

NORTH KINGSTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW



Meeting Date: Monday, October 20, 2025

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The North Kingstown Town Council had its second of two October meetings on Monday evening, October 20, in Council Chambers at Town Hall (80 Boston Neck Rd). The next meeting will be on Monday, November 3, in the same location.

The 7:00 p.m. meeting began with a moment of silence to honor the late Mark Zaccaria, former North Kingstown Town Councilperson and the late Louis Chasse II, former North Kingstown Fire Marshal, both recently deceased.

The meeting proceeded with five Public Hearings. The first was the approval of various local Alcoholic Beverage and Victualing License Renewals; the second resulted in the approval of a minimal indoor seating expansion of The Buttercup Flower and Wine Bar in Wickford; the third resulted in the approval of the recommendation of North Kingstown Police Department to place No Parking restrictions on a small portion of Lafayette Road in the vicinity of the Ryan Park and Feurer Park entrances; the fourth amended the Zoning Ordinance to provide more flexibility in allowing awning signage on local businesses; the fifth and final hearing amended the Historic Zoning Ordinance, providing more administrative oversight resulting in easier and faster design review for local residents and businesses. Information on all five of these public hearings can be found online within the [Agenda](#).

Council Person Matt McCoy then introduced a Proclamation recognizing Colonel Adam G. Wiggins of the Rhode Island Air National Guard for his decades of service and leadership as he turns over command of the 143rd Airlift Wing and moves on to the Joint Force Headquarters of RING in East Greenwich. This was followed by the public comment portion of the agenda where residents are provided with the opportunity to present comment on issues within or outside the evening's agenda.

Next, was the Consent Agenda, where Council approved a contract replacing the asphalt roof at the North Kingstown Community Center; the award of the Golf Course Restaurant Concession to its current concessionaire, Tavern by the Green; receipt of various donations for the Senior Center and "Al's Kids Scholarships" benefitting the Recreation Department; the award of various licenses; approval of previous meeting minutes; and the scheduling of two future public hearings on Commercial Passenger Harbor Vessel Fees; and an increase of various residential tax exemptions currently provided to residents.

The Town Manager followed with a comprehensive Manager's Report updating the Council and the public on various projects and issues. The report included a brief update on the School Bond Projects; an update on the Public Safety Complex Bond Projects; information on the Municipal Parking Lot and Wickford Mini-Roundabout projects; a preview of various upcoming public meetings regarding the community electricity aggregation program being launched by Good Energy; a preview of two local forums on Short Term Rentals (10/27) and Stormtools (11/4); a preview of local committee events to celebrate the Nation's 250th anniversary in 2026; and a

recap of a meeting Mayors and Managers had with the Governor regarding the potential lack of funding for the SNAP Program due to the Federal Government Shutdown.

The meeting was adjourned following an update on correspondence by Council Person Linnea Drew.

You can watch this entire Town Council meeting via the link at the top of this page. There are three Council meetings remaining in the 2025 calendar year, as listed in the [Town Council meeting calendar](#) on our website.