



STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 1-17-23

AGENDA ITEM #: 23-03
COUNCIL MTG OF: January 3, 2023
FROM: Michael Fowler, Director of Public Works
OFFERED BY: Craig Durrett, Environmental Coordinator, DPW
PREPARED BY: Craig Durrett, Environmental Coordinator, DPW
SUBJECT: Certificate of Authorization: NHDES Household Hazardous Waste Agreement FY24

PURPOSE: Authorization by the Town Council to apply for and enter into the agreement with NHDES in order to receive grant funds to offset Town expenditures.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Town Council is requested to support this initiative in the interest of public health and providing our residents with an environmentally responsible method to dispose of waste not accepted at our transfer station.

BACKGROUND: The Town has access to various grant funds from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for environmental programs within the Town. In the past, grants have been received for Landfill Closure, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Watershed Assessment, improvements to the Town’s Recycling Center and Do-It-Yourself Used Oil Collection Center Projects. Section 9.15 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to apply for and accept State Federal and other governmental grants. NHDES requires such grant applications and contract agreements be signed by an authorized official of the Town (i.e. the Town Administrator) and that the Town execute a Certificate of Authorization stating that the official (i.e. Town Administrator), by vote of the Town Council, is authorized to sign such grant agreements on behalf of the Town.

DISCUSSION: In order to proceed with this process NHDES requires that 1) an HHW Collection Grant application signed by an authorized official of the Town be submitted, 2) upon approval of the application, a Contract Agreement be executed by the authorized official of the Town, 3) the authorized official be granted such authorizations by vote of the Council, 4) the Town authorize by vote of the Council to apply for and enter into an agreement with NHDES to hold a HHW collection event in FY24, and 5) the above authorizations be certified.

FISCAL IMPACT: The DPW is eligible and is in the process of applying for up to \$10,000.00 in matching grant funds from NHDES for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection program in FY24.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL: Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Administrator to sign Grant Applications and Grant Agreements with NHDES and that the Town Council authorize the Town to enter into a grant agreement with the NH Department of Environmental Services to receive funds and hold a Household Hazardous Waste collection event in Spring 2024.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: **The Derry Town Council MOVES to authorize David Caron, Town Administrator, to sign applications and contracts on behalf of the Town with respect to grant contracts with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to receive and expend funds without further action of the council and hold a household hazardous waste collection event in FY24.**

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RESOLUTION

Number 2023-001

To Apply for and Accept Grant Funding Related to Household
Hazardous Waste Collection

WHEREAS, the Section 9.15 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to apply for, accept and expend funds received from the State; and

WHEREAS, the Town annually has hosted a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to provide residents with a convenient and safe method by which to dispose of household hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, matching grant funding from the NH Department of Environment Services is available to the Town to help defray expenses associated with this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to sign Grant Applications and Agreements with NHDES for up to \$10,000 in matching funds and further authorize the Town to hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event in Spring, 2024.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: January 17, 2023

Attest:

X _____
Joshua Bourdon, Council Chair
Date: _____

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk
Date: _____