



AGENDA ITEMS #: 18-127  
COUNCIL MTG OF: October 23, 2018  
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator  
OFFERED BY: Administration  
PREPARED BY: Administration  
SUBJECT: Holiday Tree Gift

## STAFF REPORT

**PURPOSE:** To request Council authorization to accept a 25' artificial tree from the Derry community for placement on West Broadway during the Holiday season.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Included within this memo.

### BACKGROUND:

Last year, a group of Derry residents and small businesses crowd funded to purchase a \$9,800, 25' artificial tree which was the focal point of the Downtown Holiday Celebration. The group, spearheaded by Andy Day and Alana Wentworth, has requested that the Town assuming ownership of the tree by gifting it to the Town as allowed under Section 9.15 of the Town Charter.

### DISCUSSION:

Although the tree was privately owned last year, town forces did participate in the dismantling of the tree from its location on the Benson lawn on West Broadway. Erection of a holiday tree at that location negates the need for a tree at the Municipal Center (funds appropriated annually for the Municipal Center Tree will be repurposed for a tree at the Police Department).

The Town would utilize town resources to erect the tree and store the tree at a Public Works facility.

This action is consistent with the Council's goal to support both permanent and seasonal enhancements to the Downtown.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no budget impact to the Town, however existing town resources will be redirected to this activity. The Town previously provided the electrical power last season, which will continue to be provided at the Benson lawn location.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL:

The Council is urged to support Resolution #2018-062.

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Please see Resolution #2018-062.

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