

NORTH KINGSTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW



Meeting Date: Monday, June 9, 2025

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The June 9th meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council had an active agenda with multiple important actions and items of interest.

The beginning of the meeting was highlighted by Special Business where HistWick donated a piece of original art depicting the Town's rail history. This outstanding original artwork, from Guy Cassady, was accepted by the Town Council and will hang in the hallways of Town Hall at 80 Boston Neck Road. Prints of the artwork will be the latest addition to the Wickford Walk series.

The next item of Special Business included a [report](#) from the Wickford Advisory Committee highlighted by a [Power Point](#) presentation describing the resident feedback from the November 2024 Resident Forum and proposed action steps related to this feedback. It was accepted by the Town Council and will be reviewed further by the Council and the Administration.

Special Business then continued with an informational [presentation](#) from Climate Conversations as well as photos depicting local climate events in Southern Rhode Island. This presentation received acknowledgement and support from the Town Council and Town Administration with their proposed action steps being reviewed further.

The [Agenda](#) also included the Town Council's continued commitment to welcome [Public Comment](#). Members of the public are encouraged to attend Town Council meetings and welcome to provide public comment on issues within the Agenda, as well as any issues that may not be on the Agenda. Those wishing to speak are respectfully requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes or less.

As always, the Town Council presided over a busy Consent Agenda as well as two Public Hearings on licenses. As part of the Consent Agenda, the Town Council awarded bids for maintenance and testing services to Fire Alarms, Fire Sprinkler Systems and Fire Extinguishers; Container Services and Transportation Services for the collection and disposal of Solid Waste, Recyclables and Transfer Station Commodities; various services maintaining and upgrading the town's IT infrastructure; critical supplies for the appropriate maintenance of our water supply; and various licenses for establishments and events maintaining alcoholic beverage license, sales licenses and peddler licenses.

The busy Consent Agenda continued with action on a critical bid award for the comprehensive evaluation and design of the HVAC equipment at the Senior Center as this important venue is experiencing humidity and air conditioning issues which is affecting the quality of services of senior residents. The Consent Agenda also had Town Council completing its work on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, with required actions on appropriations and levy, the acceptance of a donation of a Maple Tree at Wilson Park in the memory of Frank Caseglia, and the acceptance of the resignation of Kent Dresser from the Board of Canvassers with the Council's thanks for his services.

The Town Council concluded the Consent Agenda with a Resolution recognizing the Month of June as North Kingstown Pride Month, encouraging the community to continue to recognize and support activities that highlight the LGBTQIA+ community.

The Town Council then heard three reports:

- 1) First, the Town Manager presented his [Town Manager's Report](#), with updates on several projects taking place in town, information on upcoming events, the most recent positive ratings issued by Rating Agencies in anticipation of the upcoming issuance of Bonds, and congratulations to various employees who have received recognition for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments.
- 2) Next, a report from Planning Director Nicole LaFontaine detailed [FEMA's recent increase](#) to the Town's National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (NFIP CRS) classification. This increase will allow members of the community to qualify for a 15% discount on flood insurance premiums and is a result of the Town's tangible accomplishments and actions regarding flood mitigation activities to protect lives and reduce property damage. Details are on the Planning Department's [website](#) and will be updated soon to include details of the increased discount on premiums for flood insurance for North Kingstown residents.
- 3) Thirdly, the [FY25 April Budget Report](#) was made by Deb Bridgham, Finance Director, highlighting the year-to-date revenue and expenses, projecting an estimated surplus for FY2025 of \$1.2 million.

The Council meeting concluded with Superintendent Ken Duva appearing before the Town Council relative to a request of the Council to approve funding from the Bond/BAN Award for the hiring of DBVW Architects and The Peregrine Group as Architects and Owners' Project Manager for the upcoming Wickford Middle School and Capital Improvement Projects. This was followed with the appointment of Palmer Beebe to the Board of Canvassers, then Council Person Linnea Drew reading correspondence.

You can watch the entire Town Council meeting via the link at the start of this overview, at any time. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday, June 23, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall on 80 Boston Neck Road. Future meetings are listed in the [Town Council's meeting calendar](#) on our website.