

**NORTH KINGSTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OVERVIEW**



Meeting Date: Monday, January 12, 2026

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Happy New Year!

The North Kingstown Town Council kicked off its 2026 [meeting schedule](#) as it prepares for a busy beginning of the new year with the Legislative Delegation and the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget forecasting a full and ambitious agenda.

The first business item was a Public Hearing on an Ordinance revising the membership of the Economic Development Advisory Board to improve the Board's functionality, strengthen its engagement, and ensure it can meet regularly. The Ordinance was passed unanimously.

This was followed by the Public Comment portion of the agenda where residents are provided with the opportunity to present comments on issues within the agenda as well as any issues that may not be on the evening's Agenda. The public comment portion were highlighted by a resident's request to Town Council recognizing of an upcoming "Volunteer Day" coordinated by the local VFW chapter, and a resident thanking the outstanding work of the Police and Fire Departments in locating a resident with dementia who had been in the winter conditions for over seven hours.

The Town Council then proceeded to its Consent Agenda. Within it, Town Council unanimously approved continued renovations and improvements to the Community Center with the approval of a bid for new flooring; approval of a professional services contract with Envision Technologies for equipment and professional services previously budgeted to maintain optimal network functionality and security; and approval of a work Change Order for the Wickford Waterfront Project for the installation of a galley system to assist with drainage along with the installation of new bollards and rope for continued aesthetic improvements.

The Consent Agenda also resulted in Town Council approving an application for a grant to fund a brochure for the public on the benefits of managing and preserving tree cover; approval of an Agreement for grant funding for a School Bus Stop Arm Implementation Project; Council authorization to participate in the 2026 RI Main Street Learning Cohort for the coordination, planning, and possible outside funding for improvements of our Main Streets and Commercial Districts; as well as the approval of Victualling Licenses, and acceptance of various donations to be used by the Senior Center and Recreation Departments.

Once the Consent Agenda concluded, the Town Manager provided his [Manager's Report](#) to highlight updates, initiatives, and news within the community. The Manager's Report provided a brief update on the School Bond Projects, Public Safety Complex Projects, Offshore Wind Farm Project, Wickford Elementary Residential Project, the Post Road/West Main Street Sidewalk Project, Save the Bay's Public Meeting on the Rodman Mill Dam, and the upcoming FY 2027 Budget, and other miscellaneous items.

Following, the Town Manager and Alan Austin, Director of Water Supply, provided a detailed [presentation](#) on PFAS and a summary of the well conditions within the Water Department's infrastructure with current and upcoming improvement plans. The presentation resulted in a robust discussion with the Town Council and concluded with Council continuing to make this subject a priority.

The meeting concluded with appointments to the Arts Council and Council Person Linnea Drew updating the Town Council on correspondence.

The next Town Council meeting, featuring a meeting with the local legislative delegation, is scheduled for Monday, January 26 in Town Hall's second floor Council Chambers at 80 Boston Neck Road, starting at 7:00 p.m.

