

New Shoreham Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, 16 Old Town Road
Monday, August 3, 2026
6:30 p.m.

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1. Discuss the job performance of the Town Manager. Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-1(a) (1) the meeting may be held in closed session for discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons provided that such person or persons affected shall have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting

7:00 p.m.

Board of License Commissioners Meeting

2. Continued Item: Hold public hearing, discuss, and act on the continuation of new Outdoor Entertainment License for TMG BI Operating, LLC d/b/a OneBI Steak & Oyster, 212 Water Street, Plat 6, Lot 157

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3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of minutes: July 15, 2026 open and closed and Board of License Commissioners July 29, 2026
 - b. Approval of leases for the Thomas Property duplex units: Fire #197 north and south and Fire # 390 north and south
 - c. Approval of lease agreement between Block Island Health Services CEO NettieRose Cooley and the Town of New Shoreham for the rental of the Town Managers House
 - d. Ratify the appeal of the denial of the Special Event License for the Manisseean Tribal Powwow which took place July 18, 2026
 - e. Receive Correspondence:
 - i. Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to Block Island, from Honorable Seth Magaziner, Rhode Island 2nd Congressional District, for being named one of the Best Islands in the United States by Travel and Leisure
 - ii. Notice to Town Property re: Hearing for Expansion of Liquor Service Area for 32 Dodge Street Block Island OpCo, LLC d/b/a Block Island Beach House Plat 6, Lots 138, 142, 143 – Hearing date 8/19/2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
5. Discuss and act on Board, Commission and Committees:
 - a. Acknowledge the resignations:
 - i. Neal Murphy from the Age Friendly Task Force
 - ii. William Feuer from the Library Board of Trustees
 - b. Appoint alternate member to the Board of Canvassers (term exp. 3/2029)
 - c. Announce vacancies:
 - i. Commission on Motor Vehicles for Hire: One (not MVFH licensee) (term exp. 12/2026)
 - ii. Old Harbor Task Force (term exp. 12/2027)
 - iii. Police Advisory Commission (term exp. 12/2026)
 - iv. Sewer District Committee and Water District Committee Alternate position (term exp. 4/2027)
 - v. Board of Canvassers –Alternate member – Republican (term exp. 3/2031)

- vi. School Building Committee – Educational Mission Representative (term exp. 12/2026)
 - vii. Age-Friendly Task Force (term exp. 12/2027)
 - viii. Library Board of Trustees (term exp. 12/2027)
 - ix. Early Learning Center Board of Directors – Town Representative (term exp. 12/2026)
6. Hold public hearing, discuss and act on amendments to New Shoreham Zoning Ordinance regarding Development Plan Review Article 2 Definitions, Section 202, Article 3 Zoning Districts and Regulations, Sections 319, 320, 321, 322, Article 4, Criteria for Special Use Permits, Sections 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 409, 411, 415, 420, 422, 423, 426, Article 5 Performance Standards Sections 502, 505, 506, 508, 513, 517, Article 7 Permits, Procedures and Enforcement, Sections 702, 703 & 704
 7. Receive and discuss recap of the 2026 RI Legislative session from the Town Lobbyists Mayforth Group
 8. Receive status report from the Block Island Housing Board regarding:
 - a. O'Brien Property housing project
 - b. Affordable housing enforcement issues and monitoring agent
 9. Act to award bid for 2027 Roadway Improvements - Grace's Cove to Ocean State Sitework & Hauling, LLC for \$289,500
 10. Discuss and act on increasing the fine for Outdoor Entertainment License violations
 11. Discuss and act on changes to the Management Agreement between the Town of New Shoreham, the New Shoreham Sewer District and the New Shoreham Water District, including the fee for payroll services, ahead of the joint annual meeting October 19, 2026
 12. Discuss and act on the 99-year lease between the Town of New Shoreham and the Block Island Post No. 36 American Legion, Plat 5, Lot 71
 13. Raise items for future agendas

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