



# 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: September 4, 2020  
Submitted by: Town Councilor Nancy Harrington  
Department:  
Speakers:

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2020  
Time Required: 20 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"/>
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

## TITLE OF ITEM

Watson Park Discussion

## DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to discuss and consider establishing a fence border at Watson Park.

## 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"/>
Easel:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	<u>Nancy Harrington</u>	Address	_____
Phone Number	_____	Email Address	<u>nharrington@merrimacknh.gov</u>

## APPROVAL

Town Manager:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Chair/Vice Chair:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Hold for Meeting Date: _____			

**From:** Kyle Fox  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2020 2:41 PM  
**To:** Eileen Cabanel  
**Cc:** Matthew Casparius; Denise Roy; Kyle Fox  
**Subject:** Watson Park Closure

Hi Eileen,

After discussing with Matt and Denise, I am writing to request that Watson Park be reopened as soon as possible with the provision that Public Works move the orange safety fence from the front of the property to the river edge with signs posting river access closed (or some wording similar to that). Matt and I feel that the tide has been stemmed for the visitors to the area and that they have likely found another place to recreate at this point. That coupled with the cooler fall temperatures gives us hope and expectation that the issues that prompted us to close the park would not recur this fall. We also strongly believe that the park area itself, including the green areas, grills, the pavilion, and the volleyball courts are an important part of life for Merrimack residents and should be reopened.

Thank you for your consideration. I am prepared to immediately dispatch a crew to relocate the fence upon your direction.

Kyle

**Kyle Fox, PE**

*Public Works Director*

*Public Works Department*

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## TOWN OF MERRIMACK INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** September 10, 2020

**AT (OFFICE):** Department of Public Works

**FROM:** Kyle Fox  
Public Works Director

Matt Casparius  
Parks and Recreation Director

**SUBJECT:** **Watson Park Riverbank Fencing**

**TO:** Eileen Cabanel  
Town Manager

Following the issues that were experienced at Watson Park this summer that led to the closure of the park, the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments recommend the installation of a permanent fence along the east side of Watson Park along the top of the riverbank.

Our recommendation is to install approximately 725 linear feet of vinyl coated chain link fence (six feet high) that would connect to two existing fence sections – starting at the existing vinyl coated fence at the southern portion of the park and running northerly to the fencing adjacent to the access bridge that carries the sewer interceptor – a map of the proposed location can be found at the bottom of this memo. A gate would be installed near the location where access to the river has been most prevalent to allow for emergency access to the river and other needed access as occasion arises. The fence would match the existing vinyl coated fence located at the southern end of the park in height and color (six feet high, brown vinyl). See below for a picture of the existing fence.

The cost estimate for the fencing is \$26,000 with the gate and could be installed this fall pending contractor availability. Should this concept be approved, our departments and the Police Department recommend relocating the orange safety fence currently located at the front of the park to the riverbank area as soon as possible to allow for use of the park.



The orange line adjacent to the river represents the proposed fence location



Existing vinyl coated fence at Watson Park