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To: Ralph Mollis, Town Manager
North Kingstown Town Council

From: Planning Department

Subject: Recommendation of the Wickford Advisory Committee regarding the proposed circulation improvements at the intersection of Brown Street, Phillips Street, and Boston Neck Road

At their December 21, 2020 meeting, the Wickford Advisory Committee (WAC) reviewed two proposals created by RIDOT to address traffic circulation concerns at the intersection of Brown Street, Phillips Street, and Boston Neck Road. The first proposal was a new rotary intersection, with crosswalks located nearby on each of the three streets. The second proposal was a three-way intersection, also with crosswalks, with raised islands between the lanes of traffic going in each direction, potentially with stop signs on one or two of the three streets.

WAC members raised concerns about firetrucks and emergency vehicles being able to successfully traverse the intersection with raised islands, as well as questions about how right of way confusion that currently exists would be alleviated by a three-way intersection that didn't contain stop signs or new signage. The Committee ultimately voted to endorse the rotary proposal as their preferred option by a unanimous vote.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Sean Henry at 268-1574 or shenry@northkingstown.org.

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