

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2025

TO:

The Granby Board of Selectmen

FROM:

Mike Walsh, Town Manager

REGARDING:

Valley Brook Community Church Donation Recognition/Stipulation

By way of this memo, please see the attached narrative from Community Services Director Sandy Yost detailing a generous \$15,000 donation from the Valley Brook Community Church for the express purpose of adding handicapped accessible ramps to the bandshell at Salmon Brook Park.

As a result of this donation, I am asking the Board of Selectmen to approve the following motion which will serve to direct the donation exclusively toward the cost of construction of the ramp. We have consulted with Town staff and believe the donation is sufficient to cover the entire cost of the construction and installation.

I will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on this item. Thank you.

The following motion is needed from the Board of Selectmen:

I move that the Board of Selectmen accept the \$15,000 donation from the Valley Brook Community Church for the express purpose of providing the funding source for the planning, construction, and installation of a handicapped accessible ramp to be attached to the bandshell at Salmon Brook Park.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 24, 2024

<u>TO:</u>

Mike Walsh, Granby Town Manager

FROM:

Sandra Yost, Director of Community Services

REGARDING:

Valley Brook Community Church – Donation

BACKGROUND

Valley Brook Community Church has been utilizing the bandshell at Salmon Brook Park for the past several years to host their Live Nativity. The event takes place annually in December and the production includes many participants and live animals.

Access to the stage is limited. Each year the Church has supplied portable ramps to allow for access to the stage apron from the front sides. Recognizing their need, and the potential need from other groups, Valley Brook has suggested the addition of access ramps to the bandshell.

REQUEST

Valley Brook Community Church, in consultation with Granby staff, has researched the cost of adding ramps to the existing bandshell. Based on this information the Church has made a generous donation of \$15,000 to move the project forward.

Because the addition of the ramps would be beneficial for all groups utilizing the bandshell at Salmon Brook Park acceptance of the donation is appropriate. The donation is recommended to be deposited into the Parks & Recreation Salmon Brook Park line item 251.04.41.0000.43625. All related expenses for the project will be charged to this account.

ACTION

Submit an agenda item for the next Board of Selectmen meeting to approve acceptance of Valley Brook Community Church's check #13871 in the amount of \$15,000 with stipulation that the funds are set aside for the installation of bandshell ramps at Salmon Brook Park.