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North Kingstown

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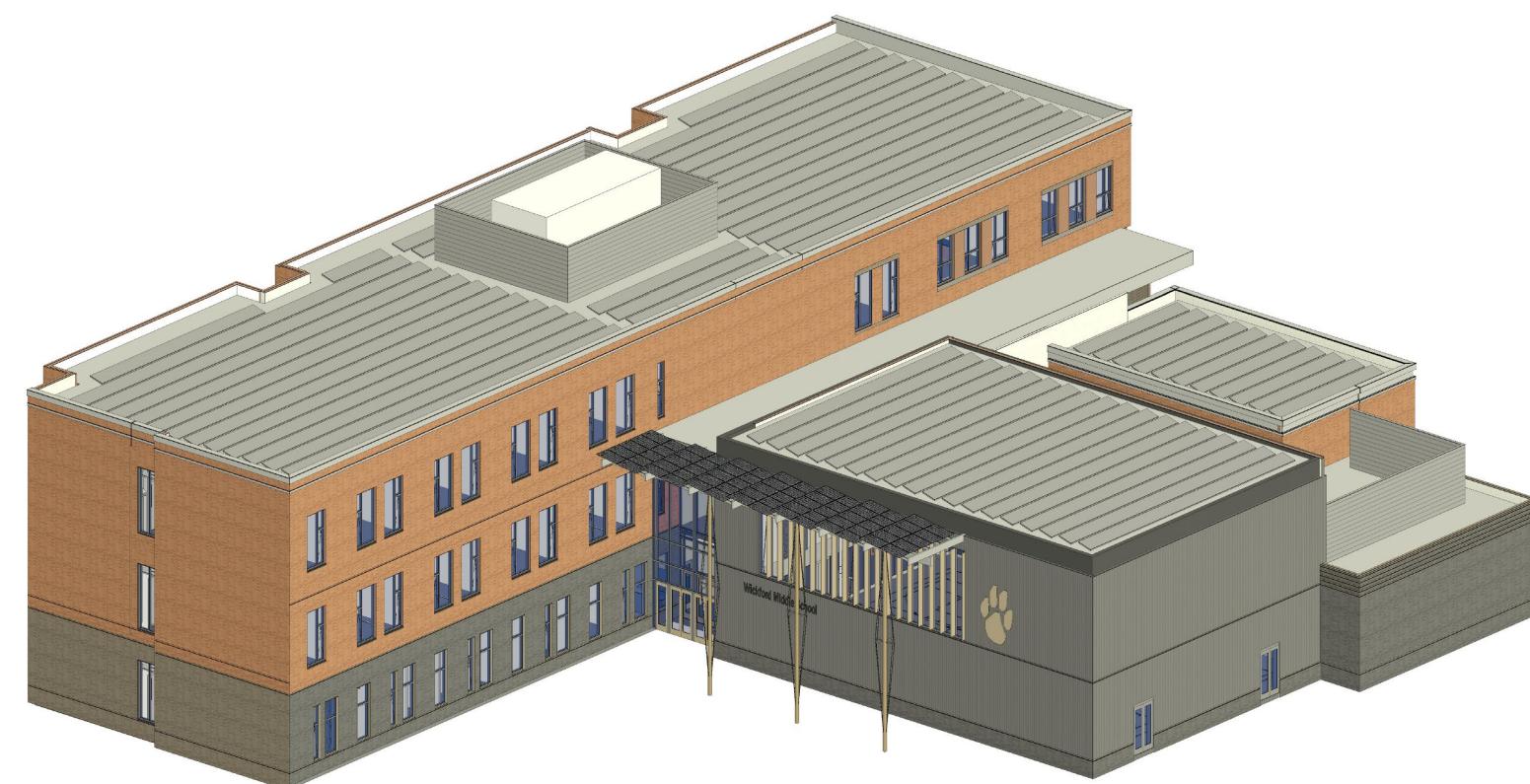
Manager's Report

October 20, 2025

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

School Department Capital Bond Projects

- Town staff continues to communicate with Peregrine Group to provide a smooth path forward towards permitting and approvals for the Middle School Project.
- Stage II review is still before RIDE. We expect to hear from them sometime in December.
- In the meantime, work continues on the Stage III submission.
- The next meeting of the Building Advisory Subcommittee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th.



Public Safety Complex Bond Projects

- We had what I feel was a very productive public meeting this earlier this evening updating the public on the progress of the Public Safety Complex Bond Projects.
- We discussed the project history, introduced the project team, provided a preliminary timeline, schematics, renderings and cost estimates as well as next steps regarding land acquisition and the current funding shortfall.
- Our next steps appear to be going to bid for a Construction Manager, beginning the Project Labor Agreement Analysis, and beginning discussions with Town Council regarding the land acquisition and funding shortfall.
- I will continue with updates within future Manager's Reports.





Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot Project

- The (Brown Street) Municipal Parking Lot Project is very near completion with permanent striping having been completed last week and timber bollards and new roping nearly done.
- Our Public Works employees will be refreshing paint on existing timbers to match those newly installed.
- New directional signage is in the works and will be installed shortly.
- Events have already taken place in the newly redesigned parking lot, including this weekend's Harbor Fire, VFW Fall Festival, and the Wickford Walkin Tour and Witches Paddle hosted by the Wickford Village Association.
- Last week, we hosted a project tour for RIIB staff and the Nature Conservancy as the project was partially funded with a RIIB Municipal Resilience Program Grant.



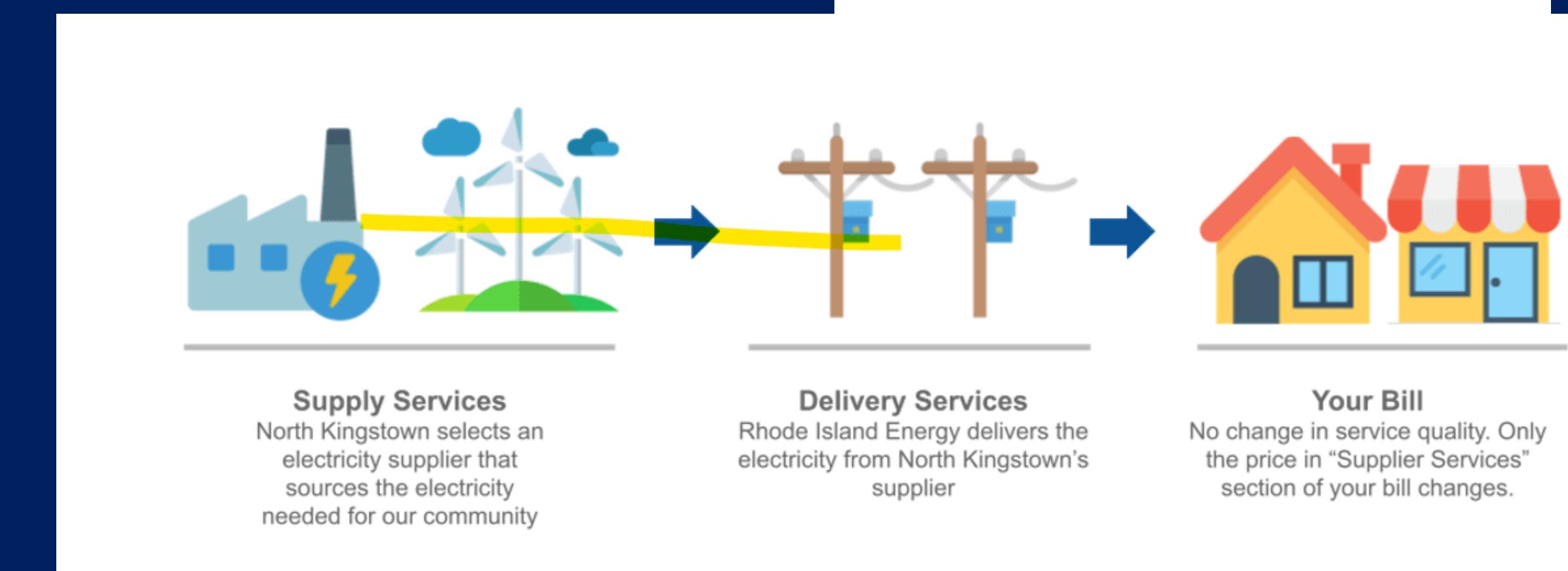
Updates

- Work on the mini roundabout in Wickford continues on schedule. While all major work has been conducted at night, there will be daytime work on October 27th, 28th and 29th as they complete stamping for the roundabout.
- We've discussed this and coordinated with many Wickford business owners and will continue to be in regular contact with the contractor and RIDOT.
- It appears the project will be completed on schedule.



Updates

- We've had a recent productive meeting with Good Energy regarding the launch of the community electricity program endorsed by the Town Council earlier this year. This program has had successful rollouts in other communities throughout the state, and nationwide.
- The Ocean State Community Electricity Program has tentative launch date in North Kingstown for January 2026. Informational mailers will be sent by Good Energy to all residents, and they will host informational meetings on the following dates:
 - November 12th – 6:00 p.m. ONLINE
 - November 19th – 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
 - December 3rd – 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
 - December 4th – 10:00 a.m. @ Senior Center



Updates

- As mentioned in my last Manager's Report, Wickford Advisory Committee will host a Short Term Rental community forum here in Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on October 27th.
- This forum is being hosted with the purpose of providing an opportunity for residents to have opinions and thoughts included in a future report from the Committee to Council.

- There will also be a forum or workshop presented by Climate Conversations entitled "Stormtools" featuring speaker Malcolm Spaulding, Professor Emeritus at URI and retired Executive Director of CRMC.
- The purpose of this workshop, on November 4th from 3 – 5:00 p.m. in the Court Meeting Room of our Municipal Office Building at 100 Fairway Drive, is to demonstrate how to use Stormtools to assess future flooding and impacts to property and local roads. To attend, please register with Meg Kerr via email: megkerr66@gmail.com

Short Term Rental FORUM

Wickford Advisory Committee



The Wickford Advisory Committee invites all Wickford STR owners, neighbors, businesses and residents to a Short Term Rental Forum.

The meeting is an opportunity to speak about your experience with Short Term Rentals in Wickford and to promote dialogue with the various stakeholders.

Monday, October 27th at 6:30 pm
2nd floor, Historic Town Hall,
80 Boston Neck Road

This is the third such forum WAC has held on Wickford concerns and we will present the Town Council with our findings.



Updates

- Our Semiquincentennial Committee, charged with developing programming and partnerships to creatively commemorate the anniversary of our nation's 250th throughout the 2026 calendar year, has announced an exciting 2026 events calendar.
- It includes monthly speaker series presentations on the history and heritage of our community and region in and around the time of the Revolutionary War, and other unique events to learn and enjoy incredible history of the people, documents, and events that helped shape our country and the birth of democracy.
- **The committee is seeking additional sponsors to be included on creative and highly visible marketing and advertising that will reach regional audiences.** To discuss the remaining sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kate Glass at 401-268-1501 or kglass@northkingstownri.gov.
- I'd like to thank HistWick and VFW Post-152 for their early and generous commitments to the success of our 250th plans and look forward to recognizing the others that join them in supporting this worthy and exciting initiative.

2026 SPEAKER SERIES
Revolutionary History and Heritage

Join the North Kingstown Semiquincentennial (250th) Committee, supported by generous community sponsors such as HistWick and VFW Post-152, for informative and engaging presentations by subject matter experts from our community and afar, as we explore the topics, themes, experiences, and people impactful and central to our community's way of life in years surrounding the Revolutionary War.

<https://www.northkingstownri.gov/1091/RI250-America250>



**NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI
SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES: REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY & HERITAGE	
JAN. - DEC.	
APRIL 20 10:00 A.M.	LIBERTY TREE PLANTING VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
MAY 4 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.	RHODE ISLAND INDEPENDENCE DAY NARRAGANSETT BAY EVENING CRUISE
JUNE 10 7:00 P.M.	LAFAYETTE BAND 250TH CONCERT TOWN BEACH BANDSTAND
OCTOBER 17-18	PATRIOTS & PIONEERS: LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 4-10	"BRAVE MEN AS EVER FOUGHT" BY DON TROIANI ON DISPLAY IN TOWN HALL

**NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI
SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Updates



- While construction work is winding down and outreach has been quiet, we continue to meet bi-weekly with Revolution Wind regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project.
- Minimal workers remain on site at this point, and they have targeted energization with R.I. Energy for early November. Perimeter landscaping and fencing is complete. They are hoping energy can be provided sometime mid-to-late 2026.
- I will continue to keep the Council and public up to date.
- We had out regular Executive Board Meeting of the RI League of Cities & Towns last week. As we are beginning to focus on the upcoming 2026 Legislative Session and anticipate the Final Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on education funding, they have scheduled a tentative joint session with School District leaders in early December to discuss funding and municipal/educational partnerships to support career-based learning.
- We also discussed cities and towns working with Substance Use & Mental Health Leadership Council of Rhode Island where our efforts here in North Kingstown were highlighted for our effective use of Opioid Settlement Funds.



Updates

- As you know, the Town is an active member of the RI Interlocal Trust where we receive our Property & Casualty Insurance, Health Insurance, and various Safety and Wellness Programs & initiatives.
- I will be attending the all-day Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and Committees, of which I'm an Executive Board Member and member of two committees, on Thursday, October 23rd.
- I expect it to be very informative as we prepare our FY2027 Budget and as we learn of any impacts to the programs and benefits we cover through The Trust.



Thank you.

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