

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 13, 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 13th day of July 2026 at 6:32 PM.

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

Also present: James M. Manni, Town Manager; Amy H. Goins, Assistant Town Solicitor; Lucas Murray, Deputy Town Manager/DOAS; Brian Wagner, Deputy Planning Director

1. A. Closed Executive Session

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to recess to Closed Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5) related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public.

Regular Session is reconvened at 6:40 PM.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to seal the minutes of the Closed Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5) related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public.

Amy Goins, Assistant Town Solicitor, notes that one vote was taken in Closed Executive Session.

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 13th day of July 2026 at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Rory H. McEntee, President
 Michael K. Marran, Vice President
 Patricia A. Alley
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2. A. Work Session

James Manni, Town Manager, gives a brief overview of the recent full water ban issued by Veolia for the South Shore and Middlebridge Water Districts on June 30, 2026. He reviews the number of customers utilizing Town water through Veolia and the number of available Town-owned wells.

Richard Bourbonnais, Director of Public Services, explains that the three Town-owned wells contain high iron levels and are unable to be made potable through use of corrective chemicals. He reviews the outdoor water uses banned and notes that hand watering of gardens is permitted.

Discussion ensues relative to the cost estimate to correct the iron levels and possible sources of the contamination.

The Public Services Director continues relative to the recently enacted Irrigation Ordinance to limit outdoor water usage and its efficacy.

Discussion ensues relative to differences between the Kingston Water District and Veolia districts of South Shore and Middlebridge, the water supply across the State, and the authority of Veolia to issue a water ban.

Amy Goins, Assistant Town Solicitor, states that the Town must enforce the water ban as a purchasing party pursuant to the Town's contract with Veolia.

Chris Jacobs, Veolia, presents Townwide drought conditions and the potential for a State mandated drought warning, reviews groundwater conditions and aquifer levels, and explains the progression of drought conditions in the months leading up to the ban.

Discussion ensues relative to communication between Veolia and the Town, the intention of the recently enacted Irrigation Ordinance to mitigate excessive water usage, and the likelihood of a State mandated drought warning.

Chris Jacobs responds.

Discussion ensues relative to awards won by Veolia in New York and the potential for implementation of similar conservation programs in Rhode Island.

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Sophia Salis, Veolia, responds and clarifies the difference in programs available in New York and Rhode Island due to tariffs set forth by the regulatory bodies.

Discussion ensues relative to potential rebates for Veolia customers, water conservation measures, and the communication process between Veolia and the Public Services Director.

Chris Jacobs responds.

The Public Services Director reviews warning notices sent to residents in violation of the Irrigation Ordinance passed on June 30, 2026.

Discussion ensues relative to water usage reports being provided to the Town, use of wells in the Green Hill area, and next steps to move out of the water ban.

Convened to Regular Session.

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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 13th day of July 2026 at 7:54 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. Approval Of Minutes Of Previous Meetings

A. Work Session: UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that the minutes of the Work Session held on June 22, 2026 are accepted, approved, and placed on file.

B. Regular Session: UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that the minutes of the Regular Session held on June 22, 2026 are accepted, approved, and placed on file.

6. Interviews

A. Olwyn McCabe is not present to be interviewed.

B. The Town Council interviews Robert Warren relative to his interest in being reappointed to the South Kingstown Library Board of Trustees.

C. The Town Council interviews Michael Henry relative to his interest in being reappointed to the South Kingstown Library Board of Trustees.

7. Appointments

A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Robert Warren to the South Kingstown Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire July 2029.

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UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to reappoint Michael Henry to the South Kingstown Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire July 2029.

B. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to appoint Justin Coutu to the South Kingstown Housing Authority to fill a term to expire October 2030.

8. Consent Agenda

Council Member Bergner motions to approve the Consent Agenda and is seconded by Council Member Wegimont.

Discussion ensues relative to the benefit of leasing Police Department motorcycles instead of purchasing.

Matthew Moynihan, Chief of Police, explains the needs of the department.

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

(CA) A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that a claim filed by Lisa S. Holley, Esq. on behalf of their client Lt. Bethany Dolock relative to a series of incidents that began on or about June 2022, be referred to the Town's Solicitor and Town's insurance carrier.

(CA) B. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant a Victualling License for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Calaveras LLC d/b/a Maiz, 58 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Lliyana Borisova, Owner. Renewal; License No. 79353.

(CA) C. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award to StarNet Solutions Incorporated, 90 Main Street, Farmingdale, NJ 07727 for Server Infrastructure Hardware in the amount not to exceed \$15,545.00 with a 3-year renewal option not to exceed ten percent (10%) increase over the prior year as described in a memorandum from the Information Technology Director to the Town Manager dated June 18, 2026 and titled "Police Server Maintenance."

(CA) D. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award to SHI Incorporated, 300 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08876 for software services in the amount not to exceed \$11,036.80 with a 3-year renewal option not to exceed ten percent (10%) increase over the prior year as described in a memorandum from the Information Technology Director to the Town Manager dated June 18, 2026 and titled "SHI Software Renewal."

(CA) E. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a five-year full-service contract to Voltrek, 280 Merrimack St. SE 554, Lawrence, MA 01843 for a Charge Point charging station maintenance contract, in an amount not to exceed \$9,826.00, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Facilities to the Town Manager dated July 2, 2026, regarding Charge Point Charging Station Maintenance Contract.

(CA) F. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award for Mechanical Services Contracts for a two (2) year term, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028, with the option for a mutually agreed upon third year to the aforementioned companies in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid specifications at the attached rates, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from

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the Director of Facilities to the Town Manager dated June 24, 2026, regarding mechanical services contracts.

(CA) G. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a purchase of Ballistic Vests to Capital Uniform and Supply LLC, 118 Cross Rd Ste 2, Waterford, CT 06385 for an amount not to exceed \$18,535.44 under Sourcewell purchasing cooperative (0919-24-GHA), as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Chief of EMS to the Town Manager dated July 2, 2026, regarding EMS Ballistic Vests.

(CA) H. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award for the purchase of Class A uniform garments from Barney's Uniforms, 922 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI 02920, at the unit prices bid for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with the option to extend the contract for one additional year if mutually agreeable to both parties, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid specifications, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager regarding the purchase of Class A uniform garments.

(CA) I. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the purchase of Glock duty holsters from Horwitz Uniforms, 375 Morgan Lane, West Haven, CT 06516, at the unit prices bid, in an amount not to exceed \$9,072.00, including a 5% contingency, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager regarding Bid SK0072PD.

(CA) J. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the purchase of duty and training ammunition from Thomas Joseph Morris III (Eagle Point Gun), 1707 Third Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086, under Rhode Island State Master Price Agreement #31, in an amount not to exceed \$14,800.80, including a 5% contingency, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager.

(CA) K. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a lease agreement with Seacoast Harley-Davidson, 17 Lafayette Road, North Hampton, NH 03862, for one (1) 2023 Harley-Davidson FLHTP police motorcycle at an annual lease cost of \$4,500.00 and two (2) 2026 Harley-Davidson FLTRXP police motorcycles at an annual lease cost of \$6,500.00 per motorcycle (\$13,000.00 total), for a combined annual lease cost not to exceed \$17,500.00 for the period May 25, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager.

(CA) L. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the renewal of the Police DTS software license agreement with SystemWorks, LLC, P.O. Box 250, Groton, MA 01450, in the amount of \$14,360.00 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager.

(CA) M. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award for the purchase of Blauer police uniform garments, including patrol shirts, trousers, outerwear, and related uniform apparel, from Horwitz Uniforms, 375 Morgan Lane, West Haven, CT 06516, at the unit prices bid for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with the option to extend the contract for one additional year if mutually agreeable to both parties, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid specifications, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Chief of Police to the Town Manager regarding the purchase of Blauer police uniform garments.

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9. Licenses

A. John Brito is present, and after testimony and discussion it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant a Temporary Mass Gathering Permit to conduct the Folk Festival on September 13, 2026, from 12 pm to 9:30 pm at Birch and Bay, 323 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by John Brito, Owner. New; License No. TMG-26-3.

B. Arzu Yakut is present, and after testimony and discussion it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant a Victualling License for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Gastro Art Inc. d/b/a Wise Guys Deli Pizza, 1283 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Arzu Yakut, Co-Owner. New; License No. 93559.

C. Ismail Oner is present, and after testimony and discussion it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant a Victualling License for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Rhody Slice d/b/a Rhody Slice, 546 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Ismail Oner, Owner. New; License No. 93288.

D. Carla and Elias Boutros are present, and after testimony and discussion it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant a Victualling License for the year beginning December 1, 2025 to Falafel Daves Corp d/b/a Falafel Dave's, 203 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Carla Boutros, Owner. New; License No. 92723.

New Business 12J is brought forward.

J. Discussion ensues relative to continuing discussion of Flock Safety License Plate Recognition (LPR) to a future meeting.

James Manni, Town Manager, confirms that a representative of Flock Safety will be in attendance at the July 27, 2026 meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to continue to July 27, 2026, discussion relative to implementation status of Flock Safety License Plate Recognition (LPR) and Video Surveillance Platform.

10. Public Comments – 30 Minutes

Council President McEntee invites residents to come forward with comments.

Libby Nestor comments on the longstanding drought conditions in Washington County .

Bob Trager comments on the necessity of water conservation education, available water resources statewide, and the state of the world.

Council Member Bergner reviews a bone marrow registration event being held at Old Mountain Field during a baseball game between the Newport Gulls and South Kingstown Waves.

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Lisa Beth Sanford comments on the proposed stop sign on Church Street and recommends installation of a Rapid Response Flashing Beacon (RRFB).

11. Public Hearings

A. Notice having been duly given, a Public Hearing is held to consider proposed amendments to Chapter 17 Taxation, Article II. Property Assessment Appeals, Section 17-21. Filing with assessment board of review, to align appeals procedure with Rhode Island General Law, as follows:

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.

Amy Goins, Assistant Town Solicitor, reviews the proposed amendments with the goal to bring the ordinance in compliance with state laws.

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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UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adopt amendments to Chapter 17 Taxation, Article II. Property Assessment Appeals, Section 17-21. Filing with assessment board of review, to align appeals procedure with Rhode Island General Law, as follows:

CHAPTER 17 – TAXATION

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ARTICLE II. – PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

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12. New Business

A. Lori Fox, Information Technology Director, reviews a request for a contract renewal for OpenGov software.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award to OpenGov Incorporated, 660 3rd Street, Suite 100, San Francisco, CA 94107 for software services in the amount not to exceed \$36,316.88 with a 3-year renewal option not to exceed ten percent (10%) increase over the prior year, with funding from the IT Department's Computer/Software Maintenance account, as described in a memorandum from the Information Technology Director to the Town Manager dated June 18, 2026 and titled "OpenGov Contract Renewal."

The Town Manager's Report is brought forward.

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13. Town Manager's Report

A. Kate Turner, LeftField, introduces a presentation on the South Kingstown High School (SKHS) and Curtis Corner Middle School (CCMS) Building Projects.

Mark Moore, Gilbane, reviews construction progress at the SKHS.

Discussion ensues relative to the progress of the SKHS construction and the schedule of CCMS demolition and athletic fields construction.

Kate Turner confirms that the CCMS athletic fields will be completed on the same schedule as the SKHS.

Mark Moore continues to review construction activities.

Kate Turner reviews CCMS schedule milestones including Phase I for demolition of CCMS, Phase II for athletic fields construction, and Phase III for the remaining sitework. The Phase II bidding schedule is reviewed.

Further discussion ensues relative to the athletic fields construction schedule.

Kate Turner continues relative to a meeting with abutters held on July 9, 2026, to discuss the CCMS demolition.

Kate Macinanti, SKHS School Building Committee, reviews the abutters meeting and notes that the CCMS demolition work is less intrusive than work being performed at the SKHS.

Kate Turner provides an update of the CCMS work progress to date.

Discussion ensues relative to the CCMS demolition.

Kate Turner continues relative to CCMS interior abatement progress and a demolition overview.

New Business is brought back.

12. New Business

Council Vice President Marran motions to approve New Business B through E and is seconded by Council Member Bergner.

B. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award of bid to JCI Jones, 40 Railroad Ave, Merrimack, NH 03054 for sodium bisulfite, in an amount not to exceed \$2.500 per gallon, with up to two (2) consecutive yearly extensions, not to exceed 10% increase per year, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated June 29, 2026, regarding "Bid Recommendation – Sodium Bisulfite."

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C. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award of bid to International Dioxide, Inc., 40 Whitecap Drive, North Kingstown, RI 02852 for sodium chlorite, in an amount not to exceed \$11.829 per gallon, with up to two (2) consecutive yearly extensions, not to exceed 10% increase per year, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated June 29, 2026, regarding "Bid Recommendation – Sodium Chlorite."

D. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award to Borden & Remington Corp, PO Box 2573, Fall River, MA 02722 for sodium hypochlorite, at the unit price of \$2.2584 per gallon for FY 2026-27, with up to two (2) consecutive yearly extensions, not to exceed 10% increase per year, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager, dated July 2, 2026, entitled "Bid Recommendation - Sodium Hypochlorite."

E. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a contract extension to Microbac, 61 Louisa Viens Drive, Dayville, CT 06241 for analytical laboratory testing services through June 30, 2027, at unit prices bid, with funding from Wastewater Operating Budget and Highway Division Operating Budget, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated July 2, 2026, regarding "Contract Extension – Analytical Laboratory Testing Services."

Council Member Bergner motions to approve New Business F through I and is seconded by Council Vice President Marran.

Richard Bourbonnais, Director of Public Services, reviews construction of the Shadow Farm Pump Station and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shadow Farm and Garden Village Condominium Associations.

Discussion ensues relative to wastewater usage and the function of a pump station.

The Public Services Director explains the function of a pump station to facilitate water movement against gravity.

F. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award to MDB-T LLC d/b/a Toyota of Smithfield, 550 George Washington Highway, Smithfield, RI 02917 for a 2026 Toyota RAV 4 LE Hybrid in an amount not to exceed \$34,701.36 from Highway Capital Funding FY 2026-27, Fund 408, Project PW012, and as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated June 30, 2026, regarding "Award of Purchase Recommendation – Highway Superintendent Vehicle."

G. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award to Key Corporation, 170 Fiore Industrial Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879 for the construction of the Shadow Farm Pump Station, in an amount not to exceed \$1,227,213.00, which includes a \$60,000 contingency, with funding in the amount of \$123,520 from the adopted Capital Improvement Plan of the Town for FY 2024-25, and the balance coming from the Wastewater Fund's unrestricted net assets, as further described in a purchasing recommendation from the Director of Public Services to the Town Manager dated July 2, 2026, regarding "Award of Bid - Shadow Farms Wastewater Pump Construction."

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H. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize an award of contract to James J. Geremia & Associates, Inc., 260 W. Exchange Street, Suite 008, Providence, RI 02903 for Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services for the replacement of the Shadow Farm Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$76,480.00, with funding in the amount of \$76,480.00 from the adopted Capital Improvement Plan of the Town for FY 2024-25, as further described in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager, dated July 2, 2026, and entitled "Award of Contract - Shadow Farm Pump Station Construction Services."

I. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shadow Farm and Garden Village Condominium Associations to establish their respective rights and obligations associated with the construction of a new sanitary pump station at Shadow Farm as further described in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager, dated July 3, 2026, entitled "Shadow Farm and Garden Village - MOU."

13. Town Manager's Report

B. The Town Manager reviews a tax bill insert notifying residents of the Town's Elderly Exemption program.

Discussion ensues relative to the history of the Elderly Exemption program and efforts to promote awareness of the program to benefit residents.

The Town Manager notes the requirement to submit verification of income.

Discussion ensues relative to the verification of income requirement, new enrollment since the Elderly Exemption ordinance amendments were enacted on June 22, 2026, and accommodation to those residents previously enrolled.

C. Matthew Moynihan, Chief of Police, reviews a request for a three-way stop sign at Church Street and Railroad Street. He describes efforts made by Police Department staff to review traffic and research the history of incidents at the intersection, and notes that data collected does not support a three-way stop per the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) released by the Department of Transportation. Four options are presented: to leave the intersection as is, to install the stop sign as proposed outside the guidelines of the MUTCD, to install a Rapid Response Flashing Beacon (RRFB), or to continue to do a more comprehensive study at the intersection with a consulting firm.

Discussion ensues relative to Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) funding for the RRFB and benefits of installation, the sample size of the vehicle traffic study, and changing traffic patterns from the summer season to the school year.

The Public Services Director reviews traffic patterns on Railroad Street and potential traffic backup of cars and school buses on the street.

Discussion ensues relative to traffic accident history at the intersection, the need for a traffic study performed during the school year, installation of an RRFB, and the expense of hiring a traffic engineer consultant.

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The Town Council reaches consensus to request installation of an RRFB and direct the Chief of Police and Public Services Director to further research consultant costs and develop a long-term plan for pedestrian and bicyclist safety at the intersection to present to the Town Council at a later meeting.

15. Communications

A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that a letter dated June 30, 2026, from Roland Benjamin tendering his resignation from the South Kingstown Canvassing Authority effective September 1, 2026, is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs that a letter of thanks be sent.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn at 9:23 PM.

Emily R. Houle
Town Clerk