



# 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: August 12, 2014  
Submitted by: Town Manager Eileen Cabanel and  
Finance Director Paul T. Micali  
Department:  
Speakers:

Date of Meeting: August 21, 2014  
Time Required: 20 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"/>
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	<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

Voter Survey

## DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

To discuss the possibility of creating a survey available for distribution to the residents/voters during the General Election.

## 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"/>
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

Town Manager: Yes  No:  Chair/Vice Chair: Yes  No:

# Memo



TO: Town Council  
ATTN: Town Manager Eileen Cabanel  
FROM: Finance Director Paul T. Micali  
DATE: August 12, 2014

RE: Survey

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At the Council retreat in May the Town Council discussed having a survey at the State/ Federal Election. Does the Council still want to have a survey available to the residents at this election? If so we would need questions form the Council and a decision on the method of distribution of the survey. Does the Council want a survey where the voter fills out the questions similar to the ballot and we tally them at a later time? Does the Council wish to utilize Survey Monkey and hand out the web address this way the Town can advertise the survey and we could get a wider population then just those who went to vote to participate in the survey.

If utilizing Survey monkey, we have until the October 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to discuss the questions. If we are going with the ballot type survey we need the questions by September 11<sup>th</sup>.



## MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENT SURVEY

### PLEASE RATE MERRIMACK FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL below your choice (s) like this:

Should the Town develop a Pay As You Throw program as a method to reduce trash disposal fees?

Yes                  No                  No Opinion

                                  

Should the Town continue to use tax dollars in order to provide funding to organizations such as the Adult Community Center, MYA and Merrimack Concert Association?

Yes                  No                  No Opinion

                                  

The Wasserman Park summer day camp operates at no cost to the taxpayer. Should the Town continue to operate the Wasserman Park day camp?

Yes                  No                  No Opinion

                                  

I am satisfied with the overall quality of service by all town departments combined? (Town Council, Town Manager, DPW, Police Dept., Fire Dept., and remaining Town Staff)

Very Satisfied                  Somewhat Satisfied                  Somewhat Dissatisfied                  Very Dissatisfied

                                                    

Please rate your satisfaction with the Town's efforts to communicate with residents through newsletters, its website, and other means?

Very Satisfied                  Somewhat Satisfied                  Somewhat Dissatisfied                  Very Dissatisfied

                                                    

The Town of Merrimack has the financial resources to provide some of the services and programs desired by residents. Please rate the importance of each of the following services and programs.

	High	Medium	Low
Police Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire protection and prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roads, Bridges, Buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency medical services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town parks and sports fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic development programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing recreation programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sewer and storm drain systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please rate the importance of the following specific projects.

	High	Medium	Low
Fire Station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Works Garage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Based on your interaction with Town staff over the last year, please rate your satisfaction using the following criteria:

	High	Medium	Low
Courteous	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helpful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledgeable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2010 TOWN SURVEY RESULTS																		
	1. Should the Town develop a Pay As You Throw program as a method to reduce trash disposal fees?			2. Should the Town continue to use tax dollars in order to provide funding to organizations such as the Adult Community Center, MYA and Merrimack Concert Association?			3. The Wasserman Park summer day camp operates at no cost to the taxpayer. Should the Town continue to operate the Wasserman Park day camp?			4. I am satisfied with the overall quality of service by all town departments combined? (Town Council, Town Manager, DPW, Police Dept., Fire Dept., and remaining Town Staff)			5. Please rate your satisfaction with the Town's efforts to communicate with residents through newsletters, its website, and other means?					
	YES	NO	NO OPINION	YES	NO	NO OPINION	YES	NO	NO OPINION	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	
NORTH	174	368	31	399	158	23	481	56	41	230	294	39	8	131	347	72	21	
CENTRAL	161	562	62	600	156	33	628	93	67	337	363	68	14	207	439	101	23	
SOUTH	91	223	37	331	104	20	381	43	31	206	204	30	8	126	250	58	8	
TOTALS	426	1253	130	1330	418	76	1490	192	139	773	861	137	30	464	1096	231	52	
6. The Town of Merrimack has the financial resources to provide some of the following services and programs desired by residents. Please rate the importance of each of the following services and programs.																		
	Police Services			Fire Protection/Prevention			Roads, Bridges, Buildings			Emergency Medical Services			Library Services					
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
NORTH	511	59	6	510	6	5	385	168	12	460	97	8	210	235	130			
CENTRAL	690	80	19	692	75	12	528	223	21	645	119	7	335	307	130			
SOUTH	406	37	5	394	41	9	300	133	8	365	62	7	197	178	65			
TOTALS	1607	176	30	1596	122	26	1213	524	41	1470	278	22	742	720	325			
Question #6 Continued																		
	Youth Programs			Town Parks & Sports Fields			Economic Development			Recreation Programs			Sewer & Storm Drain Systems					
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
NORTH	228	260	82	180	308	83	171	265	125	139	271	154	300	229	43			
CENTRAL	339	357	77	294	393	83	233	398	122	216	404	151	421	297	55			
SOUTH	212	179	52	174	200	63	139	229	66	116	240	87	230	183	31			

TOTALS	779	796	211	648	901	229	543	892	313	471	915	392	951	709	129
	7. Please rate the importance of the following specific projects.														
	Fire Station			Athletic Fields			Public Works Garage			Library					
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW			
NORTH	342	157	71	108	285	176	77	312	173	186	191	199			
CENTRAL	485	204	88	177	387	208	136	420	215	328	237	206			
SOUTH	274	132	42	103	219	122	69	245	125	181	150	112			
TOTALS	1101	493	201	388	891	506	282	977	513	695	578	517			
8. Based on your interaction with Town staff over the last year, please rate your satisfaction using the following criteria:															
	Courteous			Helpful			Professional			Knowledgeable					
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW			
NORTH	328	204	16	322	202	24	317	209	19	313	206	22			
CENTRAL	472	237	27	458	237	40	451	251	33	448	255	30			
SOUTH	292	132	10	283	134	15	279	143	7	277	137	17			
TOTALS	1092	573	53	1063	573	79	1047	603	59	1038	598	69			