

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA BACKGROUND
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020
7:00 PM

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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 license to Romeo's Pizza and All-Star Pub

Item No. 3: To hear a report on options for the Transfer Station improvements and PAYT system implementation

Background: Public Works Director Erik Street and a consulting engineer from Woodard and Curran will present a new option for refiguring the Transfer Station and making needed upgrades. Council may also discuss any relevant funding and financing issues, and implementation of Pay as You Throw (PAYT).

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

Item No. 4: To hear a report on COVID-19 Community spread- education and enforcement.

Background: Town Council requested some baseline assessment of the extent to which the public and local businesses are complying with masking and social distancing requirements. A report will be provided based on periodic observational surveys. So far a masking rate of approximately 98% has been observed.

At This Workshop: This is scheduled for reporting purposes only.

Item No. 5: To hear a report on childcare programs relative to the school schedules.

Background: Yarmouth Community Services staff will report on YCS's efforts to provide additional childcare during the upcoming

school year, to accommodate the shortened school schedules.

At This Workshop: This is scheduled for reporting purposes only.

Item No. 6: To consider an appropriation and authorization for LED streetlight conversions and lease-purchase financing (if ready)

Background: The Town is planning to convert its streetlights to more energy- and cost-efficient LED bulbs. The project is being financed by a lease-purchase financing arrangement. The Council will need to formally appropriate funds for and authorize the financing agreement.

At This Workshop: Council will schedule a vote on the issue. Project costs are currently being developed under a Phase I assessment and are not yet established, so this appears on the agenda for scheduling purposes only.

Item No. 7: To consider amendments to the General Assistance Schedules (if ready).

Background: Each year, the state presents the Town with a notice updating schedules for General Assistance, which outlines the maximum levels of assistance that may be provided. The Town needs to formally authorize any amendments to the schedule.

At This Workshop: New schedules have not yet been approved by Maine Department of Health and Human Services. So this appears on the agenda for scheduling purposes only.

Item No. 8: To consider acceptance of Riverfront Drive as a public road.

Background: Riverfront Drive is a new road in a recently-completed Riverfront Woods development off of North Road. Before the Town accepts any new road as a public road, Town staff must inspect the road to ensure that it meets all Town standards.

At This Workshop: This appears for scheduling purposes only.

Item No. 9: To consider the recommendations of the Planning Board regarding a contract zone agreement on Portland Street and to schedule action thereon.

Background: At its August 26 meeting, the Planning Board recommended that the Council approve a request for a Contract Zone Agreement on Portland Street that would allow the resident to subdivide his property in order to build a new smaller home on the existing lot, and sell off the existing larger home and lot.

At This Workshop: This is a first introductory report to Town Council. Council will determine whether to schedule a vote on the issue at an October meeting.

Item No. 10: To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

Item No. 11: To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.