

TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND



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Town Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:45 PM

Town Hall - 10 Court Street, Bristol Rhode Island

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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 11, 2026 - Town Council Meeting
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

The Pledge of Allegiance

Public Service Interviews and Appointments

NEBGC- North & East Burial Grounds Commission - One (1) five-year expired term ending January 2031; one (1) five-year unexpired term ending January 2029; and one (1) five-year unexpired Auxiliary term ending January 2028.

a. Salome Farya, 367 High Street - interest/appointment

Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda

A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A1. Town Council Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2026

A2. Town Council Meeting Executive Session Minutes -
January 28, 2026

B. Public Hearings

C. Ordinances

C1. Ordinance No 2026-01 Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 (to decrease the number of B-V licenses from 33 to 32) **(2nd Reading)**

C2. 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) **(1st Reading)**

C3. 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) **(1st Reading)**

a. Councilman Ley -(Draft) Proposed Ordinance-consideration for amendments to proposed ordinance listed for first reading

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

D1. Philip Fitting, for Explore Bristol / British Car Event- Request for Mobile Food Establishment Event Permit, at the Town Beach Complex June 13, 2026, from 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

a. recommendation- Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

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

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

D2. Maria Cesario, Bristol Rotary Charities Foundation, request for a Bingo License - February 26th from 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM at St. Elizabeths Auditorium, 577 Wood Street

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

D3. Alisha Borrelli, Bristol Merchants Association, request for one-day Dancing & Entertainment License on lower State Street for the following events: **(see also D4 & F2)**

State Street Spring Festival - May 2, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

State Street Arts Festival - August 1, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

State Street Harvest Festival - September 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director Public Works

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

D4. Alisha Borrelli, Bristol Merchants Association, requests a Mobile Food Permit on Lower State Street for the following events: **(see also D3 and F2)**

State Street Spring Festival - May 2, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

State Street Arts Festival - August 1, 2026, from
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
State Street Harvest Festival - September 19, 2026,
from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police
Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire
Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director
of Public Works

- D5.** Thomas Bergenholtz, 205 LLC D/B/A Bistro 205, 205
Thames Street, request for Class BV Intoxicating
Beverage License (**call for public hearing March 18th**)
- D6.** (**LATE ITEM**) Ana Barboza - Motta, Chair Bristol Fourth
of July Committee - requests Bingo License for
fundraiser, March 10th from 5:30-9:00 PM at the VFW,
850 Hope Street

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

- E1.** **3 month review** - Alicia Saldana, Qhali Kitchen, 34
Gooding Avenue - request for Dancing & Entertainment
License (**continued from 11/12/2025**)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of
Police

F. Petitions - Other

- F1.** Bonnie Pansa, Advisor KMS, Best Buddies Organization
request council contingency funds for financial
support for fundraiser event on March 28th
- F2.** Alisha Borrelli, Bristol Merchants Association,
requests road closures for Lower State Street, both
intersections, State & Hope Street, and State & Thames
Street from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM (set up and vendor
operations) for the following events: (**see also D3 and
D4**)

State Street Spring Festival - May 2, 2026, from
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
State Street Arts Festival - August 1, 2026, from
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
State Street Harvest Festival - September 19, 2026,
from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police
Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire
Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and
Department of Public Works

F3. Katie Sousa (Ferreira), 239 Wood Street - Request for
a concrete pedestrian walkway across the grassed area
from sidewalk to curb in front of the referenced
property

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of
Public Works

F4. Executive Director, Karen Binder, Blithewold Inc, 101
Ferry Road - Request for One Additional Class BV
Liquor 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

G. Appointments

G1. Board of Canvassers - Three 6- year terms set to
expire March 2032 (1 (R) Member, 1 (R) Alternate, 1
(D) Alternate)

a. recommendation - Thomas M. Carroll, Chairman,
Republican Town Committee re reappointment of Member,
Peter Hewett, 11 Wendy Drive and Alternate, Lynette
Lacerda, 365 Metacom Avenue

b. recommendation - Erich Haslehurst, Chairman,
Democratic Town Committee re reappointment of
Alternate, Michele LaGuardia, 24 Smith Street

- G2. BCWA - One 3-year term set to expire March 2029
 - a. Juan Mariscal, 8 Curtis Road - interest/reappointment
- G3. Harbor Commission - 4 three-year (2 Member/2 Auxiliary) terms set to expire March 2029
 - a. Robert Hamel -Full Member, 859 Hope Street - interest/reappointment
 - b. Michael Tamulaites- Auxiliary Member, 51 Everett Avenue - interest/reappointment
 - c. Vasco "Skip" Castro-Auxiliary Member, 101 Woodlawn Avenue - interest/reappointment
 - d. John McDonald - Full Member, 15 Stephen Drive - resignation
- G4. Historic District Commission - 1 three-year unexpired term (2nd Auxiliary) set to expire July 2028
 - a. Robert Camara, 71 Sea Breeze Lane - interest/appointment
- G5. Waypoysset Trust - 1 two-year term expiring February 2028
 - a. Bryan Leffingwell, 4 Massasoit Avenue - interest/reappointment
 - b. Rachel Martin, 3 Freeborn Road - interest/appointment

H. Old Business

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

- I1. Discussion and possible action to propose amendments to the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to establish a process when required license documents are not provided in a timely manner **(continued from 1/28/2026)**
- I2. 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

I3. Consideration and Potential Action Regarding House Bill #H7224 - An Act Relating to Municipal Contracts (RIGL §45-55-9 Small Purchases)
(To consider and potentially take action on a resolution in support of House Bill #H7224, which proposes amendments to Rhode Island General Laws §45-55-9 to increase municipal small purchase thresholds from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction procurements and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other procurements)

I4. CRMC - Public Notice, Herreshoff Marine Museum, 1 Burnside Street **(extension requested for response date)**

a. Harbor Master Marsili - request to extend response date

b. CRMC Deputy Director Miguel - extension granted, required response before **March 18, 2026**

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 No 1081 - Souvenir Merchandise for the 241st - 242nd Fourth of July Celebration

J2. Bid No 1082- Portable Toilets for the 241st and 242nd Fourth of July Events and Celebrations

J3. Bid No 1083 - 2026-2027 Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks Display

K. Special Reports

K1. BCWA Tri-Town Month Report - January 22, 2026

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

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 - December 11, 2025
- (CA) AA2. BCWA Properties Committee Minutes - December 3, 2025
- (CA) AA3. Zoning Board Meeting Minutes- January 5, 2026
- (CA) AA4. Bristol Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes- February 2, 2026
- (CA) AA5. Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes- February 2, 2026
- (CA) AA6. Bristol 250th Commission Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2025
- (CA) AA7. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes - January 6, 2026
- (CA) AA8. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2025

(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments

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

(CA) CC. Financial Reports

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- (CA) CC1. Town Treasurer Carulli - YTD - Budget Actuals for the month-end February

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

- (CA) DD1. Proclamation - Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution
- (CA) DD2. Citation - Chief Michael DeMello - President of the RI Association of Fire Chiefs (signed)

(CA) DD3. Resolution No. 2026-1-28 I3 (signed)

(CA) EE. Utility Petitions

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

(CA) EE1. Water Pollution Control Facility - Sewer Permits

(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 Burrillville Resolution No. 26-01 - In Support of House Bill 2026 - H 7049 and Senate Bill 2026 - S 2147 Adjusting Primary Election Day to Wednesday After Labor Day

(CA) FF2. Town of Hopkinton - Resolution Requesting the Rhode Island Governor and General Assembly to Restore General Revenue Sharing to Rhode Island Cities and Towns

(CA) FF3. City of Cranston - Resolution Requesting the General Assembly Consider Swift Action to Change the Date of the September 2026 Rhode Island Statewide Primary Election Due To Concerns Regarding the Labor Day Holiday

(CA) FF4. Town of Tiverton Resolution 2026-0001 - Resolution Related to Low and Moderate Income Housing

(CA) FF5. Town of West Greenwich Resolution 2026-2 - Resolution in Support of House Bill 2026-H7127, Section 6 - Transfer of Management of Big River Reservoir Land to the RI DEM for use of Open Space

(CA) FF6. Town of West Greenwich Resolution 2026-1 - Resolution in Support of Senate Bill S2275 and House Bill H7447 Relating to Low-Moderate- Income Housing- Comprehensive Permits

(CA) FF7. Town of Portsmouth Resolution #2026-01-27-A - Resolution of the Town Council in Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing, and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws

- (CA) FF8. Town of Portsmouth - Resolution #2026-01-27-B - Resolution of the Town of Portsmouth Regarding Low and Moderate Income Housing
- (CA) FF9. Town of Portsmouth Resolution 2026-01-27-C - Requesting the General Assembly to Consider Amending Legislation Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units
- (CA) FF10. Town of Portsmouth Resolution #2026-01-27-E - Resolution of the Portsmouth Town Council in Support of Legislation to Modernize and Standardize the Access to Public Records Act
- (CA) FF11. Town of Portsmouth - Joint Municipal Statement - RI Municipalities on the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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- (CA) GG1. State of Rhode Island Traffic Commission - Traffic Study on Metacom Avenue -Woodlawn Ave/Weetamoe Farm Drive
- (CA) GG2. State of Rhode Island Traffic Commission - Request for a crosswalk across Hope Street (RI 114) intersection with Poppasquash Road
- (CA) GG3. State of Rhode Island Traffic Commission - request for traffic signal at the intersection of Metacom and Jameson Drive
- (CA) GG4. State of RI Energy Facility Sitting Board re Public Comment Hearing - March 12, 2026
- (CA) GG5. Mike and Luniece Schless, 180 Ferry Road - Letter of Opposition - Flock Camera
- (CA) GG6. Robinson + Cole - Docket No. SB-2025-04 - The Narragansett Electric Company F184N-4&5/E183-3 Bristol & Warren Tap 115kV Line Rebuild Project Response to EFSB Record Request - Evidentiary Hearing
- (CA) GG7. Bristol Police Department 2025 Annual Report
- (CA) GG8. Award Letter Bid 1077 - Brewster Thornton Group Architects, LLC, Nathaniel Ginsburg, AIA, Partner

- (CA) GG9. Public Notice State Planning Council Quadrennial Federal Certification Review Opportunity to Participate in Public Meeting and Provide Public Comment
- (CA) GG10. Joshua Cabral, 192 Wood Street - letter of thanks for service to the NEBGC
- (CA) GG11. Kasey Feijo, 667 Metacom Avenue Unit 16 - letter of thanks for service on the Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees
- (CA) HH. Distributions/Notice of Meetings**
(Office copy only)
- Approval of consent agenda = "motion to receive and place these items on file"**
- (CA) HH1. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Promotions Sub Committee - February 5, 2026
- (CA) HH2. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Pageant Sub Committee - February 2, 2026
- (CA) HH3. Bristol 250th Commission Meeting Dates 2026
- (CA) HH4. Capital Projects Commission Meeting - January 27, 2026
- (CA) HH5. Harbor Commission Meeting - February 2, 2026
- (CA) HH6. Conservation Commission Meeting - February 3, 2026
- (CA) HH7. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Four of Diamonds Subcommittee Meeting - February 9, 2026
- (CA) HH8. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Ball Subcommittee Meeting - February 9, 2026
- (CA) HH9. Planning Board Meeting - February 12, 2026
- (CA) HH10. Coastal Resources Management Council Meeting Calendar February 2026
- (CA) HH11. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Souvenir Subcommittee Meeting - February 12, 2026
- (CA) HH12. North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting - February 11, 2026

- (CA) HH13. Bristol Fourth of July Karaoke Sub-Committee Meeting - February 12, 2026
- (CA) HH14. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Membership Subcommittee - February 17, 2026
- (CA) HH15. Bristol Fourth of July Committee General Committee Meeting - February 17, 2026
- (CA) HH16. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Souvenir Subcommittee Meeting - February 23, 2026
- (CA) HH17. Public Notice Request for Zoning Modification Permit - Gilbert Almeida, 984 Hope Street
- (CA) HH18. Department of Community Development - Capital Projects Commission Meeting - February 17, 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. Maria Rego, 12 Shaws Lane - Claim for Damages
- (CA) II2. Ronald Poisson, 61 Constitution Street - Claim for Damages

(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: February 13, 2026