

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 17th day of November, 2025 at the Town Hall Council Chambers, 80 Boston Neck Road, at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager  
Jeannette Alyward, Town Clerk  
Susan A. Murray, Deputy Town Clerk  
James M. Callaghan, Town Solicitor

An audio recording and video recording of this meeting was made to supplement the written record.

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown held on November 17, 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 McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt an Ordinance in Amendment of Section 9-4 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Fee Schedule Enumerated – Table VI – Recreation Department Fees – North Kingstown Harbor", and that this shall constitute the Second Reading thereof.

5. Second Reading – Amendment to Section 19-26, Section 19-27, and adding Section 19-29

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy 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 McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt an Ordinance in Amendment of Section 19-26(a), (b)(1)(2)(3), (c)(7)(a)(c), (13)(c)(1)(2)(3), and (14) of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Persons over 65 Years of Age", Section 19-27, entitled, "Prisoners of War", and adding Section 19-29, entitled, "Visually Impaired Persons", and that this shall constitute the Second Reading thereof.

6. Alcoholic Beverage, Victualling, Dance, and Entertainment License Renewals

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the following list of Alcoholic Beverage, Victualling, and other License Renewals, expiring on December 1, 2026, subject to taxes, water, and any other assessments paid to date; compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Water Department, and the Building Official; and receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing by November 30, 2025:

LIC #	Class	BUSINESS NAME	DBA	BUS LOC	HOURS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	INSIDE SUMMER	OUTSIDE SUMMER	V	A	B	D	J	E
84	B	Quonset Tavern By The Green		615 Callahan Rd	8:30am-9:00pm	NK	RI	02852	228	45	1	0	0	1	1	1
47	BL	Wickford Lanes		7565 Post Rd	11:00am-8:00pm	NK	RI	02852	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
30	B	CKL Enterprises Inc	The Neighborhood Table & The Bah	7366 Post Rd	11:30am-10:30pm	NK	RI	02852	236	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
86	B	Press LLC		30 West Main St	8:00am-10:00pm	NK	RI	02852	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	B	Wing Ley LTD	Pagoda Inn	7915 Post Rd	11:30am-10:00pm	NK	RI	02852	85	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
43	BL	Kurmanji LLC	Rhody Slice	7415 Post Rd	11:00am-9:00pm	NK	RI	02852	40	12	1	0	0	0	0	0
90	B	Huy Nga Inc	Saigon Hot Pot	6900 Post Rd	11:00am-11:00pm	NK	RI	02852	232	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12	B	Providence Coal Fired Pizza NK		6105 Post Rd	11:30am-10:00M	NK	RI	02852	128	37	1	0	0	0	0	0
77	B	Thirsty Beaver NK EG LLC	Thirsty Beaver Pub & Grub	80 Frenchtown Rd	11:30am-1:00am	NK	RI	02852	109	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
81	BL	Christopher M Martin	Pizza Vida	677 Boston Neck Rd	11:00am-9:00pm	NK	RI	02852	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	B	Mallet Asset Group Acquisitions LLC	Carriage Inn	1065 Tower Hill Rd	11:00am-11:00pm	NK	RI	02852	225	25	1	0	0	1	0	1

ALL TAXES/WATER ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE Ryan Arnold COLLECTION DEPT.  
DATE 11/12/25

7. Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage, Victualling, and Entertainment Licenses (transfer)

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 McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the applications for transfer of a Class B-Full Alcoholic Beverage, Victualling, and Entertainment Licenses, expiring on December 1, 2026, from West Passage Brewing Co., 7835 Post Road, to West Passage Operating Co., 7835 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a RI Retail Sales Tax Permit; receipt of a certificate from the Rhode Island Department of Health; receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance; receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing from the previous owners; and compliance with the recommendations of the Police Department, the Fire Marshall, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

The Council took Item Number 24 next.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### 24. Ocean State Community Electricity: Update and Good Energy Contract amendment

Town Manager Mollis gave a brief overview of the program and timeline. He further stated that there will be no Council action tonight; however, the Council will have an amendment to the contract on the agenda at the next Council Meeting.

President Mancini stated that there seems to be an awful lot of misinformation where people think that the Council is requiring residents to opt out of this program. This is not the Council's decision, but it is the legislature passing legislation requiring the opt out. Nicole LaFontaine, Planning Director, stated that the most important part is for the Town to do energy aggregation, which makes it more affordable for our residents as it provides better purchasing power. We are part of a buying group which includes several communities, which should make negotiations better to reduce the cost of energy.

Ms. LaFontaine stated that residents have begun receiving mailings from Good Energy. Good Energy is the expert in this project; we are here to help and work with Good Energy. Residents should visit the Ocean State Community Electricity website for more information. There is also a phone number on the mailings. There are four upcoming meetings for the public to attend.

In March 2025 through our consultant Good Energy, we joined an existing buying group. However, the Council was clear that we should not start the program until Next Era could provide rates lower than Rhode Island Energy Last Resort Service, which after a few tries, they were able to establish a rate for January 2026.

Ms. LaFontaine further stated that we are in the outreach process through Good Energy, and again questions will be referred to them. We had a public meeting last week which was remote and the video is available on the Ocean State Community Electricity website. There are meetings scheduled on November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers, and on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center at 10:00 a.m. All of the meetings will be recorded and available on our website.

President Mancini asked when residents have to opt out by. Councilor McCoy stated that according to the mailing residents have to opt out by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. LaFontaine stated that residents can opt out or opt in at any time.

Ms. LaFontaine stated that regarding the contract, we received a call from Good Energy in late October requesting a meeting. In this meeting, Good Energy indicated they were seeking approval to authorize the Manager to sign a five-year extension to the existing New Era contract. Each community in the buying group has also been asked and agreed to sign an extension; however, they have been running for a while and have program experience. We made it clear to Good Energy that we were very concerned about signing a contract extension for a program we have yet to start. North Kingstown joined the group at a point where there were two years left in a 5-year contract with Next Era.

Good Energy has presented the following options in coordination with Next Era:

1. “Test run” – The town’s current program will launch in January of 2026. After this existing contract ends in January of 2028, the Town can reevaluate the option to extend the contract. This option will require a signed agreement that will state if the town chooses not to extend the program after the current contract ends, NextEra will have the right to liquidate hedges past the contract from January of 2028 to March of 2028. At this time, we do not know the financial impact this would have on program participants should the program not be extended. Alternatively, the agreement will also allow the town to authorize an extension if the town finds the program successful throughout the length of the existing contract.
2. Three (3) year contract extension – The program launches in January of 2026. The Town will finish out the existing contract to January of 2028 with the addition of 3 years, bringing the contract to an end in 2031.
3. Five (5) year contract extension – The program launches in January of 2026. The Town will finish out the existing contract in January of 2028 with the addition of 5 years, bringing the contract to an end in 2033. All other municipalities in the buying group have authorized this extension; however, they have had firsthand success with most of the group having an active program for two to three years. This choice will allow North Kingstown to maintain the same track with the other communities in the buying group; however, Good Energy has not clarified any benefit of this outside of convenience.

President Mancini suggested that the Council take public comment before having further discussion on the proposed options presented.

The Council took Item Number 8 next.

#### 8. Public Comment

Hilary Jacobs, 72 Congdon Avenue, stated that she has been attending Arts Council meetings as a guest and she would like to see the membership increase from 10 members to 13. She asked if the annual contribution could be increased for FY2027.

Guy Natelli, 135 Greenwood Road, stated that he believes the Planning Director works for the Good Energy company and not the Town. Councilor McCoy doesn’t know if everyone received a letter regarding the program. He asked if the contract was already signed. He believes the opt out option is ridiculous. He further stated that the mail looked like spam and wanted to know who gave Good Energy the account numbers. He asked how many letters were sent to residents letting them know this was coming.

Edgar Arroyo, 79 Elna Street, read a statement to support the Arts Council and asked that the Town Council increase the budget for next year due to inflation.

Sal Gerosa, 98 Worsley Avenue, asked the Town Council to increase the budget for next year’s Arts Council.

Nancy Sherman, 64 Pleasant Street, asked the Town Council to increase the Arts Council membership to 13 members. She also asked that we look into fiscal sponsorship for donations, like Venmo, to help with donations that are given at the concerts and other events.

George Brennan, 70 Boone Street, stated that the Good Energy program is not in our favor, the savings is too small. He admires the Council’s desire to lower the costs for individuals, and it took them too long to get a better price. He believes the Town handled it well but it’s a bad program. He also stated the employees of the Town are hardworking people and some of them are here tonight without pay. Attacking someone who works hard for this Town does not sit well with him.

Ken Boiteau, 965 Tower Hill Road, stated that the energy program letter looked like spam and asked if he would be charged if he opts out. He stated there are too many open questions.

Rickey Thompson, 194 Plain Road, stated that Legislation didn’t cause this, this was a vote taken by the Town Council. He agrees with Councilor McCoy that it is not tough to opt out.

Ian Hay, 98 Worsley Avenue, stated that he likes the roundabout, it's attractive, and keeps the traffic moving.

The Council went back to Item Number 24.

After a brief discussion, President Mancini, Councilor Page, Councilor Drew, and Councilor McCoy were in favor of a three-year extension of the contract.

This extension will be on the December 15, 2025 Agenda.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 9 through 21 as presented.

9. Approval of Minutes

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2025 as submitted by the Office of the Town Clerk.

10. Tax Abatement List #884

VOTED: To approve Tax Abatement List #884 submitted by Deb Garneau, Tax Assessor, in the amount of \$13,892.74; and it was

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

11. Receipt of Donations

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the following donations in the amount of \$2,720.00:

For: Beechwood Senior Center	
From: North Kingstown FISH Organization	\$1,000.00
Peter and Virginia Carr	20.00
For: Holiday Giving Program	
From: Joseph and Kathleen Gallichio	\$ 500.00
Robert and Cheryl Suglia	500.00
Paul Thompson	300.00
Kate Church	125.00
Barbara Frueh	100.00
Deborah Murphy	100.00
Anne Huling	50.00
Bonita Lombardi	25.00

12. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the Fire Department of two (2) Lifepaks to Stryker Sales, LLC, 21343 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1213, in the amount of \$123,944.02 (RI MPA List Award #3911432).

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

13. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase for the Water Department of a Mini Excavator from Rhode Island Harvesting Company, Inc., 15 Extension 184, Ashaway, RI 02804, in the amount of \$72,185.43 (Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative, Kubota-112624-KBA).

Funding for this purchase will be from Water Department - Other Capital Outlay - Account 44140010-550701.

14. Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant

VOTED: To accept the Community Development Block Grant Program Years 2023 and 2024 Competitive Block Grant Award in the amount of \$157,300.00 as follows:

- North Kingstown Recreation Summer Camp Scholarships \*\$ 5,500.00
- Crossroads RI Housing Services for NK Homeless Families \*\*\$151,800.00

\*includes admin fee of \$500.00

\*\*includes admin fee of \$13,800.00

15. Annual Entertainment License (renewal)

VOTED: To approve to December 31, 2026 the application for an Annual Entertainment License by the Wickford Village Association, c/o Palmer Beebe, 74 Steamboat Avenue, to have music and performances, at various locations within the commercial district, on various dates and times between 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

16. Detective License Renewals

VOTED: To approve the following list of Detective License Renewals, expiring on December 1, 2026, subject to taxes and water paid to date, receipt of a bond, and receipt of a recommendation from the North Kingstown Police Department:

12/3/2024

Detective Renewal License  
Town Council  
11/17/2025

NK#	Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Business Add	Phone	email
38	Lawrence O'Leary	79 Greenmeadow Cir	NK	RI	02852	79 Green Meadow Cir	867-0009	detectiveoleary@gmail.com
56	John J Staba	42 Main St	EG	RI	02818	320 Phillips St	524-5242	detectivestaba@protonmail.com

All taxes/water assessments have been paid to date 003 collection dept  
Date 11/07/25

17. Exhibition License (61 or more vendors) (not to exceed 250 vendors)

VOTED: To approve the application for an Exhibition License with 61 or more vendors, not to exceed 250 vendors, by the Wickford Art Association, 36 Beach Street, to hold the Wickford Art Festival on the grounds of Wilson Park, 211 West Main Street, on Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 12, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., subject to taxes and water paid to date; receipt of a list of vendors at the Town Clerk's Office by July 9, 2026 (which shall include their name, address, phone number, Tax ID Number, type of merchandise, and date of birth); and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Planning Department, and the Building Official.

18. Refuse Collector – Commercial For Hire License Renewals

VOTED: To approve to January 1, 2027 the following list of Refuse Collector – Commercial For Hire License Renewals, subject to taxes, water, and any other assessments paid to date; receipt of a bond; inspection approval from the Transfer Station; and receipt of a Certificate of Insurance if needed:

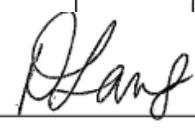


21. Victualling License Renewals

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2026 the following list of Victualling License Renewals, subject to taxes and water paid to date and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Marshall, the Building Official, and the Water Department:

VABDJ LICENSE RENEWALS  
November 17, 2025

NK #	NAME	DBA	BUSINESS LOCATIO	PHONE	SEATS	HOURS	LIC. HELD
100	Rome Point Café, Inc	Rome Point Café	820 Boston Neck Road	401-294-2122	50	6:00:00 AM-5:00pm	V
266	T's Vault LLC	T's Vault Smoothie & Juice Bar	78 Gate Rd	401-601-9148	25	7:30am-7:00pm	V
268	The Chocolate Shoppe		7 W Main St	401-641-1008	na	Varies	V
78	JSC Management Group	Burger King #1405	7041 Post Rd	401-600-0039	92	7:00am-11:00pm	V
112	Jitters Café Inc	Jitters Café	530 Tower Hill Rd	401-295-9155	10	6:00AM-6:00PM	V
270	Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC	Chipotle Mexican Grill #3998	118 Gate Rd	614-318-2482	45 in 16 out	10:45am-11:00pm	V
276	North Kingstown Juice LLC	Jersey Mike's Subs	114 Gate Rd	401-234-1710	18	10:00am-9:00pm	V
74	First Baptist Church in Wickford		34-44 Main St	401-294-4595	n/a	10:00am-1:00pm	V

ALL TAXES/WATER ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE 11/10/25  COLLECTION DEPT.

**III. REPORTS**

22. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:



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# Manager's Report

November 17, 2025

A. Ralph Mollis,  
Town Manager

**School Department Capital Bond Projects**

- Peregrine is working on comments from RIDE regarding Stage II submission with most of the comments relating to the CIP with the Middle School application seemingly proceeding well;
  - their team is fully immersed in the Stage III process;
  - site work is taking place at Wickford Middle School;
  - they continue to meet with members of the town’s administration.
- DBVW also provided an update on the CIP Projects: work will take place on the High School roof in 2026; elementary school roofs in 2027 & 2028; and DMS improvements, with a goal of parity with WMS, in 2027, 2028 & 2029.
- Perkins Eastman also gave an update on WMS activities and continues school floor plan updates.
- Bids have gone out for a Construction Manager At Risk for the Middle School Project. Peregrine and Superintendent Duva have asked me to sit in on the review and interview committee for this process. The goal is for the recommendation to go before Town Council at the 12/15 meeting.
- The Building Committee also unanimously voted to recommend Stephen Turner, Inc. as the Wickford Middle School Commissioning Agent. I believe this is going before the School Committee and then the Town Council for approval as well.



- I participated in a very productive meeting of the School Building Advisory Committee on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Peregrine provided an update where they are working on comments from RIDE regarding Stage II submission with most of the comments relating to the CIP with the Middle School application seemingly proceeding well; their team is fully immersed in the Stage III process; site work is taking place at Wickford Middle School with all going well to date; and they continue to meet with members of the town’s administration.

DBVW also provided an update on the CIP Projects. It is projected that work will take place on the High School roof in 2026; elementary school roofs in 2027 & 2028; and Davisville Middle School improvements, with a goal of parity with Wickford Middle School, taking place in 2027, 2028, & 2029.

Perkins Eastman also gave an update on the Wickford Middle School activities and continued updates on the floor plans of the school.

Bids have gone out for a Construction Manager at Risk for the Middle School Project. Peregrine and Superintendent Duva have asked me to sit in on the review and interview committee for this process. The goal is for the recommendation to go before the Town Council at your December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting so it will be a rapid and extensive process.

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**Public Safety Complex Bond Projects**

- The Town’s administrative team has reviewed the RFQ with DBVW for the Construction Manager at Risk as we are hoping to post this bid soon as time is of the essence.
- We are working on the next steps for a Project Labor Agreement analysis.
- I continue to talk with Steve King of Quonset Business Park in order to present the land swap and/or purchase necessary to construct the Public Safety Complex in Quonset Business Park.



- Regarding the Public Safety Complex Bond Projects, the town’s administrative team has reviewed the RFQ with DBVW for the Construction Manager at Risk and we are hoping to post this bid soon as time is also of the essence. We are working on the next steps for a Project Labor Agreement Analysis. And I continue to talk with Steve King of Quonset Business Park in order to present the land swap and/or purchase necessary to construct the Public Safety Complex in Quonset Business Park.

## Updates



- Good Energy had their first informational meeting regarding **“Ocean State Community Electricity Program”** virtually, this past Thursday night (11/13).
- A reminder that in-person informational meetings are as follows:
  - November 19 @ 6:00 PM – Town Hall (Council Chambers)
  - December 3 @ 6:00 PM – Town Hall (Council Chambers)
  - December 4 @ 10:00 AM – Senior Center/44 Beach St.
- The tentative launch date of the program is January 2026.
- We will have more to share on this program later in tonight’s agenda.



**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR  
OCEAN STATE COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY**  
A program for North Kingstown

Join a community meeting to learn more and ask questions

IN-PERSON	VIRTUAL
Town Council Chambers (80 Boston Neck Rd) Wednesday 11/19 at 6pm Wednesday 12/3 at 6pm Beechwood (44 Beach St) Tuesday 12/4 at 10am	Virtual access links at <a href="http://OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com">OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com</a> Thursday 11/13 at 6pm

Be on the lookout for a Notification Letter arriving in mailboxes around November 11

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Ask questions directly to the program consultant via form at [OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com](http://OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com) or call (401) 203-3400

- Good Energy had their first informational meeting, virtually, this past Thursday night, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that there are in-person informational meetings scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm, both being held here in the Town Council Chambers. There will also be an informational meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Senior Center. The tentative launch date is this January. We will have more information to share on this program later on in tonight’s Agenda.

## Updates

- As I’ve mentioned, construction is winding down on Revolution Wind’s Offshore Wind Farm Project.
- We continue talking and meeting with Revolution Wind on a regular basis.
- An important step forward is taking place as on-site energization is put in place.
- They are also finishing up paving and landscaping for the season.
- I will continue to keep the Council and public up to date.

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### Updates

- The Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot is at 99% completion with some finishing touches still needing to be completed – such as new bollards and ropes – which will add to the improved aesthetics.
  - Because these products won’t be in until December – and with Wickford being busy in December – we felt it was best to have a dedication/ribbon cutting event sometime in spring 2026.
- RIDOT Director Peter Alviti and members of his team visited us last week. Some brief highlights of the meeting include:
  - The Roundabout is at 95% completion. The Contractor, at our and RIDOT’s request, will be returning to finish up some of our concerns, such as the manhole areas. The Roundabout is functioning very well, and most of the comments we receive from the public are very positive.
- We will be participating in RhodeRestore again for 2025-2026; we’ve received over \$1 million over the past 3 years to pave local roads.
- They have agreed to review the Phillips Street full reconstruction repaving project, hoping that they can move this timetable up. We will be reviewing the potential future sewer connections to coordinate any reconstruction around that potential schedule with hopes of avoiding digging up a newly paved road.
- The long-anticipated Post Road sidewalk project continues to move forward; a bid award is coming Spring.
- We are waiting for updated information on the opening of the Devils Foot Road Bridge. I will continue to follow up with RIDOT on this important matter.
- And finally, RIDOT commended the town, highlighting our Planning and Public Works Departments, on our regular and professional communications with their department. Through our efforts, over \$65 million of work has taken place in North Kingstown since 2021.



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- RIDOT Director Peter Alviti and members of his team visited North Kingstown last week to meet with members of our team on the RhodeWorks Project, our priorities, and various projects that are and have taken place here in North Kingstown. Some brief highlights of the meeting include:

The Roundabout is at 95% completion. The Contractor, at our and RIDOT’s request, will be returning to finish up some concerns of the town and RIDOT such as the manhole areas. Overall, it seems the Roundabout is functioning very well, and I am happy to say most of the comments we receive from the public are very positive.

We will be participating in the Rhode Restore Program once again for 2025-2026. We’ve received over \$1 million over the past 3 years via this program to pave local roads.

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**Updates**




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- This organization is becoming very active, productive, and our Economic Development Coordinator Ben Mandel has been working with them.
- Their next event will be the Winter Wonderland Spectacular on December 18, where they will celebrate the winners of the Town's Post Road Winter Wonderland Decoration Grant and Competition.
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**Updates**



- Regarding the Post Road Winter Wonderland Decoration Grant & Competition, any Post Road business can apply for funds to decorate their Post Road business.
- This has turned out to be a very successful program since its inception.
- In addition to the grant, there will be prizes for decoration winners in multiple categories.
- For more information, please visit our website:
- <https://www.northkingstownri.gov/982/Post-Road-Winter-Wonderland-Grant>
- or email Ben Mandel directly at [bmandel@northkingstownri.gov](mailto:bmandel@northkingstownri.gov).

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## Updates

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**LEA School Star Ratings Overview**

Below is a list of all schools within this LEA, along with each school's 2025 star rating. Click a school name to visit its report card page and view detailed, school-specific accountability information.

School Name	Grades Served	Total Enrollment	Star Rating
Davisville Middle School	06-08	477	★★★
Fishing Cove Elementary School	PK-05	346	★★★★
Forest Park Elementary School	KF-05	264	★★★★
Hamilton Elementary School	KF-05	447	★★★★★
North Kingstown Senior High School	09-12	1,278	★★★★★
Stony Lane Elementary School	KF-05	385	★★★★
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Thank you.

A. Ralph Mollis,  
Town Manager

November 17, 2025



Thank you.

The Council thanked the Manager for his thorough report.

23. Report by the Finance Director

Finance Director Deb Bridgham gave the following report:



Town of North Kingstown  
Fiscal Year 2026  
October Financial Report

Presented by:  
Deb Bridgham, Finance Director

November 17, 2025



<b>FY 2026</b>					
	<b>ADOPTED BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD OCTOBER</b>	<b>YTD ACTUAL % OF BUDGET</b>	<b>PROJECTION</b>	<b>BUDGET VARIANCE</b>
<b>TAXES</b>					
Real Estate/Tangible	89,333,791	45,390,114	50.8%	89,333,791	-
PILOT	6,595,027	2,070,066	31.4%	6,595,027	-
Prior Year	1,000,000	503,258	50.3%	1,000,000	-
Int & Penalties	275,000	77,689	28.3%	275,000	-
	<b>97,203,818</b>	<b>48,041,127</b>	<b>49.4%</b>	<b>97,203,818</b>	-
<b>STATE &amp; FEDERAL AID</b>					
MV Excise	5,186,229	131,562	2.5%	5,186,229	-
MV Phase Out	192,589	-	0.0%	192,589	-
PILOT	48	51	106.3%	51	3
Pub Service Corp	375,629	397,079	105.7%	392,206	16,577
Hotel Tax Revenue	163,843	41,062	25.1%	163,843	-
Meal and Beverage Tax Revenue	949,113	191,629	20.2%	949,113	-
Library	358,643	-	0.0%	358,643	-
Airport	60,000	-	0.0%	60,000	-
Tangible Tax Reimb	329,980	329,980	100.0%	329,980	-
Cannabis Excise Tax	250	94	37.6%	250	-
School Housing Aid	1,437,589	755,772	52.6%	1,437,589	-
School Aid	13,424,235	2,712,358	20.2%	13,424,235	-
Restricted School Aid	38,220	-	0.0%	38,220	-
	<b>22,516,368</b>	<b>4,559,587</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>22,532,948</b>	<b>16,580</b>

The projected revenues are based on current receipts and the interest income that is guaranteed to by our investments. All other revenues are based on budget until we are further into the fiscal year.



	FY 2026				
	ADOPTED BUDGET	YTD OCTOBER	YTD ACTUAL % OF BUDGET	PROJECTION	BUDGET VARIANCE
Department Revenues	3,764,821	951,422	25.3%	3,782,356	17,535
Enterprise Fund	604,779	151,361	25.0%	604,779	-
Premium Offset	300,000	300,000	100.0%	300,000	-
Interest on Investment	895,794	524,372	58.5%	1,209,679	313,885
Gains/Losses	300,000	-	0.0%	300,000	-
Cell Tower	425,000	159,307	37.5%	425,000	-
QDC -Dredging	55,125	27,563	50.0%	55,125	-
Allen Harbor Dredging	55,125	27,563	50.0%	55,125	-
	2,635,823	1,190,165	45.2%	2,949,708	313,885
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>126,120,829</b>	<b>6,701,174</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>126,468,830</b>	<b>348,001</b>



**North Kingstown  
General Fund: Expenditures  
FY 2026 October 2025**

EXPENDITURES	ADOPTED BUDGET	YTD October	FY 2026		
			YTD ACTUAL % OF BUDGET	PROJECTION	BUDGET VARIANCE
Town Council	59,464	20,691	34.8%	59,464	-
Town Manager	333,265	103,609	31.1%	333,265	
HR/Personnel	1,461,972	317,849	21.7%	1,461,972	-
Town Clerk	545,840	174,425	32.0%	545,840	-
Canvassing	119,897	29,915	25.0%	119,897	
Legal	173,000	49,098	28.4%	173,000	-
Finance	1,926,009	1,223,482	63.5%	1,974,009	48,000
Assessment	340,512	95,811	28.1%	340,512	
Technology	1,138,431	569,974	50.1%	1,138,431	
Planning	865,761	233,969	27.0%	865,761	
Code Enforcement	663,937	195,212	29.4%	663,937	
Senior Center	705,248	217,837	30.9%	705,248	
Recreation	1,360,187	706,614	51.9%	1,360,187	-
Dispatch	951,078	282,221	29.7%	951,078	-
Fire	12,281,356	4,049,772	33.0%	12,431,356	150,000
Police	10,178,538	3,146,691	30.9%	10,328,538	150,000
Animal Control	145,500	52,378	36.0%	145,500	-
Harbor Master	152,976	47,938	31.3%	152,976	-
PW-Admin	445,708	141,218	31.7%	445,708	-
PW-Engineering	504,496	116,130	23.0%	504,496	-
PW-Highway	3,100,731	539,867	17.4%	3,100,731	-
PW-Facilities	1,672,117	349,278	20.9%	1,672,117	-
Utilities	1,129,875	357,485	31.6%	1,129,875	-
Civic Contributions	222,037	104,000	46.8%	222,037	-
QDC	757,347	189,337	25.0%	757,347	-
	<b>41,235,283</b>	<b>13,314,802</b>	<b>32.3%</b>	<b>41,583,283</b>	<b>348,000</b>

\* Includes Public Works, Public Facilities, Highways, Trees, & Engineering

\*\* Includes Solid Waste Landfill

The projected expenses are also based on the budget with the exception of Finance, Police, and Fire.

The finance increase is due to the final pay to retirees. We budgeted \$75,000 of our reserve for this fiscal year. If needed, we have additional funds in the reserve we can draw from with Council approval.

Police and Fire's overtime is currently projected to possibly be over budget. Both departments have students in the academy and should complete the training in December. Once both departments are fully staffed, we will monitor and adjust accordingly.

Many of the department's expenses are seasonal or their expenses are paid in full (Technology) the first part of the year. This is where their expenses may be at a higher percentage than other departments.



<b>Budget Report: General Fund: Expenditures</b>					
<b>FY 2026 October 2025</b>					
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	<b>ADOPTED BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD OCTOBER</b>	<b>YTD ACTUAL % OF BUDGET</b>	<b>PROJECTION</b>	<b>BUDGET VARIANCE</b>
Transfers	5,849,317	2,924,659	50.0%	5,849,317	0
Debt Service	297,906	74,906	25.1%	297,906	-
Library State-Aid	1,486,668	371,667		1,486,668	0
Library Appropriation					-
School	63,789,201	1,594,730	2.5%	63,789,201	-
Town	13,424,235	3,356,059	25.0%	13,424,235	-
State Aid	38,220	-	0.0%	38,220	-
Restricted State Aid	84,885,547	8,322,021	9.8%	84,885,547	0
	<b>126,120,830</b>	<b>21,636,823</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>126,468,830</b>	<b>348,000</b>

Expenses and revenues will be closely monitored by myself and the Town Manager.



## October 2025 Financial Reports Variance to Budget

- Revenues:
  - Interest on investments
  - Planning Department Fees
  - State Aid Public Service Tax
  
- Expenses:
  - Finance
    - Retiree Payouts
  - Police
    - Overtime
  - Fire
    - Overtime

**QUESTIONS?**

The Council thanked Ms. Bridgham for her thorough report.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

25. Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2025-07-058

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: That no substantive objection be filed to Coastal Resources Management Council Application Number 2025-07-058 to allow Patricia C. Henry, Trustee of The Patricia C. Henry Revoc. Trust to construct and maintain a 50-foot-long rip rap revetment to match the elevation of neighboring shoreline protection, 81 Sauga Avenue, Plat 142, Lot 28.

26. Authorization to Apply to State of Rhode Island Department of Housing 2026 Housing Infrastructure Program

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager and Planning Department to apply to the State of Rhode Island Department of Housing 2026 Housing Infrastructure Program.

27. Assessment Board of Review - Appointment

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint Steven Borowick, 205 Juniper Drive, to the Assessment Board of Review to December 1, 2028.

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. Economic Development Advisory Board - Appointments

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the vacancies of two (2) members to the Economic Development Advisory Board as there were no applicants.

30. Historic District Commission - Appointment

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint Joseph Gentile, 106 Roger Williams Drive, to the Historic District Commission to December 31, 2028.

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. Wickford Village Design Guidelines Committee – Appointments

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint Joseph Gentile, 106 Roger Williams Drive, Historic District Commission Member to the Wickford Village Design Guidelines Committee to December 31, 2028.

The Council directed the Clerk to advertise the vacancy of one (1) Alternate Business Property Owner.

33. Correspondence

11/4/2025 – Donna Hutchinson – Asked whether there would be a hearing on short-term rental regulations.

11/6/2025 – Brett Mallery – Asked for additional safety measures to be installed on Boston Neck Road, in addition to the striping DOT recently added.

11/16/2025 – Donna Hutchinson – Another email about short-term rentals.

11/9/2025 – Ben Folsom – Lafayette parking and evening visitors to the park.

11/10/2025 – Richard Daley – Ocean State Community Electricity – Unhappy with opt-in.

11/16/2025 – Nancy Whyte Sherman – Asked to have the NK Arts Council membership increased to 13 members.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward  
Town Clerk