

**Glocester Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike, Chepachet
October 15, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.**

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:
 - A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:
 - 1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, etc.;
 - a. Personnel Session (interview of candidates for Finance Director)
- V. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action

OPEN SESSION AT 7:30 P.M.

- VI. Open Forum - For Agenda Items
- VII. Citations – Eagle Scouts
- VIII. Public Hearings – **Discussion and/or Action**
 - A. **CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2026**
Glocester Code of Ordinance – Proposed Amendment
 - 1. Part 3 General Legislation, Chapter 247 – Taxation, Article III
Exemption for Elderly & Disabled Persons
The proposed amendment would annually adjust the base exemption amount for qualified owners on a non -compounded basis using the Consumer Price Index and with no income eligibility limitation beginning with the assessment date of December 31, 2025 for use in the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for qualifying.
- IX. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 1, 2026
 - B. Tax Assessor’s Additions and Abatements – September 2026

- C. Acting Finance Director's Report – September 2026
- X. Unfinished Business- Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Boards and Commissions
 - 1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Board of Canvassers - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Alternate #2, One unexpired term to expire 2/28/2030
 - b. Recreation
 - 1. Position #3 – Term to Expire 12/31/2026
 - c. Parade Committee
 - 1. Alt. #3
 - B. High Hazard Dam Emergency Action Plans - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Authorization for volunteer to work with previously authorized group
- XI. New Business
 - A. Potential impact of large-scale data centers on rural communities, and whether Gloucester's zoning ordinance should be amended to address them, including a possible moratorium – Discussion and/or Action
 - B. Candlelight Shopping – Discussion and/or Action
 - C. Council consideration to waive notice requirement on “New” Entertainment License application (Welcome Pastures, 459 Snake Hill Road)-Discussion and/or Action
 - D. Determination of staffing option for the Rural Community Network Grant Management - Discussion and/or Action
 - E. Appointment of a committee for review of needs assessment of town's operational and financial software- Discussion and/or Action
- XII. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action
- XIII. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion
- XIV. Dept. Head Reports/Discussion
- XV. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion
- XVI. Open Forum
- XVII. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:
 - A. **Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action - Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2)**
 - 1. **Litigation** regarding the following pending litigation: Foster-Glocester Regional School Committee v. Town of Foster, by and through its Town Council, et al. and Town of Gloucester, by and through its Town Council, et al., Providence County Superior Court, C.A. No. PC-2026-05641, including assignment of legal counsel.
 - 2. **Potential litigation** to discuss the Town's possible participation, with the Town of Portsmouth and other municipalities, in litigation challenging 2025 state planning, zoning, and low- and moderate-income housing legislation.

3. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union contract- Dispatcher

- B. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action - **Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1), Personnel.** regarding the employment benefits of the [Police/Fire] Chief. *(The affected employee has been notified in advance in writing as required by § 42-46-5(a)(1).)*

XVIII. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action

XIX. **Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action** regarding the following pending litigation: Foster-Glocester Regional School Committee v. Town of Foster, by and through its Town Council, et al. and Town of Glocester, by and through its Town Council, et al., Providence County Superior Court, C.A. No. PC-2026-05641, including assignment of legal counsel.

XX. Discussion and/or Action:

- A. Authorize the Town to join the Portsmouth-led litigation challenging 2025 state planning, zoning, and low- and moderate-income housing legislation
- B. Authorize the Town Council President to execute the Joint Litigation Letter Agreement;
- C. Authorize payment of the Town's population-based share of litigation costs, not to exceed \$4,332.15.

XXI. Adjourn

