

AGENDA

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

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TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

7:30 PM

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
180 HIGH STREET
WAKEFIELD, RI

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

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1. A. INTERVIEWS – 6:30 PM
- B. WORK SESSION – 6:45 PM
- C. REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
- A. Work Session – September 14, 2009
- B. Regular Session – September 14, 2009
5. CONSENT AGENDA

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- I. Rule 10A. for the conduct of the meetings of the South Kingstown Town Council for the Term 2008 through 2010: 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.
- II. Rule 11: No item of business other than that of adjournment may be brought before the Town Council at any meeting unless such an item is introduced before 11:00 PM; provided, however, that this rule may be suspended by an affirmative vote of a majority of members present.
- III. 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.

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-6(b). Notice – “Nothing contained herein shall prevent a public body, other than a school committee from adding additional items to the agenda by majority vote of the members. Such additional items shall be for informational 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.”

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6. LICENSES

- A.** A resolution granting a Holiday Sales License to EXTREME PAINTBALL & AIRSOFT, 236 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Leonard A. Cuoco Jr., 45 Perry Avenue, Wakefield, RI 02879; New.
- (CA) B.** A resolution granting a Victualling License for the year beginning December 1, 2009 to S & C ICE CREAM d/b/a BRICKLEY'S ICE CREAM, 322 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Stephen F. Brophy, 20 Jessica Lane, Wakefield, RI 02879; Renewal.
- (CA) C.** A resolution granting Victualling and Holiday Sales Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2009 to the following; Renewals:
- BELMONT MARKETPLACE INC., 600 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Vincent J. Siravo, Jr., 29 Everett Street, Newport, RI 02840.
- LICKETY SPLITS INC., 1922 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Colleen S. Bongiovanni, 24 Inkberry Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879.
- LICKETY SPLITS INC., 36 South County Commons Way, Unit C4, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Colleen S. Bongiovanni, 24 Inkberry Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879.
- (CA) D.** A resolution granting Holiday Sales Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2009 to the following; Renewals:
- GRAPHIC EXPRESSIONS INC., 254 Robinson Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Wayne T. Cahoone, 79 Columbia Street, Wakefield, RI 02879.
- HALLMARK RETAIL INC. d/b/a MATTHEW'S HALLMARK #95, 160A Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Brook Vitt, Finance Manager, P.O. Box 419580, Kansas City, MO 64141.
- MAXI DRUG SOUTH, LP d/b/a RITE AID #10236, 604 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Michael Podgurski, Vice President, Rite Aid Corporation, P.O. Box 3165, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

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RAM POINT MARINA, INC., 2 William Schmid Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Daryl Anne Anderson, 7 Jean Street, Narragansett, RI 02882.

STAPLES THE OFFICE SUPERSTORE, 160 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Nancy White, Business License Analyst, 500 Staples Drive, Framingham, MA 01702.

WAKEFIELD PRESCRIPTION CENTER, 597 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Jerome I. Rittner, President, 4100 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886.

(CA) E. A resolution granting a Trailer Parks – Mixed Use Facilities License for the year beginning December 1, 2009 to MATUNUCK BEACH TRAILER ASSOCIATION, 811 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Stephen E. Reed, President, 55 Scott Drive, P.O. Box 1269, Alton, NH 03809; Renewal.

(CA) F. A resolution granting Firearms & Ammunition Licenses for the year beginning December 1, 2009 to the following; Renewals:

FREEDOM SPORTS AND ARMS, 236 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Leonard A. Cuoco, 45 Perry Avenue, Wakefield, RI 02879.

UNIVERSAL FIREARMS, LTD., 265 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Application by Henry Almonte, Jr., 377 Post Road, Wakefield, RI 02879.

(CA) G. A resolution granting a Farm Produce License to EVERGREEN ACRES, Liberty Lane, West Kingston, RI 02892. Application by Edith E. and Herbert H. Roberts, Jr., 3000 South County Trail, West Kingston, RI 02892; Renewal.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. A Public Hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 11 Nuisances, Article I. In General, Section 11-1. Certain conditions declared nuisances and prohibited, and Section 11-2. Abatement of nuisances, as shown on Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- (CA) A.** Resolutions adopted September 3, 2009 by the Gloucester Town Council and September 8, 2009 by the Newport School Committee, South Kingstown School Committee and Middletown Town Council in opposition to mandatory binding arbitration on monetary matters for teachers are received and placed on file. (9/17/2009 Interim, Item C. and 9/24/2009 Miscellaneous, Item II C.)
- (CA) B.** Resolutions adopted September 14, 2009 by the Charlestown Town Council and East Greenwich Town Council proclaiming September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month are received and placed on file. (9/24/2009 Miscellaneous, Item II D.)
- (CA) C.** Any communication added to the Agenda subsequent to this is hereby added by majority vote, in accordance with RIGL §42-46-6 (b) Notice --... “Nothing contained herein shall prevent a public body, other than a school committee, from adding additional items to the agenda by majority vote of the members. Such additional items shall be for informational 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.”

9. COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS

10. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

11. TOWN SOLICITOR’S REPORT

12. APPOINTMENTS

- A.** A resolution appointing _____ to the _____ Board/Committee/Commission for a term to expire in _____.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** A resolution adopting the Growth Management Program for FY2009-2011 as presented in the “Summary Outline, Town of South Kingstown, Growth Management Program 2009-2011” as shown on Exhibit 2 attached hereto. The program is a statement of the Town Council’s goals and implementation measures relative to growth management for the two-year period 2009-2011 in accordance with the policy and procedural requirements of the South Kingstown Comprehensive Community Plan.
- (CA) B.** A resolution that Civil Action No. 2009-0407 filed in Washington County Superior Court by Michael P. Lynch, Esquire on behalf of his clients, John and Cheryl Barbera and their three children, relative to an incident that occurred on or about June 23, 2006 be referred to the Town Solicitor and the Town’s insurance carrier.
- C.** A resolution authorizing an award of bid to Colony Truck Center, 7 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888 for a Ford four-wheel-drive $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup truck with utility body and lift gate in an amount not to exceed \$31,300, including trade-in; and as further described in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager dated September 14, 2009 and entitled: “Bid Recommendation – Pickup Truck With Utility Body.”
- D.** A resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute a State of Rhode Island Roadway Improvement Local Equity Aid Program (RI-LEAP) State Funds Only Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on behalf of the Town of South Kingstown; as further described in a memorandum from the Public Services Director to the Town Manager dated September 18, 2009 and entitled: “RIDOT Local Equity Aid Program Agreement.”
- (CA) E.** A resolution authorizing an award of bid to Third Millennium Communications, Inc., 29 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, RI 02864-1418 for computer cable installation at the Peace Dale Library in an amount not to exceed \$7,581, including a contingency; and as further described in a memorandum from the Library Director to the Town Manager dated September 22, 2009 and entitled: “Bid Recommendation – Computer Cable Installation, Peace Dale Library.”

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- F. A resolution authorizing the Planning Department to prepare and submit a Planning Challenge Grant to the RI Office of the Statewide Planning Program with the intention of such grant to continue village planning initiatives focusing on West Kingstown and Matunuck; as further described in a memorandum from the Director of Planning to the Town Manager dated September 21, 2009 and entitled: “Planning Department Grant Application Proposal, ‘Village Studies, West Kingstown and Matunuck’.”

- (CA) G.** Any New Business added to the Agenda subsequent to this is hereby added by majority vote, in accordance with RIGL §42-46-6 (b) Notice --... “Nothing contained herein shall prevent a public body, other than a school committee, from adding additional items to the agenda by majority vote of the members. Such additional items shall be for informational 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.”

**Proposed Amendments to the Town Code
Chapter 11. Nuisances**

Article I. In General

Delete Sections 11-1 and 11-2 in their entirety and replace with the following:

Sec. 11-1. Certain conditions declared nuisances and prohibited.

The following matters, things, conditions or acts are a public nuisance and injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the town:

- (1) The open burning of any garbage, refuse, debris, trash, animal, fish or vegetable substance or other like items; except the controlled burning of wood such as a campfire.
- (2) The existence or presence of any water or other liquid in which mosquito larvae breed or exist and/or the outflow or runoff of water in such a manner that it collects in a low lying area of, or erodes soil and sediment on an adjoining or neighboring land or street.
- (3) The existence or presence of any accumulation of filth, debris, garbage, refuse, manure, animal, fish or vegetable matter, including shells, which may attract flies or birds and to which flies or birds have access or in which fly larvae or pupae breed or exist, and/or which create an objectionable odor.
- (4) Depositing, accumulating or maintaining any matter or thing which serves as food for insects or rodents and to which they may have access or which serves or constitutes a breeding place or harborage for insects or rodents in or on any land, premises, building or other place.

Sec. 11-2. Abatement of nuisances.

- (a) Upon information of the existence of a nuisance within the town, the building official shall, within a reasonable time, investigate and upon finding such nuisance to exist shall issue a notice of violation pursuant to the procedures set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-19.2-5 and an order in writing for the abatement of the same.
- (b) Such notice shall specify the nature of such nuisance, and shall designate the time within which such abatement or discontinuance must be accomplished. If such notice is not complied with within the time specified, the owner, agent, occupant, or person who caused or permitted the conditions to exist shall be fined \$50.00 for each day a violation exists and the matter shall be referred to the Town Solicitor for the filing of a civil action.
- (c) If the owner of record, agent, or occupant of a property for which a nuisance violation has been issued fails to comply with the order for abatement, the Town may cause the conditions to be remedied at the expense of the property owner in

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accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-19.2-6. All expenses incurred in remedying the conditions shall be paid by the owner, agent, occupant, or person who caused or permitted the conditions to exist. If such expenses are not paid within thirty (30) days after notice has been served in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-19.2-5, then the same may be recovered through a lien on the property to the benefit of the town.

- (d) Nothing in this Article shall prohibit the building official, zoning official or any officer of the Town from issuing a notice of violation pursuant to any other local ordinance or regulation.

**Summary Outline
Town of South Kingstown
Growth Management Program, 2009-2011**

Preface:

This program summary outline lists, in bulleted format, the goals, implementation actions and measurable outcomes from the Town's Growth Management Program for 2009-2011. The items in this summary are not listed in any particular priority order and it is specifically noted that some of the items listed herein may not be achieved during the 2009-2011 time frame and may be carried over to future versions of the Town Growth Management effort. Additionally, certain of the items may be deferred or delayed due to unforeseen demands on Town professional staff, Town Council, Board and Commission workload and community issues that may arise during this two year planning horizon.

Biennial Process to Develop Program:

A Comprehensive Plan amendment adopted in October of 2007 modified the time frame of the Town's Growth Management Program from an annualized effort (Annual Action Agenda) to the current focus, a biennial program. This version of the Town's Growth Management Program marks the second time a two year time frame is being utilized to guide the effort. In the off year of the proposed biennial program (summer of 2010) a brief assessment of the program's progress will be undertaken by the Planning Board and reported to the Town Council.

Revisions and Program Additions for 2009-2011 Planning Time Frame:

For this version of the Growth Management Program it is proposed to maintain the general organization and intent of the program. The Planning Board has recommended that the reporting and organization of the documents comprising the program be presented in a straightforward and efficient manner. Past versions of the program are viewed as being overly complex, making the effort less understandable to the public at large and more difficult to assess and implement. With this in mind the Planning Board has also recommended that two of the existing goals in the program, Goal #3 Avoid Sprawl and Goal #4 Economic Revitalization, be consolidated under a new title "Achieve Sustainable Development". Further, the Board recommends the addition of a goal statement relating to circulation and transportation titled: "Integration of Transportation Modes". This goal would reside in the document as new Goal #4 and is detailed in terms of policies and actions in the following pages.

It is planned to continue to focus efforts on institutional growth issues relating to the University of Rhode Island, South County Hospital and the Town's two independent fire districts, Union Fire District and Kingston Fire District. Other issues to be addressed in the program include: engaging a consultant to assist with the next required five year update of the Town's Comprehensive Community Plan, addressing regulatory issues

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associated with residential and commercial/industrial applications of wind power, and conducting a review of the existing cellular communications infrastructure within the community.

Over the next two years (particularly year one) work efforts will also focus on programs and opportunities that are emerging under the Federal stimulus legislation known as ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). It is anticipated that this program will provide resources to the Town to address capital projects for local road improvements and projects to energy efficiency (generation and weatherization). These items are discussed in greater detail below under the appropriate heading for each.

Goal 1: Implement the Comprehensive Community Plan

- Engage professional consulting services to work with the Planning Board, Town Council, staff and the public in the development and completion of the required five-year plan update, due on or before June 19, 2010.
- Utilize the Town's "Build-out" analysis model to assess future development patterns, model impacts of development proposals and evaluate potential regulatory amendments relating to density allowances, etc. Integrate use of 3-dimensional modeling software "Sketch-up" and oblique aerial data set (compiled by "Pictometry" under contract with RIDOT) of the Town based on an April 2008 photo series as adjuncts to the Build-out model.
- Implement affordable housing programs:
 1. Continue with implementation of major recommendations of the Affordable Housing Production Plan.
 2. Continue budgetary and grant related support of local non-profit, affordable housing organizations (time frame/budget development process).
 3. Program development, public education on affordable housing related issues.
- Monitor Effect of Growth Management Policies on Public School Enrollments. The Planning Department will develop amendments to the Development Pacing and Phasing, Fair Share Development Fees and fee exemption requirements for affordable housing ordinances that remove these functions from the Capital Improvement Program and place same under the Growth Management Program. The amendments will allow for carryover of the "twenty-four month quota and six year capacity" provisions of the Pacing and Phasing ordinance during periods of protracted moderate or low growth. This effort is targeted to the fall of 2009.

Goal 2: Preserve Open Space

- Identify Priority Lands for Preservation (an ongoing effort, data base in place to conduct evaluation in concert with Partnership for Preservation).
- Preserve Active Farms through regulatory and non-regulatory means (maintain dialogue with active farmers and State regulatory entities, an ongoing effort). This effort will include a workshop in the fall of 2009 with local farming interests to review/discuss proposed ordinance amendments that would permit local farm retail sales facilities to “host” farmers markets.
- Promote continuing and new parcel participation in the Farm, Forest and Open Space Program. Program participation has remained stable with 156 parcels enrolled for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year comprising 3762.84 acres. This is down from last year’s total of 160 parcels consisting of 3887.52 acres. The average value per acre (assessed) is \$999.88 for a per acre tax of \$12.08. The Assessors Office has maintained an ongoing program to promote participation through information distribution to potential participants and brochure distribution at public buildings and facilities.
- Amend the Town’s “Open Space Funding Policy” to allow for scoring of small parcels as urban green spaces or pocket parks. The Planning Board has also recommended that two new criteria be added to the project ranking system. These are: “Passive Recreational Opportunities” and “Public Accessibility”. The Board has requested that staff draft amendments to reflect these new categories. It is noted that adding two new categories will expand the criteria to ten (10) and the maximum score that might be achieved would be 30.

Goal 3: Achieve Sustainable Development

- Utilize the “Village Planning Model” to strengthen and preserve village identity in South Kingstown as a means to underscore the historic sense of place in the community.
 1. Conclude Village Studies for Peace Dale and Wakefield (fall 2009), implement recommendations as appropriate. Seek grant funding opportunities to extend approach to other Town village areas.
 2. Incorporate Village Planning Model into Five-Year Update of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Evaluate and assess the appropriate amount of non-residential land for the Town, and process to identify existing underutilized commercial and industrial parcels including a review of regulatory barriers that may inhibit full utilization of existing commercial/industrial land base.

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1. The Planning Board will continue an active dialogue with the Town's Economic Development Committee regarding areas of the community that may have the potential for rezoning or zoning amendments. This process will also focus on economic development issues relating to reuse of mill complex space, infill in the downtown areas and tourism promotion.
 2. The Planning Board is also reviewing the Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zoning district to ascertain if revisions to this district may be made to improve its functionality and fit with neighborhoods. As part of this review the Board is considering the potential to incorporate "architectural standards" into the Town's development plan review procedures.
 3. The issue of the appropriate amount of non-residential land for the Town will be considered as part of the Five-Year Update of the Comprehensive Community Plan.
- Continue review and assessment of advanced ISDS technology on marginally developable parcels and water quality/runoff impacts relating to development on such constrained parcels.
1. The Conservation Commission has continued work in this area with assistance from the Planning Department, DPS and local consulting engineers. Draft regulatory amendments have been prepared and will be forwarded for formal consideration by the Planning Board and the Town Council. This process is anticipated to occur in the fall of 2009.
- Scenic Highway Designation for Route 1 (pending application before the State Scenic Roadway Board, the Town will prepare a Management Plan following decision on the application; timeframe depends on timing of application decision).
1. The issue of sufficient appointments to the State Scenic Highway Board for a quorum to be achieved remains. As such, the Town's application continues on hold pending the resolution of this issue. The Planning Board has suggested that Town staff contact the Governor's office and RI Statewide Planning Program to request that the appointments proceed so that a decision on this long standing application may take place.
 2. The Town professional staff has recently corresponded with RIDOT regarding concerns about the conditions of the travel surface and ongoing maintenance of Route 1. We are attempting to get more attention to this scenic roadway to protect its values and aesthetics as the principal north/south highway in the community. This is seen as an ongoing issue for this road and other state highways in the community.
- Research and assess the appropriate regulatory approach and policy framework for the Town to address the use of wind power technology for residential and commercial/industrial applications.

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1. Town staff has developed an initial draft of an ordinance to address these issues for residential properties. This effort will be expanded to establish procedural standards and siting criteria for commercial and industrial properties.
 2. Town staff has also been reviewing municipal properties that may have potential from a wind resource perspective. Based on this review the Town will be submitting a grant application for the September 2009 funding cycle from the RI OER. This item will remain an ongoing effort.
- Develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage consulting services to assess the existing cellular communications infrastructure in the Town. The study would “map” the existing system, identify and quantify areas of limited coverage, determine the potential for upgrade and expansion of existing antenna locations and inventory areas/locations with potential to accommodate new facilities to upgrade/improve the system.
1. This project will go forward in the fall/winter of 2009/2010.
- Continue to support the Wakefield and Peace Dale Revitalization Programs (ongoing, multi-faceted programs). For 2009-2011 the focus will be to consider Town strategies to encourage and promote “investment in place” by existing businesses in the core village areas, including marketing assistance for space in historic mill complexes.
1. This will continue as an ongoing focus of the Town staff, Planning Board and Economic Development Committee.
- Palisades Mill Adaptive Reuse
1. The mill complex has been for sale for some time now. Planning staff has met with a number of potential property suitors and discussed the regulatory concepts in the draft regulations with them, noting these regulations might form the basis of a redevelopment (master plan) of the property. It is recommended that formal consideration of these regulations be placed on hold pending the sale or disposition of the property. This is suggested so as to maintain flexibility regarding the property and to allow for working with a potential buyer (or the current ownership) as to the overall reuse of the property.
 2. Recently, the mill complex owners have embarked on physical improvements to the facility to improve its aesthetic appearance from Kingstown Road (Route 108), provide for better access and parking and improve drainage on the site. New signage is being considered for the complex; other recent changes include removal of the chain link fencing, installation of new curbs,

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installation of wooden guard rails, repair of paved areas for better parking utility and window replacements for certain buildings. It is felt that these improvements will make the complex more marketable, particularly for office type uses.

- CH (Commercial Highway) Zoning Study (study completed, consideration of regulatory modifications to follow).
 1. It is planned to bring these amendments forward for formal consideration concurrent with changes being developed for the Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zoning district. This process will likely ensue in the winter of 2010.
- Conduct a review and evaluation of the Town's Special Management Districts (Route 1 SMD and Kingstown Road SMD).
 1. This remains an ongoing item for consideration in the Growth Management Program. Policy directions for these areas may emerge from the Five-Year Update of the Comprehensive Community Plan.
 2. In the fall 2008 semester the Planning Board worked with the URI Department of Landscape Architecture on a Senior Class studio project to review and analyze the Route 108 corridor from the Peace Dale Rotary to Route 108. This studio focused on visual impacts of the corridor, condition of infrastructure, land use compatibility and the functional aspects of the corridor with regard to multi-modal transportation connections and opportunities. The studio provided conceptual designs for the corridor to improve its visual aspect, environmental setting and overall functioning. The student project also provided conceptual designs for new buildings and existing land uses. These concepts are viewed as being useful in considering changes to land uses within the KRSMD, may serve as the stimulus of new investment in this vicinity and could serve as a starting point for consideration of regulatory modifications to the district.
- Review and evaluate the adequacy of existing regulations relating to "transition" areas between commercial/industrial zoning districts and residential neighborhoods.
- Conduct an analysis and evaluation of the use of the flexible frontage standards permitted for residential development in Section 502.2 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Goal 4: Integration of Transportation Modes

Discussion: This is a new goal for the 2009-2011 version of the South Kingstown Growth Management Program. Transportation improvements and upgrades can foster

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new growth pressures that may lead to undesirable sprawling development patterns and increased dependency on the automobile as a form of travel. From a growth management perspective, circulation and transportation infrastructure needs to support past growth and travel needs of the community in a balanced fashion involving multiple modes of transport (automobile, bus, train, bicycle and pedestrian). Our circulation system needs to integrate bicycle paths, sidewalks, parking facilities, greenways and blueways (streams, rivers and lakes/ponds) in a manner that meets local transportation needs and supports the traditional village settlement pattern of the Town. Actions to facilitate this goal include the following:

- The Town will support a high level, quality maintenance program for all State highways and local roads, including the consideration of green areas associated with these infrastructure components.
- The Town will continue to advocate for local projects in the State's Transportation Improvement Program especially with regard to working to accelerate the upgrade of the Route 1 travel surface and drainage system and for much needed improvements to High Street.
- The Town will continue to promote efficient "access management" considerations for all State highways and local roads.
- The Town will support maintenance and expansion of RIPTA services in the community, especially for residents that are mobility impaired or otherwise dependent on bus service for general transportation services. The Town also supports maintenance and expansion of those routes that link the University to "down the line" neighborhoods in Narragansett and the commercial areas in Wakefield and Peace Dale.
- To facilitate information access regarding public transportation the Town will add a link to RIPTA on the municipal website. The Town will also encourage RIPTA to expand its system of bus shelters along local routes and improve the aesthetic of their designs. In this regard some of the bus shelter concepts proffered by the URI Landscape Architecture studio class should be considered.
- The Town will include traffic calming features, pedestrian and bicycle friendly elements in our Capital Improvement Program related to infrastructure and will encourage the same consideration for State funded projects in the TIP.
- The Town supports a signage program for local and state roads that adequately informs the traveling public in a manner that is in balance with aesthetic considerations and scenic qualities.

Goal 5: Maintain/Improve Town/Institutional Relationships

University of Rhode Island

- Conduct annual Town/Gown meeting to discuss common policy, land use, growth management and infrastructure related issues (traffic particularly).

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1. The last formal Town/Gown meeting was held on November 19, 2007. Town staff and the URI administration have also been in discussions about a more structured approach to Town/Gown relations (i.e. establishment of a standing Town/Gown Committee). To date no agreement on this matter has been arrived at.
 2. The Town is seeking to establish active and open communication with the new president of the University, Dr. David Dooley. Efforts are underway to schedule a meeting to introduce the president to the Town senior staff and discuss matters of mutual interest and opportunity.
- Continue with Town participation in Campus Master Plan Review Team.
1. This is an ongoing effort through Planning Director and staff.
- Continue to participate in the Campus Technology Park Study Implementation Process.
1. Town staff continued as participant in feasibility study review committee through its completion and presentation in October of 2007. Following this the Town Council adopted a position paper on the URI Research and Technology Park on October 22, 2007. This is an ongoing consideration as the University refines its plans for the park and makes its initial determination as to whether to proceed.
- The Town requests that the University develop and adopt a master plan for all land holdings northerly of Flagg Road. Such areas are not covered or detailed under URI's existing Campus Master Plan.
1. The Town's position paper from October 2007 made this request initially. In the last year a "working draft" of future land use arrangements for this vicinity has been the subject of discussions before the Master Plan Review Team. At this writing no definitive master plan for this area has been approved.
- The Town, in cooperation with URI and RIDOT, will review the adequacy of infrastructure connections on Town and State rights of way into the University.
1. Town staff, in conjunction with University of Rhode Island officials requested that RIDOT and its design consultant re-evaluate the design concept for the eastern end of the project primarily at the intersection of South Road and Old North Road at Route 138. A focus of this request was a determination as to whether returning Old North Road to two-way traffic was warranted given growth that had occurred since the original design work (1999-2000) and planned capital and facility growth at the University. RIDOT officials have indicated that such review would not delay the "critical path" scheduling of the

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project. In this regard a draft report entitled: "Design Study Report – Old North Road Traffic Study, Route 138 From Plains Road to Route 108, South Kingstown, RI" by BETA Group, Inc. (May 2009) has been received (June 9, 2009) and was reviewed by the Town professional staff and the Traffic and Transportation Review Committee (T2RC). Comments were provided on the report by the T2RC and the report and project on an overall basis will be the subject of a forthcoming meeting of the Route 138 Project Area Committee.

- The Town will review the University of Rhode Island element of its Comprehensive Community Plan to ascertain if modifications or additions are necessary to address host community concerns in light of University development and expansion.
 1. A "final" draft of the element was completed by staff and the Planning Board in January 2009 and forwarded to URI, Statewide Planning and the Board of Governors for Higher Education for "agency" review prior to formal consideration of the document by the Planning Board and Town Council. Staff level meetings and discussions were conducted with the University administration over concerns that they have expressed on certain of the policies within the draft document. Edits are planned to address issues and concerns raised by the University administration. With the conclusion of this editing process anticipated in the fall of 2009, the draft element will proceed to formal consideration.

South County Hospital

- Conduct annual policy summit meeting of Town Council/professional staff and hospital board/administration to maintain and improve continuity of communication and discuss issues of mutual interest/concern.
 1. Over the past two years Town professional staff has met on a number of occasions with the hospital administration to discuss various matters relating to facility expansion, parking and other matters. Town Council members have toured the facility including the Frost Pavilion which opened in 2008. More recent discussions with hospital officials have centered on the extension and revision of leasing arrangements of Town property for hospital parking at the DPS offices and Town Farm Park (four Town owned parcels are currently under lease by the hospital).
- Conduct formal review and public hearing process for planned submittal of new institutional master plan for the hospital.

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1. Recent conversations with hospital administrators indicate that, given the current recession and financial constraints that the facility is operating under, they do not plan changes to the existing institutional master plan. It is expected that the hospital will be requesting that the Planning Board continue to extend the current master plan for an interim period until the economy improves and the facility works out its financial circumstances.
- Fire District Outreach – promote regular communications with the Union and Kingston Fire Districts to discuss community growth issues and the resulting capital improvement and facility requirements to service such growth. Provide technical assistance to the districts to assist their capital planning and service provision requirements.
1. Town professional staff has met with administrators of the Union and Kingston Fire Districts. These discussions involved capital planning needs and requirements, growth in the community and at the University and emergency response capabilities across the community. Town staff has continued to provide updated mapping and new GIS data sets for the fire districts use.