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Manager's Report

November 17, 2025

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager



Town of
North Kingstown

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School Department Capital Bond Projects

- Peregrine is working on comments from RIDE regarding Stage II submission with most of the comments relating to the CIP with the Middle School application seemingly proceeding well;
 - their team is fully immersed in the Stage III process;
 - site work is taking place at Wickford Middle School;
 - they continue to meet with members of the town's administration.
- DBVW also provided an update on the CIP Projects: work will take place on the High School roof in 2026; elementary school roofs in 2027 & 2028; and DMS improvements, with a goal of parity with WMS, in 2027, 2028 & 2029.
- Perkins Eastman also gave an update on WMS activities and continues school floor plan updates.
- Bids have gone out for a Construction Manager At Risk for the Middle School Project. Peregrine and Superintendent Duva have asked me to sit in on the review and interview committee for this process. The goal is for the recommendation to go before Town Council at the 12/15 meeting.
- The Building Committee also unanimously voted to recommend Stephen Turner, Inc. as the Wickford Middle School Commissioning Agent. I believe this is going before the School Committee and then the Town Council for approval as well.



Public Safety Complex Bond Projects


- The Town's administrative team has reviewed the RFQ with DBVW for the Construction Manager at Risk as we are hoping to post this bid soon as time is of the essence.
- We are working on the next steps for a Project Labor Agreement analysis.
- I continue to talk with Steve King of Quonset Business Park in order to present the land swap and/or purchase necessary to construct the Public Safety Complex in Quonset Business Park.



Updates



- Good Energy had their first informational meeting regarding [“Ocean State Community Electricity Program”](#) virtually, this past Thursday night (11/13).
- A reminder that in-person informational meetings are as follows:
 - November 19 @ 6:00 PM – Town Hall (Council Chambers)
 - December 3 @ 6:00 PM – Town Hall (Council Chambers)
 - December 4 @ 10:00 AM – Senior Center/44 Beach St.
- The tentative launch date of the program is January 2026.
- We will have more to share on this program later in tonight’s agenda.



**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR
OCEAN STATE COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY**
A program for North Kingstown

Join a community meeting to learn more and ask questions

IN-PERSON <u>Town Council Chambers (80 Boston Neck Rd)</u> Wednesday 11/19 at 6pm Wednesday 12/3 at 6pm <u>Beechwood (44 Beach St)</u> Tuesday 12/4 at 10am	VIRTUAL <u>Virtual access links at</u> <u>OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com</u> Thursday 11/13 at 6pm
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**Be on the lookout for a Notification Letter arriving in mailboxes
around November 11**

**Ask questions directly to the program consultant via form at
[OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com](https://www.OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com) or call (401) 203-3400**

Updates

- As I've mentioned, construction is winding down on Revolution Wind's Offshore Wind Farm Project.
- We continue talking and meeting with Revolution Wind on a regular basis.
- An important step forward is taking place as on-site energization is put in place.
- They are also finishing up paving and landscaping for the season.
- I will continue to keep the Council and public up to date.

Revolution Wind

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Updates

- The Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot is at 99% completion with some finishing touches still needing to be completed – such as new bollards and ropes – which will add to the improved aesthetics.
 - Because these products won't be in until December – and with Wickford being busy in December – we felt it was best to have a dedication/ribbon cutting event sometime in spring 2026.
- RIDOT Director Peter Alviti and members of his team visited us last week. Some brief highlights of the meeting include:
 - The Roundabout is at 95% completion. The Contractor, at our and RIDOT's request, will be returning to finish up some of our concerns, such as the manhole areas. The Roundabout is functioning very well, and most of the comments we receive from the public are very positive.
- We will be participating in RhodeRestore again for 2025-2026; we've received over \$1 million over the past 3 years to pave local roads.
- They have agreed to review the Phillips Street full reconstruction repaving project, hoping that they can move this timetable up. We will be reviewing the potential future sewer connections to coordinate any reconstruction around that potential schedule with hopes of avoiding digging up a newly paved road.
- The long-anticipated Post Road sidewalk project continues to move forward; a bid award is coming Spring.
- We are waiting for updated information on the opening of the Devils Foot Road Bridge. I will continue to follow up with RIDOT on this important matter.
- And finally, RIDOT commended the town, highlighting our Planning and Public Works Departments, on our regular and professional communications with their department. Through our efforts, over \$65 million of work has taken place in North Kingstown since 2021.



Updates



- Along with various Council Members, I attended the recent meeting of the Post Road Business Alliance.
- This organization is becoming very active, productive, and our Economic Development Coordinator Ben Mandel has been working with them.
- Their next event will be the Winter Wonderland Spectacular on December 18, where they will celebrate the winners of the Town's Post Road Winter Wonderland Decoration Grant and Competition.
 - I want to recognize Representative Julie Casimiro as she is sponsoring this Post Road Business Alliance Event

Updates

- Regarding the Post Road Winter Wonderland Decoration Grant & Competition, any Post Road business can apply for funds to decorate their Post Road business.
- This has turned out to be a very successful program since its inception.
- In addition to the grant, there will be prizes for decoration winners in multiple categories.
- For more information, please visit our website:
 - <https://www.northkingstownri.gov/982/Post-Road-Winter-Wonderland-Grant>
 - Or contact Ben Mandel directly at bmandel@northkingstownri.gov or (401) 268-1575.



North Kingstown
2025

Post Road Winter Wonderland

DECORATION GRANT & COMPETITION

Light up Post Road with your holiday spirit decorate your Post Road business by December 12, 2025, to enhance our community's festive atmosphere and be entered to win one of four prizes!

Best Modern Decoration, Best Traditional Decoration, Most Festive Plaza, Best New Participant

Winners to be announced at the Post Road Winter Wonderland Spectacular December 18, 2025 at Heritage Plaza .

For more information please contact Ben Mandel:
BMandel@northkingstownri.gov or visit our website:
<https://www.northkingstownri.gov>



Updates

- Recreation Director Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs provided me with her annual report on this year's Summer Camp. I will be sharing this detailed information with the Town Council prior to budget deliberations.
- In short, in the summer of 2025:
 - The summer camp ran 9 weeks and served 241 children ages 6 – 11.
 - Xtreme Camp ran 6 weeks and served 72 children ages 11 – 13.
 - Free lunch was provided at various camps.
 - Summer camps included 18 field trips, included in the cost.
- Regretfully, as in past years, there were 55 children who remained on a waiting list due to lack of staff and capacity of buses.
- Because of the rising cost in minimum wage, and because the cost of our Summer Camps are so low in comparison to other programs throughout the state, the cost of the programs was \$137,748 greater than the revenue produced, with this shortfall covered within the Recreation Budget.
- With the continued rising costs of minimum wage, and the projected rising cost of the shortfall, I will be meeting with Chelsey with the very likelihood that the cost of Summer Camp will be going up in 2026.



Updates

- As an ex-officio member of the Board, I attended this month's meeting of the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce and we welcomed the new Director, Madeline Kment.
- Madeline had previously served in a different capacity at the Chamber and we're fortunate to have her aboard.
- I want to remind everyone that this year's Tree Lighting in Wickford will take place on Thursday, December 4th. While details are still being ironed out, I believe the festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with the tree lighting just before 6:00 p.m., followed by a visit from Santa.
 - This will kickoff the Holiday Weekend Celebration December 5th – 7th in Wickford.

the Wickford Village Association invites you to the 40th annual
Wickford Village
Festival of Lights



DECEMBER 4th ~ 7th enjoy an old fashioned *Christmas*

Horse-drawn hayrides with Santa ... Elf Parade ... Festive entertainment ... Stress-free holiday shopping & more!

Thursday • DECEMBER 4
6:00 pm The Town Tree Lighting & guest appearance by Santa in Updike Park, sponsored by the N.K. Chamber Of Commerce, kicks off a weekend of festivities and a season of wonder.

Friday • DECEMBER 5
5:30 pm Santa arrives by boat with Safe Sea to the town dock on Brown St. led by the kayaking & paddle boarding "reindeer" of the Kayak Centre.
6-8 pm Horse-Drawn Hayrides with SANTA around Wickford Village originating in the parking lot by the town dock on Brown St. \$3 per person (cash or Venmo)

Saturday • DECEMBER 6 (rain date **DECEMBER 7**)
11:00 am Dress the family in their elfiest attire and meet at St. Paul's Parish Hall (76 Main St.) for an Elves' Reception of hot cocoa & cookies (compliments of Sweet Marie's Tea Cottage) before marching in the ELF PARADE! Parade begins at 12noon to greet Santa at the town dock (free event)

Saturday • DECEMBER 6 & Sunday • DECEMBER 7
12:30 pm SANTA arrives by boat with Safe Sea to the town dock on Brown Street.
1-4 pm Horse-Drawn Hayrides with SANTA around Wickford Village originating in the parking lot by the town dock on Brown St. \$3 per person (cash or Venmo)
3-3:45 pm "The Ladies of the Rolling Pin" perform in Updike Park. Come join the fun!

ALL WEEKEND...VARIOUS ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE & MOST SHOPS OPEN LATE!
Other Festive Happenings About Town...
• "Jingle Jangle Jamboree!" at St. Paul's Church (NOV 29, 4-6pm) ... for details visit : stpaulswickford.org •
• Lafayette Band Holiday Concert at First Baptist Church (DEC 5) ... for details visit : lafayettebandri.org •
• N.K. Community Chorus "Winter Concerts" (DEC 6 & 7) ... for details visit : nkchorus.org •
• "Christmas At The Castle" (DEC 6 & 7) - A celebration of Christmas Past... for details visit : smithscastle.org •

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 For real-time updates follow **I LOVE WICKFORD VILLAGE** on social media :
& explore Wickford on : WICKFORDVILLAGE.ORG 

Updates

- Special Olympics International will be recognizing North Kingstown High School as a Unified Champion School.
- This event will unveil a banner with student, staff, and dignitaries to recognize the High School's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment.
- They've asked me to join Superintendent Duva and others in speaking at this event.
- Congratulations North Kingstown High School and the North Kingstown School Department, I look forward to recognizing this achievement. Well done!



Special Olympics
**Unified Champion
Schools**



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Updates

- Congratulations to the North Kingstown School Department on the recent 2025 School Accountability Ratings recently released by RIDE.
- The report detailed progress at various levels across the district, including strong performance in English Language Arts and Graduation Rates, as well as exceeding expectations in Math, ELA, and Chronic Absenteeism.
- North Kingstown has one 5-star rated school, and four 4-star rated schools that includes North Kingstown High School.



LEA School Star Ratings Overview

Below is a list of all schools within this LEA, along with each school's 2025 star rating. Click a school name to visit its report card page and view detailed, school-specific accountability information.

School Name	Grades Served	Total Enrollment	Star Rating
Davisville Middle School	06-08	477	★★★
Fishing Cove Elementary School	PK-05	346	★★★★
Forest Park Elementary School	KF-05	264	★★★★
Hamilton Elementary School	KF-05	447	★★★★★
North Kingstown Senior High School	09-12	1,278	★★★★
Stony Lane Elementary School	KF-05	385	★★★★
Suzanne M. Henseler Quidnessett Elementary School	KF-05	212	★★★
Wickford Middle School	06-08	339	★★★

Updates

- Congratulations to our Building Official Matt Souza on his graduation from the Municipal Leadership Academy. I was proud to join him, and others throughout Rhode Island, at his graduation ceremony last week.
- As a member of the Board of Directors of the Elm Grove Cemetery, I will be moderating this weeks Annual Elm Grove Cemetery Meeting on Thursday, at 5:00 p.m. here in Council Chambers.
 - This meeting is open to anyone who has, or has family, with a plot at the Cemetery.
 - As we know, a great deal of work has taken place over the past two years, with thanks to the Board and Dianne Izzo's efforts, in getting this organization reestablished.
- And with the next Town Council meeting not taking place until December 15th, I want to wish everyone a very **Happy Thanksgiving**.



Thank you.

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