

**Glocester Town Council Special Meeting
Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike, Chepachet
July 27, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.**

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Proposed Home Rule Charter Amendments for the November 3, 2026 Ballot — Review, Discussion and/or Action

The Council will review, discuss, and may vote upon the following proposed amendments to the Town of Glocester Home Rule Charter, recommended by the Charter Review Commission, **as voted to be included by the Town Council on July 16, 2026**, for submission to the electorate:

A. Form of Town Government — Charter §§ C1-2, C1-8, C4-9, Article VII, Article VIII, Articles X and XI, Article XIII, § C14-9, and proposed new Article XVI, § C16-1 — Review, Discussion and/or Action

Selection among three alternative models for a chief administrative officer, and action on the corresponding Charter amendments:

- 1. Model 1 — Strong (Council-Manager): Town Manager appointed by the Council; appointment and removal authority for department heads vested in the Manager.
- 2. Model 2 — Hybrid (Manager Recommends, Council Confirms): Town Manager appointed by the Council; department head appointments vested in the Manager, with appointment of the Director of Finance and the Chief of Police subject to Council confirmation.
- 3. Model 3 — Weak (Town Administrator): Town Administrator appointed by the Council; all existing appointment and removal powers retained by the Council.

Related matters that may be discussed and acted upon: whether the position should be created by Charter amendment or by ordinance; residency and qualification requirements; term of office and the § C14-2 override; the Board of Personnel Review appeal process under § C4-9(9); and the status of the personnel system ordinance required by § C14-13.

B. School Financial Accounting - Charter § C6-9 -Review, Discussion and/or Action

Proposed amendment transferring responsibility for financial and managerial accounting of the School Department from the Town Department of Finance to the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee, with school funds remaining in the custody of the Town Treasurer, continued review of disbursements by the Director of Finance, monthly reconciliation, certified quarterly financial reporting, and implementing procedures prescribed by ordinance.

C. Board of Assessment Review - Charter § C7-9 -Review, Discussion and/or Action

Proposed amendment increasing the membership of the Board of Assessment Review from three (3) members to five (5) members and changing the term of office from six (6) years to three (3) years, with terms staggered.

D. Capital Reserve Fund — Charter § C8-8 — Review, Discussion and/or Action

Proposed amendment increasing the annual capital reserve fund contribution from two percent (2%) to four percent (4%) of the amount appropriated as the operating budget. The Council will select the phase-in schedule from among the alternatives before it, including one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) per year over eight (8) years and one-half of one percent (0.5%) per year over four (4) years.

E. Director of Emergency Management- Qualification- Charter § C11-4 - Review, Discussion and/or Action

Proposed amendment deleting Subsection 5 of § C11-4, which requires that the Director of Emergency Management be a qualified elector of the Town. The Council will also address coordination and sequencing with any amendment to § C11-4 adopted under Item IV(A).

V. Final Ballot Language and Numbering for Each Approved Question — Discussion and/or Action

Approval of the final wording, explanatory statement, and ballot numbering for each Charter amendment question approved under Item IV, and authorization for the Town Clerk and Town Solicitor to take such steps as are necessary to certify the approved questions for the November 3, 2026 ballot.

VI. Additional Matters for Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action

A. Appointment of Legal Counsel — *John Holt Tillinghast, owner, Tillinghast Holding Co. LLC v. Town of Glocester, R.I., and alias Catalis*, United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, Case No. 1:26-cv-00398-MRD-AEM — Discussion and/or Action

Discussion and possible vote on the appointment, engagement, and compensation of legal counsel to represent the Town in the above-captioned matter.

B. Appointment of Legal Counsel — *West Glocester LLC and Factory Mutual Insurance Company, Petitioners v. Jessica Parker, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Glocester, Respondent*, Providence County Superior Court, C.A. No. PC-2025-05414 — Discussion and/or Action

Discussion and possible vote on the appointment, engagement, and compensation of legal counsel to represent the Town and the Tax Assessor in the above-captioned matter.

VII. Adjourn

