

# TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

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**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

**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  
Deborah D. Bergner  
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Amy H. Goins, Esq., Assistant 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. 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

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- A. **Work Session** - May 11, 2026
- B. **Regular Session** - May 11, 2026
- C. **Closed Executive Session** - May 11, 2026

**4. Interviews**

- A. Elaine Shanley nomination for appointment to the South Kingstown Canvassing Authority
- B. Walter Allen Young, Jr. nomination for appointment to the South Kingstown Canvassing Authority
- C. Shane Jones application for appointment to the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- D. Dennis Haggerty application for appointment to the Affordable Housing Collaborative Committee

**5. Appointments**

- A. A resolution appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ Board/Committee/Commission for a term to expire in \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. A resolution appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to the Canvassing Authority to fill a term to expire in March 2027.
- C. A resolution appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to the Canvassing Authority to fill a term to expire in March 2031.

**6. 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 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

Application for a Class B Tavern Liquor License by Shepherd's Run FB LLC d/b/a Shepherd's Run, 4780 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 by Ryan Schoen, Owner for the interior and exterior sitting areas and event spaces; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

## 7. Licenses

- A. A resolution granting a Temporary Mass Gathering Permit to conduct the annual South County Pride Celebration on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 10 am to 7 pm at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879 to the South County Pride Foundation, 14 Andre Avenue, Wakefield, RI 02879 subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement indemnifying the Town and receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as an additional insured for the event in the amounts specified by the Finance Director. Application by Sarah LeClair, Member. Renewal; License No. TMG-26-2.
- B. A resolution granting a Miscellaneous Permit to conduct RiverFire on Friday, July 10, Friday, July 24, Friday, August 7, and Friday, August 21, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Saugatucket Park, Wakefield, RI 02879 to the Wakefield Village Association, PO Box 174, Wakefield, RI 02880 subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement indemnifying the Town and receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as an additional insured for the events in the amounts specified by the Finance Director. Application by Peg Gregoire, Member. New; License Nos. 93083, 93085, 93086, and 93087.
- C. A resolution granting Class F 19-Hour Beverage Licenses to 323 Main Restaurant LLC d/b/a Birch and Bay Coastal Kitchen, Wakefield, RI 02879 for the RiverFire events to be held on Friday, July 10, Friday, July 24, Friday, August 7, and Friday, August 21, 2026 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Saugatucket Park, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Shannon Brito, Owner; License Nos. 93012, 93017, 93018, and 93019.

## 8. 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.

**9. Public Hearings**

- A. A Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, Article 3. Use Regulations and Article 5. Supplementary Regulations to allow restaurants without alcohol as a use allowed in the Town's IND-1 District, as attached hereto.
- B. A Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 12 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I. In General, Section 12-14. Unlawful consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons, as attached hereto.

**10. Public Informational Hearing**

- A. A Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town Charter, Article IV. Administrative Departments and Procedures, 4414. Police Officers, Section 4414.4 Rules and Regulations, as follows:

**ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

**4414. POLICE OFFICERS**

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Sec. 4414.4 – Rules and regulations. It shall be the duty of the chief of police to prepare rules and regulations for the conduct of all members of the department including appropriate penalties for their violation which, ~~when approved by the town council by ordinance,~~ shall have the force of law and shall be the basis for removals and other disciplinary action as provided therein except as otherwise provided by any statute governing police officer's rights. Changes in such rules and regulations shall be made from time to time in the same manner.

**11. New Business**

- A. A resolution acknowledging the progress made to date related to the Brave Men As Ever Fought Companion Memorial initiative, approving the current schematic design concept for planning, educational, and fundraising purposes, authorizing the South Kingstown Historic Cemeteries, Monuments and Memorials organization to publicly display conceptual renderings and related materials associated with the project, and further directing that the project return to the Town Council at a future date for consideration of final construction drawings, project budget estimates, implementation schedule, and any additional approvals required prior to construction authorization, as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager to the Town Manager dated May 18, 2026 and entitled "Brave Men As Ever Fought Companion Memorial – Project Status Update and Schematic Design Approval."
- B. A resolution authorizing the reallocation of Human Service and Outside Agency (HSOA) funds adopted as part of the Town of South Kingstown's FY 2026 operating budget program from Peace Dale Neighborhood Revitalization, Inc. to

the South Kingstown 250th Committee in an amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for military recognition events and related commemorative activities, as further detailed in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager / DOAS to the Town Manager dated May 18, 2026 entitled "Recommendation to Reallocate FY 2026 HSOA Funds."

- C. Discussion and potential action relative to the proposed development and implementation of a Homestead Exemption Program in the Town of South Kingstown.
- D. Discussion and potential action relative to Form-Based Code on Old Tower Hill Road.
- E. A resolution requesting that the Town Council direct the Planning Board, Planning Department staff, and legal counsel to revise existing regulations in the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to farmstands, as requested by Council Member Bergner.
- F. A resolution authorizing an award of contract to Peregrine Technologies, Inc., 71 Stevenson Street, Suite 700, San Francisco, CA 94105, pursuant to Bid #SK0067PD, for a Data Integration and Analytics Platform for Public Safety Operations that would allow the Police Department to securely integrate authorized public safety datasets and operational systems, in an amount not to exceed \$46,530 for a one-year contract, inclusive of onboarding, training, and integration professional services, including a 10% contingency, utilizing funds from the Town's Opioid Settlement Fund, as further described in a memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated May 19, 2026.
- G. A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute Amendment 2 to the Fourth Contract Extension for the Rose Hill Regional Transfer Station contract with Waste Connections of Rhode Island, Inc., 14 Canal St, North Smithfield RI 02896 and as further described in a recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated May 18, 2026, entitled 'Rose Hill Regional Transfer Station (RHRTS), Waste Connections, Fourth Contract Extension – Amendment 2.'
- H. A resolution authorizing a contract extension to an award originally granted on September 9, 2024, and amended on May 29, 2025, to K5 Corporation, 9 Rock View, Rockland, MA 02370 at unit prices bid from an amount of \$71,000 to \$100,000 for municipal road striping/marketing services and as further detailed in a memorandum from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated May 18, 2026, and entitled, "Award of Bid Amendment - Regional Road Striping."
- I. A resolution appointing Mark Russo, Town Facilities Director, to the South Kingstown School Building Committee as a voting member serving in the role of local official responsible for building maintenance, as further detailed in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager / DOAS to the Town Manager dated May 18, 2026, entitled "Appointment of a School Building Committee Member – Mark Russo."
- J. A resolution authorizing an award to Parro's Gun Shop & Police Supplies, 601

US Route 2, Waterbury, VT 05676, for the purchase of sixty (60) Glock 45 Generation 6 9mm duty pistols equipped with MOS and Aimpoint COA optics, and the trade-in of up to sixty-two (62) department-issued Sig Sauer P320 firearms, in an amount not to exceed \$38,386.20, as outlined in the memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated May 19, 2026. Funding for this purchase will be sourced from the FY27 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

- K. A resolution in support of House Bill H8030, which proposes amendments to R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-2-3.3 to authorize fingerprint-based state and national criminal history background checks for volunteer firefighter applicants within the Union Fire District and Kingston Fire District in the Town of South Kingstown, as further described in a memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated May 19, 2026.
- L. A resolution approving the Town Manager's Employment Agreement, and authorizing the Town Council President to execute the agreement and all personnel action documents.

## **12. Town Manager's Report**

- A. Update on Moody's Bond Rating for the Town of South Kingstown
- B. Update on the 2026 Town Hazard Mitigation Plan

## **13. Public Comments - Continued**

## **14. Communications**

- A. An email dated May 8, 2026 from Josquin-Anthony Malone, Co-President of the South County Pride Foundation, requesting to fly the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag outside of Town Hall for the month of June is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs \_\_\_\_\_.

## **15. Town Council Discussion Items - None**