

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 8th day of June 2026 at 7:04 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, James Rabbitt, Planning Director

1. A. Work Session

James Rabbitt, Planning Director, introduces a Work Session relative to the implementation of Form-Based Code on Old Tower Hill Road.

The Planning Director reviews renderings and identifies the five proposed Form Based Code Districts, known as transects: FB1: Residential Neighborhood, FB1.5: Neighborhood Main Street, FB2: Neighborhood Center, FB3: Village Core, and FB4: Route 1 Gateway. He clarifies each of the five districts' purpose and intent.

The FB1: Residential Neighborhood transect comprises the residential-only areas of the historic neighborhoods surrounding Old Tower Hill Road. The FB1.5: Neighborhood Main Street transect is intended to facilitate a transition zone between residential neighborhoods and commercial developments on Main Street, with the allowance of traditional residential homes to be converted to commercial uses. The FB2: Neighborhood Center transect is a transition zone between residential neighborhoods and commercial uses on Old Tower Hill Road, comprised of predominantly mixed-use properties. The FB3: Village Core transect is centered on the intersection of Kingstown Road and Old Tower Hill Road and is planned to host a mix of commercial and residential structures with an emphasis on walkability. The FB4: Route 1 Gateway transect, a transition zone between Route 1 and the Old Tower Hill Road area, allows the highest mix of uses and building heights.

The Planning Director continues relative to language added since the last Work Session to clarify compliance thresholds and notes that interior renovations do not trigger compliance, and that there is a clear section describing demolition, fire, or acts of nature that will allow rebuild of non-conforming structures. He reviews the design emphasis on a pedestrian-friendly streetscape, and separation of public and private spaces. Architectural styles are reviewed that would be acceptable and encouraged to developers.

Council Member Alley requests to view alternate Village Core renderings.

The Planning Director shows the modified renderings; representative of various styles that may be seen throughout South Kingstown.

Discussion ensues relative to the Economic Development Committee's (EDC) original Form-Based Code proposition and how it compares to the current plan.

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The Planning Director notes that the current consultant built off of the original work.

Discussion ensues relative to the total number of properties that will be affected by the changes, notification to abutters, and potential challenges that may be heard from the business community.

The Planning Director notes that he has been working with business owners to alleviate their concerns.

Further discussion ensues relative to promoting positive enhancements for beautification and small businesses, how other communities have benefited from the implementation of Form-Based Code, and other potential considerations, to be discussed during a future Public Hearing.

Convened to Regular Session.

Emily R. Houle
Town Clerk

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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 8th day of June 2026 at 7:43 PM.

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

2. Regular Session

A. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance is given.

B. Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Land Acknowledgement Statement is read.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call is taken and all members are present.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

A. **Regular Session – UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** that the minutes of the Regular Session held on May 26, 2026, are accepted, approved and placed on file.

5. Interviews

A. The Town Council interviews Richard Youngken relative to his interest in being reappointed to the Historic District Commission.

B. The Town Council interviews Thomas Routliffe relative to his interest in being reappointed to the Economic Development Committee.

C. The Town Council interviews Matthew Fraza relative to his interest in being reappointed to the Recreation Commission.

D. The Town Council interviews Benedict Ingegneri relative to his interest in being reappointed to the Trustees of South Kingstown School Funds.

E. Emily Houle, Town Clerk, notes that Cherry Chun withdrew her application at this time.

F. The Town Council interviews Donald Ruggieri relative to his interest in being appointed to the Conservation Commission.

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6. Appointments

A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Richard Youngken to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 2028.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Thomas Routliffe to the Economic Development Committee for a term to expire March 2029.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Matthew Frazza to the Recreation Commission for a term to expire June 2028.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Benedict Ingegneri to the Trustees of South Kingstown School Funds for a term to expire in June 2030.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to appoint Donald Ruggieri to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire September 2028.

7. Consent Agenda

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve the Consent Agenda as indicated by (CA) on same.

(CA) A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: To authorize the purchase of up to fifty-eight (58) N-EAR 360 communication equipment, including earpieces, push-to-talk microphone assemblies, and related accessories, through Safeware, Inc., 4403 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706-4328, pursuant to State of Rhode Island Contract #3667811 and Master Price Agreement (MPA) 577 – Public Safety Related Equipment account, in an amount not to exceed \$9,404.30, inclusive of shipping, as outlined in the memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated May 20, 2026, entitled "Award - Communication Earpieces."

(CA) B. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant the Petition #14804802 of Rhode Island Energy and Verizon New England to relocate Joint Pole P2 on Kenwood Avenue, approximately 40 feet southwest from existing Pole P2 location. Request made by customer who is currently building a new home at 60 Kenwood Avenue. The existing pole is currently located directly in front of proposed new house and to use the public ways named for the purposes stated in said petition, that the work be done to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Services and notification to Town for municipal utility mark-out prior to pole setting, and that this approval is conditioned upon the removal of all existing double poles along the entire length of Kenwood Avenue prior to new pole(s) placement; and any new double poles created as part of this request be removed within sixty (60) calendar days of new pole(s) placement. Said petition is further described in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager dated May 13, 2026 and entitled "Rhode Island Energy Pole Setting Request – Pole P2 Kenwood Avenue." Book 6, Page 35.

(CA) C. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the abatement of the remaining small balance of real estate and tangible accounts on the 2025 tax roll. The principal balance remaining of \$4.00 or less of said accounts totals \$27.58 for the 2025 tax roll.

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8. Licenses

A. Joe Viele, Executive Director of the Southern RI Chamber of Commerce, is present and after testimony and discussion it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant a Class F 19-Hour Beverage Licenses to South Kingstown Chamber of Commerce d/b/a Southern RI Chamber of Commerce, 230 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 for the Taste of Southern Rhode Island event to be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Clark Farms, 2984 Commodore Perry Highway, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Joe Viele, Executive Director. New; License No. 93553.

9. Public Comments – 30 Minutes

Council President McEntee invites residents to come forward with comments.

Bob Trager comments on the candidates for appointments to the Boards and Commissions and the state of the world.

Tricia Boucher and Christina Monk, Growing Hope RI, express concerns relative to invasion of privacy as a result of complaints submitted to the Town Council about the agricultural use of their property.

Discussion ensues relative to Growing Hope RI's State Farm License, size regulations for agricultural uses, and the location used for CSA deliveries.

The Town Manager's Report is brought forward.

12. Town Manager's Report

A. Kate Turner, LeftField, introduces a presentation on the South Kingstown High School (SKHS) and Curtis Corner Middle School (CCMS) athletic facility design and construction updates, and installation of a solar panel array at SKHS.

Phil Conte, Studio JAED, reviews Federal and State incentives and reimbursements for a solar array, benefits of a solar photovoltaic system, system installation, schedule and logistics, and a recommended path forward.

Kate Turner notes that the costs for purchase of components would be procured off of the State Master Price Agreement.

Phil Conte continues relative to the pros and cons of a complete solar installation and the next steps to finalize "Safe Harbor Costs."

Discussion ensues relative to electricity consumption estimates, legal prohibitions to Gilbane working at the same time as another contractor, life cycle of the system, the proposed contribution to the total energy usage, funding sources, and the total cost and potential reimbursements,

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Stuart Flanagan, Newport Renewables, reviews Federal tax credits of 30% as part of the Inflation Reduction Act for using domestically sourced materials. Residential tax credits have been phased out as of December 2025, but commercial tax credits have continued under the current Federal administration.

Kate Turner reviews an update on the SKHS project schedule.

Mark Moore, Gilbane, reviews construction activities and confirms that steel work is complete and work has begun on the exterior envelope and interior framing.

Kate Turner reviews the CCMS demolition schedule.

Discussion ensues relative to removing American flags from school properties for proper disposal, and whether the project is continuing on time.

Kate Turner reviews vibration monitoring planned during parking lot work and site lighting during the July 4th Holiday at the request of the South Kingstown Police Department.

C. Amy Goins, Assistant Town Solicitor, reviews a memorandum provided to the Town Council related to regulation and permitting of farm stands under the Town's Zoning Ordinance. She notes that property owners with less than 5 acres would require relief from the Zoning Board for a Special Use Permit to maintain a farm stand. If the Town Council feels that the 5-acre minimum should be changed, she recommends referring to the Planning Board and Town Solicitor's office for an advisory opinion.

Discussion ensues relative to the intent of the Ordinance as written in 2006.

The Town Solicitor notes that her memorandum did not focus on the definitions of farm stands, only the relevant Zoning, and that there is no history of complaints in Town, so no Zoning enforcement has happened in the past.

Discussion ensues relative to placing a moratorium on Zoning enforcement until a decision can be reached, gaps in the current regulations of the Town in comparison to the State, and potential recommendations to the Planning Board to develop Zoning amendments for a micro-farm use under 5 acres.

Council Member Wegimont motions to recommend to legal counsel to make Zoning amendments to include a micro-farm use.

There being no second, the motion fails.

The Town Solicitor recommends a motion to refer this matter to the Planning Board and legal counsel to review or make Zoning amendments, institution of an informal enforcement moratorium, and notes that there is an avenue open for a property owner to apply to the Zoning Board for a Special Use Permit.

Discussion ensues relative to the definition of farm stands and farm products.

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The Town Solicitor notes that the Zoning regulation was not to prohibit operations but to allow larger farms to expand their offerings.

Discussion ensues relative to the definition of retail sales.

The Town Solicitor notes that the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) keeps a list of agricultural properties for notification purposes and Farm Retail Sales Permit.

Discussion ensues relative to local Zoning regulations superseding State retail permitting and promotion of local farming.

Council Vice President Marran motions to direct the Town Manager and staff not to enforce regulations concerning farm stands at this time, and to refer to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion to make potential amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance relative to farm stands that are consistent with State law, and is seconded by Council Member Bergner.

Discussion ensues.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to direct the Town Manager and staff not to enforce regulations concerning farm stands at this time, and to refer to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion to make potential amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance relative to farm stands.

B. James Manni, Town Manager, reviews the strong Moody's Bond Rating of the Town of South Kingstown in 2025 and low interest rates for Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) in the upcoming year.

The Town Council thanks Brian Silvia, Finance Director, for his work in preparing for the Bond Rating.

Discussion ensues relative to bond savings being contributed to the Debt Service Fund, annual revaluation of the Bond Rating, and the upcoming meeting with the Bond Council at the June 22, 2206, Town Council meeting.

D. The Town Manager reviews the recently enacted Irrigation Ordinance and a postcard prepared by the Public Services Department.

Richard Bourbonnais, Public Services Director, reviews the development of the postcard.

Discussion ensues relative to how to interpret the irrigation districts.

The Public Services Director explains how to read the postcard, the intent of the Ordinance, and how to utilize AxisGIS to research by address which district a specific property is in. He notes that out of 3,000 postcards sent, the Public Services Department has only received complaints or questions from 12 residents about the Ordinance, and that 40 residents have received warning notifications as a result of water usage on Wednesdays and weekends.

Discussion ensues relative to providing additional links or tools on the website and re-noticing residents by their specific addresses which district they are in.

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10. Public Hearing

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 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.

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 11A is brought forward.

11A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to affirm 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	33
B – Tavern	1
B – Limited	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	2
T – Legitimate Theater	2

Public Hearing 10A is brought back.

10A. 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.

Communications 14A is brought forward.

14A. Tara Henriques reviews a communication from residents of Rodman Street relative to ongoing issues with an agricultural business being run in a residential neighborhood.

Nick Gorham comments on specific issues created by the farm and in opposition of potential Zoning amendments allowing the use to continue.

Council Vice President Marran requests to include the neighbors' letter in the referral to the Planning Board.

The Town Solicitor notes that crop farms and livestock farms are allowed in all residential zones.

Discussion ensues relative to the property being able to be subdivided, potential future development, and the high tunnel present on the property.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that an email dated June 3, 2026, from Residents of Rodman Street in opposition to approval of a farm stand and expanded agricultural operations in the neighborhood surrounding Rodman Street is accepted, approved, and the Town Council further directs that the email be referred to the Planning Board and legal counsel to be considered as part of their advisory opinion regarding farm stands.

11. New Business

B. Council Member Wegimont motions to approve New Business items B, D, and E relative to Orders of Notice and is seconded by Council Vice President Marran.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to implementation of Form-Based Code on Old Tower Hill Road.

D. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 17 Taxation, Article II Property Assessment Appeals, Section 17-21. Filing with assessment board of review., as follows:

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CHAPTER 17 – TAXATION

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ARTICLE II. – PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Sec. 17-21. - Filing with assessment board of review.

~~(a) Any person aggrieved on any ground whatsoever by any assessment of taxes against him or her in any city or town, or any tenant or group of tenants, of real estate paying rent therefrom, and under obligation to pay more than one half (1/2) of the taxes thereon, may within ninety (90) days from the date the first tax payment is due, file an appeal in the local office of tax assessment; provided, if the person to whom a tax on real estate is assessed chooses to file an appeal, the appeal filed by a tenant or group of tenants will be void. For the purposes of this section, the tenant(s) has the burden of proving financial responsibility to pay more than one half (1/2) of the taxes. The assessor has forty-five (45) days to review the appeal, render a decision and notify the taxpayer of the decision. The taxpayer, if still aggrieved, may appeal the decision of the tax assessor to the local tax board of review, or in the event that the assessor does not render a decision, the taxpayer may appeal to the local tax board of review at the expiration of the forty five day period. Appeals to the local tax board of review are to be filed not more than thirty (30) days after the assessor renders a decision and notifies the taxpayer, or if the assessor does not render a decision within forty five (45) days of the filing of the appeal, not more than ninety (90) days after the expiration of the forty five day period. The local tax board of review shall, within ninety (90) days of the filing of the appeal, hear the appeal and render a decision within thirty (30) days of the date that the hearing was held. Provided, that a city or town may request and receive an extension from the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Revenue. Tax appeal procedures shall be governed by Rhode Island General Laws 44-5-26, as amended.~~

~~(b) Appeals to the local office of tax assessment are to be on an application. In the event of an appeal to the local tax board of review, the local office of tax assessment, upon request by the taxpayer, shall forward the application to the local tax board of review. The application shall be in the form delineated in the statute.~~

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This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

E. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 17 Taxation, Article III. Property Tax Exemptions for Elderly Persons, Section 17-43. Applications for tax exemption to contain evidence of eligibility. and Section 17-44. Amount of exemption; filing of applications., to amend applicants' total gross household income threshold for eligibility in accordance with current Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) values, as follows:

CHAPTER 17 – TAXATION

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ARTICLE III. – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR ELDERLY PERSONS

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Sec. 17-43. - Applications for tax exemption to contain evidence of eligibility.

Applicants for the income based tax program shall submit the following information:

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(1) *Proof of age.* Proof of age may be established by driver's license, birth certificate, baptismal certificate, certificate of citizenship or any other means normally accepted by the Social Security Administration. If no such proof is available, the applicant may submit an affidavit.

(2) *Proof of ownership.* Proof of ownership of the property for which the exemption is claimed may be established by confirmation of the tax assessor that the property tax on such property has been levied on the applicant continuously for the required period of time.

(3) *Proof of income.* ~~The applicant's affidavit before a notary public stating his income, all other income of the household and that no other income is brought into the household except as stated shall be deemed conclusive proof of such facts.~~ The applicant shall submit a copy of their federal income tax return. The applicant's gross income shall be as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and shall include the gross income of an eligible person's spouse if the eligible person is married when the application is filed. Gross income shall also include, and the applicant shall submit a sworn affidavit disclosing receipt of, the following:

(a) any interest or dividends not otherwise included in gross income;

(b) the taxable proceeds of any life insurance;

(c) any pension, annuity, disability, or retirement benefits not otherwise included in gross income; and

(d) the untaxed portion of any social security benefits.

(4) *Proof of residency.* Residency for the purpose of this article shall mean one (1) legally domiciled within the town for the last five (5) years. To determine residency the town may inquire if the applicant is registered to vote in the town and has their motor vehicles registered in the town. Additional documentation may be requested to verify an applicant's primary home address such as utility bills or copies of an applicant's federal tax return. Seasonal or temporary residence shall not be sufficient.

Sec. 17-44. - Amount of exemption; filing of applications.

(a) For the 2026 tax year (assessment as of December 31, 2025), if the applicant's total gross household income does not exceed ~~forty-five~~nine thousand ~~one~~seven hundred ~~ninety-seventeen~~ dollars (\$45,197~~49,717~~.00), the tax on the property shall be equal to four (4) percent of that gross income, provided that the maximum tax savings to the applicant shall not exceed the following:

2023 Total Gross Household Income as of 12/31/2025	2023 2026 Tax Credit
0 - \$23,758 <u>0 - \$26,134</u>	\$2,472
\$23,759 - \$28,625 <u>\$26,135 - \$31,488</u>	\$2,005

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2023 Total Gross Household Income <u>as of 12/31/2025</u>	2023 <u>2026</u> Tax Credit
\$28,626—\$31,870 \$31,489 – \$35,057	\$1,887
\$31,871—\$36,506 \$35,058 – \$40,157	\$1,770
\$36,507—\$38,939 \$40,158 – \$42,833	\$1,533
\$38,940—\$40,214 \$42,834 – \$44,235	\$1,416
\$40,215—\$41,373 \$44,236 – \$45,510	\$1,124
\$41,374—\$42,647 \$45,511 – \$46,912	\$826
\$42,648—\$45,197 \$46,913 – \$49,717	\$534

For the 2027 tax year (assessment as of 12/31/2026) and subsequent tax years, the gross household income amounts and corresponding maximum tax credits set forth above shall be adjusted by the Assessor to align with the annual cost-of-living adjustment to Social Security benefits.

(b) All exemptions will be on a fiscal year basis in accordance with the current financial management procedures of the town.

(c) All applications will be filed with the tax assessor by May 15 of each year for which the tax credit is claimed and shall be made in the form approved by the town council. All applications filed after the May 15 deadline, if approved, will receive a tax credit in the form of an abatement.

(d) An additional provision to this section will allow continuance of the exemption when a transfer of ownership of a property occurs between family members who have been residing in the property for the previous five (5) years and if the applicant's income limits adhere to the guidelines of the section.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

C. Council Member Wegimont reviews a request for a resolution recognizing South Kingstown as the birthplace of chicken salad in 1863 and presents the Town Manager with an honorary plaque.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to direct the Town Solicitor to draft a resolution recognizing Wakefield as the birthplace of chicken salad, honoring the original recipe first created here in 1863, as requested by Council Member Wegimont.

F. Lori Fox, Director of IT, reviews a request for a contract renewal for SIEM cybersecurity software.

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UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award to CDW-G, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-1515 for software in the amount of \$28,968.30 with a 3-year renewal option not to exceed a ten percent (10%) increase over the prior year as described in a memorandum from the Director of IT to the Town Manager dated May 29, 2026, and titled "SIEM Software Renewal Recommendation".

G. Mark Russo, Director of Facilities, reviews a request for Town Facilities landscaping services.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: To authorize an award of bid to Dimeo Properties, Inc, 475 Kilvert Street, Warwick, RI 02886 for Town Facilities Landscape Services, for a two (2) year term with an optional third year should we choose to extend in an amount not to exceed Year 1-\$40,000, Year 2- \$41,685 and optional third year \$42,635, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Facilities to the Town Manager dated May 28, 2026, regarding Town Facilities Landscape Services.

H. Richard Bourbonnais, Public Services Director, reviews New Business items H, I, J, and K.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award to Atlantic Coast Polymer, Inc., 224 Commercial Blvd. Suite 204, Lauderdale By The Sea, FL 33308, for dry (APC345) and liquid (APC660U) polymer, in an amount not to exceed \$2.52 per lb.(ACP345) and \$2.52 per lb. (ACP660U), until December 31, 2026, with a not to exceed 10% increase for the remainder of the fiscal year and not to exceed 10% increase for an additional 1-year contract, through FY 2027-28, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated May 27, 2026, regarding "Wastewater Division Proprietary Chemical – FY 2026-27 Polymer."

I. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award of contract to Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, 2650 Tallevast Road, Sarasota, Florida 34243 for Bioxide, in an amount not to exceed \$3.44 per gallon until August 31, 2026, with a not to exceed 10% increase for the remainder of the fiscal year and not to exceed 10% increase for an additional 1-year contract, through FY 2027-28, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated May 27, 2026, regarding "Wastewater Division Proprietary Chemicals - Bioxide."

J. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award of bid for miscellaneous road building materials to the following bidders at the unit prices as follows, and as further described in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager dated May 28, 2026, and entitled "Bid Recommendation – FY 2026-27 Road Building."

VENDOR	PRODUCT
Richmond Sand & Stone, Inc. 35 Stilson Road Richmond, RI 02898	Concrete Sand - Picked Up & Delivered Crushed Stone - 1"-1 1/2" - Picked Up & Delivered Crushed Stone 2-3" - Picked Up Bank Run Gravel - Picked Up & Delivered Rip Rap NSA #R-3 - Picked Up & Delivered Screened Loam – Delivered

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PJ Keating Company 998 Reservoir Rd Lunenburg, MA 01462	Armor Stone 1 CY - Picked Up Armor Stone 2 CY - Picked Up Armor Stone 3 CY - Picked Up Armor Stone 4 CY - Picked Up
Johnston Asphalt 100 Allendale Rd. Johnston, RI 02919	Cold Patch - Picked Up & Delivered Permanent Cold Patch - Picked Up & Delivered
Charlestown Farms LLC 80 Compass Circle North Kingstown, RI 02852	Crushed Stone 3/8" - Picked Up & Delivered Crushed Stone 1/2" - Picked Up & Delivered Crushed Stone 3/4" - Picked Up & Delivered Bituminous Concrete (Hot) – Delivered
JR Vinagro Corp 2208 Plainfield Pike Johnston, RI 02919	Winter Sand - Picked Up & Delivered Stone Dust - Picked Up & Delivered Processed Gravel - Picked Up & Delivered Crushed Stone 2"-3" - Picked Up & Delivered Rip Rap NSA #R-8 - Picked Up & Delivered Armor Stone 1, 2, & 3 CY - Picked Up & Delivered Concrete 4000psi - 1, 2, 3 CY *See Below
J. H. Lynch & Son, Inc. 270 North Road P.O. Box 3700 Peace Dale, RI 02879	Bituminous Concrete (Hot) - Picked Up **See Attached Spreadsheet for Additional Cost Breakdowns for Trucking and Travel
Material Sand & Stone Corp 618 Greenville Rd. North Smithfield, RI 02896	Crushed Stone 2-3" – Picked Up Rip Rap NSA #R-6 – Picked Up & Delivered Screened Loam – Picked Up & Delivered Concrete 4,000psi – 5 CY & 6 or more CY Flowable Fill – By CY Bituminous Concrete – (Hot Winter Use) – Picked Up
Cullion Concrete Corp P.O. Box 8979 Cranston, RI 02920	Concrete 4000psi – 1 CY *See Below

* - Calcium, Hot Water, Re-enforcing Fiber and Corrosion Inhibitor Additives though different from each vendor is specific to how much and which vendor is used for pricing. Cannot be separated out.

K. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: To authorize an award of bid for Drainage/ Concrete Curb / Retaining Wall Materials to the following bidders at the unit prices bid and as further described in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager dated May 28, 2026, and entitled 'Bid Recommendation - FY 2026-27 Drainage/ Concrete Curb/ Retaining Wall Material.

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VENDOR	PRODUCT
EJ Prescott Inc 38 Albion Rd Lincoln, RI 02865	Standard Catch Basin Grate w/o Frame Standard Drainage Manhole- Frame & Cover High Capacity Catch Basin Grate w/o Frame Sewer Frame & Cover - 24" Sewer Frame & Cover – 30" GeoGrid
Warwick Winwater Company 62 Wyoming Ave Warwick, RI 02888	Standard Catch Basin - Frame & Grate High Capacity Catch Basin - Frame & Grate

L. Brian Silvia, Finance Director, reviews uncollectible motor vehicle and tangible taxes from the 2015 tax roll.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the write-off of the uncollectible motor vehicle and tangible taxes from the 2015 tax roll totaling \$28,625.69.

M. The Finance Director reviews Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tax Resolutions.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize tax collection procedures as follows:

TAX RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby orders the assessment and collection of a tax on the ratable real estate and tangible personal property in a sum not more than \$81,700,000; said tax is for the ordinary expenses and charges, for the payment of interest and indebtedness, in whole or in part of said Town, and for other purposes authorized by law. The Tax Assessor shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said Town as of the 31st day of December, A.D. 2025 at Twelve o'clock midnight, according to law (the date of assessment) and shall, on completion of said assessment, date, certify, and sign the same and deliver to and deposit the same in the office of the Town Clerk on or before the 15th day of August, A.D. 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town taxes shall be due and payable on and between August 1, 2026, and August 31, 2026, and all taxes remaining unpaid after August 31, 2026, shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum upon such unpaid tax, with the exception of taxes being paid under the quarterly installment law. For purposes of calculating the appeal period for relief from the tax assessment, said appeal period shall run from August 1, 2026.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that said taxes, if levied in excess of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00), may be paid in quarterly installments, the first installment of twenty-five percent (25%) on or before the 1st day of August 2026 and the remaining installments as follows: twenty-five percent (25%) on or before the 1st day of November 2026; twenty-five percent (25%) on or before the 1st day of February 2027; twenty-five percent (25%) on or before the 1st day of May 2027. Each installment of taxes, if paid on or before the last day of each installment period successively and in order, shall be free from any charge for interest. If the first installment or any succeeding installment of taxes is not paid prior to the first (1st) day of the next calendar month following the last date of the respective installment period or periods as they occur, then the whole tax or remaining unpaid balance of the tax as the case may be, shall immediately become due and payable and shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from August 1, 2026 for real and personal property taxes, and motor vehicle excise tax as allowed by the laws of the State of Rhode Island. Upon payment of any and all delinquent quarterly installments together with interest accrued on the full unpaid balance of the tax, the right to pay the remaining taxes on the installment basis will be reinstated. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 44-5-8.1, per Chapter 17 Article VIII of the Town of South Kingstown's Code of Ordinances, the Town is authorized to permit a waiver of interest on one quarter's overdue real estate property tax payment. To receive a waiver on a penalty charge, a tax account must satisfy all conditions specified and adopted in the Town of South Kingstown's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Article VIII.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Tax Collector is ordered and directed to make levy or levies on all property or properties and persons. Taxes assessed December 31, 2025, for 2026 taxes on Real Estate for which remain unpaid on the First Monday in March A.D. 2027, shall cause said Tax Collector to proceed according to law to collect said tax or taxes so delinquent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Director of Finance of this Town be and is hereby instructed and empowered to hire all necessary funds for the use of the Town for the year ensuing, and to renew all notes against the Town outstanding as may be found necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to issue from time-to-time notes of the Town of South Kingstown, subject to the approval of the Town Council, in anticipation of the receipt of taxes assessed as of December 31, 2025, for a sum not more than \$81,700,000. Said borrowed moneys shall be used and expended for the payment of current liabilities and expenses of said Town of South Kingstown and shall be issued under the authority of Title 45-12-4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended.

P. Kevin Finnegan, Owner of The Ocean Mist and The Pub, reviews a request for temporary extended service hours during the World Cup.

The Town Solicitor reviews temporary legislation enacted by the General Assembly.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize Town Council approval for temporary extended service hours for The Ocean Mist and The Pub pursuant to RIGL 3-7.1-1, as requested by Nicole Ducheneau, Business Administrator, Matunuck Group, in an email dated June 1, 2026.

N. Lucas Murray, Deputy Town Manager/DOAS, reviews the Non-Union Pay Plan and Allocation Schedule, staffing updates and changes, FY 2025-2026 benefit changes, and Town Manager Compensation Change.

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Discussion ensues relative to the Deputy Library Director position.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to formally adopt the FY 2026-2027 Non-Union Employee Benefit Summary and Non-Union Employee Pay Plan, including the Position Allocation to Pay Schedule and Grade & Step Schedule, as outlined in the Town Council's FY 2026-2027 Budget adopted April 27, 2026, as amended herein, and as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager/DOAS to the Town Manager dated June 1, 2026 and entitled "FY 2026-2027 Non-Union Municipal Personnel Pay Plan and Benefits Adoption."

O. Matthew Moynihan, Chief of Police, reviews a request for a Mobile Command Post Vehicle.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: To authorize the award of contract to JHB Group, 8104 N. Solon Road, Solon Mills, Illinois 60071, pursuant to Solicitation #SK0069PD, for the design, construction, equipment integration, delivery, training, and support of a Mobile Command Post Vehicle, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, utilizing funding provided through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), Federal Award Number 15JCOPS-24-GG-02291-TECP, as further described in a memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated June 1, 2026, entitled "Recommendation for Award - Mobile Command Post Vehicle."

13. Public Comments – Continued

Roberta Mulholland comments on farms in South Kingstown and the development of the heritage chicken breed Rhode Island Whites.

Council Member Bergner recognizes and thanks first responders including Union Fire, Kingston Fire, EMS, and the South Kingstown Police Department for their response to emergent events within the past few weeks.

14. Communications

B. Jim Vogel, Narrow River Preservation Association, reviews the Narrow River dredging project and a request for local funding.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that an email dated March 13, 2026 from Shirley Freitag, Narrow River Preservation Association, requesting to make a presentation to the Town Council related to the dredging of the Narrow River and other organizational initiatives is accepted, approved, and the Town Council further directs that the Narrow River Preservation Association may be invited back for further discussion after review of the presentation.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn at 10:42 PM.

Emily R. Houle
Town Clerk