PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2025
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.

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6:00 PM – PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 120 EDUCATION LANE

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

1. Roll Call

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

1. Joint Town Council/School Committee Legislative Priorities For 2025

   Documents:

   Legislative Priorities 2025 Town Council And Staff.Pdf
   Legislative Priorities 2025 School Committee.Pdf

2. Joint Town Council/School Committee Budget Presentation. / R. Rainer & T. Kenworthy (20)

   Documents:

   FY26 Joint Presentation.Pdf

CONSENT AGENDA

Directions to view licensing applications: 1) Click on Viewpoint, 2) Click Records and then type in the record number which is listed on the agenda, 3) Click on the highlighted record to view the application

1. Bills

   Documents:

   Voucher 1298 01.09.25 Bill List .Pdf
   Voucher 1306 01.16.25 Bill List .Pdf

2. Peddler License – Mobile Food Establishment (MFE), Renewal:
   a. DG, LLC d/b/a Iggy's Food Truck, 860 Oakland Beach Ave, Warwick (#2786)
   b. Totten Foods, LLC d/b/a BIG DOG EATS, 23 Gibbons Ave, Warwick (#2793)

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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1. Peddler License – Mobile Food Establishment (MFE), New:
   a. Coronado, LLC d/b/a California Taco Food Truck, 1428 Hartford Ave, Johnston (#2790)

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MINUTES

1/13/25

Documents:

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Turnpike Playground crosswalk
2. Sandy Point Farm
3. Town ordinances
4. Portsmouth Free Public Library
5. Governor's proposed budget
6. Building Official update

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RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Resignations:
   a. Economic Development Committee – T. Pietz

   Documents:

   Resign-EDC-Pietz.Pdf

2. Appointments:
   a. Housing Authority (1 vacancy)
   b. Planning Board (1 vacancy, 2 applicants) (fr. 9/9/24)

   Documents:

   Appt-Housing Auth-Ryan.Pdf
   Appt-Planning Bd-Lambert.Pdf
   Appt-Planning Bd-Clukies.Pdf

OLD BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

1. Monthly Finance Report. / K. Marsden (5)
   Documents:

   Finance Report December Binder To TC.Pdf

2. PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Block Grant Application. / L. Hitchen & R. Plain, Church Community Housing Corp. (Fr. 12/9/24)
   Review and approve programs to be included in the Town's CDBG application to: Provide funding for the replacement and/or upgrade of the heating system at Quaker Manor IV, owned by Sabattus Quaker, LLC with 40 elderly housing units, located at 2368 East Main Road. Amount: $500,000.

   Documents:

   CDBG.Pdf
   CDBG Notices.Pdf

3. Reaffirm Resolution 2024-12-09 Relating To The Program Year 2022 Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program. / R. Plain, Church Community Housing Corp. (5) (Fr. 12/9/24)
   Documents:

   R 2024-12-09 CDBG Grant Program.Pdf

4. Request Reconsideration To Repeal Ordinance # 2024-11-12 Regarding Chapter 326 Solid Waste, Article VII Curbside Collection And Transport Of Residential Refuse, Recyclables, Yard Waste, And Bulky Wastes, Enacted By The Town Council On November 12, 2024 In Its Entirety. / D. Gleason (10) (Fr. 1/13/25)
   Documents:

   Curbside Reconsideration.Pdf

PH Curbside Ordinance.Pdf
PH Curbside RR.Pdf
PH Curbside MTG.Pdf

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION) - CO ED

1. Request Approval Of PMEA Union Contract eopener Agreement. / R. Rainer (5)

   Documents:

   PMEA Memo.Pdf
   PMEA Impact Statement.Pdf
   PMEA Contract.Pdf

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2. Request Approval Of Police Contract Agreer R. Rainer (5)

   Documents:

   Police Memo.Pdf
   Police Memo 2.Pdf
   Police Impact Statement.Pdf
   Police Contract.Pdf

3. Safe Streets For All Update Presentation. / L. Hitchen & Toole Design (10)
   a. Request to approve a resolution adopting a Vision Zero policy.

   Documents:

   SS4A 01.27.25 TC Memo.Pdf
   RIPTA SS4A PPT_Portsmouth_Town Council_012725.Pdf
   Vision Zero Resolution_Portsmouth_DRAFT_083024.Pdf

4. Request To Hold A Special Election For Citizen Approval Of Non-Partisan Elections For Both The Portsmouth Town Council And Portsmouth School Committee In The Fall Of 2025. / M. McDowell (5) (No Backup)

5. Request To Establish A Schedule For Town Committees To Present Their Updates, Including Their Work Progress, Goals For The Year, Accomplishments, And Recommendations For Council Support And Facilitation. / M. McDowell (5)

   Documents:

   Letter To Boards And Committee Chairs Regarding Updates To Town Council 2024.Pdf

6. Request To Establish Bimonthly Town Hall Office Hours With Councilors On A Rotating Basis. / M. McDowell (5) (No Backup)

7. Request Approval To Amend Resolution #2024-01-22 – Exemption From Taxation Of The Real Estate Of Certain Income Eligible Senior Citizens. / M. Helfand (5)

   Documents:

   Tax Exemption Eligible Seniors.Pdf

8. Approval Of Proposed Request For Quotation For Municipal Legal Services./ D. Gleason (10) (Fr. 1/13/25)

   Documents:

   RFQ SOLICITOR.Doc 2025 Original Draft.Pdf
   RFQ SOLICITOR.Doc 2025 TC Redlines.Pdf

9. Request That The Portsmouth Town Council Allows Its Citizens To Sign Up As Early As 1/28/25 To Immediately Have The Option To Use The Hedly Street Transfer Station (TS) Including Calendar Year 7/1/25 - 6/30/26 For The Recently Set Price Of $290/ Year. The Current Price To Use The TS Now Is $288 For The Balance Of The Year (5 Months) Which Does Not Reflect A Monthly Rate Of $28/ Mo. Note: The Town Council Sets The TS Yearly Fee But Not The Prorated Fee Which I Believe Is Set By The Tax Department. / D. Gleason (10)

   Documents:

   TS Sticker.Pdf

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Resolution In Support Of Full Funding Of Ca[illegible]al Transportation Aid As Outlined In RIGL §16-7.2-6. / Charlestown Town Council

   Documents:

   Corr-Charlestown RESOLUTION IN[illegible]ORT OF Categorical Transportation Aid.Pdf

2. State Of RI State Traffic Commission Letter [illegible]oval For The Installation Of A Crosswalk Equipped With A Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon In Th[illegible]y Of The Portsmouth Playground (153 Turnpike Ave.). / State Of Rhode Island State Traffic Commiss

   Documents:

   Corr-Turnpike Crosswalk.Pdf

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Feb 10 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting
Feb 24 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting
Mar 10 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

ADJOURN

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