



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: February 27, 2023
Submitted by: Deputy Chief Matthew Tarleton
Department: Police

Date of Meeting: March 23, 2023

Time Required: 15 minutes

Speakers: Deputy Chief Matthew Tarleton

Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

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

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| 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 - Radio Infrastructure Grant for the Merrimack Police Department

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of up to \$1,471,745.93 for a Radio Infrastructure Grant for the Merrimack Police Department made available through the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), for the purchase of a radio tower, construction of a communications shelter and associated equipment for said grant, 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)

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| 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



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Deputy Chief

MEMO

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2023
TO: PAUL MICALI
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF MATTHEW TARLETON
RE: RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Back in May of 2021, the Merrimack Police Department and Fire Department were looking to upgrade to an 800 MHz digital trunked radio system to alleviate current coverage issues. Specifically, both departments had radio coverage issues while trying to transmit inside large structures (i.e. Fidelity Investments, Anheuser Busch, Elbit Systems, Merrimack Middle School, etc.) and other geographically compromised areas. Changes in topography over the years also contributed to this (i.e. tree growth, large scale developments, new buildings, etc.). The 800 MHz is a much narrower bandwidth than our current VHF system, which allows it to penetrate into large structures. Radio testing conducted using 800 MHz portable radios proved that the radio signal worked within our trouble areas. It was determined that our current VHF system had to be upgraded.

The project required the purchasing of dual band radios for every officer and all mobile radios for Police and Fire vehicles/apparatus. There were also costs related to installation, programming, system integration, engineering, and staging. Lastly, the project required the purchase of a radio tower and construction of a communications shelter to safely house all the equipment at the tower site. The total cost for the project was \$1,471,745.93.

As the costs related to this project are exorbitant, we submitted a Congressionally Directed Spending request to the Office of United States Senator Jeanne Shaheen on May 18, 2021. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Shaheen looks to ensure that the federal government invests in programs that provide assistance to New Hampshire communities. Funding for this project would fall under the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

I am pleased to announce that after submitting the request, we were approved to receive the entire \$1,471,745.93 applied for to compete this project.

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 up to \$1,471,745.93 for a Radio Infrastructure Grant for the Merrimack Police Department made available through the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), for the purchase of a radio tower, construction of a communications shelter and associated equipment for said grant, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday, March 23, 2023, 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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