

**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA  
AUGUST 5, 2021 - 7:00 PM  
American Legion Log Cabin,  
196 Main Street in Yarmouth**

The meeting will be held in person.

**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 (and Special Amusement Permit) to Owl and Elm and to Royal River Grill House and a Special Amusements Permit to Royal River Grill House

**Item No. 3:** To consider action on a set of proposed amendments to Chapter 701 (Zoning) as recommended by the Historic Preservation Steering Committee.

**Background:** The proposed preservation ordinance is designed to identify and preserve sites and structures that have historic, cultural, architectural and archeological significance and to preserve the historic character of the Town. The proposed ordinance, which was recommended by the Planning Board in March, would establish three historic districts, as well as a Historic Preservation Committee, which would play an advisory role, rather than a regulatory role. The Steering Committee has presented the proposed ordinance to Council at previous meetings, but the Town Council asked that additional opportunity be provided for public comment, before they decide whether and when to advance the proposal.

**At This Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 4:** To consider a request for a boundary line adjustment on Town land (Sykes/ Camp SOCI).

**Background:** A resident of Sandy Point Road recently discovered through a survey that his home (built by prior owners) is partially built on Town-owned land at Camp SOCI. The resident is asking the Town to sell him enough land to address the issue. The Council asked for some analysis of the zoning and resource protection restrictions that may limit the use of the property, before deciding whether to agree to sell some portion of the Town land to Mr. Sykes, and at what price.

**At This Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 5:** To consider authorization of grant applications for the West Side Trail

**Background:** The West Side Trail is looking to apply to the state's Recreational Trails Program to help build the last mile of the trail, which is located between Hillside and West Elm Streets. A 20% local match will be required in order to get the grant, which the group intends to meet with in-kind and volunteer support, existing YCS cash reserves, and private donations. The grant application requires specific Council action on the record.

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

**Item No. 6:** To hear a report from the Fire-Rescue Chief regarding various ordinance proposals and to consider action thereon. (Alarms, Sprinkler, Life Safety/Fire Codes).

**Background:** Chief Robitaille is proposing an update to the fire sprinkler ordinance that would adopt a modified version of standards from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA Sections 13, 13D, 13R, and 25). This update would require fire sprinkler installation on all new residential and commercial structures. Currently homes are not required to install sprinklers in most cases. Council has asked Chief Robitaille for a presentation on the proposed changes. The Chief is also proposing an update to the standards and requirements for alarm systems (fire, smoke, CO, heat) etc and will present an overview of that initiative. Finally, at the request of the Town Council, the Chief is proposing the adoption of the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) basic life safety and fire codes for buildings. The Chief will outline the scope and implication of that ordinance proposal.

**At This Workshop:** Fire Chief Mike Robitaille will make a presentation about the proposed changes, and Council will discuss.

**Item No. 7:** To hear a report and consider repeal and replacement of the Cable TV Ordinance.

**Background:** The Council is considering a proposed replacement for its Cable TV ordinance, which has been largely unchanged for nearly 40 years. The ordinance was developed through a cooperative consulting contract organized by GPCOG and serving over a dozen communities around Portland. The Ordinance would set the standards by which the continuing franchise agreement might be renewed.

**At This Workshop:** Council will discuss the proposed ordinance.

**Item No. 8:** To hear a report on necessary equipment repairs for the wastewater treatment facility and to consider an appropriation or other actions thereon.

**Background:** There was an equipment failure at the wastewater treatment plant, and Town staff is working on solutions and cost estimates for Council's consideration.

**At This Workshop:** If cost estimates are ready, they will be presented to council for discussion.

**Item No. 9:** To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

**Item No. 10:** To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.