



# **Town Council Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, March 24, 2016, 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**

### **Recognition of the Retirement of Town Employee**

#### **1. Recognition of Town Employee Leaving Employment**

*Submitted by Human Resources Coordinator Sharon Marunicz*

The Town Council will present a recognition award to Kevin Chambers in recognition of more than 10 years of service to the Town of Merrimack Fire and Rescue Department. Kevin resigned effective March 4, 2016.

## **Appointments**

#### **1. Annual Review with the Highway Safety Committee**

*Submitted by Highway Safety Committee Chairman Mark Doyle*

Per Town of Merrimack Charter Section 6-6, at least annually, there should be an annual review with the Highway Safety Committee. This agenda item is to highlight the committee's significant actions, current projects, anticipated actions, and to raise any concerns the Council should know or could act on.

## **Public Hearing**

#### **1. Public Hearing –Pole License Amendments**

*Submitted by Assessor Loren Martin*

The Town Council will hold a public hearing, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:163 and 43:2, for the purpose of considering amending all existing pole licenses to include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23 and will also consider adopting a revised Pole and/or Conduit License form which will include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23. The hearing is being held to determine if it is in the best interests of the public good to amend the pole licenses so that they are consistent with the property taxation statutes (RSA 72:23).

## **Legislative Updates from State Representatives**

## **Town Manager's Report**

## **Consent Agenda**

## **Old Business**

### **1. NH HeartSafe Community Presentation**

*Submitted by Fire Chief Michael Currier*

The Town of Merrimack to be presented with a plaque from the State of New Hampshire for the Town Council acceptance to adopt the New Hampshire HeartSafe Community Initiative in 2015. This program is designed to strengthen the chain of survival for victims of cardiac arrest by focusing on training members of the community in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillation (AED) use.

### **2. Polling Location Discussion**

*Submitted by Town Council Chairman Nancy Harrington and Vice Chair Tom Mahon*

In a combined effort, the Town Council, Police Chief, Town Moderator and Town Clerk/Tax Collector will review the suggestions received from residents as well as discuss and determine the location(s) where future elections will be held.

## **New Business**

### **1. Committee Appointments**

*Submitted by Town Council Chair Nancy Harrington and Vice Chair Tom Mahon*

The Town Council to consider the appointing the following individual to a Town Committee, pursuant to Charter Article 4-8:

➤ **Ronald B. Miner III** – (Agricultural Commission - Full member)

### **2. Manchester Artists Association's Show – Watson Park**

*Submitted by Manchester Artists Association Art in the Park Show Chairman Laurie Lafleur*

Town Council to consider a request to hold the Manchester Artists Association's Art in the Park Show at Watson Park on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

### **3. Designation of Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) for Southern DW Highway Corridor**

*Submitted by Community Development Director Tim Thompson*

Request Town Council authorization to submit application to the NH Department of Resources & Economic Development to designate the parcels along the southern portion of DW Highway as an Economic Revitalization Zone.

### **4. Land Donation to the Conservation Commission**

*Submitted by Merrimack Conservation Commission Chair Tim Tenhave*

Conservation Commission seeks Town Council approval for a donation of land known as Tax Map 6B/159 to the Town through the Conservation Commission per RSA 36-A:4 I.

### **5. Discontinue Portion of South Grater Road, a Class VI Road**

*Submitted by Conservation Commission Chairman Tim Tenhave*

Merrimack Conservation Commission would like to discuss and gain initial approval for discontinuing a portion of a Class VI road in Grater Woods called South Grater Road. Also a short portion to be made into an Emergency Lane.

### **6. Wasserman Park Function Hall Rental Discussion**

*Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius*

Town Council to review, discuss and consider the approval of the application / fee structure for the use of the Function Hall at Wasserman Park as a rental facility.

## **7. Personnel Policy Amendment – Smoking Policy**

*Submitted by Human Resources Coordinator Sharon Marunicz*

The Town Council will consider approval of an updated Smoking Policy within the Personnel Policy, Chapter VI – Standards of Conduct/Disciplinary Action of the policy.

### **Minutes**

Approve the minutes from the following Town Council meetings:

- ♦ February 11, 2016
- ♦ February 25, 2016

### **Comments from the Press**

### **Comments from the Public**

### **Comments from the Council**

### **Adjourn**

A copy of the backup material for each agenda item is available for review in the Town Council's Office located at the Merrimack Town Hall.

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