



**TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. AGENDA OVERVIEW

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.a accept the donation of a \$40,000.00 grant from the Department of Justice, Division of Public Protection, to the Town of Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Department per RSA 31:95-b, III (a).

[AG DTF Staff Report.pdf](#)

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

10. PUBLIC INPUT - 15 MINUTES

11. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

12. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

13. 15 MINUTE RECESS

Anyone requesting auxiliary aids or services is asked to contact the Administration Department five business days prior to the meeting.

14. OLD BUSINESS

14.a 2017-18 Budget and Warrant Articles

14.b Elderly and Veterans Tax Exemptions
[Elderly Exemption Report.pdf](#)

[Veterans staff report.pdf](#)

[Tax RSA.docx](#)

14.c 2017 Town of Hooksett Health Insurance

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. PUBLIC INPUT

18. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

18.a NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her.

18.b NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Public Input

1. Two 15-minute Public Input sessions will be allowed during each Council Meeting. Time will be divided equally among those wishing to speak, however, no person will be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
2. No person may address the council more than twice on any issue in any meeting. Comments must be addressed to the Chair and must not be personal or derogatory about any other person.
3. Any questions must be directly related to the topic being discussed and must be addressed to the Chair only, who after consultation with Council and Town Administrator, will determine if the question can be answered at that time. Questions cannot be directed to an individual Councilor and must not be personal in nature. Issues raised during Public

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Input, which cannot be resolved or answered at that time, or which require additional discussion or research, will be noted by the Town Administrator who will be responsible for researching and responding to the comment directly during normal work hours or by bringing to the Council for discussion at a subsequent meeting. The Chair reserves the right to end questioning if the questions depart from clarification to deliberation.

- 4. Council members may request a comment be added to New Business at a subsequent meeting.**
- 5. No one may speak during Public Input except the person acknowledged by the Chair. Direct questions or comments from the audience are not permitted during Public Input.**

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Staff Report

Title: Acceptance of Donations

Date: November 9th, 2016

Background and Discussion of Issues

The Hooksett Police Department has experienced additional calls for service regarding criminal activity around the sale, possession with intent to sell, and possession of Controlled Drugs. The town of Hooksett has not been immune to the devastating effects that the Heroin crisis has on the State of NH. Hooksett Police responded to fourteen drug overdose calls with five that resulted in revival, four uses of NARCAN and five overdose related deaths in 2016. Our community continues to deal with burglaries, car break-ins, robberies and thefts that have a direct connection to the purchase and sale of narcotic drugs. The Town will continue to pay the officers Salary and Benefits who is currently assigned to the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force. In return will receive a \$40,000.00 grant plus any overtime reimbursement. This grant money, including any overtime reimbursement, should be placed back in the Police Department's budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 in both the salary and overtime lines. The previous \$40,000.00 grant was for the fiscal year of 2016 and expired on June 30th, 2016 which is the reason for the most recent \$40,000.00 grant that had been received by the Town. The recent \$40,000.00 grant received is for the fiscal year of 2017 which would cover from July 1st, 2016 through June 30th, 2017.

Recommendation (including suggested motion, if appropriate)

Motion to accept the donation of \$40,000.00 from the Department of Justice, Division of Public Protection, to the Town of Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Department for a public hearing at the Town Council meeting for the acceptance of this grant under RSA 31:95-b, III (a) and to return that amount to the police department's 2016-2017 fiscal budget salary and overtime lines.

Fiscal Impact

The donation is a grant to the Hooksett Police Department for a total amount of \$40,000.00, no fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Lieutenant James Bradley

Town Administrator Recommendation

Concur

Staff Report

Title: Elderly Exemption

Date: 11/16/2016

Background and Discussion of Issues

Per RSA 72:39 Had in the calendar year preceding said April 1 a net income from all sources, or if married, a combined net income from all sources, of not more than the respective amount applicable to each age group as determined by the city or town for purposes of RSA 72:39-b. Under no circumstances shall the amount determined by the city or town be less than \$13,400 for a single person or \$20,400 for married persons. Owns net assets not in excess of the amount determined by the city or town for purposes of RSA 72:39-b, excluding the value of the person's actual residence and the land upon which it is located up to the greater of 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance. The amount determined by the city or town shall not be less than \$35,000. A city or town may set a combined net assets amount for married persons in such greater amount as the legislative body of the city or town may determine.

The Town Council adopted the following income and asset limits in 2006:

Single Income \$35,000
Married Income \$50,000
Total Asset \$350,000

On August 24, 2016, the Board of Assessors voted to recommend the Council adopt a reduction in the asset limit from \$350,000 to \$160,000. The Board also recommends the Council increase the income limits to \$40,000 for single and \$52,500 for married.

Recommendation (including suggested motion, if appropriate)

Motion to decrease the asset limit for Elderly Exemptions from \$350,000 to \$160,000 to be effective in conjunction with the 2018 revaluation.

Motion to increase the income limits for Elderly Exemptions from \$35,000 to \$40,000 for single and from \$50,000 to \$52,500 for married to be effective in conjunction with the 2018 revaluation.

Fiscal Impact

Variable

Prepared by: _____

Town Administrator Recommendation

Staff Report

Title: Veterans Tax Credit

Date: 11/16/16

Background and Discussion of Issues

Currently the Town of Hooksett offers an optional Veterans Tax Credit of \$250 for qualifying veterans and \$2000 for disabled veterans. On August 25, 2014 the Council voted to increase the Veterans Tax Credit from \$100 to \$250 and the Veterans Disability Credit from \$1400 to the maximum credit of \$2000 based on the recommendation by the Board of Assessor. On August 24, 2016 the Board of Assessors voted to recommend an increase in the Veterans Tax Credit from \$250 to the maximum credit of \$500. This increase would be effective in 2017.

Recommendation (including suggested motion, if appropriate)

Motion to increase the Veterans Tax Credit from \$250 per year to \$500 per year for qualifying Veterans.

Fiscal Impact

In 2016, there were 547 Veterans receiving \$250 credit which represents a \$136,750 total tax credit (.09 tax impact). That will double to \$273,500 (.18 tax impact).

Prepared by: _____

Town Administrator Recommendation

TITLE V TAXATION

CHAPTER 72 PERSONS AND PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION

Property Taxes

Section 72:28

72:28 Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit. –

I. The standard veterans' tax credit shall be \$50.

II. The optional veterans' tax credit, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, shall be an amount from \$51 up to \$500. The optional veterans' tax credit shall replace the standard veterans' tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

III. Either the standard veterans' tax credit or the optional veterans' tax credit shall be subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran's residential property. However, the surviving spouse of a resident who suffered a service-connected death may have the amount subtracted from the property tax on any real property in the same municipality where the surviving spouse is a resident.

IV. The following persons shall qualify for the standard veterans' tax credit or the optional veterans' tax credit:

(a) Every resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph;

(b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and

(c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

V. Service in a qualifying war or armed conflict shall be as follows:

(a) "World War I" between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, extended to April 1, 1920 for service in Russia; provided that military or naval service on or after November 12, 1918 and before July 2, 1921, where there was prior service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 shall be considered as World War I service;

(b) "World War II" between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946;

(c) "Korean Conflict" between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955;

(d) "Vietnam Conflict" between December 22, 1961 and May 7, 1975;

(e) "Vietnam Conflict" between July 1, 1958 and December 22, 1961, if the resident earned the Vietnam service medal or the armed forces expeditionary medal;

(f) "Persian Gulf War" between August 2, 1990 and the date thereafter prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law; and

(g) Any other war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975, and in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theater of operations service medal.

Source. 1871, 13:1. GL 54:2. PS 56:4. 1907, 95:1. 1919, 54:1. 1921, 12:3; 103:1. 1923, 68:2. PL 60:26. 1941, 157:1. RL 73:29. 1943, 174:1. 1944, 4:1. 1947, 240:1, par. 29. 1949, 167:1. 1951, 132:1. RSA 72:28. 1955, 289:1. 1963, 49:1; 118:1; 324:1. 1967, 35:1, 2; 219:1, 2. 1971, 303:1. 1975, 282:1. 1976, 42:1, 2. 1977, 61:1. 1979, 288:2. 1981, 215:1. 1989, 64:1; 270:1. 1991, 70:3-6. 1992, 70:3. 1993, 73:3, 10; 262:1. 2003, 299:2. 2005, 126:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2013, 254:2, eff. July 24, 2013. 2016, 217:9, eff. Aug. 8, 2016.