



## TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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### MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: October 3, 2018

Date of Meeting: October 11, 2018

Submitted by: Public Works Director Kyle Fox and  
Parks & Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

Department:

Time Required: 15 minutes

Speakers:

Background Info.

Supplied:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

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

Appointment:

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Recognition/Resignation/  
Retirement:

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**Public Hearing:**

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Old Business:

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New Business:

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Consent Agenda:

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Nonpublic:

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Other:

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### TITLE OF ITEM

Watson Park Update

### DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to receive an update on the Watson Park project.

### REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:

Warrant Article:

Charter Article:

Town Meeting:

Other:

N/A

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

Projector:

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Grant Requirements:

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Joint Meeting:

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Special Seating:

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Other:

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Laptop:

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None:

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### APPROVAL

Town Manager:

Yes ☒

No ☐

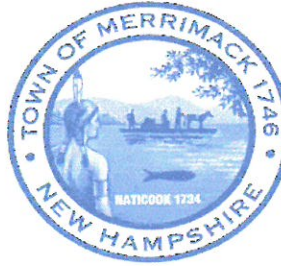
Chair/Vice Chair:

Yes ☒

No ☐

Hold for Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Memo



TO: Town Council  
ATTN: Town Manager Eileen Cabanel  
FROM: Finance Director Paul T. Micali  
DATE: October 5, 2018

RE: **Watson Park neighbor meeting**

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Below is a summary of the neighbor meeting as it relates to the improvements at Watson Park:

The meeting started at 6:30pm. We had 4 residents attend the meeting. I explained the plan of Watson Park and the improvements the Council intends to make in the future. I discussed extending the parking lot 50' and putting a fence enclosing it with a gate. This will prevent people from driving all over the park like they do now. Lori Barrett mentioned that the fence and parking lot extension has been approved and is in the works to be installed this month. I pointed out the new location of the ice rink along with the future volleyball courts. Water will be run from the existing hydrant at the front of the park to the ice rink. There may potentially be lights for the ice rink. The tree line and terrain won't be changed but we will need to remove a small group of birch trees and grade the area for the ice rink.

A neighbor was concerned with balls rolling into the ditch by her property. I said it shouldn't be a concern because the tree line will still be there. She then mentioned concerns over the lighting. I told her they would follow the same rules that they have now where they shut them off at 10pm. I also mentioned that they wouldn't be like the lights at Bise field but more of a decorative light. They shouldn't be glaring into the neighbors' windows but more like a light in the distance.

Another neighbor asked will the park ever become a resident only park? I responded that I don't believe so. It's hard to enforce and it was intended to be a passive recreation park. I mentioned the Council's goal is to improve the grass and we have begun work on that but it is difficult with no irrigation. One neighbor agreed that it would be nice because the grass is horrible to walk on.

Council Chairman Rothhaus added that the Council thinks this would be a nice park in the center of Town and doesn't want people to be fearful of the plan or the lights. Again, I mentioned they won't be stadium lights but more decorative.

There was mention of the Twin Bridge park maps directing people onto the Longa property and it could be dangerous. I told the concerned citizen that this will have to be looked into and corrected.

A question of what is the timeline for the lighting project? I said the lights are budget driven and right now they aren't in the budget.

One question that the residents had was any plan to put more port a potties in the park? I told them that hadn't been considered but since more people are using the park it's something the Council can look at.

One of the neighbors asked if the slope down to the river was going to be addressed. I explained that Dawn was working on a grant for a walking route and that will address the slope at the river. This project is probably 1 – 1 1/2 years out. It will tie the trails into Wildcat Falls.

Lastly, one of the neighbors mentioned people walking from MYA to Watson Park and showing up in her back yard. She stated it doesn't happen often but it does happen. I told her that I was not aware this was happening and this is the first he's heard of it. I said the Town can look into possibly putting up "Trail Ends Here" and/or "Private Property" signs.