

**Glocester Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike, Chepachet
January 15, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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- I. Call to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Pledge of Allegiance
 - IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items
 - V. Public Hearings
 - A. Glocester Code of Ordinance -
 - 1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Discussion and/or Action
Opened on October 16, 2025 continued to November 6th, and continued again to this meeting.
 - a. Addition to “Table of Use Regulations” Zoning Chart to allow earth processing (not related to an earth removal license) in a B-2 Highway/Commercial zone - Discussion and/or Action
Applicant: Coluch Organization LLC
Owner: William & Bonnie Cooper
Location: 640 Putnam Pike a.k.a. AP 17, Lot 107
 - 2. Proposed Amendment to Code –Discussion and/or Action
Opened on December 4, 2025 continued to this date.
 - a. Replace existing Chapter #191 Itinerant or Temporary Vendors
With: 1. **Chapter # 198 Itinerant or Temporary Vendors**
(text includes Hawkers and Peddlers only)
AND
2. **Chapter #206 Mobile Food Establishments**
(text includes MFE’s only)
- VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of December 18th, 2025
 - B. Tax Assessors Additions and Abatements December 2025
 - C. Finance Director’s Report December 2025

VII. New Business

- A. Approve dates for the Gloucester Financial Referendum: 2026/27 Budget - Discussion and/or Action
- B. Authorization of Expenditures from Restricted Opioid Fund - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Up-fit costs for Narcotics K-9 handler and cruiser kennel
- C. Bds. and Commissions
 - 1. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Budget Board
 - 1. Position #3, One unexpired 3-yr term to expire 12/31/28
 - 2. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Conservation Commission
 - 1. One Alternate 1-yr term to expire 1/31/2027
 - b. Land Trust
 - 1. One Member-at-Large from Planning Bd. Exp. 1/31/2027
 - 2. One Member-at-Large from Conservation Comm. Exp. 1/31/2027
 - c. Parade Committee (Tabled from 9/18/2025)
 - 1. Position #5 (Voting member)
 - 2. Alternate #2 Position
 - 3. Alternate #3 Position
 - d. Budget Board
 - 1. Position #3, One unexpired 3-yr term to expire 12/31/28
- D. Authorization for signature - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Memorandum of Understanding
“By and Between The Rhode Island Department of State and The Town of Gloucester” for the purpose of allowing the transfer of the municipalities Trade Name records
- E. Traffic Control, Chepachet Village Area - Discussion and/or Action
- F. Clerks Union Local 1322 request to begin successor agreement negotiations - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Appoint Town Council team to negotiate
- G. Personnel
 - 1. Tax Assessor Appointment-Discussion and/or Action
2- year Term to expire 12/31/2027
 - 2. Police Department
 - a. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Full time Dispatcher
 - b. Appointment - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Full time Dispatcher
- H. Gloucester School Department - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Summary of RIDE's Accountability Report for Gloucester Elementary Schools

VIII. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

IX. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

- X. Department Head Reports/Discussion
- XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion
- XII. Open Forum
- XIII. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:
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DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:
 - 1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, etc.;
 - a. One Personnel Session (Employee notified)
 - 2. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to potential litigation:
 - a. Negotiations for successor union contracts (Police & Dispatcher Unions)
 - b. Potential Litigation
- XIV. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action
- XV. Authorization to Sign Agreement to Waive Time Period Set Forth in the Municipal Police Arbitration Act- Discussion and/or Action
- XVI. Adjourn

