

**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA BACKGROUND
AGENDA FOR JUNE 4, 2020**

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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 licenses to the Garrison and Chopstick.

Item No. 3: To consider issuance of a Trailer Park License renewal to the Red Wagon Trailer Park.

Item No. 4: To consider establishment of a Pesticides Task Force and/or schedule action thereon. (Tabled 5/21/20).

Background: In response to concerns from a group of residents about the use of pesticides, the Town Council is considering the establishment of a task force to examine existing or potential human health and environmental-risks, and to identify and assess and recommend appropriate actions by the Town to address concerns about exposures, and report to Council.

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

Item No. 5: To consider and schedule action on a proposed Fire Department apparatus capital plan and proposed financing authorization.

Background: Chief Robitaille is recommending a plan to finance the purchase of a new tanker/pumper fire truck which would include lease purchase financing, and to solicit a federal grant to replace Engine 81 which is out of service.

At This Workshop: Council will decide whether or not to schedule a vote to authorize the plan and financing.

Item No. 6:

To consider authorizing the Economic Development Advisory Board to establish and oversee the administration of a business loan program for COVID-19 impacted Yarmouth businesses.

Background: The Town's Economic Development staff and Advisory Board have been exploring strategies to assist local businesses that are struggling with the impacts of COVID-19. The Town has already requested revisions to the TIF Charter that would allow it to launch a grant program. The Board is also proposing an emergency microloan program in partnership with Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG). Under such a program, the Town would provide TIF funds for the loans, and GPCOG would handle administration and underwriting. Funds appropriated to this program would be reserved for Yarmouth-based businesses, but could be used to leverage additional funds through GPCOG's other assistance programs.

At This Workshop: Council will discuss whether to schedule a vote on a resolution that would endorse the proposal for an emergency loan program.

Item No. 7:

To hear (or schedule) a report on capital improvements to the Transfer Station (if ready).

Background: Town Staff and the Recycling Committee have been exploring strategies to make needed repairs at the Transfer Station, make traffic patterns safer for all users and staff, and increase recycling rates. The Council has considered several potential ways to reconfigure the Transfer Station to achieve those goals. At the direction of Council, consultant Woodward and Curran has developed conceptual plans that would put all recycling activities on the lower, southern end of Transfer Station property that is now being used for bulky waste disposal.

At This Workshop: Town Staff and representatives from Woodward and Curran will present these rough concepts to Council. Council will discuss whether to schedule a vote on the issue.

Item No. 8:

To consider an amendment to Chapter 306 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Solid Waste Management Ordinance) regarding noise nuisances.

Background: A concern has been raised about the noise caused by trash trucks emptying commercial dumpsters early in the morning. Town Council will discuss the possibility of changing the hours that waste haulers can empty commercial dumpsters in order to reduce noise nuisance. Such a change would require a revision to the Solid Waste Management Ordinance, which currently prohibits waste collection between 10pm and 5am and in designated

commercial and industrial zones on Route 1 between 10pm and 4:30pm.

At This Workshop: Council will discuss whether to pursue any changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance.

Item No. 9:

To consider authorizing votes and/or Emergency Ordinance amendment or adoption to allow and regulate outdoor dining for restaurants and eateries.

Background: Town Staff has received a number of requests from local restaurants for permits to create outdoor dining areas, to help them reopen while complying with the CDC's social distancing guidelines. Town Staff has proposed an order which would allow the Town to expedite permit applications from restaurants for more substantial structural changes to accommodate outdoor dining.

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

Item No. 10:

To consider any actions related to the June 16 Public Hearing on the budget and the June 30 Annual Town Meeting

Background: The Town Charter requires a public hearing and vote on the proposed budget prior to action by the voters.

The Town Council will confirm the schedule for a public hearing on the proposed Town and School budget for Tuesday, June 16.

Current plans are to finalize a budget proposal for approval by the voters of Yarmouth. Details of the voting dates and mechanism are subject to revision based on pending guidance updates and Executive Orders from the Governor.

At This Workshop: Councilors will discuss the 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.