



Town Council Meeting Agenda



Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Matthew Thornton Room

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Comments from the Press and Public

Recognitions, Resignations and Retirements

1. Recognition of Full-Time Years of Service of Town Employees

Submitted by Human Resources Director Sharon Marunicz

The Town Council will present recognition awards to the following Town Employees:

Fire & Rescue Department: Asst. Chief Shawn Brechtel – 20-year plaque (DOH: 10/29/2001); Fire Lieutenant Scott Bannister – 20-year plaque (DOH: 3/19/2001); Master Firefighter Shawn Kimball – 20-year plaque (DOH: 3/19/2001); Fire Captain Jason Marsella – 25-year smart watch (DOH: 8/11/1996);

Public Works Department: Highway Division: Dean Stearns, Equipment Operator I – 20-year plaque (DOH: 4/30/2001); Robert Burley, Equipment Operator I – 35-year lamp (DOH: 9/2/1986); Jeffrey Strong, Construction & Highway Foreman – 35-year lamp (DOH: 4/14/1986);

Police Department: Sergeant Dennis Foley – 35-year lamp (DOH: 7/6/1986).

2. Recognition of Retirement of Employee

Submitted by Human Resources Director Sharon Marunicz

The Town Council will present an award to Fire Lieutenant Scott Bannister in recognition of his retirement after almost 20 years of full-time service with the Town of Merrimack Fire & Rescue Department. Scott retired on October 2, 2021. He will be awarded with a plaque.

Appointments

1. Annual Review with the Conservation Commission

Submitted by Conservation Commission Chair Steve Perkins

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

Public Hearing

Legislative Updates from State Representatives

Town Manager’s Report

Consent Agenda

1. Chapter 193, Updated Welfare Guidelines [Final Reading]

Submitted by Welfare Administrator Patricia Murphy

The Town Council to consider the recommended proposed amendments to Chapter 193, Welfare Guidelines, of the Merrimack Town Code, pursuant to Charter Article V.

Old Business

New Business

1. Committee Appointments

Submitted by Town Council Chair Tom Koenig and Vice Chair Finlay Rothhaus

The Town Council to consider appointing the following individuals to Town committees, pursuant to Charter Article 4-8:

- **John Frechette** – Heritage Commission (*Full member*)
- **Karen Contos** – Town Center Committee (*Full member*)

2. Acceptance of Donation for the Merrimack Police Department

Submitted by Deputy Chief Matthew Tarleton

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$7,273.99 from Merrimack Crimeline to the Merrimack Police Department for the purpose of purchasing a new drone, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

3. “Driving Under the Influence Patrols” Grant Acceptance for the Merrimack Police Department

Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant in the amount of \$3,357 made available through the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety for the Merrimack Police Department for “Driving Under the Influence Patrols”, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

4. “Distracted Driving Patrols” Grant Acceptance for the Merrimack Police Department

Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant in the amount of \$2,494 made available through the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety for the Merrimack Police Department for “Distracted Driving Patrols”, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

5. “High Visibility Mobilization Patrols” Grant Acceptance for the Merrimack Police Department

Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant in the amount of \$3,400 made available through the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety for the Merrimack Police Department for “High Visibility Mobilization Patrols”, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

6. Acceptance of Donation for Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$400 from Consolidated Communications to the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards the Town of Merrimack’s Halloween party/275th Anniversary event to sponsor the entertainment stage/evening concert and to cover the cost of the band, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

Minutes

Approve the minutes from the following Town Council meeting:

◆ September 23, 2021

Comments from the Press

Comments from the Public

Comments from the Council

Adjourn

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Posted: October 8, 2021