

AGENDA
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #15-22
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 30 MAIN STREET, FREEPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022
6:00 PM

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FROM: Peter E. Joseph, Town Manager

TO: Councilor Chair Daniel Piltch, 25 Quarry Lane
Council Vice Chair, John Egan, 38 Curtis Road
Councilor Matthew Pillsbury, 36 Todd Brook Rd
Councilor Chip Lawrence, 93 Hunter Road
Councilor Darrel Fournier, 3 Fournier Drive
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 #14-22 held on July 19, 2022 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)

COUNCIL MEETING #15-22
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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: To take action on the following items of business as read by the Council Chairperson:

ITEM # 143-22 To consider action relative to adopting the August 2, 2022 Consent Agenda.

BE IT ORDERED: That the August 2, 2022 Consent Agenda be adopted.

(Council Chair Piltch) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 144-22 To consider action relative to Special Amusement Permit Renewals. PUBLIC HEARING.

BE IT ORDERED: That the following Special Amusement Renewals be approved pending Code Enforcement and Fire Rescue approval.

1. Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Park Street
2. Athena's Cantina, US Route 1, Unit 10
3. Stars & Stripes, 8 Varney Road
4. Harraseeket Inn, 162 Main Street
5. Cadenza, 5 Depot Street
6. Mast Landing Brewing Company, 200 Lower Main Street

(Town Clerk, Christine Wolfe)(10 minutes)

ITEM # 145-22 To consider action relative to setting a public hearing to discuss a new liquor license application for China Rose.

BE IT ORDERED: That a public hearing be set for September 6, 2022 at the Town Council meeting that starts at 6:00 pm. to discuss a new Liquor License application for China Rose, located at 23 Main Street.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That copies be distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Manager's Office and the Freeport Community Library for inspection by citizens during normal business hours and the notice be placed on Freeport's local cable channel 3 and the Town's website.

(Town Clerk, Christine Wolfe)(10 minutes)

ITEM # 146-22 To consider action relative to setting a public hearing to discuss a new liquor license application for Goodfire Brewing Company, LLC.

BE IT ORDERED: That a public hearing be set for September 6, 2022 at the Town Council meeting that starts at 6:00 pm. to discuss a new Liquor License application for Goodfire Brewing Company, LLC, 180 South Freeport Road.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That copies be distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Manager's Office and the Freeport Community Library for inspection by citizens during normal business hours and the notice be placed on Freeport's local cable channel 3 and the Town's website.

(Town Clerk, Christine Wolfe)(10 minutes)

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ITEM # 147-22 To consider action relative to our enrollment in the Community Resilience Partnership.

WHEREAS, the Town of Freeport has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held a community workshop on 6/22/22 which prioritized the following action areas:

- 1) Support a new Sustainability Coordinator and development of a Freeport Climate Action Plan.
- 2) Improve Municipal Operations - Efficiency and Electrification. Provide equipment upgrades and efficiency improvements to priority buildings. Install EV chargers in municipal buildings to support future electrification of the municipal fleet.
- 3) Protect and conserve green space.

WHEREAS, the Town of Freeport experiences flooding, intense storms, drought, high heat emergencies, and other natural hazards and seeks to better prepare for future conditions;

WHEREAS, planning for community and infrastructure resilience will protect people, preserve businesses and the local economy, and reduce the impact and costs of natural disasters;

WHEREAS, investing in energy efficiency and weatherization improvements is proven to lower municipal electricity expenses and make buildings more comfortable for employees and visitors;

WHEREAS, transitioning municipal fleet vehicles to electric vehicles lowers fuel and maintenance costs and reduces the uncertainty of variable fuel prices on municipal budgets;

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Maine is warming 99% faster than other oceans around the world, and ocean acidification and warming ocean temperatures pose a serious economic and cultural risk to Maine maritime industries, heritage, and tourism;

WHEREAS, shifting seasonal temperature and precipitation patterns threaten local natural ecosystems, economic activity such as agriculture, tourism and outdoor recreation, including winter sports and other outdoor activities, and public health due to increased incidence of heat-related illness and tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease;

WHEREAS, the Town of Freeport is prepared to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the resilience of people, infrastructure, and businesses;

WHEREAS, addressing climate change will present economic opportunities for the Town of Freeport as well as opportunities to invest in the public good and cost-saving practices;

WHEREAS, the State of Maine's four-year climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*, seeks to put Maine on a trajectory to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045;

WHEREAS, achieving these emissions and resilience goals will require Maine to act with urgency to slow the causes of climate change and prepare people, communities, and the environment for climate-related impacts to come;

WHEREAS, the Community Resilience Partnership provides grants to municipalities and Tribal Governments for activities that lower energy expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience in alignment with the state's climate action plan and goals;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Freeport commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Freeport designates Caroline Pelletier, Town Planner, to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership.

(Town Planner, Caroline Pelletier)(15 minutes)

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ITEM # 148-22 To consider action relative to a Street Name Changes for South Freeport.

BE IT ORDERED: That the three streets in South Freeport Village listed below be renamed as follows:

1. That Main Street SF renamed to Main Street S
2. That Middle Street SF renamed to Middle Street S
3. That Park Street SF renamed to Park Street S

(Town Manager, Peter Joseph)(5 minutes)

ITEM # 149-22 To consider action relative to a request for the Use of Town Property from Visit Freeport.

BE IT ORDERED: That request for the Use of Town Property from Visit Freeport for the Fall Festival September 30,2022 through October 2, 2022 be approved.

(Town Manager, Peter Joseph)(5 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Conceptual Review of Town Hall Site Amendments (Town Engineer, Adam Bliss)(15 minutes)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM # 150-22 To consider action relative to an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) pertaining to a Real Estate matter.

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 9:00 PM)

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	OUTSTANDING OR UPCOMING ACTION ITEMS	INITIATE D ON	PROPOSED BY	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
#1	Review of Town fee schedule this year	1/4/2022	Councilor Pillsbury	Tasked for 2022
#3	Schedule dates for touring facilities		Chair Piltch	
#6	Set process for how we are going to accept applications for ARPA funding before summer		Chair Piltch	
#7	Determine if our Capital Reserve Budget is properly funded and we have a proper schedule to set our budget priorities		Councilor Fournier	
#9	Explore new fire rescue substation in District 2		Councilors Fournier & Bradley	
#10	Resolve Water Tank Contract		Mr. Joseph	
#11	Sewer district committee work			
#12	Divestment Discussion and Investment policy		Councilor Piltch	
#13	Planning and Codes Permitting policies			
#15	Discuss Readiness Team & Prioritization Team for future initiative	March 2022	Chair Piltch	
#16	Attend RSU Budget meetings- send new Superintendent a letter to work with us on schedule- legislative action	4/19/22	John Egan	