

**PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2026  
AGENDA**

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY JANUARY 27, 2026 AT 6:00 PM.**

6:00 PM – Town Council Chambers, Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

1. Roll Call

**PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Proclamation honoring the life and legacy of [Carrigan Nelson](#).

**NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)**

1. Joint Town Council/School Committee budget [presentation](#). / R. Rainer & E. Viveiros (20)
2. Approval for RIDE (Rhode Island Department of Education) [Stage II Submission](#). / E. Viveiros & P. Conte, StudioJAED (15)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Directions to view licensing applications: 1) Click on [OpenGov](#), 2) Click Records and then type in the record number which is listed on the agenda, 3) Click on the highlighted record to view the application

1. Bills

Payment [Voucher #1284](#) on 1/8/26 in the amount of \$64,512.61 as approved by the Finance Director

Payment [Voucher #1291](#) on 1/15/26 in the amount of \$442,489.21 as approved by the Finance Director

2. Committee Minutes:

[Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee 12/18/25](#)

[Board of Canvassers 12/16/25](#)

[Parks and Recreation 11/20/25](#)

**MINUTES**

[1/12/26](#)

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

1. Mount Hope Bridge - alternating lane closures
2. Governor's budget released
3. Update to Boards and Committees pages
4. Inspector fees
5. Winter trout & salmon stocking

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. Resignations:

Solid Waste Recycling Committee – [L. Carlisle](#)

2. Appointments:

Prudence Island Planning Commission (2 vacancies, 2 applicants – [Fertitta](#), [Weinberger](#))

**OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)**

1. Flock safety camera [presentation](#). Request approval of [MOU](#) for the installation of a camera. / Capt. M. Alboum, Rhode Island State Police (10)
2. Discussion/action to garner support to enact a Moratorium to examine the effects of the 30 bills enacted by the General Assembly over the last several years, as described by Town Planner Lea Hitchen at the 12/8/25 Town Council meeting. / D. Gleason (15) (fr. 1/12/26) [Click here](#)
  - a. [Resolution](#) in support of municipalities collaborating in reviewing, analyzing, and responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws.
    - i. [Joint Municipal Statement](#)
  - b. [Resolution](#) regarding low and moderate income housing. / West Greenwich Town Council
  - c. [Resolution](#) requesting the General Assembly consider amending legislation relating to accessory dwelling units. / Cumberland Town Council
3. Request approval of legislative priority resolutions. / D. Gleason (15)
  - a. [Resolution](#) relating to tax classification.
  - b. [Resolution](#) in support of legislation to modernize and standardize the Access to Public Records Act (APRA).
4. Monthly Finance Reports. / K. Marsden (5)
  - a. [December 2025 Finance Report](#)
  - b. [December 2025 School Finance Report](#)
5. Request to advertise a public hearing for revisions to Chapter 405 Zoning, Article IX Specific Development Regulations, Section B Signs. / L. Hitchen (5)  
[Revisions](#); [Clean Copy](#); [Existing Ordinance](#); [Article XV Adoption](#)

**NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action) Continued**

3. Request approval to amend resolution #2025-01-27 – [Exemption from Taxation](#) of the Real Estate of Certain Income Eligible Senior Citizens. / M. Helfand (5)
4. Request approval authorizing the [resolution](#) and the adoption of the 2025 Aquidneck Island [Regional Hazard Mitigation & Flood Management Plan](#). / L. Hitchen (15)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. [Resolution](#) regarding restoration of general revenue sharing to cities and towns. / Exeter Town Council
2. [Resolution](#) regarding restoration of general revenue sharing to cities and towns. / Middletown Town Council
3. [Resolution](#) in support of full funding of categorical transportation aid as outlined in RIGL §16-7.2-6(e). / Charlestown Town Council
4. Information on [Shen Yun Performing Arts](#) culture, daily operations, and misrepresentation. / M. Tsang
5. [Happy New Year](#) greeting. / J. Winters, NAACP

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Feb 9 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting  
Feb 23 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting  
Mar 9 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

## **ADJOURN**

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**CANCELLED**