

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
MARCH 13, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 22.A.
RESOLUTION 2023-06, 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.

At the February 27, 2023 City Council meeting a motion was approved to schedule a Public Hearing on this matter; that Public Hearing was held earlier in this evening's agenda.

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.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval and acceptance of this Resolution and grant.

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 second 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 approve Resolution 2023-06 relative to authorizing application and acceptance of \$42,530.00 grant funding from the 2023 NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant, and to authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to this grant."