

**YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA**  
**SEPT 2, 2021 - 7:00 PM**  
**American Legion Log Cabin, 196 Main Street in Yarmouth**

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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 and Special Amusements Permit to Romeo's Pizza and the All-Star Pub.

**Item No. 3:** To hear and consider action on a report from the Yarmouth Green Voices Society.

**Background:** Yarmouth High School student members of the Green Voices Society plan to make a presentation to Council about the impacts of climate change on the Town and coastal Maine, and request a resolution that would, among other things, establish an emergency Climate Change Task Force.

**At This Workshop:** Members of the Green Voices Society will make a presentation to Council.

**Item No. 4:** To consider a resolution and other actions related to the Old Meeting House and the Village Improvement Society.

**Background:** The Village Improvement Society (VIS) currently operates the Old Meeting House on Hillside Street for the Town. The VIS is in the process of dissolving and distributing its assets. Under a new agreement, the Town will lease the Old Meeting House to the Yarmouth Historical Society, which would continue the same kinds of stewardship and duties as VIS. The Town will retain ownership, as well as responsibilities for upkeep and structural and historic integrity. The VIS plans to set up a fund to help with the costs of maintenance.

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

**Item No. 5:** To consider final authorization for sale of the Yarmouth History Center to the Yarmouth Historical Society.

**Background:** The Historical Society, which has an option to buy its property from the Town, has offered to purchase the property for \$258,000—with the Town retaining access rights for the canoe launch area. If Council votes to proceed, the Historical Society would finance the purchase over three budget years.

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

**Item No. 6:** To consider authorization of fundraising expenses for the Latchstring Park Committee.

**Background:** A group of residents is raising money to make improvements to Latchstring Park. The Committee has asked Council whether it would be acceptable to use some of the funds to market the fundraising effort.

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

**Item No. 7:** To consider recommendations of the Animal Control Officer regarding amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance (Part 1: Excluding recommendations regarding on-leash requirements at Royal River Park)

**Background:** The proposals are largely technical issues that would update definitions and rules to match state law.

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

**Item No. 8:** To consider recommendations of the Animal Control Officer regarding amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance (Part 2: Regarding recommendations for on-leash requirements at Royal River Park)

**Background:** The proposal would require dog in Royal River Park to be on a leash except in the designated area, "Picnic Point."

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

**Item No. 9:** To consider an amendment to the Council Rules (incorporating current policy allowing for remote participation in Council meetings).

**Background:** In July, Council adopted a policy that would allow members of the Council to participate in meetings remotely if they were not able to attend, as well as members of the public. Council intends to incorporate the policy into its Council rules.

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

**Item No. 10:** To consider award of Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs) for FY 22

**Background:** Each year, the Town issues Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs), which is short-term borrowing, or cash flow, as most of the Town's revenue comes in the form of property taxes, which arrive in May and November. Once Council approves the notes, the Treasurer will execute agreements with the bank.

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

**Item No. 11:** To consider a resolution regarding the draw-down of American Rescue Plan Funds.

**Background:** It is expected that the Town will be eligible to draw down about \$856,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Funds over the next few years. There are four eligible

purposes for which the funds can be used. The Town Council will need to determine the best and most appropriate use of those funds.

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

**Item No. 12:** To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

**Item No. 13:** To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.