

# **TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND**



## **TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Town Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall - 10 Court Street, Bristol Rhode Island**

### **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:

April 27, 2026 - Final Budget Adoption  
May 13, 2026 - Town Council Meeting  
June 3, 2026 - Town Council Meeting  
June 24, 2026 - Town Council Meeting  
July 29, 2026 - Town Council Meeting

### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

**A1.** Town Council Draft Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2026

**A2.** Town Council Meeting Executive Session Draft Minutes (sealed, council only) - April 1, 2026

**A3.** Special Town Council Meeting Draft Minutes- April 13, 2026

**B. Public Hearings**

**B1.** Jordan Sawyer, East Bay Restaurant Group Corp. d/b/a Bristol Oyster Bar, 448 Hope Street, request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to Adolfo Escoto, Don Taco & Tequila, LLC d/b/a Don Taco & Tequila **(see also D2,D3)**

a Notice of Claim - Southern Glazer Wine and Spirits

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

**C. Ordinances**

**D. Licensing Board - New Petitions**

**D1.** Jordan Sawyer, East Bay Restaurant Group Corp. d/b/a Bristol Oyster Bar, 448 Hope Street, request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to Adolfo Escoto, Don Taco & Tequila, LLC d/b/a Don Taco & Tequila **(see also B1, D2)**

a Notice of Claim - Southern Glazer Wine and Spirits

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

**D2.** Adolfo Escoto, Don Taco & Tequila, LLC d/b/a Don Taco & Tequila, 448 Hope Street requests for Victualling License **(see also B1, 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.** Bristol Police Department re Mobile Food Truck Event Permit for the 5th Annual Community Night Out Event at the Town Common on August 5, 2026, from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM **(see all D4& F1)**
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works
  - d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Parks and Recreation
- D4.** Bristol Police Department request for One-Day Dancing & Entertainment License for the 5th Annual Community Night Out Event at the Town Common on August 5, 2026 from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM **(see also D3 & F1)**
- 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
- D5.** Piawarin Pongpimoi - Petition for modification/correction of business name on license from Tong Phoon to The Pahanta's Thai Cuisine, 382 Thames Street
- D6.** Vice Chairwoman Parella Discuss/Act re: Reconsideration of motion for Alicia V. Saldana, 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 **(call for public hearing May 13, 2026)**
- a. Draft Motion 4/1/2026 - Qhali Kitchen

**D7.** 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 - continued from March 11, 2026) **(Call for Public Hearing May 13)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation from 3-11-26 - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

d. Memo- Community Development

**E. Licensing Board - Renewals**

**F. Petitions - Other**

**F1.** Bristol Police Department requests Council contribution for the 5th Annual Community Night Out Event at the Town Common on August 5, 2026, from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM **(see also D3, D4)**

**F2.** Howard Sutton, President, Stone Harbour Condominium Association, 345 Thames Street, requests a pedestrian crosswalk be placed on the North corner of the intersection of Bradford and Thames Streets

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

**F3.** Michael Rielly, on behalf of the James D. Riley Foundation, requests permanent placement of the Bristol Santa House on the High Street side of the Town Common, north of Byfield School

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Parks & Recreation

d. memo - Town Solicitor's Office

e. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

**F4.** Karen Cox with the North American Family Institute request to hold a Run 4 The Kidz, 5K Race beginning and ending at Vigilant Brewing, 44 Ballou Blvd., on Sunday, September 20, 2026, from 10:00 -11:00 AM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

**F5.** Kristina Rubin 32 Pearse Avenue requesting removal of accessible parking space located in front of residence

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

**F6.** Stephen Elmasian, Co-chairman of the Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island consideration to adopt a Proclamation declaring April as Genocide Awareness and Prevention month

a. (draft) Proclamation

## **G. Appointments**

**G1.** Bristol Housing Authority ( 1 unexpired term set to expire January 2029)

a. Helen "Tina" Barboza- letter of resignation

b. Donna Wilson, 5 Jenny Lane - interest/appointment

**G2.** North and East Burial Grounds Commission - (1 five-year Member term set to expire January 2029 and 1

five-year Auxiliary Member unexpired term set to expire January 2028

a. William Leary, 9 Patricia Ann Drive - interest/appointment

#### **H. Old Business**

**H1.** Resolution - To adopt a policy re: Alcoholic Beverage License process when required license documents are not provided in a timely manner **(continued from 2/18/2026)**

a. (draft) Resolution

**H2.** Informal Survey - Municipal Liquor Licensing Practices (Phased Approach- requested by council at the 4/1/2026 council meeting)

**H3.** Town Administrator Contente requests Council consideration and action on Process Changes to Wastewater Biosolids and Compost Facility Operation

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

**I1.** Principal Planner-Tanner re Proposed Parking Regulations for Burnside Street

**I2.** Director Williamson re Proposed Zoning Related Fee Changes for various permits and services

**I3.** Jay Maciel on behalf of Bristol Conservation Commission - Keep Bristol Clean re Invitation to 37th Annual Town-Wide Cleanup, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Event will begin at Bristol Department of Public Works, 111 Mt. Hope Avenue.

**I4.** Bond Counsel - Request for Adoption of Reimbursement and Borrowing Resolutions for up to \$2,740,000.00 for the Town of Bristol

**I5.** Bristol Police Department - Request for Ordinance Amendment (Sec. 16-345(b) relative to parking on Bradford Street, between Central Street and High Street, to align the ordinance with existing posted signage, which reflects a two-hour parking limit for non-residents between the hours of 5:00 PM and 7:00 AM

**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**

**K. Special Reports**

**K1.** Bristol County Water Authority- Tri Town Report -  
March 2026

**L. Town Solicitor**

**M. Executive Sessions**

M1. (Town Solicitor Teitz) Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5, (a) (2) potential litigation- Isabella M. Wardwell Trust (1939)

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. BCWA- Meeting Minutes- February 26, 2026

(CA) AA2. BCWA-Personnel Committee- Meeting Minutes- February 26, 2026

(CA) AA3. BCWA-Finance Committee- Meeting Minutes- March 11, 2026

(CA) AA4. Zoning Board of Review Minutes - March 2, 2026

(CA) AA5. Bristol Harbor Commission Minutes - April 6, 2026

(CA) AA6. Rogers Free Library - Meeting Minutes January 15, 2026

(CA) AA7. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Minutes - January 15, 2026

(CA) AA8. Bristol Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2026

(CA) AA9. Bristol Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2026

(CA) AA10. Bristol Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2026

**(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments**

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

**(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 the month-end of April

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

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

(CA) DD1. Citation - Bristol Train of Artillery, RIM - Semiquincentennial Celebration (signed)

(CA) DD2. Commendation - John Dionne Jr., Eagle Scout (signed)

(CA) DD3. Joint Resolution Creating a Workgroup to Study and Report on the Long-Term Fiscal Health and Revenue Structure of the Bristol Warren Regional School District (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 Portsmouth Resolution 2026-03-23A - In Support of House Bill 2026-7971

(CA) FF2. Town of Portsmouth Resolution 2026-03-23C - In Support of House Bill 2026-7678

(CA) FF3. Town of Portsmouth Resolution 2026-03-23D - In Support of House Bill 2026-8013

- (CA) FF4. Town of Hopkinton Resolution in Opposition to Rhode Island House Bills H7035, H7755, H8068, H8071, and H8075
- (CA) FF5. Town of Hopkinton Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 2389 and House Bill 7305
- (CA) FF6. Town of Hopkinton Resolution in Support of Rhode Island House Bill H7971
- (CA) FF7. Town of Middletown Resolution 2026-37 - Opposing a Statewide Nonowner Occupied Property Tax
- (CA) FF8. Town of Middletown Resolution 2026-36 - In Support of Amendments to the FY2027 State Budget to Fully Fund Certain Education Costs
- (CA) FF9. Town of Middletown Resolution 2026-35 - In Support of Fully Funding State Aid to Libraries to the Full Twenty-Five (25) Percent
- (CA) FF10. Town of Middletown Resolution 2026-34 - In Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing, and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws
- (CA) FF11. Town of Middletown Joint Municipal Statement of Rhode Island Municipalities Regarding the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws
- (CA) FF12. Town of Middletown Resolution 2026-38 - Urging Full Funding of the School Housing Aid Program
- (CA) FF13. Town of South Kingstown - Resolution - Supporting the RI Bottle and Extended Producer Responsibility Bill (H 7911 and S 3012)
- (CA) FF14. Town of Westerly - Resolution - Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws
- (CA) FF15. Town of Narragansett - Resolution 2026-06 - In support of House Bill RI H8151 - The Blue Wave Bond for Coastal Preparedness Act
- (CA) FF16. South Kingstown - Resolution - April 24, 2026, as "Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day"

- (CA) FF17. South Kingstown - Resolution - Support of House Bill 2026-8018 Entitled an Act Relating to Health and Safety - State Building Code
- (CA) FF18. South Kingstown - Resolution Opposing Proposed Water Rate Increase by Veolia Water RI, In Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 25-30-WW
- (CA) FF19. Town of Warren - Resolution - Opposition to H7369

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

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- (CA) GG1. Town Clerk Cordeiro- 2025 Year-End Report
- (CA) GG2. Town Administrator Contente- Follow-Up Communication - Petition Received October 22, 2025: High Street Lighting
- (CA) GG3. Town Administrator Contente- Correspondence from Department of Revenue for FY26-27 Notice Approval
- (CA) GG4. RIDOT- Main St Warren- Pavement Improvement Project
- (CA) GG5. Bristol Rotary Charities Foundation - Authorization to Conduct Special Bingo (for approved new Bingo date) April 22, 2026
- (CA) GG6. Bid 1081 Award Letter - Town Administrator Contente to Nelson Silva, Graphic Ink
- (CA) GG7. Council Chairman Calouro to Honorable Jack Reed re Town of Bristol's Congressional Directed Spending Request Improvements to DPW Work Facility
- (CA) GG8. Bid Award Letter - 1083 Town Administrator Contente to Anthony Collins, Pyrotecnico Fireworks
- (CA) GG9. Varnum Continentals, Inc. - re Bristol Flags update
- (CA) GG10. Governor Daniel J. McKee Special Recognition to Town of Bristol Department of Public Works
- (CA) GG11. Bristol Statehouse Foundation, 240 High Street, Lease to Town of Bristol
- (CA) GG12. Bristol Harbor Protection Team Report to the Town Council - April 14, 2026

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

(Office copy only)

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- (CA) HH1. Fourth of July Committee Promotions Subcommittee Meeting - April 9, 2026
- (CA) HH2. Fourth of July Committee Karaoke Competition Subcommittee Meeting - April 6, 2026
- (CA) HH3. Conservation Commission Meeting - April 7, 2026
- (CA) HH4. Fourth of July Committee General Committee Meeting - April 7, 2026
- (CA) HH5. Housing Authority Meeting - April 8, 2026
- (CA) HH6. Fourth of July Committee Ball Subcommittee Meeting - April 13, 2026
- (CA) HH7. The North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting - April 8, 2026
- (CA) HH8. Revised Planning Board Meeting - April 9, 2026
- (CA) HH9. Bristol Fourth of July Committee BINGO Subcommittee Meeting - April 6, 2026
- (CA) HH10. Capital Projects Commission Meeting - April 14, 2026
- (CA) HH11. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting - April 9, 2026
- (CA) HH12. Bristol Christmas Festival Committee Meeting - April 13, 2026
- (CA) HH13. Bristol Fourth of July Spring Breakfast Subcommittee Meeting - April 20, 2026
- (CA) HH14. Harbor Commission Appeals Meeting - April 6, 2026
- (CA) HH15. Harbor Commission Meeting - April 6, 2026
- (CA) HH16. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting - April 16, 2026
- (CA) HH17. Bristol Prevention Coalition Meeting - January 7, 2026

- (CA) HH18. Bristol Prevention Coalition Meeting - February 4, 2026
- (CA) HH19. Bristol Prevention Coalition Meeting - April 1, 2026
- (CA) HH20. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Parade Subcommittee Meeting - April 20, 2026
- (CA) HH21. Zoning Board of Review Meeting - May 4, 2026
- (CA) HH22. Bristol county Water Authority Board of Directors Meeting - April 23, 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) II1. Gregory Toumasian, 248 Main Street, Apt 2 - Claim
- (CA) II2. Ann-Marie Lancaster, Westport, MA - claim
- (CA) II3. Jason Pacheco, 27 Noyes Avenue - claim for damages
- (CA) II4. Nicole Amesbury, 379 McCorrie Lane, Porthsmouth - claim for damages (48 Cottage Street)

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

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

- (CA) JJ1. Use & Access Agreement - Town of Bristol/Bristol Theatre Company - Guiteras School (Draft)

**(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: April 17, 2026