TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

RHODE ISLAND

Monday, November 9, 2026

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:15 PM
REGULAR SESSION - 7:30 PM

Town Council Chambers
180 High Street
Wakefield, RI

TOWN COUNCIL
Rory H. McEntee, President
Michael K. Marran, Vice President
Deborah D. Bergner
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Emily R. Houle, Town Clerk

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or view the meeting live on the Town Council YouTube channel or on your local Public Access Television Station.

NOTE: Individuals requesting American Sign Language interpreters or CART service must call the Town Clerk's Office at 401-789-9331 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting date.

Posted on 11/5/2026

1. **Closed Executive Session - 7:15 PM**

    A. A Closed Executive Session pursuant to §42-46-5(a)(5) pertaining to discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public.

2. **Regular Session - 7:30 PM**

    Please be advised that the Council intends to discuss and/or act upon each and every item appearing on this agenda.

    A. Pledge of Allegiance

    B. Land Acknowledgement Statement

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

    A. Regular Session - October 22 and October 26, 2026

    B. Closed Executive Session - October 26, 2026

5. **Swearing-In Ceremony**

    A. Alfred E. Bucco, Chief of Police

6. **Interviews**

    A. Sharon Henderson application for reappointment to the Historic District Commission

    B. Steven Stewart application for reappointment to the Saugatucket Veterans' Memorial Park Commission

    C. Michaela Barden application for appointment to the Conservation Commission

    D. William Rosen application for appointment to the Conservation Commission

    E. Meredith Haas application for appointment to the Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission

    F. David Brown application for appointment to the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

7. **Appointments**

    A. A resolution appointing _____ to the _____ Board/Committee/Commission for a term to expire _____.

8. **Consent Agenda**

    Rule 13: All items listed with a (CA) are to be considered routine by the Town Council and

will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Council, or a member of the public so requests, in which event the item will be removed from Consent Agenda (CA) consideration and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

(CA) **A.** A resolution authorizing an award of bid to Ockers Technologies, 48 Leona Drive, Middleboro, MA 02346 for the furnishing and installation of audiovisual equipment and related services for the Town Hall Conference Room in the amount of $12,513.00 with a contingency of $2,000, as described in a memorandum from the Director of Technology to the Town Manager dated October 28, 2026, and titled "Award of Bid - Audio-Visual Equipment & Install". Funding is available within Information Technology's Inter-Agency Agreement Fund (ARPA), with a balance of funding from the Town's Contingency fund.

(CA) **B.** A resolution authorizing an award of a contract to Marcus Communications, 33 Mitchell Dive, Manchester, CT 06045, for service and maintenance of the UHF radio system with a co-cost with the Union Fire District of 23% and the Kingston Fire District of 2%, in an amount not to exceed $12,442.11 for fiscal year 2027, with a 3-year renewal option not to exceed a 10% increase over the prior year, and as further described in a memorandum from the Communications Superintendent to the Town Manager dated November 2, 2026, entitled "UHF Radio Maintenance Contract." Funidng is available within the Communication Department's Capital Reserve (Equipment Reserve).

(CA) **C.** A resolution authorizing the Town Assessor to abate taxes in the amount of $2,687.00, as shown on Tax Abatement Request No. 670.

(CA) **D.** A resolution granting Tourist Accommodations and Victualing Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Southern Rhode Island Hospitality LLC d/b/a Fairfield by Marriott South Kingstown RI and Newport Area, 3 Fairfield Way, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Bonnie Brake, Director of Hotel Operations. Renewal; License No. 62539.

(CA) **E.** A resolution granting a Victualling License for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Sweet Althea’s LLC d/b/a Sweet Althea’s, 542 Kingston Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Kim Curtis, Owner. Renewal; License No. 87352.

(CA) **F.** A resolution granting Victualing Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2026 to the following; Renewals:

Ocean Catch Seafood LLC d/b/a Ocean Catch Seafood, 566 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Jane Karako, Managing Member. License No. 65417.

CL Enterprises, Inc d/b/a Hal’s Garage & Auto Body, 171 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by R. Harold Thomas Jr., President. License No. 59175.

Drake Petroleum Company, Inc d/b/a West Kingston Xtra Mart, 3411 Kingstown Road, West Kingstown, RI 02892. Application by Sean Geary, Vice President. License No. 86381.

Richard Paolo Realty, Inc. d/b/a The Original Vanilla Bean, 757 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Richard Paolo, Owner. License No. 61740.

South Kingstown Little League, Inc d/b/a South Kingstown Little League, PO Box 388, Wakefield, RI 02880. Application by Sean Deidler, Treasurer. License No. 95642.

China Garden Li d/b/a China Garden Li, 564 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Chaoying Li, Owner. License No. 59169.

Oatslay6, Inc. d/b/a Oatley's II, 575 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Vaughn Oatley, President. License No. 84505.

South County Donuts d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 1892 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Rob Batista, Franchisee. License No. 59134.

Ryan Zeolla d/b/a RI Guys Donuts, 621 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02881. Application by Ryan Zeolla, Owner. License No. 86129.

Bagelz of Wakefield, Inc. d/b/a Bagels, 90 Pershing Avenue, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Scott Lieberman, President. License No. 59135.

Howley Bread Group d/b/a Panera Bread,160 Old Tower Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Lindsey Broderick, Accounting Member/ Ap. License No. 73475.

Wanida Corporation d/b/a The Boss, 682 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Eakkachai Udomdat, President. License No. 75939.

Starbucks Corporation d/b/a Starbucks Coffee #2798, 600 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Lindsay Larkin, Sr. License Analyst. License No. 59601.

Gansett Craft Chocolate d/b/a Gansett Craft Chocolate, 227 Robinson Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Steven Schneider, Owner. License No. 87703.

Del's Lemonade of South County d/b/a Del's of South County, 49 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Emily Buonanno, Owner. License No. 78761

Jayd, LLC d/b/a Jayd Bun, 1202 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale, RI 02883. Application by Qiang Li, Owner. License No. 63751.

Little Rhody Pizza Corp. d/b/a Little Rhody Island Deli, 231 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Dennis Webb, President. License No. 88260.

(CA) G. A resolution granting Shellfish and Farm Produce Peddler and Farm Retail Sales

Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2026 to Real Food RI, LLC d/b/a Brandon Family Farm, 262 Liberty Lane, West Kingston, RI 02892. Application by Albert Brandon, Owner. Renewal; License No. 87925.

(CA) **H.** A resolution granting a Farm Retail Sales License for the year beginning December 1, 2026 to The Farmers Daughter LLC d/b/a The Farmers Daughter, 716 Mooresfield Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Sarah Partyka, Owner. Renewal; License No. 59742.

(CA) **I.** A resolution granting a Miscellaneous Peddlers License for the year beginning December 1, 2026 to Allume Chocolate d/b/a Allume Chocolate, 473 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Marissa Kervin, Owner. Renewal; License No. 79527.

(CA) **J.** A resolution granting a Tourist Accommodations License for the year beginning December 1, 2026 to the following; Renewals:

Stephanie Osborn d/b/a Sugar Loaf Hill Bed and Breakfast, 607 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Stephanie Osborn, Owner. License No. 95617.

Admiral Dewey Inn LLC d/b/a Admiral Dewey Inn, 668 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Nicole Duchesneau, Business Administrator. License No. 86665.

(CA) **K.** A resolution granting a Trailer Park/Campground License for the year beginning December 1, 2026 to Worden Pond Family Campground, Inc. d/b/a Worden Pond Family Campground, Inc., 416A Wordens Pond Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Mark Tucker, President. Renewal; License No. 77255.

(CA) **L.** A resolution granting a Theater License for the year beginning December 1, 2026 to Matunuck Live Theatre, Inc. d/b/a Theatre By The Sea, 364 Cards Pond Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Karen Kessler, Vice President & Secretary. Renewal; License No. 78932.

(CA) **M.** A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to the renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2026.

(CA) **N.** A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to an application for a license to keep and sell alcoholic beverages in South Kingstown in accordance with the General Laws of 1956, as amended, as follows:

CLASS B VICTUALER LIQUOR LICENSE

Transfer of a Class B Victualer Liquor License from The Chophouse Inc. d/b/a Chophouse Grille, 191 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 by Russell Goyette, Owner, to Acqua Pazza LLC d/b/a Max's Chophouse, by Esther Dequattro, Member, for the main and private dining rooms and bar area; and as

further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

9. Licenses

A. A resolution granting a Road Race License to Mews Tavern to conduct the Mews Tavern Gear N' Beer 5K Road Race on Sunday, November 22, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with a rain date of November 29, 2026, to benefit South County Health with a $55,000 donation. Subject to execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement indemnifying the Town. Application by George McAuliffe, Business Manager. New; License No. 95522.

B. A resolution granting a Class F 19-Hour Beverage License to South County Health, as the beneficiary of the event, 456 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879 for the Mews Tavern Gear N' Beer 5K Road Race on Sunday, November 22, 2026, with a rain date of November 29, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Application by Jennifer Martin, South County Health. New; License No. 95316.

C. A resolution granting a Temporary Mass Gathering Permit to Sons of Liberty, 1425 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 to conduct the Whiskey Wonderland on Friday, December 11, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, December 12, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with a rain date of Saturday, December 12, 2026. Application by Paul Baptista, Member. New; License No. TMG-26-9.

10. Public Comment - 30 Minutes

Rule 10A. for the conduct of the meetings of the South Kingstown Town Council: Members of the public shall be entitled to speak at regular meetings during any period designated on the agenda for public comment, once, for a period of five minutes, or longer at the discretion of the President, and at other times when invited to do so by the President. The public shall address their comments to the question under debate as indicated on the agenda. Pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-6(b), public comment regarding subject matter not on the agenda but received during the public participation portion of a meeting shall be for information purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.

11. Public Hearings

A. A Public Hearing relative to a renewal of an Indoor Shooting Range License for the year beginning December 1, 2026, in accordance with the South Kingstown Town Code, Chapter 9 Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulation, Article VI Indoor Shooting Ranges, Sec. 9-158 Term of License, Renewal, Transfer. Application by IDGR15, LLC d/b/a Elite Indoor Gun Range, by Mark A. Fay, Member for property located at 371 Rose Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 and designated as Assessor's Plat 33, Lot 30, consisting of 121.57 acres.

12. New Business

A. A resolution affirming the Town Manager's appointment of Alfred E. Bucco as the South Kingstown Chief of Police, effective November 9, 2026.

B. A resolution approving the final roster of sixty (60) Revolutionary War era patriots of African, Indigenous, and multiracial heritage and the precise inscription wording proposed for the “Brave Men as Ever Fought” Companion Memorial to the 1932 Flagstaff War Memorial at the Historic Hazard School site, as set forth in the accompanying documentation dated October 20 and October 21, 2026, and authorizing the project sponsors to proceed with preparation of the final monument engraving layout and proof, subject to final verification of consistency with the approved roster and inscription and without constituting authorization for installation or construction of associated site improvements, as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager/Director of Administrative Services to the Town Manager dated November 4, 2026, entitled “Brave Men as Ever Fought Companion Memorial – Approval of Final Roster of Names and Monument Inscription.”

C. A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Town's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16 - Streets and Sidewalks, Section 16-1 - Definitions, to refine the eligibility criteria for a snow shoveling exemption, as attached.

D. A resolution authorizing an amendment to an award of contract to GZA Environmental, Inc., 188 Valley Street, Suite 300, Providence, RI 02909 for consulting engineering and design services in an amount from $107,789.00 to $132,289 which includes an additional $5,000 contingency, and as further described in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager, dated November 2, 2026, entitled "Contract Amendment – Saugatucket Road Culvert Engineering Services." Funding for the Town's additional required matching funds would come from the Town's Grant Matching Fund (fund-403).

E.

A resolution authorizing a contract award to K&M Communications Corporation, doing business as The Navicon Group, located at 750 Washington St, South Easton, MA, 02375, for the provision, installation, and licensing of cameras at Peace Dale and Kingston Libraries in the amount of $44,086.85, with a contingency of $5,000. Included in the price is the annual license cost of $4,295.25; which the Town would like to extend a three-year renewal cost, not to exceed a ten percent (10%) increase over the previous year, as detailed in a memorandum from the Director of Technology to the Town Manager dated October 29, 2026, titled "Contract Award for Security Cameras at Public Library Locations." Funding is available in existing capital reserves of the town, a combination of funding from the library ($29,086.85) and Information Technology ($20,000).

F. A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to award contracts to multiple vendors for the purchase, installation, configuration, and integration of technology equipment and infrastructure associated with the construction of the new South Kingstown High School, in a base amount of $1,720,505.96, together with a 10% project contingency of $172,050.60, for a total amount not to exceed $1,892,556.56, utilizing applicable Rhode Island Master Price Agreements, cooperative purchasing contracts, and sole-source procurement procedures, as

further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager/Director of Administrative Services to the Town Manager dated November 2, 2026, entitled "Authorization to Award Multiple Contracts for Technology Equipment and Infrastructure – New South Kingstown High School." Funding is available via fund-435 (New High School Project) and backed by the voter approved bond referendum.

13. Town Manager's Report

A. South Kingstown High School and Athletic Facility Construction Update

B. Review of the Town's First Quarter Results of the General Fund, through September 30, 2026

C. November 3, 2026 General Election Update

14. Public Comments - Continued

15. Communications

A. A letter dated October 14, 2026 from Terrence Simpson, Esq., tendering his resignation as the Registered Agent for the Trustees of South Kingstown School Funds effective December 31, 2026, is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.

B. A letter dated October 30, 2026 from Mary Ann Johnson on behalf of the residents of Pond Street, requesting the installation of a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Pond Street and Silver Lake Avenue and additional speed limit signs is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.

16. Town Council Discussion Items - None