

## NORTH KINGSTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW



**Meeting Date:** Monday, February 10, 2025

**Meeting Recording:** [https://northkingstown.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=3](https://northkingstown.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3)

The February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council witnessed a busy [Agenda](#).

The Town Council began the night by accepting a comprehensive Capital Improvement Program (CIP), put together by an all-volunteer commission of North Kingstown residents known as the Asset Management Commission. The CIP reviews all potential projects, including those from the School Department and enterprise fund assets, ranked according to priority and need. The needs and goals of this short-term and long-term CIP will be addressed in the upcoming budget deliberation with the Town Manager and Town Council.

- To view the Commission's presentation, click [here](#).
- To see the CIP, click [here](#).

The Council also received, in response to an earlier request, results of a comprehensive study conducted by the North Kingstown Police Department of traffic and speeding statistics. It was a thorough presentation on traffic concerns and recommendations from subject matter experts from the NKPD Traffic Division, with the goals of improving traffic safety and successfully addressing traffic calming concerns. The [presentation](#) is available here and online within the Agenda materials. Council members directed the North Kingstown Police Department to research options to address the concerns and recommendations listed and return to the Council for further action to include the possibility of installing cameras for automated speed enforcement near school zones and for traffic enforcement elsewhere.

The Council continued their year(s) long ambition to provide utility savings to North Kingstown residents through unanimous approval of a Community Aggregation Program. Following the [presentation](#) by Good Energy representatives, the Town Council authorized Good Energy to move forward with selecting an electricity supplier, provide educational materials to residents, and begin the implementation of the program.

The Town Manager presented his [Manager's Report](#) with updates on the Wickford Waterfront Project, Public Safety Complex, School Capital Improvement Bond initiative, as well as plans for participation in the RI250 commemoration of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026, and much more. A new initiative announced is the debut of a twice-monthly email newsletter from the Town that will supplement official news and information shared on our social media platforms, to be known as North Kingstown Notes. [Sign up](#) for the newsletter or follow [our Facebook page](#) for ongoing updates.

Council acted on a very busy Consent Agenda of items put forth by the Administration and individual municipal departments, to include the receipt of multiple donations and grants, awarding of a bid and contracts, purchase approvals, a virtual license, bond reduction, and meeting schedule change as well as approval of minutes from the previous minutes. A summary is shown here:

Consent Agenda Item	Amount	Funding Source
Ryan Park Trail Improvements	\$90,875	DEM grant
20 Mobile Computers/NKFD	\$44,042	Municipal Court Fund Balance
(23) Mobile Radios & accessories/NKPD	\$119,355.99	Municipal Court Fund Balance
Faro Focus S-70 3D Scanner/NKPD	\$40,014.79	Municipal Court Fund Balance
Beta Group Pavement Management Program/DPW	\$42,500	Public Works FY25 Budget
Authorization for Town Manager to contract with DBVW Architects for architectural and engineering services for Public Safety Complex project	\$2,760,033	Voter-approved Bond (11/2024)
Authorization for Town Manager to contract with DBVW Architects for architectural and engineering services for Wickford Fire Station	\$2,068,048	Voter-approved Bond (11/2024)
Town Beach Seawall Revetment Project	\$300,000	RIDEM/CRMC OSCAR Fund Grant
<b>New Business</b>		
Authorization for a >300 ft Water Main Extension to development at 165 Namcook Rd		

The next meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council will be on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Kingstown Town Hall on 80 Boston Neck Road. The [full meeting schedule](#) is available on the Town's website.