



Town Council Meeting Agenda



Thursday, February 12, 2026, 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

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing – Purchase of Land

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

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed issuance of debt to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900,000 (gross budget) for purchase of real estate identified as Tax Map 5D-2/010 & 5D-2/009.

2. Public Hearing – Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Compost Energy Efficiency Enhancements

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

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed issuance of debt to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)(gross budget) for Clean Water State Revolving Loan for Compost Energy Efficiency Enhancements.

3. Public Hearing - Proposed Municipal 2026-27 Operating Budget and Warrant Articles

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

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the following:

- Proposed Issuance of Debt
- 2026/27 Proposed Municipal Operating Budget
- Collective Bargaining Agreement(s), if any
 - International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 2904
 - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) 93, Local 2986
- Capital Reserve Deposits General Fund
- Capital Reserve Deposits Wastewater
- Petitioned Bonds, if any
- Charter Amendments
 - Elimination of the Ethics Committee
 - Town Clerk/Tax Collector split into two positions
- Other Petitioned Warrant Articles, if any

These hearings are being held pursuant to the requirements of NH RSA 33:8-a (I), NH RSA 32:5, I, NH RSA 21:35, NH RSA 40:13 II-b and Town of Merrimack Charter Article 8-3.

Legislative Updates from State Representatives

Town Manager's Report

Consent Agenda

Old Business

1. Communications Update

Submitted by Town Councilor Jennifer Jobin

The Town Council to be presented with a communications update regarding the proposed upcoming budget review meetings with Merrimack residents.

2. 2026 Townwide Update & Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund Withdrawal Request [Tabled during the January 22, 2026 Town Council meeting]

Submitted by Contract Assessor Loren Martin

The Town Council to be presented with an update related to the Town's required update of values as well as consider a withdrawal request of \$137,016 from the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

New Business

1. Proposed Eagle Scout Project for Wasserman Park

Submitted by Life Scout Miranda Schwartz

The Town Council to consider Life Scout Miranda Schwartz's proposed Eagle Scout project to repair and rebuild the wall ball court at Wasserman Park.

2. Donation Acceptance for Parks & Recreation Department

Submitted by Parks & Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$800.00 from Franklin Savings Bank to the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards sponsoring the Summer Concert Series, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

3. Donation Acceptance for Parks & Recreation Department

Submitted by Parks & Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Brenda and John DuLong to the Parks & Recreation Department to be used towards the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

4. Proposed Fee Structure Change for Athletic Field Rentals

Submitted by Parks & Recreation Director Matthew Casparius

The Town Council to consider the proposed fee structure change for Athletic Field Rentals.

5. Workforce & Affordable Housing Information Presentation

Submitted by Community Development Director Robert Price

Town Council to be presented with information regarding workforce housing and affordable housing.

6. Right of First Refusal Agreement – Tax Map Parcels 5D-1/010 & 5D-4/074-1

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

The Town Council to consider entering into the Right of First Refusal Agreement for Tax Map Parcels 5D-1/010 & 5D-4/074-1 and to allow the Town Manager sign any necessary documents.

7. Review of 2026-2027 Default Budget

Submitted by Finance Director Paul Calabria

The Town Council will review the 2026-2027 Default Budget.

8. Review of 2026 Town Warrant

Submitted by Town Manager Paul T. Micali

The Town Council to review and make recommendations on each article of the 2026 Town Warrant.

Minutes

Approve the minutes from the following Town Council meetings:

- ◆ January 14, 2026 (Budget)
- ◆ January 15, 2026 (Budget)
- ◆ January 21, 2026 (Budget)
- ◆ January 22, 2026

Comments from the Press & 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.

Posted: February 6, 2026