

CHARLESTOWN BUDGET COMMISSION
Open Meeting/Regular Meeting
Minutes

FEBRUARY 19, 2026
9:00 a.m. Council Chambers

TOWN HALL
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown, RI 02813

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kenefick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance Mike Marcelynas, Joseph Dolock, Town Treasurer Patrick Gormley, Town Administrator Jeffrey Allen and Administrative Assistant Susan Shea. Absent were Greg Plunkett and Council Liaison Stephen Stokes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Marcelynas and seconded by Mr. Dolock to table the February 6, 2026 and February 13, 2026 minutes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SALT PONDS COALITION

Present was Alicia Schaffner.

The organization seeks to help protect the salt ponds both as a habitat for the species that live there, but also for the future enjoyment of the people who live near, work on, and who visit the ponds. They serve over 700 Charlestown households.

Ms. Schaffner is requesting funding for \$4,500 which is the cost of 6 water quality monitoring sites.

SOUTHERN RI VOLUNTEERS - SRV

Deb Tanner was present.

SRV serves Washington County through direct services to individual seniors needing support to age in place and volunteer support to assist other non-profits, schools, and community groups to meet missions of service to children, families, and seniors. They are requesting \$2,500.

CROSS MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sarah Ornstein, Executive Director was present. The total amount of funding requested is \$302,157.00.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER OF SOUTH COUNTY – DVRC

Michelle LePage, Chief Executive Officer was present. The DVRC serves individuals and families affected by interpersonal violence. They are requesting \$8,000 for Law Enforcement and Court Advocacy Programs.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS NHNRI

Lisa Hazelwood was present. The organization is requesting \$3,000.

NHNRI provides home repairs at no cost to qualified low-income homeowners who are at risk of losing their homes because of disrepair.

WESTERLY AREA REST MEALS – WARM

WARM serves Washington County residents that are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. They serve approximately 250 Charlestown residents. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$3,000.

REVENUES

Treasurer Gormley reviewed the revenues for the commission

At 11:15 a.m. Mr. Marcelynas moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dolock seconded. Motion carries.

Date Approved: March 9, 2026

Susan R. Shea, CMC
Administrative Assistant