



Town Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 7:00 PM, in the Matthew Thornton Room



Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Kinder Morgan – Proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Pipeline Project

- Informational Reports and Updates
- Action Items

Comments from the Press and Public

Recognitions, Resignations and Retirements

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.

2. Merrimack Dog Park Update

Submitted by Holly Morales

The Friends of the Merrimack Dog Park would like to give the Town Council an update on their progress.

3. Rotary Club of Merrimack 4th of July Update

Submitted by Bob Best

The Town Council to receive an update from the Rotary Club of Merrimack on the proposed 4th of July festivities.

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing – Request to Accept and Expend TAP Funds and Withdrawal from the Infrastructure CRF

Submitted by Deputy Public Works Director Kyle Fox

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider the acceptance and expenditure of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds in the amount of \$436,000 and a withdrawal from the Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund of \$109,000 to design and construct the Souhegan River Trail between Watson Park and the pedestrian bridge adjacent to the Merrill's Marauders Bridge, pursuant to Charter Article 8-15 and RSA 31:95-b.

2. Public Hearing – Abbie Griffin Memorial Fund for Fire and Police Departments

Submitted by Fire Chief Michael Currier and Police Chief Mark Doyle

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider the acceptance and expenditure of funds from the Abbie Griffin Memorial Fund in the amount of but not to exceed \$18,000 for the purchase of (74) batteries for the fleet's portable radios as well as (21) spares for rotation, (2) 6-bank chargers for Station 1, (1) 6-bank charger for Station 2 and (14) vehicle chargers with tri-chemistry technology for the Fire Department and for the purchase of the equipment necessary to outfit (2) Supervisor's vehicles with mobile "Command Post" equipment and radio modifications for the Police Department, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

Legislative Updates from State Representatives

Town Manager's Report

Consent Agenda

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments [Final Reading]

Submitted by Community Development Director Tim Thompson

The Town Council to consider the Planning Board's recommended amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 17) pursuant to RSA 675:2 and Charter Article V, Section 5-4.

Old Business

1. Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval

Submitted by Fire Chief Michael Currier

Town Council to consider final approval and adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

2. Pennichuck Water Works – Request for PILOT for Solar Project [Tabled at the 4/23/15 Town Council meeting]

Submitted by Pennichuck Corporation Chief Operating Officer Donald Ware

Pennichuck is requesting that the Town consider accepting a payment in lieu of taxes for a proposed 1 Megawatt Solar field that it is considering constructing in Merrimack.

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.

2. Memorial Plaque at the Merrimack Skate Park

Submitted by Wendy Bamford

Town Council to consider a request to have a memorial plaque placed at the Merrimack Skate Park on O'Gara Drive in memory of Taylor M. O'Neill who passed away on September 28, 2014. Taylor was an avid skateboarder and loved spending time at the Merrimack Skate Park.

3. Selective Cutting – Best Forestry Management Practices for Merrimack

Submitted by Wendy E.N. Thomas

A discussion of best selective cutting practices with regard to harvesting, wildlife, and protected land – role of the town forester, and communication to abutters. Included will be suggestions for the town to consider going forward with any selective cutting, surveying, or clear cutting project.

4. Acceptance of Donations to Naticook Day Camp Scholarship Fund

Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$390.00 from the Merrimack Lions Club, a donation in the amount of \$550.00 from the American Camp Association and a \$50.00 donation from the Merrimack Girl Scouts for the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards the Naticook Day Camp Scholarship Fund which allows low income Merrimack families the opportunity to go to summer camp, pursuant to Charter Article 8-15 and RSA 31:95-b.

Minutes

Approve the minutes from the following Town Council meetings:

- ♦ March 26, 2015 [**Tabled at the 4/23/15 Town Council meeting**]
- ♦ April 9, 2015 [**Tabled at the 4/23/15 Town Council meeting**]
- ♦ April 23, 2015

Comments from the Press

Comments from the Public

Comments from the Council

Adjourn

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Posted: May 8, 2015