

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 27, 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 27th 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; Mike Ursillo, Town Solicitor; Lucas Murray, Deputy Town Manager/DOAS

1. A. Closed Executive Session

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to recess to 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.

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)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation.

Mike Ursillo, 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 27th day of July 2026 at 6:41 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; Mike Ursillo, Town Solicitor; Lucas Murray, Deputy Town Manager/DOAS; Matthew Moynihan, Chief of Police; Major Alfred Bucco; Captain Mark Sgalia; Acting Captain Michael Sousa; and Acting Lieutenant Joseph Iannelli

2. A. Work Session

James Manni, Town Manager, introduces a Work Session relative to Flock Safety cameras in South Kingstown and the current contract timeline. A one-year contract was authorized in June 2025 to test the cameras, which began on February 19, 2026 after installation of the cameras was completed.

Matthew Moynihan, Chief of Police, reviews his recommendation for the use of Flock Safety cameras and introduces Trevor Chandler, Senior Director of Public Affairs, Flock Safety.

Council President McEntee requests a description of the cameras' intended use and the number of communities using the product.

Trevor Chandler explains the use of Flock Safety License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras in solving crimes such as hit and run accidents and missing persons cases. He notes that visual identification of a vehicle is necessary before using LPR software and the cameras record rear license plates along with the make, color, and defining characteristics of a car without being connected to identifying information or being able to perform facial recognition. The National Center for Exploited and Missing Children and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) endorse and support the use of Flock Safety cameras.

Discussion ensues relative to Flock camera images being used as evidence.

Mr. Chandler states that the Town owns the image data and if not downloaded to be used as evidence it is deleted, generally within 30 days. He reinforces that Flock does not sell or share data on behalf of the Town and that every effort is made to maintain transparency.

Discussion ensues regarding data shared between municipalities.

Mr. Chandler notes that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between municipalities is needed to share request data.

Discussion ensues relative to the number of Flock clients in Rhode Island, the limits of LPR technology, the reasons for camera installation delays, and misuse of private data.

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Council President McEntee reviews a letter received by the RI American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) regarding privacy concerns and Fourth Amendment search and seizure constitutionality due to use of Flock cameras.

Mr. Chandler notes that courts have ruled unanimously that Flock cameras do not violate Fourth Amendment rights.

The Town Council offer their closing remarks.

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 27th day of July 2026 at 7:45 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 July 13, 2026 are accepted, approved, and placed on file.

B. Regular Session: UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that the minutes of the Regular Session held on July 13, 2026 are accepted, approved, and placed on file.

C. Closed Executive Session: UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that the minutes of the Closed Executive Session held on July 13, 2026 are accepted.

New Business 12C is brought forward.

12C. Council Member Wegimont makes a motion to terminate the Town's contract with Flock Safety, direct that all required notice of termination and non-renewal be provided immediately, halt all further installation and use of License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras and video surveillance systems, and prohibit any renewal or extension of contract without prior Town Council approval and is seconded.

Mike Ursillo, Town Solicitor, notes that a request for a pro rata reduction for the contract price can be made but is not guaranteed.

Discussion ensues.

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UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to terminate the Town's contract with Flock Safety, direct that all required notice of termination and non-renewal be provided immediately, halt all further installation and use of License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras and video surveillance systems, and prohibit any renewal or extension of contract without prior Town Council approval.

6. Interviews

A. The Town Council interviews Elizabeth Kroll relative to her interest in being reappointed to the South Kingstown Library Board of Trustees.

B. The Town Council interviews Monique Chartier relative to her interest in being appointed to the South Kingstown Canvassing Authority.

C. The Town Council interviews Ibrahim Fofanah relative to his interest in being appointed to the Economic Development Committee.

7. Appointments

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

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to appoint Ibrahim Fofanah to the Economic Development Committee for a term to expire July 2029.

Discussion ensues relative to appointment of Canvassing Authority members.

The Town Council reaches consensus to make Canvassing Authority appointments at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

8. Consent Agenda

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

(CA) A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: 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. 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

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 Bringhurst, 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. 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:

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

C. Roland Daigle is present, and after testimony and discussion it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant 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.

A. Wenxin Zheng is present, and after discussion and testimony it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant 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. Patrick McNulty is present, and after testimony and discussion it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant 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.

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

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant a Temporary Mass Gathering Permit to conduct Oktoberfest 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant 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.

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10. Public Comments – 30 Minutes

Council President McEntee invites residents to come forward with comments.

Rebecca Bringhurst comments on the opening of her new business, Craft Café.

Christine Bernardino comments on the opening of Craft Café.

Sarah Scofield comments in opposition of Flock Safety cameras and in support of farm stands in South Kingstown.

Mike Gagag offers praise to Town Manager James Manni and Deputy Town Manager/Director of Administrative Services Lucas Murray for their support for the Peace Dale Library Community Learning Center and work with the Wakefield Village Association.

Erik Brierley comments on emails sent to the Town Council regarding the Town's budgetary surplus.

Council Member Bergner motions to add to the agenda discussion of budgetary surplus amounts being returned to the General Fund and is seconded by Council Member Alley.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to add to the agenda discussion of budgetary surplus amounts being returned to the General Fund.

Brian Silvia, Finance Director, responds.

Erik Brierley continues relative to Town spending and the Veolia water ban.

Council President McEntee recommends that Mr. Brierley contact the Finance Director for answers to his budgetary questions.

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 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.

There being no comments, it is

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to close the Public Hearing.

New Business 12A is brought forward.

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12. New Business

A. 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	2
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 Hearings is brought back.

11A. 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:

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.

Said license is contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Good Standing from the RI Division of Taxation, compliance with all Town ordinances and regulations, the payment of any municipal taxes and user fees in arrears to the Town or other entity, and the correction of any fire code violations.

12. New Business

B. Council President McEntee reads the proclamation into the record and presents it to Joe "Tiger" Patrick.

Tiger Patrick reviews the Town's status as a Purple Heart Town and thanks State Representatives Susan Sosnowski, Carol McEntee, and Kathy Fogarty for their role in approving the Town's status in 2021. He explains the events planned for August 7, 2026, National Purple Heart Day.

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UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adopt a proclamation recognizing the fifth anniversary of the Town of South Kingstown as a Purple Heart Town and naming August 7, 2026 as Purple Heart Day, as follows:

PURPLE HEART TOWN

WHEREAS, the Town of South Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island has always supported its military veteran population, and has been proclaimed a Purple Heart Town since 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782, and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly make sure that we never forget, and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients, and

WHEREAS, South Kingstown appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support that they have earned.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN do hereby proclaim the fifth anniversary of the Town of South Kingstown as a **PURPLE HEART TOWN** and declare August 7, 2026 as **PURPLE HEART DAY**.

D. Wendy Duarte, Town Assessor, reviews abatements totaling \$317,163.50 from settlements authorized by the Town Council in 2024 related to assessment codes used in the 2021 revaluation, \$278,694.75 of which is as a result of the Roy Carpenter's settlement, and the remaining \$30,468.75 from the Mary Carpenter's settlement.

Discussion ensues.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Town Assessor to abate taxes in the amount of \$317,163.50, as shown on Tax Abatement Request No. 664.

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E. Jim Manni, Town Manager, reviews a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of South Kingstown and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 3365, to establish a twelve-hour peak hour Emergency Medical Services shift from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Lucas Murray, Deputy Town Manager/DOAS, describes previous EMS staffing protocols and the need for additional staff during peak hours. He reviews discussion with the IAFF and notes that the Town has a one-year obligation to pilot and evaluate the new shift.

Craig Stanley, Chief of EMS, reviews the volume of calls and resources needed during peak hours, which remain consistent according to the data collected.

Discussion ensues regarding mutual aid agreements with neighboring municipalities.

The Deputy Town Manager reviews the potential to charge for mutual aid in the future and the disparity between a 24-hour and Panama (12-hour) schedule.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. The Town Manager reviews a request for a solar canopy at the Highway Department facilities to house emergency vehicles.

The Deputy Town Manager gives a presentation on the proposed solar canopy, the Highway Department facilities on Asa Pond Road, the reasons for installation including asset protection, operational readiness, cost savings and incentives, and renewable energy, and provides a financing overview of the project.

Discussion ensues relative to project funding, Federal and State incentives and payoff thresholds at years 15 and 19, and the life of the canopy and solar panels.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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,

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2026, entitled "Public Services Solar Canopy Project – Request for Proposals and Financing Authorization."

G. The Deputy Town Manager reviews the Peace Dale Library Community Learning Center parking lot expansion and a request to increase the True North Civil contract by \$170,000. He describes the improvements being made, scope of the project, and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds available.

Discussion ensues regarding the balance of the Library CIP funds.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** to adopt 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," as follows:

A RESOLUTION DISSOLVING THE STATISTICAL MODELING AND ANALYTICS RESEARCH TOOLS (SMART) COMMITTEE AND AMENDING THE CHARGE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2019, the Town Council established an advisory committee known as the Statistical Modeling and Analytics Research Tools (SMART) Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council charged the SMART Committee with "identifying data and other information that explains local social and economic conditions; identifying data gaps and suggesting strategies for gathering information necessary to improve the Town's understanding of local conditions; evaluating statistical reports about or related to South Kingstown; conducting research projects using widely accepted qualitative and quantitative methods; producing empirically-based advisory reports for the Town Council on all matters referred to it by the Town Council; working with the University of Rhode Island to identify potential cooperative research ventures; and advocating for full and open public access to public data sources produced by the Town"; and

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WHEREAS, the SMART Committee was active from 2020 to 2021, and has been inactive since then; and

WHEREAS, in the ordinary course of the Town's review of its resources and efforts with respect to various boards and commissions, it is noted that the SMART Committee's mission and purpose aligns with that of the Economic Development Committee (EDC); and

WHEREAS, in the interest of efficient use of Town resources, the Town Council wishes to dissolve the SMART Committee and direct the EDC to assume the tasks previously assigned to the SMART Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The South Kingstown Town Council hereby dissolves the SMART Committee.
2. The EDC's duties shall include those duties previously assigned to the SMART Committee.
3. The former members of the SMART Committee are invited to apply to the EDC should they wish to continue their service to the Town.

I. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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, as follows:

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**Chapter 10 Motor Vehicles and Traffic
Article I. In General**

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Sec. 10-2 – Through trucks prohibited on certain streets.

Add:

(7) Pond Street between Route 1 (Tower Hill Road) and Main Street.

L. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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, as follows:

**Chapter 10 Motor Vehicles and Traffic
Article I. In General**

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Sec. 10-12 – Boulevard and street stop signs designated.

Add: Salt Pond Road at Kenyon Avenue: Northbound and southbound traffic to stop on Salt Pond Road at intersection.

M. Council Member Wegimont motions to approve New Business M and N and is seconded by Council Vice President Marran.

Discussion ensues relative to the use of fingerprint technology.

Matthew Moynihan, Chief of Police, responds.

The Chief of Police notes a scrivener's error in New Business N and that the event will occur on Robinson Street between Woodruff Avenue and Meadow Avenue.

Council Member Wegimont rescinds his motion.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize 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. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the temporary closure of Robinson Street between Woodruff Avenue and Meadow Avenue on Saturday, August 8, 2026, in conjunction with the

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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. Chris Jacobs, Veolia, reviews recent rainfall and the need for sustained rainfall to speed recharge of Town aquifers.

Discussion ensues relative to current water levels, the newly enacted Irrigation Ordinance and its impact on the water ban, and conservation campaigns used in other states.

Richard Bourbonnais, Public Services Director, reviews enforcement of the Irrigation Ordinance and water ban, efforts to reestablish Town wells, and verification of Veolia data by the Town.

Discussion ensues relative to water source alternatives and community outreach by Veolia.

Chris Jacobs responds.

Discussion ensues relative to the Veolia contract.

The Town Council directs the Town Solicitor to provide a summary of contract provisions to the Town Council for review.

B. The Town Manager gives an update on Elderly Exemptions enrollment to date including 31 new applications.

C. The Town Manager gives an update on the new See Click Fix 311 constituent relationship management software.

The Deputy Town Manager/DOAS demonstrates the use of the software. The system will track requests to eliminate redundancy and allow Town staff to review request statistics.

Discussion ensues regarding anonymous reporting.

D. The Public Services Director reviews conservation initiatives being pursued by Public Services Department staff.

14. Public Comments – Continued

Council Member Bergner comments on e-bike usage and safety awareness.

Discussion ensues.

The Town Council reaches consensus to place a discussion item related to e-bikes on a future agenda

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15. Communications

A. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that 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 that a letter of thanks be sent.

No action is taken on Communications B, C, D, E, and F.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn at 10:32 PM.

Emily R. Houle
Town Clerk