

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 8th day of September, 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
Dr. Kimberly Ann Page

ABSENT: Matthew B. McCoy

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 September 8, 2025 was called to order by President Mancini.

2. Notice of Meeting being posted

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-6(c), notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's Website.

3. Salute to Flag

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

4. Second Reading – Amendment to Section 9-4

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve 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 shall constitute the Second Reading thereof.

5. Request by the North Kingstown School Committee to rename Davisville Academy

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request by the North Kingstown School Committee to rename Davisville Academy to Davisville Academy and Early Learning Center.

6. Public Comment

Chet Kosak, 450 West Allenton Road, stated that the traffic light on Route 4 and West Allenton Road is causing a serious issue especially with traffic trying to get through the light going east and west. There is a lack of consistency in the timing of the light, and he stated there must be a better system they can install to make it more consistent.

Town Manager Ralph Mollis stated that this is very valuable information, as we have struggled with that intersection for many years. He said they started talking with DOT back in February 2017. This is the first time he has heard about this situation that Mr. Kosak mentioned, and we will be in touch with them tomorrow morning. Mr. Mollis stated they had a presentation about a year ago and they felt they had resolved the issue because there were a lot of public concerns and safety concerns. We went back to them and said this wasn't working and gave them some other ideas and they came back and said those ideas wouldn't work. We have reached out to them for an update, and we received an email from them that they are aware of the situation and are trying to find other solutions and will get back to us shortly.

Benjamin Folsom, 54 Lafayette Road, read the following statement:

"I am here to talk about the Thomas Dambo Troll installation. It is safe to say that mistakes were made. The planning implementation and execution of this project were short-sighted and grossly underestimated.

Again, as I said, mistakes were made. I could list dozens but let's not belabor the point. The questions that still puzzle me, and the one which no one seems to be offering a straight/honest answer to is who ultimately made these monumental decisions regarding the troll logistics. Was there a council vote to approve soliciting Dambo, was there a vote for the park choice or specific location within the park? Were any surrounding homeowners notified of this global attraction headed to their backyards? Were there or should there have been public hearing notices sent to surrounding homeowners/neighbors? If not legally required, one would expect that those sitting before us, most in elected seats, would think it morally sound to do so before unleashing this global phenomenon to our daily lives.

What is occurring in the residential neighborhoods on Oak Hill/Lafayette Roads is an unfair/unjust invasion of our right to reasonable privacy. This is far from reasonable privacy.

Driveways have been ruined, public urination midday has occurred, dog waste was on a local's porch, bagged dog waste left next to the trail near the sculpture. People after dark daily, someone out of state attempting to sleep in the lot. The list continues.

So, what is next. What can you, our elected officials do? Personally, I would vote to move the troll. But other residents have begun chattering with their own ideas. Expand the Lafayette lot is a big one which should not happen/could have been prevented. Also, it contradicts the great Dambo's message of conservation. Put a crosswalk between Feurer Park and Ryan Park with crosswalk signals – does the taxpayer cover this? Putting gates up to shut all lots at night – at town discretion is more money spent. Regardless of the answer, residents deserve some strategic planning, some realistic action, and a voice. This craze is far from over. We may see lulls, but the storm is only building.

There are more fiscal concerns and questions I feel residents should be aware of but for now, I thank you for your time and would love to hear from you all."

Mr. Mollis stated that he and Mr. Folsom had a handful of conversations. He also stated that the majority of phone calls he has been receiving are from people who are pleased with the Troll. He agrees that there is a traffic issue on Lafayette Road. We have addressed the issue by sending over a traffic detail, we have opened up Feurer Park, put up emergency no parking signs, we are trying to persuade people to use the other entrances like the Oak Hill Lot, and we are putting up better signs to the direction of the troll. There is a lot that we are doing but I think there is more we can do. We have a lot of research that says that this situation will die down. He further stated that weekend number one could not have been worse/better timing as it was Labor Day weekend, the weather was incredible, and it was URI move in weekend. Weekend number two we had Family Day. Different people that we have talked to said that within one to two months this will slow down dramatically. The first two or three months in Charlestown were incredible and now the people just trickle in.

Mr. Mollis stated that he wants to work with the residents. He has talked to the Recreation Director who sent a four-page email with different ideas, and he has also talked with Police and Fire who are going to continue to work on this. They have talked about putting in a crosswalk, expanding the Lafayette lot entrance, but also are trying to get people to use the Oak Hill lot, and have opened up the Feurer Park lot. There is a lot we are looking at, but we want to take it week by week to see how the traffic situation is going, how the input is doing, see if we can get people over to the Oak Hill side, and continue to come up with new ideas. We knew this was coming, the only thing we didn't know was having the ribbon cutting ceremony on Labor Day Weekend. He stated that if 50 people call and say the troll is a wonderful thing and 3 people call and say what is going on with all this traffic, those 3 people mean a lot because it's in their neighborhood. We will be paying attention to this.

President Mancini asked Mr. Mollis if he would like to respond to the process of the Troll. Mr. Mollis stated that the responsibility is for the administration. They came to the Council and explained the excitement of the Troll. The Council didn't pick Ryan Park, the administration did. We looked at the community and tried to find the place for this type of structure, and it made sense at that time to put it in Ryan Park. The administration brought the idea to Mr. Dambo and he and the Recreation Department decided to walk through the park to see if it was a good location. Mr. Mollis believes aesthetically it is the right location, and he understands that it is only a ¼ mile from the Lafayette Entrance and a 1/2 mile from the Oak Hill entrance. He feels that this is a legitimate concern. Mr. Dambo chose the spot, and we okayed it. The spot he picked seemed perfect, it was up on a hill, the ribbon cutting was excellent, but we didn't know there was going to be a traffic issue. We underestimated that we couldn't persuade people to use the Oak Hill entrance and not the Lafayette entrance. The whole idea was to have the project funded outside of the town but right now we are about \$20,000.00 short. We have talked to the Commerce and South County Tourism and sponsors, and Mr. Mollis believes that we will make this up.

Marie Noble, 20 Butternut Drive, stated that she has lived in North Kingstown for 48 years and the traffic lights at Route 4 and Oak Hill Road were never a problem. There are a lot more residents now than there used to be. She asked if the State could go back to the old days and shorten the time of the light in the Fall for going North to South.

Jean Whatmough, 255 Butternut Drive, stated that she has an issue with the traffic lights at Route 4 and West Allenton Road. Her biggest issue is the safety factor, especially at commuter time. Something needs to be done for safety reasons.

Jim Findley, 123 Valley Street, stated that he has been walking his dogs for 20 years in Ryan Park, near the troll location, and has met many new groups of people. He loves having the Troll in Town. He stated that he has been at the Lafayette entrance a few times because he has trouble walking and the parking lot was tight, but it was no problem.

Jeffrey L. Dowling, 84 Signal Rock Drive, stated that he is interested in helping to rebuild the Signal Rock Park. He has some landscaping ideas and would like to discuss them with someone.

Keith Finck, 13 Walnut Road, stated that he is the Chairperson of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee and a North Kingstown resident. He is here tonight to speak as a resident on the Troll and would like to thank you for putting us on the map.

Dick Welch, 8 Arrow Lane, stated that he has a few things he would like to talk about. He thanked the Town for the Old Baptist Road and Stony Lane paving but there are still some areas that need to be fixed. He asked if there was a timeline for the Route 403 Davisville Bridge? He stated that the west side of Post Road is experiencing a lot of new development. Between Reynolds Farm and the bowling alley there are probably over 400 units that are in the planning stages. He has spoken at many Planning Commission meetings and has been concerned that taking lefthand turns away from traffic is an accident waiting to happen. He stated that he supports the comments on the Oak Hill Road and West Allenton Road traffic lights.

Andrew Begin, 77 Tower Hill Road, stated that he enjoys the joy of the Troll, but it is bittersweet. He noticed there are leftover materials and wondered if we could use them to keep going. He also stated that he was concerned about the traffic. He also stated that if there was a better location, he would volunteer and help with the move.

Lisa Andrews, 50 North Road, stated that she has lived in North Kingstown for over 50 years, and she enjoys the troll. She is thankful for all the work that went into this and asked for people to have patience while the Town is trying to figure out certain issues.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 7 through 26 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Number 9.

7. Receipt of Donations

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the following donations in the amount of \$1,010.00:

For:	Beechwood Senior Center	
	In Memory of Corliss Manning	
From:	Joseph, JoAnn, and Matthew Zingoni	\$200.00
	Kathleen Morin	100.00
	Wayne and Karlene Gunderman	100.00
	Beverly Wood	100.00
	Jonathan Conklin	100.00
	Jane Warburton	100.00
	Maureen Roselli	50.00
	Jennifer Conklin	50.00
	Kenneth and Donna Hogan	50.00
	Anonymous	30.00
	Antonio and Sally Romano	30.00
	Susan McVeigh	25.00
	Patricia Reid	25.00
	Gregory and Michelle Abram	25.00
	Donald and Louise Paiva	25.00

8. Letter of Resignation

VOTED: To accept the letter of resignation from Eleanor Acton, resigning from the Arts Council, and that the Town Council President send a letter of appreciation to her for the dedicated service she gave to the Town of North Kingstown.

9. Approval of Purchase

Motion by President Mancini, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the Fire Department for a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD work truck with a utility body, lift gate, and snowplow package to Liberty Chevrolet, Inc., 90 Bay State Road, Wakefield, MA 01880 (MPA 559 DEC 2024 to DEC 2027), in the amount of \$85,092.00.

Funding for this purchase is from Rescue Billing - Account Number 16708030-540202.

10. Transfer to Various Funds

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 FY 2025 funds are approved:

Public Works – Highway			
From:	00110020-531111	Overlaying Services	\$750,000
To:	14100200-531111	Pavement Mgmt Program	\$750,000
For:	Contract Paving Services JR Vinagro		
Senior and Human Services			
From:	00113050-550701	Capital Outlay – New Bus	\$ 5,000
To:	85700000-573031	Senior Bus	\$ 5,000
For:	Transfer to restrict for purchase of Senior Services Bus		
Public Works Facilities			
From:	00110070-531105	Contractual Services	\$ 4,500
To:	30010070-531107	Restricted Capital Reserve	\$ 4,500
For:	These funds are requested to be transferred for Senior Center Multipurpose Room floor design.		

11. Class F Alcoholic Beverage License

VOTED: To approve the application for a Class F Alcoholic Beverage License by David Ainslie, North Kingstown VFW Post #152, 326 Lafayette Road, to serve beer and wine in a secure approved area at Harbor Fire on the grounds of the Town Dock Parking Lot, on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 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.

12. Class F Alcoholic Beverage License

VOTED: To approve the application for a Class F Alcoholic Beverage License by David Ainslie, North Kingstown VFW Post #152, 326 Lafayette Road, to serve beer and wine in a secure approved area at the VFW OktoberVets 5K/Family Festival on the grounds of the Town Dock Parking Lot, on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 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.

13. Ratification of Town Clerk’s approval of a Class F Alcoholic Beverage License

VOTED: To ratify the Town Clerk's approval of the application for a Class F Alcoholic Beverage License by David Ainslie, North Kingstown VFW Post #152, 326 Lafayette Road, to serve beer and wine in a secure approved area at the North Kingstown 2nd Family Day Celebration which was held on the grounds of Wilson Park on Saturday, September 6, 2025 (rain date Sunday, September 7, 2025), from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 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.

14. Ratification of Town Clerk's approval of an Entertainment License

VOTED: To ratify the Town Clerk's approval of the application for an Entertainment License by the Family Day Committee, 100 Fairway Drive, to have live music at the North Kingstown 2nd Family Day Celebration which was held on the grounds of Wilson Park, on Saturday, September 6, 2025 (rain date Sunday, September 7, 2025), from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., subject to compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

15. Ratification of Town Clerk's approval of an Exhibition License (21-30 vendors)

VOTED: To ratify the Town Clerk's approval of the application for an Exhibition License with 21-30 vendors by the Family Day Committee, 100 Fairway Drive, for the North Kingstown 2nd Family Day Celebration which was held on the grounds of Wilson Park, on Saturday, September 6, 2025 (rain date Sunday, September 7, 2025), from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., subject to compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

16. Exhibition License (1-10 vendors) (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 1-10 vendors by the North Kingstown Rotary Club, PO Box 807, to hold a car show at the North Kingstown Town Beach on Sunday, September 21, 2025 (rain date Sunday, September 28, 2025), from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 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.

17. Exhibition License (no vendors) (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with no vendors by the ECO-Land Art Project, 106 Duck Cove Road, to hold a fashion show at the Spiral in Wickford Village on Sunday, September 14, 2025 (rain date Sunday, October 5, 2025), from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

18. Exhibition License (no vendors) (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with no vendors by the ECO-Land Art Project, 106 Duck Cove Road, to hold a talk and craft exercise at the Spiral in Wickford Village on Sunday, September 21, 2025 (rain date Sunday, October 12, 2025), from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., 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.

19. Exhibition License (no vendors) (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with no vendors by the ECO-Land Art Project, 106 Duck Cove Road, to hold a storytelling event at the Spiral in Wickford Village on Sunday, October 19, 2025 (rain date Sunday, October 26, 2025), from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

20. Exhibition License (no vendors) (new)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with no vendors by the ECO-Land Art Project, 106 Duck Cove Road, to hold a poetry reading at the Spiral in Wickford Village on Sunday, November 9, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Building Official, and the Planning Department.

21. Holiday Sales License (new)

VOTED: To approve to July 1, 2026 the application for a Holiday Sales License by MB Capital LLC, dba Cafe Tempo, 6155 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date and receipt of a RI Retail Sales Tax Permit.

22. Victualling License (new)

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2026 the application for a Victualling License by MB Capital LLC, dba Cafe Tempo Express, 6155 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a certificate from the Rhode Island Department of Health; receipt of a copy of their RI Retail Sales Tax Permit; and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Marshall, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

23. Refuse Collector – Commercial for Hire License (new)

VOTED: To approve to January 1, 2026 the application for a Refuse Collector - Commercial for Hire License by Justin's Lawn Care, D19 Krzak Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date, receipt of a bond, and receipt of a copy of the vehicle registration.

24. Authorization for the Town Manager to enter into a Payment-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Payment-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement (PILOT) between the Town of North Kingstown, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, acting by and through its agent and attorney in fact, the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) and Equity Industrial Partners, a Rhode Island Company, 400 Romano Vineyard Way, North Kingstown, pursuant to RIGL 42-64-13(e).

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26. Authorization for the Town Manager to sign a Scoreboard Installation and Maintenance Agreement

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to sign a Scoreboard Installation and Maintenance Agreement between the Town of North Kingstown and the North Kingstown/Wickford Little League for the existing Ed Cooney Scoreboard and the installation of a new scoreboard on Field 1 at Wilson Park.

III. REPORTS

27. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:



Town of
North Kingstown
RHODE ISLAND'S ONLY & OFFICIAL
AMERICAN WWII HERITAGE CITY

Manager's Report

September 8, 2025

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

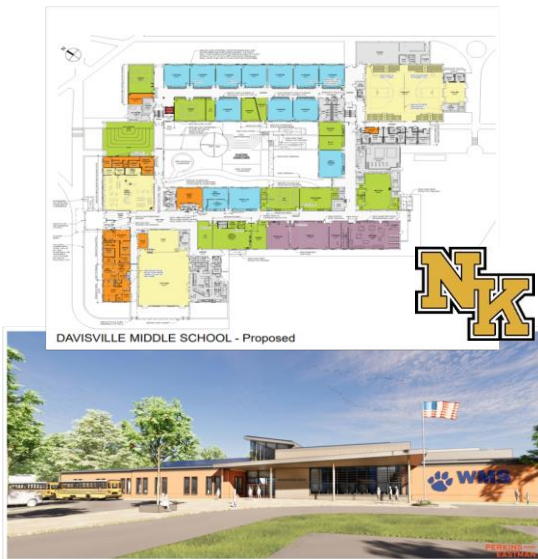
Debut of our recently enhanced website

www.northkingstownri.gov

- To continue to offer residents and members of our community user-friendly access to the most up-to-date information and online services, we debuted a redesign of our website late last week.
- Thank you to staff on this project, led by **Michael Taylor** in our IT Department, with considerable input from **Cori Black**, **Kate Glass**, and **Matt Souza** from other municipal departments.
- Here is a brief 45 second preview of our website's homepage and the ease of access for the most popular resources, including news and events, municipal services, land records, department pages, and permits/applications.



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School Department Capital Bond Projects

- Each Manager’s Report, I attempt to provide an update on both Bond Projects (the School Department Capital Bond Projects, and the Public Safety Complex Bond Projects).
- I don’t have a significant update for today on the School Bond Project, as the Building Subcommittee Meeting is taking place tonight. I was able to join for the first half hour, but returned here for tonight’s meeting.
- I, or Council Person Kim Page, will attempt to gather information for an update at the next Town Council meeting, on September 22nd.

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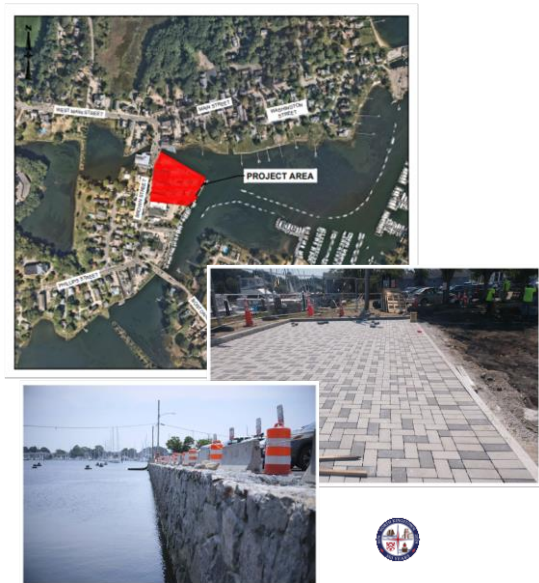
Public Safety Complex Bond Projects

- A detailed update in my [August 18th Manager's Report](#) included that we were preparing a package for a cost estimate. Both project packages are now with the cost estimator.
- If cost estimates are within the range of the bond amount, we will next schedule a public meeting to present the projects and begin initial plans for a Project Labor Agreement Analysis.
- If cost estimates exceed the voter-approved bond amount, we will be having some difficult internal discussions to determine our next steps.
- In addition, I have stepped up conversations and negotiations with Steve King of Quonset Development Corporation, regarding the land within the Quonset Business Park targeted for the construction of the Public Safety Complex.
 - I hope to have something to report at either your next meeting in September, or the first meeting of October.

- As far as the Public Safety Complex Bond Projects are concerned, I provided a detailed update at our August 18th meeting and mentioned that we were preparing a package for a cost estimate. The packages are with the cost estimator for both the Public Safety Complex intended for Quonset and the new Station One intended for the current Post Road site.

As I reported previously, 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 the project and begin the initial plans for the Project Labor Agreement Analysis. If the cost estimates come in over the bond amount, then we will be having some difficult internal conversations.

In addition, I have stepped up conversations and negotiations with Steve King of Quonset Development Corporation on the attainment of land within Quonset Business Park necessary to construct the Public Safety Complex. I hope to have something to discuss and report with the Town Council at your September 22nd meeting or the first meeting in October.



Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot Project

- This work continues to move forward.
- The new contractor, RICON, has been great to work with and we have regularly scheduled project meetings with them and BETA Consultants.
- Currently, they are scheduled to complete the pavers along the seawall, landscaping, and the sidewalk/walkway connecting to Brown Street, as well as the paving top coat and striping.
- We are still looking at early October for the 100% completion date.

- The Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot Project continues to successfully move forward. RICON, the new contractor, has been great to work with and we have regularly scheduled project meetings with them and Beta Consultants. At this point, they have completed the granite cap on the seawall and are scheduled to complete the pavers along the seawall, landscaping throughout the parking lot, timber posts with all new ropes & small posts on the new granite seawall cap, the sidewalk/walkway connecting Brown Street, the paving topcoat, and striping. We are still looking at early October for it to be 100% complete.

Updates:



- Despite the recent Federal Stop Work Order, we continue with our bi-weekly meetings with Revolution Wind regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project. Onshore work is proceeding for potential energization with Rhode Island Energy.
- Fencing around the substation is complete; they are working on sidewalk and paving.
- While they are complying with the terms of the Federal Stop Work Order and have brought all vessels and workers to shore, they have filed a Preliminary Injunction against it. As of this report, they have not received word on this filing.
- Our federal and state delegations are involved in attempting to have the Stop Work Order lifted as well. I will continue to keep the Council to date on this matter.



Photo credit Renewable Energy World

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Updates:



- The **Rhode Island Department of Transportation** is beginning their striping of bike lanes along Boston Neck Road, with bike lanes on both shoulders of Route 1A from Beach Street in North Kingstown, through Saunderstown, to Old Boston Neck Road in Narragansett.
- Installation of signage will follow, with project completion estimated by the end of this month.
- Once this long-awaited project is complete, we will begin discussions on a longer-term, larger-scale bike project similar to what they’ve envisioned for Ten Rod Road.
- While I know various RIDOT bridge and road work projects have been frustrating for travelers, the Frenchtown Road Bridge Replacement Project, South County Trail Bridge Replacement Project, and Devils Foot Road Bridge Replacement Project continue. There are various lane alterations and detours in place.
 - I've met with our Public Safety Departments and plans remain in place to ensure public safety has not and will not be affected.
 - I will continue to receive as much information as possible in order to assist RIDOT in keeping our community and the public up to date (for active RIDOT Travel Advisories, see [their website](#))
- As I've regularly reported, work is beginning on the mini-Roundabout in Wickford. They are scheduled to begin work today that includes setting up a staging area, doing layout and survey work, placing detour signs, etc. Various electronic message boards in the area will advise motorists of detours for the project.
- Actual Roundabout construction is scheduled to begin September 14th, with all work scheduled to take place at night.



- The RI Department of Transportation is beginning their bike lane striping along Boston Neck Road. They have begun installing road striping for bike lanes in both shoulders of Route 1A between Beach Street, through Saunderstown up to Old Boston Neck Road in Narragansett.

Installation of appropriate signage will follow. Work is estimated to be complete by the end of this month. Once this long-awaited project is complete, we will then begin discussions on a longer-term, larger bike project similar to what they’re envisioning for Ten Rod Road.

- While I know the various RIDOT bridge replacement projects have been frustrating to travelers, as I’ve received many calls on these projects, 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. There are various lane alterations and detour signs in place. I’ve met with our Public Safety Departments and plans remain in place to ensure public safety is not and will not be affected. I will continue to receive as much information as possible in order to assist RIDOT in keeping the public up to date.
- As I’ve regularly reported, work begins on the mini roundabout here in Wickford. They are scheduled to begin work today, setting up a staging area, doing layout and survey work, placing detour signs together, etc. The actual work on the mini roundabout is planned to begin September 14th. All work will be done at night and there are various electronic message boards in place advising motorists on the project.

Updates:



- The **North Kingstown Free Library** has started their new strategic plan, intended to guide the future of their services, programs, and spaces over the next several years.
- They welcome broad participation in their online [Community Survey](#) where patrons can share their thoughts and feedback.
- Additionally, members of their Strategic Planning Team, including Council Person Matt McCoy, will be out in the community gathering ideas and feedback. They also intend to have a virtual town hall where individuals can provide feedback directly.

- The North Kingstown Public Library has started their new strategic plan, intended to guide the future of their services, programs and spaces over the next several years. They are asking for the community to share their thoughts and feedback by participating in their Community Survey. This survey can be found on their website. In addition, members of their Strategic Planning Team, including Council Person Matt McCoy, will be out in the community gathering ideas. They also intend to have a virtual town hall where individuals can provide feedback directly. Please reach out to the library with any questions.

Updates:



- Our three-year contract with the Restaurant Concessionaire is up this year. Chelsey and I will be meeting with them next week as we hope to continue what has turned out to be a very successful relationship after multiple entities over the last 10 years.
- I will be back before the Council with an update as the Council will review and approve any future contracts or agreements.

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Updates:



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- Finally, a huge Thank You to all involved our dedicated staff members, dozens upon dozens of volunteers, our sponsors, the support of the Town Council, and many more which I know I'm missing...for the organization and presentation of an incredible 2nd Annual Family Day at Wilson Park this past Saturday. The free rides, booths, Police & Fire demonstrations, music, food, and much much more provided an incredible day for well over 1,000 residents and visitors. This event, thanks to the vision and hard work of a handful of staff members, has become a staple event in our community in a short two years. We look forward to the hopeful possibility of continuing what was supposed to be a one-time celebration for many years to come. Again, while thank you isn't enough, a sincere thank you to all involved.



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Thank you.

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

September 8, 2025



The Council thanked Mr. Mollis for his thorough report.

Councilor Hill Ross filed another petition regarding the Wickford Roundabout which included 75 names.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

28. Asset Management Commission - Appointment

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the vacancy of one (1) At-Large Representative to the Asset Management Commission as there were no applicants.

29. Building Code Board of Appeals - Appointment

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To appoint James Tavarozzi, 150 Mountain Laurel Way, Second Alternate to the Building Code Board of Appeals to July 1, 2029.

30. Economic Development Advisory Board - Appointment

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the vacancy of one (1) member to the Economic Development Advisory Board as there were no applicants.

31. Information Technology Advisory Committee – Appointment

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the vacancy of one (1) Alternate At-Large Member to the Information Technology Advisory Committee as there were no applicants.

32. Library Board of Trustees - Appointments

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To appoint the following three (3) members to the Library Board of Trustees:

Will Valverde, 14 Cambridge Court, to October 1, 2028, reappointed
Kathy Schnebly, 23 Tamarack Circle, to October 1, 2028, reappointed
Kristin Jahne, 81 Peachtree Road, to October 1, 2027
to fill the unexpired term of Dianne Izzo

33. Wickford Advisory Committee - Appointment

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint Carrie Kolb, 37 Standpipe Lane, Wickford Village Business Owner to the Wickford Advisory Committee to October 1, 2028.

34. Wickford Village Design Guidelines Committee – Appointment

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the vacancy of one (1) Alternate Business Property Owner to the Wickford Village Design Guidelines Committee as there were no applicants.

35. Zoning Board of Review – Appointment

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Susan Keller, 18 Bay Street, Second Alternate to the Zoning Board of Review to July 1, 2027.

36. Correspondence

8/21/2025 – Emily Gamage – Wickford Roundabout - Lives on the future roundabout and is concerned about the night construction impacting her life significantly; Ralph responded.

8/22/2025 – Benjamin Folsom – Troll - Opposed to the troll on the basis of blocking a trail, parking/traffic concerns, dogs, upkeep; there was back and forth discussion and he continues to express frustration.

8/26/2025 – Kent Dresser - Believes transportation of NK Catholic school students to be inequitable due to the state transportation using stops that may be too far from the students' homes.

8/29/2025 – A.M. Finlay - Concerned about the private school bus pick-up/drop-off location.

9/2/2025 – Ken Abrams – Troll - Concerned about troll for reasons: Lafayette traffic, dog-walking visitors taking dogs off-leash, expense of NK police officer assigned to Lafayette Road.

9/6/2025 – Lynn Glantz – Rt. 4 Lights – Light at West Allenton Road too long.

9/7/2025 – Mike Donohue – Troll - Supportive of the troll and grateful to Chelsey and the Town for bringing the troll to NK.

9/7/2025 – Jeffrey Smith – Troll – Supportive of the troll.

9/7/2025 – Susan Davies – Troll – Loves the troll.

9/7/2025 – Nancy and Dick Meader – Troll - Love having the troll, hopeful for a resolution to the parking issue.

9/8/2025 – Meghan Kaiser – Troll - Enjoys having the troll and notes how joyful the visitors at Ryan Park are since its installation.

9/8/2025 – Carole Rollins – Troll - Appreciates the environmental message of the troll and the boost to tourism and encourages the Town to support such efforts by ensuring its upkeep.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk