

Newtown Borough Council Meeting Agenda

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June 17, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Chancellor Center - Newtown PA

PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES DURING MEETING

Visitors are given the opportunity to speak at the beginning and at the end of each Council Meeting, as well as prior to a vote on any action by Council. Per Borough policy POL-004, adopted 9/9/2020, a member of the public wishing to address the Council should:

- For the record, state your name and whether you are a Newtown Borough resident
- Address your comments to the Presiding Officer
- Limit your comments to five (5) minutes
- Demonstrate mutual respect and decorum - your comments are part of the public record
- Be advised that all meetings are recorded

Call to Order ____ P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public to be Heard – Please Sign In

Presentation

- Borough Cultural District Proposal - Ashara Shapiro

Certificates of Appropriateness – Kris Bauman

- Follow the recommendations of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct the President of Council to sign the following Certificates of Appropriateness, thereby approving the historical appropriateness of the applications, with final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

COA 2025-047, 110 N. Lincoln Avenue—Alterations to the garage, Applicant: Benjamin Phillips

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for changes to the garage including raising the roof and adding dormers.

HARB recommended approving the revised drawings.

COA 2026-019, 130 S. State Street—Demolition of a barn, Applicant: Robert Amend

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of a barn at rear of property.

HARB recommended concurring with the Newtown Joint Historic Commission decision and approving the application.

COA 2026-021, 202 S. Chancellor Street —Windows, Applicant: Renewal by Andersen

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of vinyl for new fibrex sash to match the existing light patterns.

HARB recommended approving the application as submitted stating that the windows are a replacement in-kind and that because of the age of the house and the fact that it is a non-contributing building to the district, vinyl windows are being approved.

COA 2026-022, 304 Edgeboro Drive—Reroofing, Applicant: D. Scott Miller

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement in-kind of asphalt roofing on the house, garage and shed.

HARB recommended approving the application for Timberline roofing for the house, garage and shed.

COA 2026-023, 107 Mercer Street—Alterations, Applicant: Jenny Current

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the restoration of windows, the replacement of fencing and backyard improvements.

It was noted that HARB does not review landscape improvements.

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

COA 2026-025, 152 N. State Street—Addition, Applicant: Joel Petty

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of an addition to the rear of this twin.

HARB recommended to approve the application noting the new addition will be clad in 6" Hardie board siding, smooth finish. The windows in the additions will be aluminum clad 2-over-2 Andersen, E series, not the 400 series proposed, and will have the appropriate 5/4x 4 trim with a 2" architectural sill. The new door will be wood, as proposed. Within the existing house, the new windows will be wood, 2-over-2.

COA 2026-026, 34 Liberty Street—Alterations, Applicant: Joel Petty

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for window and door changes.

HARB recommended approving the application with the following changes: the new windows will be wood and the return of roof on the one-story section will be removed.

- Follow the recommendations of the Historic Architectural Review Board and deny the following Certificates of Appropriateness.

COA 2026-017, 111 Mercer Street—Porch floor replacement, Applicant: Patricia Pugh

The applicant seeks a 1-year waiver to fix improperly installed porch floor. A discussion occurred about the role HARB can play in allowing a waiver, it was determined that this is the role of Borough Council.

HARB recommended denying the application with the recommendation to install tongue and groove mahogany flooring.

COA 2026-018, 33 S. State Street—Siding and fence, Applicant: Daniel Tang

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of new siding over existing stucco and the replacement of an existing fence.

HARB recommended denying the application as vinyl fencing is not appropriate for the historic district and with the recommendation that the stucco should be repaired rather than covered with new siding.

Police Report – Chief Sabath

Mayor’s Report – Tara Grunde-McLaughlin

- Make a conditional offer of employment to Dominick Parker as a part-time Non-Civil Service Police Officer with the condition that he can be certified as a police officer through MPOETC. Dominick Parker is a resident of Montgomery County. He attended Lock Haven University and is a graduate of the Montgomery County Police Academy in 2024. He currently is employed by the County of Bucks in the Emergency Services Department.

Special Event Requests:

- Approve the Newtown Holiday Parade, sponsored by the Newtown Business Association along a specified parade route, on Sunday, December 6th, 12:30-4:00pm. No rain date.
- Approve Music on State Street, sponsored by the Opus Outreach Foundation, on Thursday evenings July 9th through September 3rd, in front of 16 S. State Street, 6:00-7:30pm. No rain dates.
- Approve Market Day, sponsored by the Newtown Historic Association on Saturday, October 3rd, 8:00am-4:00pm; additional mobile food vendors are permitted. Rain date is October 4th.
- Approve the Breast Cancer Fundraiser, sponsored by Main Street, on State Street between Washington and Centre Avenues, Thursday, October 15th, 6:00-9:00pm. No rain date.

Special Event Reminders:

- Movie in the Park, *School of Rock*, sponsored by the Recreation Board at Linton Memorial Park this evening.
- Passeggiata, *Traditional Italian Evening Stroll*, sponsored by the Newtown Experience Group, on Thursday, June 18th, 6:30-8:00pm.
- 2026 Pennsylvania Garden Party, hosted by the Countryside Gardeners Club, on Saturdays, June 20th and 27th, 9:30am-4:00pm.

Solicitor's Report – Greg Heleniak

President's Report – Emily Heinz

Grant Updates:

- Adopt Resolution 6-17-2026, authorizing the Council President to serve as signatory for the Brian S. Gregg Park Grant.

Topics Advanced from previous meetings:

- Approve the alternate stone material for the 239 Court Street retaining wall cap, as presented.
- Extend the current lease agreement with the NFA through December 31, 2026.
- Hire Thomas Comitta & Associates, Inc., to provide planning consultation services to the Borough for fees and expenses not to exceed \$20,000.

Approval of Minutes

- Approve May 6, 2026 Work Session minutes.
- Approve May 20, 2026 Council Meeting minutes.

Budget & Finance – Emily Heinz, Gail Foley, & Julia Woldorf

- Accept, subject to audit, the Consolidated Expenditure Report for the month of May totaling \$312,366.46.

Old Business

Announcements

Public to be Heard

Motion to Adjourn