

Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island



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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Town Manager Mollis Appoints Finance Director**

**North Kingstown, RI** — The Town Council has provided advice and unanimous consent of Town Manager A. Ralph Mollis' appointment of Debra (Deb) J. Bridgham as Director of Finance for the Town of North Kingstown.

Bridgham has worked for the Town of North Kingstown since 2017, first in an accounting capacity as a Finance Consultant, then as MUNIS Administrator & Finance Specialist, followed by a later promotion to Deputy Finance Director/Controller in 2021. In these roles, Bridgham has assisted with and overseen the timely completion of annual financial Audits as well as upgrades within the MUNIS financial software system. Following a successful tenure under former Finance Director Jim Lathrop, Bridgham was appointed Interim Director on May 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. "She has done an exceptional job ensuring a seamless transition in the last two and a half months," says A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager, "Deb was one of the many outstanding candidates who applied for the position of Finance Director, but she really stood out."

Prior to her work in North Kingstown, Bridgham was the Finance Director of the Westerly Public School System where she oversaw the finances of both the school district and municipality. She is a member of New England States Government Finance Officers Association and Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA).

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

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