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Post Road Business Alliance Hosts Successful Candidate Forum Focused on the Future of North Kingstown's Business Community

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The Post Road Business Alliance (PRBA) welcomed over 70 attendees to its non-partisan Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 14, at Fishing Cove Elementary School in North Kingstown. The event brought together candidates for Town Council and state-level offices for an evening of thoughtful discussion focused on the challenges, opportunities, and future of the Post Road business corridor.

The forum provided an opportunity for candidates to address questions developed by the PRBA around the issues most affecting local businesses and the broader community. Topics included construction-related disruptions, traffic and infrastructure, vacant storefronts, property maintenance and code enforcement, zoning, permitting, and economic development. Candidates were also asked to share their vision for revitalizing Post Road, attracting private investment, and collaborating with local businesses. State-level discussions focused on coordination between RIDOT and the Town, continued funding for corridor improvements, and long-term economic growth.

Town Council candidates participating in the forum included Linnea Drew, Beth Hill Ross, Greg Mancini, Vanessa Mascaro, Jessica Plavicki, Stacey Weinstein, and Richard Welch. Kim Page submitted responses to the questions in advance but was unable to attend in person. State-level candidates Robert Craven, Alana DiMario, James Sheehan, and Bridget Valverde also participated.

The event reflects PRBA's continued commitment to advocating for the sustainable success of the Post Road business community. Through business advocacy, beautification efforts, collaboration with public officials, and community engagement, the organization works to ensure that the needs of local businesses remain part of conversations about North Kingstown's future. "We were thrilled to see such strong community interest in the future of Post Road. This forum gave residents and business owners an opportunity to hear directly from candidates about the issues that matter to our business community. We hope these conversations continue beyond election season and lead to meaningful collaboration and progress for Post Road," says PRBA President, Lynn Moran.

PRBA thanks the candidates and community members who contributed to the evening and helped make the forum a success. The organization looks forward to continuing its work with local and state leaders to advance meaningful improvements and support a vibrant, welcoming, and economically strong Post Road corridor.

For more information about the Post Road Business Alliance and its initiatives, visit www.postroadnk.org.

The Post Road Business Alliance is a non-partisan organization and does not endorse or oppose candidates based on political party affiliation. The candidate forum was intended to provide an educational opportunity for members of the business community and public to hear directly from participating candidates and learn about their perspectives on issues impacting our community. All qualified candidates were invited to participate.

About the Post Road Business Alliance

The Post Road Business Alliance is a 501(c)(6) organization dedicated to identifying and developing the character of modern Post Road by advocating for the sustainable success of its business community. Through business advocacy, community events, beautification initiatives, and collaboration with local and state partners, PRBA works to strengthen the Post Road corridor and support its businesses.

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