



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION USED BY THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC

Please submit Agenda Request Form, **including back up information, 8 days prior** to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: August 28, 2015
Submitted by: Heritage Commission Chair and
Merrimack Historical Society President Anita Creager
Department:
Speakers: Anita Creager

Date of Meeting: October 22, 2015

Time Required: 30 minutes

Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/ Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Heritage Commission Programs / Merrimack Historical Society Discussion

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

To update the Town Council and discuss matters concerning the Heritage Commission and the Merrimack Historical Society.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	Warrant Article:	
Charter Article:	Town Meeting:	
Other:	N/A	

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easel:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPROVAL

Town Manager:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Chair/Vice Chair:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION FOR OCTOBER 22

Need for Audit of Historical Society- per our By-Laws

Set date for budget discussion with Paul Micali

Potential for acquisition of property for Society Headquarters-Details attached:

Wright Home at 381 DW Highway

Fish Hatchery at 673 DW Highway

Repair of Cromwell memorial plaque at Anheuser Busch- Dave Brooks

**Proposal for creation of new "Welcome" signs at north and south ends of town-
Dave Brooks**

Potential move of an old ice house and old corn crib to Weston Park near river

DETAIL ON OLD FISH HATCHERY- FLATLEY PROPERTY-673 DW Highway.

Tradition says that this land was part of the land granted to Chief Passaconaway on both sides of the Merrimack River in 1662.

First appearance of this land in records appears to be Feb. 12, 1779 when Abram More sold it to Jacob McGaw on deed 10-373. This included Moor's Island in the river.

1940: National Fish Hatchery: Brick cape built in 1940 on 1.75 acres. Per tax record. No record of building the storage shed along the stream.

1948: Belonged to US Government, both land and buildings. Had three pools created through damming the stream. This was considered a "showcase facility" per Richard Dickinson. His father, Harold was the manager. That last manager before it closed was Don Hopkins.

1971: Many lots combined to form 6E 3. These were on deeds 2123-56, 59, 61, 63, 66, 69, 76, and 78 from Fred Smith, Arthur Bell, Edward Haseltine, Curtis and Florence Bell etc. . 2123-61 appears to be the "water facility".

1972: Gordon sold land to a real estate company who sold it to General Electric on deed 2252-397.

1983: General Electric sold land to Chem Fab on deed 3112-912. This included Moor's Island.

1987: Plan 20582 creates subdivision of land into 4 parcels Deed 4156-171. Parcels #1, 2, 3 and 4 created.

1990: Shows Parcel #2 being transferred from NH Merrimack River Limited Partnership to Thomas Flatley. Deed 5219-979

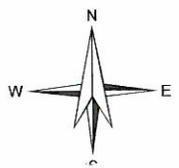
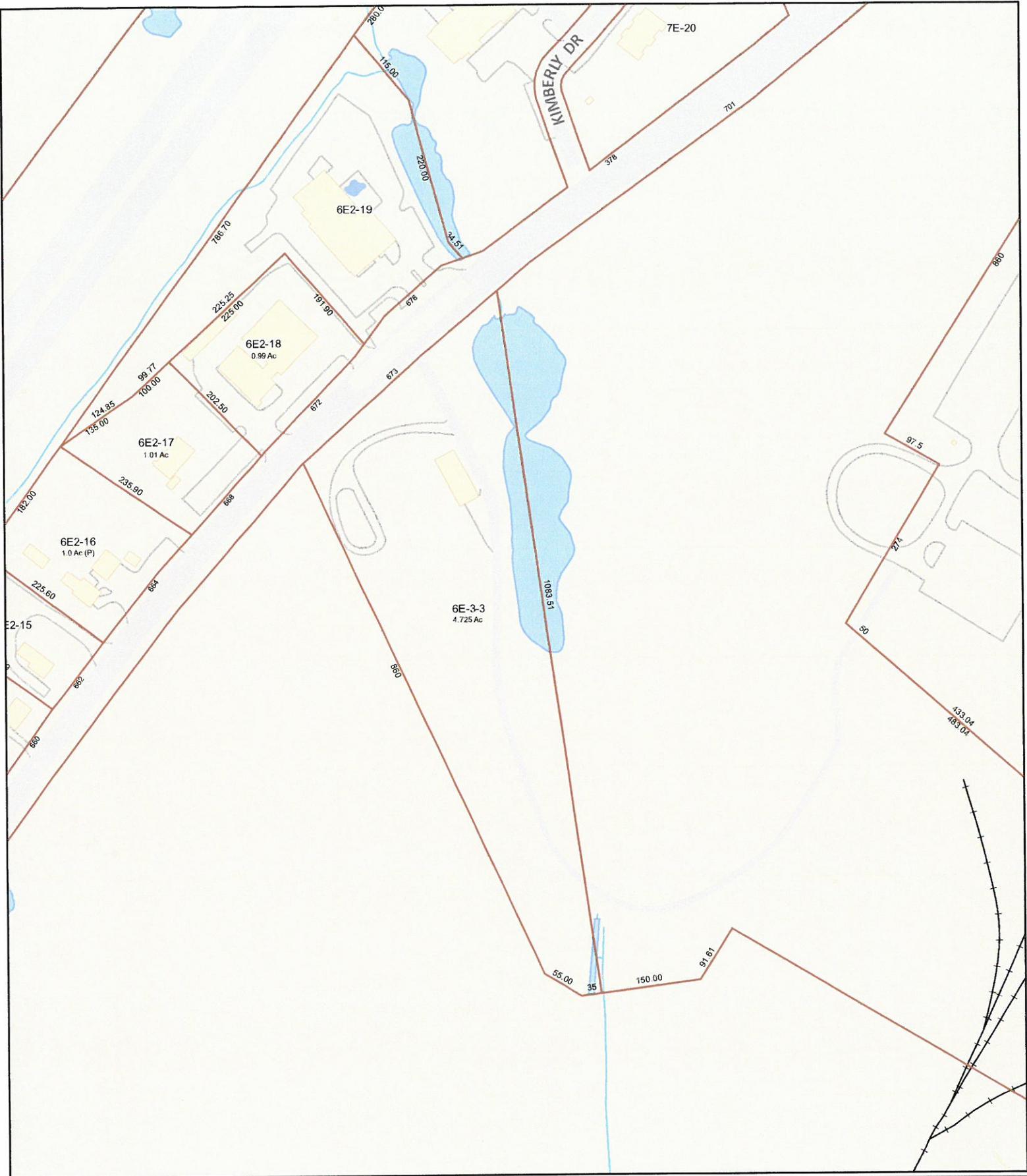
1993: Oct. 7. Deed 7913-1056 Flatley 1993 FA to Thomas Flatley

1993: Dec. 28. Thomas Flatley to Flatley Family trust through John J. Flatley. Shows on Exhibit A (not seen)

Current: Lot 6E-3-3 is shown on the Community Development map as a separate lot on 4.725 acres. The storage shed is the only building shown, but the brick cape is seen on the Google version in the trees in the circular road. The cape looks like it is made of wood siding, and not brick. My information says that the cape is leased to Saint Gobain for temporary housing. There is a locked gate at DW Highway, and the only access appears to be through private road going to their facility.

This lot is part of a plan by Flatley to develop the whole 6E as a multi-use development. This portion would be a feasible location for sale or lease to the Merrimack Historical Society with its location on the Daniel Webster Highway with excellent visibility, space and parking. It could be a tax deduction for the Flatley Corp, and an attractive addition to their development plans. We would then consider finding a way to move the current one-room Schoolhouse #12 facility from South Merrimack to this site, which is near the original location of Schoolhouse #3 as a historical museum. There is space on the land to accommodate this. The cape would make an excellent office/research facility and the workshop- storage shed storage space and display for larger items.

I am seeking help from the Town Council for contact with Flatley to investigate this possibility. I have tried several times, in the past, to find the appropriate contact, but have had no response. Now, with the development approval progressing, if we can't discuss this, it may be too late.



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