



**July 14, 2025**

**A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager**

# **Manager's Report**



## School Department Capital Bond Projects & Public Safety Complex Bond Projects

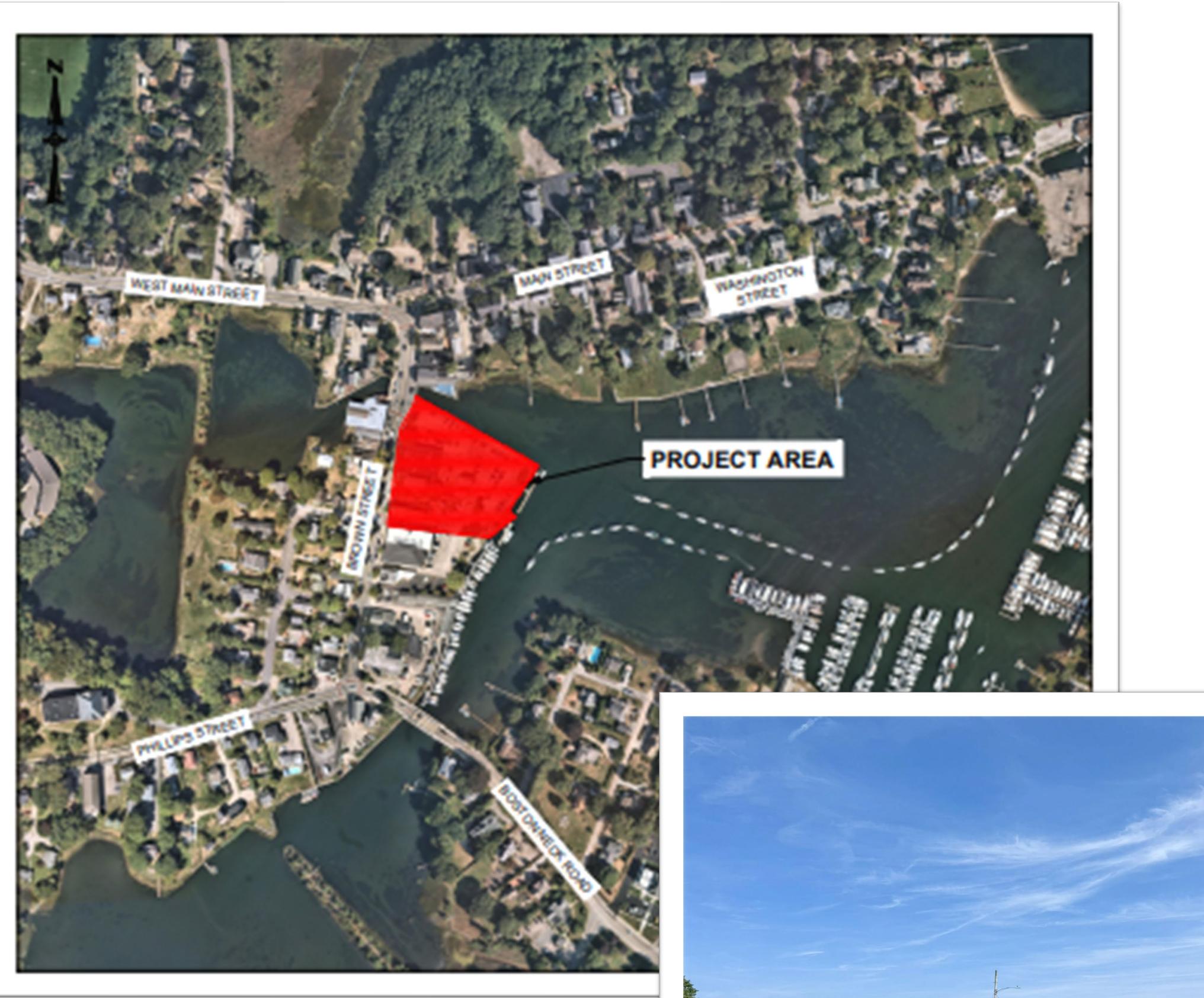
- No significant updates to report on either project at this time.
- This week's School Building Advisory Committee meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, July 16th.
- I am aware the School Department is in regular conversations with the RI Department of Education as they work towards a Stage II submission by September 15th and towards a scenario where the School Department will receive as much of the 35% applicable reimbursement as possible.
- We will have an internal working group meeting again this week to continue discussions on Public Safety Complex Bond Projects, with floor plans, renderings, site plans, and procurement requirements for technology design and construction all expected to be discussed.
- We remain on track to hold a public meeting regarding the Public Safety Complex projects, and based on resident availability/convenience, it will most likely be after Labor Day. Stay tuned for a date – we will widely share it once available, on our website, in our newsletter, and on our social media channels.



## Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot Project

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- This project continues on schedule: Phase I has a binder course in place, with work being done on Phases II and III.
- Contractors are working around all of the local summer events in Wickford Village, including the popular Wickford Harbor Fire evenings, and we remain in regular contact with BETA and RICON, our Consultant and Contractor, respectively.



## Updates:

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- **Safe Streets For All:** Endorsed by the Town Council, and following an external and detailed analysis, we've recently been notified that we are one of the communities that has been selected for a Road Safety Assessment on Annaquabucket Road and the intersection of Stony Lane and Old Baptist.
  - The aim of the study is to analyze what elements of the road present a safety concern, to what extent and to which road users, and under what circumstances, as well as provide opportunities to eliminate or mitigate the identified safety concerns.
  - The Road Safety Audit (Assessment) identifies road safety issues at targeted locations and opportunities for improvement; these professionals will work closely with representatives from our Planning, Public Works, Police and Fire departments from July through September.
  - I will update the Council once we have a final report.

# Safe Streets and Roads for All



## Updates:

- Senator Reed's Office updated me earlier this month to confirm he has submitted a \$625,000 FY26 Appropriation Request for a Broadband and Camera System, as well as a \$250,000 Appropriation Request for the renovation and rehabilitation of the Old Town Meeting House.
  - We were reminded this funding process is lengthy, and may stretch into the next calendar year, but his office will keep us updated.
- The Town issued a Press Release earlier this month detailing parking pass requirements at our Town Beach: **parking without a valid parking permit from Memorial Day through Labor Day, or in areas not allowed for beachgoers (such as Senior Center or Community Center parking lots), may result in fines and/or towing per North Kingstown Police Department.**
  - Certified lifeguards and a gate guard are stationed at our Town Beach daily in the summer season.
  - We are proud to be an ADA accessible beach, with a sand mat to allow for mobility through the sand and a water chair available while lifeguards are on duty.
  - For questions, please contact the Department of Recreation: 401-268-1540.



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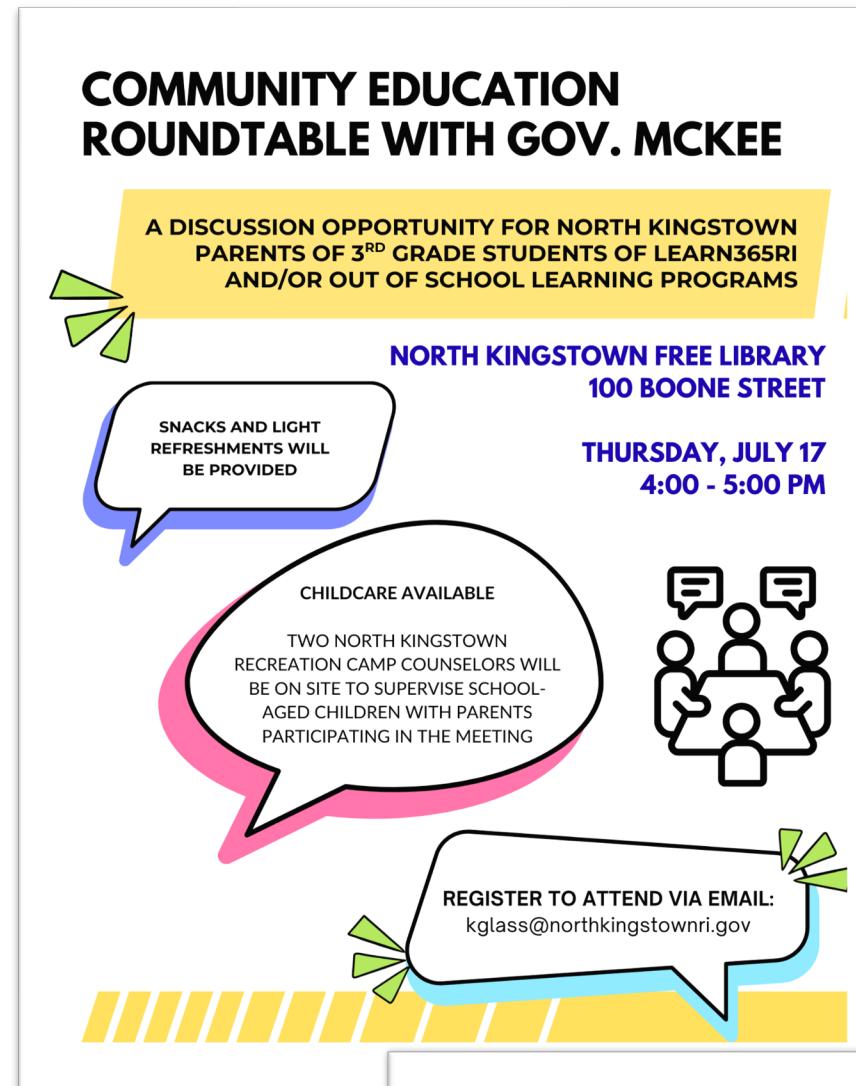
- **North Kingstown Police Department** was recently recognized by RI Interlocal Trust for their reaffirmed Accreditation Status.
  - Accreditation is a voluntary process undertaken by NKPD that benefits the department by establishing set standards and practices which are continually reviewed and updated, as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in law enforcement.
  - Accreditation of the department results in significantly lower insurance premiums for North Kingstown.
- Our first installment in the 3M Class Action Lawsuit regarding PFAS contamination, of \$522,114, is being disbursed. This is the first of what is expected to be a series of payments totaling approximately \$3.5 million, prior to costs and fees.
  - This does not include any disbursements we will receive separately from the DuPont Settlement or the TYCO/BASF Settlement.
  - You may recall this came about through an introduction I had with a client of a former colleague in government that was coordinating the Class Action Suit. With approval from Town Council and guidance from the Town Solicitor, we proceeded to become a plaintiff in the suit and will result in significant funds which I will refer to as the **PFAS action** in future updates.
  - Expenditure of these funds will require Town Council approval. I hope the majority will be used towards PFAS decontamination efforts as well as costs associated with well replacement from wells we voluntarily closed due to PFAS. I further hope to use some funds to purchase PFAS-Free gear for our Firefighters.



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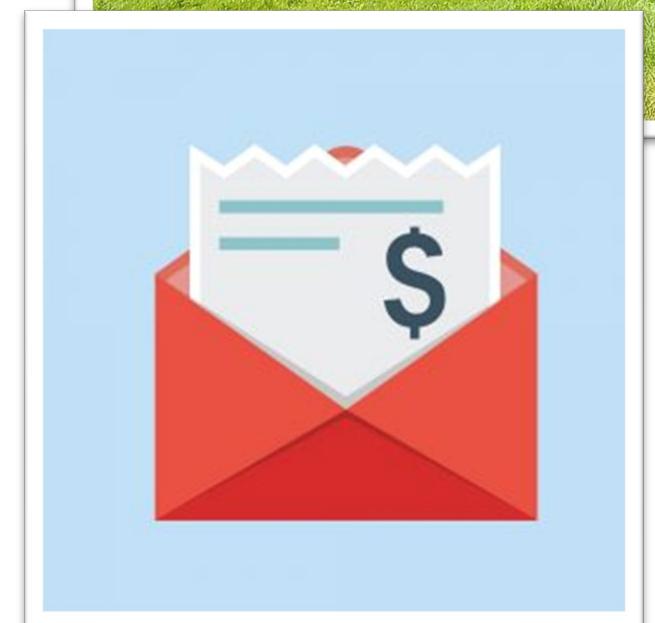
- We've been working with the Governor's Office to host a Community Education Roundtable with Governor McKee, that will take place from 4 – 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> in the North Kingstown Free Library. As done and planned for other LEARN365RI grant communities, the meeting is for parents of (rising or completed) 3rd grade students who have participated in a LEARN365RI program in North Kingstown to discuss out of school learning programs and education.
  - To register, email [kglass@northkingstownri.gov](mailto:kglass@northkingstownri.gov)
- Please mark your calendars for September 6<sup>th</sup> – for our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Day** at Wilson Park from Noon until 5:00 PM.
  - This is a no-cost family-friendly event featuring live music, activities for family members of all ages, and games. Family Day was well received during our 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2024, and resulted in staff members stepping up to volunteer to plan another event. My thanks to those making this event possible again.



## Updates:

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- Recreation Director Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs is hard at work coordinating the August visit of Dutch recycle artist Thomas Dambo and his team as they begin work on the **Troll** that will be constructed for North Kingstown. We hope to have a significant update at the August Town Council meeting with details and a public announcement regarding Chelsey's fundraising efforts to cover the cost differential between the grant and actual cost of the art installation.
  - *The picture shown at the right is of Dambo's #74 "Little Lisa" Troll installation, commissioned by Edelwies Natur und Freizetpark (Germany).*
- The Town recently posted on Social Media regarding **Tax Bills** that were mailed on time, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, as we were notified many taxpayers had not yet received their Tax Bills almost 10 days later.
- We've reached out to the United States Postal Service for more information about our mailing but haven't received much input back at this time, other than bulk mail is taking more time than usual right now.
- To speak with our Finance Department regarding your bill, please call 401-268-1528.





Thank you.

A. Ralph Mollis,  
Town Manager

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