

# Manager's Report

**A. Ralph Mollis,  
Town Manager**

**June 9, 2025**





## School Department Capital Projects

- I recently attended a meeting of the School Department and RIDE.
- RIDE is looking forward to working with the School Department's new vendors with a goal of receiving the Stage II submission by September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - They are working towards a scenario where the School Department will be receiving as close to 100% reimbursement as possible.
- We are working with the School department on a new 'draw down' schedule
  - We expect to issue the Bond Anticipation Notes later this month.



## Public Safety Complex Projects

- We continue to have productive, weekly roundtables with internal staff and the architectural team.
  - We are reviewing design plans for the new Police Complex in Quonset and the new Fire Administration/Station One on Post Road.
- Cost and risk analyses for geothermal and net zero have been reviewed.
  - Based on our current Remote Net Metering arrangement, the unpredictability of future federal credits, and the increased cost, impacts to project timelines, and many other considerations, it's not prudent to move in that direction.
- We continue working with our vendor to continue our study and borings on the Quonset site which we hope to purchase soon.
- We are planning another 4-8 weeks of internal meetings and designs before presenting and hosting a discussion at a public meeting.

## Updates:

- Bi-weekly virtual meetings with **Revolution Wind** continue.
- We had a successful on-site meeting and tour last week. Work is moving along rapidly.
  - Deliveries and employees on site are in a reduction phase. They are looking to be energized via the substation in January, and operational (providing energy) by November 2026.
  - I will continue to keep you and the public up to date.
- I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact Revolution Wind directly: 401-251-2207, or via email: [info@revolution-wind.com](mailto:info@revolution-wind.com)
  - I receive regular reports on all outreach they receive and how any issues are resolved.

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## Updates: (continued)

- As I've previously reported, RIDOT has several bridge and roadway projects both ongoing and planned for our area.
- The Devil's Foot Road bridge is temporarily closed to all traffic as they replace the superstructure over Amtrak. RIDOT anticipates it will remain closed through the fall of 2025.
  - Our Public Safety departments have coordinated our response with East Greenwich; we are comfortable with our situation until the road reopens.
- RIDOT is also:
  - working on a full replacement of both bridges carrying South County Trail and Frenchtown Roads over Route 4, along with repaving the connection ramps.
  - commencing work on the installation of the new ramps located along Route 403, I-95 and Route 4 as part of the Missing Move Project.
  - installing a rotary at the intersection of W. Davisville Road and Compass Circle with signal improvements along Post Road.



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### Municipal Office Building 100 Fairway Drive



Yorktown Park  
Yorktown Road

## Updates:

- After numerous meetings, Adam White and our architect have made some inroads to reintroduce a revised and reduced improvement plan for our Municipal Office Building.
  - We are preparing bid specs based on these changes, and hope to receive some bids that are financially achievable.
  - I will keep you up to date.
- The renovations and improvements at Yorktown Park are nearing completion.
  - We are very excited to reopen it for the public later this month.
  - I will be in contact with the Town Council regarding the official Ribbon Cutting, and we look forward to promoting it when it's finished within the next couple of weeks.



## Updates: (continued)

- RIPTA provided an update to me last week thanking North Kingstown for their support of public transit and to let us know of their realigned service to Quonset to support the growing needs of the Business Park.
- Route QX, “Quonset Express,” will originate further north in Rhode Island, with a seamless connection to and through Providence, to Quonset, and align with Electric Boat’s first, second and third shift schedules.
  - These changes will go into effect starting June 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Updates: (continued)

- After 4 years of permitting and work, we are happy to announce the work associated with our \$88,000 Ryan Park Trails Grant has been completed.
- The result is a new middle school cross country loop, accessible pathways, parking near the trailhead, regrading of existing pathways and walkways, and the construction of boulder retaining walls at the dam.
- My thanks go to the Field Maintenance Division, School Department coaches, residents, booster club, and our Town Historian, as well as our Recreation Director, Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, for their collective efforts to complete this project.



## Updates: (continued)

- Town Parking Passes for our Beach Campus are on sale at the Municipal Office Building (100 Fairway Drive) in the Town Clerk's Office, and in Town Hall (80 Boston Neck Rd) in the Recreation Department
- North Kingstown Arts Council, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, begins the Tuesday Night Concert Series and Thursday Family Concert Series on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - For the full Summer 2025 Schedule, please visit: [www.nkarts council.org](http://www.nkarts council.org)
- A reminder: our annual Fireworks display at the Town Beach will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. As always, there will be food trucks and entertainment with parking shuttles starting at 4:00 PM.

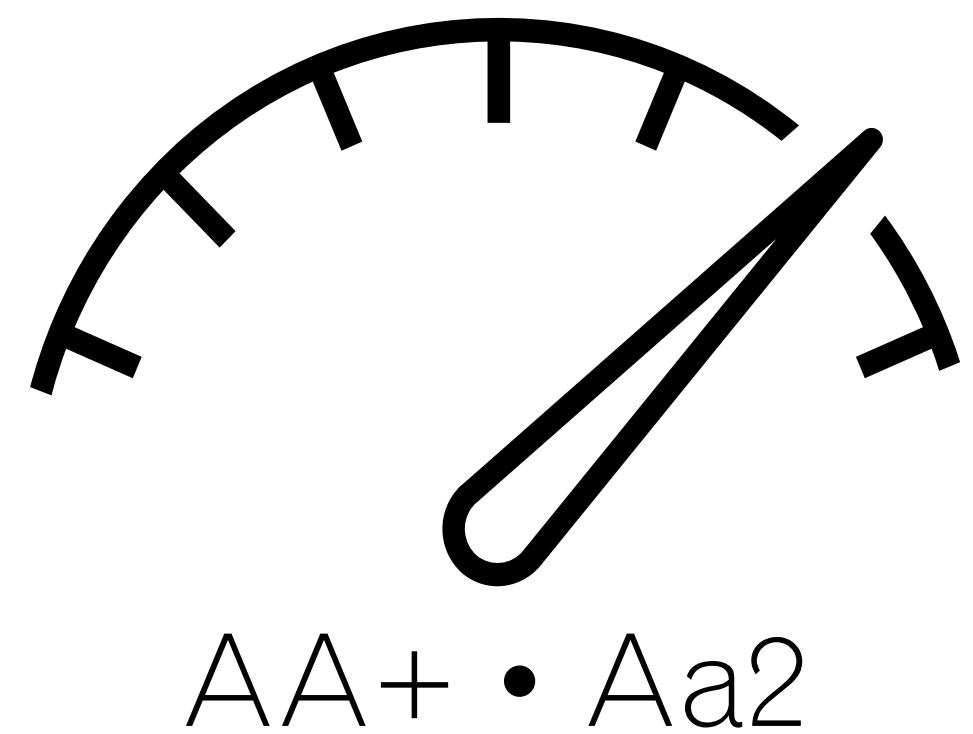


A detailed schedule for the North Kingstown Arts Council Concert Series. The schedule is organized into four columns: June, July, August, and a sidebar for the Arts Council.

- June:**
  - 17: The New Reminisce (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, Dels, Saugy Shack)
  - 24: Take it to the Bridge (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Sunset Farms, Dels, Saugy Shack)
  - 8: Purple Honey (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Dels, Saugy Shack)
  - 15: Liz Spencer Band (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, The Rolling Italian, Dels, Saugy Shack)
  - 22: Country Wild (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, The Rolling Italian, Dels, Saugy Shack)
  - 29: Neal and the Vipers (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, Sunset Farms, Dels, Saugy Shack)
- July:**
  - 10: Atwater-Donnelly (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, Dels, Saugy Shack)
  - 17: Keith Munslow (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, Dels, Saugy Shack)
  - 24: Vanessa Trier and the Jumping Monkeys (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, Dels, Saugy Shack)
  - 31: Zoe Lewis (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, Dels, Saugy Shack)
- August:**
  - 20: the Toe Jam Puppet Band (Food Trucks, Mum's Ice Cream, Dels, Saugy Shack)
- Arts Council Sidebar:**
  - ARTS COUNCIL**
  - TUESDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**
  - Food Trucks**
  - Our bands are booked! Your donation directly impacts these events.**
  - With your support, we can bring fun to our community. Thank you for donating today!**

## Updates: (continued)

- EDAB presentation rescheduled to July 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
- I provided my annual update at the Summer Meeting of HistWick last week; they were appreciative of the update and all that is going on in Wickford and North Kingstown. I thanked them for their work as well.
- In anticipation of the Bond Anticipation Notes for the upcoming School & Public Safety complex project, our Finance Director and I had a 2-hour meeting with the S&P Global Ratings Team for an updated Ratings Report.
  - The resulting report was very positive, reaffirming our **AA+** long term rating, citing:
    - Our “approach to financial management”
    - “robust reserves”
    - “sound finances”
    - “conservative budgeting”
  - S&P also assigned its **SP-1+** rating on our upcoming debt.
    - These ratings should be very beneficial for our issuance.
- Similarly, Moody's Rating Agency also issued their Annual Issuer Comment Report for us, reaffirming our current **Aa2** rating.
  - This was all considered positive news by our Financial Advisor, showing financial success with growing residential and commercial developments.



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## Department Updates:

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- Congressman Magaziner contacted me recently to let me know that he has submitted our \$620,000 request for the revitalization of the Old Town Meeting House as part of his 2026 Community Project Funding submissions.
  - It will need further approval by the Appropriations Committee, then both chambers of Congress.
  - He will keep us updated throughout the process.



- I'm happy to report that the Water Department has completed installation of the insertion valve to allow it to better isolate problematic areas of the water main, ultimately decreasing the interruptions associated with water main breaks.
  - This work will speed up the water main replacement project on Post Road scheduled for later this year, which will minimize disruptions once the new sidewalks are completed.

## Employee News:



- Congratulations to:
  - **Joe Pacquet and Adam Littlefield** of Public Works as they placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their division, and helped North Kingstown take home the 1<sup>st</sup> place title in the annual Rhode Island Public Works Association Snowplow Rodeo competition.
    - Adam and Joe will represent the state of Rhode Island in Colorado this fall for the national competition.
  - **Natalia Armstrong** of Public Works and **Tim McDavitt** of Purchasing for completing a significant training program with RI Trust, designed to help member employers improve safe work practices, increase safety hazard awareness, and broaden their safety expertise.
    - Natalia and Tim are among only 71 municipal employees in the state to have earned this certification to date.
  - **Kate Glass** of my office for completing and graduating from the RI League of Cities and Towns' Municipal Leadership Academy.
  - **Ryan Boucher** of the Water Department, for winning the RI Rural Water Association's annual competition at their annual conference and trade show, a timed reassembling of a water meter!
    - This skill has earned him an all-expenses-paid trip to New Orleans to compete on the national level.



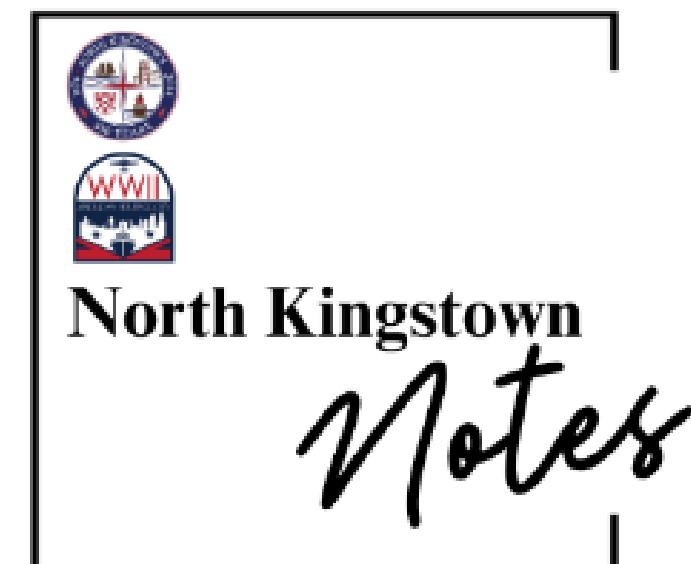
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Thank you.

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