

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 18, 2021  
7:00 PM  
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**1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business:** Roll Call of Members

**2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business:** Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 5-21/22 held October 21, 2021.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business:** To open the meeting to a Public Comment period.

**Item No. 43:** To hear the reports of the Council Chair, committees, delegates, liaisons, and the Town Manager.

**Item No. 44:** To receive the report of the Pesticides Advisory Task Force and to consider action thereon.

**Background:** The Pesticides Advisory Task Force, a Resident Advisory Committee, has been meeting for the past year to investigate whether there is a need for regulation of chemicals to treat and manage insects and invasive species in Town. Members of the Task Force have prepared reports on their findings.

**At This Meeting:** Members of the Task Force will present their reports to Town Council.

**Item No. 45:** To appropriate funds to support an Open Space Acquisition project (Cousins River Field and Marsh Project).

**Background:** Council has discussed appropriating \$20,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance (ie. "surplus") fund to contribute to the effort to acquire 82 acres on the Cousins River Marsh, which is being led by Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Royal River Conservation Trust, and Freeport Conservation Trust. Conservation of the property would ensure that the shoreline remains undeveloped and accommodates the movement of marsh as sea levels rise. The property provides critical habitat for fish, birds, and other animals, and help protect against storm surge and flooding. The property also offers opportunities for recreation, walking trails and community programming.

**At This Meeting:** Council will vote on the appropriation.

**Item No. 46:** To appropriate funds for improvements to the Town Hall and the AMVETS polling location.

**Background:** The Town spent \$15,411 to replace a ramp and landings at the AMVETS Hall in order to hold the election. In addition, the Town had to spend \$37,000 on mold remediation in the lower level of Town Hall. Council must formally appropriate funds to pay for those expenditures.

**At This Meeting:** Council will vote on the appropriation.

**Item No. 47:** To hold a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance banning the sale and use of certain coal tar driveway and parking area sealants (to be referred for further review).

**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.

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

**Item No. 48:** To hear a Tax Abatement request and act thereon.

**Background:** A former business owner is requesting a tax abatement for the tax years after the business was moved out of town.

**At This Meeting:** Council will vote on the issue.

**Item No. 49:** To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.