

NORTH KINGSTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW



Meeting Date: Monday, April 14, 2025

Meeting Recording: https://northkingstown.granicus.com/player/clip/1471?view_id=3&redirect=true

The April 14th meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council was highlighted with a presentation from Councilperson Kim Page providing an update on the School Bond Project and Town Council providing Advice and Consent of the Town Manager's appointment of Matthew Souza as the new Building Official.

Councilperson Kim Page began the meeting with an update and information on the March 26th meeting at R.I. Department of Education as well as the April 7th meeting of the School Department's Building Advisory Committee. Councilperson Page explained some of the challenges taking place as well as the overall commitment for the town to receive maximum reimbursement from RIDE on the upcoming projects. The next meeting of the Building Advisory Committee will take place on April 24th.

Town Manager Ralph Mollis then thanked outgoing Building Official Don Peck for his years of service as well as his personal sacrifice in protecting the future of the Building Department with the steps he took in providing a path for Matt Souza to become the new Building Official. Fortunately, Don will stay on as Assistant Building Official for years to come, providing a beneficial balance to this critical department. The Town Council then proceeded to provide Advice and Consent on the Town Manager's appointment of Matthew Souza as the new Building Official. Matt will serve as the third Building Official since Mollis became Town Manager in January 2017. Following his graduation from North Kingstown High School, Souza majored in Engineering and worked for seven years in the construction and trades industry; Souza serves on the Board of Directors of the R.I. Building Officials Association, currently serving as its Vice President as well as Chair of several committees, is a member of the Eastern States Building Officials Federation, and holds numerous certifications and licenses. He has worked for the Town of North Kingstown since 2008.

The Town Council then proceeded to a busy [Consent Agenda](#) where they awarded a new contract for Professional Auditing Services; awarded engineering contracts for the Post Road and Polar Point Water Main Replacement Projects; provided for much needed purchases within the Water Department; ratified Alcoholic Beverage and Exhibition Licenses; provided permitting for the Town's July 3rd Fireworks Celebration at the Town Beach; and declared April Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The Town Manager presented his [Manager's Report](#) to summarize new and ongoing projects and initiatives, including recognition for Recreation Director Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs and the North Kingstown Recreation Department for receiving the RI Recreation and Parks Association's "Distinguished Department of the Year Award" and the "John Jack Cronin Award." The Manager also reminded the public that the Public Hearing on the Budget will take place on Monday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall (80 Boston Neck Rd).

The Town Council concluded the meeting with a list of correspondence it has received.

The next meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council will be on Monday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. This is in addition to the Town Council hosting the Public Hearing on the proposed FY2026 Budget on April 21st at 6:30 p.m., also at Town Hall.