

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 17, AT 7:00 PM
BY REMOTE SESSION ONLY**

Please note that this meeting will begin immediately following a Special Meeting (Executive Session or 7:00 PM, whichever is the later.

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1st Order of Business: Roll Call of Members

2nd Order of Business: Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 8-21/22 held January 20, 2022, and Special Meeting 9-21/22 held January 27, 2022.

3rd Order of Business: To open the meeting to a Public Comment period.

Item No. 66: To hear the reports of the Council Chair, committees, delegates, liaisons, and the Town Manager.

Item No. 67: To hold a public hearing and act upon adoption of a Hazard Mitigation Plan as developed by the County of Cumberland. ([Link to plan posted here](#)).

Background: Cumberland County has adopted a 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is something that it adopts every five years, and all municipalities within the County also adopt.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 68: To hold a public hearing and act upon a Resolution and amendment to Chapter 201 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Administrative Code) regarding the establishment of a Tree Advisory Committee.

Background: A group of concerned residents has expressed interest in forming a Tree Committee, to advise Town and Staff, and increase the resources the Town spends to protect trees.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 69: To hold a public hearing and act upon an amendment to Chapter 702 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Site Plan Review) regarding standing for appeals.

Background: The Town is considering changing its rules to allow any aggrieved party to appeal the Planning Board's decision on a minor site plan application, not just direct abutters. All appeals must be filed within 30 days of the Planning Board's decision.

At This Meeting: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 70: To hold a public hearing and act upon an amendment to Chapter 702 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Site Plan Review) regarding performance standards for Accessory Dwelling Units.

Background: The Planning Board has recommended changes to the rules regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, which are smaller, independent residential units located in the same structure or on the same lots as single-family homes. The proposed changes eliminate the requirement that each ADU connect to public water and public sewer. Property owners would still need to document that water and sewer systems meet all applicable state and local codes. All other property owners can connect to their ADUs to public water and public sewer if those utilities are available.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 71: To hold a public hearing and act upon adoption of a Resolution entitled: “Resolution Endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Creation of a Climate Action Plan to Restore a Safe Climate”

Background: The Green Voices Society, a group of Yarmouth High School students, is asking Town Council to declare a Climate Emergency, and commit to working toward certain sustainability benchmarks. Representatives from the Green Voices Society have been working with the Town’s Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES) to finalize the resolution for Council’s consideration. The resolution includes a commitment to join the State of Maine’s Community Resilience Partnership.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 72 To authorize an application to the Maine DOT for a demonstration “rail with trail” project from Main St to Cleaves St.

Background:The Town is making an application to the Maine Department of Transportation to approve a demonstration project for construction and maintenance of a rails-with-trails pathway in the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway corridor running from Main Street to Cleaves Street.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 73: To authorize an application to the Cumberland County CDBG office for a grant for building improvements at Bartlett Woods.

Background: Yarmouth Senior Housing, Inc. recently submitted a \$31,000 grant request through Cumberland County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The request includes three life safety improvements, which are: completing a full inspection of electrical outlets in each unit, replacing defective, or loose outlets; replacing each electric stove, some of which are original to the unit, with safe and energy efficient alternatives; and replacing the existing, and dated, smoke detectors with new hardwired combined smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in each unit. The

Town is not responsible for any local match, it must simply endorse the project on Yarmouth Senior Housing's behalf for it to be considered by the county.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 74: To hold a public hearing and act upon an amendment to Chapter 503 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Personnel Policy) regarding recognizing Juneteenth (June 19) as a recognized holiday.

Background: In 2021, the federal government declared June 19 a federal holiday. As such the Town is also acknowledging it as an official holiday. Full-time employees will be entitled to take the Juneteenth holiday.

At This Meeting: Council will vote on the issue.

Item No. 75: To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.