



# Town Council Meeting Agenda



Thursday, August 21, 2025, 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

## Appointments

### **1. Annual Review with the Zoning Board Adjustment**

*Submitted by Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair Patrick Dwyer*

Per Town of Merrimack Charter Section 6-6, at least annually, there should be an annual review with the Zoning Board of Adjustment. 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.

## Public Hearing

### **1. Public Hearing – Donation Acceptance for Merrimack Police Department**

*Submitted by Deputy Chief Matthew Tarleton*

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of donation in the amount of \$12,752.88 from Merrimack Crimeline, as the organization has dissolved and the remaining funds need to be directed to the Merrimack Police Department, per 501(c)(3) and pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

### **2. Public Hearing – Acceptance of NH Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan for Horseshoe Pond Drainage Study**

*Submitted by Deputy Public Works Director / Environmental Leo Laviolette*

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of a \$100,000 loan, with up to \$100,000 of principal forgiveness, made available through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund, to be used for a drainage study at Horseshoe Pond, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

## Legislative Updates from State Representatives

## Town Manager's Report

## Consent Agenda

### **1. Consideration of Changes to Chapter 178, Taxation (Article VI, Optional Property Tax Credit) [Final Reading]**

*Submitted by Town Council Chairman Finlay Rothhaus & Vice Chair Nancy Harrington*

The Town Council to consider the recommended changes to Chapter 178, Taxation (Article VI, Optional Property Tax Credit), of the Merrimack Town Code, pursuant to Charter Article V.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Newly-Formed Town Committee Appointments**

*Submitted by Town Council Chair Finlay Rothhaus & Vice Chair Nancy Harrington*

The Town Council to consider appointing the recommended individuals to the newly-formed Town committees:

#### **Invasive Species Committee**

- Two (2) Conservation Commission members
- One (1) Town Councilor
- Public Works Director
- Three (3) Members of the Public

#### **USA 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

- Parks & Recreation Director
- One (1) Parks & Recreation Committee member
- One (1) Town Councilor
- One (1) Police Department member
- One (1) Fire Department member
- Three (3) Members of the Public

#### **Town Buildings Subcommittee**

- Three (3) Town Councilors
- Town Manager
- Three (3) Members of the Public

## **New Business**

### **1. Committee Appointments**

*Submitted by Town Council Chairman Finlay Rothhaus and Vice Chair Nancy Harrington*

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

➤ **Debra Huffman** – Town Center Committee (*Full member*)

### **2. Deer Baiting Request on Town-owned Property**

*Submitted by Haiyang Zhang*

The Town Council to consider a request received to bait deer in the Grater Woods property, which is Town-owned property.

### **3. Acceptance of NH Office of Highway Safety Grant for “Driving Under the Influence Enforcement” for the Merrimack Police Department**

*Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis*

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure a of grant from the NH Office of Highway Safety for “Driving Under the Influence Enforcement” in the amount of \$1,600.00 for the Merrimack Police Department, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

**4. Acceptance of NH Office of Highway Safety Grant for “Distracted Driving Enforcement” for the Merrimack Police Department**

*Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis*

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant from the NH Office of Highway Safety for “Distracted Driving Enforcement” in the amount of \$2,600.00 for the Merrimack Police Department, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

**5. Acceptance of NH Office of Highway Safety Grant for “High Visibility Mobilizations Enforcement” for the Merrimack Police Department**

*Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis*

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant from the NH Office of Highway Safety for “High Visibility Mobilizations Enforcement” in the amount of \$3,700.00 for the Merrimack Police Department, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

**6. Acceptance of NH Office of Highway Safety Grant for “Speed Enforcement” for the Merrimack Police Department**

*Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis*

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant from the NH Office of Highway Safety for “Safety Enforcement” in the amount of \$1,600.00 for the Merrimack Police Department, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

**7. Annual MS4 Report / Presentation**

*Submitted by Deputy Public Works Director / Environmental Leo Laviolette*

The Town Council to be presented with the annual update for the Town of Merrimack MS4 Permit & Stormwater Program.

**8. Highway Capital Reserve Fund Withdrawal Request – Purchase of (3) 6-Wheel Dump Trucks**

*Submitted by Public Works Director Dawn Tuomala*

The Town Council to consider the request to withdrawal \$649,335 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of three (3) replacement dump trucks with snow plows and controls.

**9. Transfer of Funds for Assessing Department**

*Submitted by Town Manager Paul T. Micali*

The Town Council to consider a request for the transfer of funds to cover the shortfall in the Assessing Department’s budget.

**Minutes**

Approve the minutes from the following Town Council meeting:

♦ July 10, 2025

♦ Merrimack Town Council Goal Setting Summary (June 19, 2024 & June 24, 2025)

**Comments from the Press & Public**

**Comments from the Council**

**Adjourn**

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