



RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council Meeting Agenda

Town Council Chambers

5 Richmond Townhouse Road, Wyoming, RI 02898

May 5, 2026

6:00 P.M.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

D. PROCLAMATIONS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action on the following items:

- 1) Discussion and Consideration of Proclamation to Honor Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Abigail Rogers

E. PUBLIC HEARING

Please note that in accordance with section 42-46-6 (b), the Council may review, discuss, and/or take action on the following items:

- 1) Discussion and Consideration of the proposed budget for FY 2026-2027
 - a) Adoption of the Richmond Financial Town Budget Ballot Question
- 2) Request of 1163 Main Street, LLC for Discussion and Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Richmond Zoning Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 18.16.010 (605), establishing a new use code for propane gas; Section 18.16.020 (604) entitled “Fuel sales and delivery”, eliminating “propane gas” from description; and Section 18.21.050, allowing underground storage tanks and excluding propane storage from certain development standards.
- 3) Discussion and Consideration of Amendments to the Richmond Town Code of Ordinances Chapter 5.20, entitled “Hawkers, Peddlers and Door to Door Salespersons”
- 4) Discussion and Consideration of the Request from Washington County Pomona Grange d/b/a Washington County Fair for an Incomplete Application for an Outdoor Entertainment License, Subject to Zoning Confirmation, Code Compliance, Police Chief Approval and Proof of Insurance

F. NEW HIRES

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action on the following items:

- 1) Discussion and Consideration of Appointing a Grant Writer/Manager – Jenny Hope Antes

G. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Please note that in accordance with section 42-46-6 (b), the Council may review, discuss, and/or take action on the following items:

- 1) Discussion and Consideration of School Committee Appointment with Term Expiration of November 5, 2026:
 - a) Ryan Patrick Callahan
 - b) Robert Cardozo
 - c) Andrew A. McCoy
 - d) William George Day
 - e) Gwynne A. Millar
 - f) David A. Lelli
 - g) Patrick James Farrell
 - h) Roberta Engel
- 2) Discussion and Consideration of the Request of Jody Robinson to be Appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals, with term expiration of January 31, 2031.
- 3) Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Victoria Vona as Tax Collector Clerk
- 4) Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of a Full Board of Canvasser Member with Term Expiration of February 28, 2030:
 - a) Pamela Rohland
 - b) Barbara Geleney
 - c) Linda Zambrano
 - d) Christopher Kona
 - e) Alexis Turner

H. CONSENT AGENDA

Please note that in accordance with section 42-46-6 (b), the Council may review, discuss, and/or take action on the following items:

- 1) Approval of Town Council Minutes:
 - a) April 9, 2026 (Special Minutes)
 - b) April 13, 2026 (Regular Minutes)
 - c) February 3, 2026 (Executive Session)
 - d) March 17, 2026 (Executive Session)
 - e) March 31, 2026 (Executive Session)

I. PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum will be conducted according to Town Council Rules & Procedures Article 6.

<http://www.richmondri.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1878/Rules-of-Procedure?bidId=>

*Those participating remotely use the “raise hand” icon at the bottom right side of your screen, or, if you are using a phone, press *9. The moderator will tell you when it is your turn to speak.*

J. REPORTS

Please note the following items are status reports and matters of interest to the Council and are for informational purposes unless indicated otherwise, and will be acted upon in accordance with section 42-46-6 (b)

- 1) Town Administrator’s Report: Erin Liese
 - a) Authorization to Apply for a Recreation Grant from Representative Cotter
 - b) Discussion and Consideration of Approving Town Hall Building Hours effective June 29, 2026
 - c) Recognition of the Department of Public Works by the Governor for the Blizzard Response
 - d) Authorization for Memorandum of Understanding with FCC regarding the Shannock Fire Tower
- 2) Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council: Denise Poyer
 - a) Rain Garden Project

K. NEW BUSINESS

Please note the following items are status reports and matters of interest to the Council and are for informational purposes unless indicated otherwise, and will be acted upon in accordance with section 42-46-6 (b)

- 1) Discussion and Consideration on a Request from LandUse.co to amend the Zoning Ordinance 18.23, entitled “Adaptive Reuse,” in adding a section to allow for Remediated Brownfields; with referral to the Planning Board for Advisory Opinion and authorization of the Town Clerk to Advertise for Public Hearing.
- 2) Request of Councilor Madnick for Discussion and Consideration:
 - a) Status and Accounting Update of FY 25/26 allocation of capital funds for paving and sealing projects for Wilbur Hill Road, Pine Hill Road, and Old Mountain Road, including remaining funds from the 2022 Road Bond
 - b) Consolidation and Re-Allocation of FY25/26 road improvement capital funds with the proposed FY26/27 road improvement capital funds
 - c) RFPs for repaving projects of Old Mountain Road, KG Ranch Road, and Cherry Lane
- 3) Request of Councilor Madnick for Discussion and Consideration of the restoration of the Richmond Environmental Resiliency Commission
- 4) Request of Councilor Madnick and Councilor Palmisciano for Discussion and Consideration to request Vision Appraisal to attend a Town Council meeting to discuss the details and methodology of the re-evaluation process, along with insight into current housing market conditions

- 5) Request of President Wilcox for Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Opposing State Aid Funding Proposed in Blue Ribbon Commission

L. 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.

- 1) Communications Received:
 - a) Board and Commissions Vacancy List
 - b) Copy of email from Katie J. Charron from the U.S. Small Business Administration regarding the 2026 National Small Business Week Mayoral Proclamation Request
 - c) Copy of Email from Hopkinton Town Clerk Marita Murray regarding the Tri-Town Council Meeting
 - d) Copy of email from William Della Ventura regarding conditions of KG Ranch Road and Cherry Lane
 - e) Copy of Email from David Cicilline regarding a Fairer School Funding Formula
 - f) Copy of Letter from Leah Arsenault, Chair of the Richmond Wellness Committee regarding Human Services

- 2) Resolutions Received:
 - a) Town of Westerly Resolution in Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws
 - b) Town of Hopkinton Resolution in Support of Rhode Island House Bill H7971 Increasing the Threshold for Prevailing Wage
 - c) Town of Hopkinton Resolution in Opposition to Rhode Island House Bills H7035, H7755, H8068, H8071 and H8075
 - d) Town of Hopkinton Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 2389 and house Bill 7305 Relating to the Access to Public Records Act (APRA)
 - e) Town of Middletown Resolution Opposing Statewide Nonowner Occupied Property Tax
 - f) Town of Middletown Resolution in Support of Amendments to the FY2027 State Budget to Fully Fund Certain Education Costs
 - g) Town of Middletown Resolution in Support of Fully Funding State Aid to Libraries to the Full Twenty-Five (25) Percent
 - h) Town of Middletown Resolution in Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing, and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws
 - i) Town of Middletown Resolution Urging Full Funding of the School Housing Aid Program
 - j) Town of Narragansett Resolution in Support of House Bill H8151 The “Blue Wave Bond for Coastal Preparedness Act”
 - k) Town of Exeter Resolution in Support of House Bill H7049 and Senate Bill S2147 Adjusting Primary Election Day to Wednesday after Labor Day
 - l) Town of Exeter Resolution in Support of Rhode Island House Bill H7224 relating to Towns and Cities – Award of Municipal Contracts
 - m) Town of Exeter Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 2389 and House Bill 7305 Relating to the Access to Public Records Act
 - n) Town of Warren Resolution in Opposition to H7369
 - o) Resolution from the Chariho Regional School District in Support of Restoring State Education Funding Aid to Chariho
 - p) Town of Charlestown Resolution Concerning Municipal Authority over Land Use and Housing Decisions
 - q) Town of Charlestown Resolution Concerning Senate Bill S2275 relating to Comprehensive Permit Review and Affordable Housing Unit Accounting

- r) Town of Charlestown Resolution in Support of Restoring State Education Aid to the Chariho Regional School District
- s) Town of Charlestown Town Council Resolution Expressing Support for the Chariho Regional School District’s Request for Legislative Authorization to Finance School Facility Improvements
- t) Town of Portsmouth Proclamation regarding the 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk’s Week
- u) Town of Portsmouth Proclamation regarding April 24th as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Pursuant to R.I. General Laws §42-46-5(a)(2) — Pending Litigation; Jordan Carlson v. The Town of Richmond, WC-2025-0605
- 2) Pursuant to § 42-46-5(a)(2): Regarding Pending Litigation: GD Richmond **Beaver River** I, LLC v. Town of Richmond Zoning Board of Review, WC-2021-0111 (Town of Richmond vs. GD Richmond **Beaver River** I, LLC, et al.: SU 2023-0214-M.P.)

N. ADJOURNMENT

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