

April 14, 2025

Manager's Report

A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager





School Department Capital Projects

Regular Update:

- My thanks to **Councilperson Kim Page** for the thorough update on the School Department Bond Project and this past week's meeting of the Building Advisory Committee. As was mentioned, the priorities at this point are sending in a revised Stage II Application to RIDE, maximizing reimbursement and getting the Requests for a new Owner's Project Management Firm and Architecture & Engineering Firm advertised.
- The next meeting of the Building Advisory Committee will be April 24th. Councilperson Page and/or I will provide a new update during the April 28th Town Council Meeting.
- Until then, as I've mentioned before, all Bond expenditures will need Town Council or Town Manager approval so the public can expect to be made aware of all public expenditures via public meetings.



Public Safety Complex Project

Regular Update:

- As mentioned previously and due to time constraints, we have increased the frequency of our meetings to now occur weekly. Our meetings continue to focus on finalizing a footprint for both the new Complex and Station One, as well as to find cost savings within our initiatives and site designs.
 - We will continue to evaluate the Quonset site with the hope of appearing before the Town Council soon on the land purchase & sale. We've provided a 15-mo. cash flow to assist with the timing and format of financing.

We do have a tentative timeline:

- ☒ Complete the design & bid for the new Public Safety Complex at the end of this year. Bid project Feb/Mar 2026.
- ☒ Begin construction June 2026, with completion date of December 2027 and move-in/out date of Jan/Feb 2028.
- ☒ Accomplish 75% design of Station One by the end of this year, then pause to construct the new Public Safety Complex.
- ☒ Resume Station One work in Aug 2027, with bid complete and awarded by Dec 2027.
- ☒ Begin Station One construction Feb 2028, with May 2029 completion date and July 2029 move-in date.

Revolution Wind



Regular Update: Offshore Wind Farm

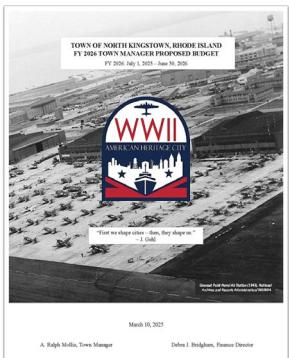
- We had our regular bi-weekly meeting with Revolution Wind regarding their **Offshore Wind Farm** Project in Quonset Business Park.
 - There haven't been any significant changes since my last update.
 - Work is ongoing with over 200 people working during the daytime shift there each day. All major deliveries have taken place, and they continue to provide outreach notifications and response to any concerns.
 - As we did with Town Council, I am working with Revolution Wind to put together a small tour for employees who participate in our bi-weekly meetings, sometime in May.
- As always, anyone with questions and /or concerns is encouraged to contact Revolution Wind directly, at (401) 251-2207 or info@revolution-wind.com. They provide us with regular reports on all constituent concerns that they receive, and how they are resolved.

Projects/Initiatives



Wickford Waterfront Project

- A limited update on this project: the bonding insurance company is soliciting bids to complete the work. They hosted, and we attended, what appeared to be a successful pre-bid site meeting. All bidding companies have a list of local events that they will have to work around. Our Solicitor is actively involved in all aspects of the project at this time.
- We won't know completion dates until we have a new contractor on board, however, once the wall is complete, the steel pilings and portions of fencing can be removed.



FY2026 Budget *Public Hearings*

- As I've mentioned in the past, a reminder that the Public Hearings for the Budget will be held a week from today, on Monday, April 21st, starting at 6:30 p.m. here in Town Council Chambers.
- The night will begin with a hearing on the town-portion of the budget, followed by a hearing on the School Department Budget. This hearing is scheduled to answer any questions the public may have.

Updates

North Kingstown Animal Shelter



- During Budget Meetings with our Town Council, questions came up as to the status of the new arrangement with our Animal Shelter. Captain MacCoy of the North Kingstown Police Department has since provided a report to the Council highlighting the successes experienced leading up to what is the first anniversary of the restructuring of our partnership with the North Kingstown Animal Shelter Support Foundation.
- The North Kingstown Animal Shelter Support Foundation has overachieved in their commitment to assume operational responsibility of the town's Animal Shelter. Their volunteer base has increased to 25 members who go above and beyond in their care of the animals and dedication to increasing adoption rates.
- The outstanding leadership by **Foundation President Joe Dedy and Vice-President Kate Malone** has been instrumental in the daily operations and optimal care of the animals.
- Captain MacCoy has been very pleased with how this has turned out and looks to formally recognize the Foundation for their unwavering dedication and support.
- **My thanks to Captain MacCoy for his work in this endeavor and for this update.**

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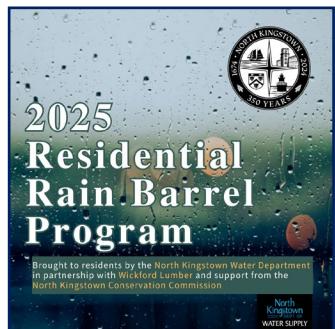
250th Committee



- We have established a committee to work with the State to commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary next year. This Committee, led by **Kate Glass** of my office, **Councilperson Matt McCoy**, **North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce Director, Maria Masse**, **HistWick President, Randy Wietman**, and active resident, **Michael Donohue**, will create events, partnerships, sponsorships and collaborations to celebrate this historic anniversary and join municipalities from around Rhode Island in the RI250 campaign.
- To become a sponsor or get more information, please visit our website: <https://www.northkingstownri.gov/1091/RI250-America250>

Water Department

Residential Rain Barrel Program



- Due to its success last year, we are re-establishing the Residential Rain Barrel Program through a partnership with Wickford Lumber with the support of the Conservation Commission.
- The Water Department will provide a discount on a rain barrel at Wickford Lumber; proof of residency is required and is limited to one per address on a first-come, first-served basis.
- For details, contact our Water Department at 268-1523, or visit Wickford Lumber on Tower Hill Road.

Updates



Department of Public Works

- As what is (hopefully) a sure sign of Spring, our Public Works Department has commenced our Street Sweeping Program throughout town.



Earth Day (April 22, 2025)

- Our town employees will be commemorating Earth Day with clean-ups during lunch breaks next week. We are providing trash pickers and bags, and those who choose to participate either solo or with colleagues, trash will be collected from roadways, sidewalks, and other public areas around workplaces, homes, or other places of their choosing.



Rhode Island City and Town Manager's Association

- As Treasurer of the RI City and Town Manager's Association, I will be hosting the group's upcoming quarterly meeting next week at the Quonset Tavern by the Green.



Post Road Business Alliance

- Following up on my update at the last Council Meeting, the Post Road Business Alliance is hosting their first, and soon to be annual, **Post Road Cleanup**. It will be Sunday, April 27th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
 - To sign up or get additional details, contact PRBA at postroadnk@gmail.com or **Ben Mandel** in our Planning Department: bmandel@northkingstownri.gov

Updates



Recreation Department

- I attended the Luncheon of the RI Recreation and Parks Association's Annual Conference at the Quonset O Club in which they gave out four statewide awards.
- North Kingstown Recreation Department was honored with the "Distinguished Department of the Year" Award
 - Recognizing an outstanding RI Parks and Recreation Department for its exceptional concern for, and dedication to, enhancing community life celebrating significant achievements in programming, facility management and maintenance, and community involvement that positively impact the community.
 - The "John ' Jack' Cronin Award" was given to our Director, **Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs**.
 - Honoring individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field to celebrate those who emulate Jack Cronin's dedication and impact while recognizing an individual's exceptional service, demonstrated leadership, upholding of ethical standards, and a commitment to enhancing the recreation program and park services in their community.

Congratulations to Chelsey and all Recreation Department Staff for these two awards, this outstanding recognition, and for setting the standards high here in North Kingstown.

Updates



RI Public Transit Authority *Proposed Route Changes*

- RIPTA is proposing changes to their **Quonset Express Route** to provide greater access from and to Northern Rhode Island and better align this route with the Electric Boat shift schedules.
- They are holding two Public Hearings this week. Complete information on these changes can be found on RIPTA's website, or by reaching out to them directly:
<https://www.ripta.com/publichearings/> or (401) 781-9400.

Thank You



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