



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 23-108
COUNCIL MTG OF: September 19, 2023
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief George R. Feole
PREPARED BY: Chief George R. Feole
SUBJECT: Establishing Expendable Trust Fund for Police K9 Donations

PURPOSE: Consider establishing an expendable trust fund to receive donations for the purposes of maintaining the Police K9 program and for future replacement of our K9.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

The Council is encouraged to vote to create an expendable trust fund for this purpose.

BACKGROUND: Recently the Town Council authorized the implementation of a Police K9 Patrol program under Resolution #2023-051. Since that time, several people in the community have indicated that they wish to donate funds to support the program. It is expected that such donations will continue in the future.

DISCUSSION: The town currently has a Police donation account that can receive general donations for various uses. The town does not presently have any accounts that are specific to the K9 program which specifies that any funds received be used for the purposes of maintaining the K9 program or for future K9 replacement. Accordingly, we seek to establish the Canine Maintenance and Replacement Trust Fund which would allow any funds donated to be used for general maintenance of the program or for future K9 replacement costs. Unless specified by the donor, any donated funds would be allocated equally between each account. If specified by the donor that a donation be used exclusively for one purpose or the other the funds would be allocated accordingly to the specific account.

FISCAL IMPACT: The trust fund will have a positive effect on current and future budgets since any donations made will offset expenses that would otherwise be from our O&M accounts raised by taxes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

It is recommended that the Council support Resolution #2023-071 to establish a Canine Maintenance and Replacement Trust Fund.

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Please see Resolution #2023-071



RESOLUTION

Number 2023-071

To Create an Expendable Trust Fund for Canine Maintenance and Replacement

WHEREAS, Section 9.6 of the Town Charter empowers the Town Council as the Legislative Body of the Town to create a trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council under Resolution #2023-051 has approved a Supplemental Appropriation for a Police Department Canine Program; and

WHEREAS, the program has generated significant community interest, including from those who may wish to donate funds to support the program; and

WHEREAS, the two expense categories typically associated with this program include care and maintenance expenses and a replacement fund once the canine is retired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that an Expendable Trust Fund, to be known as the Canine Maintenance and Replacement Trust Fund is hereby created pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, with the Town Council designated as Agents to Expend.

FURTHER, that all donations, unless specifically otherwise directed, be allocated equally between maintenance expenses and canine replacement.

FINALLY, the Town Administrator is authorized to accept privately donated gifts, legacies and devises for this purpose pursuant to RSA 31:19-a IV.

Adopted: September 19, 2023

Attest:

X _____
Erin A. Spencer, Council Chair Pro-Tem
Date: _____

X _____
Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk
Date: _____