

**Glocester Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike, Chepachet
July 16, 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 Hearing- Discussion and/or Action
 - A. **(This Public Hearing was heard and then continued from 5/07/2026, 6/04/2026 & 6/18/2026)**
Chapter 350 Zoning. Article IV. Section 22.A. Planned Districts
Owner: WS Enterprises, LLC
Applicant: Welcome Pastures
Assessor Plat 18, Lot 10

To consider an amendment to the existing P.U.D. to permit applicant, Welcome Pastures, a nonprofit, to have private events such as weddings, family gatherings, retreats, and corporate events for fundraising. Per the applicant, the revenue generated will directly support the care, rehabilitation and long-term well-being of retired Thoroughbred horses.
 - B. Home Rule Charter – Proposed Amendments – Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Proposed Amendments from Charter Review Commission
- VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of June 18, 2026; Special Meeting of June 22, 2026 & July 1, 2026
 - B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements – June 2026
 - C. Finance Director's Report – May 2026 & June 2026

- VII. Unfinished Business- Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Boards and Commissions
 - 1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Parade Committee
 - 1. Position #6, #7, Alt.#2 & Alt.#3
 - b. Gloucester Land Trust
 - 1. Position #1, One unexpired term to expire 1/31/2027
 - c. Board of Canvassers - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Alternate #2, One unexpired term to expire 2/28/2030
 - d. Economic Development
 - 1. Ad Hoc Non-voting member, unexpired term to exp. 12/31/26
 - B. EDC – Request to authorize EDC to establish and administer a Facebook page - Discussion and/or Action
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- VIII. New Business
 - A. 2026 Proposed Charter Amendments for General Election Ballot -
 - 1. Set amendments to forward to Solicitor for formatting/legal review - Discussion and/or Action
 - B. Personnel
 - 1. Resignation
 - a. Public Safety – Full Time Dispatcher- Discussion and/or Action
 - 2. Request from Non-Union Employee – Reduction of hours - Discussion and/or Action
 - 3. Finance Department - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Process/Plan for filling vacancy of Finance Director
 - b. Authorization – Second Signatory for Town of Gloucester
 - 4. Public Safety – Update two Memorandum of Understanding K-9 Program- Discussion and/or Action
 - 5. Appointment – Chief of Police - Discussion and/or Action
 - C. Gloucester School Committee – Forfeiture of Office - Discussion and/or Action
 - D. Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action to direct the Acting Human Resources Officer to conduct a comprehensive personnel and staffing review and needs assessment of the Finance Department, in order to ensure proper accounting for both the Municipality and the School Department as required by the Town Charter and applicable state law. Discussion and/or Action
 - E. Community Septic Loan Program (RI Housing) –Resolution seeking additional mortgage funds from Infrastructure Bank for the continuation of CSLP for Gloucester residents -Discussion and/or Action
 - F. Board of Contracts and Purchases - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Award IFB 2026-01 Gloucester Senior Center Cleaning Services
 - G. Resolution #2026-09 “In Support of a Full and Fair Review of the Legal Effect of the Electors’ Vote at the April 14, 2026 Regional Financial Meeting & the Districts Response to that Vote” - Discussion and/or Action
 - H. Transfer of Storm Fund set-aside back to the General Fund- Discussion and/or Action

- I. Senior Center Director Request for Consideration: LPi Community newsletter Program – Discussion and/or Action
- IX. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action
- X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion
- XI. Dept. Head Reports/Discussion
- XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion
- XIII. Open Forum
- XIV. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:
 - A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:
 - 1. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation
 - a. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks)
 - b. Potential Litigation – Zoning Issue
- XV. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action
- XVI. New Business- Continued
 - A. Ratification of Contract
 - 1. Local Union 1322 of the Laborers' International Union Of North America, AFL-CIO On Behalf of the Town Of Glocester Clerks
Effective: July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2028- Discussion and/or Action
- XVII. Adjourn

