

**PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2026
AGENDA**

**IF THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY
JANUARY 26, 2026 THERE WILL BE NO MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY.**

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

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