



STAFF REPORT

Public Hearing 2-7-23

AGENDA ITEM #: 23-06
COUNCIL MTG OF: January 17, 2023
FROM: Michael Fowler, P. E., Director of Public Works
OFFERED BY: Michael Fowler, P. E., Director of Public Works
PREPARED BY: Michael Fowler, P. E., Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Donation – DRTA and AEF

PURPOSE: Authorization by the Town Council to designate the Town Administrator to accept a donation from the Derry Rail Trail Association and Alexander Eastman Foundation.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Council is urged to accept this donation after the February 7, 2023 public hearing.

BACKGROUND: State statute requires that the Town Council take formal action to accept donations whether in the form of cash or physical equipment.

DISCUSSION: Derry Rail Trail Association (DRTA) is a non-profit organization which has raised funds to purchase two sets of flashing safety beacon signals to be located at:

1. Bowers Road trail crossing
2. South Avenue trail crossing

DPW crews will install the donated signals which were purchased at a total cost of \$16,430. Proceeds from both the Alexander Eastman Foundation (\$7,000) and Derry Rail Trail Association (\$9,430) were utilized to make this purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$200 to install concrete foundations and DPW labor. The trail users and Town will benefit from this donation through Alexander Eastman Foundation and the Derry Rail Trail Association.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY TOWN COUNCIL: Vote to authorize the Town Administrator to accept a donation in the form of two (2) sets of flashing beacons with a total value of \$16,430

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See attached Resolution #2023-007.



RESOLUTION

Number 2023-007

To Accept A Gift from the Derry Rail Trail Alliance

WHEREAS, RSA 31:95-e authorizes the Town Council to accept gifts, other than money, to be used for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Derry Rail Trail Alliance (DRTA) has provided equipment to augment the use of the multi-use recreation path through Derry; and

WHEREAS, DRTA has received a grant from the Alexander Eastman Foundation to support DRTA's efforts to provide crossing beacons at two intersections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to accept a gift of personal property at a value of \$16,430 for crossing beacons.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: February 7, 2023

Attest:

X _____

Joshua Bourdon, Council Chair

Date: _____

X _____

Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____

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