

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 of the amount of but not to exceed \$10,000 for the Bear Christensen Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM** in the Matthew Thornton Room located at 8 Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack.

For Town of Merrimack Use:

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Becky Thompson

From: Chris Christensen <descant34@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Becky Thompson; Paul Micali; Finlay Rothhaus
Subject: Bear Christensen Fund Donation
Attachments: TC agenda for added donation Dec. 2022.doc

Attached is an agenda request for the TC to accept an additional \$10,000 for the Bear Christensen Fund held by the TTF. There was discussion last year about whether a meeting was required for additional donations. I don't find specific language one way or the other, so I'm submitting the request. I'm happy to just make the donation if Paul and Finlay determine that is appropriate.

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Chris Christensen
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Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing – Bear Christensen Fund Acceptance

Submitted by Chris and Lynn Christensen

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to authorize the acceptance of the amount of but not to exceed \$12,000 for the Bear Christensen Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

Chris and Lynn Christensen were present to discuss the Bear Christensen Fund, stating that because the amount is over \$10,000, a public hearing must be held. Town Manager Paul Micali asked if the money in the fund is all going to principle, or if they are going to do 50/50 with interest, in which Mr. Christensen stated that historically they have left this up to the donor, and in this particular case there's going to be \$5,000 going into income and the balance will go into principle. He then shared that he does not have a final amount yet because there is another check in the mail.

The public hearing was opened at 7:14 pm and closed at 7:17 pm. During this time, Mr. Christensen asked to clarify the rules regarding a public hearing for amounts \$10,000 or greater, specifically if they need to still have a public hearing if in the future they receive several donations under \$10,000. Chairman Koenig stated he will research this, but he is of the belief that the public hearing would still need to occur if the total amount is at or over \$10,000.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Rothhaus and seconded by Councilor Hunter to accept the donation of the amount of but not to exceed \$12,000 for the Bear Christensen Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15, with \$5,000 going to income and the balance going into principle.

MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0

*Without objection Chairman Koenig moved **Item #4 under New Business** to be heard next.*

4. 2022 Deliberative Session

Submitted by Town Council Chair Tom Koenig and Vice Chair Finlay Rothhaus

Town Council to discuss the details and motions of the upcoming 2022 Deliberative Session being held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Lynn Christensen was present to share that the previous deliberative sessions have worked well, and they want to continue this pattern. The school will have their session on March 8, 2022, and the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. She then stated that all the rules are the same, and she is requiring masks for these sessions. If someone cannot or will not wear a mask, instead of coming in the main entrance, individuals will be allowed in through the side past the dumpsters towards the back section of the room that will be roped off for individuals without a mask. Ms. Christensen stated that the purpose of this is to make everyone comfortable, and she asks that the Town Councilors help get people seated and to report to her if there are any issues. She also stated she will have masks and sanitizer available for individuals. She then stated that if you are not on the checklist, meaning you have not voted in the past 10 years, there is no option to go to the meeting to get on the checklist because the deadline was February 22, 2022. She stated re-registration can happen during the next election or at any time at Town Hall, but you will not be allowed to vote at these deliberative sessions.

Councilor Harrington shared that for the deliberative sessions, Council members have to volunteer to be the mover and the seconder, and those that move the articles have to talk about it first. After this is decided, Ms. Christensen then receives the list of who is speaking for each article and seconding. The Council decided the following: