.

President Mancini stated that several of our neighboring communities have instituted water bans and asked what the Town is doing during this drought. Mr. Mollis stated that the Water Director and he have been discussing this, and our current ordinances are working with the watering restrictions that are in place. We do not feel that there is any further action required at this time. However, the Water Department will be monitoring the usage closely.

Councilor Hill Ross asked if the Fire Department has put out anything regarding the drought and reminding people not to throw cigarettes out of the car windows. Mr. Mollis stated that he will speak with the Chief tomorrow.

32. Update on School Bond Projects

President Mancini stated that Councilor Page has provided him with the following update on the School Bond Projects:

The School Building Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, August 6th, to attain a project update for both the Wickford Middle School and the other projects on the Capital Improvements list. The Peregrine Group, an Owners Project Management company, is now working with the district to coordinate the building projects with RIDE – the Rhode Island Department of Education. The Peregrine Group is meeting with RIDE biweekly to prepare for the NKSD submission of their Stage II project and ensure we are on track to receive as much reimbursement as possible and that all our projects meet the RIDE conditions.

Perkins Eastman is the architecture firm in charge of Wickford Middle School, and they presented the new middle school to be built where the current fields are located at WMS. The only field that will not be disturbed is the softball field. The building will be situated to keep the buses and cars from being in the same area. There will be one spot for parents to drop off students, and parents will enter and exit onto Phillips Street. This will deconflict with the entrance and egress for the buses, which will be from Route 1. They are designing the building to meet the RIDE learning requirements. The committee discussed the need for equity among the middle schools. Thus, Perkins Eastman is working closely with DBVW, the firm that is working on the capital improvement projects, the second part of the bond.

DBVW discussed listening to constituents and concerns of the committee and suggested the capital improvement projects take on replacing all school roofs, except DMS as it is still within its warranty period. DBVW stated equity was a concern among residents, and if WMS was getting a new school, they suggested much of the remaining bond CIP money go into upgrading DMS. This is a conversation that needs to be presented to teachers and the school committee. It would mean some of the CIP projects that would not be completed would be adding walls to various open classroom designs at Stony Lane, Quid, and Fishing Cove. DBVW suggested that increasing the parity of DMS and WMS and stabilizing the elementary schools would be a better use of the CIP money. The Building Advisory Committee agreed with this recommendation and this suggestion will now go to the School Committee for a decision.

Lastly, NKHS Facilities Director Chris Murphy is leaving the district to work in Attleboro, where he lives. He will no longer be one of the three co-chairs of the committee. The district has not hired his replacement.

V. NEW BUSINESS

33. Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2025-06-013

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That no substantive objection be filed to Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2025-06-013 to allow Thomas Blank to construct and maintain the reconfiguration and modification of two current aquaculture sites into one combined 6.33 acre site for the cultivation of eastern oysters within Narragansett Bay - West Passage.

34. Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2025-06-055 and RIDEM IA/Temp Water Quality Certification Number IA-0000008081

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: That no substantive objection be filed to Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2025-06-055 and RI Department of Environmental Management IA/Temp Water Quality Certification Number IA-0000008081 to allow Quonset Development Corporation/RI Commerce to perform dredging of the Rhode Island Fast Ferry Basin, 1347 Roger Williams Way, Plat 186, Lot 12.

35. Request by the North Kingstown School Committee to rename Davisville Academy to the Davisville Academy and Early Learning Center

Motion by Councilor Drew, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To receive and file the request by the North Kingstown School Committee to rename Davisville Academy to Davisville Academy and Early Learning Center and to schedule this renaming for a Public Hearing at the Regular Town Council Meeting of September 8, 2025.

36. Resolution making award for professional design, engineering and consulting services for the new Wickford Middle School from prior appropriation of \$20,000,000 for construction, improvement, renovation, demolition, remediation, furnishing, equipping, and other capital improvements of school facilities

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING AWARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR NEW WICKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL 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; \$4,993,201 is hereby designated for Professional Design, Engineering, and Consulting for the new Wickford Middle School Project and \$91,080 is hereby designated for an Asbestos Consultant for the North Kingstown public school Capital Improvement Projects and demolition of the existing Wickford Middle School.

SECTION 2. Per the recommendation of the School Committee, from the foregoing appropriation an award is hereby made to Perkins Eastman for Professional Design, Engineering and Consulting Services per their proposal of July 28, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$4,993,201 and the Town Manager shall execute any contract or future change order thereto to evidence such approval.

SECTION 3. Per the recommendation of the School Committee from the foregoing appropriation an award is hereby made to Vortex, Inc. for Asbestos Sampling, Asbestos Plan Preparation and Submission to the Rhode Island Department of Health per their proposal of June 17, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$91,080 and the Town Manager shall execute any contract or future change order thereto to evidence such approval.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

37. Correspondence

7/18/2025 – Adam Niedelman – Route 4 lights - Asked about the possibility of red-light cameras on Route 4.

7/31/2025 – Donna Hutchinson - Concerned about Gould Island, but it's in Jamestown.

8/13/2025 – Donna Hutchinson - Asked about the posted DEM notice of the requested changes to the QDC industrial pretreatment program.

8/16/2025 – Dianne Izzo - Asked TC and Town to reconsider placing the Surfer Spud statue at the town beach, citing potential damage by the proximity to the ocean and visual clutter already at the beach; suggested Town Hall.

8/18/2025 – Jennifer Lima, TANK - Statement made this evening regarding suggestions for making clear to the public that regardless of immigration status, residents, visitors, and all in NK may and should call emergency services when needed and all residents should be confident in sending their children to school in NK.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk