

**PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2026  
AGENDA**

The Portsmouth Town Council meeting will also be live-streamed on the web and by phone dial-in using the Zoom remote meeting service. The Executive Session **will not** be streamed to the public. See below for directions.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2) – Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation. – Status reports from Town Solicitors on pending and threatened litigation involving the Town of Portsmouth.
2. RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2) – Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation. – Disability Pension
3. RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2) – Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation. – HR Policy
4. RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2) – Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation. – Prescription health care benefit

**ADJOURN**

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**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Residents may address the Town Council on matters relevant to the authority and jurisdiction of the Town Council, and not otherwise on the agenda, during the public comment period; speakers will be called in the order they appear on the public comment sign-in sheet, which will be available up until the meeting start time, and then will be provided to the presiding officer at the start of the meeting; a speaker may approach the Town Council only once per public comment session; speakers shall state their name and address for the record; each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes in the public comment period and the period will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes total during a meeting; we ask that all speakers direct their comments to the presiding officer and that they be respectful and courteous when speaking; the presiding officer shall enforce the rules and maintain order.

**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 #1384](#) on 3/19/26 in the amount of \$600,655.95 as approved by the Finance Director

[Payment Voucher #1396](#) on 3/26/26 in the amount of \$35,441.25 as approved by the Finance Director

[Payment Voucher #1412](#) on 4/02/26 in the amount of \$122,157.18 as approved by the Finance Director

2. Committee Minutes:

[Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee 3/26/26 \(Draft\)](#)

[Economic Development Committee 1/28/26](#)  
[Solid Waste/Recycling Committee 3/12/26 \(Draft\)](#)

3. Peddler License – Mobile Establishment (MFE), Renewal:  
Domenic Daniel d/b/a The Daily Grind, 2121 Elmwood Avenue, Warwick (#9434)
4. Peddler License – Specific Event:  
Rugby Imports, Ltd., 885 Warren Ave, East Providence, for the Beast of the East Collegiate Rugby Tournament, Gardner Seveney Sports Complex, April 18 & 19, 2026 (#9439)
5. CRMC – [Public Notice 2025-11-015](#)  
Joseph & Mary McDowell, Portsmouth, RI 02871 for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain an as-built residential boating facility consisting of a 5’x81’ fixed timber pier, a 3’x22’ ramp, two 4’x31’ floats, and two tie off piles. The tie off piles extending 75ft beyond mean low water. The existing facility was not built in accordance with the approved 1984-05-013 plans. A variance to CRMC Redbook section 1.3.1(D)(11)(1) is required where the facility extends 25ft beyond the 50ft standard. Project Location: 94 Point Road.

**SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

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1. Entertainment License:  
Portsmouth Portuguese American Citizens Club, 35 Power St, for the St. Anthony’s Feast, July 16-19, 2026, 8:00am – 1:00am (#9420) (fr. 3/23/26)
2. Victualler License:  
Portsmouth Portuguese American Citizens Club, 35 Power St, for the St. Anthony’s Feast, July 16-19, 2026, 8:00am – 1:00am (#9421) (fr. 3/23/26)
3. Entertainment License:  
Portsmouth Youth Soccer Association, PO Box 428, for the Portsmouth Youth Soccer Invitational Tournament, Gardner Seveney Sports Complex, June 21-22, 2026 (#9446)
4. Entertainment License:  
St. Barnabas Church, Annual Festival, 1697 East Main Rd, June 19-21, 2026 (#9437)
5. Victualler License – Specific Event with Fee Waiver Request:  
St. Barnabas Church, Annual Festival, 1697 East Main Rd, June 19-21, 2026 (#9438)
6. Class F Daily Liquor License:  
St. Barnabas Church, Annual Festival, 1697 East Main Rd, June 19-21, 2026 (#9437)

**ADJOURN**

**MINUTES**

[3/16/26](#)

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

1. DEM Outdoor Recreation Grant Award
2. FEMA approval of Aquidneck Island Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
3. Budget update

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointments:  
Conservation Commission ([1 vacancy](#))  
Tree Warden (Re-Appnt) – [J. Fitzgerald](#)

### **OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)**

1. Request approval for Portsmouth School Bond [Memorializing Resolution](#). / R. Rainer (10)  
[School Bond Act](#)
2. Portsmouth Community Electricity [summer 2026 update](#). / R. Ferdinand & S. Loretto, Good Energy (15)
3. [Request](#) adoption of Sign Ordinance as amended. / D. Gleason (5)(fr. 3/16/26)  
[Revised Sign Ordinance](#) (redlined, with revisions)  
[Revised Sign Ordinance](#) (clean copy)
4. [Update](#) on LMI resolution of January, 27, 2026. / D. Gleason (5)

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

1. Request to advertise for a public hearing for a sound variance to allow for live music for the Common Fence Point Improvement Association block party at 933 Anthony Rd on July 11, 2026, from 5:00-10:00 p.m. (OpenGov #9443). / D. Breton (5)
2. [Butts Hill Fort](#) Restoration Committee 2026 Annual Plans. / P. Murphy, Chair (10)
3. Request to [amend Ordinance 99-6-28](#) -An Ordinance Relating to Adjustment of Tax Exemptions in Years of Town Wide Real Property Reevaluation. / M. Helfand (5)
4. [Review](#) of the process and timeline for discovery of the error with our completed and accepted audit. / M. McDowell (5)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Resolutions adopted on March 3, 2026. / Richmond Town Council
  - a. Requesting the General Assembly consider changing the date for the [statewide primary](#) due to the Labor Day holiday.
  - b. In support of [House Bill H7224](#) (2026 – An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Award of Municipal Contracts).
2. [Letter](#) informing of the start of construction for pavement improvements – West Main Rd and Sprague St. / Rhode Island Dept. of Transportation
3. [Letter](#) in favor of not renting Seveney Fields to outside groups. / N. & M. Reaser
4. [Letter](#) of support for Community Blessings Foundation’s Healthy Living in Recovery Housing Project. / T. Cortvriend, State Representative, District 72
5. Resolutions adopted on April 6, 2026. / Hopkinton Town Council
  - a. [Opposing](#) Senate Bill 2389 and House Bill 7305 relating to the Access to Public Records Act (APRA).
  - b. [In opposition](#) to House Bills H7035, H7755, H8068, H8071, and H8075.
  - c. [In support](#) of House Bill H7971 increasing the threshold for prevailing wage.
6. Resolutions adopted on March 17, 2026. / Lincoln Town Council
  - a. [Related](#) to low and moderate income housing.
  - b. [In support](#) of municipalities collaborating in reviewing, analyzing, and responding to the 2024 and 2025 Affordable Housing Laws.
  - c. [To enable](#) the Lincoln Town Council to enact a tax credit for veterans.
  - d. [In opposition](#) to House Bill H 8073 and Senate Bill 2710.
  - e. [In support](#) of House Bill H 7971.
  - f. [In support](#) of Joint Resolution 7678.
7. [Monthly RIRRC Report](#). / Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corp.
8. Resolutions adopted on March 23, 2026. / South Kingstown Town Council
  - a. [Supporting](#) the Rhode Island bottle and extended producer responsibility bills (H 7911 and S 3012)
  - b. [Proclaiming](#) April 24, 2026 as “Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day” to commemo-

- rate the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923, and in honor of Armenian Americans.
- c. [In support](#) of House Bill 2026-8018 entitled an act relating to Health and Safety -- State Building Code.
9. Resolutions adopted on April 6, 2026. / Middletown Town Council
- a. [In support](#) of Municipalities collaborating in reviewing, analyzing, and responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws.
  - b. [In support](#) of fully funding state aid to libraries to the full twenty-five (25) percent.
  - c. [In support](#) of amendments to the FY2027 State Budget to fully fund certain education costs.
  - d. [Opposing](#) a statewide nonowner occupied property tax.
  - e. [Urging](#) full funding of the school housing aid program.
10. [Resolution](#) in support of Municipalities collaborating in reviewing, analyzing, and responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws. / Westerly Town Council
11. [Resolution](#) in support of House Bill 8015 defining accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as affordable housing in municipalities with no minimum lot size for ADUs. / Barrington Town Council
12. [Invitation](#) to the Aquidneck Island National Police Parade on May 3, 2026. / Sgt. B. Celico

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Apr 27 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting  
Apr 28 7:00 PM – Town Council Budget Hearing  
Apr 29 7:00 PM – Town Council Budget Hearing  
Apr 30 7:00 PM – Town Council Budget Hearing (If needed)  
May 11 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - (If needed)

### **ADJOURN**

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

### **OPEN SESSION**

### **ADJOURN**

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**To access the meeting through the web**, go to the following web link in any browser to run the Zoom app and view the meeting: <https://livestream.portsmouthri.com/towncouncil>

**To access the meeting by phone dial-in**, please dial **1-888-788-0099**. Once prompted for the meeting ID, please dial **996-8471-9966#**. Once prompted for a participant ID, **dial # again**. You will now be in the meeting. While in the audio conference, **to raise your hand to ask a question, dial \*9** and the host will be notified of your interest in asking a question. **Dial \*6 to mute and unmute yourself**.

The public is welcome to any meeting of the Town’s boards or its committees. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 683-2101 at least (3) business days prior to the meeting.

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