

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA NOTES
August 3, 2023; 7:00 PM

Public comment period

Item No. 1: To hear the reports of the Council Chair, committees, delegates, liaisons, and the Town Manager.

Item No. 2: To consider issuance of a full-time malt spirituous and vinous liquor license to the Garrison.

This is a routine annual renewal for Garrison, located in Sparhawk Mill on Bridge Street. No adverse comments or concerns are offered.

Item No. 3: To consider an amendment to Chapter 602 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Traffic Ordinance) regarding parking on Patty Lane.

Plans for Latchstring Park improvements will proceed for permitting review and then construction (2024). Part of the design would move on-site parking to perpendicular on-street parking along Patty Lane. The Traffic (Parking) Ordinance needs to be amended to permit perpendicular parking in that location.

Item No. 4: To consider the recommendations of the Planning Board regarding amendments to Yarmouth land use ordinances in response to “LD 2003” or any alternatives thereto.

Erin Zwirko, Director of Planning and Development, will provide the Council an overview and some additional details of the recommendations and options available to Town for compliance with the new State law which requires changes in our land use ordinances. The Planning Board’s recommendations are generally limited to recommendations to meet minimum standards of the law; and alternatives to take additional policy steps to promote affordable housing opportunities will be identified and discussed.

Item No. 5: To consider a recommendation of the Planning Board regarding a proposed Zoning Map amendment at Map 31 Lot 36 (Libby)

The Town Council held a public hearing on July 25 and directed that the matter of this Zoning District amendment be further discussed in August with a hope to schedule a vote for August 24.

Item No. 6 To consider an amendment to Chapter 312 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Public Property Licensing Ordinance) regarding Block Parties and other events that require the temporary closing of Town Roads or use of Town property.

In response to a request for a neighborhood block party that would temporarily close a public way, town staff has drafted amendments to the Public Property Licensing Ordinance to authorize such closures and to delegate authority to approve such

closures. Those Ordinance changes will be introduced. A public hearing and vote on August 24 is possible.

Item No. 7: To consider an amendment to Chapter 201 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Administrative Code) regarding the Complete Streets Advisory Committee

In 2015 the Town Council adopted a Complete Streets Policy and established a Complete Streets Advisory Committee and amended the Comprehensive Plan to include that Policy. This item proposes to codify the Complete Streets Advisory Committee in the Administrative Code as a “housekeeping” measure.

Item No. 8: To consider an appropriation from the Property Acquisition Reserve for survey work at Sunset Point.

The Town is interested in determining what public rights may exist or be established in an access ramp to Casco Bay from Sunset Point Road, and a survey is needed to help establish the facts and historical record. A request to authorize funding from the Property Acquisition Reserve Fund will be made and may be voted on August 24.

Item No. 9: To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

Item No. 10: To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.