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**North Kingstown**

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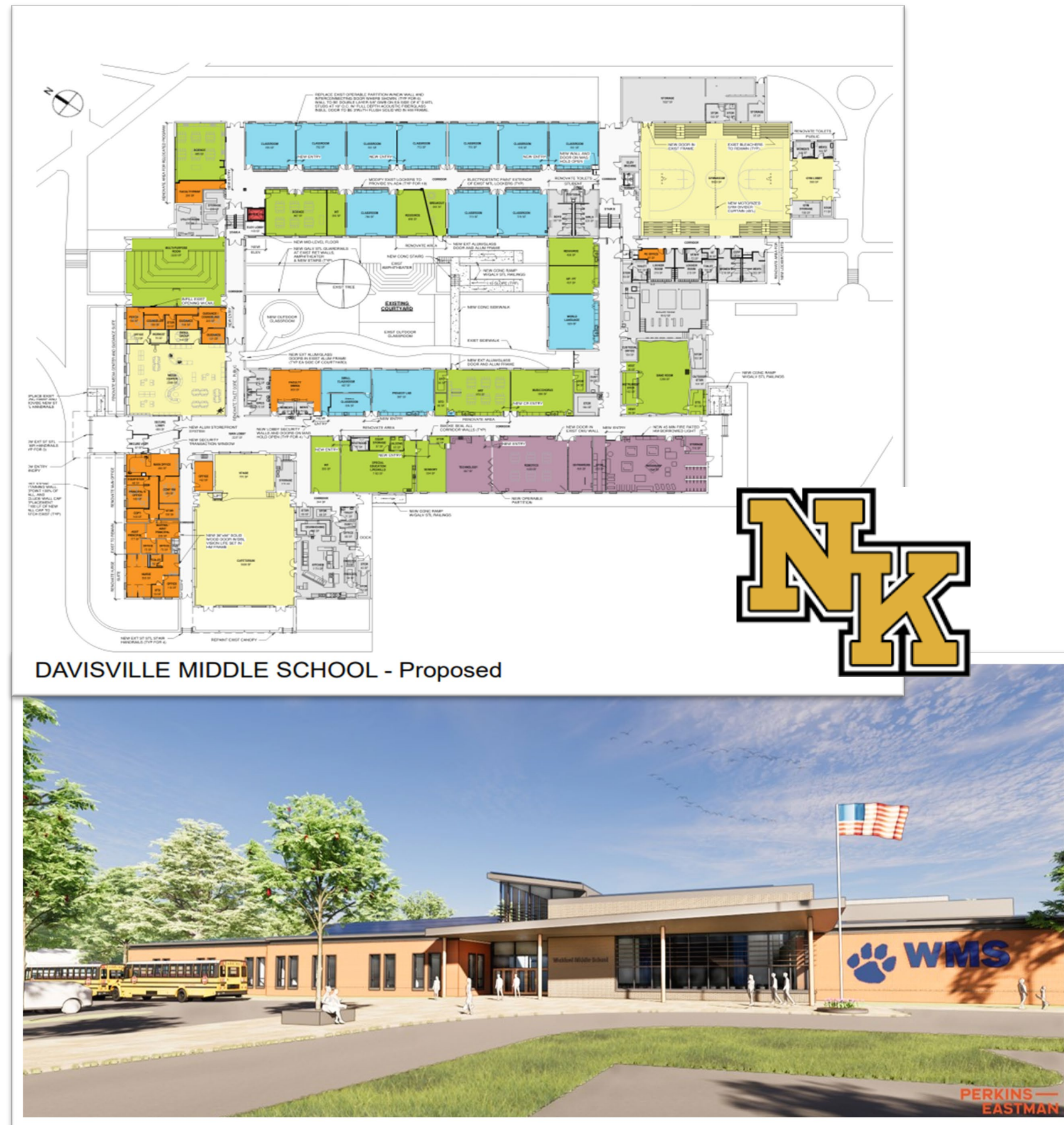
# **Manager's Report**

**September 22, 2025**

A. Ralph Mollis,  
Town Manager

# School Department Capital Bond Projects

- Council Person Kim Page and I attended the most recent meeting of the School Department's Building Advisory Subcommittee two weeks ago but had to leave early due to it conflicting with the Council Meeting the same night.
- At the meeting, Peregrine, DBVW and Perkins Eastman provided a presentation on the updated Wickford Middle School plans as well as an updated Capital Improvement Program, all which would be included in the revised Stage II application with RIDE. The primary revision was a vision to allocate a significant portion of the CIP towards DMS to accomplish equity between the two middle schools.
- We also discussed an updated Cash Flow Projection for the Middle School and CIP projects.
- Tonight's Council Agenda includes the approval of the Stage II submittal as well as funding of CIP projects, including rooftop units at Stony Lane Elementary, flooring at Hamilton Elementary and the High School, and water fountains/filling stations at 6 schools.
- The next meeting of the Building Advisory Subcommittee will be 10/1.





## Public Safety Complex Bond Projects



- As I've reported in my last two Manager's Reports, the Public Safety Complex Bond Projects are now at a critical stage where we are awaiting cost estimates. We have an internal meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, 9/25, and will include information in my next Manager's Report if cost estimates come within range of the bond amount.
- I expect we will proceed with a public meeting to present our progress and begin plans for a Project Labor Agreement Analysis.
- I have also stepped up conversations and negotiations with Steve King of QDC on the attainment of land within the Business Park necessary to construct the Public Safety Complex. I hope to have something to discuss with the Council at our next meeting; the possibility exists that this will be an Agenda item.





## Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot Project

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- This work continues to move forward.
- The new contractor, RICON, has been great to work with and we have regularly scheduled project meetings with them and BETA Consultants.
- Soon, plantings will be installed. Final paving and striping is anticipated to be completed in early October. A visit from Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank and The Nature Conservancy to catalog the improvements and impacts is also being scheduled.
- We are still looking at early October for the 100% completion date.





## Updates:

# Orsted Revolution Wind

- Despite the recent Federal Stop Work Order, we continue with our bi-weekly meetings with Revolution Wind regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project.
- They are wrapping up their onshore work and are still in the process of energizing onshore with Rhode Island Energy.
- Gate 1 along Camp Ave is now closed, resulting in fewer trucks along that road.
- There is nothing new to report on the Preliminary Injunction filed against the Stop Work Order
- I have written an Op-ed regarding the impact of the Stop Work Order on the Town of North Kingstown and this industry and will work with Revolution Wind and our State and Federal Delegation to see what role I can play in reaching out to the appropriate federal personnel. I will keep the Council up to date.



*Photo credit Renewable Energy World*



## Updates:



- The **Rhode Island Department of Transportation** has begun their striping of bike lanes along Boston Neck Road, with bike lanes on both shoulders of Route 1A from Beach Street in North Kingstown, through Saunderstown, to Old Boston Neck Road in Narragansett. On Friday, they were painting on the stretch of road adjacent to Town Hall and near our Municipal Office Building.
- RIDOT Travel Advisories are issues for our area in relation to the several road and bridge projects underway in and around our community. For instance, starting last night and remaining in place through this Wednesday night, overnight closures on Route 4 near the Route 402 (Frenchtown Road) overpass are needed for bridge demolition. Signed detours will be in place from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM.
  - I will continue to receive as much information as possible in order to assist RIDOT in keeping our community and the public up to date (*for active RIDOT Travel Advisories, see [their website](#)*)
- The work on the mini roundabout in Wickford started last week. All work is being done at night and signage is in place. It seems to be going well. We are in regular contact with the Contractor and RIDOT regarding addressing any resident or business-owner concerns as well as possible.
- RIDOT marked the early completion of the Tower Hill Road Bridge Project on Route 1 on Friday, nine months ahead of schedule, using accelerated bridge construction methods to minimize impacts to the estimated 52,000 travelers who use this transportation corridor daily. The project included repaving more than 6 miles of Route 1 in North and South Kingstown.





## Updates:



- As reported last meeting, the **North Kingstown Free Library** has started their new strategic plan, intended to guide the future of their services, programs, and spaces over the next several years.
- They welcome broad participation in their online [Community Survey](#) where patrons can share their thoughts and feedback.
- Additionally, they have scheduled a community event on Sunday, October 19, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. to celebrate 50 Years of their Boone Street location, and will have raffles, guest speakers, children's programming, refreshments, and more.

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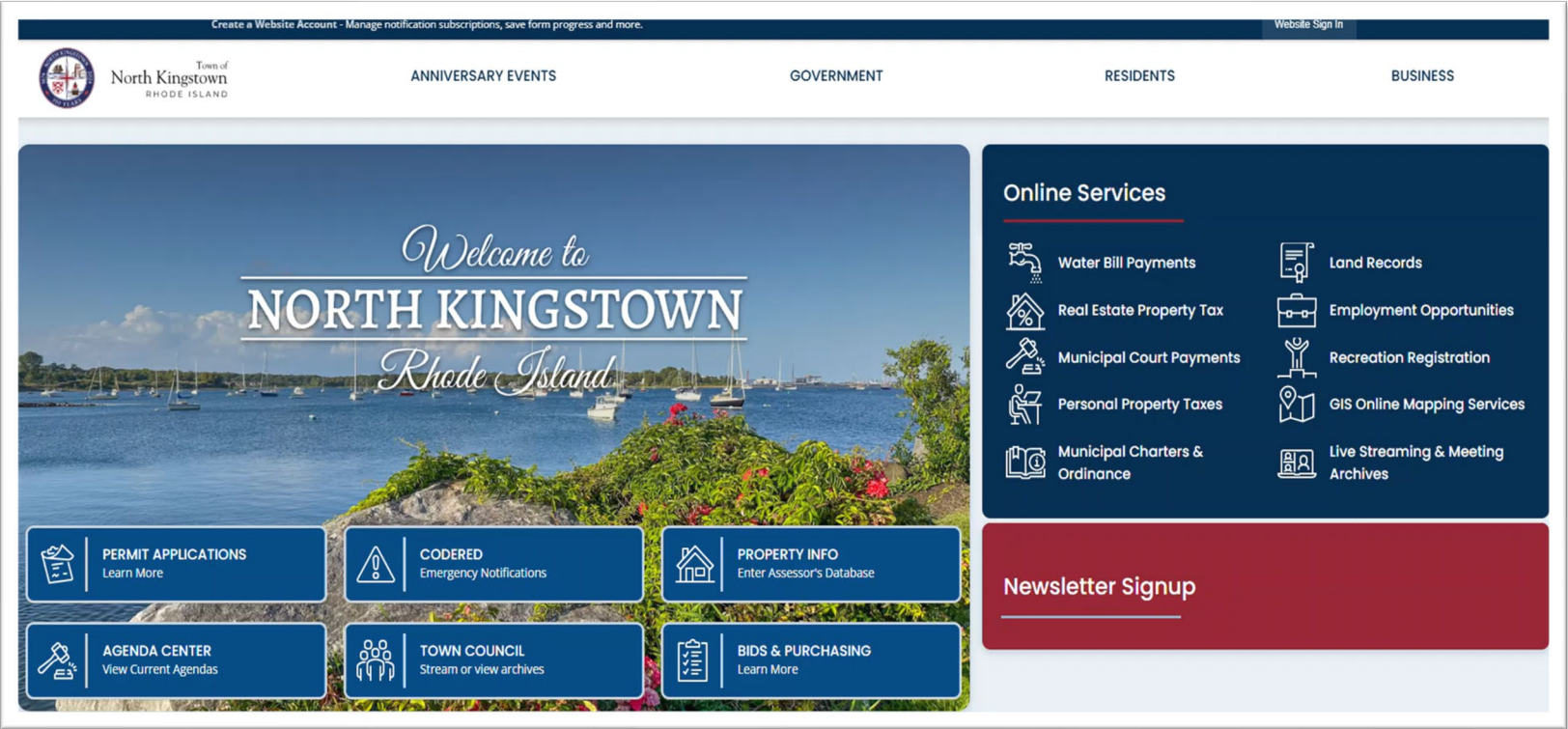
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- Last week, I sent a letter to CRMC, urging them to take action on the Wickford Elementary School Residential Project. I am also in conversations with the developer and their attorney. I hope to have some progress to report on soon.
- At an earlier Council Meeting, you had requested a report on the Rescue Billing Account and the associated 5-Year Capital Plan which the Chief and I discuss and update periodically. I was hoping, along with Chief Linacre and Finance Director Deb Bridgham, to present a report at tonight's meeting. However, we are still finishing that information and plan to present to you at our next meeting.
- We are also finishing up the language and fiscal impact projections on the various changes to the Tax Exemptions which the Town Council had introduced and was passed by enabling legislation by the General Assembly. We expect to have the appropriate Ordinances and information also introduced at your October meeting.
- Our Planning Department will host an Arbor Day Tree Planting with four new trees at the Margaret Cranston Playground in Wickford at the intersection of Boone and Phillips Streets within the next few weeks. I will share the date and time of the event as soon as details are finalized.
  - The event will celebrate the new trees being planted at the site and progress we have taken on our way to receiving an Arbor Day Foundation designation in their Tree City USA recognition program.





# Updates:



- We debuted our new website, [www.northkingstownri.gov](http://www.northkingstownri.gov), before the last Council meeting and hope you've found it to be easy to access municipal resources and information.
- The redesign includes a mobile-optimized design, knowing that many residents access our site on their smartphones, tablets, and desktop computers, at all times of the day.
- It is also built on a platform that includes the highest data security standards, improved calendar functionality, and an intuitive search functionality. Most importantly, it puts the most-likely-to-be-accessed-resources at the top of your fingers and at the forefront of our new layout. We are actively focusing on improving built-in accessibility automation functionality and that our site is maintained according to ADA recommendations, ensuring equitable access to content for all.



- As Treasurer of the Rhode Island City and Town Managers Association, I will be hosting the quarter's meeting of the Association this week at Tavern on the Green, the restaurant at our Municipal Golf Course.
- I have asked Speaker Shekarchi to be our Guest Speaker and look forward to hearing his thoughts on the 2025 session, and to discuss some of our priorities for the upcoming 2026 General Assembly Session.





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