

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

RHODE ISLAND



Monday, April 27, 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
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Patricia A. Alley
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Amy H. Goins, Esq., Town Solicitor
Emily R. Houle, 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) to discuss and/or act upon matters pertaining to potential litigation re: DISH, LLC and one other matter, and pursuant to 42-46-5(a)(5) to discuss and/or act upon matters related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes.

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
- B. Land Acknowledgement Statement

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- A. **Work Session:** March 23 and April 9, 2026
- B. **Regular Session:** March 23, 2026

5. Interviews

- A. Jennifer Krueger for appointment to the South Kingstown Housing Authority
- B. Susan Spranger Axelrod for reappointment to the Planning Board
- C. Maria Mack for reappointment to the Planning Board
- D. Armand Monaco for reappointment to the Planning Board
- E. Paul Jordan for appointment to the Planning Board

6. Appointments - None

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 authorizing an award to New England School Services, 98 Hicks Avenue Medford MA 02155 for the Town Clerk Double Door Replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$16,496.00 including a contingency, funded through the Facilities Capital Reserve 426 Fund, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Facilities to the Town Manager dated April 16, 2026 regarding Town Clerk Double Door Replacement.

- (CA) B. A resolution authorizing the Town Assessor to abate taxes in the amount of \$16,648.07, as shown on Tax Abatement Request No. #662.
- (CA) C. 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 General Laws of 1956, as amended, as follows:

CLASS B VICTUALLER LIQUOR LICENSE

Application for a Class B Victualler Liquor License by Sipan, LLC d/b/a Twisted Pizza Wakefield, 28 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 by Unsal Urda, Managing Member for the dining rooms and bar area in accordance with a Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board of Review on September 19, 1990; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

8. Licenses

- A. A resolution granting a Miscellaneous Permit to the National MS Society, 1111 Cromwell Avenue, Bldg. 3, Suite 302C Fairfield, CT 06067 to conduct a portion of the Bike MS: Ride the Rhode in South Kingstown on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 8 AM to 2 PM subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement indemnifying the Town. Application by Rupa Blackwell, Production Lead. New; License No. 92709.
- B. A resolution granting a Miscellaneous Permit to conduct the Run4Kerri 4-mile memorial road race on Sunday, August 2, 2026 from 6:00 AM to 11:30 AM to The Kerri Lynn Bessette Female Athletic Scholarship Fund, Inc., 78 Bedford Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879 subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement indemnifying the Town, issuance of a certificate of insurance naming the Town as an additional insured in the amounts specified by the Finance Director, and approval by the Traffic and Transportation Review Committee. Application by Kathleen M. Bessette, Director. Renewal; License No. 93046.

9. Public Comment - 30 Minutes

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10. Public Hearings

- A. A Public Hearing, continued from March 23, 2026, 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.
- B. A Public Hearing relative to adoption of the Town Council's Final FY 2026-2027 Budget.

11. New Business

- A. A resolution to continue a Work Session relative to the proposed development and implementation of a Homestead Exemption Program in the Town of South Kingstown to a future date.
- B. Discussion and potential action, continued from March 23, 2026, relative to installation of a speed camera and sidewalks on Kersey Road.
- C. A resolution authorizing an award of contract to D'Ambra Construction, 80 Centre of New England Blvd., Coventry, RI for Lake Avenue Right-of-Way improvements to include storm water management and buffer zone enhancements in accordance with the CRMC Assent requirements in an amount not to exceed \$32,000, funded through American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funding, as further described in a memorandum from the Harbormaster / NRO dated April 14, 2026 entitled "Award of Contract - Lake Avenue Right-of-Way Site Improvements."
- D. A Resolution authorizing the Town of South Kingstown to issue not to exceed \$45,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Bond Anticipation Notes) to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a new high school, athletic facility, and other school facilities in the Town and all expenses incident thereto, including, but not limited to, costs of design, demolition, athletic fields, landscaping and parking and all attendant expenses, including engineering, architectural and other project-related consulting costs. Funding has been detailed by the Finance Director to be expensed against the Debt Service Fund account# 589012 (Education Debt Interest). Funding is being made available via a combination of the Debt Service fund balance and a tax transfer from the General Fund.
- E. A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute change orders to the Painting and Exterior Rehabilitation of the Kingston Free Library Contract (original contract amount using ARPA Funding \$167,613.00) with Martone Service Company, Inc., 22 Sextant Lane, Narragansett, RI 02882 for the unforeseen deteriorated conditions to the decorative trim and substrate at the Kingston Free Library in the amount of \$49,723.39, funded through the ARPA Interoffice Contingency and 41285009-570004 Library Capital Reserve and as further detailed in a memorandum from the Director of Facilities to the Town Manager dated April 20, 2026 entitled "Authorization to execute change orders associated with the Painting and Exterior Rehabilitation of the Kingston Free Library Project."
- F. A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public

Hearing relative to amendments to the Town Code of Ordinances Chapter 12 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I. In General, Section 12-14. Unlawful consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons, as shown attached hereto.

- G. A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to Section 4414.4 of the Town Charter, Police Department Rules and Regulations, governing the adoption of police department standing orders, as shown attached hereto.
- H. A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance to permit restaurants (without Alcohol sales) in the Town's Industrial - I District(s), as attached hereto.

12. Town Manager's Report

- A. Update on Affordable Housing projects
- B. Update on the 2026 Property Tax Sale scheduled for June 4, 2026

13. Public Comments

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14. Communications

- A. An email dated April 14, 2026 from Dorothy Hill, Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair requesting that the Town Council support House Bill H8298 relative to a 2026 Bond Referendum relating to the Capital Development Program for \$25,000,000 for the Bicycle Mobility Plan is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.
- B. An email dated April 7, 2025 from Cynthia Harney in opposition to the installation of a crosswalk on Kersey Road is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.
- C. An email dated April 10, 2026 from Cynthia Harney requesting traffic safety measures in the School Zone on Kersey Road is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.

15. Town Council Discussion Items - None

