

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 21.C.
ACCEPTANCE OF A 2023 NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES (NHDES) EXOTIC AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL GRANT**

Discussion: The NHDES Exotic Species Program has notified us that the City of Laconia has been awarded a grant to fund 50% of project costs for aquatic plant control remediation. This project has been awarded in the past. NHDES works with City departments to identify locations for plant control to be completed, hires contractors to complete work, and returns for post remediation testing.

Fiscal Impact: The City's share of the grant is \$42,530, which is 50% of the total. \$40,000 of the total has been approved in the FY23 budget. The remainder of the match will come from the Administration Non-Departmental budget.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends moving this grant acceptance to a public hearing on March 13, 2023.

This Report Submitted by: Kirk Beattie, City Manager

Proposed motions:

"I move to waive a reading of Resolution 2023-06 in its entirety and to read by title only."

"I move a first reading of Resolution 2023-06, relative to the acceptance of a 2023 NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant in the amount of \$42,530.00."

"I move to schedule a public hearing on March 13, 2023 during the regular Council meeting to gather public input prior to adoption of Resolution 2023-06."