

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 17, AT 7:00 PM

In Person

American Legion Log Cabin

196 Main St.

Yarmouth, ME 04096

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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 10-21/22 held February 17, 2022.

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

**Item No. 76:** To receive the Education Department FY 23 budget proposal and recommendations of the School Committee.

**Background:** The Yarmouth School Committee will present its proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

**At This Meeting:** Council will formally accept the budget for review, and take it under consideration as it deliberates the Town wide budget.

**Item No. 77:** To hear the reports of the Council Chair, committees, delegates, liaisons, and the Town Manager.

**Item No. 78:** To act upon a report and recommendation on an Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan and to appropriate funds therefore.

**Background:** Yarmouth Community Services Karyn MacNeill will present a management plan for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), one of the most serious invasive species threatening ash trees and forests. EAB was first found in Aroostook and York counties in 2018, and in September 2019 it was detected in Cumberland County. This management plan lays the groundwork so that the Town can seek out public and private grants to help implement the plan, and appropriates \$65,000 of Town funds toward the effort.

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

**Item No. 79** To authorize lease purchase financing for a Fire Pumper/Tanker truck.

**Background:** The Fire Department is in need of a new pumper truck, to replace a truck that is in disrepair. In June 2020, the Council authorized a lease financing agreement of up to \$275,000 to pay for the truck. Now that the financing is being finalized, Council has to formally approve the expenditure.

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

**Item No. 80:** To vote to establish Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the Yarmouth Development Corporation and authorize action thereon.

**Background:** The Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) has been working on a proposal to create a Local Development Corporation (LDC), a quasi-municipal nonprofit that would work to spur development, provide financial assistance to local businesses, redevelop commercial property that supports the community's growth, and makes the Town eligible for certain grants. LDCs have been used by 45 other municipalities in Maine, as well as 12 regional cooperatives. Members of EDAB have been working with Town staff to draft bylaws, and incorporate recommendations from the Town Council. Members of the LDC would be appointed by the Town Council. The order calls for the Appointments Committee to submit recommendations to the Town Council by April 21.

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

**Item No. 81:** To hold a public hearing and act upon a revised allocation plan for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

**Background:** The Town Manager has revised a proposal to allocate the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, to replace and repeal an allocation plan first approved in October 2021. The new proposal calls for investments in critical wastewater infrastructure, a replacement ambulance, a radio system for the Public Safety operations, new air quality and other equipment, furnishings and improvements for 20 Mill Street Community Center, hazard pay, plus funding for ongoing testing and vaccine clinics held by the Yarmouth Community Coronavirus Task Force.

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

**Item No. 82:** To hold a public hearing and act upon the recommendations of the Shellfish Conservation Commission for license issues in 2022.

**Background:** Every year, the Town Council has to formally authorize the number of shellfish harvesting licenses for the upcoming fiscal year. It then has to be approved by the Maine Department of Marine Resources. This year, the Shellfish Committee has recommended that the Town approve the same number of licenses as the previous year. That includes:

Resident Commercial Licenses:	Up to 4
Non-Resident Commercial Licenses:	Up to 1
Resident Recreational Licenses:	Up to 50
Non-Resident Recreational Licenses:	Up to 5
Resident Senior Licenses:	100
Non-Resident Senior Licenses:	25
3- Day Recreational Licenses:	Up to 20 per calendar

month.

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

**Item No. 83:** To approve the Annual Report of the Trust Fund Committee for 2021 and to ratify the actions of the Committee.

**Background:** Each year, the Trust Fund Advisory Committee develops an annual report on the Town's Trust Funds and presents it to Council. This will be the presentation of the 2021 report.

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

**Item No. 84:** To hold a public hearing and act upon amendments to the Road Opening permit standards: (Chapter 604 of the Yarmouth Town Code - Right of Way Ordinance Appendix B)

**Background:** Public Works Director Erik Street is proposing minor amendments to the Right of Way ordinance.

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

**Item No. 85:** To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.