

Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island



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PRESS RELEASE

Another 25 Years of the North Kingstown Food Pantry

North Kingstown, RI — At the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting earlier this week, the North Kingstown Town Council unanimously approved a revised lease and extension between the Town of North Kingstown and the North Kingstown Food Pantry at 445 School Street. Terms of the contract provide for the North Kingstown Food Pantry to continue operations at its current site, the town-owned “Little Red School House” for another 25 years with rent of \$1.00/year.

The North Kingstown Food Pantry has called the Little Red School House home since 2013, when food insecurity concerns and needs in the community outgrew its former home in the North Kingstown Methodist Church where it had been since 1981. Today, the North Kingstown Food Pantry serves over 800 households each month where 1 in 12 households in town meet the low-income threshold. In 2022, the North Kingstown Food Pantry provided over 164,000 meals through food programs to residents, including through monthly shopping, senior day, vacation nutrition, holiday assistance and produce day programs.

The Food Pantry relies on significant grants and donations with help from volunteers to execute the extent of their programming. Of North Kingstown Food Pantry’s dedication to its mission, A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager, said “It’s impressive. The increasing demand in our community for the Food Pantry’s services has yet to be disappointed by what the organization provides. The commitment to residents by the leadership and volunteers is something we are proud to continue to support.”

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

For questions directly related to the services and/or programs of the North Kingstown Food Pantry or if you would like to inquire about registration as a Food Pantry client, please contact the Food Pantry directly: (401) 885-3663.

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