

**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA
FEBRUARY 3, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

By remote session only

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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 adoption of a Hazard Mitigation Plan as developed by the County of Cumberland.

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 Workshop: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 3: To consider 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 Workshop: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 4: To consider 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 eliminates 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 Workshop: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 5: To consider 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 Workshop: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 6: To consider authorizing an application to the Maine DOT for a demonstration rails with trails 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 Workshop: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 7: To consider the establishment of a Tree Committee and/or Emerald Ash Borer Task Force.

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 Workshop: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 8: To consider an amendment to Chapter 503 of the Yarmouth Town Code (Personnel Policy) regarding 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 Workshop: Council will discuss the issue.

Item No. 9: To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

Item No. 10: To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.

