

NORTH KINGSTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW



Meeting Date: Monday, March 24, 2025

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The March 24th meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council was highlighted by a busy agenda and significant Public Comment regarding an application before RI Coastal Resources Management Council for the construction of a residential boating facility/pier on a lot on Earle Drive.

The meeting began with the Council President asking for a moment of silence to honor three members of the community who have passed away recently, including longtime residents George Hammond and Peggy Fitzpatrick, as well as Nicolas Musumeci, 26, a Jamestown resident and NK High School graduate.

The Town Council held two Public Hearings. The first was to approve parking fines for parking violations at the Beach Campus during the summer season as the Beach Campus is shared by those visiting the beach as well as the Senior and Community Centers; the second was to establish bus rental fees.

The Planning Department and Bowman Consulting presented a [Safe Streets For All Action Plan](#), funded via Federal Grant under the U.S. Department of Transportation with a goal of making North Kingstown, a safer community for its pedestrians and cyclists. The Town Council acknowledged the plan and unanimously voted to send a letter of support.

During Public Comment, a significant number of residents vocalized to the Town Council their opposition to Item #23 on the [Meeting Agenda](#) which would allow the construction of a residential boating facility/pier on a lot on Earle Drive. The Town Council, later in the evening, supported the residents by unanimously voting to file a substantive objection to the application before the RI Coastal Resources Management Council.

Within the Consent Agenda, the Town Council:

- approved minutes from a prior meeting
- approved Tax Abatements
- received a donation for summer camp scholarships
- awarded various purchases and a Concession Contract for Wilson Park
- accepted a LEARN365RI Math Matters RI Grant of \$55,000, a grant from the RI Interlocal Trust for Emergency First Aid kits at the Town Beach, and a scholarship for our Recreation Director to attend a Certification Training Workshop.

The Town Manager presented a [Manager's Report](#) to summarize new and ongoing projects and initiatives underway. This was followed by an update by Planning Director Nicole LaFontaine on the Good Energy Program, and a [presentation](#) by the Deb Bridgham, Finance Director, and a [year-to-date budget report](#) projecting a balanced budget and surplus for Fiscal Year 2025.

The Town Council concluded the meeting by appointing volunteers to the Arts Council and Zoning Board of Review, followed by a review of correspondence.

The next meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council will be on Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall (80 Boston Neck Rd). Additionally, the Town Council will host a Public Hearing on the proposed [FY2026 Budget](#) on April 21st, starting at 6:30 p.m., also at Town Hall. The Council's [full meeting schedule](#) can be found on the Town's website.