

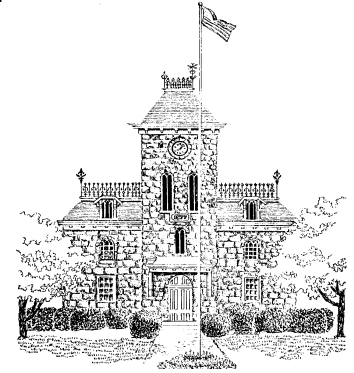


# TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

### TOWN COUNCIL 2015-2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

INCLUDES MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BUDGETS



The Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown will hold two Public Hearings on TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 and WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015 at 7:00PM on both the municipal and school budgets for all interested persons in the South Kingstown Council Chambers, Town Hall, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI. A summary of the Town Council's Preliminary Budget as approved on March 16, 2015 follows. The Preliminary Budget may also be viewed at [www.southkingstownri.com](http://www.southkingstownri.com).

In accordance with the Town Charter, Section 4222 entitled Budget, Paragraph C. Petitions to the Council, "Following adoption of the Preliminary Budget by the Council, any qualified elector of the Town may circulate a petition requesting the Council to increase or decrease by any amount any item of expenditure in the said budget or to insert a new item of expenditure. Such petition shall specify the budget item or insertion and amount thereof and must be approved by the Town Clerk as to form prior to circulation, and must be returned to the Town Clerk on or before April 21<sup>st</sup> of each year. Upon receipt of such petition, the Town Clerk shall cause the signatures thereon to be verified by the Board of Canvassers forthwith, and if it contains no less than twenty-five (25) valid signatures of qualified electors of the Town, shall transmit the same to the Council. The Council, before final adoption of the budget, shall consider and vote upon each such petition(s) proposed; provided, however, that the Council may change the appropriation for the School Committee in total only."

Another Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:30 PM for all interested persons in the South Kingstown Council Chambers, Town Hall, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI to consider any petitions filed in accordance with the Town Charter, Section 4222, entitled: Budget, Paragraph C. Petitions to the Council, and for the Town Council's Final Adoption of the FY 2015-2016 Budget. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call 401-792-9642 (TDD) seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the public hearing dates.

<b>Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budget Program</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Appropriation	\$23,862,138	\$51,840,868	\$75,703,006
Less Non-Property Tax Revenue	(7,556,814)	(597,867)	(8,154,681)
<b>Property Tax Need</b>	<b>\$16,305,325</b>	<b>\$51,243,001</b>	<b>\$67,548,326</b>
Percent of Overlay	24.14%	75.86%	100.00%
Overlay & Elderly Abatements	\$256,330	\$805,572	\$1,061,902
Proration and Roll Additions	(26,553)	(83,447)	(110,000)
<b>Gross Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$16,535,102</b>	<b>\$51,965,126</b>	<b>\$68,500,228</b>
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	(870,341)	(2,735,234)	(3,605,575)
<b>Net Property Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$15,664,761</b>	<b>\$49,229,892</b>	<b>\$64,894,653</b>
Dec. 2014 Tax Roll			4,171,226,921
<b>Tax Distribution - FY 2016</b>	<b>\$3.76</b>	<b>\$11.80</b>	<b>\$15.56</b>
<b>Tax Distribution - FY 2015</b>	<b>\$3.72</b>	<b>\$11.76</b>	<b>\$15.48</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>\$0.04</b>	<b>\$0.04</b>	<b>\$0.08</b>
<b>Property Tax Levy Increase - \$</b>			<b>\$892,587</b>
<b>Property Tax Levy Increase - %</b>			<b>1.32%</b>
<i>Rounding may distort addition totals</i>			

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<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
General Administration	\$3,451,988	\$3,542,938	\$3,506,062
Public Safety Program	9,576,251	10,103,560	10,516,624
Public Services Program	2,727,218	2,899,241	2,967,368
Recreation Program	1,617,515	1,752,909	1,804,803
Library Program	1,146,945	1,171,116	1,179,156
Miscellaneous Support Services	1,053,886	1,096,269	1,125,467
Tax Transfer to Schools	49,131,442	49,614,070	50,313,756
Tax Transfer to Other Funds	366,331	382,471	406,347
Non Municipal Agencies Support	190,615	196,115	197,515
Capital Outlays	1,231,406	1,286,000	1,292,600
Municipal Debt Service	3,219,624	2,822,564	2,393,308
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$73,713,221</b>	<b>\$74,867,253</b>	<b>\$75,703,006</b>

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Revenue Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Current Year Tax Levy	\$66,246,788	\$66,600,977	\$67,548,326
Prior Year Taxes and Penalty	935,204	913,500	908,500
Payment in lieu of Taxes	252,960	251,269	254,300
Other Fund Transfers	48,475	14,325	8,450
State Revenue Sources	2,622,619	2,513,928	2,445,421
Local Revenues	3,600,092	3,561,922	3,614,825
School Fund Transfers	271,088	186,332	248,185
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,000,000	825,000	675,000
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$74,977,225</b>	<b>\$74,867,253</b>	<b>\$75,703,006</b>

<b>School Fund</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Salaries	\$33,255,938	\$33,432,548	\$33,902,295
Benefits	13,209,747	13,368,135	13,533,092
Professional Services	1,092,430	1,311,387	1,277,233
Property Services	767,401	669,472	653,582
Other Services	6,583,369	7,038,879	7,183,839
Supplies	1,513,589	1,577,144	1,598,414
Equipment	715,218	1,204,908	981,573
<b>Total School Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$57,137,692</b>	<b>\$58,602,473</b>	<b>\$59,130,028</b>

<b>School Fund</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Revenue Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
State Aid	\$7,731,421	\$7,510,097	\$7,280,000
Group Home Aid	375,000	308,034	301,000
High Cost Special Education Aid	0	0	40,000
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,106,421</b>	<b>\$7,818,131</b>	<b>\$7,621,000</b>
Tuition Income	\$172,689	\$210,272	\$210,272
School Trust Funds	20,069	20,000	20,000
Designated Funds	535,000	400,000	400,000
Medicaid	558,718	500,000	525,000
Miscellaneous	43,846	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,330,322</b>	<b>\$1,170,272</b>	<b>\$1,195,272</b>
Property Tax Appropriation	\$49,131,442	\$49,614,070	\$50,313,756
<b>Total School Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$58,568,185</b>	<b>\$58,602,473</b>	<b>\$59,130,028</b>

<b>Peace Dale Office Building</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Personnel Services	\$24,918	\$30,722	\$32,524
Contractual Services	40,006	46,000	51,148
Materials and Supplies	2,864	4,591	5,216
Capital Improvements	0	7,000	5,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,293	3,806	3,650
<b>Total PDOB Expenditures</b>	<b>\$71,081</b>	<b>\$92,119</b>	<b>\$97,539</b>

<b>Peace Dale Office Building</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Revenue Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Rental Income	\$79,311	\$85,823	\$88,323
Income - Self Support	15,006	13,500	14,000
Investment Income	647	1,000	500
<b>Total PDOB Income</b>	<b>\$94,964</b>	<b>\$100,323</b>	<b>\$102,823</b>

<b>Neighborhood Guild</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Administration	\$470,067	\$456,460	\$454,162
Debt Service Payment	55,438	53,688	51,875
Front Desk	35,477	35,928	40,680
Senior Programs	28,465	42,099	36,200
Youth Programs	36,215	39,648	35,524
Music Programs	101,397	88,197	98,917
Adult Programs	40,277	44,444	44,259
Arts Programs	51,402	56,041	61,459
<b>Total Guild Expenditures</b>	<b>\$818,735</b>	<b>\$816,504</b>	<b>\$823,075</b>

<b>Neighborhood Guild</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Revenue Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Trust Fund Revenues	\$482,899	\$446,450	\$446,348
Fund Balance & Invest Income	25,102	25,200	25,100
Program Revenues	339,191	344,854	352,510
<b>Total Guild Income</b>	<b>\$847,192</b>	<b>\$816,504</b>	<b>\$823,958</b>

<b>Senior Services Fund</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Transportation Program	\$63,090	\$68,121	\$70,649
Nutrition Program	112,194	111,780	115,335
Day Services Program	325,306	335,277	300,546
Senior Center Program	289,169	289,901	297,744
<b>Total Senior Services Expenditures</b>	<b>\$789,759</b>	<b>\$805,079</b>	<b>\$784,274</b>

<b>Senior Services Fund</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Revenue Statement</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
South Kingstown Gen. Fund Transfer	\$363,331	\$378,171	\$402,047
Narragansett Contribution	110,594	114,856	120,929
North Kingstown Contribution	37,291	31,614	33,580
State Aid	164,409	174,454	154,688
Client Payments	79,486	85,069	65,000
Miscellaneous Income	8,786	5,915	8,030
Oliver Watson Trust Fund	5,000	0	0
Assigned Fund Balance	20,000	15,000	0
<b>Total Senior Services Income</b>	<b>\$788,897</b>	<b>\$805,079</b>	<b>\$784,274</b>

<b>Water Enterprise Fund Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>2013-2014 Actual</b>	<b>2014-2015 Adopted</b>	<b>2015-2016 Recommended</b>
Source Of Supply	\$167,508	\$228,729	\$220,600
Pumping Expenses	11,095	8,943	12,465
Transmission & Distribution	22,634	31,250	34,850
Accounting & Collections	24,400	5,600	0
Personal Services	349,149	340,410	350,396
Admin. & General Exp.	90,139	77,774	75,872
Other Expenses	302,668	365,000	304,715
<b>Total Water Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$967,592</b>	<b>\$1,057,706</b>	<b>\$998,898</b>

<b>Water Enterprise Fund Revenue Statement</b>	<b>2013-2014 Actual</b>	<b>2014-2015 Adopted</b>	<b>2015-2016 Recommended</b>
Meter Sales - Domestic	\$727,045	\$841,171	\$810,793
Forfeited Disc & Penalties	4,514	2,200	3,500
Water Tank Rental Income	239,043	245,677	252,561
Special Serv -Turn Off/On	1,288	1,300	1,500
Serv-Tap Main & Lay Serv	12,965	0	0
Service Meter Install	7,232	0	0
Investment Income	3,882	2,500	3,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	18,300	5,700	2,000
State Of R.I. Water Protect.	0	2,062	2,296
<b>Total Water Fund Income</b>	<b>\$1,014,270</b>	<b>\$1,100,610</b>	<b>\$1,075,650</b>

<b>Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>2013-2014 Actual</b>	<b>2014-2015 Adopted</b>	<b>2015-2016 Recommended</b>
Station Recycling Operation	\$0	\$400	\$400
Transportation/Disposal	230,062	262,400	279,900
Administration General Expense	58,827	62,766	67,647
Other Expenses	53,552	63,058	49,060
General Solid Waste Program	24,266	28,251	28,370
Superfund	104,315	265,668	263,552
<b>Total Solid Waste Expenditures</b>	<b>\$471,022</b>	<b>\$682,543</b>	<b>\$688,929</b>

<b>Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Revenue Statement</b>	<b>2013-2014 Actual</b>	<b>2014-2015 Adopted</b>	<b>2015-2016 Recommended</b>
Transfer Station Rental - SK	\$139,131	\$150,000	\$150,000
Hauling Licenses	11,000	9,000	10,000
Metered Tonnage	253,495	262,400	279,900
Residential Stickers/Tag Sales	61,182	66,250	66,250
Investment Income	2,434	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,215	24,065	16,100
RIRRC Recycling Revenue Reimb.	24,241	26,000	39,200
Net Assets Forward To Operations	0	142,828	125,479
<b>Total Solid Waste Revenues</b>	<b>\$494,699</b>	<b>\$682,543</b>	<b>\$688,929</b>

<b>Wastewater Enterprise Fund Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>2013-2014 Actual</b>	<b>2014-2015 Adopted</b>	<b>2015-2016 Recommended</b>
Wastewater General Treatment	\$776,939	\$824,005	\$887,305
Sludge Process & Disposal	724,390	869,329	914,523
Silver Lake Pumping Station	153,685	220,014	229,156
Kingston Pumping Station	102,685	158,011	159,587
Local Pumping Station	117,067	149,806	154,102
Local Collection System	75,448	105,016	107,249
Users Accounting Collection	46,495	20,031	14,969
Admin. & General Expen	258,864	299,017	278,263
Employee Benefits	3,238	0	0
Non-Operating Expenses	654,986	798,628	930,905
<b>Total Wastewater Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,913,795</b>	<b>\$3,443,857</b>	<b>\$3,676,059</b>

<b>Wastewater Enterprise Fund Revenue Statement</b>	<b>2013-2014 Actual</b>	<b>2014-2015 Adopted</b>	<b>2015-2016 Recommended</b>
Domestic & Comercial Users	\$1,519,578	\$1,527,224	\$1,623,330
University Of RI Cost Share	423,578	729,761	653,443
Industrial & Special Users	50,788	64,029	71,279
Narragansett Cost Share	722,551	839,357	909,746
Diane Dr Customer Debt Prin.	24,000	25,000	25,000
Interest On Delinquent Payt	10,924	7,000	10,000
Int On MB Assessment	375	0	0
DD Delinquent Pmt Penalty	3,670	0	0
Int On Diane Dr Assessment	4,113	5,128	4,668
Septic Haulers	261,419	281,400	301,000
Investment Income	10,599	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	22,351	16,000	17,000
National Grid Elec Rebate	6,000	0	0
General Fund	3,000	4,300	4,300
Net Assets Forward To Ops	0	0	46,294
<b>Total Wastewater Income</b>	<b>\$3,062,945</b>	<b>\$3,509,199</b>	<b>\$3,676,059</b>

<b>FY 2015-2016 Budget Program All Funds</b>	<b>2013-2014 Actual</b>	<b>2014-2015 Adopted</b>	<b>2015-2016 Recommended</b>
General Fund	\$73,713,221	\$74,867,253	\$75,703,006
School Fund	57,137,693	58,602,473	59,130,028
Water Fund	967,592	1,057,706	998,898
Wastewater Fund	2,913,795	3,443,857	3,676,059
Solid Waste Fund	471,022	682,543	688,929
Peace Dale Office Building	71,081	92,119	97,539
Neighborhood Guild	818,735	816,504	823,075
Senior Services Program	789,759	805,079	784,274
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>\$136,882,898</b>	<b>\$140,367,533</b>	<b>\$141,901,808</b>
Less Inter-Fund Transfers	(49,497,773)	(49,996,541)	(50,720,103)
<b>Net Municipal Program</b>	<b>\$87,385,125</b>	<b>\$90,370,992</b>	<b>\$91,181,705</b>

*Rounding may distort addition totals*

## RESOLUTIONS

### 1. Reserve Fund Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED that program balances identified below in the 2015-2016 fiscal year appropriations for General Fund (101) account 58000, Capital Outlay, shall be transferred to the following Reserve Funds in the corresponding not-to-exceed amounts:

#### 2015-2016 Reserve Fund Transfers

<u>Object Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Transfer Total</u>	<u>Reserve Fund</u>
590420	Recreation Improvements	\$120,000	Recreation Development & Restoration Fund
590420	Recreation Improvements	\$89,600	Capital Equipment & Replacement Fund
590418	Road Improvements	\$640,000	Public Works Improvement Fund
590414	Police Department	\$40,000	Police Building Construction Fund
590414	Police Department	\$10,000	Capital Equipment & Replacement Fund
590408	EMS Equipment & Facilities	\$130,000	Capital Equipment & Replacement Fund
590424	Senior Services Program	\$15,000	Senior Services Construction Fund
590426	Town Hall Improvements	\$10,000	Town Hall Improvement Fund
590408	Equipment Acquisition	\$213,000	Capital Equipment & Replacement Fund
590410	In-house Computer System	\$25,000	Technology Improvement Fund

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Finance Director, with the advice and consent of the Town Council, is hereby permitted to invest the funds at any time in said savings accounts or certificates of deposit of commercial or savings banks, or trust companies, or in obligations of the United States or its agencies, or in any other short-term investment as would be made by prudent persons of discretion and intelligence.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Council is hereby authorized to use the total funds, or such part thereof of said Reserve Funds, for capital expenditures as may be voted by the Town Council in accordance with the Town Council Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said sums appropriated to the Reserve Fund shall not revert to the General Fund at the end of the budget year but shall remain in said Reserve Fund to be used as herein provided in any budget period until otherwise voted.

### 2. Reserve Fund Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED that the program balance identified below in the 2014-2015 fiscal year appropriation for General Fund (101), as outlined below, shall be transferred to the Compensated Absences Reserve Fund in the corresponding not-to-exceed amount:

#### 2014- 2015 Reserve Fund Transfer

<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Transfer Total</u>
101-20001-511005	Police Dept. Retirement/Vacation Reimbursement	\$100,000

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Finance Director, with the advice and consent of the Town Council, is hereby permitted to invest the funds at any time in said savings accounts or certificates of deposit of commercial or savings banks, or trust companies, or in obligations of the United States or its agencies, or in any other short-term investment as would be made by prudent persons of discretion and intelligence.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Council is hereby authorized to use the total funds, or such part thereof of said Reserve Funds, for compensated absence expenditures.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said sums appropriated to the Reserve Fund shall not revert to the General Fund at the end of the budget year but shall remain in said Reserve Fund to be used as herein provided in any budget period until otherwise voted.