

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown, County of Washington, and State of Rhode Island, held in and for said Town, County, and State this 12th day of January, 2026 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 January 12, 2026 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.

President Mancini led those in attendance in a moment of silence in memory of Joanne Hutchins, Michael Sherman, and Renee Good.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

4. Second Reading – Amendment to Chapter 2, Division 11, Section 2-389

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt an Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2, Division 11, Section 2-389 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Created; appointment; composition" (Economic Development Advisory Board), and that this shall constitute the Second Reading thereof.

5. Public Comment

Patrick Murray, 146 Carriage Hill Road, stated that he is here to speak about the VFW and the National Day of Service, which falls on May 2, 2026, the first Saturday in May. He asked the Council for support in having a Community Service Day with VFW Post 152 on May 2, 2026, and turning it into a town event. He is hoping to get other civic groups within the community to do a day of service. He is looking for an endorsement or proclamation from the Council stating that this is North Kingstown Day of Community Service.

Jeff Caldwell, 6 Bayberry Drive, stated that he wanted to thank the North Kingstown Police Department, the North Kingstown Fire, the State Police, Urban Search and Rescue, and all others involved in the search for his missing father-in-law. He stated that the response he received was amazing. There were around 25 police officers, the Fire Department, a drone in the air, and dogs on the ground. He can't speak highly enough about Captain Don Barrington and what a great team North Kingstown has. Thankfully, it all ended successfully. He also stated that he is very proud to live here in North Kingstown.

Curt Fisher, 104 Phillips Street, asked if the State Representatives could help with getting Phillips Street repaved. He stated that the middle third of the road is a mess.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 6 through 16 as presented with the exception of Agenda Item Numbers 9, 11, and 14.

6. Approval of Minutes

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025 as submitted by the Office of the Town Clerk.

7. Receipt of Donations

VOTED: To accept with gratitude the following donations in the amount of \$12,826.00:

For: Beechwood Senior Center To be used for Interior Renovations for Building	
From: Marilyn Scott	\$5,000.00
For: Beechwood Senior Center	
From: North Kingstown Stamp Club	100.00
For: Holiday Giving Program	
From: North Kingstown Senior Association	\$5,000.00
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Narragansett Bow Hunters	511.00
Richard and Mary Peterson	500.00
Suzanne Mancini	250.00
Anonymous	150.00
Wickford Seventh-day Adventist Church	115.00
Donna Vanderbeck	100.00
Brian and Jacqueline LeBlanc	100.00

8. Receipt of Donation

VOTED: To accept with gratitude a donation in memory of Ernie Brewster in the amount of \$100.00 given by Wayne and Barbara Miller to be used for "Al's Kids" Recreation Program Scholarships.

9. Award of Bid

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

VOTED: To award the bid for the Public Works Department for the Cold Spring Community Center Replacement Flooring Project to Ruggieri Brothers Commercial Flooring, 110 Comstock Parkway, Cranston, RI 02921, in the amount of \$69,000.00.

Funding for this contract is from Restricted Capital Reserve - Account Number 30010070-531101.

## 10. Approval of Purchase

VOTED: To approve the purchase of equipment and professional services for the Information Technology Department from Envision Technology Advisors, LLC, 999 Main Street, Suite 703, Pawtucket, RI 02860 (MPA #308), in the amount of \$79,375.09.

Funding is from FY2026 Budget - Computer Network Infrastructure Account #00105050-544071.

## 11. Ratification of Town Manager's Approval of Change Orders

Motion by President Mancini, seconded by Councilor Drew and unanimously

VOTED: To ratify the Town Manager's approval of RICON Project Change Order #1 and Project Change Orders #4 and #5 for the Planning Department for work related to:

1. Dollar Tree Roof Drains Galley System (RICON PCO1)
2. Installation of New Timber Bollards with Rope and Rope Replacement (PCO4)
3. Replacement of Honeylocust Variety in Island Basin (PCO5)

for the Wickford Waterfront Project to RICON, in the amount of \$36,634.44.

Funding for this project is from:

- FY2024 Grant Match Budget
- FY2025 Grant Match Budget
- Fund 147
- ARPA
- Additional Grant Awards (Municipal Resilience Program, RIDEM Climate Resiliency, Commerce RI Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvements Fund)

## 12. Victualling License (transfer) (renewal)

VOTED: To approve the application for transfer of a Victualling License from Wasay Mini Mart LLC, dba Yorktown Market, 6769 Post Road, to Yorktown Market LLC, dba Yorktown Market, 6769 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 Planning Department, the Water Department, and the Building Official; and it was

FURTHER VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2026 the renewal application for a Victualling License by Yorktown Market LLC, dba Yorktown Market, 6769 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date.

## 13. Victualling License (renewal)

VOTED: To approve to December 1, 2026 the renewal application for a Victualling License by K&R 2 Enterprises, dba The Frozen Cow, 6710 Post Road, subject to taxes and water paid to date, receipt of a certificate from the Rhode Island Department of Health, and compliance with the recommendations of the Fire Marshall and the Building Official.

## 14. Authorization to apply to RIDEM administered Urban &amp; Community Forestry Grant

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

VOTED: To authorize the Planning Department to apply to the RI Department of Environmental Management Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program for creation and distribution of an educational brochure highlighting proper care and maintenance of trees.

- 15. Authorization to accept and enter into an agreement with the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads Grant

VOTED: To authorize the Planning Department to accept and enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program for funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 to be used for the School Bus Stop Arm Implementation Project.

- 16. Authorization to participate in the 2026 Main Street Learning Cohort

VOTED: To authorize the Town of North Kingstown to accept admission into the Main Street Program, commit to participation in the learning cohort, and approve the associated membership requirement to be funded through the Planning Department’s budget.

**III. REPORTS**

- 17. Report by the Town Manager

Town Manager Mollis gave the following report:

The image shows the cover of a 'Manager's Report' document. On the left side, there are three logos: a circular seal for 'NORTH KINGSTOWN 1674 2024 350 YEARS' with an anchor in the center; a logo for 'RI 250 AMERICA' with an anchor; and the official seal of the 'Town of North Kingstown' with the text 'RHODE ISLAND'S ONLY & OFFICIAL AMERICAN WWII HERITAGE CITY'. On the right side, the text reads 'Manager's Report' in large white font, followed by 'January 12, 2026' and 'A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager' in smaller white font, all set against a dark blue background.

Happy New Year

**School Department Capital Bond Projects**



- Projects within the School Department Capital Bond continue to progress.
- Capital projects are scheduled to be completed this summer
- The Stage 2 application was approved by the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
- Work continues on the Stage 3 application
- The next meeting of the Building Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for either January 22 or February 4; I will continue to keep the Council up to date via Manager's Reports.




- The planned improvements within the School Bond Projects continue to move forward. Various capital projects are scheduled to be completed this summer, and the Stage 2 application was approved by the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education. Work continues on the Stage 3 application. The next meeting of the Building Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for February 4th. I am waiting for confirmation and will continue to keep the Town Council up to date via my Manager’s Report.

### Public Safety Complex Bond Projects

- Progress also continues on our Public Safety Complex Bond Projects.
- We reviewed a number of proposals for a Construction Manager at Risk and are interviewing four potential firms this week.
  - It is our goal to select a firm Wednesday evening.
  - I also hope to present a land swap agreement with Quonset Development Corporation for the new Public Safety Complex to be constructed within Quonset Business Park at your next council meeting, or at a meeting in February.



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### Revolution Wind

- While we still meet regularly with Revolution Wind, a second stop work order has resulted in all work temporarily coming to a halt.
- The entities involved are seeking a second preliminary injunction to halt the suspension of work to meet the January 2027 deadline for energization.
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**Updates**

- Interior and exterior improvement work continues at our Community Center. The plan is on schedule and to be completed by the end of April. In the meantime, we have addressed programming challenges by finding alternative locations.
- Additionally, last week, we met with the contractor and architect responsible for the upcoming renovations to the Municipal Office Building; we are hoping to begin this project shortly.
- This will also have relocation challenges which we are working to address; I will keep the public well informed on the interruptions and projects.



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**Updates**


- I continue to stay in touch with the developers of Wickford Elementary School; they are finishing up work with their landscape architect and traffic engineer and hope to have their Planning Commission application submitted soon.
- We've advised them that information submitted after 1/16 would result in a 3/3 Planning Commission date; they then need one more local submission stage for final major land development.
- I've advised them this this is time sensitive and will continue to follow up and assist in pushing this along.



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**Updates**



- I thought the Town Council, and public, would like to know that 23% of North Kingstown residents opted out of the Good Energy Community Electricity Aggregation program//
- This figure is in line with what Good Energy expected and experienced in other communities.



- Regarding the Good Energy Program, Good Energy has informed us that 23% of our residents opted out of the Program which is in line with the range expected and also within the range seen in other communities.

**Updates: Planning Department**

- As was awarded within tonight's Consent Agenda, the Town of North Kingstown was awarded \$60,000 as part of our Safe Streets and Roads for All application for our proposed School Bus Stop Arm Implementation Project.
- This is great news and outstanding work on behalf of our Planning Department; this will now proceed to the School Department for coordination and installation.
- The Town of North Kingstown has been selected to participate in the first-ever 2026 RI Main Street Learning Cohort with 10 other municipalities.
- We've put together a team with members of our Planning Department along with the Economic Development Director, a representative from the Wickford Village Association, and the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce; this team will work with Grow Smart RI to coordinate vision, planning, and possible outside funding for the rehabilitation of our Main Streets/Commercial District.

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- As was also approved tonight by the Town Council during the Consent Agenda, the Town of North Kingstown has also been selected to participate in the 2026 Main Street Learning Cohort. We've put a team together consisting of members of our Planning Department, Economic Development Director, a representative of the Post Road Business Alliance, a representative of the Wickford Village Association, and the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. This team will work with Grow Smart RI for the coordination of the program. The goals are to coordinate vision, planning, and possible outside funding for the rehabilitation of our Main Streets/Commercial District. We are hoping this will be productive and provide tangible results and benefits.

## Updates

- Preconstruction work has begun on the Post Road/West Main Street Sidewalk Project; this \$14+ million-dollar project, with RICON as the contractor, begins this month with gas and drainage work.
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## Updates

- Save the Bay has scheduled a Public Meeting to share information about the Rodman Mill Dam Project: January 22, at 5:30 p.m. in our Council Chambers (80 Boston Neck Rd).
- Rodman Mill Dam is designated a high hazard dam. Save the Bay has been spearheading research to mitigate the threat the dam poses to public safety and infrastructure. A 2025 Save the Bay study concluded dam removal is a feasible option.
- Removal is said to mitigate the threat the dam poses and will restore natural habitat for aquatic animals and increase fish passage on the Annaquatucket River.
- The next step is to obtain funding for the design phase; multiple funding sources will be required.
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**Updates**

- As the Council knows, we are heavily involved in budget preparation at this time of year.
- With the many uncertainties, awaiting information on location education aid, the continued rising cost of goods, and the expected significant rise in health care costs, the FY2027 Budget will be challenging.
- I will present my proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to the Town Council and the public on the evening of March 9. This will be followed by the Council's all-day meeting with the Administration on March 16, and the scheduled adoption of the Preliminary Budget that night.
- The FY2027 Budget Public Hearing will be on the evening of April 13, and the scheduled adoption of the final budget will be on April 27.
- For more budget news: the Governor will be presenting his State of the State tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.
  - Managers and Mayors will be provided with an embargoed budget briefing, and the Governor will be scheduling meetings with Managers and Mayors to discuss the budget and individual community concerns. I will keep the Council up to date.



- As the Council is aware, we are heavily involved in budget preparation. With the many uncertainties, awaiting information on local education Aid, the cost of goods continuing to rise, and the expected significant rise in Health Care costs, this upcoming budget will be challenging. Fortunately, through our work over the years, we've prepared ourselves for this. Our budget schedule consists of my presenting the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to the Town Council and public the night of March 9<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Council's all day meetings with the Administration on March 16<sup>th</sup>, the scheduled adoption of the Preliminary Budget that night, the Public Hearing the night of April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the scheduled adoption of the budget on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- In budget-related news, the Governor will be presenting his State of the State address tomorrow night at 7pm. Managers and Mayors will be provided with an embargoed budget briefing, and the Governor will be scheduling individual meetings with Managers and Mayors at the State House to discuss the budget and individual community concerns. I will keep the Council up to date.

**Updates**

- I will be attending the monthly meeting of the RI League of Cities and Towns Executive Board tomorrow morning where the budget and legislation are sure to be topics of discussion.
- I will also be attending the RI Trust's Annual Dinner Meeting this Thursday night.
- My thanks to Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, Recreation Director; John Blais, Recreation Program Manager; and Haley Wicker, Personnel Manager, for completing a certification program in Adult Mental Health First Aid.
  - This training was provided through the RI Interlocal Trust to train individuals to recognize and address signs of mental health and substance abuse challenges.



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- Finally, my thanks to Recreation Director Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, John Blais, and Personnel Director Haley Wicker on completing and being certified in Adult Mental Health First Aid. This training was provided through the RI Interlocal Trust and trains individuals on how to recognize and address signs of mental health challenges and substance abuse challenges.



President Mancini stated that he also spoke with the Developer of the Wickford Elementary School and appreciates Mr. Mollis and staff being on top of this as this development is very important to the village and community. We need to press the developer to close on this property and get all of his approvals for this project.

President Mancini asked if the sidewalk project will start on the West Main Street or on the Camp Avenue side. Mr. Mollis stated that he has not received confirmation, but he believes it will start at Camp Avenue. Ms. LaFontaine stated that we have the information for the drainage work which will take approximately 6-12 months and start on West Main Street first then Post Road. They have not given us a schedule for the sidewalks. President Mancini stated that he hopes they will start the sidewalk project on West Main.

President Mancini stated that we have talked about a potential 10% increase in health care and he read an article in the Boston Globe last week that the municipalities in Massachusetts are anticipating a 40% increase. Mr. Mollis stated that the Trust is softly staying at a 10% increase, but he should know more over the next few weeks.

President Mancini stated that he would like the League of Cities and Town’s feedback on the newly proposed education formula put out by the Rhode Island Foundation as there are some excellent points in their report. Mr. Mollis stated that he will make that inquiry.

18. Report/Update – PFAS and Water Department Well Status/Capacities

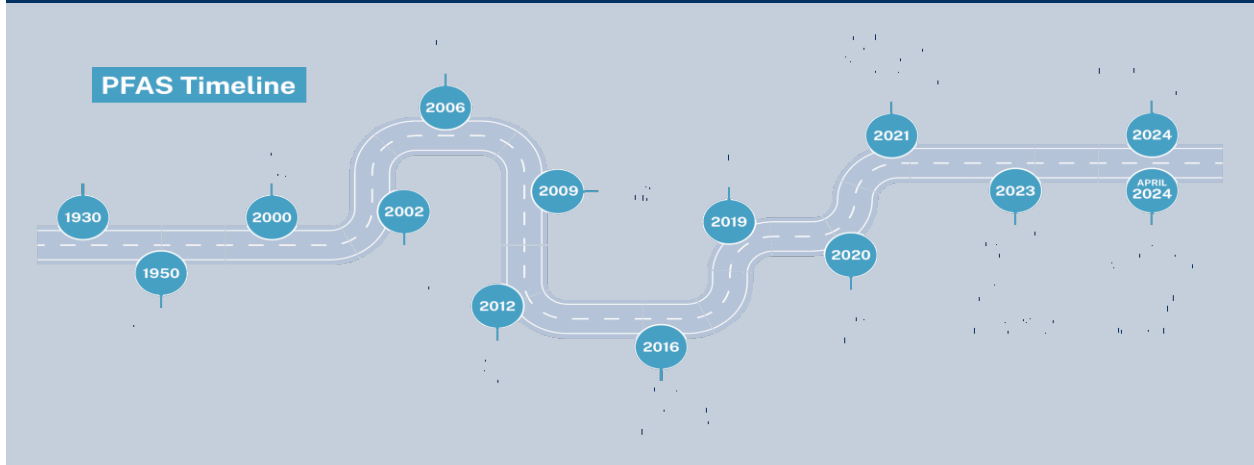
Town Manager Mollis gave the following presentation:

# NORTH KINGSTOWN WATER DEPARTMENT

PFAS & WELL STATUS UPDATE: JANUARY 2026



## PFAS: PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES



### PFAS: PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

- Known as “forever” chemicals, PFAS were first invented in 1930s
- PFAS can cause health complications and increase risks with pregnancies, cancers, and child development and depend on the type of PFAS found, the levels of exposure, and individual factors
  - There are thousands of PFAS – not all stay in the body for the same amount of time, nor do they all have the same health impacts
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency developed a target list of PFAS for regulation & analysis in drinking water in 2024
  - PFAS sources include nonstick cookware, grease-resistant food containers and packaging, stain resistant carpets and upholstery, waterproof clothing/gear, some cosmetics, fire fighting foam, and more.
  - PFAS can contaminate ground and drinking water through environmental contamination from industrial waste and other hazardous practices and/or materials.
- In towns like North Kingstown, the majority of PFAS contamination occurs through OWTS (septic system) infiltration; washing machine water contains Scotchguard-like constituent and dishwashing water contains Teflon-like constituents.



PFAS: CONTINUED

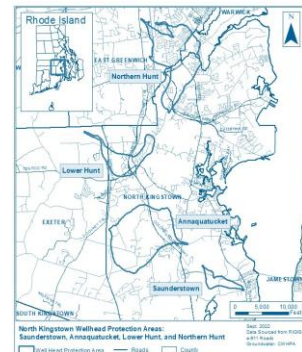
## PFAS



- The North Kingstown Water Department, Town Administration and the Town Council have had PFAS on their radar for several years, to include actively following legislation, regulation, and the status of PFAS within our municipal water supply.
- Currently, there is no U.S. EPA standard for these chemicals; however the State of Rhode Island has adopted a standard of no greater than 20 parts per trillion (ppt).
  - One drop of water in 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools = 1 ppt
  - 20 drops of water in 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools = 20 ppt
- North Kingstown’s producing and active wells are well below the 20 ppt standard; we have detected PFAS in our sampling in 4 of 6 active well sources, with levels ranging from 2.73 ppt to 12.8 ppt

PFAS: CONTINUED

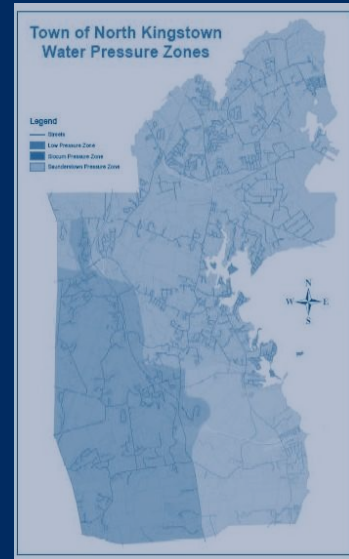
- EPA has stated it will focus on the constituents of PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic Acid) and PFOS (Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid), at levels of 4 ppt
- All of our well sources are trending below this level, with the exception of Wells 9 and 10, located along the Hunt River near our northern town border with East Greenwich
- Prior to the EPA’s recommendations, we had identified these wells as being “of concern”
  - We replaced Well 10 in 2014, due to sand infiltration issues and have not yet put it back on line due to PFAS concerns and our knowledge that we could safely meet the water needs of our community without it
- Our goal has been to slate Wells 9 and 10 for a treatment system to remove PFAS from drinking water
- The cost of a treatment system is projected to be \$12.6 million, with an ongoing annual cost of at least \$200,000
- The R.I. Infrastructure Bank has already committed funds to cover current and near future design engineering costs, and hopes to be able to offer a significant source of grant funds for the construction of a treatment plant
  - These funds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; we are working as expediently as possible and are in contact with R.I. Infrastructure Bank
  - We are currently in discussions with CEI Engineering to develop a design for the construction of a PFAS treatment plant; the location of this remains an unanswered question



- Through efforts of Town Administration and Town Council, we are part of a large class-action lawsuit that is projected to result in millions of dollars in settlement money for our town.
  - To date, we’ve received over \$2 million
- Our goal is to utilize these funds to purchase PFAS-free turnout gear for our firefighters and provide the much-needed initial funds for a PFAS Treatment Facility.
- We have also been in regular contact with Kent County Water Authority in recent years as they are interested in providing wholesale water purchase options for the Town of North Kingstown and Quonset Development Corporation.
  - We have additional meetings scheduled already this year and will keep the Council up to date.

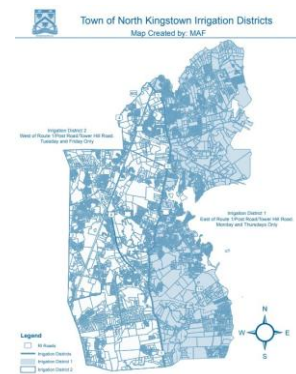


# WELLS: SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS & CAPACITIES



## WELLS

- We regularly monitor groundwater supply to ensure levels do not drop below established thresholds at each well
- Numerous studies have been conducted to quantify the amount of water that can be used annually in sole source aquifers, such as ours
  - Our water usage is within acceptable ranges
- To ensure this remains, we have implemented water districts, tiered water billing and have prohibited future development from including inground sprinkler systems that are connected to our water system
- Additionally, new developments must go through an evaluation to gain Water Department approval and be located within an established development area; they are required to model with an independent agency that maintains an active water model of our system
- These practices have discouraged skyrocketing demand on our water system , as we experienced in the early 2000's
  - Even with this past summer's drought conditions, we did not need to enact water prohibitions beyond our existing sprinkler ordinance.

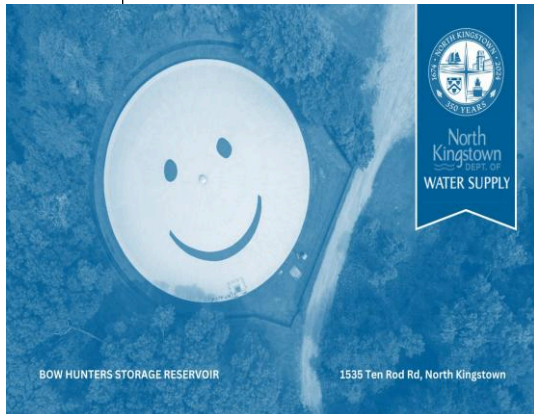


## WELLS: CONTINUED

The following is a brief summary of the conditions at each of our wells:

Well	Location	Status	Pumping Capacity
1	Oak Hill Rd	Fully Operational	700 gpm
2	Oak Hill Rd	Fully Operational	500 gpm
3	Saunderstown	New Well 3 will replace wells 3, 7 & 8; anticipated completion 2027/28 based on permitting	TBD from future pump testing data Anticipated: 1,200 gpm
4	Oak Hill Rd	Fully Operational	700 gpm
5	Colonel Rodman Hwy	Operational	900 gpm
6	Stony Ln	Out of Service	
7	Saunderstown	Offline/Emergency Use Only	550 gpm
8	Saunderstown	Offline/Emergency Use Only	
9	(N) Post Rd	Fully Operational	1,800 gpm
10	(N) Post Rd	Out of Service Goal: Construct new Well 10 with a PFAS Treatment System connecting to Well 9	
11	Indian Corner Rd	Fully Operational	680 gpm

## PFAS & WELLS



- PFAS and the North Kingstown Water Supply are vital topics of concern for our community; this update is to ensure we are, with minimal impact to our water customers, continuing to work tirelessly to add PFAS treatment where it is recommended
- We are in a favorable position relative to water supply and with R.I. Infrastructure Bank for possible grant funding
- Additionally, we have joined a national class action suit for PFAS remediation, are fortunate to have accumulated substantial Capital Fund and access to low interest loans and **we are in a good position to address this challenge.**
- The North Kingstown Water Department will continue to focus on its primary mission: to provide our community with an adequate supply and quantity to our customers, ensuring that Town water meets quality standards as defined by the Safe Water Drinking Act.
  - We will continue to provide adequate water supply, pressure, and quantities to all water customers, including for firefighting capabilities, and support the future development of our community as outlined in our Comprehensive Plan.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING FUTURE UPDATES ON  
PFAS AND OUR WATER SUPPLY

# THANK YOU



President Mancini thanked Mr. Mollis for this thorough report which was much needed.

Councilor McCoy asked if there are any programs available for North Kingstown homeowners who are not connected to town water to have their well water tested for PFAS. Water Director Austin stated that he reached out to the representative of the private well program in Rhode Island, and she stated that the State is working on a testing program. In 2021, the previous Water Director shut down Well #6 and mailed an informational letter to all the individuals in the area who had private wells. Councilor McCoy encouraged the Water Department to share all information possible through various town informational outlets.

Councilor Drew asked with regard to the PFAS Treatment Facility if there have been any discussions statewide to be forward-looking at facilities that can address the PFAS as well as any contaminants over the next decade that will also need to be mitigated. Mr. Austin stated the granular activated carbon is very good at filtering a variety of things not just PFAS. In terms of emerging contaminants, that is something that the EPA will be coming out with as needed.

President Mancini stated that a PFAS Treatment Facility will cost approximately \$12 million. Mr. Mollis stated that we are estimating \$12.6 million. We could avoid that cost if we exercised Kent County's offer to provide pretreated water to North Kingstown residents. He further stated that QDC is going to enter into an agreement with Kent County to supply that to Quonset. It is a good program, but we have some concerns as we are so proud of our water and hesitate to mix the two. We also need to know what the charge would be as well as many other factors. We like what we are doing, our customers are happy, and our water is good. President Mancini stated that we have a good amount of money in reserve that could be used to build such a facility. Mr. Mollis stated that it would be funded in several different ways.

President Mancini asked if we are going to see a rate increase. Mr. Mollis stated not in the immediate future.

President Mancini stated that he received a couple of complaints regarding recent homeowners who can't install inground sprinkler systems and these residents being treated differently. He asked that staff look into this issue.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### 19. Arts Council – Appointments

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To appoint the following two (2) members to the Arts Council to March 1, 2027:

Hilary Jacobs, 72 Congdon Avenue  
Nancy Van Gelder, 42 Iron Horse Terrace

##### 20. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Councilor Page read the following statement into the record:

"I am a member of the Trustees of the North Kingstown United Methodist Church and recently the United Methodist found out that ICE will soon be going into churches. Therefore, the United Methodist advised all churches to have a plan if ICE came to their church. Our pastor called a meeting in the beginning of December to have a plan if ICE came to our church. I found this deeply disturbing that I have to have a plan if ICE comes to my church.

In our community, everyone should feel safe to call for help, report a crime, go to the hospital, and send their children to school — no matter their background, circumstances, or immigration status. As a council person, part of my role is public safety, and focusing on protecting and serving our community.

You can call for help without fear. Whether you're a long-time resident, a newcomer, a worker, a student, or a visitor — emergency responders are here to keep you safe. All victims and witnesses should feel safe coming forward, regardless of immigration status.

Every child belongs in school. All children in our community have the right to an education.

You have the right to medical care. Hospitals, clinics, and emergency services will treat you in times of need.

We treat everyone with dignity and respect. Race, religion, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, or immigration status do not affect the help you receive.

If You Need Help:

- Call 911 for emergencies and medical issues.
- Police Non-Emergency Line: 294-3311.
- School Support: Contact your child's school or the Central Office at 401-268-6200.

What We Stand For:

Every person in our community deserves safety, respect, and support.

At the present time, events make people want to isolate themselves, but my pastor reminded me that it is easy to hate and it is difficult to show love.

It takes courage to step out even when you are fearful.

It takes faith to be positive.

As Martin Luther King Day is coming up, it is still important that we should not return hate for hate, but that we serve others and show love.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Jeannette Alyward  
Town Clerk