

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DECEMBER 2, 2021 - 7:00 PM

Log Cabin, 196 Main Street in Yarmouth and by remote session

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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 Gather, Otto, AMVETS, and Royal River Grill House.

Item No. 3: To consider approval of the Clam Festival permit for July 15-17, 2022.

Background: Town code requires a permit for any event that uses public grounds and is expected to attract more than 1000 people. The Yarmouth Clam Festival, which was cancelled in 2021 and 2020 due to COVID, is expected to occur this summer, July 15-17, 2022. An application for a permit for the festival has been submitted for Council's consideration.

At This Workshop: Council will discuss the permit and consider scheduling a vote on it for its December 16 meeting.

Item No. 4: To consider an amendment to Chapter 702 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Site Plan Review) regarding appeals and standing.

Background: The Town is considering an amendment that will expand which residents or property owners have standing to file an appeal to a site plan change, or any special exception application. Currently, only nearby property owners are notified of property changes, but only direct abutters are notified of property changes, and are deemed to have standing, or a basis to assert a grievance. Work is in progress to change the Ordinance to provide residents and property owners (and not just direct abutters) with standing to file an appeal from the decision.

At This Workshop: Council will discuss the issue and consider scheduling a public hearing and possible vote on it for its December 16 meeting.

Item No. 5: To consider an amendment to Chapter 702 of the Yarmouth Town Code regarding standards for approval of Accessory Dwelling Units as recommended by the Yarmouth Planning Board.

Background: The Planning Board recommended amendments that would eliminate the requirement that ADUs are served by public sewer and water, bringing Yarmouth's rules in line with surrounding communities. ADUs are currently not allowed for properties not served by public water or sewer. The amendment would lift that bar, provided the

applicant could demonstrate adequate capacity to provide for safe/proper sewage disposal (i.e. a septic system designed and functioning to handle the load) and water supply (i.e. a water and water supply sufficient for the expected demand.) All the remaining list of existing standards would be unchanged.

At This Workshop: Council will discuss the issue and consider scheduling a public hearing and a possible vote on it for its December 16 meeting.

Item No. 6: To consider a work plan and appropriation for conducting a community planning and visioning process as recommended by the Planning Board, and to consider the establishment of a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

Background: The Town's Planning Director has drafted a work plan for a community visioning process that would be a forerunner of a subsequent Comprehensive Plan update. The Planning Board has reviewed and recommended the workplan and flagged for the Council's consideration the idea of also appointing a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, even though such a committee's work would not begin in earnest until the Visioning Process is completed, and Funds are provided to undertake the work and hire professional help, and the Council greenlights starting work on a new or updated Comprehensive Plan.

At This Workshop: Council will discuss the issue and consider scheduling a vote on it for its December 16 meeting.

Item No. 7: To consider adoption of a new Coal Tar Sealants Ordinance banning the sale or use of coal tar-based driveway and parking lot sealants.

Background: The state passed a law that bans the use of Coal Tar sealants, which have chemicals that are known pollutants and carcinogens. The law will take effect in October 2023. Councilor David Craig has proposed an ordinance that will put the ban into effect in the Town of Yarmouth on January 1, 2022 or as soon thereafter as the Council may determine.

At This Workshop: Town engineer Steve Johnson will be available to answer questions from Council and the Council may consider scheduling a public hearing and action on the proposed Ordinance.

Item No. 8: To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

Item No. 9: To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.