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**NORTH KINGSTOWN HONORED AT STATE HOUSE  
Town Receives Lead By Example Clean Energy Award**

**North Kingstown, RI** — The State of Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lead by Example Clean Energy Awards were held at the State Capitol today where Gov. Daniel J. McKee congratulated the nominees of the Municipality, Public School, State Agency, and Quasi-Public Entity categories. Among the other honored speakers, Sen. Alana M. DiMario lauded the innovation and dedication to high standards of all involved, including special honorees from North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce's WindWinRI endeavor.

As the winner of the 2023 Lead by Example Clean Energy Award, The Town of North Kingstown was presented with a proclamation of Special Congressional Recognition and certificates of accomplishment from the offices of Sen. Jack Reed, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, Rep. David Cicilline, and Gov. Daniel McKee. While in attendance, Town Manager A. Ralph Mollis praised the Town's Department of Public Works for enthusiastically taking on the work needed to complete the energy upgrades and improvements for which the Town was being honored. Mollis said "we're proud to be chosen today. Exemplified in our signing of the Clean Cities Pledge in 2022, the Town of North Kingstown is committed to the realization of widespread health benefits possible through zero-emission transportation and electricity generation to protect and improve our community."

In 2022, The Town of North Kingstown installed 4 dual-port Electric Vehicle chargers at the Municipal Golf Course, high-efficiency boilers and water heaters in several municipal buildings, and converted nearly 2,500 streetlights to energy-efficient LEDs for a projected year-one savings of over \$180,000. The Town also completed a nearly \$5 million renovation of the historic Town Hall to include several significant upgrades in energy efficiency while conserving the historical integrity and character of the building.

Mollis spoke of upcoming Town projects that will continue to improve energy efficiency and reduce its carbon footprint, while recognizing the leadership of Adam White in the Department of Public Works and the expertise of staff members like Dante Marinaro, both of which were necessary to complete the clean energy projects included in the award nomination.

Please contact Kate Glass, Executive Assistant, at [kglass@northkingstownri.gov](mailto:kglass@northkingstownri.gov) with any questions.



*(Above) Figure 1. Dante Marinaro, Facilities Project Manager for the Town of North Kingstown's Department of Public Works, proudly displays the Town's 2023 Clean Energy Award.*



*(Right) Figure 2. Town of North Kingstown Town Manager A. Ralph Mollis stands with Sen. Alana DiMario at the 2023 Clean Energy Awards presentation at the State Capitol in Providence on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.*



*(Above) Figure 3. 2023 Municipal Clean Energy Award presented by (L to R) Gov. McKee, Speaker Shekarchi, and Sen. DiMario to the Town of North Kingstown, represented by Dante Marinaro, Kate Glass, and Town Manager A. Ralph Mollis.*