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North Kingstown
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Manager's Report

January 12, 2026

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

School Department Capital Bond Projects

- Projects within the School Department Capital Bond continue to progress.
- Capital projects are scheduled to be completed this summer
- The Stage 2 application was approved by the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
- Work continues on the Stage 3 application
- The next meeting of the Building Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for either January 22 or February 4; I will continue to keep the Council up to date via Manager's Reports.



Public Safety Complex Bond Projects

- Progress also continues on our Public Safety Complex Bond Projects.
- We reviewed a number of proposals for a Construction Manager at Risk and are interviewing four potential firms this week.
 - It is our goal to select a firm Wednesday evening.
 - I also hope to present a land swap agreement with Quonset Development Corporation for the new Public Safety Complex to be constructed within Quonset Business Park at your next council meeting, or at a meeting in February.



Revolution Wind

- While we still meet regularly with Revolution Wind, a second stop work order has resulted in all work temporarily coming to a halt.
- The entities involved are seeking a second preliminary injunction to halt the suspension of work to meet the January 2027 deadline for energization.
- I believe a hearing was held this morning; I will continue to keep you informed.

Revolution Wind

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Updates

- Interior and exterior improvement work continues at our Community Center. The plan is on schedule and to be completed by the end of April. In the meantime, we have addressed programming challenges by finding alternative locations.
- Additionally, last week, we met with the contractor and architect responsible for the upcoming renovations to the Municipal Office Building; we are hoping to begin this project shortly.
- This will also have relocation challenges which we are working to address; I will keep the public well informed on the interruptions and projects.



Updates

- I continue to stay in touch with the developers of Wickford Elementary School; they are finishing up work with their landscape architect and traffic engineer and hope to have their Planning Commission application submitted soon.
- We've advised them that information submitted after 1/16 would result in a 3/3 Planning Commission date; they then need one more local submission stage for final major land development.
- I've advised them this is time sensitive and will continue to follow up and assist in pushing this along.



Updates

- I thought the Town Council, and public, would like to know that 23% of North Kingstown residents opted out of the Good Energy Community Electricity Aggregation program//
- This figure is in line with what Good Energy expected and experienced in other communities.



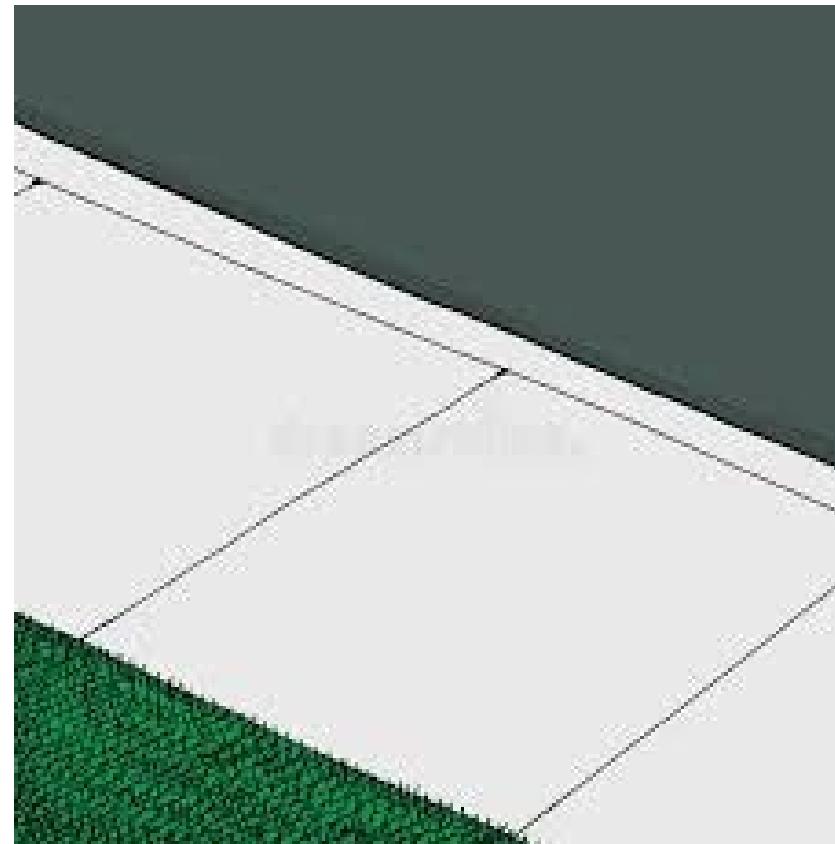
Updates: Planning Department

- As was awarded within tonight's Consent Agenda, the Town of North Kingstown was awarded \$60,000 as part of our Safe Streets and Roads for All application for our proposed School Bus Stop Arm Implementation Project.
 - This is great news and outstanding work on behalf of our Planning Department; this will now proceed to the School Department for coordination and installation.
- The Town of North Kingstown has been selected to participate in the first-ever 2026 RI Main Street Learning Cohort with 10 other municipalities.
 - We've put together a team with members of our Planning Department along with the Economic Development Director, a representative from the Wickford Village Association, and the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce; this team will work with Grow Smart RI to coordinate vision, planning, and possible outside funding for the rehabilitation of our Main Streets/Commercial District.



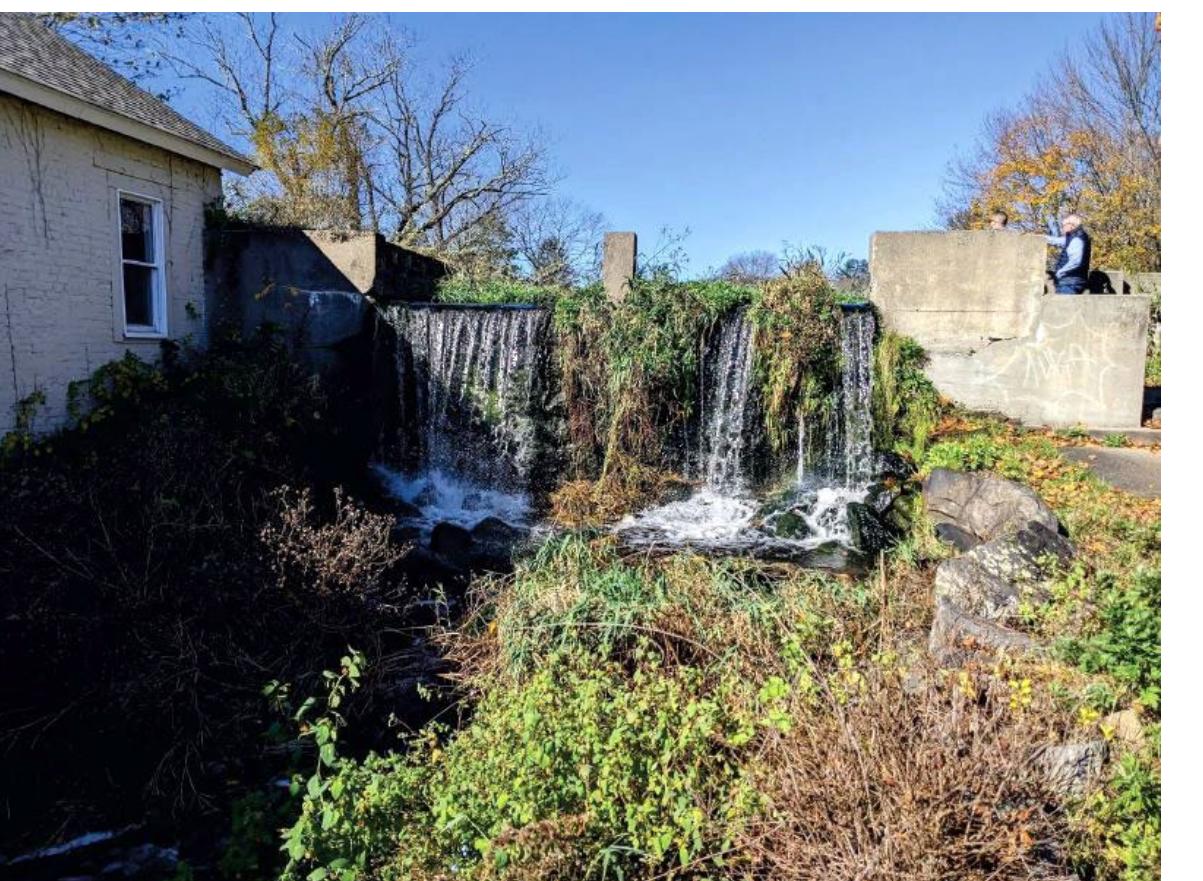
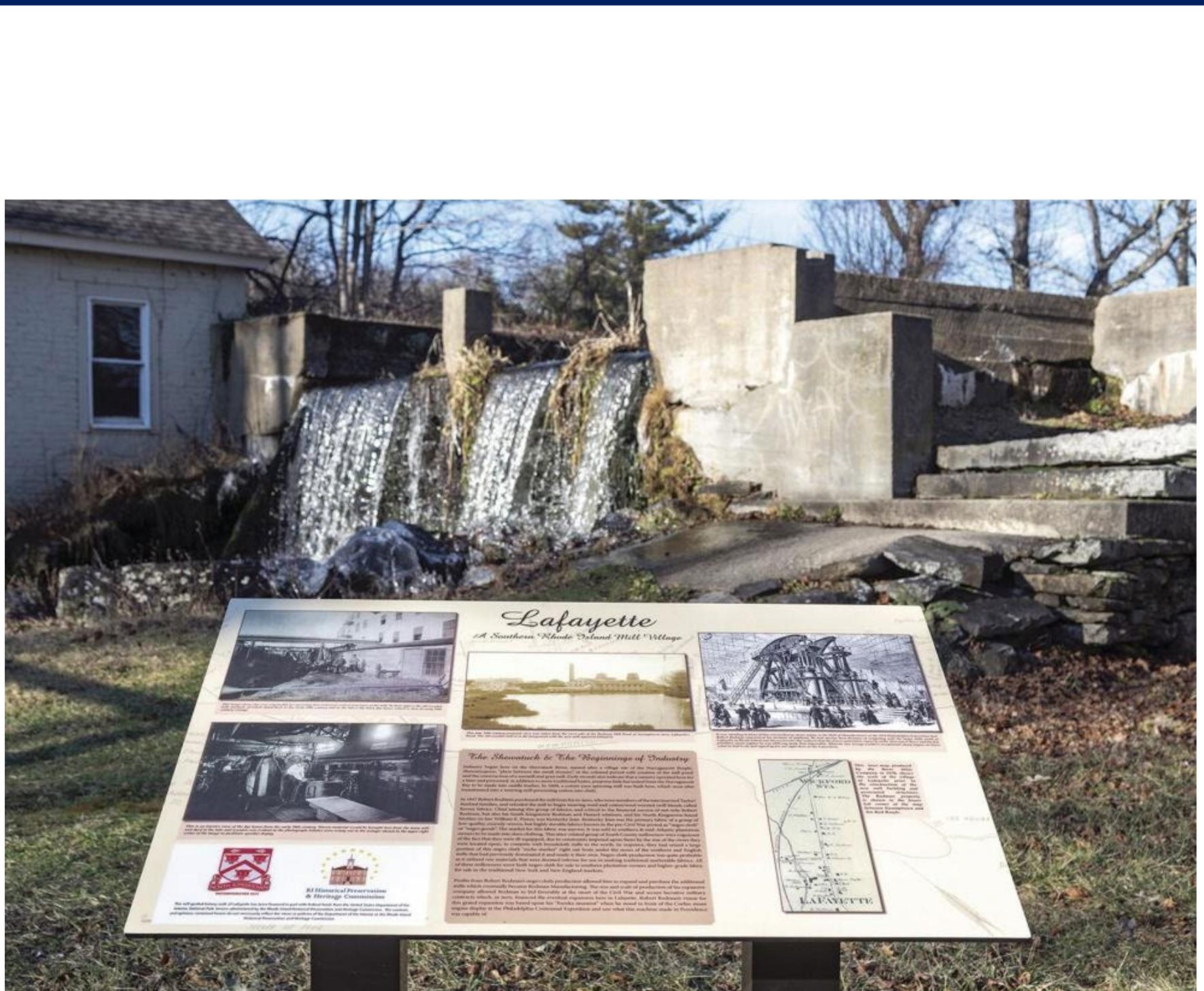
Updates

- Preconstruction work has begun on the Post Road/West Main Street Sidewalk Project; this \$14+ million-dollar project, with RICON as the contractor, begins this month with gas and drainage work.
- Once the project is fully underway, we will experience traffic restrictions and potential for isolated one-lane restrictions.
- The project must be complete by October 2027.



Updates

- Save the Bay has scheduled a Public Meeting to share information about the Rodman Mill Dam Project: January 22, at 5:30 p.m. in our Council Chambers (80 Boston Neck Rd).
- Rodman Mill Dam is designated a high hazard dam. Save the Bay has been spearheading research to mitigate the threat the dam poses to public safety and infrastructure. A 2025 Save the Bay study concluded dam removal is a feasible option.
- Removal is said to mitigate the threat the dam poses and will restore natural habitat for aquatic animals and increase fish passage on the Annaquatucket River.
- The next step is to obtain funding for the design phase; multiple funding sources will be required.
- Save the Bay recognizes that the Rodman Mill Dam is a well-known feature in town and seeks public feedback and to provide information.



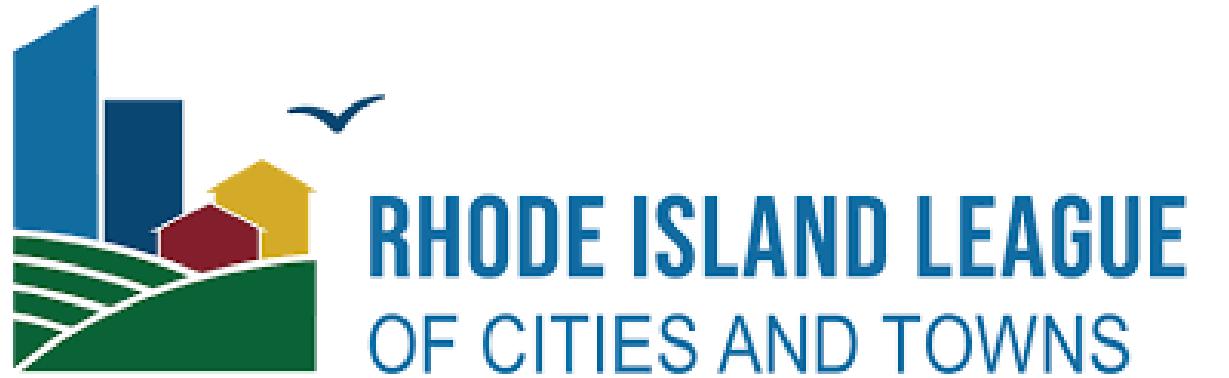
Updates

- As the Council knows, we are heavily involved in budget preparation at this time of year.
- With the many uncertainties, awaiting information on location education aid, the continued rising cost of goods, and the expected significant rise in health care costs, the FY2027 Budget will be challenging.
- I will present my proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to the Town Council and the public on the evening of March 9. This will be followed by the Council's all-day meeting with the Administration on March 16, and the scheduled adoption of the Preliminary Budget that night.
- The FY2027 Budget Public Hearing will be on the evening of April 13, and the scheduled adoption of the final budget will be on April 27.
- For more budget news: the Governor will be presenting his State of the State tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.
- Managers and Mayors will be provided with an embargoed budget briefing, and the Governor will be scheduling meetings with Managers and Mayors to discuss the budget and individual community concerns. I will keep the Council up to date.



Updates

- I will be attending the monthly meeting of the RI League of Cities and Towns Executive Board tomorrow morning where the budget and legislation are sure to be topics of discussion.
- I will also be attending the RI Trust's Annual Dinner Meeting this Thursday night.
- My thanks to Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, Recreation Director; John Blais, Recreation Program Manager; and Haley Wicker, Personnel Manager, for completing a certification program in Adult Mental Health First Aid.
- This training was provided through the RI Interlocal Trust to train individuals to recognize and address signs of mental health and substance abuse challenges.



Thank you.

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