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Town Manager

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200 GARFIELD STREET  
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**MAYOR JON TRISTER**

## **NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL & PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING AGENDA**

**Town Council Chambers, Room 103 – Town Hall  
200 Garfield Street**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 6:00 P.M.**

*John Altshul*  
Town Clerk

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**This meeting will be presented as a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting. Please see below for information on how to attend.**

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  2. ROLL CALL
  3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)  
(4 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER LIMITED TO ITEMS ON AGENDA)
    - A. Public Comments
    - B. Email Correspondence
  5. REMARKS BY TOWN COUNCILORS AND PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMISSIONERS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
  6. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken) - None
  7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - None
  8. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken by Waiving the Rules)
    - A. Review Statement of Need and General Discussion for Chapman Street Facility
    - B. Review Statement of Need and General Discussion for Animal Shelter
  9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)  
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  10. REMARKS BY TOWN COUNCILORS AND PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMISSIONERS
  11. ADJOURNMENT



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### MEMORANDUM

To: Newington Town Council & Permanent Municipal Building Commission  
From: Jonathan Altshul, Town Manager  
Lauren Rhines, Assistant Town Manager  
Date: February 6, 2026  
Re: Special Joint Meeting between Town Council and Permanent Municipal Building Commission (PMBC)

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Proposing Body: Newington Police Department

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