

**PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2026
AGENDA (Amended)**

The Portsmouth Town Council meeting will also be live-streamed on the web and by phone dial-in using the Zoom remote meeting service. See below for directions.

7:00 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

CONSENT AGENDA

Directions to view licensing applications: 1) Click [OpenGov](#), 2) Click Search, 3) Click Records, and then type in the record number listed on the agenda, 4) Click on the highlighted record to view the application.

1. Bills

Payment [Voucher #1344](#) on 2/19/26 in the amount of \$152,240.78 as approved by the Finance Director

2. Committee Minutes:

[Solid Waste and Recycling 2/12/2026](#)

[Conservation Commission 1/15/2026](#)

[Parks and Recreation 1/15/2026](#)

3. Peddler License – Mobile Food Establishment (MFE), Renewal:
The Perky Turkey LLC, 28 Prescott Ave, Riverside (#9408)

MINUTES

[2/25/26](#) & Exec.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Transfer station and curbside sales update
2. FY27 Budget update
3. Founders Day event
4. Blizzard of 2026 re-cap
5. Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns Annual Convention

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Request Council approval of [Historic Register](#) acknowledgement letter to the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. / S. Johnson, Friends of Glen Manor House & C. Clark, Portsmouth Historical Society (5)
2. Request to advertise for a [public hearing](#) for Community Development Block Grant Applications. / L. Hitchen & R. Plain, Church Community Housing Corp (10)
3. Request approval of [Auditor selection](#) for follow-on submission to the Auditor General for State approval to contract with selected auditing firm. / K. Marsden (5)
4. Request authorization to issue a Town-wide informational mailing to households not currently enrolled in either of Portsmouth's authorized waste disposal programs. The purpose is to inform residents of the available programs and encourage participation to improve program sustainability and ensure compliance with the Town's waste disposal framework. Mailing costs

are proposed to be funded through available grant funds awarded for public education and outreach related to waste and recycling programs. / R. Rainer (10) (No backup)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. [Letter of support](#) of the recommendations put forth in the [Blue Ribbon Commission's report: Equalizing Opportunity: Creating a Fair and Transparent Funding System for Rhode Island's Public Schools.](#) / Burrillville Town Council
2. [Joint Municipal Statement](#) supporting Portsmouth's resolution in support of municipalities collaborating in reviewing, analyzing, and responding to the 2025 affordable housing laws. / Burrillville Town Council
3. [Resolution](#) in Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing, and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws. / Hopkinton Town Council
4. [Resolution](#) in Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing, and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws. / Tiverton Town Council
5. [Resolution](#) in Support of H7123-H7125, H7294, H7296 and H7297 Relating to Low and Moderate Income Housing, comprehensive permits, parking, and Development Timelines in Tiverton. / Tiverton Town Council
6. [Resolution](#) in Support of H7292, H7293, and H7372 Relating to Land Use, Housing, and Zoning in Tiverton. / Tiverton Town Council
7. Portsmouth Water and Fire District's [Quarterly Financial Reports](#) for the period ending January 31, 2026. / N. Larsen, Senior Accountant, Portsmouth Water and Fire District
8. [Resolution](#) in Support of Establishing Reimbursement for Community Paramedic Programs. / South Kingstown Town Council

FUTURE MEETINGS

Mar 16 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting – Public Hearing Sign Ordinance
Mar 23 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting
Apr 13 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

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