

Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island



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PRESS RELEASE

Tide Gage To Be Installed At Brown Street In Wickford Village

North Kingstown, RI — The Town Council approved in a 4-1 vote this week that the Town of North Kingstown install, operate and maintain a tide gage at Brown Street in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Water Science Center (Northborough, MA) through September of 2028. Data from the tide gage will be stored permanently in the National Water Information System database and accessible through the USGS website (<https://ma.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis>).

Total costs for the project over the five-year period will be \$82,900.00. Year 1 costs for the tide gage will be allocated from Fund Balance, with funding for Years 2-5 allocated from the Water Department Budget within the Groundwater Protection Education Account. The installation of the tide gage will include educational signage and an interactive website.

The tide gage will continuously monitor and record the height of the surrounding water level. This data is widely considered critical for safe navigation, sound engineering, habitat restoration and preservation, as well as for the monitoring of conditions where climate resiliency is concerned. “This data is important and relevant,” remarked Councilmember Katherine Anderson when signaling her approval of the authorization for the tide gage.

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

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