

April, May, June public file 2023, issues list

April 2023

Tuesday, April 4 Councilman Bryan Thompson

Issue; use of American rescue funds, city hall job openings, homeless in Woonsocket

Wednesday, April 5 Mayor lisa baldelli-hunt

Issues: Cass Park athletic complex, purchase of property by the city, sale of property by the city, restoration of the hospital trust building on Main Street.

Tuesday, April 11, valley breeze newspaper editor Ethan Shorey

Issues: challenges of journalism and right to free speech. Current issues in the towns of Cumberland, Lincoln, Woonsocket, North Smithfield and Pawtucket.

Tuesday, April 18, council vice president Valerie Gonzalez

Issues: the introduction of the dignity bus for the homeless, funding for the senior center, waste water treatment plant repair project

Wednesday, April 19, Mayor lisa baldelli-hunt

Issues: odors from the Synagro treatment plant, use of American rescue funds and what to do when they run out and the need for a grant writer and small business coordinator for the city of Woonsocket

Tuesday, April 25, insurance public adjuster Vern Rainville

Issue: what to do when your homeowners insurance policy does not properly cover damage to your house and what you can do to get a fair settlement.

Wednesday, April 26, former councilmember Jim Cournoyer

Issues: timely delivery of the cities audit, the cast Pok issue with gravel removal and tree removal and monthly reports from city directors to the council explaining what they are doing in their departments.

May 2023

Monday, May 1, state representative Brian Newberry

Issues: affordable housing in Rhode Island, gun legislation in the General assembly, the rebuilding of Route 146 and legislation concerning pensions for firefighters with disabilities due to PTS.

Tuesday, May 2, council president Christopher Beauchamp

Issues: explaining why you have to apply for a home exemption in Woonsocket, why there are some more so many openings in city hall positions in the need for a supervisor at the wastewater treatment plant

Wednesday, May 3 state representative Michael Chippendale

Issues: The need to protect woodlands in rural areas from development, balancing the Rhode Island State budget, landlord tenant reform legislation in the General assembly.

Monday, May 8, Rhode Island general assembly press secretary Larry Berman
Issues: the balance of progressive and conservative legislators and their bills introduced in the general assembly, challenges of leadership in the Senate and the house of representatives and the number of candidates running for the first congressional district office. Gun Control legislation

Tuesday, May 9, Woonsocket state representative Stephen Casey
Issues: state aid to education for Woonsocket, what to do when the American rescue funds run out, balancing the Rhode Island State budget and the relationship between the Attorney General and the governor.

Tuesday, May 16, Woonsocket city Council member Garrett Mancieri
Issues: orders from the Synagro plant, purchase of land for public safety complex.

Wednesday, May 17, Woonsocket Public Works Director Steven D'Agostino
Issues: repairs to sewer plant, replacement of public works equipment, liaison for treatment plant supervision, update of gravel removal and sale of gravel at Cass Park and accompanying public debate on the project.

Tuesday, May 23, Woonsocket Museum of work and culture exhibit Director Deborah Kreiger
Issue: opening of exhibitions on Woonsocket Jewish history at Museum.

Wednesday, May 24, school committee chairman Paul Bourget and school superintendent Dr. Patrick McGee
Issues: new school building plans and public controversy, school graduation rates and performance, homeless children in public schools and psychological challenges they face.

Wednesday, May 31, State senator Roger Picard
Issues: building a state budget, American Rescue funding ending, creating affordable housing for the shortage of units

June 2023

Tuesday, June 6, Woonsocket city Council member SCOTT MCGEE
Issues: high rents,

Wednesday, June 7, Woonsocket Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt
Issues: Noise and speeding in the city, pros and cons of the dignity bus, Finding a location for the public safety complex, fixing the waste water treatment plant problems.

Tuesday, June 13, Rhode Island administrator of the department of motor vehicles, Bud Craddock
Issues: Licenses for illegal immigrants, introduction of new license plates, what you can and cannot do online at the Registry of motor vehicles.

Wednesday, June 14, town of Blackstone selectmen Daniel Keefe
Issues: finding a permanent town administrator, finding a tenant for the Park 'n shop supermarket building and keeping the tax rate stable in Blackstone.

Thursday, June 15, RI historian Kevin Padula
Issues: Rhode Island history podcast on Roger Williams in the founding of the state of Rhode Island

along with his relationship with First Nations Indians

Tuesday, June 20, Woonsocket mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt

Issues: finding competent employees to fill City Hall low-paying jobs, progress on developing the abandoned middle school property into apartments and retail, Successful city audit showing a surplus.

Wednesday, June 21, councilmember David Soucy

Issues: support of the building of two new schools in the city, support of the use of American rescue funds for nonprofits which helped the city and support for small businesses with loans to improve their fiscal health.

Thursday, June 21, candidate for Congress Stephen Casey

Issues: protect Social Security, find help for veterans and seniors and bringing federal money to Woonsocket. Domestic violence.

Friday, June 22, Woonsocket Director of planning and development, Michael Debrosse

Issues: developing a food hub in the city, explaining the zoning board and planning board functions and helping developers interested in city projects get their projects with a minimum of red tape. Economic development in Woonsocket.

Tuesday, June 27, Rhode Island State representative Robert Phillips

Issue: trying to reduce the state budget in fiscal 2020 to 2023 when Covid funds run out, controversy around legislation for pensions for firefighters on disability, state aid to cities and towns.

Wednesday, June 28, candidate for Congress Gabe Amo

Issues: protecting transgender rights, Protecting reproductive rights, Standing up to Republicans who are trying to cut Social Security. Gun Control legislation. Adapt to climate change. Health care legislation.