

# TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

RHODE ISLAND



**Monday, May 11, 2026**

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 PM**  
**WORK SESSION - 7:00 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  
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)(1) to discuss matters pertaining to personnel and pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss and/or act upon matters pertaining to potential litigation.

**2. Work Session - 7:00 PM**

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

- A. Discussion and potential action relative to the proposed development and implementation of a Homestead Exemption Program in the Town of South Kingstown.

**3. 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

**4. Roll Call**

**5. Interviews**

- A. Sarah Louisa Vaccaro application for appointment to the Canvassing Authority
- B. Paul Jordan application for appointment to the Planning Board
- C. Dennis Haggerty application for appointment to the Planning Board
- D. Michael Sherry application for reappointment to the Waterfront Advisory Commission

**6. Appointments**

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

**7. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- A. **Regular Session** - April 13, April 14, April 15, and April 27, 2026.
- B. **Closed Executive Session** - April 13 and April 27, 2026

**8. 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 of contract to M.E. O'Brien and Sons, 17 Trotter Dr., Medway, MA for purchase and installation of playground components at Nancy Brown Playground, in an amount not to exceed \$19,131 dollars, funded through ARPA account 49416001-570002, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Leisure Services to the Town Manager dated April 24, 2026, entitled, "Award of Contract for Nancy Brown Playground Improvements."
- (CA) B.** 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 LIMITED LIQUOR LICENSE

Transfer of a Class B Limited Liquor License from Rachel's Café LLC d/b/a Rachel's Café, 36 South County Commons Way, Wakefield, RI 02879 by Carlos Taveira, Owner to Rachel's Café RI LLC d/b/a Rachel's Café by Samrat Yogi, Owner for the dining and counter areas; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office..

- (CA) C.** A resolution authorizing an award of contract to Dennis Moffitt Painting, 1428 Kingstown Rd., Wakefield, RI, for painting of the Main Street Comfort Station, in an amount not to exceed \$14,875 and as further described in a memorandum dated April 29, 2026, from the Director of Leisure Services to the Town Manager entitled, "Bid Recommendation for Main Street Comfort Station Painting."
- (CA) D.** A resolution authorizing an amendment to an award made on February 13, 2025, to Atlantic Controls Systems, Inc, P.O. Box 313, Exeter, RI 02822 for the installation of a water meter and miscellaneous water valves, piping, bypass and all incidentals at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 275 Westmoreland Street, Narragansett, from an amount not to exceed \$14,296.20 to an amount not to exceed \$17,544.30, to be funded from the Wastewater Fund's unrestricted net assets with a portion to be reimbursed by URI and Narragansett, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated May 4, 2026, entitled, "Contract Amendment – Wastewater Treatment Plant Meter Replacement - Atlantic Controls."
- (CA) E.** A resolution authorizing an award to New England Environmental Equipment, Inc., One DeAngelo Drive, Bedford, MA 01730 for a Refrigerated Sampler at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$13,329.44, which includes a \$1,000.00 contingency, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager, dated May 4, 2026, entitled, "Wastewater Division - Refrigerated Sampler."
- (CA) F.** A resolution authorizing the Town Assessor to abate taxes in the amount of \$6,090.02, as shown on Tax Abatement Request No. 663.

- (CA) G. A resolution authorizing an award to Angel Armor, LLC, 760 SE Frontage Road, Fort Collins, CO 80524, for the purchase of thirty-one (31) RISE Tactical Carrier systems in an amount not to exceed \$22,014.46, inclusive of a 3% contingency, with funding from the Safety Related Equipment account from FY 2025-26, as outlined in a memorandum dated May 4, 2026, from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager entitled, "Award Recommendation - Outer Vest Carriers."

## 9. Licenses

- A. A resolution granting a Victualling License to Global Spectrum LP d/b/a Oak View Group, 1 Keaney Road, South Kingstown, RI. Application by Brian Rothenberg, Officer. New, License No. 92523.
- B. A resolution granting a Victualling License to Sipan, LLC d/b/a Twisted Pizza Wakefield, 28 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Unsal Urda, Managing Member. New; License No. 92627.

## 10. Public Comment - 30 Minutes

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.

## 11. Public Hearings

- 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 J CONVENTION HALL LIQUOR LICENSE

Application for a Class J Convention Hall Liquor License by Global Spectrum LP d/b/a Oak View Group, 1 Keaney Road, South Kingstown, RI by Brian Rothenberg, Officer for liquor concession sales at the Boss Ice Arena; and as further described by a site plan on file at the Town Clerk's office.

- B. 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 LIMITED LIQUOR LICENSE

Application for a Class B Limited Liquor License by Off One Brewing, LLC d/b/a Tower Hill Brewing, Co., 25 Village Square Drive, Wakefield, RI by Brian D.

Hubert, Partner for the tap room liquor service area; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

- C. 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 Sipan, LLC d/b/a Twisted Pizza Wakefield, 28 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 by Unsal Urda, Managing Member, contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Good Standing from the Rhode Island Division of Taxation, 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.

**12. New Business**

- A. A resolution affirming 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:

Class Number

A – Retail	4 maximum
B – Victualler	32
B – Tavern	1
B – Limited	6
B – Hotel	1
B – M	0
C	0
D – Club Full 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 authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a lease agreement with St. Francis of Assisi Church to lease a portion of Town property for a vegetable garden (Garden of Hope) for their meals program, as requested by Council Vice President Marran.
- C. Discussion and potential action relative to an email received on April 29, 2026, from Fran O'Brien requesting the Town Council to approve the current RIDOT Blanket Permit to Move Non-Divisible Construction Loads, obtained by RT Transportation for the purpose of moving house sections from the fabrication site at Fiore Industrial Park to the final site at South Shore Village, for local use until its expiration on April 26, 2027.
- D. A resolution authorizing an award of bid to Hartford Paving Corporation, 112 Old

Pocasset Rd, Johnston RI 02919, for the Senior Center Parking Lot Renovation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$518,115 including a contingency, funded through the Community Development Block Grant of \$250,000 and the Grant Matching Fund reserves \$258,115 as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Facilities to the Town Manager dated April 30, 2026, entitled, "Senior Center Parking Lot Renovation Project."

- E. A resolution authorizing an amendment to an award of bid originally granted on June 12, 2017, and amended on September 29, 2020, June 28, 2021, July 11, 2022, June 27, 2023, May 13, 2024, and May 14, 2025 to UniFirst Corporation, 33 Lambert Lind Highway, Warwick, RI 02888 for Uniform Leasing Services, in the unit prices bid, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated April 30, 2026, entitled, "Bid Recommendation – Uniform Leasing Services Contract Extension."
- F. A resolution authorizing the Town Council President to execute letters of support on behalf of the South Kingstown Town Council for the Town's submission to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Program for multiple roadway safety improvement projects, as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager/DOAS dated May 4, 2026, entitled "Request for Resolution Authorizing Letters of Support – 2026 SS4A Implementation Grant Application."
- G. A resolution authorizing an award of contract to Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. (Bowman), 24 Albion Road, Suite 310, Lincoln, RI 02865, in an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), in accordance with the Rhode Island Master Price Agreement (MPA #584K), for the preparation and submission of a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant application, including the development of demonstration projects and evaluation of safety countermeasures, as further detailed in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager/DOAS to the Town Manager dated May 4, 2026, entitled "Recommendation for Award of Contract – Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Preparation Services."
- H. A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with KCM Group, 312 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI, for Owners Project Management Services for Various Projects (Bid #SK006TM), increasing the contract from an amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) to an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$372,080), as further described in a memorandum from the Town Manager to the Town Council dated May 4, 2026, entitled "Amendment to Contract – KCM Group – Owners Project Management Services (Various Projects)".
- I. A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of South Kingstown and the Union Fire District regarding the mutual waiver of certain local, discretionary fees, to the extent permitted by law, in connection with municipal and Fire District projects, as further described in a memorandum from the Town Manager dated May 4, 2026, entitled "Memorandum of Agreement with the Union Fire District – Mutual Fee

Waiver Framework,” and subject to final approval by the Union Fire District Board of Wardens.

- J. A resolution authorizing an award to McGovern Municipal HQ, 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA 01752, for the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Explorer Active 4WD vehicle, along with associated upfitting for unmarked police use, in an amount not to exceed \$48,304.94, inclusive of a 3% contingency, as outlined in the memorandum dated May 4, 2026, from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager entitled, "Award Recommendation – Unmarked Administrative Vehicle."
- K. A resolution adopting a citation in recognition of Kate Brewster for receiving an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Rhode Island, as requested by Council Vice President Marran
- L. Discussion and potential action relative to a South Kingstown School Committee Resolution in support of an initiative to implement appropriate speed cameras in its school zones.

**13. Town Manager's Report**

- A. Update on SBC and School Facilities Project

**14. Public Comments - Continued**

**15. Communications - None**

**16. Town Council Discussion Items - None**