

NORTH KINGSTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW



Meeting Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

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The April 28th meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council was a lengthy meeting which was highlighted by the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026).

The meeting began with two Public Hearings. The first saw the Town Council approve outside expansion to a local restaurant and the second resulted in Town Council approval of expansion of mobile food establishment permits.

The Town Council then put aside significant amount of time for public comment with the majority of public comment both in opposition to and in support of a Resolution to oppose House & Senate legislation banning Assault Weapons (the “Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025 in the RI General Assembly). The Town Council did not move forward on a motion for this Resolution.

This was followed by a busy [Consent Agenda](#) in which Town Council approved the minutes of the April 14th meeting; received donations for a wishing well in Yorktown Park and improvements to Ryan Park trails; approval of a Police Department request for Automated Traffic Enforcement Cameras and Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras in specified School Zones; continuation of a Fire Hydrant Replacement Project; a new two-year contract with Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation; and various licenses.

The Town Manager presented a lengthy [Manager's Report](#) that included updates on various Town, school, and Rhode Island Department of Transportation initiatives taking place, as well as information on 2025 seasonal parking passes for Town Beach Campus, upcoming Summer Concert Series at the Town Beach, and recognition of Ben Mandel of the Planning Department and the Department of Public Works.

The Manager's Report was followed by a [Finance Report](#) from Deb Bridgham, Finance Director, on the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, projecting another balanced budget with a surplus of approximately \$1 million dollars and information on a Utility Supply Contract which the Town Manager signed that is expected to provide additional savings over the coming years.

The meeting concluded with the Town Council adopting a Resolution for the initial funding of improvements of school facilities, funding for the upcoming Public Safety Complex Projects, and adoption of the FY26 Budget. The FY26 Budget provides funding for continued operations and services in the municipal portion of the budget, funding for the Town's award-winning enterprise funds and a 3.87% increase in funding to the North Kingstown School Department at a time when State Aid to education is less than what was provided the previous fiscal year.

You can watch the entire April 28th Town Council meeting via the [Live and Archived Meetings](#) link for the Town Council on our website. The next meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council will be on Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall (80 Boston Neck Rd).