

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA — APRIL 1, 2021

Note this meeting will begin immediately following a 7PM Special Meeting to receive the School Budget Proposal. And to amend a prior Council Order regarding the Federal 206 study effort.)

This meeting will be held by teleconference. For access information go to yarmouth.me.us.

Public Comment

Item No.1: To hear reports.

Item No. 2: To consider issuance of a full-time malt, spirituous and vinous liquor licenses to Day's Crabmeat, Muddy Rudder, Black Tie Inc. and Binga's Wingas and a Special Amusement permits to the Muddy Rudder and Black Tie Inc.

Item No. 3: To receive the report and recommendations of the Planning Board to amend Chapter 701 of the 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. The proposed ordinance is posted on the Town website.

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

Item No. 4: To consider authorization to receive a CDBG Coronavirus Relief grant to support the YCS Lunch Crunch (Nutrition) Program.

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 Workshop: Council will schedule a vote on this issue.

Item No. 5: To consider an agreement 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. Under an agreement proposed by the Association, the Town would pay a one-time catch-up fee of \$8000 to acknowledge 30 years of use of the road, and going forward, would pay annual dues of \$600 to contribute to road maintenance costs, and contribute to reserves. The agreement would also outline the rights and responsibilities of the Road Association and the Town.

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

Item No. 6: To schedule a vote to authorize the LED street light conversion project to proceed and to authorize a lease-purchase financing agreement therefore.

Background: The Town has completed phase 1 of the project, which included assessment, safety audit, design, inspection and obtain 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 Workshop: Council will schedule a vote on the issue.

Item No. 7: To consider authorizations regarding proposals for the Cell Tower lease revenues sale.

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 Workshop: Council will schedule a vote on the issue

Item No. 8: To consider recommendations of the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee to amend Chapter 308 of the Yarmouth (**For Scheduling Purposes Only**)

Background: The Harbor & Waterfront Committee is recommending amendments to current regulations to help manage use of the floats, wharves, and ramps at Madeline Point and designate the dinghy racks at Madeline Point for the use of mooring holders in that mooring field. There have been instances where others have used the racks to store their kayaks and canoes and displacing mooring holders from their racks.

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

Item No. 9: To consider the recommendations of the Planning Board regarding a contract zone agreement at 332 West Elm Street [Smith-Webber]. (For Scheduling Purposes Only).

Background: In February, the Planning Board recommended the approval of a contract zone agreement that would allow the owners of 322 West Elm Street to split their lot in order to age in place.

At This Workshop: Town Council is not planning to discuss this issue or take public comment on it. This is on the agenda for scheduling purposes only. It will be discussed at the May meeting.

Item No. 10: To consider the recommendations of the Planning Board regarding a contract zone agreement at 538 Portland St [Libby]. (For Scheduling Purposes Only).

Background: In February, the Planning Board recommended the approval of a contract zone agreement that would allow the owners of 538 Portland Street to proceed with a development there..

At This Workshop: Town Council is not planning to discuss this issue or take public comment on it. This is on the agenda for scheduling purposes only. It will be discussed at the May meeting.

Item No. 11: To consider other business or Council initiatives as may be introduced.

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