

October 28, 2024

Manager's Report

A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager



Projects

Revolution Wind Offshore Wind Farm



- Regular meetings continue.
- Their work continues on the Onshore Substation, Circuit Drive Roadway Duct Bank and Interconnection Facility.
- Extended hours, primarily for interior and non-disruptive works, continues without incident.
- Community outreach also continues.
- Questions/Concerns? Contact Revolution Wind at (401) 255-2207 or info@revolution-wind.com – we receive weekly reports on these matters.

RI Department of Transportation

Post Road Sidewalks Wickford Roundabout



- We had a productive meeting with RI DOT last week; these projects will be advertised this winter or early spring 2025, with a proposed kickoff for the Sidewalks Project in summer 2025.
 - It is expected to be an 18-month project, with 90% of the project placing sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.
 - The Wickford Mini Roundabout has encountered some CRMC delays; we should have a better timeframe on this project shortly.
- We are attempting to coordinate both projects in a manner that results in the least amount of disruption for the busiest times of year in Wickford Village.
- We also brought up Route 4 concerns and Devil's Foot Road Bridge in our meeting last week; these are being handled by different RI DOT teams and will get back to us.

Projects

Municipal Office Building Renovations Update



- We have gone out to bid for the M.O.B. renovation project and had a walkthrough with a number of interested contractors last week.
 - This morning, we had a meeting to review potential location for a relocation of administrative operations during construction to ensure the least disruptive and most cost-effective project.

Yorktown Park Renovations Update



- We have also gone out to bid for the long-anticipated Yorktown Park renovation. Depending on the result, I look forward to presenting and discussing with the Town Council at an upcoming meeting.

Events/Initiatives

- We had two Public Information Forums for the two Bond Questions on the Ballot. Thank you to all involved in hosting and putting together these community engagement events, the extensive information that is available on the Town and School Department's websites, and for the public for taking the time to attend, ask questions and be informed prior to voting.
 - Tours and meeting recordings are available online:
<https://www.northkingstownri.gov/1051/2024-Bond-Referenda>
- Early voting has been busy and successful thanks to the work of those in the Town Clerk's Office and Board of Canvassers; early voting continues in the Municipal Office Building until 4:00 PM on Monday, November 4th.
- We also had a successful Founder's Day Ceremony this past Saturday as we begin closing out what has been a memorable, fun, and historic 350th Anniversary year.
 - My continued thanks to all involved in making this a very special year.

PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECT INFORMATIONAL BOND FORUM

To include a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session.

Question 6 will ask North Kingstown voters to approve or deny funding for a new Public Safety Complex (a combined Police Headquarters and Fire Station in Quonset Business Park) along with construction at the current Complex location to serve as NKFD Station One.

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 23rd
6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TOWN HALL
80 BOSTON NECK RD




SCHOOL FACILITY PROJECTS INFORMATIONAL BOND FORUM

To include a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session.

Question 7 will ask North Kingstown voters to approve or deny funding for a new Wickford Middle School, along with capital improvements and renovations of additional school facilities.

MONDAY
OCTOBER 21st
6:30 PM
MEDIA CENTER
NORTH KINGSTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL



TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN,
RHODE ISLAND

EARLY VOTING STARTS WEDNESDAY, 10/16

To learn more about the local referendum questions on your ballot as a North Kingstown voter, visit:
<https://www.northkingstownri.gov/1051/2024-Bond-Referenda>
or
<https://bit.ly/NK2024referendum>

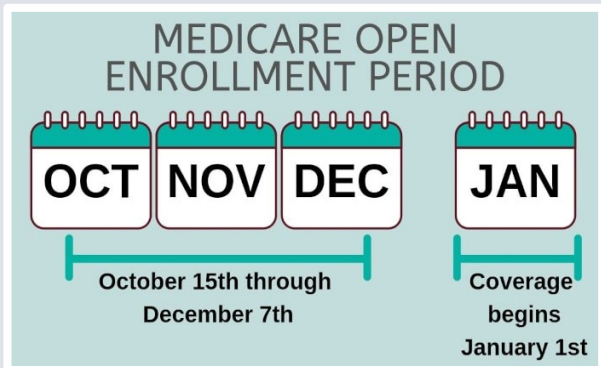


EVERY SCHOOL, EVERY STUDENT

IMPROVEMENTS TO 9 SCHOOLS



Events/Initiatives



- The Senior Center's Holiday Giving Program has begun for this season:
https://www.northkingstownri.gov/758/Holiday-Giving-Program-and-Forms?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1XWzUVW_FuOIChbbshl3mSbvluKqfOP2O4UXGaswCetQDP8tBO1v0tDQ_aem_JyZKqVVGAdy35ZKTRogLw
 - It provides gifts for families with children ages 13 and under that are experiencing hardship preventing them from providing gifts during the holiday season.
 - Please contact the Senior Center to donate or if you may be part of a family that may qualify: 401-268-1596
- Also at the Senior Center: Medicare Open Enrollment is open and runs through December 7th
 - This is the time to review current plans and compare to new plans for 2025 as companies change formulas and costs each year.
 - Social Services at the Senior Center are taking appointment to assist seniors with plan reviews.

Initiatives

- Recreation Director Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs will be applying for a \$200,000 grant for the well-publicized Trolls Project which was most recently in South County, RI this year.
 - Data shows they increase tourism and revenue to local businesses throughout the area.
 - South County Tourism will also be applying for a grant.
 - If successful, the Recreation Department plans to offer programs through the Recreation Department and incorporate other organizations with this project.
 - I will keep the Council up to date on our application and if successful, we will be before Council again for acceptance of the grant award.



Recognition



- Congratulations to Lt. Don Barrington on receiving a Mother's Against Drunk Driving 2024 Unsung Hero Award for his commitment, courage and dedication as a recognized DUI enforcement officer.
 - Lt. Barrington has received numerous past recognitions and awards for his efforts in addressing DUI in North Kingstown and statewide.
- Thank you to the Department of Public Works for their professionalism and quick work on the installation of the flagpole across the street in Veterans Memorial Park
 - The donation of this flagpole was made by town resident and WWII Veteran, George Silva, then accepted by Council at the meeting early this month.





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Thank You

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