

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

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Monday, February 9, 2026

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 PM
REGULAR SESSION - 7:30 PM

Town Council Chambers
180 High Street
Wakefield, RI

TOWN COUNCIL

Rory H. McEntee, President
Michael K. Marran, Vice President
Patricia A. Alley
Deborah D. Bergner
Jay G. Wegimont

James M. Manni, Town Manager
Amy H. Goins, Esq., Town Solicitor
Nichole C. Romane, Town Clerk

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or view the meeting live on the [Town Council YouTube channel](#) or on your local Public Access Television Station.

NOTE: Individuals requesting American Sign Language interpreters or CART service must call the Town Clerk's Office at 401-789-9331 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting date.

1. Closed Executive Session - 6:30 PM

- A. A Closed Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to potential litigation.

2. Regular Session - 7:30 PM

Please be advised that the Council intends to discuss and/or act upon each and every item appearing on this agenda.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- B. Land Acknowledgement Statement

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- A. **Regular Session** - January 26, 2026
- B. **Closed Executive Session** - January 26, 2026

5. Interviews

- A. Kim Falcone for appointment to the Conservation Commission
- B. Justin Coutu for appointment to the Housing Authority

6. Appointments

- A. A resolution appointing _____ to the _____ Board/Committee/Commission for a term to expire in _____.

7. Consent Agenda

Rule 13: All items listed with a (CA) are to be considered routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Council, or a member of the public so requests, in which event the item will be removed from Consent Agenda (CA) consideration and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- (CA)** A. A resolution granting Holiday Sales Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to the following; Renewals:

Stone Cove Marina, Inc. d/b/a Stone Cove Marina, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Steve Wood, Owner. License No. 59433.

South County Supplements LLC d/b/a South County Supplements, 560 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Michael Evangelista, Owner. License No. 82543.

Malin Bay LLC d/b/a Save, 2949 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879.

Application by Nancy Potter, Managing Member. License No. 87631.

- (CA) B.** A resolution granting Victualling and Holiday Sales Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to the following; Renewals:

Desiree Fournier Nutrition Dynamix d/b/a Nutrition Dynamix, 593 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Desiree Fournier, Owner. License No. 79918.

Kingston Mart d/b/a Kingston Mart, 100 Fortin Road, Kingston, RI 02881. Application by Mohamed Hsaine, Owner. License No. 66454.

- (CA) C.** A resolution granting a Holiday Sales and Laundry License to Kingston Cleaners, Inc. d/b/a Pier Cleaners, 50 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879 for the year beginning December 1, 2025. Application by Larry Fish, President. Renewal; License No. 78304.

- (CA) D.** A resolution granting a Junkyard License to Pitchers Garage, Inc. d/b/a Pitcher's Garage, 2210 Post Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 for the year beginning December 1, 2025. Application by Paul Pitcher, President. Renewal; License No. 59744.

- (CA) E.** A resolution that a Civil Action File Number WC-2026-0026 filed in Superior Court by Stephen Easterbrooks et. al. relative to flooding on his property be referred to the Town Solicitor and the Town's insurance carrier.

- (CA) F.** A resolution that a Civil Action File Number WC-2025-0132 filed in Superior Court by Thomas Madden, Esq. on behalf of his client Doris Price as parent of a minor child relative to an incident that occurred on or about March 8, 2022 be referred to the Town Solicitor, the Town's insurance carrier, and the School Superintendent.

- (CA) G.** A resolution authorizing the Town Assessor to abate taxes in the amount of \$421.97, as shown on Tax Abatement Request No. 658

- (CA) H.** A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to an application for a license to keep and sell alcoholic beverages in South Kingstown in accordance with the General Laws of 1956, as amended, as follows:

CLASS B VICTUALLER LIQUOR LICENSE

Application for a Class B Victualler Liquor License by Butterhead, LLC d/b/a St. Charbel, 254 Robinson Street, Wakefield, RI by Matthew Brown, Owner for the main dining and bar area as well as the patio in accordance with a Special Use Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Review on June 18, 2025 and Public Laws Chapters 23-188 and 23-189; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

- (CA) I.** A resolution authorizing an award of contract to Working Fire Furniture & Mattress Co., Inc. D/B/A FireStationFurniture.com Contract - 1480 PO Box 1310, Mebane, NC, 27302 for furniture and fixtures at the EMS Perryville Station under the Virginia Sheriff's Association First Responder Supplies and Equipment

Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 using Emergency Medical Services Billing funds, and as further detailed in a memorandum from the Director of Facilities to the Town Manager dated February 3, 2026 and entitled "Award of Contract – Furniture and Fixtures-EMS Perryville Station".

- (CA) J. A resolution authorizing an award of a contract to The Window Shoppee, Inc., 1517 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02888 for the furnishing and installation of custom window shades at the South Kingstown Safety Complex in an amount not to exceed \$11,335.15 using funds from the Public Safety Building - General account, pursuant to State of Rhode Island Master Price Agreement No. 564, and as further described in a memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated February 2, 2026, entitled "Contract Award – Window Shades SK Safety Complex".

8. Licenses

- A. A resolution granting a Special Events License to Rhode Races & Events, Inc. to conduct a portion of the Ocean State Rhode Race Marathon & Half Marathon on October 25, 2026, at 7:30 AM to 1 PM. Subject to approval by the Police, Department of Transportation and the execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement Indemnifying the Town and Certificate of Insurance, naming the Town as an additional insured for the event. Application by Cameron Rancourt. New; License No. 92079.
- B. A resolution granting a Temporary Mass Gathering permit to Sons of Liberty, 1425 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 to hold the Botanicals & Brews Two New England Plant Expo on March 21, 2026, from 12 PM to 5 PM. Application by Paul Baptista, Event Coordinator. New; License No. TMG-26-1.
- C. A resolution granting a Class F 19-Hour Beverage License to Global Spectrum, LP d/b/a Spectra Venue Management for the URI Men's Hockey Game on Friday, February 20, 2026 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Boss Arena, 1 Kearney Road, Kingston, RI 02881, subject to approval from Kingston Fire. Application by Brian Rothenberg, Applicant. License No. 92203.
- D. A resolution granting a Class F 19-Hour Beverage License to Global Spectrum, LP d/b/a Spectra Venue Management for the URI Men's Hockey Game on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Boss Arena, 1 Kearney Road, Kingston, RI 02881. Application by Brian Rothenberg, Applicant. License No. 92204.

9. Public Comment - 30 Minutes

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address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.

10. New Business

- A.** A resolution approving the general location and concept of a companion memorial on school property at the Hazard School site adjacent to the existing Flagstaff War Memorial, adopting a Memorial Development Checklist to guide the project's advancement, and further authorizing the Town Manager to coordinate with the South Kingstown USA 250 Committee, its subcommittee, and any associated nonprofit partner to advance the memorial consistent with the approved framework, subject to final Town Council approval of design, placement, and acceptance, and in a manner consistent with the Town's accessibility, design, fiscal, and long-term stewardship requirements, as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager to the Town Manager dated February 3, 2026, and entitled "Companion Memorial Initiative - South Kingstown USA 250 Committee".
- B.** Discussion and potential action relative to enacting a Fair Share Development Fee exemption for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), as requested by Council Member Bergner.
- C.** Discussion and potential action relative to the creation of a Youth Advisory Board, as requested by Council Member Wegimont.
- D.** A resolution authorizing an award of contract to Axon Enterprise, Inc., 17800 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255, for the sole source purchase of an Axon Virtual Reality training system under a 43-month agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$70,399.48, inclusive of a five percent contingency, with \$25,000 allocated in FY 2026 and remaining payments distributed over FY 2027 through FY 2029, with Year One funding derived from the Police Department Education Fund, as further described in a memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated January 25, 2026 entitled "Axon Virtual Reality Training System".
- E.** A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the South Kingstown Town Code, Chapter 19 Utilities, Article III. Water Supply, Division 8 Penalties and Division 10 Water Supply Restrictions.
- F.** A resolution adopting the Town Beach Policy for the 2026 season and amending the Town's Schedule of Fees, as further described in a memorandum from the Director of Leisure Services to the Town Manager dated February 1, 2026, and entitled "2026 Town Beach Policy and Fee Schedule".
- G.** A resolution authorizing an amendment to an award of contract, originally granted on May 28, 2024 and amended on April 14, 2025, to Able City East, 271 Palmer Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 to include a defined scope of services for the Old Tower Hill Road Neighborhood Plan from an amount not to exceed \$87,100 to an amount not to exceed \$90,100, as further described in a memorandum from the Planning Director to the Town Manager dated February 3,

2026, entitled "Old Tower Hill Road Neighborhood Plan, 2026 (Able City East)".

- H. A resolution amending the Town's Schedule of Fees, to include Rental Dwellings – Registration Fees, as further described in a memorandum from the Building Official to the Town Manager dated January 2, 2026, and entitled "Amendment to Municipal Fee Schedule – Rental Dwellings".
- I. A resolution authorizing the Union Fire District to become an affiliated participant in the Town of South Kingstown's health and dental insurance programs through the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust, subject to the terms and conditions of an Affiliate Relationship Agreement, and further authorizing the Town Manager to execute said agreement with the Union Fire District in a form satisfactory to the Town Solicitor and consistent with the Town's insurance, fiscal, and risk-management requirements, as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager to the Town Manager dated February 3, 2026, entitled "Union Fire District Request to Affiliate with the Town for Health and Dental Insurance Coverage".

11. Town Manager's Report

- A. Update on SBC and School Facilities Project
- B. Discuss date for a Work Session on a Homestead Exemption Program
- C. Discuss the Town of Narragansett's affordable housing policies, as requested by Council Member Bergner

12. Public Hearings

- A. A Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 10 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 10-12, Boulevard and Street Stop Signs Designated for the installation of a stop sign on James Trail where it terminates at Gardner Road as follows:

CHAPTER - 10 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Article II – STOPPING, STANDING & PARKING

Sec. 10-12 – Boulevard and street stop signs designated.

Remove:

~~James Trail at Glen Rock Road. Traffic to stop on James Trail at intersection~~

Add:

James Trail. Traffic traveling easterly must stop before entering Glenn Rock Road. Traffic traveling westerly must stop before entering Gardner Road

- B. A Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 10 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 10-12, Boulevard and Street Stop Signs Designated for the installation of a stop sign on Magnolia Lane at its intersection with Oak Street as follows:

CHAPTER - 10 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Article II – STOPPING,
STANDING & PARKING

Sec. 10-12 – Boulevard and street stop signs designated.

Add:

Magnolia Lane. Traffic to stop at intersection with Oak Street intersection

- C. A Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance Article 5.5 Rental Dwellings.

13. Public Comments - Continued

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14. Communications - None

15. Town Council Discussion Items - None

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