



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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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: 2-20-19

Date of Meeting: 2-28-19

Submitted by: Deputy Chief Brian Levesque

Department: Police

Time Required: 10 minutes

Speakers: Deputy Chief Levesque / Captain Tarleton

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"/>
<i>Public Hearing:</i>	<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

Donation of two 40MM Sage Less Lethal Projectile Launcher

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Request to accept a donation of two 40 MM Sage Less Lethal Projectile Launchers valued at \$4,091.04 from an anonymous donor.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	31:95-e	Warrant Article:	
Charter Article:	8-15	Town Meeting:	
Other:		N/A	

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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	<u>Brian Levesque</u>	Address	<u>Police</u>
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APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No: Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No:

Hold for Meeting Date: _____



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MEMO

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2019
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
CC: TOWN MANAGER CABANEL
CHIEF DENISE ROY
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF BRIAN LEVESQUE
RE: AGENDA REQUEST

The agenda request before the Town Council is to accept a donation of two 40MM Sage Less Lethal Projectile Launchers valued at \$4,091.04. This device fires foam batons and is used as a less lethal weapon. The less lethal device can also deploy pepper spray (OC) and tear gas (CS) which are non-lethal irritants. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in dealing with emotionally disturbed persons in our community which is consistent with what is experienced across the nation. These people could have mental illness or could be facing an emotional crisis and are at a critical point when we are called to render aid.

Currently, we have several less lethal options which include baton, OC spray, and Tasers however each of these are utilized when you are in close range to the threat. The 40 mm less lethal device would afford us the opportunity to create distance from the threat and allow us time to try to engage with the subject through de-escalation techniques. The 40 MM less lethal device can be deployed up to 125 feet. Depending on the distance and munition used being struck by the baton would be the equivalent of being struck by a baseball thrown by a major league pitcher.

Our goal during any contact with emotionally disturbed persons is to try to deescalate the matter before they harm themselves or anyone else. We then ensure they are directed to the right resources to get assistance. Often times these interactions could be a deadly force situation however we would like to add to our less lethal options to prevent this from becoming a deadly force situation.

These less lethal devices would be stored in the supervisor's cruisers so they can be deployed quickly when needed. Officers would receive training in the device from our certified less lethal instructors. A new standard operating procedure would be put into place that would address this new less lethal device.

If you should have any further questions, please let me know.