



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, August 20, 2026, 5 pm

City Hall Conference Room A

1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth NH

For the Zoom recording: <https://youtu.be/3glptybVgGk>

MINUTES

Attending: Councilor Rich Blalock, chair; Robert Conard, Mary Carey Foley, Robert Sullivan, Christine Friese. Excused: Stephanie Seacord, Ben Van Camp

Approval of July 16, 2026 meeting minutes postponed

Discussion of Special Reserve Fund donor letter. Committee agreed that simpler will be fine and work with Finance concerns.

Agreement to endorse the Japan America Society CIP proposal concerning cherry trees from Nichinan and to invite Arborist Max Wiater to answer some questions.

Portsmouth Peace Treaty Bellringing Saturday, September 5 – Stephanie and Christine will attend

Visit from our new PHS Principal Chris Tebo who learned more about the committee. He is looking forward to the visit from Santarcangelo high school students and has been made aware of the planned reception at the library October 10.

Adjourned at 5:49

Next meeting: Thursday October