



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: October 7, 2022	Date of Meeting: October 27, 2022
Submitted by: Lieutenant Michael Marcotte	Time Required: 15 minutes
Department: Police	Background Info. Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Speakers: Lieutenant Michael Marcotte	Supplied: _____

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 – Homeland Security Grant for the Merrimack Police Department

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$14,512 for the Merrimack Police Department, made available through the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to be used towards the purchase of five (5) Night Vision Goggles (NVG) units for out officers, 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

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APPROVAL

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 a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$14,512 for the Merrimack Police Department, made available through the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to be used towards the purchase of five Night Vision Goggles (NVG) units for our officers, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM** in the Matthew Thornton Room located at 8 Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack.

For Town of Merrimack Use:

Posted: October 17, 2022

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MEMO

DATE: 7 OCTOBER, 2022
TO: PAUL MICALI AND THE TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: LIEUTENANT MICHAEL MARCOTTE
RE: EQUIPMENT GRANT-NIGHT VISION GOGGLES

I would like to officially request the scheduling of an agenda item regarding grant acceptance (\$14,512.00) to the Merrimack Police Department for the purpose of purchasing five Night Vision Goggle (NVG) units for our officers. The Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, has approved this grant.

The purpose of this equipment is to provide Merrimack Police more complete protection of life of the citizens of Merrimack. The lack of NVG capabilities hinder any night time or indoor/low-light operation. If a search and rescue, missing person, act of terrorism, active shooter, hostage situation, barricaded subject, or any other critical incident were to take place at night or other low light circumstance; Merrimack Police would not have the capabilities to immediately address those issues and would have to rely on surrounding agencies.

Possessing night vision technology enhances screening, search, detection, threat assessment and discontinuation of threat capabilities, which is essential in preventing threatened or actual acts of terrorism. Night vision would provide the Merrimack Police with the ability to actively and passively surveil and search a scene or incident in all conditions, which without this technology is not possible. The Team's capability to perform surveillance, screening, searches, detection, threat assessments and discontinuation of threats twenty-four hours a day will strengthen the town's safety for citizens and responders.