



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION USED BY THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC

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: August 25, 2021
Submitted by: NH Sons of the American Revolution
Committee Co-Chair Robert M. Walsh
Department:
Speakers: Robert Walsh

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2021
Time Required: 15 minutes
Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input 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

Matthew Thornton Grave Marker / Wreath Laying Ceremony Presentation

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to be presented with the details of the proposed upcoming grave marking and wreath laying ceremony for Matthew Thornton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, scheduled for Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

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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Phone Number	_____	Email Address	<u>rwalshesq@aol.com</u>

APPROVAL

MATTHEW THORNTON GRAVE MARKING

Outline of Event

Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 1:00 pm

Sponsors: New Hampshire Society of the Children of the American Revolution
New Hampshire Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Place: Thornton Cemetery

We anticipate a one half hour event which will pay tribute to the signer Matthew Thornton and his spouse Hannah Jack. Many members of all ages will be in Revolutionary War attire, including our Color Guard. The agenda will be a processional, short greeting from the organizations sponsoring the event, the tributes, a wreath laying, a musket salute and a recessional.

We anticipate approximately one hundred attendees from our sponsor groups. The event is open to all members of the public, and we shall be publicizing the event to encourage public attendance.

Contact Person: Robert Walsh (603) 666-6664 or rwalshesq@aol.com

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February 10, 2010

Merrimack Town Council
c/o Eileen Cabanel, Town Manager
Merrimack Town Hall
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Re: Matthew Thornton Grave Site

Dear Town Councilors:

In anticipation of the upcoming 250th anniversary of events of the American Revolutionary War, the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the New Hampshire Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution are planning educational and patriotic events to draw attention to New Hampshire's role in the American Revolution.

One event we are planning is a grave marking and wreath laying ceremony for Matthew Thornton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. We have set a date of Sunday, November 7, 2021 at one o'clock in the afternoon. Matthew Thornton did not sign the Declaration of Independence until he arrived in Philadelphia in November 1776, so November will mark the 245th anniversary of his signing for New Hampshire.

We are aware that the Thornton grave yard is a town property, so we write to notify you of our planned event and to seek the town's consent and cooperation for the event.

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We anticipate a one half hour event in which the D.A.R. and S.A.R. will pay tribute to the signer Matthew Thornton and his spouse Hannah Jack. The New Hampshire Society of the Children of the American Revolution will also be a co-host of the event. Many members of all ages will be in Revolutionary War attire, including our Color Guard. The agenda will be a processional, short greeting from the organizations sponsoring the event, the tributes, a wreath laying, a musket salute and a recessional. The event is open to all members of the public, and we shall be publicizing the event to encourage public attendance.

We seek the town's cooperation in planning the event and the town's participation in the event itself. We invite the Town of Merrimack to be a co-host of the event if the Town Council deems it appropriate. We invite a representative of the Town Council to bring greetings on behalf of the town.

We look forward to working with the Town of Merrimack in all aspects of planning and execution of this event. We anticipate an attendance of approximately one hundred people from our organizations, plus members of the public who may attend.

I will be the contact person for the three groups planning the event. I look forward to working with the town and its officials to work out the details and to make this a memorable and educational event.

Very truly yours,

s/ R. Walsh

Robert M. Walsh
Committee Co-Chair

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