



Town Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM, in the Matthew Thornton Room

Chairman Koenig called the meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Vice Chairman Boyd, Councilor Albert, Councilor Healey, Councilor Rothhaus, Town Manager, Eileen Cabanel, and Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali. Councilor Harrington was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Life Scout Max Townsend led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

The Town Council will conduct its Retreat/Work Session on Monday, June 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Carriage Shed at Buckley's Great Steaks.

Regular meetings of the Town Council will be conducted on Thursday June 27th and July 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Matthew Thornton Room. The Council will conduct single meetings in the months of July and August.

July 2019 tax bills were mailed on May 22nd and are due by July 1st. Property owners who did not receive their bill should contact the Tax Collector's Office to arrange for a duplicate.

The Summer Reading Kickoff Concert will take place in the Abbie Griffin Park, featuring the very popular, family friendly, Toe Jam Puppet Band, on Wednesday June 19th at 6:00 p.m. This event is in partnership with the Merrimack Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Merrimack Public Library.

Comments from the Press and Public - None

Recognitions, Resignations and Retirements - None

Appointments

1. Annual Review with the Agricultural Commission

Submitted by Agricultural Commission Chair Bob McCabe

Per Town of Merrimack Charter Section 6-6, at least annually, there should be an annual review with the Agricultural Commission. This agenda item is to highlight the commission's significant actions, current projects, anticipated actions, and to raise any concerns the Council should know or could act on.

Bob McCabe, Chairman, Agricultural Commission, provided a timeline of the activities of the previous year.

In the fall of 2018 the Commission ended the summer market the second Wednesday of October. In that same time period, the Merrimack Community Garden closed; gardeners harvested all their produce and left their plots clear of any fencing, posts, etc. The garden was turned and reseeded with winter

1 rye grass to keep the soil amended for the following spring. The water supply lines were winterized,
2 and the meter removed.

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4 In November/December, the garden and summer market applications and paperwork were updated, as
5 required. Contracts change every year.

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7 In January, a mass mailing was distributed to past and present vendors as well as new farmers found in
8 New Hampshire Made or produced information listings.

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10 It is also the time when they renew any necessary licenses used in the industry and take any new UNH
11 Extension courses available.

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13 In March, the new Community Garden contracts are mailed out to old and new gardeners. Veteran
14 gardeners at Wasserman seem to be eager for spring to return. This year they rototilled in mid-April,
15 which was one of the earliest times in the last 10-11 years, set the strings, and staked the garden to set
16 the grid pattern. By mid-May the plots and numbers were issued, and the growing season began.

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18 May to early June market vendor applications come in by mail for those interested in joining the
19 Summer Farmer's Market at 526 D.W. Highway.

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21 The opening was Wednesday June 12th. Fifteen vendors were present including vegetable farmers,
22 bakers, honey and maple producers, the U.S. Census Bureau, New England Fish Products, etc. The
23 market is open from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. for the next 17 Wednesdays.

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25 During monthly meetings, they update and advertise courses available to everyone through the UNH
26 Extension Service. Farmers are provided information on new rules coming out of the Department of
27 Agriculture.

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29 Each year, the Commission provides scholarships and educational stipends to deserving students. Last
30 fall they honored four high school seniors with scholarship funding (opportunity for \$500/year for 4
31 years). The funding starts at the completion of their first semester in college providing they maintain
32 an agricultural or environmental studies major.

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34 They annually contribute to 4H education for all students in summer classrooms for 4H projects
35 facilitated by 4H instructors based out of the Goffstown UNH Extension Services. They contribute to
36 11 first place 4H showmen who bring their animals and products to the New Boston 4H fair in early
37 fall.

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39 The Commission is always seeking new volunteers.

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41 Chairman Koenig commented on mailings sent and questioned if there is Town-wide advertising. Mr.
42 McCabe spoke of the trifold that is left in the Town Hall describing the purpose and features of the
43 Commission. Chairman Koenig noted the information is also available in the Town booklet.

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45 Asked how the winter market worked, Mr. McCabe commented there is the need for help. There was
46 limited vendor participation and the event lost money. The location and price of rent were contributing
47 factors.

1 Mr. McCabe commented on the success of the summer market. There is a great deal of interest and
2 variety. The location is ideal. The Commission is fortunate the owners of the property, Vault, provide
3 their location for the event. They also provide a trailer for the set-up/break-down materials, and the
4 market is permitted to utilize their electricity for signage.

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6 Asked if the planned Vault expansion would be an issue for the market, Mr. McCabe stated the
7 expansion would not be in the area the market utilizes.

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9 Chairman Koenig suggested additional advertising take place. Mr. McCabe spoke of the market being
10 on the front page of the Merrimack Journal the prior week. Last year they advertised in the Union
11 Leader. That remains an option. They utilize Facebook as well.

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13 **Public Hearing** - None

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15 **Legislative Updates from State Representatives**

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17 Representative Nancy Murphy informed the Council HB 261 passed the House and Senate. The bill is
18 relative to arsenic contamination in drinking water, and would reduce the levels of acceptable arsenic
19 from 10 parts per billion (ppb) to 5 ppb.

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21 House Bill 661, relative to a right of private action for toxin exposure, has been retained. It was
22 written specifically around PFAS although the bill does not say PFAS and can be used for anything. It
23 is being worked on in a sub-committee. Originally, it was written to provide a private right of action
24 for equitable or declaratory relief for violation of any solid waste or hazardous waste permit, strict
25 liability for the release of toxic substances and a private right of action for medical monitoring
26 damages. Based on a lot of the challenges that have been seen, it has been amended and will
27 specifically address just the private right of action for medical monitoring damages. The next meeting
28 on that bill is scheduled for August 27th. A number of attorneys from different states are coming to
29 speak to that as well as health providers, citizen advocacy groups, etc.

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31 House Bill 736 would re-establish the commission to study environmentally triggered chronic disease.
32 There was a very similar commission two years ago. Very little work was able to get done in the
33 timeframe provided. Concerned her bill would not go through, she requested Senator Tom Sherman
34 copy her bill and put it in with a different number (SB 85). Earlier in the day the action taken was to
35 vote against the House Bill and support the Senate Bill. The bill has gone through.

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37 Representative Murphy spoke of a bill she sponsored, HB 737, which establishes a commission to
38 investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of
39 Perfluorinated chemicals in the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield. The
40 bill passed the House fairly easily and went to the Senate. In Committee, Senators Jeb Bradley and
41 Bob Giuda brought an amendment forward on behalf of lobbyists for the Municipal Association. BIA
42 was there as was biosolids. Essentially they handed it to DES in the hall and asked for support, which
43 was not provided. It would have stopped PFAS rulemaking for the next two years. She believes the
44 thought process was that this bill was going to pass and that would just go along with it.

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46 A social media campaign was lodged requesting residents write to their Senator indicating this could
47 not wait any longer. The amendment failed in Committee. Last Thursday it was heard before the
48 Senate. Senators Bradley and Giuda attempted a floor amendment. There were approx. 285 letters

1 available. The amendment failed. The full Senate approved the bill. The House concurred today. It is
2 awaiting the Governor's signature.

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4 Representative Murphy provided copies of the bill noting changes made at the request of the Senate.
5 There are memberships to be included on the Commission. One is a representative from each of the
6 affected towns of Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield, appointed by the governing body of such town.
7 It is likely appointments will not occur until September. She requested the Council make her aware of
8 its representative. Also added to the membership was 3 residents; one from each of the affected towns
9 of Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield who are members of drinking water related environmental
10 advocacy citizen organizations, which are not affiliated with any government or State agency
11 recommended by the Senators, appointed to the Commission, and appointed by the President of the
12 Senate.

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14 The Commission will be comprised of 21 individuals and have an established timeframe of four years.

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16 Representative Murphy stated she has reached out to the Governor through several means, and has
17 repeatedly requested his presence at a listening session/roundtable regarding PFAS. To date, he has
18 been non-responsive.

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20 Representative Rung provided a spreadsheet received from the NH DOT regarding the bond schedule
21 for the exit 11 tolls.

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23 She spoke of previous discussion of the lights at Amherst Road and Executive Park Drive noting when
24 she looked into the issue of synchronization with the NHDOT she learned they are unable to do that
25 now because they have issued a Permit of Encroachment to the Executive Park Development. In her
26 last discussion with NHDOT, they had received a plan that the Executive Park Development had
27 submitted regarding updating those lights to enable the synchronization, but they had rejected it
28 because there was a part that didn't meet their specification. She has not heard anything since that
29 time, and will reach out. She is of the belief the Permit of Encroachment expires at the end of the
30 month. NH DOT indicated it is not a big deal for them to extend it to provide them time to have the
31 plan approved and the synchronization to occur.

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33 Vice Chairman Boyd remarked he would not want them to extend it if knowing they could do it
34 themselves immediately rather than wait for 12-24 months down the road.

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36 Representative Rung stated her opinion the developer would be in a better position once the plan is
37 approved, to do it quicker than NH DOT would get it done.

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39 Regarding the 101A/Continental Boulevard intersection (PC Connection area) NH DOT is standing
40 hard on the fact that they don't own that, they have a Right-of-Way. She has the Office of Legislative
41 Research gathering information on right-of-ways and what the responsibility of the State is. She is
42 prepared to submit legislation in the fall requiring NHDOT to maintain a Right-of-Way if it happens to
43 be on a major intersection and abutting a private drive.

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45 Representative Rung spoke of having met with the DRA. A Senate Bill was submitted to remove the
46 exit 11 tolls. An amendment was added indicating they would remove it once the bonds have been
47 paid off. NHDOT provided her the bond schedule. When she presented it to the DRA for explanation,
48 she was told the bond has been refinanced at least once, maybe several times. The original bond
49 doesn't exist any longer. Every time they have refinanced it, they have tacked on more time. It is

1 extremely difficult to have to calculate how much of the construction cost of exit 11 still exists. She
2 would argue that it doesn't. She stated her hope Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Micali can
3 make some sense of the schedule. She spoke with Senator Chandley regarding this. The bill was
4 retained by the Public Works Committee. They are very hesitant and essentially told her they will not
5 approve any legislation that just benefits one town. They also said they are not going to approve
6 anything that takes revenue away. When she spoke with Senator Chandley, one of the strategies
7 discussed was to amend the bill so that it incorporates it into the Ten-Year Transportation Plan and
8 moves it up (year 1 or 2).

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10 Also discussed with the DRA was the issue of Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) and the requirements for
11 those to appear on a Warrant. She explained the challenges in Merrimack as they are used as an
12 integral financing tool and to avoid debt, we communicate our budget and the budgetary goals through
13 CRFs. It is not as though it is a stand-alone tool used to finance here and there. At the end of the
14 discussion it was determined there cannot be legislation that meets the end. In fact, the Director of the
15 DRA said all of the challenges discussed could be solved in one keystroke; if you move from a
16 budgetary Town Council to a more traditional Town Council. The legislation remedy would be
17 moving a mountain to create a small parking space, that is very essential to us, but we would have to
18 move a mountain to get it.

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20 Representative Rung requested the Council discuss establishing a Charter Commission to look at the
21 Charter to see if there are any ways it should be updated, and if the Town Council should be taking
22 over the budgetary responsibility for passing the budget itself rather than giving that responsibility to
23 the voters. She believes it is worth a discussion. If the Town Council did that, there would not be a
24 budget on the Warrant, it would just be the power of the Town Council to approve that and in affect
25 approve all of the CRFs.

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27 Representative Rung thanked the Council for copying her on the letter to the NHDOT regarding sound
28 barriers. She commented on the difficulty getting anything done that will require NHDOT to expend
29 funds they don't want to. She does not believe simply requesting the sound barriers will have a
30 positive outcome. There are things that can be done, one of which is to retest. The citizens living in
31 the Clay Street area had a retesting done to show that the DOT's consultant made an error. She
32 questioned if the Town employs an individual or consulting engineer that could do some retest in those
33 neighborhoods where sound barriers are desired. Another option is a legislative remedy of a Statute
34 that would change the formula the NHDOT uses to qualify areas for sound barriers.

35
36 The House has set its schedule for Legislative Service Requests (LSR). LSRs identify the intent to file
37 a bill. That process goes from September 4th to September 20th. She requested the Council make her
38 aware of any legislative remedies sought.

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40 Councilor Albert spoke of being annoyed to hear the NHDOT has refinanced the debt service on exits
41 11 and 10, and have stated they don't want to give up the revenue. He believes they have been
42 disingenuous about the whole process. He finds it disturbing especially when they had representatives
43 offer the Town somewhat of a deal on taking over Continental Boulevard/Industrial Drive in lieu of
44 closing the tolls.

1 Representative Rung spoke of the desire to have the opportunity to review the historical records
2 regarding any meetings that took place between the Turnpike and the Board of Selectmen at the time
3 of the agreement. For the Town to get any relief on exit 11, she is not optimistic it would come
4 directly from NHDOT, but the Public Works and Highways Committee is very influential. If they had
5 evidence like they will get with this bond schedule, she believes they can be persuaded if realizing that
6 commitment has already been fulfilled.

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8 Town Manager Cabanel stated there is a single document. The Town Council paid an attorney several
9 years ago to put together a binder of every single piece of paper he would find related to this. There is
10 a very comprehensive binder. In that binder there is one letter from the former Town Manager who
11 said, not on behalf of the Council, that we understand that this is a method by which the tolls may be
12 paid. There is no agreement at all.

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14 Representative Rung stated in testimony at the Public Works Committee, the DOT stresses that. Even
15 during the meeting she had with them and Senator Chandley, they repeatedly stated this was the
16 agreement the Town of Merrimack made that you would accept these tolls as long as we built that exit.

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18 Town Manager Cabanel questioned if they have produced that agreement.

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20 Representative Rung commented they haven't out and out misrepresented it, but they have not been
21 forthcoming with the fact that the original bond doesn't exist. Councilor Healey stated it was the only
22 bond out there that they could tack another charge onto, which is what they did. She commented
23 NHDOT continues to state Merrimack is the only town that is getting any privilege by having the exits,
24 but driving north on the F.E. Everett Turnpike you notice all of the communities that have exits off the
25 F.E. Everett. Representative Rung commented her point has been that for the first 14 miles of the
26 turnpike (State line to exit 10), everyone benefits for free.

27 28 **Town Manager's Report**

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30 The Library is now designated as a Passport Acceptance Facility. Those wishing to apply for a U.S.
31 Passport can schedule an appointment with one of the Acceptance Agents onsite. Please visit the
32 Library's website for more information.

33 34 **Consent Agenda** - None

35 36 **Old Business** - None

37 38 **New Business**

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40 *There being no objection, the Council went out of the regular order of business to take up Item #2.*

41 42 **2. Proposed Eagle Scout Project for Wasserman Park**

43 Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

44 Town Council to consider the approval of Boy Scout Max Townsend's proposed Eagle Scout
45 Project for Wasserman Park to repair the existing Wall Ball Court, setup a pickleball court and
46 install a split rail safety fence behind the playground at Wasserman Park.

1 Life Scout Max Townsend provided a [presentation](#) (tape counter 51:25) of his proposed Eagle Scout
2 project to repair the existing wall ball court, setup a pickleball court and install a split rail safety fence
3 behind the playground at Wasserman Park.

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5 He spoke of the needed repairs to the wall ball court. His project would utilize existing metal polls and
6 replace the wooden wall ball. The court also fits the dimensions required for pickleball. A short video
7 was provided explaining pickleball.

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9 Chairman Koenig questioned what it takes to have a pickleball court versus a tennis court. Life Scout
10 Townsend noted the net is a lot smaller. A removable net (with wheels) would be provide so that it
11 could be easily removed when the desire is to utilize the space for wall ball. He spoke of an area
12 between the tennis courts and wall ball court/pickleball area.

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14 Life Scout Townsend stated the project to also include a split rail fence behind the playground area.
15 The area has both the playground and ballfields. Presently there are thorn bushes and a steep drop off
16 with rocks at the base. A fence would provide safety.

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18 Total project cost is anticipated to be \$1,807. Fundraising will include bake sales/concession stand
19 during the summer concerts at the Abbie Griffin Park. He has spoken with Matthew Casparius,
20 Director, Parks and Recreation, who is supportive of the effort.

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22 Photos were displayed of the proposed wall ball wall. Pressure treated plywood (3 x 3; ¾" thickness)
23 would be utilized. The back side would have four 12' tall 2 x 4s to secure the wall to the existing
24 metal polls and to seal in all of the cracks between the plywood. To complete the sealant of the cracks
25 additional 2 x 4s will be utilized. The wall will be painted in deck paint.

26
27 Councilor Albert suggested he reach out to Home Depot or Reeds Ferry Lumber who have been great
28 partners with the community and have helped out with projects.

29
30 Chairman Koenig questioned if the wall ball requires additional support (beyond the support at the
31 edges). Given the intended use, even with a ¾" piece of plywood the seams will take a lot of stress.
32 He suggested it may require additional supports.

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34 Life Scout Townsend responded the reasoning behind providing support between all cracks was to
35 address the pressure the wall is expected to endure.

36
37 Town Manager Cabanel stated the Town would be happy to offer the services of its Building Inspector.
38 His contact information will be provided, and a meeting arranged.

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40 Councilor Woods spoke of being especially impressed with the cost projection including a
41 contingency.

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43 **MOTION made by Vice Chairman Boyd and seconded by Councilor Woods to approve Boy**
44 **Scout Max Townsend's proposed Eagle Scout Project for Wasserman Park to repair the existing**
45 **Wall Ball Court, setup a pickleball court and install a split rail safety fence behind the**
46 **playground at Wasserman Park and furthermore that the Town Manager or her proxy be**
47 **authorized to sign any documents necessary to authenticate Max's desire to pursue this Eagle**
48 **Scout Project, as presented**

1 ON THE QUESTION

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3 Chairman Koenig requested Life Scout Townsend continue to coordinate the project with Director
4 Casparius.

5 **MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0**

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7 *The Council returned to the regular order of business.*

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9 **1. Merrimack 4th of July Review**

10 Submitted by the Rotary Club of Merrimack Members Neil Anketell & Bob Best

11 To discuss the plans and intentions of the Rotary Club of Merrimack regarding the coordination
12 and implementation of a safe and fun Independence Day celebration.

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14 Neil Anketell, Member, Rotary Club of Merrimack, spoke of a change in location for the event. This
15 year's event will be at the High School parking lot. One of the reasons for the change is related to
16 infrastructure; setup was very tasking for a limited amount of people. The electrical distribution was
17 always a huge chore. The trailer from the Rib Fest had been lent to the event by the Nashua Rotary.
18 That equipment is not available this year. The parking lot at the high school has power on every pole,
19 some of which has to be updated.

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21 Throughout the day there will be live music. A musician will set up in the food tent. The vendor
22 presence has been increased; food trucks in addition to food vendors. Merchant vendors have
23 increased. Activities include games of chance (more of a carnival style) and bounce houses.

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25 Mr. Anketell spoke of obtaining a list of organizations in Town. He reached out and has been
26 contacted by some that would like to utilize the event as a fundraising event. The objective is for the
27 event to be community based.

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29 Signage has been updated and placed around Town. Posters will be handed out around Town.

30
31 Chairman Koenig questioned the timing/schedules relative to the other events occurring on the 4th,
32 e.g., Pancake Breakfast, fireworks.

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34 Mr. Anketell noted he met with the Police Department to discuss the event. He also met with Bob Best
35 who coordinates the Pancake Breakfast. They have worked with both groups to ensure there isn't any
36 overlap. They have a plan as to how to occupy the parking area for the Pancake Breakfast and have it
37 cleared out in a way that will allow for adequate parking for the vendors, entertainment, and handicap
38 parking without interfering with the traffic flow. The Police Department was of the opinion the plan
39 that will be implemented will work well with their current practice. At the end of the evening, they
40 provide two lanes of traffic leaving O'Gara Drive. The way the plan is set up will help with that; will
41 prevent motorists from accessing the area around the high school when they should not be.

42
43 The Rotary Club will have the Pancake Breakfast as usual from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. The 4th of July
44 Event will begin at Noon and go to 9:00 p.m. Music will be played during the fireworks.

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46 Chairman Koenig commented on the amount of people that parked in that parking lot to view the
47 fireworks at least year's event. He questioned if the bounce houses and other features would still be
48 running at that time.

1 Mr. Anketell stated the event runs until 9:00 p.m. Following that, lights will remain on so that people
2 can exit the area. The features will be shut down at 9:00 p.m. Half of the parking area, immediately in
3 front of the high school, has been designated for the event. What he came to realize is that in past
4 years the event was so spread out that it felt sparse. He made it very close/tight. His understanding
5 from the police department is that is the same area that has been used in the past.

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7 Brian Tanguay, Member, Rotary Club of Merrimack, remarked when they met with the Police
8 Department the previous week, they learned there will be a cut-off time where there will not be any
9 more traffic allowed going down O'Gara Drive.

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11 Mr. Anketell stated there would not be any traffic flow going through there during the event. O'Gara
12 Drive will be blocked off following the opening ceremonies. The loop around from Woodbury to the
13 highway side of the parking areas will be blocked off. Following the event, the Police Department will
14 address the traffic.

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16 Chairman Koenig commented for people to attend the event, they will need to park somewhere and be
17 able to walk in.

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19 Councilor Albert stated he is pleased the event has been moved. His memory of having the event in
20 that area is that it worked out great, and that traffic was never an issue.

21
22 Councilor Healey spoke of the American Rib Fest occurring this week. She thanked the Merrimack
23 Rotary for taking on these two events, particularly in such a close timeframe.

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25 Mr. Anketell spoke of the amount of participation from the community.

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27 Asked about the road race, Mr. Anketell stated that would be put on. There is also a parade in Town.
28 Mr. Anketell commented the Rotary coordinates the Midway. The fireworks and parade are put on by
29 Director Casparius. The Pancake Breakfast is a Rotary event coordinated by Bob Best.

30 31 **3. Donation Acceptance for Parks and Recreation**

32 Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

33 The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a donation of \$450.00 from Bear
34 Christensen Trust to the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards the Summer Camp
35 Scholarship Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

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37 **MOTION made by Vice Chairman Boyd and seconded by Councilor Healey to approve the**
38 **acceptance and expenditure of a donation of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00) from Bear**
39 **Christensen Trust to the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards the Summer**
40 **Camp Scholarship Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15**

41 42 **ON THE QUESTION**

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44 Town Manager Cabanel noted the Bear Christensen Trust donates funds each year to allow children,
45 who might otherwise not be able to, to participate in summer camp.

1 The Council expressed its gratitude for the continued support.

2 **MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0**

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4 **4. John O’Leary Adult Community Center Agreement**

5 Submitted by Town Manager Eileen Cabanel

6 The Town Council to consider renewing the lease agreement with the John O’Leary Adult
7 Community Center.

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9 Town Manager Cabanel noted the existing three-year agreement expires on June 30th. The agreement
10 outlines the relationship between the Town of Merrimack and the John O’Leary Adult Community
11 Center, Inc. (Center). The agreement provides the facility at a cost of \$1.00, and permits the Center to
12 rent the facility for various uses, e.g. Meals on Wheels. The agreement outlines the responsibilities of
13 each entity in regard to maintenance, insurance, etc.

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15 She spoke of an email received from the Center requested the Agreement include, within the
16 responsibilities of the Town, the shoveling of walkways and stairs, landscaping, and attending to
17 overgrown bushes.

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19 Chairman Koenig noted the agenda packets included a copy of the current agreement. Town Manager
20 Cabanel stated a new agreement would be prepared and provided to the Council for approval.

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22 Chairman Koenig questioned if the requirement for the Center to provide financial statements is being
23 adhered to. Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Micali stated the Town provides the Center
24 approx. \$22,576 a year. To conduct an audit would cost nearly that much. What the Center has been
25 doing is utilizing an audit committee. The Town is provided access to their bank statements and
26 financial records. The information is provided to the Town and the Financial Department conducts a
27 review.

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29 Councilor Albert stated agreement with the additional requested items, and noted the benefit the Center
30 is to the Town. Councilor Healey suggested the Merrimack Garden Club may be able to assist in the
31 beautification aspects.

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33 **MOTION made by Vice Chairman Boyd and seconded by Councilor Healey to table the item**
34 **until the June 27, 2019 meeting. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0**

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36 **Minutes**

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38 May 15, 2019

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40 Page 1; Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Micali should not be listed as in attendance

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42 **MOTION made by Vice Chairman Boyd and seconded by Councilor Albert to approve the**
43 **meeting minutes of the Special Town Council meeting of May 15, 2019, as amended. MOTION**
44 **CARRIED 5-0-1**

45 *Councilor Healey Abstained*

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47 May 23, 2019

MOTION made by Vice Chairman Boyd and seconded by Councilor Healey to approve the meeting minutes of the Town Council meeting of May 23, 2019, as presented. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

Comments from the Press - None

Comments from the Public

Representative Rosemary Rung, 21 Ministerial Drive

Commented during the Legislative Update there was a question about where the F.E. Everett Turnpike began. She checked on the website and learned it begins at the Massachusetts state line and extends through exit 14 in Concord.

Comments from the Council

Councilor Albert stated the desire to recognize that Captain Mike Dudash had his last Roll Call. Although not formally retired, it was his last workday. Captain Dudash gave a lot to this community. He was heavily involved in the community policing process. He started at the age of 20 as a Special Officer and worked his way to the rank of Captain. He served the community for 34 years. He will be missed in the department. He wished him luck and happiness in his future endeavors, and thanked him for his service.

Chairman Koenig echoed the sentiments and thanked Captain Dudash for his service to the community.

Vice Chairman Boyd informed the Council and viewing audience Life Scout Wesley Bolling is currently doing an Eagle Scout service project involving Camp Allen, Bedford, NH. He is proposing to build wheelchair accessible picnic tables for the campers. His fundraiser is a spaghetti fundraiser at St. James Methodist Church this Saturday night from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Koenig expressed his gratitude to the Police Department for their efforts over the past weekend with the Special Olympics. The summer games were held in Durham, and several of our officers were there to assist.

Adjourn

MOTION made by Councilor Healey and seconded by Councilor Woods to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

The June 13, 2019 meeting of the Town Council was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted by Dawn MacMillan