

# **TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND**



## **TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Town Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:45 PM**  
**Town Hall - 10 Court Street, Bristol Rhode Island**  
**6:45 PM Public Service Interviews**  
**7:00 PM Town Council Meeting**

Note: If communications assistance is needed or any other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 253-7000. Anyone requesting interpretive services for the deaf or hard of hearing must notify the Town Clerk's office at 253-7000, 72 hours in advance of the meeting date and anyone requesting assistive listening devices or wishing to speak on a matter designated "CA" (consent agenda) or citizens public forum on the council docket must notify the Council Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **In-Person Participation Only**

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**Please be advised that the council intends to discuss and/or act upon each and every item appearing on this agenda**

### **Present:**

Meeting Dates:

March 16, 17, 18, 2026 - Budget Workshops  
March 18, 2026 - Capital Projects Workshop  
March 19, 2026 - JFC Meeting  
March 23, 2026 - Additional Budget Date if Needed  
March 25, 2026 - Special Meeting (vote on Provisional Budget)  
April 1, 2026 - Town Council Meeting  
April 13, 2026 - Public Hearing on Budget

## **Public Service Interviews and Appointments**

Historic District Commission - 1 unexpired three-year term, 2nd Auxiliary position set to expire July 2028

a. Robert Camara, 71 Sea Breeze Lane - interest/appointment

### **Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

**A1.** Town Council Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2026

#### **B. Public Hearings**

**B1.** Thomas Bergenholtz 205 LLC D/B/A Bistro 205, 205 Thames Street - request for Class BV Limited Intoxicating Liquor License **(see also C1, D1, D2)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Pretreatment Coordinator

#### **C. Ordinances**

**C1.** Ordinance 2026-02 - Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - (to increase the number of limited BV Licenses from four to five) **(2nd Reading) (see also B1, D1, D2)**

**C2.** Ordinance No 2026-03 Chapter 21, Police, Article I-Sec. 21-11. - Regulations governing the use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology (Flock cameras) **(2nd Reading)**

A. Councilman Ley re- Proposed amendment to the draft ordinance

**C3.** Ordinance No 2026-04 Changes to Chapter 11 Fee Changes Se. 11-1 Comprehensive fee schedule of fees - (removal of beach fees now set by resolution) **(1st Reading)**

- C4.** Ordinance 2026-05 - Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - (to increase the number of limited BV Licenses from five to six)  
**(1st Reading)**

**D. Licensing Board - New Petitions**

- D1.** Thomas Bergenholtz 205 LLC DBA Bistro 205, 205 Thames Street - request for Class BV Liquor License **(see also B1, C1, D2)**

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Dept. of Community Development
- d. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

- D2.** Thomas Bergenholtz 205 LLC DBA Bistro 205, 205 Thames Street - request for Victualling License **(see also D1)**

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- d. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

- D3.** Sean Reilly, Mason & Twine d/b/a Tamp, 359 Wood Street, Unit A - request for Sidewalk Use License

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works
- c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- d. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance Officer

- D4.** Renee Soto, Co-chair Bristol Book Fest- request to sell & serve alcohol on town land for the 6th Annual Book Fest on April 10th from 6:30-8:00 PM at Rogers Free Library 525 Hope Street
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- D5.** Paiwarin Pongpimai ,Tong Phoon, 382 Thames Street, Phanta's Thai, LLC - request Victualling License **(new ownership)**
- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
  - d. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control
- D6.** Jesse James, Le Central, 483 Hope Street - Request one-day Liquor License extension on Friday, July 3rd to 1:00 AM to accommodate a Wedding Reception
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- D7.** Executive Director, Karen Binder, Blithewold Inc, 101 Ferry Road - Request for a Class BVL (limited) Liquor License **(call for Public Hearing April 1st)**
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- D8.** Maria Cesario, Bristol Rotary Charities Foundation re: rescheduling of Bingo Fundraiser from February 26th to April 22nd due to inclement weather

- D9.** Alicia V. Salana, Qhali Corporation, d/b/a Qhali Kitchen, 34 Gooding Avenue, request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to Toufic Walid Assi, Qhali Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Qhali Bar & Grill  
**(new ownership) (call for public hearing on April 1st)**
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

**E. Licensing Board - Renewals**

**E1.** 2026 Cesspool License Renewals

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Superintendent Water Pollution Control

**E2.** 2026 Tattoo License Renewals

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

**E3.** David Fierabend, The Franklin, LLC, 195 Franklin Street, request for Modification to BV Intoxicating Beverage License (to expand alcohol service area to include outdoor seating area)

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

**F. Petitions - Other**

**F1.** Jason Paganelli, True North Running Company, regarding the 2026 Colt State Park Half Marathon on November 1st, from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM - portion of the race is on public roadway

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works
- F2.** Dana Card, 23 Dixon Avenue requests the installation of no-parking boxes across the street from the residence
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works
- F3.** Kelly and Lawrence Saulnier, East Landing, 205 Thames Street - Request for One Additional BV Limited Intoxicating Beverage License
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
  - d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control
- F4.** Daniel Manchester for The Bristol Historical Preservation Society - Request use of Town Common for "Annual Flea and Fair" August 8, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (set-up 7AM) (rain date August 9, 2026)
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Parks and Recreation
- F5.** Draft Resolution No. 2026-11-3-F3 Bristol Fourth of July Celebration - 2026

**F6.** Bristol Firemen's Memorial and Welfare Committee request for support of 71st Annual Fundraiser and Program Book

**G. Appointments**

**G1.** Bristol Planning Board - 2 three-year terms set to expire April 2029

a. Charles Millard, Jr. 620 Hope Street - interest/reappointment

b. Brian Clark, 31 Evelyn Drive - interest/reappointment

**G2.** Recreation Board - 2 three-year terms set to expire February 2029

a. Donald Squires, 9 Tobin Lane - interest/reappointment

b. Kevin Manuel, 282 Chestnut Street - interest/reappointment

c. Heidi Vermilyea, 1 Liberty Lane - interest/appointment

d. Tim Palmer, 7 Church Cove Road - interest/appointment

e. Robert Camara, 71 Sea Breeze Lane - interest/appointment

**G3.** Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees - 1 two-year term set to expire April 2028

a. Jeffrey Hirsh, 43 Baggy Wrinkle Cove, Warren - interest/reappointment

**G4.** Zoning Board of Review - 1 five-year term set to expire March 2031

a. Charles Burke, 26 Summer Street - interest/reappointment

b. Paul Blasbalg, 60 DeWolf Avenue - interest/appointment

- G5.** Historic District Commission - 1 unexpired three-year term, 2nd Auxiliary position set to expire July 2028
- a. Robert Camara, 71 Sea Breeze Lane - interest/appointment

**H. Old Business**

- H1.** Director of Parks and Recreation, Renshausen Request for Town Council consideration of proposed amendments to Chapter 18 concerning the Recreation Board, Sec. 18-41 (Created; Members; Terms; Compensation) to revise the number of board members and to clarify the advisory role of the Recreation Board **(continued from 2/18/2026)**
- a. Draft Ordinance
- b. Communication- Director Renshausen- request to continue matter to **April 1st**

**I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action**

- I1.** Public Service Announcement- 2026 Rabies Clinic & Dog Licenses
- I2.** Public Notice from CRMC - Herreshoff Marine Museum, 1 Burnside Street, requires response by March 18th
- a. recommendation- Town Administrator and Bristol Harbor Master
- b. recommendation - Bristol Harbor Commission
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Tax Assessor
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- I3.** Dylan Ferreira, DEM Fish and Wildlife Biologist - 2025 Deer Archery Cooperative update and expansion of boundaries to the existing Minturn cooperative area
- I4.** Maria Angie Medeiros, Executive Director, Bristol Housing Authority re- Council consideration of a proposed amendment to the existing PILOT Agreement.

**I5.** Treasurer Carulli - Authorization for Use of the Guiteras Fund for Renovation of the Guiteras School to the New Town Hall Complex

a. Memo-Solicitor Teitz re Guiteras School & Guiteras School Fund

**I6.** Chairman Calouro- Joint Municipal Statement on the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws:  
Discussion and Possible Action regarding a proposed Joint Municipal Statement from Rhode Island municipalities concerning the impacts of the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws on municipal home rule, local planning, and zoning authority, and whether the Town Council wishes to endorse the statement

**CF. Citizens Public Forum**

*PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK DURING THE CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM MUST NOTIFY THE COUNCIL CLERK PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING*

**J. Bills & Expenditures**

**J1.** Bid 1084 Bristol Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services

**J2.** Bid 1085 - School Bus Transportation

**K. Special Reports**

**K1.** BCWA Tri-Town Monthly Report February 2026

**L. Town Solicitor**

**M. Executive Sessions**

M1. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5, (a) (2) potential litigation- Mt. Hope Bridge Report

M2. Director Williamson request for Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5, (a) (5) - Any discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes.

Consent Agenda Items:

**(CA) AA. Submission of Minutes - Boards and Commissions**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to receive and place these items on file"**

- (CA) AA1. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2025
- (CA) AA2. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2025
- (CA) AA3. BCWA Board Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2026
- (CA) AA4. BCWA Public Hearing Minutes - January 22, 2026
- (CA) AA5. Zoning Board of Review Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2026
- (CA) AA6. Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2026
- (CA) AA7. Bristol Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2026
- (CA) AA8. Harbor Commission Sub Committee -Bristol Harbor Protection Team Meeting Minutes - December 1, 2025
- (CA) AA9. Harbor Commission Sub Committee - Bristol Harbor Protection Team Meeting Minutes - November 3, 2025

**(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to approve these adjustments"**

- (CA) BB1. Tax Assessor Leadem - Recommended Abatement & Additions as of March 11, 2026

**(CA) CC. Financial Reports**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to receive and place these items on file"**

- (CA) CC1. Town Treasurer Carulli - YTD - Budget Actuals for March 2026

**(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to adopt these Proclamations, Resolutions and Citations as prepared and presented"**

(CA) DD1. Citation - Mary Almeida 100th Birthday (signed)

(CA) DD2. Citation - Adrianna Lehane - Eagle Scout Award (signed)

(CA) DD3. Resolution R-2026-2-18-I3 - In Support of Rhode Island House Bill H7224 (signed)

**(CA) EE. Utility Petitions**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to approve these petitions"**

**(CA) FF. City & Town Resolutions Not Previously Considered**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to receive and place these items on file"**

(CA) FF1. Town of Foster Resolution No. 2026-01 - In Support of Rhode Island House Bill 7356 and Senate Bill 2216

(CA) FF2. Town of Tiverton Resolution 2026-0002 - Resolution in Support of Municipalities Collaboration in Reviewing, Analyzing, and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws

(CA) FF3. Town of Tiverton Resolution 2026-0003 - In Support of H-7123, H-7124, H-7125, H-7294, H-7296 and H-7297

(CA) FF4. Town of Tiverton Resolution 2026-0004 - In Support of H-7292, H-7293 and H-7372

(CA) FF5. Town of Tiverton - Joint Municipal Statement of Rhode Island Municipalities Regarding the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws

(CA) FF6. Town of Portsmouth Resolution #2026-02-25C - In Support of Rhode Island House Bill 7224

(CA) FF7. Town of Hopkinton - Resolution in Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing, and responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws

(CA) FF8. Town of Hopkinton - Joint Municipal Statement of Rhode Island Municipalities Regarding the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws

**(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to receive and place these items on file"**

(CA) GG1. Notice from Troop 5 Bristol Rhode Island re Citation for Adrianna Lehane rank of Eagle Scout

(CA) GG2. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Regional and Categorical Transportation Aid as Outlines in RIGL 16-7.2-6

(CA) GG3. Danielle Carey, BWRSD - Request to Temporarily Close Bradford Street for Summer Programs

(CA) GG4. John McDonald, 15 Stephen Drive - letter of thanks for years service on the Harbor Commission

(CA) GG5. State House Lease Agreement- 240 High Street (June 1, 2026- May 31, 2029)

(CA) GG6. Town of Burrillville - Honorable Daniel McKee re: Support of Blue Ribbon Report Equalizing Opportunity

(CA) GG7. DEM Official Tree Warden 2026 Appointment - Steven Saracino

**(CA) HH. Distributions/Notice of Meetings**

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**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to receive and place these items on file"**

(CA) HH1. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting - January 22, 2026

(CA) HH2. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting - February 12, 2026

(CA) HH3. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting - February 19, 2026

(CA) HH4. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Macaroni Supper Sub-Committee Meeting - February 26, 2026

(CA) HH5. Recreation Board Meeting - February 25, 2026

- (CA) HH6. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Music & Entertainment - Concerts - February 26, 2026
- (CA) HH7. BCWA Personnel Committee Meeting - February 26, 2026
- (CA) HH8. BCWA Board of Directors Meeting - February 26, 2026
- (CA) HH9. Planning Board Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting - February 26, 2026
- (CA) HH10. Comfort Inn and Suites Master Plan Phase for Major Land Development Public Hearing Notice - March 5, 2026
- (CA) HH11. Zoning Board of Review Meeting - March 2, 2026
- (CA) HH12. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Finance Subcommittee Meeting - March 5, 2026
- (CA) HH13. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Promotions Subcommittee Meeting - March 5, 2026
- (CA) HH14. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Souvenir Subcommittee Meeting - March 2, 2026
- (CA) HH15. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Ball Subcommittee Meeting - March 2, 2026
- (CA) HH16. Harbor Commission Agenda - March 2, 2026
- (CA) HH17. Planning Board Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting - February 26, 2026 (Cancelled)
- (CA) HH18. Conservation Commission Meeting - March 3, 2026
- (CA) HH19. Planning Board Meeting - March 5, 2026
- (CA) HH20. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Pickleball Subcommittee Meeting - March 9, 2026
- (CA) HH21. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Cultural Night Subcommittee Meeting - March 9, 2026
- (CA) HH22. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Carnival Subcommittee Meeting - March 9, 2026

**(CA) II. Claims (Referrals)**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to refer these items to the Insurance Committee and at its discretion to the Interlocal Trust"**

**(CA) III. Maria Rego, 12 Shaws Lane - claim**

**(CA) JJ. Miscellaneous Items Requiring Council Approval**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to approve these items"**

**(CA) KK. Curb cut petitions as approved by the director of public works**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to grant these curb cuts per the recommendation of, and conditions specified by, the Director of Public Works"**

Adjourned: \_\_\_\_\_

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Posted: March 6, 2026