REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 18, 2026

At a REGULAR SESSION of the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown, County of Washington, in the State of Rhode Island, held at the Town Hall, in and for said Town on the 18th day of March 2026 at 7:00 PM.

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

1. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is given.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement Statement is read.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call is taken and all members are present.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. James Manni, Town Manager announces the resignation of Town Clerk Nichole Romane and thanks her for her service.

Council Members offer their thanks to the Town Clerk.

The Town Manager thanks Brian Silvia, Finance Director for his efforts in preparing the Preliminary Budget and reviews the 2026-2027 budget calendar, FY 2026-27 proposed operating budget highlights including the School Operating Budget, Town Operating Budget, Debt Service Budget, proposed tax transfer to schools, proposed tax levy, proposed tax rate, and estimated net assessed values, noting that the additional $2.5 million requested by the School Department is not included in the listed School Operating Budget, FY 2026-27 personnel costs for union and non-union employees and a summary of proposed changes, and the estimated net assessed property values, less exemptions.

The Finance Director reviews the FY 2026-27 proposed property tax need for school operations, proposing the use of $850,000 in Fund Balance of the Town's Debt Service Fund be transferred to the schools to lower the tax transfer need of school operations, the proposed tax levy and expected abatements, which have been reduced from the previous year due to the 2024 revaluation, and notes that if the Council chooses to go up to the State Levy Cap of 4%, the Town could realize an additional $1,404,237 in tax revenue above what is currently proposed.

The Finance Director continues to review General Fund operating revenues, the FY 2026-27 proposed property tax need, including other tax revenue needed, a summary of the current year's tangible personal property taxes, noting that they are rate-locked, and the current year real estate tax revenue, and then reviews the property tax levy rate allocation between Town and School from FY 2017-18 to the proposed FY 2026-27 levy.

Discussion ensues.

The Finance Director reviews year end projections for the FY 2025-26 General Fund Expenditure Budget, proposed budget amendments to the General Fund and other funds due to updated health and dental rates, and projected annual debt service obligations of the Town from FY 2025-26 through FY 2031-32.

Discussion ensues relative to how much interest is anticipated to be earned by bond anticipation notes (BANs) and the expectation that interest will be earned by FY 2029-30, BANs definition and function, the use of BANs to reduce the tax burden, and the long-term plan for use of the BANs.

The Finance Director continues to review projected debt service obligations of the Town.

Discussion ensues relative to State aid payments from the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE).

The Finance Director reviews proposed general fund revenues, a summary of the Fund Balance as of June 30, 2025, the unassigned Fund Balance as a percentage of operating revenues, proposed general fund expenditures by department, proposed special revenue funds, and proposed enterprise funds.

Discussion ensues relative to interest earned on funds managed by the Trustees of South Kingstown Schools and the distribution of those funds, employee salary increases and the rising costs of healthcare, post-retirement benefits, and the ability to reallocate portions of the EMS and Open Space Funds to fund budget shortcomings.

Lucas Murray, Deputy Town Manager/DOAS notes that the funds are partially encumbered by ongoing Town projects.

Further discussion ensues relative to the percentage of open space in the Town, identifying additional savings to match the needs and desires of residents, funding for South Kingstown schools and the potential of scheduling an additional Work Session with the School Committee to further review the School Department's proposed budget, the difference between operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgets, potential Town revenue from the EMS Community Paramedic and rental registration programs, and potential savings from program cuts and reduction in maintenance costs from the demolition of Wakefield Elementary School.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President McEntee invites residents to come forward with comments.

Bret Harrington comments on the Work Session held on March 17, 2026 with School Committee participation, civic engagement with the budget process, and the voter turnout during the School Bond Referendum in 2024.

Libby Nestor thanks the Town Council and comments on their careful deliberation.

Regular Session is resumed.

Discussion ensues school transportation costs, the ability to reopen union contract negotiations to revise healthcare costs, and the State law requirement that school staffing cuts be performed before June 1, 2026.

Council Member Bergner motions to adopt the Preliminary Budget as presented and to work with the School Department to continue to creatively meet funding needs.

The Town Manager notes that the Human Service and Outside Agency (HSOA) allocation has not been discussed.

Council President McEntee proposes to move $291,000 from the Open Space Fund, $329,000 from the EMS Billing Fund, and increase the Unassigned Fund Balance to $480,000 to allocate to schools and simultaneously keep the tax rate from increasing.

The Deputy Town Manager notes pending projects within the Town and grant match commitments that may be lost by reallocating the Funds suggested.

Discussion ensues relative to the applicability of charter school grants to public schools.

Council Member Alley seconds the motion.

Further discussion ensues.

Council President McEntee restates the motion to approve the Town Manager’s Budget as presented, which includes no increase in the property tax transfer tax rate of $9.09, and to level fund HSOA at $182,050.

A roll call vote is taken and the motion fails by a vote of 3 to 2.

Alley–aye	Bergner–aye	Marran–nay	McEntee–nay	Wegimont-nay

Council President McEntee motions to move $291,036 from the Open Space Fund, $329,408 from the EMS Billing Fund, and increase the Unassigned Fund Balance to $379,556 for a total of $1 million into the General Fund to include in the property tax transfer to schools and maintain the tax rate of $9.09.

Council Member Wegimont seconds the motion.

Discussion ensues relative to the allocation of funds.

A roll call vote is taken and the motion passes by a vote of 4 to 1.

Alley–aye	Bergner–nay	Marran–aye	McEntee–aye	Wegimont-aye

VOTED: to adopt the FY2026-2027 Town Council Preliminary Budget as proposed in the Town Manager’s FY2026-2027 Proposed Budget, with amendments as presented, as follows:

FY2027

Adopted Budget Program	Town	School	Total
Property Tax Needed	**$21,740,968**	**$59,512,404**	**$81,253,372**
Prior Years Taxes, Interest & PILOTS	$327,511	$896,509	$1,224,020
Current Year Taxes - Need	**$21,413,457**	**$58,615,895**	**$80,029,352**
Percent of Overlay	26.76%	73.24%	100.00%
Overlay & Abatements	229,476	628,154	857,630
Net Property Tax Levy	**$21,642,933**	**$59,244,049**	**$80,886,982**
R.E. Assessed Value, as of 12/31/25			**8,876,821,594**

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Program	Town	School	Total
Property Tax Needed	**$21,642,933**	**$59,244,049**	**$80,886,982**
Allocation of Levy	26.76%	73.24%	100.00%
Gross Tax Levy	**$21,642,933**	**$59,244,049**	**$80,886,982**
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	**N/A**	**N/A**	**0**
Tangible Property (RATE LOCK)	**296,681**	**812,118**	**1,108,799**
Net Property Tax Levy	**$21,642,933**	**$59,244,049**	**$80,886,982**
R.E. Assessed Value, as of 12/31/25	2,348,322,506	6,428,155,256	**$8,776,477,762**
Tax Distribution - FY 2027	**$2.43**	**$6.66**	**$9.09**
Tax Distribution - FY 2026	**$2.45**	**$6.49**	**$8.94**
Increase (Decrease)			
Property Tax Rate Increase - $	**($0.02)**	**$0.17**	**$0.15**
Property Tax Rate Increase - %	**-0.73%**	**2.59%**	**1.68%**
Increase (Decrease)			
FY 2025-2026 Levy	**$21,236,162**	**$57,944,158**	**$79,180,320**
Property Tax Levy Increase -$	**$406,771**	**$1,299,891**	**$1,706,662**
Property Tax Levy Increase -%	**1.92%**	**2.24%**	**2.16%**

Town General Fund Expenditure Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
General Government	$ 5,959,623	$ 7,107,704	$ 7,416,355	$ 308,651	4.34%
Public Safety	15,625,801	16,267,280	17,185,683	918,403	5.65%
Public Works	3,209,931	3,600,039	3,734,340	134,301	3.73%
Leisure Services	2,251,345	2,465,948	2,676,993	211,045	8.56%
Public Libraries	1,418,091	1,535,315	1,579,958	44,643	2.91%
Other Expenditures	843,950	882,000	921,500	39,500	4.48%
Employment Benefits	2,746	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Human Svcs & Outside Agencies	179,717	182,050	182,050	-	0.00%
Capital Outlay	2,043,935	1,983,300	2,057,796	74,496	3.76%
TOTAL Town General Fund	**$ 31,535,139**	**$ 34,023,636**	**$ 35,754,675**	**$ 1,731,039**	**5.09%**

Discussion ensues relative to scheduling an additional Budget Work Session with the School Committee on April 1, 2026.

Town General Fund Revenue Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Property Taxes	$ 18,014,237	$ 19,814,182	$ 19,958,932	$ 144,750	0.73%
State Aid	6,798,669	6,673,707	7,094,709	421,002	6.31%
Licenses/Fees/Rents	1,848,071	1,742,141	1,820,670	78,529	4.51%
Dept Rev/Fine/Charge	2,531,416	2,579,832	2,984,257	404,425	15.68%
Investment Income	2,286,941	896,799	950,000	53,201	5.93%
Operating Transfer In	916,830	657,909	866,627	208,718	31.72%
Fund Balance	1,793,608	1,659,066	2,079,479	420,413	25.34%
TOTAL Town General Fund	**$ 34,189,772**	**$ 34,023,636**	**$ 35,754,674**	**$ 1,731,038**	**5.09%**

School Fund Expenditure Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Wages		$ 31,294,286	$ 30,367,435	$ (926,851)	-2.96%
Benefits		13,993,108	15,022,290	1,029,182	7.35%
Services		15,993,387	17,160,811	1,167,424	7.30%
Commodities		1,901,755	3,180,740	1,278,985	67.25%
Debt Service/Misc. Expenses		79,768	81,756	1,988	2.49%
Adj. Entry to Balance Budget	-	-	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	#DIV/0!
TOTAL School Fund	**$ -**	**$ 63,262,304**	**$ 64,313,032**	**$ 1,050,728**	**1.66%**

School Fund Revenue Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Prop Tax/Usage Fees		$ 55,994,773	$ 56,994,773	$ 1,000,000	1.79%
State Aid		5,633,447	5,359,259	(274,188)	-4.87%
Tuition Income		180,000	200,000	20,000	11.11%
School Trust Funds		34,000	34,000	-	0.00%
Medicaid		525,000	525,000	-	0.00%
Miscellaneous		209,600	200,000	(9,600)	-4.58%
Transfer in From Other Funds		608,295	-	(608,295)	-100.00%
Fund Balance		77,189	1,000,000	922,811	1195.52%
TOTAL School Fund	**$ -**	**$ 63,262,304**	**$ 64,313,032**	**$ 1,050,728**	**1.66%**

Town General Fund Expenditure Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Wages	$ 17,112,917	$ 17,859,558	$ 18,898,463	$ 1,038,905	5.82%
Benefits	7,111,077	8,221,808	8,431,589	209,781	2.55%
Services	3,547,425	3,938,935	4,327,917	388,982	9.88%
Commodities	988,333	1,279,229	1,296,937	17,708	1.38%
Capital Outlay	2,598,507	2,542,056	2,617,719	75,663	2.98%
Contributions to HSOA	176,880	182,050	182,050	-	0.00%
TOTAL Town General Fund	**$ 31,535,139**	**$ 34,023,636**	**$ 35,754,675**	**$ 1,731,039**	**5.09%**

Town General Fund Revenue Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Prop Tax / Usage Fees	$ 77,232,380	$ 79,090,751	$ 81,253,372	$ 2,162,621	2.73%
State / Federal Aid	6,798,669	6,673,707	7,094,709	421,002	6.31%
Licenses / Fees / Rents	1,848,071	1,742,141	1,820,670	78,529	4.51%
Dept. Rev. / Fines / Charges	2,531,416	2,579,832	2,984,257	404,425	15.68%
Investment Income	2,286,941	896,799	950,000	53,201	5.93%
Operating Transfers In	916,830	657,909	866,627	208,718	31.72%
Operating Transfers Out	(59,218,143)	(59,276,569)	(61,294,440)	(2,017,871)	3.40%
Fund Balance	1,793,608	1,659,066	2,079,479	420,413	25.34%
TOTAL Town General Fund	**$ 34,189,772**	**$ 34,023,636**	**$ 35,754,674**	**$ 1,731,038**	**5.09%**

Peace Dale Office Building Expenditure Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Wages	$ 9,593	$ 9,847	$ 10,109	$ 262	2.66%
Benefits	3,456	3,675	3,760	85	2.31%
Services	42,625	51,242	51,685	443	0.86%
Commodities	2,031	3,585	4,393	808	22.54%
Capital Outlay	60,104	42,300	45,146	2,846	6.73%
TOTAL Peace Dale Office Bldg	**$ 117,809**	**$ 110,649**	**$ 115,093**	**$ 4,444**	**4.02%**

Peace Dale Office Building Revenue Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Licenses/Fees/Rents	$ 95,237	$ 98,125	$ 101,689	$ 3,564	3.63%
Dept Rev/Fine/Charge	10,092	9,600	10,500	900	9.38%
Investment Income	9,728	2,924	2,904	(20)	-0.68%
Usage Fees	102	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
TOTAL Peace Dale Office Bldg	**$ 115,159**	**$ 110,649**	**$ 115,093**	**$ 4,444**	**4.02%**

Senior Services Fund Expenditure Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Wages	$ 289,094	$ 310,768	$ 317,591	$ 6,823	2.20%
Benefits	122,300	131,476	151,887	20,411	15.52%
Services	92,957	104,976	108,415	3,439	3.28%
Commodities	14,589	20,096	20,479	383	1.91%
Capital Outlay	113,702	140,490	143,106	2,616	1.86%
TOTAL Senior Services Fund	**$ 632,642**	**$ 707,806**	**$ 741,478**	**$ 33,672**	**4.76%**

Senior Services Fund Revenue Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Licenses & Permits	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1	$ -	0.00%
Operating Transfer In	534,721	517,894	523,221	5,327	1.03%
Senior Center program	10,025	9,300	11,000	1,700	18.28%
Usage Fees	87,821	82,085	68,731	(13,354)	-16.27%
Revenue from Investments	27,341	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,008	3,500	3,500	-	0.00%
Fund Balance Applied	-	10,000	50,000	40,000	400.00%
Miscellaneous Grants	83,101	82,026	82,026	-	0.00%
TOTAL Senior Services Fund	**$ 744,018**	**$ 707,806**	**$ 741,479**	**$ 33,673**	**4.76%**

Neighborhood Guild Fund Expenditure Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Wages	$ 287,581	$ 332,841	$ 354,933	$ 22,092	6.64%
Benefits	92,789	104,870	116,019	11,149	10.63%
Services	350,985	376,564	418,262	41,698	11.07%
Commodities	7,793	16,210	16,302	92	0.57%
Capital Outlay	201,770	209,321	211,834	2,513	1.20%
TOTAL Neighborhood Guild Fund	**$ 940,918**	**$ 1,039,806**	**$ 1,117,350**	**$ 77,544**	**7.46%**

Neighborhood Guild Fund Revenue Statement	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
Guild Revenues	$ 875,525	$ 920,086	$ 1,002,406	$ 82,320	8.95%
Revenue from Investments	102,742	98,520	94,945	(3,575)	-3.63%
Miscellaneous Revenue	$ -	$ 1,200	$ -	$ (1,200)	-100.00%
Fund Balance Applied	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	0.00%
TOTAL Neighborhood Guild Fund	**$ 998,267**	**$ 1,039,806**	**$ 1,117,351**	**$ 77,545**	**7.46%**

Community Recreation Center Expenditure Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Wages	$	222,104	$	251,555	$	245,228	$	(6,327)	-2.52%
Benefits		73,774		82,078		86,190		4,112	5.01%
Services		300,224		257,887		310,476		52,589	20.39%
Commodities		11,676		13,449		14,196		747	5.55%
Capital Outlay		215,362		259,545		234,556		(24,989)	-9.63%
TOTAL Community Rec Center	**$**	**823,140**	**$**	**864,514**	**$**	**890,646**	**$**	**26,132**	**3.02%**

Community Recreation Center Revenue Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Licensees & Permits	$	66,948	$	50,000	$	50,000	$	-	0.00%
Operating Transfer In		410,621		438,893		492,005		53,112	12.10%
Rec Center Revenues		285,101		261,620		287,642		26,022	9.95%
Revenue from Investments		14,788		7,000		6,000		(1,000)	-14.29%
Miscellaneous Revenue		-		7,000		-		(7,000)	-100.00%
Fund Balance Applied		55,000		100,000		55,000		(45,000)	-45.00%
TOTAL Community Rec Center	**$**	**832,458**	**$**	**864,513**	**$**	**890,647**	**$**	**26,134**	**3.02%**

Debt Service Fund Expenditure Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Services	$	1,795,064	$	3,467,446	$	4,406,517	$	939,071	27.08%
TOTAL Debt Service Fund	**$**	**1,795,064**	**$**	**3,467,446**	**$**	**4,406,517**	**$**	**939,071**	**27.08%**

Debt Service Fund Revenue Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Operating Transfer In	$	1,742,772	$	2,609,711	$	3,401,517	$	791,806	30.34%
Fund Balance Applied		-		682,735		850,000		167,265	24.50%
State / Federal Aid		162,570		175,000		155,000		(20,000)	-11.43%
TOTAL Debt Service Fund	**$**	**1,905,342**	**$**	**3,467,446**	**$**	**4,406,517**	**$**	**939,071**	**27.08%**

Water Enterprise Fund Expenditure Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Wages	$	309,399	$	334,302	$	354,447	$	20,145	6.03%
Benefits		135,665		146,749		155,484		8,735	5.95%
Services		372,381		446,033		657,884		211,851	47.50%
Commodities		14,492		25,550		25,550		-	0.00%
Capital Outlay		186,047		474,392		605,392		131,000	27.61%
TOTAL Water Enterprise Fund	**$**	**1,017,984**	**$**	**1,427,026**	**$**	**1,798,757**	**$**	**371,731**	**26.05%**

Water Enterprise Fund Revenue Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Licenses & Permits	$	265,498	$	187,646	$	190,268	$	2,622	1.40%
Usage Fees		975,751		974,853		1,254,222		279,369	28.66%
Revenues from Investments		267,899		65,000		80,000		15,000	23.08%
Miscellaneous Revenue		975		4,200		33,034		28,834	686.52%
Fund Balance Applied		146,389		190,327		236,233		45,906	24.12%
Water Fund Revenues		3,956		5,000		5,000		-	0.00%
TOTAL Water Enterprise Fund	**$**	**1,660,468**	**$**	**1,427,026**	**$**	**1,798,757**	**$**	**371,731**	**26.05%**

Wastewater Enterprise Fund Expenditure Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Wages	$	1,262,241	$	1,545,296	$	1,544,121	$	(1,175)	-0.08%
Benefits		595,063		741,467		718,780		(22,687)	-3.06%
Services		1,395,759		1,377,267		1,528,986		151,719	11.02%
Commodities		517,003		680,852		699,783		18,931	2.78%
Capital Outlay		3,108,488		1,219,186		1,302,269		83,083	6.81%
TOTAL Wastewater Enterprise	**$**	**6,878,554**	**$**	**5,564,068**	**$**	**5,793,939**	**$**	**229,871**	**4.13%**

Wastewater Enterprise Fund Revenue Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Wastewater Fund Revenues	$	424,076	$	418,000	$	436,000	$	18,000	4.31%
Operating Transfer In		4,000		4,000		-		(4,000)	-100.00%
Usage Fees		4,833,237		5,021,279		5,213,129		191,850	3.82%
Revenue from Investments		673,681		70,632		123,810		53,178	75.29%
Miscellaneous Revenue		27,155		21,000		21,000		-	0.00%
Fund Balance Applied		329,524		29,157		-		(29,157)	-100.00%
TOTAL Wastewater Enterprise	**$**	**6,291,673**	**$**	**5,564,068**	**$**	**5,793,939**	**$**	**229,871**	**4.13%**

Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Expenditure Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Wages	$	86,684	$	153,891	$	101,423	$	(52,468)	-34.09%
Benefits		41,744		55,159		42,846		(12,313)	-22.32%
Services		853,856		859,978		875,560		15,582	1.81%
Commodities		77		1,775		9,900		8,125	457.75%
Capital Outlay		42,088		44,344		44,000		(344)	-0.78%
TOTAL Solid Waste Enterprise	**$**	**1,024,449**	**$**	**1,115,147**	**$**	**1,073,729**	**$**	**(41,418)**	**-3.71%**

Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Revenue Statement		2025 ACTUAL		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED		$ Change	% Change
Solid Waste Fund Revenue	$	909,576	$	939,550	$	942,300	$	2,750	0.29%
Usage Fees		34,324		45,139		40,195		(4,944)	-10.95%
Revenue from Investments		4,288		5,000		2,000		(3,000)	-60.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue		6,083		62,360		20,000		(42,360)	-67.93%
Fund Balance Applied		51,572		63,097		69,234		6,137	9.73%
TOTAL Solid Waste Enterprise	**$**	**1,005,843**	**$**	**1,115,146**	**$**	**1,073,729**	**$**	**(41,417)**	**-3.71%**

FY 2026-2027 Budget Program All Funds		2025 ADOPTED		2026 ADOPTED		2027 PROPOSED	$ Change	% Change
General Fund	$	32,745,120	$	34,023,636	$	35,754,674	$ 1,731,038	5.09%
School Fund		62,458,664		63,262,304		64,313,034	1,050,730	1.66%
Peace Dale Office Building Fund		107,959		110,649		115,093	4,444	4.02%
Senior Services Fund		707,841		707,805		741,479	33,674	4.76%
Neighborhood Guild Fund		960,722		1,039,806		1,117,351	77,545	7.46%
Community Recreation Center Fund		784,718		864,513		890,647	26,134	3.02%
Debt Service Fund		1,797,772		3,467,446		4,406,517	939,071	27.08%
Water Fund		1,329,151		1,427,026		1,798,757	371,731	26.05%
Wastewater Fund		5,344,942		5,564,068		5,793,939	229,871	4.13%
Solid Waste Fund		1,036,305		1,115,146		1,073,729	(41,417)	-3.71%
Total Municipal Program	**$**	**107,273,194**	**$**	**111,582,399**	**$**	**116,005,220**	**$4,422,821**	**3.96%**

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 18, 2026

Further discussion ensues relative to the contribution to Human Services and Outside Agencies (HSOA). Requests totaling $269,024 exceed the Town Manager's proposed funding of $182,050.

The Deputy Town Manager restates the amended contribution amounts.

A roll call vote is taken and the motion passes unanimously.

Alley–aye Bergner–aye Marran–aye McEntee–aye Wegimont-aye

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to award grants to Human Services and Outside Agencies in the total amount of $182,050, as follows:

ERP Account ID	Description	5-Year Funding	FY2026-27 Proposed	FY2026-27 Requested	FY2026-27 Adopted	FY26 / FY27 $ Change
10180000-589601	The Galilee Mission	1,500	0			(1,500)
10180000-589606	Jonnycake Center Of Peace Dale	220,000	0	**30,000**	30,000	0
10180000-589607	Cane Child Development Center	36,000	0	**15,000**	9,500	500
10180000-589609	Welcome House Of South County	40,000	0	**25,000**	10,000	0
10180000-589610	Domestic Violence Resource Ctr	37,500	0	**15,000**	11,000	1,000
10180000-589612	Education Exchange	75,000	0	**15,000**	15,000	0
10180000-589614	Boys and Girls Club	95,000	0	**23,000**	15,000	0
10180000-589716	St. Vincent DePaul/St. Francis	4,000	0			0
NEW	St. Peters by the Sea/Comm. Market	0	0	**2,500**	2,500	2,500
NEW	Meals on Wheels of RI, Inc.	0	0	**1,000**	1,000	1,000
		509,000	**0**	**126,500**	**94,000**	**3,500**
10181000-580100	Miscellaneous Expenses	0	175,050			0
10181000-580104	RI League of Cities & Towns					0
10181000-580106	Celebration (Parades)	55,000	7,000	**7,000**	7,000	0
10181000-580108	Fire Company	125,000	0	**10,000**	10,000	0
10181000-589701	Narrow River Pres	8,900	0	**4,000**	2,500	0
10181000-589702	Southern RI Chamber Of Comm	45,000	0	**20,000**	9,000	0
10181000-589703	Peace Dale Neighborhood Revit	7,000	0			(2,000)
10181000-589706	Wakefield Village Association	25,000	0	**15,000**	6,000	1,000
10181000-589708	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	28,000	0	**5,000**	5,000	0
10181000-589709	Southern RI Volunteers	26,000	0	**6,000**	6,000	0
10181000-589710	VFW Auxiliary Post #916	36,000	0	**7,500**	7,500	0
10181000-589711	South County History Center	37,500	0	**7,500**	7,500	0
10181000-589712	South Kingstown Housing Author	72,000	0	**20,000**	18,000	0
10181000-589713	Chris Collins Foundation	35,000	0	**10,000**	5,000	0
10181000-589714	Friends of the Saugatucket	3,650	0	**4,500**	2,000	0
10181000-589715	Peace Dale United Housing	49,000	0			0
10181000-589717	Wakefield Concert Band	1,100	0	**3,500**	1,050	500
10181000-589718	St. Elizabeth Adult Day Center	1,500	0	**2,500**	1,500	0
10181000-589719	Peace Dale United Housing, Inc.	3,000	0			(3,000)
NEW	Wildlife Rehabilitators Assoc. of RI	0		**5,024**		0
NEW	Animal Rescue RI	0		**5,000**		0
NEW	The World War II Foundation	0		**10,000**		0
		558,650	**182,050**	**142,524**	**88,050**	**(3,500)**
	Contributions to HSOA	**1,067,650**	**182,050**	**269,024**	**182,050**	**0**

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn at 10:15 PM.

Emily R. Houle
Town Clerk