



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

NOTICE REGARDING TOWN COUNCIL PRELIMINARY BUDGET ADOPTION ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING, AND PROBATE COURT IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

MARCH 16, 2020: The Town of South Kingstown is monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, is following State and Federal guidance to help promote the health and safety of our community, and is implementing additional precautionary measures to reduce opportunities for COVID-19 transmission in South Kingstown.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the recent Declaration of Emergency by the Town Council, the Town had previously cancelled several public meetings that were scheduled the week of March 16th, 2020. **The Town has now made the decision to CANCEL the Town Council Preliminary Budget Adoption meeting that was scheduled for Monday March 16th, 2020. The Town has also made the decision to CANCEL the Zoning Board of Review meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday March 18th, 2020. The Town has also made the decision to CANCEL the Probate Court session scheduled for Thursday March 19th, 2020.** The FY 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Adoption by the Town Council will be scheduled for the next Town Council meeting currently planned for Monday March 23rd, 2020. The agenda items planned for Wednesday's Zoning Board of Review meeting will be moved to the meeting currently planned for Wednesday April 22nd, 2020. The Probate Court items scheduled for hearing will be moved to the next Probate Court date currently scheduled for Thursday April 16th, 2020. The Town will continue to review its schedule of public meetings over the coming days and weeks, and should the decision be made to cancel additional meetings, this will be announced. Meetings that have been cancelled will be rescheduled as appropriate, or agenda items moved to the next meeting.

During this pandemic, all residents are strongly encouraged to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing, proper handwashing, and proper cough and sneeze etiquette. The Town echoes the guidance issued by the Governor that residents should avoid crowded places and to please stay home except for running essential errands such as going to the grocery store. All residents are strongly encouraged to remain home if you are sick or under self-quarantine. All residents are strongly encouraged to stay up to date on the Federal, State, and local response to and guidance on the evolving COVID-19 situation. Please visit the Town's COVID-19 webpage for up to date information and links to Federal, State, and local resources www.southkingstownri.com/998/COVID-19.

Because of the evolving nature of this ongoing community health situation, the Town may implement additional mitigation measures with short notice, and the information provided here is subject to change. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. For additional updates from the Town, as well as information and resources related to COVID-19, we encourage residents to visit www.southkingstownri.com. Updates and information will also be shared via the Town's official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/southkingstownri. Questions can be referred to the Town Manager's Office at (401) 789-9331 x1201.