

**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA
AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2020
7:00 PM AT THE LOG CABIN 196 MAIN STREET, YARMOUTH**

1st Order of Business: To open the meeting to a 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 and Special Amusement permit to Black Tie.

Item No. 3: To consider approval of the 2020 Clam Festival Permit for the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce.

Item No. 4: To consider the recommendations of the Shellfish Conservation Commission for issuance of 2020 harvesting licenses.

Background: The Shellfish Conservation Commission has been working with the state Department of Marine Resources to explore establishing a system where applicants could accrue points by engaging in conservation activities like reseeding events, enhancement projects, invasive species management, environmental monitoring remediation, or continuing education. In the event that there would be unfilled commercial harvesting licenses, applicants who have accrued conservation points would be provided preferential treatment in the license issue process. West Bath, Freeport, and Harpswell all have similar systems. This would not impact license renewals.

At This Workshop: Council will determine whether to schedule a vote on this issue.

Item No. 5: To hear a presentation from the Committee of Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES) and to schedule action thereon.

Background: The Committee of Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES) has been exploring potential options for solar power projects.

At This Workshop: A member of the CEES will make a presentation to Council providing an update on their exploratory efforts.

Item No. 6: To consider acceptance of the former Yarmouth Health Council (Medical Loan Closet) assets and mission.

Background: Since 1939, the volunteer-led Health Council has provided a variety of local public health initiatives including flu clinics, well-baby checks, medical loan closet, public health education, and other services. Since 2004, the Health Council has been working with Yarmouth Community Services (YCS), to fulfill requests for the medical loan closet. In 2018 the Health Council voted to dissolve because so many of the services it provides are now available in other places. Now the Health Council wants to formally transfer the medical loan closet assets over to YCS. Volunteer members of the Council will continue to support the initiative.

At This Workshop: Council will decide whether to schedule a vote on this issue.

Item No. 7:

To schedule further consideration of improvements to the Transfer Station and Pay As You Throw (PAYT) implementation.

Background: Last year Council appropriated \$770,000 to make necessary upgrades at the Transfer Station, and implement a PAYT program. Since that time, newer cost estimates for the project have come in higher. Consultants and staff have developed project alternatives that carry lower costs, and address safety concerns.

At This Workshop: Public Works Director Erik Street will update the Council on the consultants' findings. Council will continue to discuss the issue.

Item No. 8:

To consider appointment of Election Clerks and Wardens.

Background: Election Clerks and Wardens who serve at the March Presidential Primary Election must be formally approved by Council.

At This Workshop: Council will determine whether to schedule a vote on the issue.

Item No. 9:

To consider a resolution regarding the maturity schedules for the upcoming bond sales.

Background: Council has been discussing whether to set 20-, 25-, or 30-year maturity schedules for the upcoming bond sales that will finance the School and Public Safety Building projects.

At This Workshop: Council will determine whether to schedule a vote on this issue.

Item No.10: To consider an amendment to the Council Rules regarding Operations Committee meetings.

Background: A councilor has requested that the Operations Committee meetings be televised, and that minutes of those meetings be formally reviewed and approved by Council.

At This Workshop: Council will decide whether to schedule a vote on this issue.

Item No.11: To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

Item No.12: To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.

Note: Regular Meeting will be Feb 27 (not Feb 20)- School Vacation Week