



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: March 1, 2023`

Date of Meeting: March 23, 2023

Submitted by: Michael Drouin

Department:

Time Required: 10 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 type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Acceptance of Donations for Sklar Waterfront Park Sub-committee

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to consider the acceptance of a donation from Michael Drouin of 100 seedlings valued at approximately \$120.00 and two wooden benches valued at approximately \$300.00, to the Sklar Waterfront Park Sub-committee to assist in the enhancement of the property’s habitats, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e 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>Michael Drouin</u>	Address	_____
Phone Number		Email Address	<u>mdrouin@merrimacknh.gov</u>

APPROVAL

Becky Thompson

From: Paul Micali
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9:54 AM
To: Becky Thompson; Finlay Rothhaus
Subject: RE: Donation

Please place on the 23rd of March

Paul T Micali
Town Manager
(603)424-2331

-----Original Message-----

From: Becky Thompson <bthompson@merrimacknh.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9:01 AM
To: Finlay Rothhaus <frothhaus@merrimacknh.gov>; Paul Micali <pmicali@merrimacknh.gov>
Subject: FW: Donation

What say you?

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Drouin
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:19 PM
To: Becky Thompson <bthompson@merrimacknh.gov>
Subject: Donation

Hi Becky,

The conservation commission heard my request to donate and has recommended it. I request to go back to the Town Council to donate the following to the Sklar Waterfront Park sub-committee:

From the state nursery:
25 button bush
25 fragrant sumac
25 wetland rose
25 red dogwood

And a donation of 2 benches with a value of no more than \$300 each.

Thank you!

Very Respectfully,
Michael R Drouin
603-892-1620

the Nashua Regional Planning Commission and a search should pull the documents up. The new plan is almost finished and will probably be available within the next few months. Commissioner Kolb said she could provide Chair Perkins with a draft of the master plan which she received when she joined the LMRLAC. She also provided the email address for a contact who could assist any volunteers interested in the water sample collection program: souhegan.river.monitoring@gmail.com

- Request for donation to Sklar Waterfront Park – *Submitted by Mike Drouin*

Commissioner Drouin would like to donate tree seedlings and two benches for use at Sklar. He first proposed this in January, went before the Town Council, and was advised to go to the Conservation Commission for a recommendation on whether to accept the donation. The Commission can't accept the donation directly but can recommend that the Council accept it.

The Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) has been working with the Sklar subcommittee on measures to control invasive plants, and there will be an event in April to clear out a section of burning bush. This will leave a very large bare area in need of re-vegetation with native plant varieties adapted to the soil in the area. Commissioner Drouin would like to donate 25 of each of the following: red dogwood, wetland rose, buttonbush, and fragrant sumac. These plants are all native and appropriate for the soil type and would be planted by the Subcommittee. He would also like to donate two benches, wooden, possibly with concrete legs, valued at no more than \$300.00 each. The total value of the seedlings would be around \$120.00. Discussion briefly touched on the specifics of how to accept this donation. Consensus of the Commissioners is to recommend that the Town Council accept these donations.

OTHER BUSINESS –

- 2023 Seedling order update – *Submitted by Steve Perkins*

Commissioner Perry reported that the state nursery is out of stock, but he is looking into ordering seedlings from Arbor Day, or from Hillsborough County which recently sent the Commission information about its own seedling sale. The Commission approved at an earlier meeting an expenditure of \$500.00 for this project, assuming at the time that the state nursery would have seedlings available. The project is going ahead with other vendors.

Commissioner Perry was unsure of the pricing for seedlings and wasn't comfortable giving an amount if it was not correct. He will continue to gather more information. Chair Perkins said that if the total from those vendors exceeds the approved amount and an order deadline comes before the next Commission meeting, an emergency meeting can be called to address the single issue of increasing the amount for the project.