



TOWN OF FREEPORT

Town Council Meeting #05-24

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Beginning at 6:00 PM

Town Council Chamber, 30 Main Street, Freeport, Maine

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86867322293>

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FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Pledge of Allegiance

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the minutes of Meeting #05-24 held on March 5, 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 (15 minutes)

- Vietnam Veteran's Remembrance Day

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period – (15 Minutes)
(Non-Agenda Items Only-for in person attendees)

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

ITEM # 76-24 To consider action relative to adopting the March 19, 2024, Consent Agenda.
BE IT ORDERED: That the March 19, 2024, Consent Agenda be adopted.
(Council Chair Egan) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 77-24 To consider action relative to amendments to Chapter 48, Parking and Traffic Ordinance, Section 48-308 South Freeport and Town Wharf to allow the one Harbormaster parking spot to be located at the discretion of the Police Chief.
PUBLIC HEARING.

The Chair opens the Public Hearing
The Chair closed the Public Hearing

BE IT ORDAINED: That amendments to Chapter 48, Parking and Traffic Ordinance, Section 48-308 South Freeport and Town Wharf to allow the one Harbormaster parking spot to be located at the discretion of the Police Chief be approved.

(Police Chief, Nate Goodman) (10 Minutes)

COUNCIL MEETING #03-24
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ITEM # 78-24

To consider action relative to an Affordable Housing TIF and Credit Enhancement Agreement for Wildewood Acres. PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair opens the Public Hearing
The Chair closed the Public Hearing

BE IT ORDERED: That an Affordable Housing TIF and Credit Enhancement Agreement for Wildewood Acres be approved.

(FEDC Executive Director, Brett Richardson) (20 minutes)

ITEM # 79-24

To consider action relative to setting a Public Hearing for April 2, 2024, to discuss proposed amendments to Section 501. Temporary Activity and Section 526.A Food Trucks of the Freeport Zoning Ordinance to increase the number of food trucks allowed as an Accessory Use to up to six (6) food trucks for a maximum period of six (6) months contingent on securing a Temporary Activity Permit.

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be set for April 2, 2024, at the Town Council meeting starting at 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 30 Main Street, Freeport to discuss proposed amendments to Section 501. Temporary Activity and Section 526.A Food Trucks of the Freeport Zoning Ordinance to increase the number of food trucks allowed as an Accessory Use to up to six (6) food trucks for a maximum period of six (6) months contingent on securing a Temporary Activity Permit.

(Assistant Planner, Cecilia Smith) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 80-24

To consider action relative to setting a Public Hearing for April 2, 2024, to discuss proposed adoption of a Property Tax Assistance Program (New - Chapter 67 of the Freeport Ordinances and Codes) to provide limited property tax and rental rebates to seniors living in Freeport.

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be set for April 2, 2024, at the Town Council meeting starting at 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 30 Main Street, Freeport to discuss proposed adoption of a Property Tax Assistance Program (New - Chapter 67 of the Freeport Ordinances and Codes) to provide limited property tax and rental rebates to seniors living in Freeport.

(Councilor Lawrence, Ordinance Committee Chair) (10 minutes)

ITEM # 81-24

To consider action relative accepting a municipal reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000 from the State of Maine for expenses associated with the Town's implementation of LD 2003.

BE IT ORDERED: That a municipal reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000 from the State of Maine for expenses associated with the Town's implementation of LD2003 be accepted.

(Town Manager, Sophie Wilson) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 82-24 To consider action relative to reappropriating \$75,000 of previously approved and unspent Capital Funds for Fire-Rescue Department personal protective and communications equipment as well as furniture, fixtures, and renovations to the Public Safety Building.

BE IT ORDERED: That previously approved and unspent Capital Funds be re-appropriated as follows:

- \$29,000 from SCBA Bottles & Fill Station (#0803-5707)
- \$46,000 from Engine/Tanker (#0803-5713)
- \$47,170 to Protective Clothing (#0803-5701)
- \$8,990 to FD Communications Equipment (#NEW)
- \$18,840 to PS Renovations & Furniture (#0804-5609)

(Fire Rescue Chief, Paul Conley) (15 minutes)

ITEM # 83-24 To consider action relative to reapproving of a Parklet on Main Street between Derosiers and Sheman's Book Store.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Parklet on Main Street between Derosiers and Sheman's Book Store be reapproved for 2024 and subsequent years so long as the set-up remains substantially similar.

(Director of Public Works, Earl Gibson) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 84-24 To consider action relative to two Use of Town Property requests from Visit Freeport.

BE IT ORDERED: That the following Use of Town Property requests be approved:

1. Bartol Library Lawn at 55 Main Street for Makers on Main events (May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, and September 7)
2. Town Hall Parking and potentially front garden/amphitheater, if completed at 30 Main Street for Freeport Fall Festival. (Oct 4 - Oct 6)

(Council Chair Egan) (5 Minutes)

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period – (15 Minutes)
(Non-Agenda Items Only-for Virtual attendees)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Housing Committee recommendations (15 minutes)
2. Workshop on 5-Year Capital Program. (60 minutes)
3. Process for responding to Town Council correspondence (10 minutes)
4. Cannabis Licensing and Dispensary discussion (15 minutes)

END OF AGENDA (Estimated time of adjournment 10:15 PM)

Requesting Reasonable Accommodation Notice: Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 865-4743 or email swilson@freeportmaine.com prior to scheduled meetings or events to discuss auxiliary aids or services needed to participate in Town activities.

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