

**PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 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. 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents may address the Town Council on matters relevant to the authority and jurisdiction of the Town Council; neither discussed during the meeting nor related to personnel or job performance, 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; 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; 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 #1107](#) on 9/10/26 in the amount of \$149,944.34 as approved by the
Finance Director

Payment [Voucher #1119](#) on 9/17/26 in the amount of \$159,369.00 as approved by the
Finance Director

2. Committee Minutes:

Conservation Commission [6/18/2026](#)

Harbor Commission [8/5/26](#)

Parks & Recreation Committee [8/20/2026](#)

3. CRMC – [Public Notice 2026-08-040](#)

Rhody Raw Bar & Events LLC, Little Compton, RI 02837 for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain a three-acre shellfish aquaculture farm for the cultivation of Eastern Oysters and Bay Scallops using submerged bottom cages, suspended lantern nets, and low-profile floating baskets. Project Location: Lower Sakonnet River, Black Point.

4. CRMC – [Public Notice 2026-08-044](#)

Kristin Miller, 10 Fairgreen Ln, Old Greenwich, CT 06870 for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain a new residential boating facility which will extend 75' from Mean Low Water requiring a variance to RICRMP 1.3.1.D.11.L.(2) (50' from MLW is the standard). Also install a float lift and boat lift. The boat lift will be 13.5' from the northern abutter requiring a variance to RICRMP 1.3.1.D.11.k (Residential and limited

recreational boating facilities shall not intrude into the area within 25' of an extension of abutting property lines). Project Location: 34 Aquidneck Avenue.

MINUTES

[9/14/26](#) & Exec.

TAX VOUCHERS

Request approval for [Tax Vouchers](#) #20260928-01 to #20260928-09. / M. Helfand

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Curbside and transfer station updates
2. Pension Investment Sub-Committee update
3. Upcoming Prevention Coalition kratom panel discussion
4. Town Hall closed October 12th
5. Early voting begins October 14th

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Resignations:
Harbor Commission – [C. Mello](#)
2. Appointments:
Economic Development Committee (Re-Appt. Youth Rep.) – [P. Tyer-Witek](#)

OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Request approval of the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee [bylaws](#). / H. Turner, Chair (10)
2. Monthly Finance Report. / E. Draper (5)
 - a. [August 2026](#) Finance Report
 - b. [June 2026](#) School Unaudited Finance Report

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Request the Council approve A&R Marine Construction, Inc. be added to the approved "[Mooring Vendor](#)" list. / M. West, Harbormaster (5)
2. Discussion and Council approval of the proposed [Town Administrator Goals](#) for 2026-2027. / R. Rainer (10)
3. Approval of the [agreement](#) between the State of Rhode Island and the Town of Portsmouth for transportation funds available through the FY 2027 RhodeRestore program for improvements to local infrastructure. / P. Rodrigues (10)
4. Request to [advertise](#) for public hearing for an amendment to the Portsmouth Home Rule Charter regarding non-partisan Town Council and School Committee elections per Home Rule Charter, Section XI. / J. Schulz (5)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. [Thank you](#) letter for your generous support to the Portsmouth Garden Club. / S. Spring, Corresponding Secretary
2. [Resolution](#) in support of municipalities collaborating in reviewing, analyzing, and responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws. / Exeter Town Council
3. Second Quarter [Impact Report](#). / East Bay Community Action Program
4. [Invitation](#) to "Let's Talk About Kratom" panel discussion on October 27 at 5:30 pm at Green Valley Country Club. / Newport County Prevention Coalition

5. [Formal grievance](#) regarding the management of our town's budget, the continuous inflation of municipal fees, and the systemic failure to fund essential infrastructure. / P. Recupero
6. [Invitation](#) to nominate a First Responder for the 6th Annual First Responder Gratitude Gift Give-Away. Nominations due by October 16. / Lawrence Air Systems
7. [Save the Date](#): Military Appreciation Night & Annual Dinner, October 22, 2026, at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, Middletown, RI. / U.S. Navy League
8. [Save](#) our rural RI towns. / F. DiGregorio

FUTURE MEETINGS

Oct 13 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting (Tuesday)
Oct 26 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting
Nov 9 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

ADJOURN

Virtual access is being provided only as a convenience and is not an official “location” where access to the meeting is guaranteed; please note that being physically present at the meeting is the only way to guarantee complete access to the meeting.

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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