



# 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: November 2, 2022

Date of Meeting: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Submitted by: Matthew Casparius

Department: Parks & Recreation

Time Required: 2 minutes

Speakers:

Background Info. Supplied: 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

Sponsorship donation to Parks & Recreation Turkey Scavenger Hunt & Welfare Dept Thanksgiving Baskets

## DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Xfinity would like to sponsor the Parks & Recreation Department's Turkey Scavenger Hunt & Welfare Dept's Thanksgiving Baskets and donate \$500 to cover both events.

## REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:

Warrant Article: \_\_\_\_\_

Charter Article:

Town Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Other:

N/A

## EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:

Grant Requirements:

Easel:

Joint Meeting:

Special Seating:

Other:

Laptop:

None:

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPROVAL

Town Manager:

Yes  No:

Chair/Vice Chair:

Yes  No:



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To: Paul Micali, Town Manager

From: Matt Casparius, Director of Parks & Recreation

Re: Sponsorship Donation for Annual Turkey Scavenger Hunt & Welfare Dept Thanksgiving Baskets

Date: November 2, 2022

Hi Paul,

After sponsoring part of our movie nights in the Park this summer; Xfinity reached out to us last indicating that they would like to sponsor our Annual Turkey Scavenger Hunt.

The Annual Turkey Scavenger Hunt is a program that we have been running for the past 6 years where participants follow clues all over Town to lead them to turkey shaped cutouts that we have hidden in different areas of the town. Held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving (Nov 19<sup>th</sup>); the first 3 teams that find all of the clues and return to the Parks & Recreation Office after solving a puzzle win one of three 18 pound turkeys for Thanksgiving!

This is a relatively small event that typically draws around 70 people. Xfinity is offering us \$500, which is much more than what we need to put on this event.

In a conversation that I had with Pat Murphy; her office typically puts together a Thanksgiving Basket for low income families in Town with support from the Fire Department Union. Pat mentioned that she has already received twice as many requests for a thanksgiving basket compared to what she typically receives. After speaking with Pat, I asked Xfinity if they would be open to the idea of also sponsoring the turkey's for the Welfare Department's Thanksgiving Baskets; which they liked that idea.

I would ask the Town Council to accept the \$500 from Xfinity for the purposes of sponsoring the Parks & Recreation Department's Turkey Scavenger Hunt as well as to purchase the turkeys for the Welfare Department's Thanksgiving Baskets with permission to expend the funds for those purposes.