

AGENDA
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #04-24
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 30 MAIN STREET, FREEPORT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024
6:00 PM

ZOOM:

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FROM: Town Manager, Sophia Wilson

TO: Council Chair, John Egan, 38 Curtis Road
Councilor Vice Chair Daniel Piltch, 25 Quarry Lane
Councilor Matthew Pillsbury, 36 Todd Brook Rd
Councilor Chip Lawrence, 93 Hunter Road
Councilor Darrel Fournier, 3 Fournier Drive
Councilor Joanna Benoit, 1038 US Route 1
Councilor Eric C. Smith, 1464 US Route 1

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Pledge of Allegiance

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the minutes of Meeting #03-24 held on February 6, 2024 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 (10 minutes)

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS- PART I: Public Comment Period – (30 Minutes)
(Non-Agenda Items Only for in person attendees)

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

ITEM # 52-24 To consider action relative to adopting the February 27, 2024 Consent Agenda.

BE IT ORDERED: That the February 27, 2024 Consent Agenda be adopted.

(Council Chair Piltch) (5 minutes)

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ITEM # 53-24 To consider action relative to a new Special Amusement Permit. PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair opens the Public Hearing
The Chair closes the Public Hearing

BE IT ORDERED: That a new Special Amusement Permit for the following be accepted:

1. Linda Beans Maine Kitchen & Topside Tavern, 88 Main Street

(Town Clerk, Christine Wolfe) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 54-24 To consider action relative to amendments to Chapter 2, Administrative Code, Section 510.1 through Section 510.4 to designate the Public Works Director as the Head as the of Public Works Department and to allow the Town Manager discretion as to whether to designate the Public Works Director as the Overseer of the Town Solid Waste/Recycling Facility. PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair opens the Public Hearing
The Chair closes the Public Hearing

BE IT ORDAINED: That amendments to Chapter 2, Administrative Code, Section 510. 1 through Section 510.4 to designate the Public Works Director as the Head as the of Public Works Department and to allow the Town Manager discretion as to whether to designate the Public Works Director as the Overseer of the Town Solid Waste/Recycling Facility be approved.

(Town Manager, Sophia Wilson) (10 minutes)

ITEM # 55-24 To consider action relative to a new Liquor License for the Kendall Tavern. PUBLIC HEARING.

The Chair opens the Public Hearing
The Chair closes the Public Hearing

BE IT ORDERED: That a new Liquor License for the Kendall Tavern located at 213 Main Street, Freeport be approved.

(Town Clerk, Christine Wolfe) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 56-24 To consider action relative to setting a public hearing for a new Liquor License for AKI Sushi Tapas Boba located at 10 School Street.

BE IT ORDERED: That a public hearing be set for March 5, 2024 at the Town Council meeting starting at 6 pm in Town Council Chambers, 30 Main Street, Freeport to discuss a new Liquor License for AKI Sushi Tapas Boba located at 10 School Street.

(Town Clerk, Christine Wolfe) (5 minutes)

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ITEM # 57-24 To consider action relative to setting a public hearing to discuss the proposed Capital Program for FY2025.

BE IT ORDERED: That a public hearing be set for April 2, 2024 at the Town Council meeting starting at 6 pm in Town Council Chambers, 30 Main Street, Freeport to discuss to discuss the proposed Capital Program for FY2025.

(Finance Director, Jessica Maloy)(5 minutes)

ITEM # 58-24 To consider action relative to Electrify Everything Program to revert to the initial program guidelines intended by the Freeport Town Council, specifically to limit eligible purchases to Heat Pumps, Hot Water Heat Pumps, Air Sealing, Insulation, Energy Assessments and Weatherization.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Electrify Everything Program revert to the initial program guidelines intended by the Freeport Town Council, specifically to limit eligible purchases to Heat Pumps, Hot Water Heat Pumps, Air Sealing, Insulation, Energy Assessments and Weatherization.

(Chair Egan)(10 minutes)

ITEM # 59-24 To consider action relative to a Use of Town Property request.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Town Manager is authorized to work with Councilor Fournier to unearh and replace a time capsule located near the Civil War Monument.

(Councilor Fournier) (10 minutes)

ITEM # 60-24 To consider action relative to the appointment of Earl Gibson as the Public Works Director.

BE IT ORDERED: That the appointment of Earl Gibson as the Public Works Director be approved.

(Town Manager, Sophie Wilson) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 61-24 To consider action relative to the adoption of a Revised Tax Acquired Property Policy.

BE IT ORDERED: That the adoption of a Revised Tax Acquired Property Policy be approved.

(Town Manager, Sophie Wilson) (10 minutes)

ITEM # 62-24 To consider action relative to providing funds from the American Rescue Act (ARPA) Funds for transportation projects to support Visit Freeport's June and October pilot shuttle service.

BE IT ORDERED: That funds from the American Rescue Act (ARPA) Funds for transportation projects to support Visit Freeport's June and October pilot shuttle service be approved.

(Town Manager, Sophie Wilson) (5 minutes)

TABLED: *This item will be taken up for consideration tonight.*

Motion to remove item # 23-24 from tabled status

ITEM # 23-24

To consider action relative to the appointments to the 22 Main Street Advisory Committee.

BE IT ORDERED: That the following residents be appointed to the 22 Main Street Advisory Committee.

District 1: Kathleen Meade

District 2: Susan Nourse

District 3: Andrew Arsenault

District 4: Benjamin Gray

Business Representatives (1):

Town Councilors (2): Matthew Pillsbury & Henry Lawrence

(Chair Egan)(10 minutes)

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS PART II: Public Comment Period – (30 Minutes)
(Non-Agenda Items Only for attendees on Zoom)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Public Safety Building Planning (Town Manager, Sophie Wilson)(10 minutes)
2. Discussion regarding reducing building height restrictions in the Village District. (Chair Egan)(10 minutes)
3. Discussion regarding 5-year Capital Budget (Town Manager, Sophia Wilson and Finance Director, Jessica Maloy)(30 minutes)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM # 63-24

To consider action relative to an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) pertaining to the use and lease of 55 Main Street.

MOTION: That the Town Council enter Executive Session.

MOTION: That the Town Council exit Executive Session. (10 minutes)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM # 64-24 To consider action relative to an Executive Session pursuant to 1
M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) pertaining to Town Manager Performance
Goal setting.

MOTION: That the Town Council enter Executive Session.

MOTION: That the Town Council exit Executive Session. (15 minutes)

END OF AGENDA (Estimated time of adjournment 9:50 PM)