



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: March 1, 2021

Date of Meeting: March 11, 2021

Submitted by: Fire Chief Matthew Duke & Police Chief Brian Levesque

Department: Fire & Police

Time Required: 15 minutes

Speakers:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Public Hearing – 2021 Abbie Griffin Memorial Fund for Fire & Police Departments

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of funds from the Abbie Griffin Memorial Fund in the amount of but not to exceed \$17,808 for the purchase of replacement cardio fitness equipment for the fire stations (treadmills, stair machine, etc.) for the Fire Department and for body armor plates, gym equipment and tools for the Special Response Team for the Police Department, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

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:	<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>Matthew Duke</u> <u>Brian Levesque</u>	Address	<u>432 DW Highway</u> <u>31 Baboosic Lake Road</u>
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LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Merrimack
Public Hearing

Residents of Merrimack are hereby advised that the Town Council will hold a public hearing to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of funds from the Abbie Griffin Memorial Fund in the amount of but not to exceed \$ 17,808 for the purchase of replacement cardio fitness equipment for the fire stations (treadmills, stair machine, etc.) for the Fire Department and for body armor plates, gym equipment and tools for the Special Response Team for the Police Department, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in the Matthew Thornton Room located at 8 Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack.

For Town of Merrimack Use:

Posted: March 3, 2021

To Be Published: March 3, 2021 (*Union Leader*)

To Be Published: March 5, 2021 (*Sunday Select Merrimack Edition*)



MERRIMACK FIRE RESCUE

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Matthew J. Duke

Assistant Fire Chief
Richard N. Harris

Assistant Fire Chief
Shawn P. Brechtel

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 2021
TO: Town Council Members
FROM: Shawn Brechtel; Assistant Fire Chief
CC: Eileen Cabanel; Town Manager
SUBJECT: Abbie Griffin Fund

Merrimack Fire Rescue is proposing to purchase a Stair Mill (stepper) with accessory equipment using money from the Abbie Griffin Fund. In an effort to keep our staff in peak physical condition for job related tasks the acquisition of this equipment is imperative. The recent upgrades in the performance center have made a big improvement in our members' physical fitness and pride in this room. Our staff realizes that one of the most important things in life is to focus on things we actually have the power to change; this being our own health, physically and mentally. If we make these areas better in our own lives we can serve our community better. We've been in the middle of a pandemic for a year now and it has been something that no one in this field has seen before. Our performance center is not only a place to keep our bodies and minds strong, but it provides the ability to release stress. The nights spent away from home and the new guidelines in which we operate have presented us with difficult shifts with new challenges. Even just training for 10 minutes in between calls can re-energize members for the rest of the shift.

Proposed Purchases:

- 1 Stairmaster Stair Mill
- Dumbbells (5lbs to 50lbs) and Space saving rack
- 2 Weight Vest (80lb adjustable)
- Landmine attachment
- Composite Lock clips
- Jump rope

This equipment will have a direct impact on job function and safety. Every time we go on fire alarm activations we are wearing 50 pounds of gear and carrying another 20 while walking up and down stairs. Having a Stair Mill and weight vests will help us recreate this exact task. This will train all the same muscles in the same planes of movement that we do on the job, so that we will have less chance of injuring ourselves. New Dumbbells will replace current metal ones that are falling apart due to age and use.

The Landmine attachment will help simulate other firefighting tasks used on a multitude of calls from operations on the highway to overhauling a fire. The composite lock clips safely keep the weight plates on the Olympic bars without doing damage to the Olympic bars. The old style metal clips end up scraping metal shavings onto the floor which are sharp and become metal splinters.

Costs

- 8-series gauntlet Stairmaster \$6,379
- Fettle Fitness Dumbbells w/ space saving rack \$2,010.00
- 2 Weight Vests \$399.98
- Landmine \$54.95
- Quick Release Weight Clamps \$51.96
- Jump Rope \$3.99

Total Cost: \$8,899.88



MERRIMACK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEMO

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2021
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
CC: EILEEN CABANEL, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: BRIAN LEVESQUE, POLICE CHIEF
RE: 2021 ABBIE GRIFFIN MEMORIAL FUNDS

We are requesting to purchase several items through the Abbie Griffin Memorial Fund. Currently, most officers utilize external body armor carriers which have many pouches attached to them to carry their various tools. The external body armor carriers do not protect officers from a rifle round. Each cruiser is outfitted with level three armor plates that protect from rifle rounds that slide over the officers uniforms however; officers would not be able to utilize them if they have an external carrier on. It would be difficult to fit over the carriers and officers would not be able to access their pouches. We are requesting to purchase 44 Level III/lightweight body armor plates that can slide into the officer's external carrier to provide protection from a rifle round. These plates would be stored in the officers duty bags so they would have quick access to them. They are \$110 each for a total cost of **\$4,840**.

We would like to add equipment to our gym facility by purchasing the following items:

- Trap Bar \$240
- Landmine Platform \$180 (holds weight bar on floor to perform functional exercises)
- Kettle Bells 10-40 lbs \$275
- Weight Rack \$119 (to hold existing weight plates)
- Soft Medicine Balls 15-25 lbs \$150
- Indoor Cycling Bike \$300
- 2 - 75 lb dumbbells \$300

The total cost of exercise equipment is **\$1,564**.

We would like to purchase tools for our Special Response Team which would allow them to breach (gain entry) into structures:

- Small Battering Ram \$430 (to be used in close quarters)
- Haligan tool \$200 (pry bar)

- Stihl Cutquik Cut-Off Saw with blades \$1,730 (used to defeat metal door frames, gates, locks, and chains)

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These tools could also be utilized by patrol officers when needed. The fire department currently has a cut-off saw however during dynamic and critical incidents, we need the ability to grab our own equipment and not have to rely on waiting for the fire department. The total cost for this equipment is **\$2,360**.

The total amount of requested purchases is **\$8,764**. If you have questions regarding any of these purchases, please feel free to ask.