

Glocester Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike, Chepachet
August 6, 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. Glocester Police Officer Paul Houle
 - A. Honorary Promotion to the Rank of Sergeant
 - B. Citation – Years of Service Award
- VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 16, 2026; Special Mtgs. of July 27th and Joint Mtg. with Glocester School Committee of July 29, 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. Board of Canvassers - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Alternate #2, One unexpired term to expire 2/28/2030
 - c. Economic Development
 - 1. Ad Hoc Non-voting member, unexpired term to exp. 12/31/26
 - B. Community Septic Loan Program (RI Housing) –Resolution seeking additional mortgage funds from Infrastructure Bank for the continuation of CSLP for Glocester residents -Discussion and/or Action
 - C. Personnel
 - 1. Request from Non-Union Employee – Reduction of hours - Discussion and/or Action
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Personnel

1. Appointment –
 - a. Public Safety –Discussion and/or Action
 1. Promotion
 - a. Promotion: Sergeant to rank of Lieutenant
 - b. Promotion: Lieutenant to Captain
 2. Police Department Full Time Dispatcher Appointment
 - b. Finance Department – Acting Finance Director - Discussion and/or Action
 2. Ratification of IT Contract- Amendment to Dates - Discussion and/or Action
- B. Use of Flock Cameras - Discussion and/or Action
- C. Boards & Commission
 1. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Budget Board
 1. Position #2 – One unexpired term to expire 12/3/12028
 2. Appointment - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Budget Board
 1. Position #2 – One unexpired term to expire 12/3/12028
 - b. Gloucester Housing Authority
 1. Position #1 -One 5 yr. term to expire 7/2031
 3. Disband Commission– Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Charter Review Commission 2026
- D. Town Event Update - Discussion and/or Action
 1. Land Trust – Trek and Tunes
September 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Rain date: Oct. 3, 2026)
- E. Special Event Application - Discussion and/or Action
 1. Applicant: Friendship Lodge #7
Event: Scarecrow Festival
Date: October 17, 2026
 - a. Determine if exempt from Public Hearing and/or Set Public Hearing date - Discussion and/or Action
 - b. Consider application (if exempt from hearing) Discussion and/or Action
- F. Senior Tax Exemption – Proposed Ordinance Amendment - Discussion and/or Action
- G. Authorization for Signature - Discussion and/or Action
 1. Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Program Responsible Management Entity Service Agreement
 2. Amendment to Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Program Cooperative Agreements – Grant Amount
 3. Amendment to Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Program Cooperative Agreements – Insurance requirements
- H. Consideration of construction advances for the Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Program - Discussion and/or Action
- I. Appointment of Outside Counsel for Zoning Appeal to represent Bldg./Zoning Official – 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 pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation:**
 - 1. **Pending Litigation**

Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action regarding three pending tax appeal cases:

 - a. West Glocester LLC and Factory Mutual Insurance Company vs. Jessica Parker, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Glocester Civil Action File Number PC-2025-05414.
 - b. West Glocester LLC and Factory Mutual Insurance Company vs. Jessica Parker, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Glocester Civil Action File Number PC-2025-01882.
 - c. West Glocester LLC and Factory Mutual Insurance Company vs. Jessica Parker, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Glocester Civil Action File Number PC-2026-01797
 - 2. **Pending Litigation**
 - a. 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
 - 3. **Potential Litigation**
 - a. Decision from the Rhode Island Department of Education dated 6/12/2026: The exclusion of the \$154,351 debt service figure from the Maintenance of Effort calculation and the \$882,853 reduction — Discussion and/or Action
 - B. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks) Discussion and/or Action
- 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. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action regarding Decision from the Rhode Island Department of Education dated 6/12/2026: The exclusion of the \$154,351 debt service figure from the Maintenance of Effort calculation and the \$882,853 reduction
- XVII. Unfinished Business (Continued)
 - A. Ratification of Contract- Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Local Union 1322 of the Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO On Behalf of the Town of Glocester Clerks -Effective: 7-1-26 – 6-30-28
- XVIII. Adjourn

