



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: October 21, 2016
 Submitted by: Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius
 Department: Parks and Recreation
 Speakers: Matthew Casparius

Date of Meeting: October 27, 2016
 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"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Dog Park Rules and Regulations

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Town Council to consider the proposed rules and regulations for the new Dog Park located at Wasserman Park, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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"/>
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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:



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MEMO

TO: Eileen Cabanel, Town Manager

FROM: Matt Casparius, Director of Parks & Recreation

DATE: October 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Proposed rules for Dog Park at Wasserman Park

Hi Eileen,

On Wednesday, October 21, 2015, the Parks & Recreation Committee reviewed the proposed rules for the new Dog Park at Wasserman park and vote unanimously to recommend approval to the Town Council.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Casparius'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.



Merrimack Dog Park

Rules & Regulations

All sections of Chapter 119 & 142 of the Town Code apply to this facility

1. Users of this facility do so at their own risk. The Town will not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog on Town property.
2. Handlers are responsible for any injuries caused by their dogs.
3. All dogs must be leashed when exiting and entering the off-leash area.
4. Handlers must watch their dogs at all times; no unattended dogs allowed.
5. Please be considerate of others; keep gates closed at all times.
6. No more than two (2) dogs per handler. Handlers must remain in same fenced area with their dogs.
7. Children under the age of 8 are not allowed in the off-leash area. Children 9-15 must be supervised by an adult. Handlers must be at least 16 years old.
8. All dogs must wear current license and vaccination tags; sick dogs are not allowed in the park.
9. Handlers must "Scoop the Poop" and properly dispose of it in designated trash areas.
10. No female dogs in season (heat) permitted.
11. Apparatus in the park is for dog use only-patrons should refrain from climbing on them.
12. Spike or choke collars must be removed upon entering the Dog Park.
13. Dogs weighing more than 30 lbs. are not allowed in the "Small Dog" area.
14. Dogs under six months of age are prohibited.
15. Aggressive dogs are not allowed in the park; any dog that is aggressive or bites another dog or person must be removed and the incident should be reported to the Merrimack Police Department at 424-3774.

Town of Merrimack, NH
Monday, October 24, 2016

Chapter 119. Dogs

§ 119-1. Running at large restricted.

Notwithstanding any provisions of RSA 466, it shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, for guarding, working or herding livestock, as defined in RSA 21:34-a, 11(a)(4), for supervised competition and exhibition, or for training for such. For the purpose of this section, "accompanied" means that the owner or custodian must be able to see or hear, or both, or have reasonable knowledge of where the dog is hunting, where training is being conducted, where trials are being held, or where the dog is guarding, working, or herding livestock. Nothing herein provided shall mean that the dog must be within sight at all times.

§ 119-2. Definition.

In this chapter, "at large" means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog, unless accompanied by the owner or custodian.

§ 119-3. Enforcement.

Any authorized person may seize, impound or restrain any dog in violation of this chapter and deliver said dog to a person or shelter authorized to board dogs. Such dogs shall be handled as strays or abandoned dogs pursuant to applicable laws.

§ 119-4. Duty to dispose of feces.

It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any sidewalk, street or other public area. It shall further be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person.

§ 119-5. Violations and penalties.

In addition to impounding a dog found at large or in violation of this chapter, any law enforcement officer may issue in the name of the owner or keeper of such dog a notice of violation. Such notice shall impose upon the owner or keeper of such a dog a forfeiture of \$25 which must be paid to the Merrimack Town Clerk within 96 hours of the date and time notice is given, in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty. In the event that such penalty is not paid to the Merrimack Town Clerk within the time limitations specified, a summons shall be issued for appearance in Merrimack District Court, and any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

§ 119-6. Authority.

The provisions of this chapter were adopted by the Town pursuant to RSA 466:30-b.