

NORTH KINGSTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW



Meeting Date: Monday, May 12, 2025

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The May 12 meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council was highlighted with the Council ratifying a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the North Kingstown Firefighters, a Third Amendment to the Tax Pilot with Electric Boat which is projected to bring in an additional \$110,000 for Fiscal Year 2026, and the Advice and Consent of the North Kingstown Town Council on Town Manager Mollis' appointment of John G. Linacre, Jr. as the new Fire Chief of the North Kingstown Fire Department.

The meeting began with the approval of an application for a Community Development Block Grant providing funding for Scholarships to the North Kingstown Summer Camp program and much needed Case Managers and Resident Services Coordinator for Kingstown Crossings Apartments, a residential complex managed and operated by Crossroads Rhode Island.

The Town Council then proceeded to provide unanimous Advice and Consent on Town Manager Mollis' appointment of John J. Linacre, Jr as Fire Chief of the North Kingstown Fire Department. Chief Linacre is a 35-year veteran of the Department, previously serving as Assistant Fire Chief then Interim Fire Chief upon the retirement of Chief Scott Kettelle earlier this year. A veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserve, Chief Linacre is highly respected among the Department's Command Staff as well as his peers within and outside the Department. Town Manager Mollis cited Chief Linacre's experience, vision, goals, leadership and management skills during his introduction.

Council heard from students of the [Middle School Youth Commission](#), an initiative overseen by the Office of Family Services and the Recreation Department, funded by a LEARN365RI Grant, that proposed to purchase and install a filtered water fountain/bottle refill station at a town park and to coordinate a school supply drive. The Town Council unanimously approved these initiatives.

The Town Council presided over a busy Consent Agenda where they approved various measures, received donations for valuable causes for the town, and issued licenses. The Consent Agenda was highlighted by the Town Council allocating funds towards the local celebration of the Nation's [250th Anniversary](#) in 2026, and the [Memorial Day Parade](#). They also approved purchases of police vehicles, new microphones, and a maintenance contract for emergency generators.

The [Manager's Report](#) reported on a number of initiatives and brought the Council up to date on the pursuit of bike lanes along Boston Neck & Ten Rod Roads. The Manager's Report was followed by a [report](#) by Council Person Kim Page on the School Bond Projects.

After awarding a Veterans Memorial Scholarship, the Town Council then ratified a new, three-year CBA with the North Kingstown Fire Department. Once signed by the Town Manager and countersigned by Local 1651, the CBA will be a public document on our website. Council concluded their evening business with an Authorization of a new Amendment to the PILOT Agreement with Electric Boat and Quonset Development Corporation. It is projected to bring in an additional \$110,000 in revenue for FY2026, and an additional \$2.4 million in revenue over the 14 years remaining in the Agreement. The meeting concluded with Council Person Linnea Drew reading correspondence.

[Watch](#) the entire Town Council meeting online. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday, June 9 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall (80 Boston Neck Rd).