

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 15, 2021

7pm by Teleconference

Voting Meeting/1st Budget Hearing

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1st Order of Business: Roll Call of Members

2nd Order of Business: Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 11-20/21 held March 18, 2021 and Special Meeting 12-20/21 held April 1, 2021.

3rd Order of Business: To open the meeting to a Public comment period.

Item No. 86: To hold a public hearing and act upon the proposed General Fund FY 22 Town and School Budgets in accordance with Article V.2 of the Town Charter and to schedule a Public Hearing for April 29, 2021.

Background: A summary of the proposed budget is as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

General Government	\$3,543,344
Public Safety	\$3,094,990
Public Works	\$2,941,805
Human Services	\$75,650
Public Services	\$1,709,944
Debt Service	\$1,174,145
Capital Reserves	\$1,796,023
County Assessment	\$1,255,794
Education (excluding COVID suppl.)	\$31,256,141
TOTAL	\$47,197,836 (Excluding Special COVID fund)

REVENUES AND BALANCES:

Town	(\$6,332,301)
School	(\$6,909,994)
TOTAL	(\$13,242,295)
Net Property Taxes	\$33,955,541

The Council will also consider including a Supplemental Article on the Town Meeting Warrant to create and fund a Contingency Fund.

The Council will also vote on the Draft Capital Improvement Plan, as approved by the Planning Board on December 9, 2020, as well as the Draft Development Fund Budget, as recommended by the Economic Development Advisory Board on March 5, 2021 and revised on April 6, 2021.

The entire proposed budget, as well as the Capital Improvement Plan and the Draft Development Fund Budget are posted on the Town website at yarmouth.me.us/budget.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on whether to approve these items:

- the Capital Improvement Plan, and the Development (TIF) Fund
- the Town and School Budget, subject to second public hearing on April 29, and approval by voters at the election June 8, 2021.
- A Special Article to be included on the June 8 ballot, which would authorize a Special Reserve Fund and a supplemental appropriation of \$350,000.

Item No. 87: To hear the reports of the Council Chair, committees, delegates, liaisons and the Town Manager.

Item No. 88: To hold a public hearing and act upon issuance of a full-time malt, spirituous and vinous liquor licenses to Day's Crabmeat, Muddy Rudder, Black Tie Inc. and Binga's Wings and a Special Amusement permit to Black Tie Inc.

Item No. 89: To hold a public hearing and act upon amendments to Chapter 701 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Zoning) regarding keeping of domestic chickens.

Background: In January, the Planning Board unanimously accepted and recommended additions to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the Keeping of Domesticated Chickens. This ordinance was proposed by residents in an attempt to provide opportunities to have chickens in areas where chickens are currently prohibited or require a Special Exception from the General Board of Appeals.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 90: To vote to authorize the receipt of a CDBG Corona Relief grant to support the YCS Lunch Crunch (Nutrition) Program.

Background: Background: Since 2015, Yarmouth Community Services and YCAN (Yarmouth Cares About Neighbors), have been operating Lunch Crunch, providing free breakfast and lunch for children aged 2-18 facing food insecurity in the summer at the Yarmouth Pointe Apartments. In 2020, due to COVID-19, Lunch Crunch staff and volunteers delivered meals to their homes using vans from the School Department. With home delivery, Lunch Crunch dramatically broadened its reach. In 2020, Lunch Crunch distributed 12,916 meals, as compared to a previous high of 1,490 in 2018. For the summer of 2021, Lunch Crunch will continue with home deliveries. The Town applied for and was awarded a \$54,800 Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) to support the program, including funds toward purchasing a van to distribute Lunch Crunch

meals. The van may also be used to facilitate other YCS programs. (The balance of the cost to buy a van may be paid for with fundraising, donations, and supplemental Lunch Crunch program funds). Town Council must authorize the Town to enter into a grant agreement.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 91: To authorize a memorandum of understanding with the Sandy Point Road Association regarding road maintenance fees.

Background: Sandy Point Road on Cousins Island is a private road, which is maintained by residents and members of the Sandy Point Road Association. It is the only road where cars can access Camp Soci, where the Town holds some summer camp programs. The Town is working out an agreement with members of the Association in which the Town would share costs for its use of the private road. The agreement would also outline the rights and responsibilities of the Road Association and the Town.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 92: To vote to authorize the LED street light conversion project to proceed and to authorize a lease-purchase financing agreement therefore. (if ready).

Background: The Town has completed phase 1 of the project, which included an assessment, safety audit, design, inspection and obtained bid proposals to replace all the Town's streetlights to LED bulbs. In this second phase of the project, the consultant would solicit and review competitive bids for equipment, and contract with an installer to remove and replace the existing fixtures with new LED fixtures and ancillary equipment and negotiate a maintenance contract. The Town will use lease financing to pay for this next phase of the project. Council needs to authorize the Town to move forward the project and financing.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 93: To vote to authorize acceptance of a proposal regarding the Cell Tower lease revenues sale or take other action relative thereto.

Background: The Town issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) to solicit competitive proposals to "sell" a long-term lease, including the balance of the current lease to US Cellular to generate revenue, that would offset budget challenges in the coming fiscal year. In response to the RFP, the Town received nine offers of up to \$618,688. Now, the Town Council must decide if they want to continue to lease the cell Tower for an annual fee of approximately \$32,000/yr (with 3% annual adjustments) or sell the lease.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 94: To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.