

Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island



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PRESS RELEASE

Underground Leak Detection Underway Soon

North Kingstown, RI — At their meeting on Monday, March 27, Town Council members unanimously approved the hiring of Asterra Corporation of San Diego, CA to perform Acoustic Field Verification within the Town's Water System at a cost not to exceed \$18,000. This work is part of an ongoing effort within the Water Department to investigate possible underground leaks using new, state-of-the-art technology that is only currently available through Asterra Corporation.

Thus far, round one of the work allowed the Town's infrastructure to be scanned via satellite. Acoustic Field Verification in round two will allow Asterra crews to confirm suspected leaks in various locations within the community, and give Water Department staff the opportunity to provide solutions to address them with pinpoint accuracy.

“Eight leaks were previously identified in the first round of work and are either currently being repaired, or will be soon,” according to Tim Cranston, Director of the Water Department. Cranston added, “The number of leaks found in this round of work will require additional repairs by the Town or will require us to seek contractor assistance utilizing funds in the FY2023 budget.”

Customers will not experience any interruptions during this phase of the work which is expected to take 2 weeks once it begins.

Please contact Kate Glass, Executive Assistant, at kglass@northkingstownri.gov with any questions.

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