

**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA BACKGROUND**  
**FOLLOWING A SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 24 DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSAL**  
**APRIL 6, 2023; 7:00 PM**

**American Legion Log Cabin 196 Main Street, Yarmouth**

**To access the meeting remotely, log in with your computer, tablet, and  
Smartphone:**

<https://meet.goto.com/YarmouthTownMeetingRoom/tcws>

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**Access Code: 627-651-157**

**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 Royal River Grillhouse.

**Item No. 3:** To consider establishment of Shellfish Harvesting licenses for 2023 and schedule a public hearing thereon.

**Background:** Every year, the Town Council has to formally authorize the number of shellfish harvesting licenses for the upcoming fiscal year. It then has to be approved by the Maine Department of Marine Resources. This year, the Shellfish Committee has recommended that the Town approve the same number of licenses as the previous year. That includes:

Resident Commercial Licenses: Up to 4

Non-Resident Commercial Licenses: Up to 1

Resident Recreational Licenses: Up to 50

Non-Resident Recreational Licenses: Up to 5

Resident Senior Licenses: 100

Non-Resident Senior Licenses: 25

3- Day Recreational Licenses: Up to 20 per calendar month.

**At This Workshop:**

**Item No. 4:** To receive the Annual Report of the Trust Fund Advisory Committee and schedule action thereon.

**Background:** Each year, the Trust Fund Advisory Committee develops an annual report on the Town's Trust Funds and presents it to Council. This will be the presentation of the 2022 report.

**At This Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 5:** To consider establishment of a residential heat pump incentive program as recommended by the Committee on Energy Efficiency and Sustainability and an appropriation of funds thereto.

**Background:** The Committee (CEES), is proposing a grant program to encourage more homeowners in Yarmouth to convert from traditional fossil-fuel sourced heating systems to heat pumps. CEES is proposing the establishment of a \$40,000 town fund to provide income-qualified Yarmouth residents with grants, not to exceed \$2,000 per household, to acquire heat pumps. CEES recommends that the Yarmouth program participants be approved for Efficiency Maine's low-income heat pump rebate of \$2,000 before they apply, so that the funds would reach the neediest households first. In addition to financial qualifications, applicants would need to provide proof of Yarmouth residence and ownership. Future rebates and benefits that could be available to renters as well as owners would require proof of residence at a minimum.

**At This Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 6:** To consider an appropriation from the Housing Assistance fund to support the Safe in Maine Housing project.

**Background:** The Affordable Housing Committee recommended an appropriation from the Affordable Housing Reserve of \$20,000 to the Center for Regional Prosperity (an instrument of Greater Portland Council of Governments, or GPCOG) to develop temporary transitional housing (likely in the City of Portland).

**At This Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 7:** To consider a Resolution declaring June as Pride Month.

**Background:** Town Councilor Heather Abbott has proposed a resolution recognizing and proclaiming the first weekend in June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Questioning/Queer, Asexual "Yarmouth Pride"

throughout the Town, to underscore the Town's commitment to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for LGBTIQ+ people in our diverse community. Celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support an advocacy for the LGBTIQ+ community and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights.

**At This Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 8:** To consider a recommendation of the Planning Board regarding a proposed Zoning Map amendment at Map 31 Lot 36 (Libby)

**Background:** Property owner Ed Libby has requested a zoning change of a 5-acre property from Medium Density Residential (MDR) to CD4 Village Center. The Planning Board has found in a vote of 4-2 that the plan is in conformance with the Yarmouth Comprehensive Plan, and recommends that the Town Council adopt the proposed zone amendment. The property has access to Portland St. between 342 Portland St. and 370 Portland St., and is located between Brentwood Center for Health and Rehabilitation and the MaineDOT railroad right of way.

**At This Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 9:** To hold an Executive Session