

## **STAFF REPORT**

*August 26, 2019*

**Topic:** Public Hearing on the possible placement of a ballot question on the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election Ballot pertaining to the permitted operation of New Hampshire Lottery sports betting within the City of Laconia.

**Discussion:** Notice of this public hearing was made in the Wednesday, August 21, 2019 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, at Laconia City Hall, the Gale Memorial Library, the Laconia Community Center and the offices of the Laconia School District.

Per House Bill 480 (copy attached), legalized sports betting in New Hampshire was recently signed into law. Beginning in early 2020, the New Hampshire Lottery Commission anticipates allowing sports betting in the state through various channels, including at up to ten sports book retail locations, in municipalities that have voted to allow it.

If the Council votes this evening to place this question on the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election Ballot, an additional public hearing will be scheduled at a future meeting to comply with the provisions of HB 480 which requires a public hearing to be held 15 to 30 days before the municipal election.

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable.

**Staff Recommendation:** Action on this item will be taken up under Unfinished Business

**This report submitted by:** Scott Myers, City Manager

**Proposed motion:**

Open the public hearing

Close the public hearing