



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Jamestown Town Hall
Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Avenue
Monday, September 21, 2026
6:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON ONLY.

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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. ROLL CALL

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. 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 Business:
 - 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Hammett Court Apartments, LLC, c/o Bridges, of 3 Hammett Court, requesting sewer relief from the 04/2026 Water and Sewer Bill.
- E) New Business:
 - 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the recommendation of Town Administrator Mello, consideration of a five-year contract extension with Veolia through 2033 to address staffing needs at the Water Treatment Facility.
- 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) August 17, 2026 (regular meeting).
 - 2) Finance Director's Report: Comparison of the Water Budget to Actuals as of August 31, 2026.
 - 3) Finance Director's Report: Comparison of the Sewer Budget to Actuals as of August 31, 2026.

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

IV. OPEN FORUM

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

V. 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 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 September 26, 2026:

CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)

Jamestown Arts Center (F-26-22)

18 Valley Street

Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approval of the Jamestown Arts Center One-Day CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE (Number 11 of 12 licenses per calendar year issued per RIGL§3-7-14).

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

VI. 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) Senior Center progress update.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: As requested, an update regarding Fort Getty from Town Administrator Mello to the Town Council.
- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Meagher, Fort Getty timeline presentation; and discuss scheduling a meeting with Arek Galle/Beta Group to review Fort Getty recommendations.
- C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Meagher, discuss utilizing Harbor Division funds to hire Arek Galle/Beta Group to work with the Harbor Commission and Harbor Division staff to review parking for the water-related uses at the ramp, dock, and beaches.
- D) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor M. Glackin, consideration of requesting the Eldred Field Ad Hoc Committee, the Tick Task Force, and Town Sustainability Contractor Carissa Mills to provide alternative recommendations and/or expertise on Eldred Avenue field improvements to reduce the risk of blood-borne pathogen exposure.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of President N. Beye, follow-up discussion regarding the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce Block Party One-Day Special Event (ENT-26-48, F-26-20), scheduled to take place October 11, 2026.
- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Meagher, approval of the recommendation to waive the Fort Getty daily entry fee for the Dutch Island Lighthouse volunteers.
- C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Meagher, approval of the recommendation to place an informational insert in the Jamestown Press regarding the Affordable Housing Projects \$3 million Bond question that will appear on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

IX. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS

- A) Ordinances; Discussion and Possible Action to Order to Advertise in the Jamestown Press; Notice of a Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Section 1-11, Parks and Recreation, establishing a Parks and Recreation Committee for the Town of Jamestown.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

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- A) Town Council Minutes:
 - 1) September 8, 2026.
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Conservation Commission, July 14, 2026.
 - 2) Harbor Commission,
 - a) July 21, 2026.
 - b) August 18, 2026.
- C) Finance Director Report: Comparison of Budget to Actuals as of August 31, 2026.
- D) Ratification of previously approved Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution 2026-18 (revised), Resolution Relative to the Establishment of a Special Charter Review Committee.
 - 2) Resolution 2026-24, Parks and Recreation Committee Resolution.
- E) At the request of the Library Board of Trustees, approval of the request to use Trustees' funds for an updated audiovisual system in the Jamestown Philomenian Library meeting hall, awarding the bid to ATG Group Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$59,777.20.

F) Ratification of the Administrative Approved One-Day Event/ Entertainment and Vendor/Peddler/MFE license application approvals:

- 1) Applicant: Jamestown Recreation Department (ENT-26-60)
Event: Fright Night VI
Date: October 24, 2026 (rain date: October 25, 2026).
Location: Fort Getty Park
- 2) Applicant: Jamestown Golf Course (ENT-26-61)
Event: 125th Birthday Celebration
Date: October 24, 2026
Location: Jamestown Golf Course, 245 Conanicus Avenue
- 3) Applicant: Save the Bay (ENT-26-62)
Event: International Coastal Cleanup- Potter Cove
Date: October 20, 2026
Location: Freebody Drive parking area
- 4) Applicant: Jamestown Shores Association (ENT-26-63)
Event: Meet the Candidates
Date: October 14, 2026
Location: Lawn Avenue School Cafeteria
- 5) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center (ENT-26-64)
Event: Manhattan Short Film Festival
Date: September 26, 2026
Location: 18 Valley Street
- 6) Applicant: Splash Dogz (ODVP-26-12)
Event: Narragansett Avenue Block Party (sub-applicant)
Date: October 11, 2026 (rain date October 12, 2026)
Location: 0 Narragansett/ Plat 8-573 Municipal Parking Lot

XI. 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: Jemma Craig
Dated: September 10, 2026
Re: Please vote for netting @ Eldred Field.
- 2) Copy of email to: Town Council
From: David Earl
Dated: September 11, 2026
Re: Soccer Netting at Eldred.

- 3) Copy of letter to: Town Council
From: Dan West
Dated: September 14, 2026
Re: Please approve installing netting at Eldred Field.
- 4) Copy of letter to: Town Council
From: Bill Salmons and Friends of Fort Getty Park
Dated: September 14, 2026
Re: Fort Getty.
- B) Proclamations and Resolutions from other Cities and Towns:
 - 1) Town of Exeter, Resolution 2026-20: Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing, and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws.

XII. OPEN FORUM

- A) Continued (If necessary).

XIII. 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 (5), the acquisition and/or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public. (Plat 4, Lot 17).

XIV. 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 September 17, 2026.*