

## **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, <u>8 days prior</u> to the requested meeting date. Public Hearing requests must be submitted <u>20 days prior</u> to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

	MEETING INFORMATION				
Date Submitted: February 20, 20 Submitted by: Amanda Hyde-Be	Date Submitted: February 20, 2019 Submitted by: Amanda Hyde-Berger		farch 28, 2019		
Department:		Time Required: 25	minutes		
Speakers: Amanda Hyde-Berger		Background Info. Supplied:	Yes: _ No:		
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Appointment:		Recognition/Resignation/ Retirement:			
Public Hearing:	$\boxtimes$	Old Business:			
New Business:		Consent Agenda:			
Nonpublic:		Other:			
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Public Hearing - Solar Exempti	on Petition				
	DESCRI	PTION OF ITEM			
The Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a Group Petition received, pursuant to Charter Article 10-1, B. The petition is to add Merrimack to the majority of New Hampshire towns and cities that offer tax exemption for solar panels and renewable energy productions and wood heating energy systems for 100% of the assessed value.					
REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)					
RSA:		Warrant Article:			
Charter Article:	10-1, B	Town Meeting:			
Other:		N/A			
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Special Seating:		Other:			
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Name: Amanda Hy	de-Berger	Address			
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## **LEGAL NOTICE**Town of Merrimack



## **Public Hearing**

Residents of Merrimack are hereby advised that the Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a Group Petition received, pursuant to Charter Article 10-1, B. The petition is to add Merrimack to the majority of New Hampshire towns and cities that offer tax exemption for solar panels and renewable energy productions and wood heating energy systems for 100% of the assessed value. All interested parties are invited to attend. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday**, **March 28**, **2019** at **7:00 PM** in the Matthew Thornton Room located at 8 Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack.

For Town of Merrimack Use:

Posted: March 19, 2019

February 15, 2019

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We, the undersigned supervisors of the checklist, hereby certify that we have examined this petition to the Merrimack Town Council,

Of the 90 signatures on this petition 62 are registered voters and signatures have been verified. 25 of the signatures are not registered voters and/or the signatures could not be verified and 3 signatures were duplicates.

Mary P. Coelho

Supervisor of the Checklist

Fran L'Heureux

Supervisor of the Checklist

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February 10, 2019

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To Whom It May Concern:

TOWN OF MERRIMACK TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

It has come to my attention that Merrimack, New Hampshire includes the assessed value of solar panels and arrays in the property taxes. This is contrary to the 135 other towns and cites (or 234) in New Hampshire that either complete exempt taxing solar panels or provide some kind of exemption in their property assessment.

It is my belief that solar and other renewable energy is the wave of the future. It needs to be encouraged rather than hampered with extra taxation. I know of more than one person that does not want to install solar panels solely because they do not want to be taxed for it. Some of my acquaintances would argue that taxing solar panels is on par with taxing a heating oil tank or an electric panel.

Regardless, I firmly believe that renewable energy should be nurtured and promoted in a positive light. We need to look towards the future and not just for financing the next fiscal year. By exempting solar panels from taxation we are encouraging their use and other renewable energy sources. We are prioritizing them for our future and saying we care about the environment and the health of our children.

As a resident of Merrimack, NH, I take pride in my town. I hope that Merrimack will move towards a greater leadership roll in environmental health, not just in terms of cleaning up our water. In 3 short days, talking to just a tiny fraction of Merrimack residents, I was able to gather over 50 signatures. I hope that Merrimack will look the enclosed petition I am submitting to exempt taxation of solar panels and promote the use of environment health.

Respectfully,

Amanda Hyde-Berger

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6 Thornton Rd W

Merrimack, NH 03054

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# Petition to the Town Council of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

Petition summary and	We the undersigned registered voters of Merrimack, New Hampshire, hereby petition the Town Council to include on the
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Article	To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for a
	property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property.
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	statutes.

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