

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 INFORMATION							
Date Submitted: March 3, 2021 Submitted by: Matt Casparius			Date of Meeting: March 11, 2021				
Department: Parks & Recreation			Time Required: 30 minutes Background Info.				
Speakers: Charles Mower, Merrimack 275 th Committee			Supplied: Yes: No: No: No:				
CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)							
Appointment:			gnition/Resignation/ ement:				
Public Hearing:		Old Business:					
New Business:	\boxtimes	Consent Agenda:					
Nonpublic:		Other:					
TITLE OF ITEM							
Project Proposal from the Merrimack 275 th Anniversary Planning Committee							
DESCRIPTION OF ITEM							
The Merrimack 275 th Anniversary Planning Committee would like to propose a fundraising project for							
the Town Council's consideration to build a covered bridge at Twin Bridge Park over Baboosic Brook.							
Reference (IF KNOWN)							
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Other:		N/A					
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)							
Projector:	etor:		Grant Requirements:				
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Special Seating:		Other	Other:				
Laptop:	\boxtimes	None:					
CONTACT INFORMATION							
Name: Charles	Mower	Addre	ess	4 Depot	Street		
Phone Number 603-424	-1200	Email	Address	Charles.	mower@gma	ail.com	
A pproval							
Town Manager: Ye	es No:	_ Chair	Vice Chair:		Yes _	No:	
Hold for Meeting Date:							



TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH

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February 22, 2021

Matt Casparius, Director, Merrimack Parks and Recreation 116 Naticook Road Merrimack, NH 03054

RE: Merrimack 275th Anniversary Project

Dear Matt,

The Merrimack Town Center Committee (TCC) was very favorably impressed by the presentation by the Merrimack 275th Anniversary Committee made to the TCC at their meeting of 15 January 2021.

This letter is to advise that in discussions following the presentation, the TCC voted unanimously to support the construction of a type of Covered Bridge on the Twin Bridge Park property over the Baboosic Brook as described in the presentation given by Mr. Chuck Mower. Such a bridge would provide additional recreational opportunities within the Twin Bridge Park and further enhance the ability of Merrimack citizens to enjoy their Town Center. The trail over the bridge will connect to the sidewalk planned for the 2021-22 sidewalk construction on Twin Bridge Road and the pedestrian way through the Merrimack Shopping Center (Tractor Supply).

Adding coverage to the bridge over the Baboosic Brook is consistent with the Town of Merrimack Master Plan and with the Town of Merrimack Town Center Plan.

Thank you for undertaking this project.

Nelson R. Disco, Chairman, TCC

Cc: Kyle Fox, Merrimack PWD Director

Eileen Cabanel, Town Manager Merrimack Town Council

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Merrimack 275th Anniversary Committee

Merrimack Town Center Committee

Assessing P: 603-424-5136 F: 603-424-0461 P: 603-424-3531 F: 603-424-1408 Finance P: 603-424-7075 F: 603-424-0516 Human Resources P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461 Media Services P: 603-423-8561 F: 603-424-0461

Public Assistance P: 603-423-8535 F: 603-424-0516 Public Works Administration P: 603-424-5137 F: 603-424-1408

Town Council P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461 Town Manager P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461 March 3, 2021

To The Merrimack Town Council,

The value of commemorating 275 years of community lies not in how we may celebrate the past, but in how we may celebrate the future.

What might our citizens one hundred years hence point to with pride and affection for predecessor's wisdom in having provided for their commonwealth?

The remembrance committee of the 250th anniversary gave us the Abbie Griffin bandstand with the hope that it would provide a platform for entertainment and culture in the center of our town. And that it would stand as an iconic symbol for what we as citizens can create; perhaps, more deeply, what character Abbie Griffin, and people like her, left to the future that she would never know.

There was a reverence for our two covered bridges. They were not just some bucolic imagery; though that in itself may well have been enough. They made couples young and old kiss in passing through. They were engineered marvels of river crossings, bringing us closer to each other and the things we needed to share. They were scenic vistas from which we watched the rivers and fields and woods and all that lived within sight. They were a testament to the skills of master craftsmen and their tools. They stood as reminders of self reliance, perseverance, patience and ingenuity.

Ever since the loss of our covered bridges there has been an unsatisfied lament that an important part of our town is gone forever. But that need for restoration can be met, and simultaneously provide for our future, with the creation of a true covered bridge in Twin Bridges Park.

Twin Bridges Park was acquired a hundred years ago by far seeing forefathers of Merrimack unknown to most of us today. Recognizing the unique geology and picturesque nature of the parcel; they wanted to protect it from exploitation and leave it to future generations of residents to enjoy. Many of them worked in the great depression of the 1930s to replace the original bridges with two concrete bridges spanning Baboosic brook. Recently, the Town of Merrimack replaced one of the bridges that had decayed and was damaged. From an historic perspective, this location and bridges was the first road in Merrimack; laid out when we were part of the Narragansett Land Grants. Narragansett no 5 was given in payment to the soldiers who fought in King Phillips war.

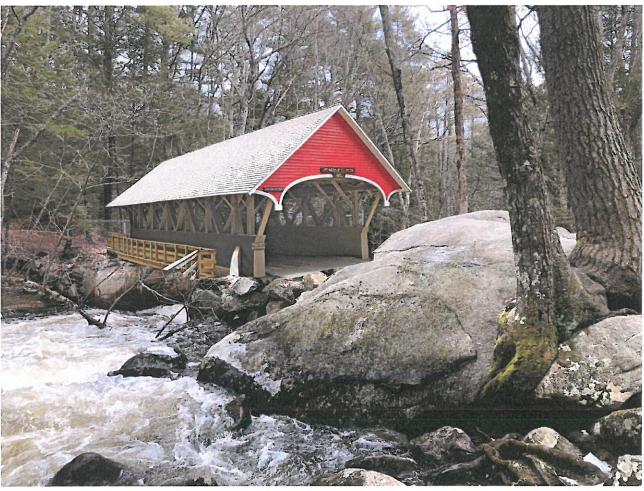
The good effects that can accrue to the public as a whole are almost too numerous to particularize. With all this in mind, I offer the following proposal:

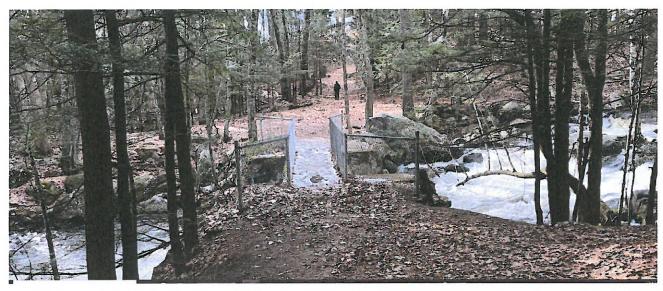
That we fund and build an authentic Covered Bridge at Twin Bridge Park. This may be accomplished by installing the bridge directly over the top of the present concrete structure without disturbing any of the abutments or span. This would also have the effect of preserving the existing bridge and archeological site while offering a new attraction to an increasing use of public space.

I look forward to a discussion of the merits with all who are interested and make myself available to do so.

Charles H. Mower 4 Depot St. Merrimack NH 603-424-1200









Above, are photos of a concept we hope to realize for today and our future generations.

- Baboosic, is the Pennacook Indian name for "TWINS".
- > A quote from Andy Goldsworthy

"Winter makes a bridge between one year and another and, in this case, one century and the next".

Below is the turnkey quote for the Grist Mill Covered Bridge over Baboosic Brook at Twin Bridges Park. Graton Associates is eager to work with us.

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February 12, 2021

RE: Twin Bridges Park Covered Bridge, Merrimack, NH

Mr. Charles Mower

Charles.mower@gmail.com

Dear Charles:

The following is an estimate for the construction of a covered bridge in Twin Bridges Park.

Construct Town Lattice covered bridge	ge with walkway and built-in camber.
5-Rib Metal Roof	
Dimensions; 60' long, 12' inside to ins	side
Sidewalk; 3'	
Tone Abutments	
Cost of above construction inclusive of using Oxen and Capstan winch.	of moving the bridge into place as designated
Total cost	\$450,000
Note: Above cost of items in inclusive	e of all components
Cost is an estimate; price may vetc.	vary depending on pricing of materials, fuel,
Please feel free to call or email with a	any questions.
Arnold M. Graton	Tim Dansereau
President	Vice President

The Remembrance Committee:

Charles Mower, John Lastowka, Laurie Rothhaus, Rosemarie Rung, Chip Pollard