

An Operations Committee meeting will be held at 6pm.
Access information for that meeting is the same as the regular Council meeting.

YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
JULY 15, 2021
7:00 PM

To join the meeting: <https://www.gotomeet.me/YarmouthTownMeetingRoom/tc071521>

To dial in by phone: [+1 \(312\) 757-3121](tel:+13127573121)

Access Code: 786-829-349

1st Order of Business: Roll Call of Members

2nd Order of Business: Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 16-20/21 held June 10, 2021.

3rd 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 hold a public hearing and act upon issuance of a full-time malt spirituous and vinous liquor license to “Locally Sauced”.

Item No. 3: To hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution endorsing the creation of the Casco Bay Trail as proposed by the Maine Trails Coalition.

Background: The Casco Bay Trail Alliance is a nonprofit which is advocating to create a 26-mile recreational trail for walkers and cyclists that wends through 13 communities from Portland to Brunswick and Lewiston-Auburn, along an unused St. Lawrence and Atlantic rail corridor, which was acquired by the state in 2010. About 3.3 miles of that corridor go through Yarmouth. The effort is part of a broader Maine Trail Plan that calls for the construction of multiple rail-trail projects over the next decade. The Casco Bay Trail Alliance is asking the Town to express its interest to MaineDOT in establishing a stakeholder advisory committee to look at future uses of the rail corridor including possibly converting the unused corridor to an off-road multi-use trail network.

At This Meeting: Council will consider adopting a resolution that endorses the concept of an MDOT established advisory council for possibly converting unused rail corridors to an off-road multi-use trail network.

Item No. 4: To act upon a report and recommendation of the Committee of Energy Efficiency and Sustainability.

Background: The Committee on Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES) solicited proposals for development of a community solar energy facility on Town-owned or leased land off of Sligo Road. The Committee received one favorable proposal. Before proceeding to due diligence studies, the Committee and developer need to know if the Council wants to proceed.

At This Meeting: Council will discuss the issue and potentially vote on it.

Item No. 5: To hold a public hearing and act upon a proposed policy for remote participation in Town Council Meetings.

Background: At the end of July, the state will require Town Council and other public bodies to return to in-person meetings. The legislation that allowed the Council to hold meetings remotely to guard against COVID-19 will expire. The Council can decide whether it wants to create a policy that allows Councilors and members of the public to participate remotely in the meetings. At the 6pm Operations Committee meeting, the Council will hear from local epidemiologists Sharon MacDonnell and Gib Parrish about safety precautions to consider as it develops this new policy for in-person meetings.

At This Meeting: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 6: To hold a public hearing and act upon an amendment to Chapter 701 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Zoning) regarding keeping of domesticated 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 Council has been debating the issue.

At This Meeting: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 7: To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

Item No. 8: To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.