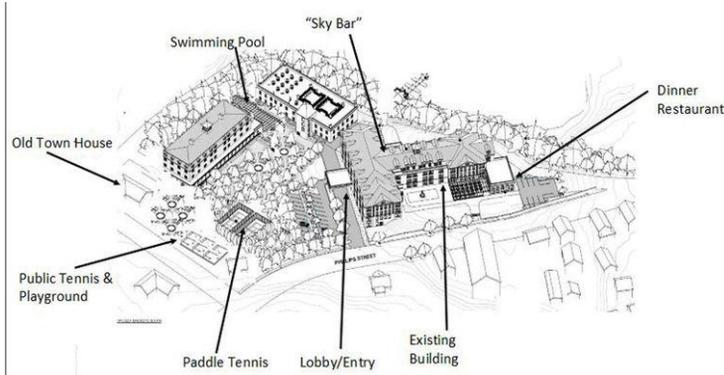


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## Wickford Elementary Proposal



Courtesy: Andrew Kinnecom



Andrew Kinnecom, the developer of a proposed hotel and condominium complex on the Wickford El property presented his conceptual ideas before the NK Economic Development Advisory Board recently. (The board is charged with advising the Town Council on the expansion of business and commerce.)

As envisioned, the project could contain between 60-70 1 and 2 bedroom condominiums, approximately 50 hotel rooms, a number of office/studio condominium units, an arts facility, and a restaurant.

An excellent outline of the presentation, along with the sketches above, is contained in the NorthEast Independent article by Chris Church.

[http://www.independentri.com/independents/north\\_east/article\\_f11de256-fd1e-5ec2-a22c-d5c2ee1006e8.html](http://www.independentri.com/independents/north_east/article_f11de256-fd1e-5ec2-a22c-d5c2ee1006e8.html)

After a brief consideration, your HistWick Board concluded that, while this would be a major project with large potential impacts on both the commercial and residential areas of Wickford, it is still at a conceptual stage. Considerable amplification and discussion is needed before we form an opinion as to the impact, if any, on our members. We wish, in the meantime, to pass any information we receive to our members.



**Wickford Decks the Halls!**  
**Holiday Kitchen Tour**  
**12:30 – 4:00 pm**



**December 6**  
**2015**



**Potluck Supper**  
**5:30-8:30**  
**St. Paul's**

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## HistWick Historic Signage Project Moving Forward

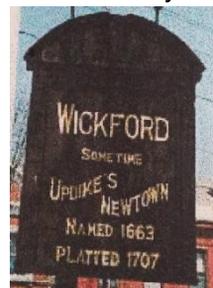
For the last several months a subcommittee of the HistWick Board of Directors has been developing plans for a series of interpretive signs to be placed throughout the village to help visitors understand and appreciate the development of Wickford through different periods of our history.

HistWick has committed funding for this project and the committee is identifying potential sites for the signs as well as the types of signs and installations that would best illustrate these ideas. Over the next few months HistWick will finalize the proposed locations of the signs and approach the permitting authorities and others directly involved in the program for approvals. We welcome any and all suggestions from the membership for this project.

An example of the type of sign we may use is seen in the picture on the left. It is our goal to have the signs erected in 2016 as visual indicators of our rich history.

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Donations by HistWick, the Plum Beach Garden Club and the Town should bring a long cherished hope to fruition soon, the return of the historic Updike Newtown sign shown to the right. A replica will be created and place back in Updike Park. **Kudos to Melissa Devine** who championed the cause. More contributions are needed, and can be sent to the NK Chamber's Charitable Foundation.



## Wickford Film



Tim Cranston has an exciting new project in the works, a one hour documentary film "the Sea Captain's Homes of Wickford" that is ready for final editing. HistWick has made a contribution to this effort and looks forward to it's completion. He is hoping to get it shown on PBS and it will also be available on our website.

## RI Historical Preservation Conference is coming to Wickford!

The R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission is planning the 31st Annual R.I. Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in North Kingstown on **Saturday, April 30, 2016.**

In **1985**, 100 preservationists from around the state met in Wickford for the **first** R.I. Preservation Conference. In **2016**, we expect to draw a crowd of 500 to spend the day walking around Wickford, talking about local and statewide preservation issues, taking bus tours in North Kingstown/Exeter, and networking with colleagues. The plenary session will be held at the Wickford Middle School.

HistWick has volunteered to help provide guides to Historic Wickford. Tours would take place all day. We will need volunteers from the HistWick community. If interested, please contact Larry Ehrhardt.

If you haven't been to a R.I. Preservation Conference, please check out these links for information on the 2015 event in Chepachet:

[http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/past\\_confs/past\\_2015.php](http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/past_confs/past_2015.php)

[http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/pdfs\\_zips\\_downloads/conf\\_pdfs/15program\\_reduced.pdf](http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/pdfs_zips_downloads/conf_pdfs/15program_reduced.pdf)