

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council

From: Tom Baker, Town Administrator

Date: January 21, 2014

Re: Discussion: Park Funding at New Hope

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to discuss funding for the park at the New Hope Church.

Discussion: As Council knows, the Town and New Hope Church have been collaborating on the park on the property that New Hope owns. Currently, the Town has purchased \$2,018.00 of equipment for the park – basketball standard, volleyball net and equipment, pickleball net and equipment, equipment storage container and other miscellaneous equipment. New Hope has turned over the scheduling of the park space to Larry McDonald and the Town Recreation Department with no strings attached. New Hope's Mike Beresford has said that ...we want the entire community to utilize and enjoy the park. We want to be a partner with the community in a variety of ways....

As Council knows, park development is costly and the Town Recreation Department is fortunate to have access to the park at New Hope for programs and activities. To staff, this is a good investment and a partnership that benefits the entire community for very little cost. Staff is reviewing the 2014 budget and will provide Council with information on financial options during the discussion.

Please review Mike Beresford's attached letter.