

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

RHODE ISLAND



Thursday, February 26, 2026

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM
SPECIAL WORK SESSION - FORM-BASED CODE FOR OLD TOWER
HILL ROAD immediately following

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

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Michael A. Ursillo, Esq., Town Solicitor
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1. Regular Session - 7:00 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

2. Roll Call

3. 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 Victualling and Holiday Sales Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2025 for Green Tea Eatery, Inc. Peking Tokyo d/b/a Peking Tokyo, 120 Fortin Road, Kingston, RI 02881. Application by Cai Xiuyu, President. Renewal; License No. 60677.
- (CA) B.** A resolution authorizing the Town Assessor to abate taxes in the amount of \$3,523.26, as shown on Tax Abatement Request No. 659
- (CA) C.** A resolution authorizing an award to StarNet Solutions Incorporated, 90 Main Street, Farmingdale, NJ 07727 for the purchase of Server Infrastructure Support and Licenses in an amount not to exceed \$15,545 from the IT Hardware Maintenance account with a 2-year renewal option not to exceed a ten percent (10%) increase over the prior year as further described in a memorandum from the Director of Information Technology to the Town Manager dated February 13, 2026, entitled "Server Infrastructure Support and Licenses".
- (CA) D.** A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to an application for transfer of 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

Transfer of a Class B Victualler Liquor License from A&S Investments, LLC d/b/a Terminesi's Café, 501 High Street, Wakefield, RI by Albert Terminesi, Partner to Jacks Place, LLC d/b/a Jacks Place by Quinn Earley, Owner for the first floor bar and dining areas; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

4. Licenses

- A.** A resolution granting a Victualling License to Butterhead, LLC d/b/a St. Charbel, 254 Robinson Street, Wakefield, RI 02879, subject to approval from the Building Department. Application by Matthew Brown, Owner. New; License No. 88888.

5. Public Comment

Rule 10A. for the conduct of the meetings of the South Kingstown Town Council: Members of the public shall be entitled to speak at regular meetings during any period designated on the agenda for public comment, once, for a period of five minutes, or longer at the discretion of the President, and at other times when invited to do so by the President. The public shall address their comments to the question under debate as indicated on the agenda. Pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-6(b), public comment regarding subject matter not on the agenda but received during the public participation portion of a meeting shall be for information purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to 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.

6. New Business

- A. A resolution affirming or amending the Town's Liquor License Rules and Regulations, Section I. The current number of licenses for each class shall be authorized as indicated below, unless changed by a majority vote of the Town Council:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number</u>
A - Retail	4 maximum
B - Victualler	32
B - Tavern	1
B - Limited	5
B - Hotel	1
B - M	0
C	0
D - Club Privilege	1
D - Limited	0
F	Five per year per organization
F - 1	Five per year per organization
J - Limited	1
T - Legitimate Theater	2

- B. A resolution adopting an Executive Order declaring a state of disaster emergency for the Town of South Kingstown due to the dangers posed by the February 22, 2026 winter storm and activating the Town's disaster emergency plan.
- C. A resolution authorizing an award of bid to Regal Tree and Shrub Experts, LLC, 111 Eastman Street, Easton, MA 02375 for municipal tree and stump removal services, in an amount not to exceed \$26,070 from the Arborist Services account, as further described in a memorandum from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated February 9, 2026, entitled "Bid Recommendation – FY 2025-26 Municipal Tree & Stump Removal Services".
- D. A resolution in support of establishing Reimbursement for Community Paramedic Programs, as follows:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING REIMBURSEMENT FOR

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of South Kingstown recognizes the critical role that community paramedicine plays in improving public health, reducing emergency room visits, and enhancing healthcare accessibility for residents; and

WHEREAS, community paramedics provide essential services such as in-home healthcare assessments, chronic disease management, post-hospital discharge follow-ups, and mental health crisis intervention, thereby reducing unnecessary emergency medical services (EMS) and hospital admissions; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a dedicated reimbursement mechanism for community paramedic programs creates financial barriers that limit their expansion and sustainability, despite their proven benefits in reducing overall healthcare costs and improving patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, House Bill H7485, currently under consideration by the Rhode Island Legislature, seeks to establish a reimbursement framework for community paramedic services through Medicaid and other state-supported healthcare programs, ensuring the financial viability of these programs; and

WHEREAS, supporting this legislation aligns with the Town of South Kingstown's commitment to enhancing public health, optimizing emergency response resources, and fostering a more proactive and preventive healthcare system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the South Kingstown hereby expresses its full support for House Bill H7485 and urges the Rhode Island Legislature to pass this critical legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, State Legislators representing the Town of South Kingstown, and other relevant stakeholders to advocate for the passage and implementation of House Bill H7485.

- E. A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute change orders to the AIA A133-2019 Contract with Gilbane Building Company, 7 Jackson Walkway, Suite 2, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, in connection with Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Agreement #2 for the South Kingstown High School Replacement Project, specifically Alternate #1 (Ceramic Wall Tile in Lieu of Wall Protection) in the amount of \$74,981 and Alternate #8 (Deduct for PVC Material for Underground Sanitary Lines in Lieu of Cast Iron) in the amount of (\$68,416), as further detailed in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager to the Town Manager dated February 13, 2026, and as recommended by the Change Order Task Force and School Building Committee.
- F. A resolution authorizing an amendment to an award of contract, originally granted on October 13, 2015 and subsequently amended on September 25, 2017, November 26, 2018, February 26, 2024, and July 22, 2024 to James J. Geremia & Associates, Inc., 272 W. Exchange Street, Suite 201, Providence, RI 02903 for Engineering Services from an amount not to exceed \$689,628 to an amount not to exceed \$778,988, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated February 13, 2026, and entitled "JGA Contract Amendment No. 5, Change Order #9, Construction Administration Services".

- G. Discussion and potential action relative to clarifying the Schedule of Fees for the Rental Registration, as requested by Council President McEntee.
- H. A resolution authorizing an award of contract to Cromwell Public Affairs, 649 Hope Street, Bristol, RI 02809, for Office of Highway Safety–supported traffic safety communications and media consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$37,950, subject to the availability of grant funding, and in accordance with RI Master Price Agreement No. 479, as further described in a memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated December 17, 2025, entitled “OHS Grant Funded Media Consulting Services – Cromwell Public Affairs (FY’26 Renewal).”
- I. A resolution authorizing an award to Safeware, Inc., 4403 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706 for the purchase of one mobile solar message board trailer with a telescopic PTZ camera and WiFi modem in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 using State Homeland Security Program (HSGP) grant funds and Police Department Forfeiture funds, pursuant to State of Rhode Island Master Price Agreement 577, and as further described in a memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated February 12, 2026, entitled "Mobile Solar Message Board Trailer Purchase".
- J. A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 11 Nuisances, Article III. Construction Activities, Section 11-26 Exemptions, as shown attached hereto.
- K. Discussion and potential action relative to adding two stop signs on Church Street at the intersection of Railroad Street and the bike path crossing, as requested by Council Member Wegimont.

7. Public Hearing

- A. 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.

Said license is contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Good Standing from the RI Division of Taxation, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing required liability coverage, compliance with all Town ordinances and regulations, the payment of any municipal taxes and user fees in arrears to the Town, and correction of any fire code violations.

8. Special Work Session - immediately following

All items listed on the Town Council agenda are subject to discussion.

A. Discussion on Form-Based Code for Old Tower Hill Road

9. Public Comments