

AGENDA
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #08-21
HELD REMOTELY USING ZOOM TELECONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
6:30 PM (following the Executive Session at 6 pm)

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FROM: Peter E. Joseph, Town Manager

TO: Council Chair, John Egan, 38 Curtis Road
Council Vice Chair, Tawni Whitney, 56 Baldwin Road
Councilor Chip Lawrence, 93 Hunter Road
Councilor Daniel Piltch, 25 Quarry Lane
Councilor Douglas Reighley, 2 Harbor Ridge Road
Councilor Jake Daniele, 264 Pownal Road
Councilor Edward Bradley, 242 Flying Point Road

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Pledge of Allegiance

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the minutes of Meeting #06-21 held on March 2, 2021 and to accept the minutes as printed.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Announcements (15 minutes)

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Information Exchange (15 minutes)

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Town Manager's Report (15 minutes)

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period – (30 Minutes)
(Non-Agenda Items Only)

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: To take action on the following items of business as read by the Council Chairperson:

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ITEM # 50-21 To consider action relative to adopting the March 16, 2021 Consent Agenda.

BE IT ORDERED: That the March 16, 2021 Consent Agenda be adopted.

(Council Chair Egan) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 51-21 To consider action relative to enactment of proposed Freeport Ordinance Chapter 61: Short-term Residential Rental Registration Ordinance. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: To open the public hearing
MOTION: To close the public hearing

BE IT ORDAINED: That Chapter 61: Short-term Residential Rental Registration Ordinance be enacted.

(Town Manager Peter Joseph)(30 minutes)

ITEM # 52-21 To consider action relative to amendments to Ordinance Chapter 4, Freeport Personnel Policy adding Section 23: Earned Paid Leave, and making various clerical amendments. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: To open the public hearing
MOTION: To close the public hearing

BE IT ORDAINED: That amendments to Chapter 4, Freeport Personnel Policy adding Section 23: Earned Paid Leave, and making various clerical amendments be enacted.

(Town Manager Peter Joseph)(15 minutes)

ITEM # 53-21 To consider action relative to the Freeport Zoning Ordinance regarding the new uses and standards for Solar Energy Generation Systems. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: To open the public hearing
MOTION: To close the public hearing

BE IT ORDAINED: That proposed amendments to the Freeport Zoning Ordinance regarding new uses and standards for Solar Energy Generation Systems be adopted, to include:

1. Addition and amendment of definitions within Section 104 including, but not limited to: “Solar Energy Generation System, Accessory” ; “Solar Farm, Small” ; and “Solar Farm, Large”.

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2. Addition of the use of “Solar Farm, Small” as a permitted use (subject to Site Plan Review) in **the following zoning district sections:**
 - Section 402. Rural Residential District I and Rural Residential District IA;
 - Section 403. Rural Residential District II;
 - Section 405. Medium Density Residential District II;
 - Section 411. Commercial District III;
 - Section 420. Local Business District;
 - Section 421. Industrial District I; and,
 - Section 425. Resource Protection II.
3. Addition of the use of “Solar Farm, Small” and “Solar Farm, Large” as permitted uses (subject to Site Plan Review) in **the following zoning district sections:**
 - Section 406. Medium Density Districts;
 - Section 409. Commercial District I;
 - Section 412. Commercial District IV; and,
 - Section 422. Industrial District II.
4. Addition of new Section 534: Solar Energy Generation Systems.
5. Associated amendments to Section 602: Site Plan Review.

(Town Planner, Caroline Pelletier)(30 minutes)

ITEM # 54-21 To consider action relative to a 2020 Project Canopy Assistance Grant of \$8,000.

BE IT ORDERED: That the 2020 Project Canopy Assistance Grant of \$8,000 awarded to the Town of Freeport by the Project Canopy Assistance Program be accepted by the Town Council.

(Town Planner, Caroline Pelletier)(10 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding consent agreement request submitted by Kirk and Kate Goddard (Council Chair Egan)(15 minutes)
2. Update on Downtown Visioning Project (Vice Chair, Whitney)(10 minutes)
3. Discussion on Cannabis (Council Chair Egan)(30 minutes)
4. Continued discussion regarding Council process for review of Bartol Library proposals (Council Chair Egan)(15 minutes)

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

ITEM # 57-21 To consider action relative to an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) pertaining to the acquisition or disposal of public property / real estate.

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MOTION: That the Town Council enter Executive Session.

MOTION: That the Town Council exit Executive Session.

(30 minutes)

END OF AGENDA (Estimated time of adjournment 10:55 PM)