



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Jamestown Town Hall
Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Avenue
Monday, August 17, 2026
6:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON ONLY.

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED: To view the meeting with no interaction:
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The above virtual access option is being provided only as a convenience and is not an official “location” where meeting access is guaranteed. The only way to guarantee complete access to the meeting is to attend physically, in person, at the physical location listed on the agenda.

The public is welcome to participate in Town Council meetings in several ways:

- *Citizens are invited to speak on the topic of a Public Hearing, which will be listed on the agenda.*
- *Citizens may speak during Open Forum to clarify or comment on an item on the agenda or address items not on the agenda.*
 - *A Citizen may schedule a Request to Address with the Town Council no less than seven days before the meeting in which they would like to appear. Their topic will be listed on the agenda, and Town Councilors may respond to their comments.*
 - *Citizens may also simply request to speak in Open Forum at a Council meeting by raising their hands and being recognized by the Town Council President. (See below)*
- *At other times during a Town Council meeting, citizens may speak at the discretion of the Council President or of a majority of Councilors present.*

Anyone wishing to speak should use the microphone at the front of the room and state their name and address for the record. Comments must be addressed to the Council, not the audience. The Town Council hopes that citizens and Councilors alike will be respectful of each other and mindful of everyone’s time. For those speaking on an agenda item, please note that this is the time reserved for councilors to discuss the item, and your participation in the discussion is at the Council’s discretion.

Attachments for items on this meeting agenda are available to the public on the Town website calendar:
<https://jamestownri.gov/calendar>

I. TOWN COUNCIL INTERVIEW SCHEDULE: The Jamestown Town Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the committee vacancies as follows:

TIME	NAME	COMMITTEE
6:00	Anna Campbell	Conservation Committee
6:05	Marta Gomez-Chiarri	Conservation Committee

II. ROLL CALL

III. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. TOWN COUNCIL SITTING AS THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

- A) Open Forum – Water & Sewer Matters
Comments are not limited to items on this agenda. However, items not on this agenda will only be heard and not acted upon by the Town Council. Note: Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act and Department of the Attorney General Advisory Opinions relevant to this item on any public body meeting agenda specifically prohibit the Town Council from discussing, considering, or acting on any topic, statement, or question presented. The Town Council may, if warranted, refer such matters to an appropriate committee, to another body or official, or post the matter for consideration at a properly-noticed, future meeting.
- 1) Scheduled request to address - None
 - 2) Non-scheduled request to address
- B) Report of Town Officials: Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
- 1) Pumping Report
 - 2) Town Project Reports
 - a) Town Wells
 - b) Water Treatment Plant
 - c) Transfer Pumping/Reservoir
 - d) Distribution System
 - e) Wastewater Treatment Facility
- C) Letters and Communication: No items at this time.
- D) Unfinished: No items at this time.
- E) New Business: Memorandum from Finance Director Christina Collins regarding 2026/2027 Water & Sewer Budget
- 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Proposed Water Budget FY 2026/2027 in the amount of \$2,083,664.00.
 - 2) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Proposed Sewer Budget FY 2026/2027 in the amount of \$1,086,400.00.
 - 3) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Proposed Water and Sewer Fee Schedule FY 2026/2027.
- F) Consent Agenda
An item on the Consent Agenda need not be removed for simple clarification or correction of typographical errors. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to the approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately for review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote. A Consent Agenda item or items may be removed by the Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for review, discussion, and/or potential action and or vote.
- 1) Adoption of Minutes:
 - a) July 20, 2026 (regular meeting).
 - 2) Approval of 2026-23, Resolution of The Board Of Water And Sewer Commissioners Encumbering The Reserve For Sewer Facilities And Services Funded By Sewer Service Charges For Payment Of Engineering Expenses And Award Of Contracts.

The Town Council adjourns from sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

V. OPEN FORUM

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- A) Scheduled request to address: None.
- B) Non-scheduled request to address.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A) Resolutions and Proclamations:
 - 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Proclamation 2026-19, declaring August 22, 2026 as Sunflower Family Festival Day.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS

The Town Council will review each license application and vote on it individually. All approvals for licenses and permits are subject to the resolution of debts, taxes, and appropriate signatures, as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance.

- A) Public Hearings: Town Council Sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board
 - 1) **NOTICE:** Is hereby given by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town as provided under Title 3, Chapters 1-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended, that the following **NEW** applications have been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, for the year August 17, 2026 to November 30, 2026; duly advertised in the July 23rd and 30th editions of the *Jamestown Press*:

CLASS BV – VICTUALER

IRMW, LLC (BL-38)

Db: Next Door Wine Bar

7 East Ferry Wharf

Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approval of the CLASS BV-Victualer Liquor License, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures for the period of July 1, 2026, to November 30, 2026;
- 2) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Set the Class BV-Victualer Liquor License cap at twelve (12).

- 3) NOTICE: Is hereby given by the Town Council of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town: Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application was received under said Act for a one-day license on August 14, 2026:

CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)

Jamestown Arts Center (F-26-21)
18 Valley Street
Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Ratification of the administratively approved Jamestown Arts Center One-Day CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE (Number 10 of 12 licenses per calendar year issued per RIGL§3-7-14)
- 4) NOTICE: Is hereby given by the Town Council of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town: Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application was received under said Act for a one-day license on October 11, 2026:

CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)

Jamestown Chamber of Commerce (F-26-20)
PO Box 35
Jamestown, RI 02835

- b) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approval of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce Narragansett Avenue Block Party One-Day CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE (Number 1 of 12 licenses per calendar year issued per RIGL§3-7-14)

The Town Council Adjourns from Sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approval of the New Application(s) that have been received by the Town Council for a Victualing License for the year August 17, 2026 - November 30, 2026, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures:
- 1) IRMW, LLC (BL-38), Dba: Next Door Wine Bar, 7 East Ferry Wharf.

VIII. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS

Please Note the Following Items are Status Reports and Matters of Interest to the Council and are for Informational Purposes unless Indicated Otherwise:

- A) Town Administrator's Report: Edward A. Mello
- 1) Rural Health Care Grant (consent agenda).
 - 2) Recreation Advisory Committee.
 - 3) USDA Grant (consent agenda).
 - 4) Tennis Courts request
 - 5) Ft. Getty update.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) No items at this time.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Meagher, review of residential assessments in anticipation of the next revaluation.
- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Meagher, information about the installed Flock camera.

XI. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS

- A) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) Conservation Commission, One (1) unexpired member vacancy ending December 31, 2026:
 - a) Interested Applicants
 - i) Anna Campbell, application dated May 19, 2026.
 - ii) Robert DiMuccio, application dated May 7, 2026.
 - iii) Maria Gomez-Chiarri, application dated May 25, 2026.
 - iv) Dennis Nixon, application dated May 24, 2026.
 - 2) Special Charter Review Committee, Five (5) to Six (6) vacancy(s) with a term ending on October 16, 2026:
 - a) Interested Applicants
 - i) Howard Tighe, application dated August 4, 2026.
 - ii) Hugh Murphy, application dated August 5, 2026.
 - iii) Sav Rebecchi, email dated August 6, 2026.
 - iv) Anne M. Livingston, application dated August 11, 2026.
 - v) Daphne G. Meredith, application dated July 31, 2026.
 - vi) Kristen Sloan Maccini, application dated August 12, 2026.
 - vii) Dennis Webster, application dated August 12, 2026.
 - viii) Quentin Anthony, application dated August 12, 2026.
 - ix) John Austin Murphy, application dated August 13, 2026.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

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- A) Town Council Minutes:
 - 1) June 1, 2026, Financial Town Meeting.
 - 2) June 29, 2026, Special Meeting.
 - 3) July 20, 2026.
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Affordable Housing, May 13, 2026.

- 2) Board of Canvassers, July 15, 2026.
 - 3) Conservation Commission, June 9, 2026.
 - 4) Harbor Commission, June 16, 2026.
 - 5) Technical Review Committee, May 20, 2026.
- C) At the request of Town Administrator Mello, authorization to proceed with the Rural Health Care Grant application in the amount of \$155,000 to assess community needs, and develop a model to address those needs.
- D) At the request of Town Administrator Mello, approval of Resolution 2026-20, ratifying the July 7, 2025 Phase One (Fender Pile Project) Agreement made and entered into by and among the State, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, the Town of Jamestown, and Conanicut Marine Services/ Jamestown/Newport Ferry; and hereby authorizes the Town Administrator, Edward Mello of Jamestown, to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Town. Memorandum from Town Administrator Mello
- E) At the request of Town Administrator Mello, approval of Resolution 2026-22, Authorizing Application & Acceptance of Grant Conditions to fund the Jamestown Senior Center Facility Improvements Project. Memorandum from Town Administrator Mello.
- F) Ratification of Administratively approved 2026 Annual Mobile Food Establishment license for Del's Lemonade and Refreshments, Inc., 1260 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, for use at Mackerel Cove Town Beach only.
- G) Ratification of the Administrative Approved All One-Day Event/ Entertainment and Vendor/Peddler/MFE license application approvals:
- 1) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center (ENT-26-58)
 Event: Puddingstone Jazz Concert
 Date: August 14, 2026
 Location: JAC, 18 Valley Street
 - 2) Applicant: Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation (CISF)(ENT-26-59)
 Event: CISF Summer Party
 Date: August 13, 2026
 Location: CISF Fort Getty location

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS

The Council may acknowledge any of the listed Communications and Proclamations and Resolutions. Should any member wish to have a conversation on any of the matters, the item will be placed on a future agenda for review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote.

- A) Communications Received:
- 1) Copy of email to: Town Council
 From: Alma Davenport
 Dated: July 24, 2026
 Re: TPG lease commentary

- 2) Copy of email to: Town Council
From: Dennis Gray
Dated: August 5, 2026
Re: Knowles Court
- 3) Copy of letter(s) to: Town Council
From: Oliver Gayes, Danny Petrarca, Grennan Smith,
Julia Murphy, Claire Dixon
Dated: June 8, 2026
Re: Jamestown Schools, 5th Grade Students
- 4) Copy of letter to: Town Council
From: ACLU of Rhode Island
Dated: July 17, 2026
Re: Remote access to Public Meetings report

XIV. OPEN FORUM

- A) Continued (If necessary).

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote on the following:

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote in Executive Session and/or open session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Pending or Potential Litigation (Adverse Possession/Easement/Quiet Title), Carey v. Jamestown, File No.: NC-2020-0375. Discussion and/or Potential action, announcement, and/or vote(s) from Executive Session and/or Open Session.
- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Vote in Executive Session and/or open session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Pending or Potential Litigation (Zoning Board of Review Decision) Sanborn v Jamestown Zoning Board of Review, et al., C.A. NC-2022-0125. Discussion and/or potential action, announcement, and/or vote from Executive Session and/or open session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website and at the Town Hall and the Jamestown Philomenian Library. Notice is also posted at the Jamestown Police Station and on the Internet at www.jamestownri.gov.

ALL NOTE: If communications assistance is needed or other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please call 1-800-745-5555, or contact the Town Clerk at 401-423-9800, via facsimile to 401-423-7230, or email to rfagan@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting. *Posted on the RI Secretary of State website on August 13, 2026.*