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Richmond Town Council Goes Paperless Town Council now using Tablets instead of wasting paper

At its first meeting in December most members of the Richmond Town Council sported a new look. Rather than piles of paper scattered on the desk in front of them only a small Tablet was visible! While Tuesday night marked the second meeting that Microsoft Tablets were used at a town council meeting, the meeting was the very first that the entire council used a Tablet to scroll through docket items. The move strikes a new chord in the council's use of technology to increase efficiency in town government.

Paper packets that have been printed for decades have been ditched for a more environmentally efficient way to conduct council meetings. "Instead of flipping through page after page of agenda items, we simply scroll through the docket and click on the item to see it electronically displayed on our Tablets. It is simpler and more cost effective," says Councilman Peter J. Fangiullo, who also serves on Richmond's IT Advisory Committee.

The switch to Tablets also makes it easier to prepare the meeting agenda. "Because my office doesn't have to print reams of paper for meetings anymore, we are able to use our time more efficiently", added Town Clerk Tracy Nelson. "Copying, collating and packaging council dockets have now become an obsolete practice enabling us to move forward," she added.

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