



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: April 15, 2016

Date of Meeting: April 28, 2016

Submitted by: Joseph Mroz

Department:

Time Required: 10 minutes

Speakers: Joseph Mroz

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Eagle Scout Project Presentation

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Life Scout Joseph Mroz to present his finished project of a trail that he constructed at Grater Woods to the Town Council.

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: Joseph Mroz Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

APPROVAL

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

Hold for Meeting Date: _____

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is no longer under the pilot. Payment in lieu of taxes is under a Statute that relates specifically to renewable energy generation facilities.

Ms. Thomas stated there is a trend to include solar panels with natural gas power plants, and a lot of people are connecting the dots. To have a power plant you need a good source of electricity; the substation is being doubled, you need access to water; we have a river running through our Town, and you need access to a pipeline.

Comments From the Press and Public - None

Recognitions, Resignations and Retirements - None

There being no objection, the Council went out of the regular order of business to take up the first item under New Business.

1. Eagle Scout Project Presentation

Submitted by Life Scout Joseph Mroz

Town Council to be presented with Life Scout Joseph Mroz's proposed Eagle Scout project to construct a trail at Grater Woods as approved by the Merrimack Conservation Commission on April 6, 2015.

Life Scout Joseph Mroz introduced himself as a High School Sophomore and Life Scout in Troop 424. His proposed Eagle Scout project is the construction of a trail at Grater Woods. He commented there are three main reasons he wishes to construct the trail: 1) to help the community by making the forest more usable, 2) to provide safe passage for hikers and mountain bikers to enjoy nature, and 3) was influenced during his time as a Cub Scout when he witnessed his brother constructing the Bypass Trail at the Horse Hill Nature Preserve (HHNP).

Life Scout Mroz stated the project proposes a Category B trail half a mile in length. The trail would stay within the park and would not encroach on any wetlands. It would connect the Red Maple and Brick Yard Trails. A 12 - 20' section bridge would be erected over seasonal runoff. The project would be completed with minimal impact. A map was displayed outlining the area of the proposed trail and bridge.

Life Scout Mroz remarked back in Late November he and Matt Caron, Vice Chairman, Merrimack Conservation Commission (MCC), visited the area and defined a start and end to the trail. The Category B trail type was selected, and the trail laid out, e.g., 250' away from water sources, etc. A second walkthrough was conducted with his Eagle Advisor on January 3rd. During that visit they marked and mapped the trail. On January 20, 2015, he presented his proposal to the Grater Woods Sub-Committee, and gained their approval of the project. On April 6, 2015 he gained the approval of the MCC.

Life Scout Mroz again walked the trail with Matt Caron on May 3, 2015. He will walk the area several more times to get the trail down to its final form. Once all necessary approvals have been obtained, fundraising efforts will begin. From there, the trail will be cut and cleared, and the bridge constructed. Once that is completed, trail markers will be put up (MCC will provide). Project cost is estimated at

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\$450-\$500. Fundraising efforts will include bake sales at local stores. The baked goods would be donated by him, his family members, and volunteer scouts. He may also conduct car washes. He will seek to acquire the pressure treated wood, galvanized screws or nails, and food for volunteers (scouts from Merrimack Troop 424, other troops, members of the Nashua Robotics Team, family and friends). Volunteers will be recruited through email and will be provided a presentation of the project. The hope is for construction to begin in the late summer and complete in early fall.

Once approved by the Council, the project will be presented to Troop 424's committee (June 3rd) and then on to the District Advancement Eagle Board (June 9th).

Councilor Dwyer commented in the photograph of the area where the bridge is proposed it appeared rather dry, and questioned if it is more of a wet area. Life Scout Mroz responded the photo was taken in the fall. Seasonal runoff typically occurs in the spring. Councilor Koenig commented the bridge is required because of the runoff; however, there is a stump located in the middle of that area. He questioned if the stump is on higher ground, etc. Life Scout Mroz stated the stump is level with the ground where the bridge is proposed, and consideration is being given to placing the bridge on the stump. The expected lifespan of the stump is 20 years. When asked to clarify, Life Scout Mroz stated it appears to have been cut clean, and Mr. Caron has hinted it would take that long to erode.

MOTION made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Mahon to approve the project at Grater Woods proposed by Life Scout Joseph Mroz to construct a trail at Grater Woods, which was approved by the Merrimack Conservation Commission on April 6, 2015

ON THE QUESTION

Councilor Boyd commented being presented with projects such as this is one of the best parts of being on the Council. He thanked Life Scout Mroz for giving back to the community. He noted Life Scout Mroz is a resident of Nashua, a Nashua North High School student, and he finds it very impressive that while not a physical member of the Merrimack community, he cares enough about Grater Woods and wished to give something back to a particular part of the Merrimack community that is a crown jewel. He commended him for his efforts.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

The Council returned to the regular order of business

Appointments

1. Annual Review with the Planning Board

Submitted by Planning Board Chairman Robert Best

Per Town of Merrimack Charter Section 6-6, at least annually, there should be an annual review with the Planning Board. This agenda item is to highlight the Board's significant actions, current projects, anticipated actions, and to raise any concerns the Council should know or could act on. Robert Best, Chairman, Planning Board, informed the Council in 2014 there were 22 Planning Board meetings that involved a number of different types of approvals. There were 2 residential subdivision plans approved by the Board in 2014 that created 19 cluster lots and 1 new conventional residential building lot, 5 lot line adjustments, 1 voluntary lot merger, a handful of