

**TOWN OF YARMOUTH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING BACKGROUND  
AGENDA FOR May 21, 2020  
7:00 PM - VIRTUAL MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Meeting: 18-19/20  
Date: May 21, 2020  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: American Legion Log Cabin (Video Conference)

- 1st Order of Business:** Roll Call of Members  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business:** To approve the minutes of Meeting 16-19/20 and Special Meeting 15-19/20 both held April 16, 2020.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business:** To open the meeting to a public comment period.

**Item No.78:** To hear the reports of the Council Chair, committees, delegates, liaisons and the Town Manager.

**Item No. 79:** To hold a public hearing and act upon issuance of a full-time malt spirituous and vinous liquor licenses and Special Amusements Permit to Brickyard Hollow.

**Item No. 80:** To authorize the Town Manager to execute contracts for Solar PPA as recommended by the Committee on Energy Efficiency and Sustainability.

**Background:** The Town has committed to offsetting the majority of its electrical energy load for municipal and school buildings with solar power, which would result in both cost savings, and non-renewable energy use. To facilitate that, the Town is moving forward with a solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with a developer. Under such an agreement, the Town would contract for solar power generation to offset a major portion of the Town's electrical energy needs. The Town would receive credits for the solar generation fed into the electrical grid at a price per kWh higher than the solar power purchase agreement yielding an annual net savings to the Town of about \$111,000. The Town would pay no up-front fees for installation. The Committee on Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES) has put out a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the initiative, and received and evaluated the proposals.

**At This Meeting:** The Town Council will vote whether or not to award the contract to Revision Energy.

**Item No. 81:** To authorize the Town Manager to execute a Phase I contract for an LED streetlighting conversion project.

**Background:** The Town has been moving forward with a plan to convert the streetlights to LED fixtures, which would be more energy efficient and cost effective. The Town put out Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the project and CEES has evaluated the proposals.

**At This Meeting:** Council will vote whether to contract for Phase I of the project (design and engineering) and to select the Phase I contractor.

**Item No. 82:**

To hold a public hearing and act upon an amendment to the TIF Program to authorize a business grant program(s).

**Background:** To assist local businesses who are struggling with the business impacts of COVID-19, the Town's Economic Development staff and Advisory Board have been exploring the possibility of establishing a grant or loan program, using funds from the TIF Development Fund. Loan programs are already authorized but in order to launch a grant program, the Town would have to amend its current TIF Charter, which would require approval from the state.

**At This Meeting:** Council vote on the issue.

**Item No. 83:**

To hold a public hearing and act upon amendments to Chapter 507 of the Yarmouth Town Code (STAY Ordinance) regarding benefit levels to be paid in 2021.

**Background:** Town Council has expressed an interest in revising the benefit levels to its STAY Ordinance, which offers tax assistance to low-income seniors, for next year (2021). There are several proposed revisions including one option to increase the benefit cap for all residents by 33%.

**At This Meeting:** Council will vote on the issue.

**Item No. 84:**

To act upon the establishment of an Environmental Chemicals Management Advisory Committee (aka a Pesticide Advisory Committee)

**Background:** In response to concerns from a group of residents about the use of pesticides, the Town Council has expressed an interest in establishing a task force to examine existing or potential exposures risks, identify and assess appropriate actions by the Town to address concerns about exposures, and report to Council.

**At This Meeting:** Council will vote on the issue.

**Item No. 85:**

To act upon the report and recommendations of the Fire Chief regarding refurbishment or replacement of fire apparatus.

**Background:** The Fire Chief will report on a plan for the scheduling and replacement of ambulances and fire equipment, which will include refurbishing a fire truck that has been taken out of commission due to a needed repair. The plan would not impact the budget for the current or next fiscal year. It would take significant pressures off the capital reserves, and allow the Town to have full response capacity.

**At This Meeting:** Council will vote on whether to re-authorize and appropriate funds to pay for refurbishment work on Engine 81.

**Item No. 86:**

To act upon the establishment of Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee.

**Background:** The Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee formed on its own years ago as a subcommittee of Parks and Lands Committee. Though the group of resident volunteers has met regularly for years, and collaborated closely with Town staff on a variety of major projects to ensure adequate bike and pedestrian access, it has never been formally established as a resident advisory committee.

**At This Meeting:** Council will vote on the charge of the committee, and whether to recognize the existing membership as members of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee with staggered three-year terms.

**Item No. 87:**

To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.