



TOWN OF EAST LYME

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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TO: Board of Finance

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CC: Kevin Gervais, Finance Director
Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director

DATE: February 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Request to appropriate funds to purchase trash containers for Downtown Niantic using the NIP Funds

Summary of Agenda Item:

The Parks and Recreation Department seeks to purchase new trash containers for downtown Niantic using NIP funds allocated to the Town.

Current trash containers are unsightly, unsanitary and pose risks to staff members who empty them. In selecting replacement trash containers, the Department obtained input from Niantic Main Street to select trash containers that are aesthetically pleasing, as well as sanitary and easy to use for Parks staff.

The purchase of the trash containers would be covered by NIP Funds. Every year, the town gets a portion of tax collected on the sale of miniature alcohol bottles, a.k.a. "nips." Municipalities use NIP Funds to support recycling centers and litter-reduction initiatives and to reduce the impact of litter caused by solid waste.

Currently, East Lyme has \$52,342.95 of NIP Funds to expend. The anticipated cost of the trash containers and liners is \$14,500.

Action Needed:

Move to approve a special appropriation of \$14,500 from NIP Funds to purchase 15 trash containers and liners for downtown Niantic. NOTE: This requires a Town Meeting.