

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

RHODE ISLAND



Monday, July 27, 2026

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 PM
WORK SESSION - 6:45 PM
REGULAR SESSION - 7:30 PM**

**Town Council Chambers
180 High Street
Wakefield, RI**

TOWN COUNCIL

Rory H. McEntee, President
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Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or view the meeting live on the [Town Council YouTube channel](#) or on your local Public Access Television Station.

NOTE: Individuals requesting American Sign Language interpreters or CART service must call the Town Clerk's Office at 401-789-9331 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting date.

1. Closed Executive Session - 6:30 PM

- A. A Closed Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation.

2. Work Session - 6:45 PM

- A. Discussion relative to the implementation status of Flock Safety License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras and video surveillance platform.

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. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- A. **Work Session** - July 13, 2026
- B. **Regular Session** - July 13, 2026
- C. **Closed Executive Session** - July 13, 2026

6. Interviews

- A. Elizabeth Kroll application for reappointment to the South Kingstown Library Board of Trustees.
- B. Monique Chartier nomination for appointment to the Canvassing Authority as the Alternate (R) Member.
- C. Ibrahim Fofanah application for appointment to the Economic Development Committee.

7. Appointments

- A. A resolution appointing _____ to the _____ Board/Committee/Commission for a term to expire _____.
- B. A resolution appointing _____ to the Canvassing Authority as a Regular Member, effective August 1, 2026, to fill a term to expire March 2029.
- C. A resolution appointing _____ to the Canvassing Authority as an Alternate (R) Member, effective September 1, 2026, to fill a term to expire March

2027.

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 granting Victualling and Holiday Sales Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Jools LLC d/b/a Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Mark LaHoud, Owner. Renewal; License No. 91791.
- (CA) B.** A resolution that Civil Action File No. WC-2026-0384 filed in Superior Court by Bernadette Deacentis, et al. relative to Town maintenance on the private road, Taber Street, be referred to the Town's Solicitor and Town's insurance carrier.
- (CA) C.** A resolution that a claim filed by Stephen Ryan, Esq. on behalf of their client Paulette Lynch relative to an incident that occurred on or around July 1, 2026, be referred to the Town's Solicitor and Town's insurance carrier.
- (CA) D.** 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 Limited Liquor License by Craft Cafe d/b/a Craft Café, 213 Robinson Street, Unit B2, Wakefield, RI 02879 by Rebecca Bringham, Owner, for the first floor cafe area; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

- (CA) E.** A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to an application for a license to keep and sell alcoholic beverages in South Kingstown in accordance with General Laws of 1956, as amended, as follows:

CLASS B VICTUALLER LIQUOR LICENSE

Application for a Class B Victualler Liquor License by Kurmanji LLC d/b/a Rhody Slice, 546 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 by Ismail Oner, Owner, for the first floor dining area as described in the Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board of Review on January 20, 1988; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

9. Licenses

- A.** A resolution granting a Victualling License for the year beginning December 1,

2025 to SK Kabuki Corp d/b/a SK Kabuki Corp, 91 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Wenxin Zheng, President. New; License No. 93362.

- B.** A resolution granting a Private Detective License for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Patrick McNulty d/b/a Gray Hawk CR, 80 Brookwood Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Patrick McNulty, Owner. New; License No. 94070.
- C.** A resolution granting a Private Detective License for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Roland M Daigle d/b/a Hawk Investigations, 55 Blue Hill Drive, Warwick, RI 02886. Application by Roland M J Daigle, Owner. New; License No. 94018.
- D.** A resolution granting a Temporary Mass Gathering Permit to conduct Octoberfest on October 3, 2026, from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm at Birch and Bay, 323 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by John Brito, Owner. New; License No. TMG-26-5.
- E.** A resolution granting a Temporary Mass Gathering Permit to conduct Sunset with Will Evans on September 20, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Birch and Bay, 323 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by John Brito, Owner. New; License No. TMG-26-4.

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

- (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 VICTUALLER LIQUOR LICENSE

Transfer of a Class B Victualler Liquor License from Kabuki Kingstown Corporation d/b/a Kabuki Restaurant, 91 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 by Yunqing Liu, President, to SK Kabuki Corporation d/b/a Kabuki Restaurant by Wenxin Zheng, President, for the first floor lounge and dining areas; and as further defined in a site plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

12. New Business

- A.** A resolution affirming or amending 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	4 maximum
B - H	1
B - Limited	7
B - M	0
B - Tavern	2
B - Victualler	33
C	0
D - Club Full Privilege	1
D - Limited	0
F	5 per year per organization
F - 1	5 per year per organization
J - Limited	2
T - Legitimate Theater	2

- B.** A resolution proclaiming the fifth anniversary of the Town of South Kingstown as a Purple Heart Town and naming August 7, 2026 as Purple Heart Day.
- C.** Discussion and potential action relative to the implementation status of Flock Safety License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras and video surveillance platform.
- D.** A resolution authorizing the Town Assessor to abate taxes in the amount of \$317,163.50, as shown on Tax Abatement Request No. 664.
- E.** A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of South Kingstown and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 3365, amending the current Collective Bargaining Agreement to establish a twelve-hour Peak Hour Emergency Medical Services Shift, as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager/Director of Administrative Services to the Town Manager dated July 20,

2026, entitled "Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with IAFF Local 3365 – Peak Hour EMS Staffing Initiative"

- F.** A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for the design, procurement and construction of a photovoltaic solar canopy system at the Town's Public Services Facility and to apply for and secure financing through the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank Clean Energy Fund in an amount not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000) to finance the design, permitting, construction, equipment, financing costs and related project expenses associated with the project, provided that the financing is obtained through the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank Clean Energy Fund or another financing program offering substantially equivalent or more favorable terms, the effective borrowing rate shall not exceed 4.00 percent without further authorization of the Town Council, the Town Administration shall maximize all available federal Direct Pay tax incentives, grants and utility incentives to reduce the Town's net project cost, and the final financing and project terms remain substantially consistent with the financial projections presented to the Town Council, recognizing that all financing assumptions, interest rates, project costs and incentive values are preliminary estimates subject to market conditions, as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager dated July 21, 2026, entitled "Public Services Solar Canopy Project – Request for Proposals and Financing Authorization."
- G.** A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with True North Civil, LLC, 805 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, Rhode Island, for the Peace Dale Library Community Learning Center Site Improvements Project, increasing the contract from an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$303,508.48) to an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$473,508.48), as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager/Director of Administrative Services to the Town Manager dated July 21, 2026, entitled "Approval of Contract Amendment with True North Civil, LLC – Peace Dale Library Community Learning Center Site Improvements." Funding is available within existing Capital Reserves of the Library (Fund 412) and a portion of these expenses may be offset by a future funding allocation from the Pandemic Recovery Office.
- H.** A resolution dissolving the Statistical Modeling and Analytics Research Tools (SMART) Committee and transferring its advisory responsibilities to the Economic Development Committee, with the Economic Development Committee authorized to establish a SMART Subcommittee as necessary to carry out research, data analysis, and other responsibilities formerly assigned to the SMART Committee, as further described in a memorandum from the Deputy Town Manager to the Town Manager dated July 21, 2026, entitled "Dissolution of the Statistical Modeling and Analytics Research Tools (SMART) Committee and Transfer of Responsibilities to the Economic Development Committee."
- I.** A resolution authorizing an award to Bobcat of CT dba Bobcat of RI, 421 Lincoln Ave, Warwick, RI, 02888 for Bobcat E-48 Mini Excavator with Attachments, in an

amount not to exceed \$103,887.08, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated July 15, 2026, regarding "Bid Award - Bobcat E-48 Mini Excavator with Attachments." Funding has been made available within the Public Services Equipment Reserve (408), project PW011, in the amount of \$105,000.

- J.** A resolution authorizing an award of contract to CivicPlus, 302 South 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, KS 66502 for Asset Management Software system and annual service in an amount not to exceed \$26,352.00 for year-one and subsequent 5% year-two increase by mutual agreement, as further detailed in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager dated July 20, 2026, regarding "Asset Management Software - CivicPlus Contract Award." Funding is available from applicable departments Asset Management Software accounts (534017).
- K.** A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 10 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I. In General, Section 10-2 - Through trucks prohibited on certain streets., to prohibit through truck traffic on Pond Street between Route 1 (Tower Hill Road) and Main Street.
- L.** A resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Order of Notice a Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 10 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I. - In General, Sec. 10-12 – Boulevard and street stop signs designated., for the installation of stop signs on Salt Pond Road in a northbound and southbound direction at its intersection with Kenyon Avenue.
- M.** A resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement Thales Livescan Electronic Fingerprinting System, including a fixed-cabinet Livescan workstation and Records Management System interface, from Thales DIS USA, Inc., 9442 Capital of Texas Highway North, Plaza II, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78759, in an amount not to exceed \$28,360.00, including a 10% contingency for potential interface integration costs, as further described in a memorandum from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager dated July 20, 2026, regarding the Livescan Electronic Fingerprinting System Replacement. Funding is available for FY2026-27, within the Police Department's Software Maintenance account (10120001-534016).
- N.** A resolution authorizing the temporary closure of Robinson Street Between Woodruff Avenue and Melrose Street on Saturday, August 8, 2026, in conjunction with the Wakefield Fire Station Family Day Event, with all traffic control measures to be coordinated by the South Kingstown Police Department and the Union Fire Department.

13. Town Manager's Report

- A.** Veolia update on the South Shore and Middlebridge Water Districts Water Ban
- B.** Update on Elderly Exemptions enrollment
- C.** Overview of See Click Fix 311 Constituent Relationship Management Software

D. Rain barrel update

14. Public Comments - Continued

15. Communications

- A. An email dated July 14, 2026 from William Rosen tendering his resignation from the Zoning Board of Review is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.
- B. An email dated July 19, 2026, from Pete Wilkinson in opposition to the renewal of the Flock Safety Cameras is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.
- C. An email dated July 20, 2026, from A. Sorenson in opposition to the renewal of Flock Safety Cameras is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.
- D. An email dated July 22, 2026, from Stephen Brophy in opposition to the renewal of Flock Safety Cameras is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.
- E. An email dated July 22, 2026, from Madalyn McGunagle, ACLU of RI, in opposition to the renewal of Flock Safety Cameras is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.
- F. An email dated July 23, 2026, from Timothy Murphy in opposition to the renewal of Flock Safety Cameras is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs _____.

16. Town Council Discussion Items - None