

**Yarmouth Town Council Workshop Agenda Background**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2022 - 7:00 PM**  
**REMOTE SESSION**

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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 to Thoroughfare.~~

**Item No. 3:** To consider a report and recommendation on an Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan and to consider appropriation of 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. The proposal also requests \$60,000 to start to respond to the problems with treatments, removals, pruning, and new plantings.

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

**Item No. 4:** To consider approval of 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 Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 5:** To consider 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 Departments, new air filtration and other equipment 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 Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 6:** To schedule a meeting for presentation and discussion with the School Committee on the draft FY 23 Education Department Budget.

**Background:** This item is for scheduling purposes only. The Yarmouth School District will present its proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year at Town Council's March 17 meeting. The School Committee will vote on the proposed school budget on March 10.

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

**Item No. 7:** To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Trust Fund 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 Workshop:** Council will discuss the issue.

**Item No. 8:** To consider amendments to the Road Opening permit standards

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

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

**Item No. 9:** Schedule a vote on allocation on shellfish licenses.

**Background:** Each year, the Town Council must officially approve the allocation of

shellfish licenses.

**At This Workshop:** Council will schedule a vote on the issue.

**Item No. 10:** To consider or schedule other Council initiatives and requests as may be offered or introduced.

**Item No. 11:** To hold an Executive Session, if needed, including consideration of the recommendations of the Appointments Committee.