

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH NH

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Sister Cities

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 4 pm

Portsmouth Public Library, MacLeod Room

MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Councilor Rich Blalock, Christine Friese, Mary Carey Foley, Bob Sullivan, Stephanie Seacord

1. Sister City Visits: The Committee reviewed plans for the visits by three Sister City delegations, for which Councilor Blalock will present a verbal report to the City Council on October 6.
 - Santarcangelo, October 9 at 4 pm, Portsmouth Room and Chambers: gift presentation to Santarcangelo students with Mayor/Assistant Mayor/ City Manager, Sister Cities Committee, City Council members. Host families providing pizza from DeStefano's. City Manager funding beverages, for 50-60 people. Kristen is presenting a slide show of the PHS visit. Committee asking Joanna Diemer to extend an invitation to the City Council and Donna/Manny Garganta.
 - Carrickfergus/East Antrim, October 10 at 11:30 am, Mayor's office and CM conference room: Alan Magee & his wife with Mayor, Assistant Mayor, Mary Cary Foley, Bob Sullivan, Sean Mahoney (who knew Alan's father) and committee members. Lunch at BRGR Bar.
 - Nichinan, October 14 at 2 pm Portsmouth High School Auditorium. Gift presentation to Nichinan students with Mayor, Assistant Mayor, Council members. Followed by Assembly.
2. Sister Cities Fund – Bob is working with the Legal Department (estimated 3 hours of time assigned) to convert the draft trust document into a donor letter with criteria for expending the funds. Small amounts at the discretion of the City Manager. Larger amounts would be reviewed by the City Council on her recommendation.
3. Public Comment – none.