SMITHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

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MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

THURSDAY, March 19, 2026 – 6:00pm

1	**EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND HEALTH NOTIFICATION**	
2	**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**	
2.1	Discuss and approve the February 19, 2026 meeting minutes pertaining to the **executive session** meeting held pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5 (a) (2); Potential Litigation to be approved as recorded and sealed	**VOTE TAKEN**
2.2	Discuss and approve the, February 19, 2026 **open session** meeting minutes as recorded	**VOTE TAKEN**
3	**OLD BUSINESS**	
	No Old Business	
4	**NEW BUSINESS**	
4-1	**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE** To discuss, consider, and make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding this ordinance is to amend the Smithfield Zoning Ordinance to address the emergence of Data Centers as a distinct land use with infrastructure demands and operational characteristics that are not presently evaluated or regulated under the Town's zoning framework. The ordinance adds a definition of "Data Center" to Article 2 (Definitions) to clearly identify and distinguish this use from traditional office, warehouse, or industrial facilities, and amends Article 4, §4.3 (Table of Uses) to list Data Centers as Not Permitted (N) in all zoning districts.	**VOTE TAKEN**

	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN	
5	Discussion and possible vote to set the **'Community Values'** Workshop and to authorize staff to post required public notice and agenda for a workshop to be **tentatively** held at **6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 30, with alternative dates as follows: Monday June 15, Wednesday June 24, Friday June 26 and Monday June 29, 2026, at the East Smithfield Neighborhood Center, 7 Esmond Street, Smithfield, RI.**	**VOTE TAKEN**
6	**PUBLIC COMMENT**	**NO VOTE TAKEN**
7	**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**	**NO VOTE TAKEN**
8	**ADJOURNMENT**	**VOTE TAKEN**

AGENDA POSTED:

NOTE: **This meeting may be viewed live stream on the Town of Smithfield You Tube channel at https://www.youtube.com/@townofsmithfieldri/live.** The Planning Board will hear no further agenda items after 10:00 PM, at the Planning Board's discretion. All items not covered on the agenda will be placed in the same order on the next Planning Board Agenda. The public is welcome to any meeting of the Planning Board. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation is needed, please contact the Smithfield Town Manager's office at 401-233-1010 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.