

REGULAR SESSION

MAY 11, 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 11th day of May 2026 at 6:36 PM.

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

1. A. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to recess to 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.

Regular Session is reconvened at 7:27 PM.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to seal the minutes of 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.

Amy Goins, Assistant Town Solicitor, notes that one vote was taken.

Emily R. Houle
Town Clerk

WORK SESSION

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At a WORK 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 11th day of May 2026 at 7:20 PM.

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

Also present: James Manni, Town Manager; Amy Goins, Assistant Town Solicitor; Brian Silvia, Finance Director; Wendy Duarte, Town Assessor; Jessica Spence, Executive Assistant

2. A. WORK SESSION

James Manni, Town Manager, introduces a Work Session relative to the proposed development and implementation of a Homestead Exemption Program and thanks staff for their work in preparing the Homestead Exemption presentation.

The Town Manager reviews Work Session dates, total number of parcels on the tax roll, total number of single-family residential parcels, number of parcels per assessed value range, total tax levy, and notes that the Homestead Exemption is based on the Certified 2025 Tax Roll.

The Town Manager reviews the Homestead Exemption options presented at previous Work Sessions including a 5% Homestead Tax Exemption for single-family properties including residential condominiums with property value caps of \$400,000, \$500,000, and \$600,000, flat credits to all seniors aged 65+ in the amounts of \$150, \$175, and \$200, and an increase in elderly income qualifications.

Wendy Duarte, Town Assessor, reviews current income based elderly exemptions and eligibility requirements, a COLA vs. HUD comparison, noting that historically the Town has always used COLA to calculate exemptions, 2024 Census household data, and the number of eligible seniors using COLA and HUD metrics.

Discussion ensues relative to the number of participants in the elderly exemption program and whether using HUD numbers will increase the number of participants.

The Town Manager reviews tax revenue deficits based on flat credits, COLA, and HUD.

Discussion ensues relative to the impact of increasing COLA, eligibility requirements, providing notice to residents, and historical exemption enrollment statistics.

The Town Council reaches consensus to continue discussion relative to the proposed development and implementation of a Homestead Exemption Program to a New Business item on May 26, 2026.

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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 11th day of May 2026 at 8:07 PM.

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

3. REGULAR SESSION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is given.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement Statement is read.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call is taken and all members are present.

5. INTERVIEWS

A. The Town Council interviews Sarah Vaccaro relative to her interest in being appointed to the South Kingstown Canvassing Authority.

B. The Town Council interviews Paul Jordan relative to his interest in being appointed to the Planning Board.

C. The Town Council interviews Dennis Haggerty relative to his interest in being appointed to the Planning Board.

D. The Town Council interviews Michael Sherry relative to his interest in being reappointed to the Waterfront Advisory Commission.

6. APPOINTMENTS

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Michael Sherry and Joseph Nuzzolillo to the Waterfront Advisory Commission for terms to expire June 2028.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Susan Axelrod, Maria Mack, and Armand Monaco to the Planning Board for terms to expire May 2029.

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UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Robert Cagnetta and Arlene Hicks to the Zoning Board of Review for terms to expire March 2029.

Council Vice President Marran motions to appoint Sarah Vaccaro to the South Kingstown Canvassing Authority and is seconded by Council Member Bergner.

Discussion ensues relative to which term to make the appointment, the composition of the Canvassing Authority, and the reasons for the different term expirations.

The Town Council reaches consensus to continue appointments to the Canvassing Authority to the May 26, 2026 meeting.

Council Vice President Marran motions to appoint Justin Coutu to the South Kingstown Housing Authority and is seconded by Council President McEntee.

Discussion ensues relative to the interviewed candidates.

Council Vice President Marran withdraws the motion.

Council Member Wegimont motions to appoint Derek Cook to the South Kingstown Housing Authority and is seconded by Council Member Bergner.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to appoint Derek Cook to the South Kingstown Housing Authority for a term to expire October 2030.

VOTED: to appoint Paul Jordan to the Planning Board for a term to expire May 2029.

Council Member Alley voted no.

The Town Council thanks Dennis Haggerty for his application and encourages him to apply for other Board vacancies.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Regular Session: UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that the minutes of the Regular Sessions held on April 13, April 14, April 15, and April 27, 2026 are accepted, approved, and placed on file.

B. Closed Executive Session: UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that the minutes of the Closed Executive Sessions held on April 13 and April 27, 2026, are accepted.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve the Consent Agenda as indicated by (CA) on same with the exception of 8A

(CA) B. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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:

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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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Town Assessor to abate taxes in the amount of \$6,090.02, as shown on Tax Abatement Request No. 663.

(CA) G. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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."

(CA) A. Theresa Murphy, Director of Leisure Services, reviews a request for improvements at the Nancy Brown Playground.

Discussion ensues relative to the project timeline.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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

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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."

9. LICENSES

A. Brian Rothenberg is present, and after discussion and testimony it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant 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. Unsal Urda and Effie Lopez are present, and after discussion and testimony it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant 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 COMMENTS – 30 Minutes

Council President McEntee invites residents to come forward with comments.

Bob Trager comments on the state of the world.

Tom Bernache comments on the approval of Consent Agenda items without additional discussion by Town Council members.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to add to the Agenda a discussion of Town procurement procedures.

Council President McEntee reviews Consent Agenda procedure as detailed in the Town Council Rules of Conduct, vendor bidding procedure, and maintaining due diligence to choose appropriate vendors.

Discussion ensues relative to public purchasing memoranda written by Town staff attached to the Agenda as part of the Agenda Packet.

James Manni, Town Manager, reviews the Agenda-setting procedure and the checks and balances used to ensure appropriate Town purchasing.

Further discussion ensues relative to Municipal procurement and the Town Budget and Capital Improvement Program process.

Erik Brierley comments on Town spending and the rising cost of living.

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11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Notice having been duly given, a Public Hearing is held 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.

Council President McEntee invites residents to come forward with comments.

There being no comments, it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to close the Public Hearing.

B. Notice having been duly given, a Public Hearing is held 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.

Brian Hubert, Owner, reviews the brewery's interest in expanding their alcoholic beverage options to include wine.

Discussion ensues relative to Tower Hill Brewing's community involvement and event programming.

Council President McEntee invites residents to come forward with comments.

There being no comments, it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to close the Public Hearing.

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CLASS B VICTUALLER LIQUOR LICENSE

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Council President McEntee invites residents to come forward with comments.

There being no comments, it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to close the Public Hearing.

New Business A is brought forward.

12A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to amend 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 33
B – Tavern	1
B – Limited	6 7
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	4 2
T – Legitimate Theater	2

Public Hearings is brought back.

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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 the correction of any fire code violations.

B. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant 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:

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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 the correction of any fire code violations.

12. NEW BUSINESS

B. Council Vice President Marran reviews a request to renew a land lease between the Town and St. Francis of Assisi Church for use as the Garden of Hope.

Discussion ensues relative to terms of the lease.

The Town Solicitor notes that the agreement is revocable at any time by the Town.

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UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. Attorney James Callaghan reviews a request by Fran O'Brien to approve the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) Blanket Permit to Move Non-Divisible Construction Loads obtained by RT Transportation and the permit requirement for Town approval to travel on local roads.

Discussion ensues relative to why Town Council approval is needed.

The Town Solicitor clarifies that the Council may give the approval or may delegate it to another Town representative.

Discussion ensues relative to RT Transportation's performance and scope of business.

Matthew Moynihan, Chief of Police, notes that there have been no complaints against the company since their establishment.

Discussion ensues relative to the duration of the permit approval.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: 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. Mark Russo, Director of Facilities, reviews the Senior Center parking lot renovation project.

Discussion ensues.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. Richard Bourbonnais, Director of Public Services, reviews a request for uniform leasing services.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. The Town Manager reviews New Business Items F and G relative to the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Funding application.

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Discussion ensues relative to the preparation of the SS4A Grant application.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. Lucas Murray, Deputy Town Manager/DOAS, reviews a request to amend a contract with KCM Group for Owners Project Management Services and reviews the projects included in the contract.

Discussion ensues relative to the balance of the Affordable Housing Fund and its replenishment.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an amendment to an award of contract originally granted on February 24, 2025, to 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 of 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. The Town Manager reviews a request to waive Town fees for Union Fire District projects and notes that historically the fee waiver has been reciprocal for Town projects.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. Matthew Moynihan, Chief of Police, reviews a request for a new unmarked administrative Police vehicle.

VOTED: to authorize 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

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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."

Council Member Wegimont votes no.

K. Council Vice President Marran reviews a citation in recognition of Kate Brewster for receiving an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Rhode Island.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adopt 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, as follows:

**TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING KATHERINE ANGELL BREWSTER ON THE OCCASION
OF HER BEING AWARDED AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

WHEREAS, Kate Brewster, resident of South Kingstown, has served with distinction as Executive Director of the Jonnycake Center in South Kingstown for over ten years, assisting families in need all over South County; and

WHEREAS, Kate Brewster has expanded the mission of the Jonnycake Center to include housing development and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Kate Brewster, with her Board of Directors and an army of dedicated volunteers and donors, applied judicious and prudent management of the Center's funds, with a tenacious ability to raise the necessary funds for expansion, has repurposed Center property to successfully open a Youth Center, serving the town's young people and providing a social and training space; and

WHEREAS, when Governor Daniel McKee initiated the Learn365 Program to provide after-school learning opportunities in the wake of the Covid Pandemic, this Council chose to turn to Kate and the Jonnycake Center as the contracting agent, with invaluable and profound positive impacts for the public school children of South Kingstown; and

WHEREAS, The University of Rhode Island recently chose to award to Kate Brewster the degree of Doctorate of Humane Letters, honoris causa, in recognition of all her work for the benefit of the public over many years, stating:

"As a trained social worker who has devoted her career to teaching and service, Katherine Angell Brewster has long been a steadfast advocate for Rhode Islanders at risk of being overlooked. For more than 10 years, Ms. Brewster served as executive director of the Economic Progress Institute, Rhode Island's leading anti-poverty research and advocacy organization, where she illuminated the lived realities of the working poor and exposed systemic inequities that perpetuate disadvantage. When called to a new purpose, and recognizing the needs of her own community, she turned to direct service, seeking to effect tangible change. For more than a decade, Ms. Brewster has served as CEO of the Jonnycake Center for Hope in South Kingstown. Through innovative initiatives advanced under her guidance, the organization has provided food, financial assistance, housing,

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and youth programming to more than 2,000 individuals, emerging as a vital pillar of support for residents confronting economic hardship. In recognition of her leadership across direct service and public policy; her impact and dedication; and her enduring commitment to improving the lives of her fellow Rhode Islanders, the University of Rhode Island proudly confers upon Katherine Angell Brewster the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities pertaining thereto."

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that by unanimous vote on this 11th day of May 2026, the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown hereby offers its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to DR. KATE BREWSTER on her receipt of this well-deserved award from the University!

L. Council President McEntee reviews discussion at the April 27, 2026 Town Council meeting relative to installation of speed cameras in the Kersey Road school zone.

The Chief of Police reviews speeding issues in Town and potential control measures that could be implemented.

Discussion ensues relative to enforcement through Municipal Court, potential fiscal impact, the veracity of speed camera images, and the need to change drivers' behavior.

The Town Solicitor notes that warnings are issued for the first 30 days after installation.

Discussion ensues relative to times of the year when cameras will be active.

Kate Macinanti, School Committee Member, advocates for the importance of keeping residents safe and notes speed related accidents on Middlebridge Road.

The Chief of Police notes that cameras are a force multiplier and would allow officers to be on traffic detail in other areas of Town.

Discussion ensues relative to installation of speed bumps on Kersey Road, the cost of hiring an additional officer for traffic patrols, Flock camera software data ownership, and other speed deterrent measures.

The Town Council thanks the Chief for his time and notes that they will not vote this evening so that the item may be brought back for discussion at a later meeting.

13. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Kate Turner, LeftField, introduces an update on the South Kingstown High School (SKHS) project and SKHS project schedule.

Mark Moore, Gilbane, provides an update on construction activities.

Discussion ensues relative to after-hours concrete pouring, the SKHS topping off ceremony on April 29, 2026, communication to abutters, and an upcoming abutters meeting on May 23, 2026.

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Kate Turner continues relative to the Curtis Corner Middle School (CCMS) Athletics and building demolition schedule, CCMS demolition milestones, CCMS abatement containment, the SKHS abutter meeting, and potential installation of solar panels at SKHS.

Discussion ensues relative to solar program incentives from the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE).

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn at 10:46 PM.

Emily R. Houle
Town Clerk