

TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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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 I	INFORM	IATION				
Date Submitted: September 4, 2020 Submitted by: Town Councilor Nancy Harrington Department:			Date of Meeting: September 10, 2020				
			Time Required: 20 minutes				
Speakers:			Background Supplied:	Background Info. 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							
Watson Park Discussion							
DESCRIPTION OF ITEM							
The Town Council to discuss and consider establishing a fence border at Watson Park.							
REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)							
RSA:		Warra	nt Article:				
Charter Article:	Town			Meeting:			
Other:		N/A					
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)							
Projector:	Gran			Requirements:			
Easel:		Joint Meeting:					
Special Seating:		Other					
Laptop:		None	None:				
CONTACT INFORMATION							
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Approval							
Town Manager: Yes X	No:	Chair	Vice Chair:		Yes 🛛	No:	

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

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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

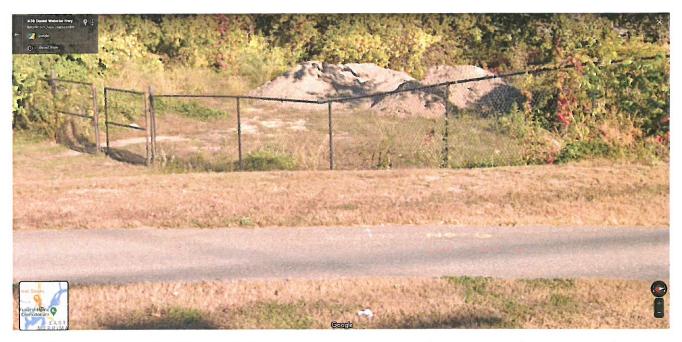
Following the issues that were experienced at Watson Park this summer that led to the closure of the park, the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments recommend the installation of a permanent fence along the east side of Watson Park along the top of the riverbank.

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