



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: June 3, 2015
Submitted by: Matthew Casparius
Department: Parks & Recreation
Speakers: Chris Mergemekes

Date of Meeting: June 25, 2015
Time Required: 10 - 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Proposal for Disc Golf Course at Wasserman Park

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

There is a group of residents interested in establishing a Disc Golf Course at Wasserman Park. The course would be privately fundraised for and then the Disc Golf Course would be donated to the Town of Merrimack to become a new amenity for the Town.

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

Name:	Chris Mergemekes	Address	_____
Phone Number	_____	Email Address	chrismergemekes@msn.com

APPROVAL

Town Manager:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Chair/Vice Chair:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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MEMO

TO: Eileen Cabanel, Town Manager

FROM: Matt Casparius, Director of Parks & Recreation

DATE: June 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Disc Golf Proposal for Wasserman Park

Hi Eileen,

At their September 17, 2014 meeting, the Parks & Recreation Committee heard a presentation from Chris Mergemkes who was interested in seeing if a Disc Golf Course could be built at Wasserman Park in the area where the logging work was completed in 2014. The Committee gave their approval to the concept.

At their meeting on May 20th, 2015; the Committee reviewed additional details for a Disc Golf Course at Wasserman Park including a proposed course layout and proposed course rules. With this information, the Committee voted to recommend approval of a Disc Golf Course at Wasserman Park to the Town Council.

Disc Golf Rules for Recreational Play

Objective of the Game

Disc Golf is played like traditional “ball” golf, but with flying discs instead of balls and clubs. One point (stroke) is counted each time the disc is thrown and when a penalty is incurred. The goal is to play each hole in the fewest strokes possible. The player with the lowest total strokes for the entire course wins.

Safety First

Never throw when players or park users are within range. Always give park users the right of way. Be aware of your surroundings and environment.

Tee Throws

Each hole begins with a tee throw. Tee throws must be completed within or behind the designated tee area.

Lie

The lie is the spot where the player’s previous throw has landed. Mark lie with a mini disc or turn over the thrown disc, directly towards the hole or designated fairway. The player’s subsequent throw is made from directly behind the marked lie.

Throwing Order

The player with the least amount of strokes on the previous hole is the first to tee off on the next hole. After teeing off, the player whose disc is farthest from the hole always throws first.

Fairway Throws

Fairway throws must be made from directly behind the lie. A run-up and normal follow-through, after release, is allowed, unless the lie is within 10 meters of the target. Any shot within 10 meters of the target requires that the player not move past the lie until the disc is at rest.

Dogleg (or Mandatory)

A dogleg is one or more designated trees or poles in the fairway that must be passed as indicated by arrows. Until the dogleg is passed the closest foot to the dogleg must be on the lie when the disc is released.

Completion Of Hole

A disc that comes to rest in the [Disc Pole Hole® basket](#) or chains constitutes successful completion of that hole.

Unplayable Lie

Any disc that comes to rest above the ground is considered an unplayable lie. The disc must be thrown from the lie on the ground, directly underneath the unplayable lie, relocated to avoid damage to the vegetation.

Out Of Bounds

If any area of O.B. is visible between the disc and O.B. line, then the disc is considered O.B. A throw that lands out of bounds, must be played from a point 3 feet in bounds from where the disc went out of bounds. Permanent water hazards and public roads are always out of bounds.

Course Courtesy

- Remain quiet and avoid unnecessary movements while others are throwing.
- Stand behind the player who is throwing until throw is complete.
- Remove disc from Disc Pole Hole® after completing the hole.
- Help new players learn the rules.
- Allow faster groups to play through when possible.
- This is a carry in carry out facility. Please take all trash with you.
- Do not alter the course (trees, bushes, etc.) in any way.

Proposal for Disc Golf at Wasserman Park

About Disc Golf

- A passive recreational activity that adheres to the same rules, scoring, and etiquette as traditional ball golf.
- Instead of hitting balls with clubs players throw discs.
- The targets are metal baskets with chains instead of holes in the ground.

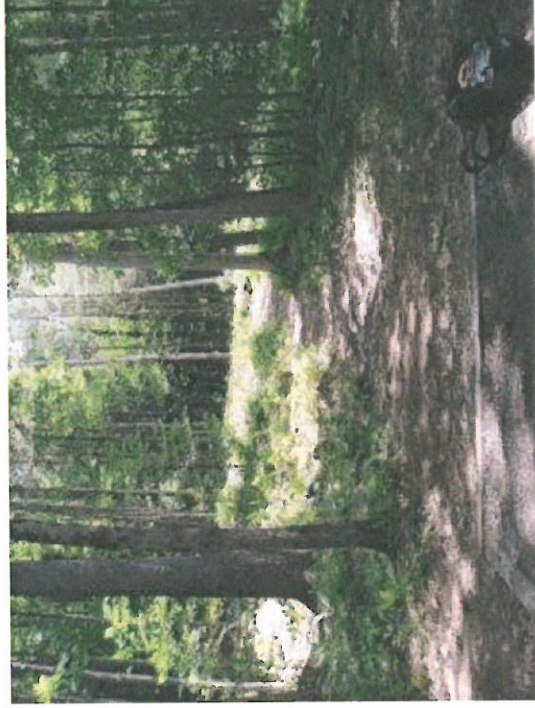


Benefits of Disc Golf

- Low-impact passive recreational activity for any age.
- Low-cost to players and easy to maintain.
- Accessible to almost anyone.
- Provides physical exercise and mental stimulation.
- An excellent opportunity to socialize with friends and family.
- Local player base likely to evolve into a club/ volunteer workforce to maintain and protect the course.

Other Public Courses in NH

- Muldoon Park, Pelham NH
- Pinnacle, Newport NH (Pictured below)
- The Hollows/ Brown and Mitchell Park, Manchester, NH (in progress)



Goals



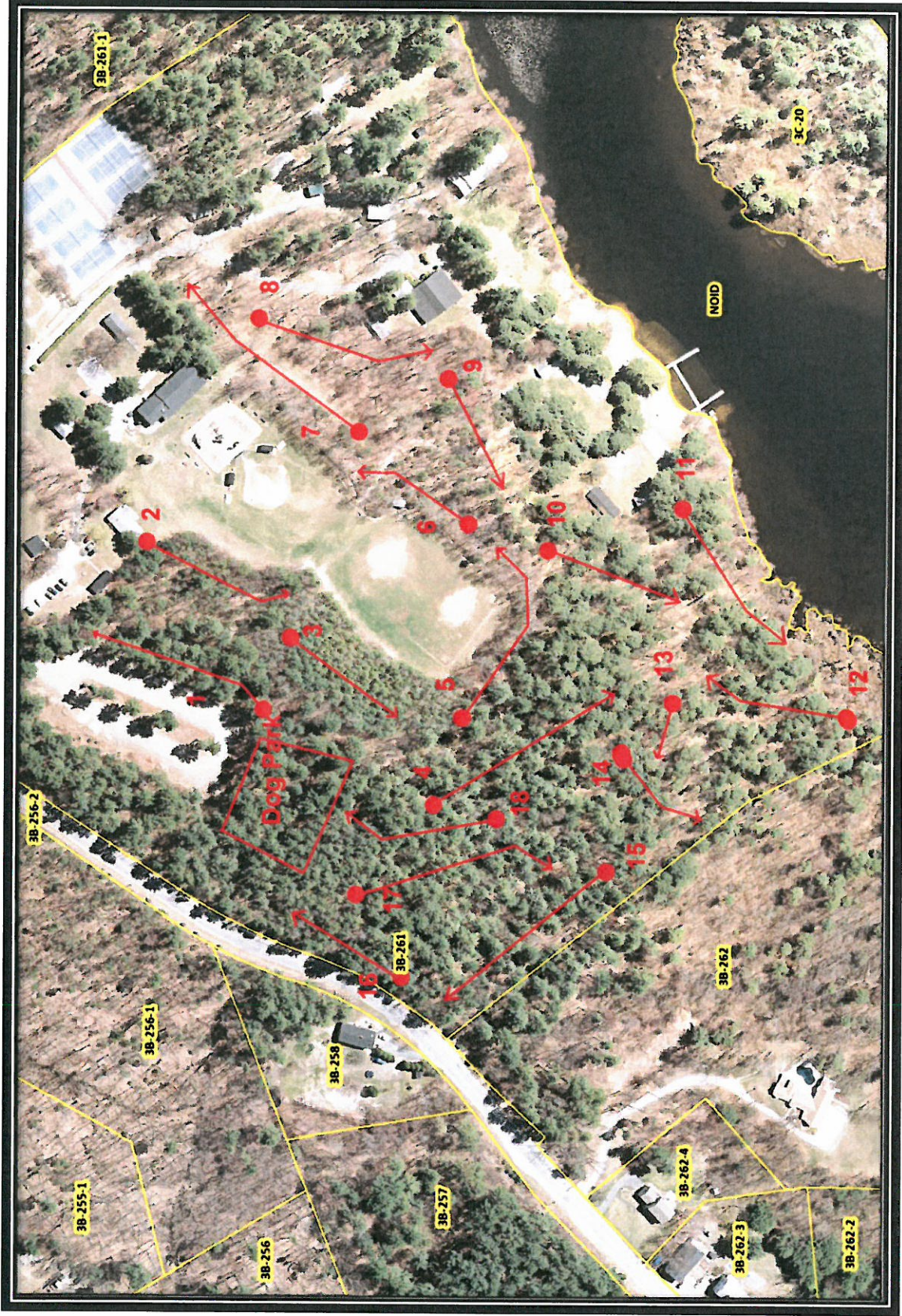
1. Establish an 18 hole disc golf course in Wasserman Park.
2. Add and promote a healthy and fun activity to the local community.

Plan and Design

- Install tee pads and baskets strategically to complement the scenery and land features of the park.
- Maximize the use of the land to create a unique and engaging course.



Proposed Course Map



Proposed Course Plan

Install baskets for 9 holes and use natural tee pads, temporarily, as soon we receive approval.

Refine course design throughout the winter.

Collect funds from private sources to purchase baskets. We have promised funding for nine baskets and labor to install baskets and perform the small amount of cutting needed.

Complete fundraising for tee pads, signs, and kiosk.

Finalize layout.

Install remaining baskets in the spring, 2015.

Install tee pads and signs in Summer and Fall, 2015.

Estimated completion by fall 2015.

Beta Test



Costs and Funding

Cost:

Baskets	\$	325.00	18	\$	5,850.00
Locks	\$	15.00	18	\$	270.00
Cement	\$	2.50	18	\$	45.00
Hole Signage	\$	60.00	18	\$	1,080.00
Hole Sponsor Signage	\$	20.00	18	\$	360.00
Sign Posts	\$	10.00	18	\$	180.00
Hardware for Signs				\$	10.00
Tee Pad Frames	\$	100.00	18	\$	1,800.00
Rubber For Tee Pads (rolls)	\$	1,200.00	2	\$	2,400.00
Fill	\$	30.00	18	\$	540.00
Hardware for Tee Pads				\$	100.00
Kiosk	\$			\$	500.00
Donation Pole	\$			\$	35.00
Miscellaneous*					\$500
	\$			\$	13,670.00

Tee Pad Options



Funding Sources

- Voluntary Private Donations/ Hole Sponsorships
- NEFA Grant (\$1500) *
(Time sensitive application process and must already have purchased at least eight baskets to qualify.)
- Online Fundraising, ie. Kickstarter, etc.
- Fundraising events

Donation Pole Example

