



Town Council Workshop

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Town Hall - Jordan Conference Room

Town Council Members

Jeremy A. Gabrielson, Chair
Nicole Boucher
Susan A. Gillis
Caitlin R. Jordan
Penelope A. Jordan
Gretchen R. Noonan
Timothy S. Reiniger

1. Discussion of Fort Williams Park

Opportunity for Public Comment. Limited to 15 minutes; 3 minutes per person. Time may be extended by majority vote of the councilors present. When recognized by the chair, the speaker shall give their name and address or local affiliation, if the affiliation is pertinent.

The Town Council will discuss the following and possible next steps.

- With input from the Fort Williams Committee, the Town Attorney, and appropriate staff, develop legal methods, such as a permanent conservation easement, to ensure that Fort Williams Park is protected in perpetuity from housing-related development activity.
- Amend the charge of the Housing Diversity Study Committee so as to remove the following town-owned properties from consideration as targets of planned housing development: Fort Williams Park, Plaisted Field, and the Lions Fields (216 Ocean House Road).

Attachments:

- [Statement of Policy Fort Williams Park 10 25 1976](#)
- [Fort Williams Park Dedication Memo 05 30 2005](#)
- [HDSC Charge 05 09 2022](#)

2. Consider Adopting a Campaign Reports Town Ordinance for Local Initiatives

Opportunity for Public Comment. Limited to 15 minutes; 3 minutes per person. Time may be extended by majority vote of the councilors present. When recognized by the chair, the speaker shall give their name and address or local affiliation, if the affiliation is pertinent.

On November 14, 2022 the town council voted to refer to workshop consideration of adopting a campaign reports town ordinance.

Excerpt - Town Council Minutes November 14, 2022

Item #156-2022 Consider Adopting a Campaign Reports Town Ordinance

Introduction – Councilor Boucher

Moved by Nicole Boucher and Seconded by Gretchen R. Noonan

ORDERED, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council refers to the Ordinance Committee consideration of adopting a campaign reports town ordinance as referenced in 30-A M.R.S. §2502 and/or other applicable state statutes.

Moved by Nicole Boucher and Seconded by Gretchen R. Noonan

ORDERED, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council amends the motion to refer consideration of adopting a campaign reports town ordinance to a town council workshop.

(7 yes) (0 no)

Original motion as amended: (4 yes) (3 no Councilors Gillis, Penelope Jordan and Reiniger)

Title 30-A MRS §2502 does not require registrations and reports for a town or city with a population of 15,000 or more. A town or city with a population of less than 15,000 may choose to be governed by a vote of its legislative body at least 90 days before a referendum election. A town or city that votes to adopt those provisions may revoke that decision, but it must do so at least 90 days before an election subject to that subchapter.

[Title 21-A, Chapter 13, Subchapter 4](#)

Attachments:

- [Title 30-A Sec 2502 Campaign reports in municipal elections](#)

Adjournment

Participation at Meetings and Conduct of Meetings

Workshop Meetings

The purpose of a workshop meeting is primarily for council dialogue involving reports and proposals from council members, committees and staff that may be considered at later Town Council meetings. The Town Council may give guidance to the chair and to staff at workshop meetings but no decisions may be made that require formal votes. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, the Town Council may vote on procedural motions at a workshop meeting to determine a conflict of interest, to enter into executive session and to adjourn. Prior to Town Council discussion on any item, members of the public may speak on each agenda item for not more than three minutes each and up to a total of 15 minutes. If there are more speakers than the time available, the chair may allocate the speaking time in order to balance the debate. The public participation portion shall conclude when the Town Council begins its discussions.

Decorum

Persons present at Council meetings shall not applaud or otherwise express approval or disapproval of any statements made or actions taken at such meeting. Persons at Council meetings may only address the Town Council after being recognized by the chair.