



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: May 19, 2023
Submitted by: Matt Casparius
Department: Parks & Recreation
Speakers: Fred Mackey

Date of Meeting: June 8, 2023
Time Required: 15 minutes
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

Proposed Mountain Bike Trail at Wasserman Park

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Citizen petition to build a mountain bike trail at Wasserman Park.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	Warrant Article:	_____
Charter Article:	Town Meeting:	_____
Other:	N/A	

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

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	<u>Fred Mackey</u>	Address	<u>51 Thornton Road W</u>
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APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No: Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No:
Hold for Meeting Date: _____



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MEMO

TO: Paul Micali, Town Manager

FROM: Matt Casparius, Director of Parks & Recreation

DATE: May 19, 2023

SUBJECT: Town Council Agenda - Approval of donation

Hi Paul,

On May 17th, the Parks & Recreation Committee heard a proposal from Town Employee Fred Mackey who was proposing a project (as a resident) for Wasserman Park to build a .38 mile long mountain bike trail thru the south side of the woods at Wasserman Park. The trail would start near the Dog Park and travel through the woods down towards the bottom of the hill where it would connect with an existing but unused trail.

The trail would be built by volunteers and would consist mostly of removing some downed trees and clearing out some scrub brush which they felt could be done a matter of weeks. There are no costs to the Town for any of the work being proposed.

This trail is in the same general area of the proposed Disc Golf Course that never got off the group but this group felt if that project ever came forward than this trail would not interfere with that concept.

The Parks & Recreation Committee felt that this will be a wonderful improvement to Twin Bridge Park and voted 8 – 0 in favor of recommending the project to the Town Council for approval.

Wasserman Park Mountain Bike Trail Proposal

The proposed trail that has been mapped out by GPS will be .38 miles long which seeks to use the gentle grade of the currently unused south end of the park. The proposed trail will be built using sustainable trail building techniques and will include natural occurring features. The goal is to extend and incorporate the 5.5 miles of multi-user trails found throughout the northern side of the park so that the park users can experience a greater enjoyment of Wasserman park. All work will be completed by experienced volunteers, most of whom are members of NEMBA and have been building trails in the Merrimack parks for many years. That being said there will be no financial cost to the Parks and Recreation Dept. I hope you will consider this proposal and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Fred Mackey



0.5 mi

Merrimack
Community Garden

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Merrimack
Dog Park

Norma French
Playground

Wasserman Park

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