

# Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

180 High Street  
Wakefield, RI 02879  
Tel. 401-789-9331



January 25, 2017

Amy Rose Weinreich, Town Clerk  
Town of Charlestown  
4540 South County Trail  
Charlestown, RI 02813

Dear Mrs. Weinreich:

Thank you for providing us with a copy of a resolution adopted January 10, 2017 by the Charlestown Town Council requesting support in opposition to the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed change to the railroad alignment within the Town of Charlestown borders.

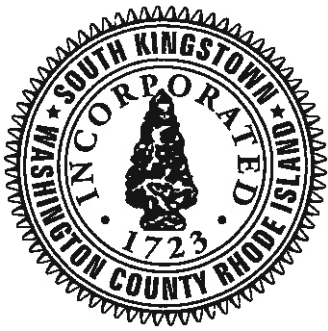
At their meeting held on Monday evening, the South Kingstown Town Council voted to support the Town of Charlestown in its opposition and to notify the Federal Railroad Administration of their support of the Town of Charlestown's position. A copy of the Town Council's resolution is enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

Dale S. Holberton, CMC  
Town Clerk

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cc: Town Manager



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Rebecca Reyes-Alicea  
NEC FUTURE Program Manager, Northeast Corridor Joint Program Advisor  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Railroad Administration  
One Bowling Green, Suite 429  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Ms. Reyes-Alicea:

At their meeting held on Monday evening, the South Kingstown Town Council voted to support the Town of Charlestown in its opposition to the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed change to the railroad alignment within the Town of Charlestown, Rhode Island borders. It is our hope that your agency will extend the comment period from January 30, 2017 to April 1, 2017 to allow the Town of Charlestown to prepare a detailed response to the content of the Tier 1 Final EIS.

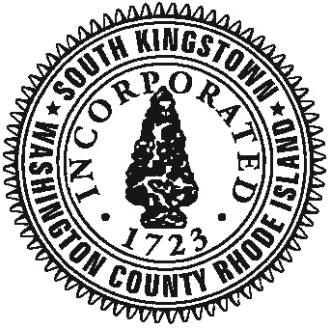
The Town of Charlestown was informed of the impact on the community and the scope of the project on December 18, 2016. To limit the comment period to January 30, 2017 does not give the Town adequate time to prepare a response to a project that proposes to destroy dozens of homes, ruin historic mill villages, traverse land owned by the Narragansett Indian Tribe, cross or pass through public and privately owned properties protected in perpetuity to safeguard the cultural, historic, natural, scenic, agricultural and ecological value of the parcels.

We would implore you and your agency to extend the comment period to April 17, 2017 to allow sufficient time for the Town of Charlestown to prepare a response to a proposed project with many significant negatives for its community. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Dale S. Holberton, CMC  
Town Clerk

Cc: Town Manager  
Town of Charlestown



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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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January A.D., 2017 at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT: Margaret M. Healy, President  
Abel G. Collins, Vice President  
Bryant DaCruz  
Liz Gledhill  
Joe Viele

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that a resolution adopted by the Charlestown Town Council on January 10, 2017 requesting support in opposition to the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed change to the railroad alignment within the Town of Charlestown borders is received, placed on file, and the Town Council further directs to support the Town of Charlestown in its opposition to the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed change to the railroad alignment in the Town of Charlestown and that letters be sent to the Federal Railroad Administration and the Town of Charlestown notifying them of this vote.

A TRUE COPY

ATTEST:

  
Dale S. Holberton, Town Clerk