



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: October 23, 2019

Date of Meeting: November 7, 2019

Submitted by: Matthew Casparius

Department: Parks & Recreation

Time Required: 2 minutes

Speakers:

Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

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

Appointment:

Recognition/Resignation/

Retirement:

Public Hearing:

Old Business:

New Business:

Consent Agenda:

Nonpublic:

Other:

TITLE OF ITEM

Donation to Wasserman Park

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Boy Scout Benjamin Haddad recently completed his Eagle Scout Project at Wasserman Park and would like to donate the surplus funds of \$152.90 that he had left over from his fundraising efforts to Wasserman Park for future Park improvements.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA: 31:95-b

Warrant Article:

Charter Article: 8-15

Town Meeting:

Other:

N/A

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

Projector:

Grant Requirements:

Easel:

Joint Meeting:

Special Seating:

Other:

Laptop:

None:

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPROVAL

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



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MEMO

TO: Eileen Cabanel

FROM: Matt Casparius

DATE: October 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Town Council Agenda- Approval of donations

Hi Eileen

Boy Scout Benjamin Haddad recently completed his Eagle Scout Project at Wasserman Park and had money left over from his fundraising efforts. He would like to donate this money (\$152.90) to Wasserman Park for future park use by the Parks & Recreation Department. I would ask the Town Council to accept this gift.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Casparius". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Approved: July 19, 2018

Posted: July 23, 2018

MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Thornton to appoint Jackie Flood as a Full Member of the Town Center Committee, pursuant to Charter Article 4-8. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

MOTION made by Councilor Thornton and seconded by Councilor Healey to appoint Fran L'Heureux as a Full Member and Kathleen Stroud as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, pursuant to Charter Article 4-8. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

3. Consideration for Eagle Scout Project at Wasserman Park

Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

Boy Scout Ethan Burns from Troop 424 is proposing to restore the "Chapel in the Grove" at Wasserman Park for his Eagle Scout Project.

Life Scout Ethan Burns stated his project to be the restoration of the benches and concrete structure of the Chapel on Lake Naticook. The project includes: painting over old craft paint/graffiti, removal of nearby brush and small trees, cutting and removing of fallen tree, removing all old wooden benches and building and installing 14 new wooden benches. A few photographs were displayed of the concrete structure and benches.

Estimated total cost is \$860.00. Total anticipated project hours; 250. Fundraising is anticipated during the month of August with project commencement in September. Councilor Healey questioned fundraising activities, and was informed the troop typically does car washes, online fundraising, e.g., GoFundMe.

When asked, Life Scout Burns stated how to best secure the benches is still being researched. It will most likely be a playground anchor system that could be screwed onto the wooden benches and into the ground. Councilor Koenig noted the project calls for 5' benches to be constructed out of 8' boards. Life Scout Burns stated the remaining board would be used for the legs. The proposed new benches would replace the same number of benches and would take up nearly the same amount of space. Councilor Koenig suggested the benches that would be removed and remain in usable condition could be used in the vicinity of the Dog Park or other places around Wasserman Park.

MOTION made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Albert to authorize Life Scout Ethan Burns, Troop 424, to restore the "Chapel in the Grove" at Wasserman Park as part of his Eagle Scout project. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

4. Consideration for Eagle Scout Project at Wasserman Park

Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

Boy Scout Ben Haddad from Troop 424 is proposing to build a Gaga Ball Pit for Wasserman Park (for Naticook Day Camp) along with some benches for placement outside of the Gaga Ball pit for his Eagle Scout Project.

Life Scout Ben Haddad stated his Eagle Scout project to be construction of a gaga ball pit (25' in diameter), constructed of twenty four 2" x 10" x 10' pressure treated boards, tops for the walls to prevent splinters and stone dust for the bottom. Also constructed would be two benches to go around the pit.

Approved: July 19, 2018

Posted: July 23, 2018

Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees.

Involved in the project would be the leveling of the land where the pit would be located, construction and installation of the pit and benches. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,700. Total estimated hours; 370. Fundraising activities are planned for July to August (bake sale, car wash, pizza sales at school) with construction concluded by the end of September.

MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Koenig to authorize Life Scout Ben Haddad to build a Gaga Ball Pit for Wasserman Park (for Naticook Day Camp) along with some benches for placement outside of the Gaga Ball pit for his Eagle Scout Project.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

5. Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department Camp Scholarship Fund

Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$420.00 from the Bear Christensen Trust for the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards the Camp Scholarship Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Micali remarked the Bear Christensen Trust has made the donation for as many years as he can remember. Councilor Harrington requested a future agenda item be presentation of a plaque in recognition of the continuing support.

MOTION made by Councilor Albert and seconded by Councilor Koenig to approve the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$420.00) from Bear Christensen Trust for the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards the Camp Scholarship Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

6. Request to Allow Issuance of Building Permits on a Portion of Old Blood Road

Submitted by Meridian Land Services Environmental Department Manager Tom Carr

Seeking Town Council approval to allow for driveway access and building permits on Class VI Old Blood Road in accordance with prior Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board approval and RSA 674:41.

Tom Carr, Environmental Department Manager, Meridian Land Services, stated the request to be for the ability to access two lots off of the Class VI Old Blood Road Right-of-Way, which was approved by the Zoning and Planning boards. He commented the staff memo provided with the agenda is very comprehensive of the history of the project and the request. He displayed a drawing of the area. Mr. Carr stated the request to be for the Council to sign the Notice, Agreement and Release of Municipal Liability and Responsibility so that the building permits could be obtained.

Councilor Albert questioned if the expectation is that Lot 45-1 would be developed. Mr. Carr responded the lot has been sold and will be developed.