



Town Council Meeting Minutes



Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Matthew Thornton Room

Call to Order

Chairman Koenig called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present at the meeting were Chairman Koenig, Vice Chair Boyd, Councilor Harrington, Councilor Rothhaus, Councilor Healey, Councilor Albert, and Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul T. Micali. Councilor Woods and Town Manager Eileen Cabanel were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Koenig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Chairman Koenig made the following announcements:

- Voting day: The official ballot vote will be held on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 from 7am-7pm at the three polling locations: James Masticola Upper Elementary School, Merrimack Middle School, and St. John Neumann Church. Please contact the town clerk's office at 424-3651 or visit the NH secretary of state's website to find your specific polling location. There are three ballots this year due to the special state election to fill the state representative seat vacated by Dick Hinch. There will be a school ballot, town ballot, and state rep ballot to cast.
- On behalf of the Merrimack Town Council, we would like to offer condolences to the family and friends of Linda Hall who passed away on Saturday, March 27th at the age of 77. Linda worked alongside Diane Trippett as the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for almost 17 years. She was truly a considerate, compassionate, and empathetic person who cared deeply for others.
- Upcoming Town Council meetings:
Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7pm Regular meeting
Thursday May 13th at 7pm Regular meeting
Thursday May 27th at 7pm Regular meeting

Assistant Town Manager Micali made the following announcements:

- Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali presented an update on the Transfer Station. He stated that the Station will be opened and remain normal business hours tomorrow, April 9th. Transfer Station/Recycling Center will begin summer operation hours starting Thursday, April 15th and continue through Thursday, September 30th. The summer operating hours will be Thursdays from 8am- 7pm. The facility will continue with normal hours 8am-4pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.
- On April 2nd, the Town of Merrimack officially celebrated its 275th anniversary. The Committee has planned a series of community events and activities that will run from April to October. For more information, please visit www.merrimacknh.gov/275th. Tomorrow will be a kickoff event for the celebration where we will be reading proclamations and awarding the Boston Cane recipient. Additionally, there was a flag that was flown over the Capitol and State House in Concord that will be presented to the Town Council as well. The festivities start at 3:30pm tomorrow at Abbie Griffin Park.

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- 2 • The filing period for property tax exemptions and tax credits is coming to a close. The deadline
- 3 to file is Thursday, April 15th. The Assessing Department is happy to help anyone with
- 4 questions at 424-5136 or in person at their window in Town Hall. Please note that Town Hall is
- 5 fully open to the public for business, and you do not have to make an appointment for any
- 6 public services or assistance. If you have business with the Town, we are open to serve the
- 7 residents of Merrimack.
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- 9 • The Town of Bedford has posted a daily closure on Gage Girls Road between 7am-5pm for
- 10 reconstruction during the next 4 weeks. Bedford will be reconstructing and then paving the
- 11 section of gravel road between Merrimack town line and Amber Lane in Bedford. The
- 12 Merrimack Solid Waste/Recycling Center will remain open during the times of reconstruction.
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- 14 • Absentee ballots for the April 13th Town and Special State Election will be preprocessed
- 15 tomorrow, April 9th beginning at 9am at the Merrimack High School. The public is more than
- 16 welcome to observe the process.
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18 Councilor Albert asked if there were any updates regarding the Wildcat Falls and Currier Rd area.
 19 Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali stated that signs have been placed in the Currier
 20 Rd neighborhood and restricted parking for Merrimack residents begins May 15th. Placards for
 21 residents are in available in the Town Manager’s office. Residents are able to get two placards.
 22 Additionally, if residents want to have parties or special events, residents can visit the Police
 23 Department to pick up their placards from May 15th to September. Assistant Town Manager/Finance
 24 Director Paul Micali expects the Police Department will be doing patrols in the area.

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26 **Comments from the Press and Public**

27 None

28 **Recognitions, Resignations and Retirements**

29 **1. Recognition of Resignation of Town Employee**

30 *Submitted by Human Resources Director Sharon Marunicz*

31 The Town Council presented a plaque to Louis A. Lapointe in recognition of his service after
 32 more than 23 years of full-time service with the Town of Merrimack Public Works Department:
 33 August 17, 1997 – March 31, 2021.

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35 **2. Recognition of Resignation of Town Employee**

36 *Submitted by Human Resources Director Sharon Marunicz*

37 The Town Council presented a plaque to John H. Spence in recognition of his service after
 38 almost 18 years of full-time service with the Communications Division of the Town of
 39 Merrimack Police Department: May 4, 2003 – March 31, 2021.

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41 **Appointments**

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43 **1. Annual Review with the Highway Safety Committee**

44 *Submitted by Highway Safety Committee Chair / Police Chief Brian Levesque*

45 Per Town of Merrimack Charter Section 6-6, at least annually, there should be an annual
 46 review with the Highway Safety Committee. This agenda item is to highlight the committee’s

1 significant actions, current projects, anticipated actions, and to raise any concerns the Council
2 should know or could act on.

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4 Police Chief Brian Levesque opened by stating that the goal of the Highway Safety Committee is to
5 find and reduce any traffic accidents as well as reduce any deaths or injuries resulting from traffic, with
6 safety being the main focus of the program. They follow nationally accredited standards on uniform
7 traffic control. Over the past year, one main issue was determining if Currier Road was a safety issue
8 or not. After several discussions, the Town Council enacted a residence only provision in the area.
9 Also, Hadley Road installed No Parking During School Hours signs to prevent High School students
10 from parking and blocking the flow of emergency vehicles, plows, etc. In the coming year, they will be
11 working closely with the DPW on TAP grants and sidewalk projects. If residents have any concerns on
12 safety issues, they can email the Highway Department or Chief Levesque directly. Chairman Koenig
13 asked if the Highway Safety Committee handles requests for street signs; Chief Levesque stated that
14 they will handle any requests for street signs other than new developments.
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16 **Public Hearing**

17 None

18 **Legislative Updates from State Representatives**

19 None

20 **Town Manager's Report**

- 21 • Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali wanted to formally congratulate
22 employees achieving ranking at the UNH T squared New Hampshire Roads Scholar program.
23 Kevin Montminy and John Provost have achieved the ranks of Roads Scholar I. Jake Stevens
24 has achieved the rank of Roads Scholar II. Robert Golemo has achieved the rank of Safety
25 Champion and Roads Scholar I. Lou LaPoint has received the rank of Safety Champion. Dawn
26 Tuomala has achieved the rank of Master Roads Scholar II. The NH Roads Scholar program
27 establishes education and training requirements for municipal level highway practitioners and
28 recognizes those who have successfully completed specific course load at UNH T2 Center
29 workshops.
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- 31 • Public Works Director Kyle Fox has been nominated for recognition by the Rotary Club of
32 Merrimack in its annual Excellence in the Workplace Program. Our thanks to Brian Snow for
33 making this nomination. The Rotary values all occupations and takes the opportunity to
34 publicly recognize several people who have personally demonstrated the value of their
35 occupation. The 2021 recognition will be held remotely on Thursday, April 15th, 2021.
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37 **Consent Agenda**

38 None.

39 **Old Business**

40 None.

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1 **New Business**

2 **1. Reappointment of Merrimack Representative to the Nashua Regional Planning**
3 **Commission**

4 *Submitted by Town Council Chair Tom Koenig and Vice Chair Bill Boyd*

5 The Town Council to consider the reappointment of Karin Elmer as one of Merrimack's
6 representatives to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC), as recommended by the
7 Merrimack Planning Board and pursuant to RSA 36:46 (III).

8 **MOTION was made by Vice Chair Boyd and seconded by Councilor Harrington to reappoint**
9 **Karin Elmer to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC). MOTION CARRIES 6-0-0**
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11 Vice Chair Boyd stated that Karin Elmer has been very involved with the NRPC for 10 years and is an
12 important person within the commission. She has served as Chair and been part of the Executive
13 Board. She brings a myriad of experience to the position, but above all she is committed to
14 representing our community on the commission with passion and diligence. Ms. Elmer was unable to
15 attend the Town Council meeting in person, so she will stop by Town Hall and have one of the clerks
16 swear her in for the next three-year term.

17 Chairman Koenig pointed out that there are four positions on the NRPC in Merrimack, with one open
18 position to appoint. If someone has an interest or desire to serve on the NRPC board, they can send a
19 note in to Becky Thompson at Town Hall, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali, or
20 Chairman Koenig. Vice Chair Boyd shared that the board meets quarterly in a new facility in Nashua
21 with members from all over the Nashua region. One main value in being on the board is the role that
22 they have on the transportation plan and how that relates to the community. It would be invaluable to
23 have a member from Merrimack to represent residents regarding the 10-year plan and how it impacts
24 the community.

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26 **2. Release of Easement Deeds / Edgebrook Heights**

27 *Submitted by Edgebrook Heights, LLC and Wigston Properties, LLC*

28 Request that Town Council approve the release of certain sewer easement deeds for sewer lines
29 never developed.
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31 Town Engineer Dawn Tuomala presented an update on the proposal to eliminate the sewer easement
32 that runs through The Melton Associate's property. The property, which is located in south Merrimack
33 on the east side of the Daniel Webster Highway, is wedged between the highway and the Merrimack
34 River near the old Nashua Corp building. A number of years ago, there was a sewer master plan called
35 the "Hamilton Study" which outlined a proposal for an easement to run down through the backside of
36 Nashua Corp along the edge of Pennichuck Brook and extend along the western side of the DW
37 highway, with the thought of it extending down to Pennichuck Square. Many of the easements for this
38 project had been purchased, however there was a new sewer plan accepted in 2013 that was used in
39 place of the Hamilton Plan and many of the old easements have been given back as of 2017. This
40 particular area is the last piece of the old sewer interceptor easement, and it has been determined that
41 this easement is not needed anymore. The property has since been re-subdivided and there are now 4
42 different lots including Benning Court, which is a private road. The easement that remains is a small
43 area where septage will be pumped up across the DW Highway. It was determined a number of years
44 ago that there was enough sewage drainage for all the Edgebrook Properties to come down from the
45 sewer interceptor on DW highway. Dawn and the property attorneys have spent several months
46 working the plan out and feel they would like to move forward in this process. Dawn is asking for "the
47 release of sewer easements and to authorize the execution and recordation of the release of sewer
48 easements and to authorize the Town Manager to sign as your agent."

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2 **MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Albert to approve the**
3 **release of certain sewer easement deeds for sewer lines never developed. MOTION CARRIES 6-**
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6 **3. Relocation of Drainage Easement**

7 *Submitted by Deputy PW Director / Town Engineer Dawn Tuomala on behalf of Leonard*
8 *Amadeo*

9 The Town Council to consider the relocation of drainage easement to ensure a building permit
10 can be issued for a single car detached garage project and will not interfere with new location
11 of drainage easement.
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14 Deputy Public Works Director/Town Engineer Dawn Tuomala presented information on a drainage
15 easement on the property of Leonard Amadeo, who lives at 14 Acacia St. Mr. Amadeo purchased two
16 lots back in 1974 which had a drainage easement on both sides of the line that divides those two lots
17 that came down by the back side. The two lots have since been combined and are now one lot in which
18 his home is located on. They would like to propose putting a single garage in the area of the easement
19 and moving the easement back into the wetland area where it actually belongs. Mr. Amadeo has
20 provided the plan and all easement documents which have been reviewed by Steve Whitney on behalf
21 of Attorney Keriann Roman, who has reviewed them and is in agreement. Ms. Tuomala is asking to
22 release the old easement and have the Town Manager sign the new easement. Chairman Koenig asks if
23 the drainage easement is a plot to put pipes on or if it is a surface water drainage easement that can be
24 moved. Ms. Tuomala clarifies that there is a ditch line that runs through the upper section towards the
25 road which will remain. Chairman Koenig questions what the effect of moving the easement is or why
26 one might not want the easement moved. Ms. Tuomala states that moving it allows him to be able to
27 use the upland part of his lot and there are no reasons to not allow the relocation as there are no
28 immediate plans to use the easement at the moment. Public Works Director Kyle Fox provided an
29 answer as to why they possibly would not want to move the easement, stating that the drainage was
30 designed to shed into the back yards, and it gives the town the right to maintain the area and clean out
31 the ditch line to keep the water flowing.
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33 **MOTION made by Councilor Albert and seconded by Councilor Healey to consider the**
34 **relocation of drainage easement to ensure a building permit can be issued for a single car**
35 **detached garage project. MOTION CARRIES 6-0-0**
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38 **4. Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Phase 3 Bond Update**

39 *Submitted by Deputy Public Works Dir. / Wastewater Sarita Croce and Public Works Dir. Kyle*
40 *Fox*

41 The Town Council to receive an update on the bid process for the WWTF's Phase 3 Bond and
42 the next steps moving forward.
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44 Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali opened the discussion by sharing that the
45 current bidding climate for this project has been going "haywire" and then passed out copies of the
46 [WWTF Presentation](#) that will be shared. Deputy Public Works Director / Wastewater Sarita Croce
47 gave a brief overview of the project that included talking about the funding and a brief comparison of
48 the bid they received vs their budget. On May 15th, The WWTP will turn 51 years old and the
49 infrastructure has mostly not been replaced since the original construction of the building. The first
50 major goal was to replace the aging infrastructure that has not been replaced to date. The 2nd goal was
51 to address safety concerns associated with the infrastructure and operations. The 3rd goal was to

1 address code related deficiencies, such as electrical codes as well as making the Headworks building
2 compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 4th and last goal was addressing issues with
3 flushable wipes that are not degradable and can plug pumps/lines. Deputy Public Works Director /
4 Wastewater Sarita Croce then provided a breakdown of the \$22.62 million funding for these goals,
5 which includes project design/engineering (\$1.55 million), construction administration (\$2.34 million),
6 legal/administrative (\$170,000), and financing (\$210,000). After this budgeting, the total funds
7 remaining is \$18.35 million. Out of this total, the SRF process requires a 5% construction contingency
8 (\$870,000), leaving the budget with \$17.48 million for construction funding.

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10 Based on this funding, bids were prepared with Engineer Wright Pierce and broken down into
11 different bid categories. The base bid included:

- 12 • Upgrading the main pump station
- 13 • Upgrading Souhegan and Thornton's Ferry pump stations
- 14 • Building a new Influent Screenings building to address the issues with flushable wipes
- 15 • Replacement of clarifier mechanisms (big tanks that separate solids from liquids to
16 discharge clean water)
- 17 • Upgrade the original generators to two new emergency generators
- 18 • Upgrade compost facility ventilation system
- 19 • Upgrade sludge holding tank
- 20 • Chlorine building electrical upgrade
- 21 • Miscellaneous piping, electrical, and computer programming upgrades

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23 Alternate bids included:

- 24 • Bid Alternate A- Hydrogen Sulfide Concrete Coating in sludge storage tanks
- 25 • Bid Alternate B- Renovation to Headworks building administrative spaces, bathrooms,
26 and laboratory
- 27 • Bid Alternative C- Algae sweeps for secondary clarifiers

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29 Councilor Harrington asked if these alternate bids were added on after the initial base criteria, to which
30 Ms. Croce replied that they established a base bid to include upgrades that were absolutely needed, and
31 the alternates were created to add onto the base bid once it was approved.

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33 Councilor Albert asked if the alternate bids were planned from the beginning or if they were figured
34 out after the fact. Ms. Croce stated that they were created after the fact. The preliminary design was
35 finished in October 2018, and they were unsure at the time due to the cost estimate. By the time they
36 finalized the design in December 2020, they knew it was going to be a tough bidding environment and
37 they were unsure if they would be able to complete all the aspects of the project like they had
38 originally planned to, so alternates A, B, and C were developed. Councilor Albert then asked who told
39 them to expect that the cost was too short, which Ms. Croce replied the engineering firm, Wright
40 Pierce, is who informed them.

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42 Ms. Croce then shared that the base bid was \$5.2 million dollars over the allocated budget, with one
43 contractor, Methuen Construction, submitting a bid of \$22,689,233. The bid alternates bring the total
44 bid price to \$24,604,753, which is \$7.1 million over budget. The Town is currently meeting with
45 Wright-Pierce to further evaluate the bid and develop a path forward. Once there is a plan in place,
46 they will come back to Town Council before any construction is set to begin and to provide
47 recommendations.

1 Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali stated that the day the bids opened in March
2 they knew they came in over budget. Because only one company bid, they asked Wright-Pierce why
3 this happened and if they should scrap the bid and go out later in the year. They were informed by
4 Wright-Pierce that there were several reasons this happened. One company said they “may or may not
5 bid if you rebid it” as they had other projects to complete, another company was at bonding limits
6 (company has too much work), and another company did not have a project engineer/manager that can
7 handle a \$20 million project for at least another year out. They decided to have Wright-Pierce contact
8 Methuen Construction and see where they stand and if they can break out their bid for the Town. They
9 had a meeting today to break the numbers in their bid package down so this information could be
10 reported back to the Council and make everyone aware that we might not be able to complete all the
11 goals we had hoped to in earlier budget presentations. The top priority remains upgrading
12 infrastructure and the Headwords building.
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14 Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali then shared that on a separate note, on March
15 11th, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act, which includes a \$1.9 trillion
16 stimulus that was signed. Of that, \$130 billion is going out to local communities, states, and
17 municipalities. They have 60 days to come up with the requirements and send out the first check,
18 which is 50% of total amount that we would get. The 60-day deadline runs out on May 11th. There is
19 potential there for the Town as one of the programs talks about sewer infrastructure and water districts.
20 It is unclear if the town of Merrimack will get all the money, or if we will have to work with MVD, or
21 if MVD and the Town will get separate funds. Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali
22 was on a conference call this morning with other national organizations and there were no clear
23 answers about how this funding will work and how the money will get distributed. He will provide an
24 update once he gets some answers.
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26 Councilor Rothaus shared his disappointment with Wright-Pierce failing us miserably with the
27 budgeting on this project. He is displeased that they are \$7 million off from their original quote. To add
28 to that, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali said that the subcontractors
29 (electricians, plumbers, mechanics) came in 50% higher than anticipated and the equipment estimates
30 came up much higher due to the significant increased cost of steel. Ms. Croce said that this afternoon
31 Methuen Construction provided a summary of recent bids they had and they broke it down to show the
32 engineering estimate vs the low bidder. One was a bid for Orange, MA WWTF in which the
33 engineering estimate was \$10.2 million, and the low bidder was \$15.3 million. Another was in
34 Peabody, MA in which the engineering estimate was \$15 million with the low bid at \$17.89 million. A
35 third in Orleans, MA was \$22.35 million for the engineering estimate with the low bid coming in at
36 \$32.93 million. Lastly, Hampton, which is a project Wright-Pierce is working on, came in at \$8.7
37 million for the engineering estimate and the low bid was at \$10.46 million. These bids have all been
38 within the last year and they were all under various engineering companies, not just Wright-Pierce.
39 The average differential overall was 34% higher than the engineering estimates on average.
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41 Councilor Harrington suggested contacting Jeanne Shaheen or Maggie Hassan’s offices to ask for
42 guidance or see if they have insight on how we can get more funding for this project. Assistant Town
43 Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali stated he will touch base with them and let the Council know if
44 we hear anything from either of their offices.
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46 Councilor Albert asked if there is any concern for the interest rates on bonds. Assistant Town
47 Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali stated that borrowing now with interest rates being so low could
48 be potentially driving these project rates higher. The Municipal Bond Bank sent information out that
49 stated that bond rates were around 2.1% for a 30-year bond.
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1 Chairman Koenig clarified that everything in the alternates category is off the table and that the focus
2 for the project is going to be replacing existing infrastructure and other base programming. Ms. Croce
3 elaborated that issues such as repairs to the main pump stations, clarifier mechanisms, and upgrading
4 the outdated emergency generators are the most critical issues, as well as piping that needs to be
5 replaced. An entire evaluation is being done now to determine what is absolutely necessary from a risk
6 perspective. Overall, this is a holistic systems replacement and not a piecemeal replacement project
7 with the goal being to enhance the WWTF altogether.
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9 Councilor Albert asked if there is a projected payment and cost expectations for the \$7.1 million, with
10 which Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali replied that they are working on that.
11 Additionally, they are looking at other possible ways to save money, such as incentives from
12 Eversource or potential grants to help get the project completed.
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14 **5. Letter of Support – House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure Projects**

15 *Submitted by Public Works Director Kyle Fox*

16 The Town Council to consider writing a letter of support for each proposed project submitted to
17 the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which includes replacing part of the
18 Souhegan River Pedestrian bridge and the Baboosic Lake /Turkey Hill Road Roundabout
19 Project.
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21 Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali stated that Congressman Chris Pappas' office
22 reached out to the Town asking if we have any projects to include in infrastructure. To qualify, the
23 projects had to be completed by fiscal year 2021 or calendar year 2022, meaning that the projects had
24 to basically be “shovel ready”. The Town submitted 4 projects that are also listed on Congressman
25 Pappas' website: The pedestrian bridge, the Turkey Hill roundabout, upgrading one of the pump
26 stations, and an infrastructure upgrade for dispatch and communications. Two projects were sent back
27 as they do not qualify: The upgrades for dispatch and communications and the upgrade to the pump
28 station. The pedestrian bridge was pushed forward as a “maybe” and the Turkey Hill roundabout did
29 qualify, so Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali is asking for letters of support from
30 the Council to bring with him when he and Public Works Director Kyle Fox meet with the House
31 Committee tomorrow. This program is highly competitive and there is limited time to discuss the
32 projects at the meeting (one minute per project), so they believe that letters of support will go a long
33 way.
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35 **MOTION was made by Vice Chair Boyd and seconded by Councilor Healey to consider writing**
36 **a letter of support for each proposed project submitted to the House Committee on**
37 **Transportation and Infrastructure, which includes replacing part of the Souhegan River**
38 **Pedestrian bridge and the Baboosic Lake /Turkey Hill Road Roundabout Project. MOTION**
39 **CARRIES 6-0-0**
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41 Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali called for an amendment to ask if Chairman
42 Koenig can sign the letters for the Council, in which Chairman Koenig agreed to.
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44 Councilor Harrington suggested stating in the letter that the Town has been basically separated by the
45 highway and that having the pedestrian bridge would increase accessibility between the two parts of
46 the town. Chairman Koenig read part of the letter template created by Mr. Fox that highlights how
47 valuable the pedestrian bridge would be for the community and it would greatly increase pedestrian
48 access from one part of the town to the other.
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1 Regarding the Turkey Hill roundabout, Councilor Healey asked if the safety factors, such as the
2 number of accidents, has been included in the project description. Mr. Fox stated that the number of
3 accidents, which is 25 since 2012, was put in the project submittal letter along with a 25% budget
4 increase for the cost estimate that will include the additional mandatory fees from the environmental
5 review, which is part of the NEPA process.
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8 **6. Sponsorship Donation of Parks and Recreation Department Summer Movie Nights**

9 *Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius*

10 The Town Council to consider the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$600 from the
11 Merrimack Lions Club to the Parks and Recreation Department to sponsor Summer Movie
12 Nights in the Park, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15. These funds are used to
13 pay the licensing fee to publicly show movies.
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15 Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali stated that they are still deciding which park to
16 host the movie night, and also wanted to point out that this is the 6th year the Merrimack Lions Club
17 has supported this program for the Parks and Recreation Department. Vice Chair Boyd asks for a letter
18 of thanks for the Merrimack Lions Club for their continuous generous donation.
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20 **MOTION was made by Councilor Albert and seconded by Councilor Healey to consider the**
21 **acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$600 from the Merrimack Lions Club to the Parks**
22 **and Recreation Department to sponsor Summer Movie Nights in the Park. MOTION CARRIES**
23 **6-0-0**
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26 **7. Acceptance of Donations for Parks and Recreation Dept. – Wasserman Park Function**
27 **Hall**

28 *Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius*

29 The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of
30 \$2,200 from the Rotary Club of Merrimack and previous donations in the amount of \$2,731.43
31 from Eagle Scout Project surplus funds, to the Parks and Recreation Department to be used
32 towards the installation of acoustic sound panels in the Wasserman Park Function Hall,
33 pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.
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35 **MOTION was made by Vice Chair Boyd and seconded by Councilor Healey to consider the**
36 **acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$2,200 from the Rotary Club of**
37 **Merrimack and previous donations in the amount of \$2,731.43 from Eagle Scout Project surplus**
38 **funds, to the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards the installation of acoustic**
39 **sound panels in the Wasserman Park Function Hall. MOTION CARRIES 6-0-0**
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41 Vice Chair Boyd asks for a letter of thanks for the Rotary Club for their donation.
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43 **Minutes**

44 Approve the minutes from the following Town Council meeting:

45 ♦ March 11, 2021
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47 Approval with changes:

48 Page 2 line 46- should be Nixle not Nextel

49 Page 3 line 33 it says “design a program that is tailored the a person’s individual needs, should say “to
50 a person’s individual needs”.

1 Page 6 line 15 it says “motion was made by and seconded by to encourage the 275th anniversary
2 planning committee”. Should say who made the motion if we are able to figure out who it was.
3 Page 6 line 19 and 20- “\$1,000” should there be a “.00” at the end of that
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5 **MOTION** made by Vice Chair Boyd and seconded by Councilor Healey to approve the Town
6 **Council meeting minutes for March 11, 2021 as amended. MOTION CARRIES 6-0-0**
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8 **Comments from the Press**

9 None

10 **Comments from the Public**

11 None

12 **Comments from the Council**

13 Councilor Harrington thanks Councilor Albert for being such a pleasant councilor as this is his last
14 meeting. Councilor Rothaus seconded Councilor Harrington’s statements, shares that Councilor Albert
15 has been wonderful and he will be missed. Vice Chair Boyd wishes Councilor Albert and his wife all
16 the best and echoes the statements made by Harrington and Rothaus, as well as thanked him for
17 sharing his passion for conservation.
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19 Vice Chair Boyd was informed today by Maureen Mooney that House Bill 236, which is the
20 requirement on statutes of limitations on civil actions related to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
21 substances was passed the house today and goes on to the Senate.
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23 Chairman Koenig closed with one last statement urging people to go out and vote on Tuesday, April
24 13th, 2021 from 7am-7pm.
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26 **Adjourn**
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28 **MOTION** made by Councilor Albert and seconded by Councilor Harrington to adjourn the
29 **meeting. MOTION CARRIES 6-0-0**

30 The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm
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32 Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Steagald
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