



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: October 10, 2019
Submitted by: Marie Grella & American Legion, Post 98, Commander Roland Roberge
Department:
Speakers: Marie Grella and Roland Roberge

Date of Meeting: November 21, 2019
Time Required: 15 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"/>
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Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Request to Make Merrimack a "Purple Heart Community"

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to discuss and consider a request to make the Town of Merrimack, NH, a "Purple Heart Community"

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"/>
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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 No: Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No:

First find out if you have a Purple Heart Veteran in your community to do that if you do not know go to the Town Clerk asking if there is a Purple Heart Veteran in the Town she cannot give you a name but will tell you if there is one. There only has to be one to qualify

Then you make an appt. to meet with the Town council, selectmen or aldermen. You go to them with a Veteran & tell them why you are there explaining that you would like them to become a Purple Heart Community. When they agree a Proclamation is drawn up by them there is 3 samples in the package also explaining this is no cost to the town or city, ~~signs~~ signs can be purchased by Veterans groups & these ~~signs~~ are different than a Purple Heart Trail sign those signs have a Veterans name on them. The sign the town or city will have the emblem on it & says town name is a Purple Heart community. There are 4 Purple Heart Community's now New Ipswich, N.H., Milford N.H., Amherst, N.H. & Lyndeboro, N.H.

After you agree on being coming a Purple Heart Community the Proclamation is signed by the selectmen I'll come back & you send the signed document to Kevin Willette by e-mail to Kevin.Willette.mil@gmail.com at that time you can invite the press for coverage & of course some Veterans making it a ceremony some towns do not do this Amherst did. We then had the proclamation framed & it is hanging in the town hall for the public to enjoy. Signs can be purchased after all the paper work is done & sent to Kevin.

I have a package of contact information for you all my e-mail is mgf1225@aol.com if you need any more information & please let me know as soon as you have approved it.

Thank you

Marie Grella

Contact information Ref; Purple Heart Community

Kevin Willette : is the contact person for all information
he is a Purple Heart recipient as is his dad from New Ipswich.

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Signs are available for your Town by contacting Allan Burgess

At allanburgess@doc.n.h.gov

Signs are made at the State of N.H. prison.

Cost- \$ \$ 57.00 each sign size is 24" x 30" the size of a
speed sign. #(SCR2430)

\$ 35.00 for each green pole size is 12' #(12-0100-02)

Your DPW can put them up after you decide how many &
where you want them.

But if on a State Rd. you need to contact the DOT State of N.H.
at 271 – 2291 or Alan Burgess you mark where you want them
on the State rd.. They contact dig safe & will let you know if it
can go there. It is suggested you pick them up unless your ok
with the shipping Amherst had some signs coming so they

came with their order. Try to contact your Veterans group to see if they will pay for them as this is a project not to cost the Town anything.

A six sign package is \$555.00



**AMHERST, N.H.
A PURPLE HEART
COMMUNITY**

Selectmen Proclaim Amherst a Purple Heart Community

AMHERST – At the April 29th selectmen's meeting, first on the agenda was a proclamation designating Amherst as a Purple Heart Community. A large assembly of Veterans attended the meeting in support of the proclamation.

Marie Grella presented the proclamation and described a Purple Heart community as a tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. With the presence of the signs designating Amherst as a Purple Heart community, the public will have a visual reminder of the sacrifice paid by the Purple Heart recipients and a notice that Amherst supports the military heroes who have made sacrifices for the way of like all our residents enjoy.

The board passed the proclamation and declared in so doing that "whereas the heritage it [Purple Heart Medal] represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart and whereas August 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day" Amherst will recognize the day annually and urge people and organizations to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.

The Purple Heart medal is the nation's oldest military medal. It is awarded to members of the armed forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action.



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Lyndeborough joins the ranks of "Purple Heart towns"



Lyndeborough Select Board members Mark Chamberlain, Fred Douglas and Rick Donovan stand with Marie Grella, and Lyndeborough veterans Paul Martin, Art Napolitano and Walter Holland after signing a declaration to make Lyndeborough a Purple Heart Community during its board meeting Wednesday. Staff photo by Ashley Saari— [» Buy this Image](#)

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With several veterans in attendance, the Select Board signed a proclamation Wednesday, designating Lyndeborough as a Purple Heart Community.

"Citizens of our community have been wounded in action and killed in action while serving in the armed forces and have been awarded the Purple Heart for their services," Lyndeborough Selectman Mark Chamberlain said while reading from a declaration at the board's meeting on Wednesday.

Several Lyndeborough veterans, including Walter Holland, Art Napolitano and Purple Heart recipient Paul Martin attended the meeting Wednesday to witness the Select Board sign the proclamation.

Today, the Purple Heart is given to men and women wounded or killed in combat, but it was originally awarded by George Washington in 1782 to recognize meritorious service in combat. It is the nation's oldest military award.





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Holland served in the Army from 1966-1970, and while he never was deployed to Vietnam, he said, he had both friends and family members who were and were either injured or killed.

"It means a lot," Holland said, of the community declaring itself in support of Purple Heart veterans. "It's important that the government recognizes it, but I think it more important that the community recognizes those people who live among us. I think it just gives recognition to all of the veterans that our community cares."

Becoming a Purple Heart community means Lyndeborough will join the Purple Heart Trail, a national series of roads, bridges, highways and other monuments and trails honoring soldiers who have received a purple heart medal. Milford, New Ipswich and Greenville have also become Purple Heart communities in the Monadnock Region.

The Select Board announced that moving forward, the town will officially celebrate the national Purple Heart Day on Aug. 7. The town will also receive placards announcing Lyndeborough as a Purple Heart town to place at the town lines.

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