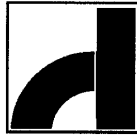


DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.



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PREFACE

The proposed Fiscal Year 2002 Operating Budget for the Town of North Kingstown follows the same format as previous Town Operating Budgets. The Town Manager's Budget Message summarizes the Budget and reviews the current Fiscal Year activities. The individual department sections include mission statements, objectives, work plan, performance measures, personnel details, and a financial summary for each department. The Capital section is a summary of all capital proposals relating to this coming fiscal year. More detail on the major capital projects is included in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan, which has been forwarded separately to the Town Council.

The following funds are part of this budget:

General Fund – is used to account for resources devoted to financing the general services that the Town performs for its citizens.

Debt Service Fund – is used to accumulate resources for general long-term debt principal and interest (other than those that are payable from Enterprise Funds).

School Fund – is used to account for both the operational activities and federal and state grant monies used for the benefit of the North Kingstown School Department.

Water Fund – an enterprise (self-supporting) fund used to account for the operations that are needed for the operations of the Town's Water System and Wastewater Management activities.

Quonset Davisville Recreation Fund – an enterprise (self-supporting) fund used to account for the operations of the North Kingstown Municipal Golf Course and the Allen Harbor Marina.

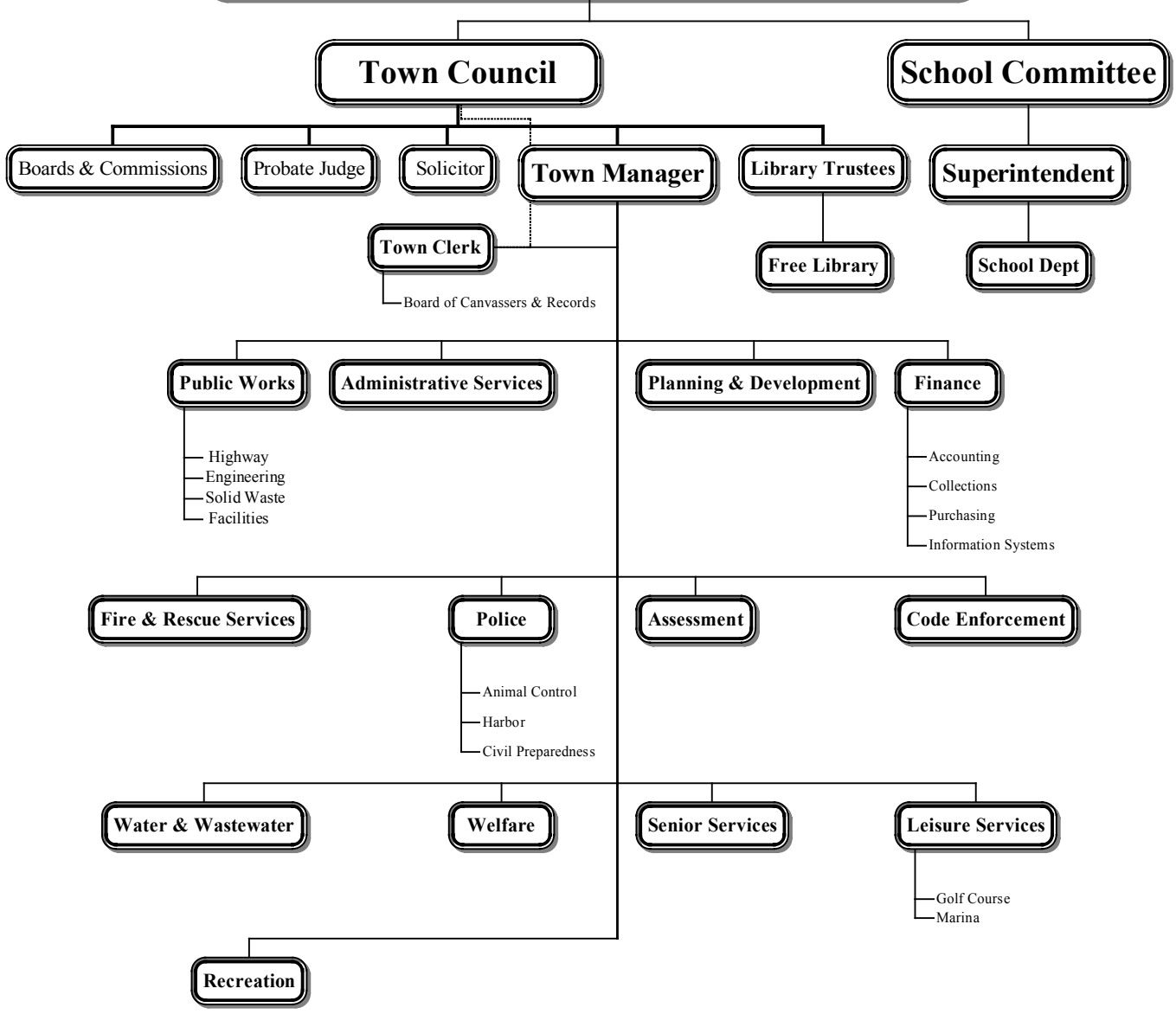
School Capital Reserve – is used to account for financial resources used for the renovation, acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and/or equipment for the School Department.

For the third year in a row North Kingstown received a Distinguish Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This budget will also be submitted for an award. The preparation of this budget is a product of the North Kingstown management team. All department heads submitted their individual budgets in the format presented in this book. Without their efforts the production of this book would not be possible. Particular recognition should be made of Cynthia J. Olobri, Finance Director who combines all the departmental efforts into a budget that is sound financially and still easy to understand. The staff looks forward to working with the Town Council during the adoption process.

Richard Kerbel
Town Manager
March 12, 2001

North Kingstown Governmental Organization

The People of the Town of North Kingstown



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TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN GOALS

Adopted by the Town Council on February 12, 2001

The goals of the Town of North Kingstown are:

VISION

To ensure that future development in North Kingstown is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and the capability of the land, groundwater resources, other natural resources and Town services to sustain the additional development. To communicate this vision of the Town's future and sense of identity to the community and visitors through all forms of media, including consistent gateway signage, Internet access, and town endorsement and/or sponsorship of community events. To continue to implement new growth management efforts to limit the financial impact of development and encourage low-density development.

QUALITY OF LIFE

To ensure that all residents, business owners and employees and visitors to the Town continue to enjoy the North Kingstown Quality of Life. To reduce traffic speeding through a combination of both law enforcement and traffic calming techniques. To encourage the development of diversified housing opportunities including affordable housing. To ensure all members of the community have an opportunity for a quality education. To preserve the Town's historic character by preserving homes and other architecturally significant property.

ENVIRONMENT

To continue to preserve land either through fee simple purchase, development rights purchase, donation or creative methods to assure open space and farmland preservation for groundwater protection and community character. To hasten the implementation of the Town's wastewater facility plan. To undertake growth management efforts to ensure that the development of the Town does not strip our future available resources.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To encourage the continued development of the Town's industrial and commercial tax base. To assert the interests of the Town with the Economic Development Corporation and the state government in the appropriate development of the Quonset Davisville Port and Commerce Park. To continue the private sector investment of the past years, supporting expansion of existing business, and a small-scale versatile enhancement of the Davisville Port. To encourage appropriate private investment on Post Road. To assist the region's tourism industry by encouraging the development of the USS Saratoga Museum and the construction of a fishing pier as part of the demolition of the old Jamestown bridge. To continue cooperative regional economic development initiatives such as the Washington County Regional Planning Council and the Central Rhode Island Development Corporation. To recognize formally and encourage businesses to improve their property and appearance.

FINANCIAL

To provide an understandable budget process for the community to understand the financial needs of the Town and revenues needed to provide the level of service desired by the citizens. To identify all possible revenue sources and to use property tax increases as the funding source of last resort. To ensure that all expenditures are accomplished with the most efficient use of resources. To maintain the Town's financial standing and reduce long-term debt costs by retaining a favorable bond rating. To communicate with all property tax payers so that they understand the tax impacts of the Town's infrastructure improvements, the phase out of retail inventory and motor vehicle excise taxes and all property tax exemptions that are available.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Continue investing in the Town's infrastructure including roads and town (in particular the Public Safety Improvements and new Fire Stations 1, 2 and 6) and school facilities through the implementation of a prioritized asset management plan with a caution about undertaking too many projects at once. To manage the High School and Town Highway Garage construction projects so that they are finished on time and within budget. To ensure that capital improvements for enterprise fund activities are made without tax dollars. To develop additional community meeting spaces in the Town and to begin the Town Hall improvement program.

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

To undertake a systematic review of all Town offices to ensure that they operate in an effective and efficient manner, understanding the primary importance of the citizen as a customer, and that Town employees are treated in a fair and equitable manner.