



To: Mayor Bergquist & Town Trustees

From: Sarah Weekes, Event Manager

Date: January 26, 2026

Re: **Consideration of Approval of a New Special Event Permit Application and Resolution 08-2026 for the Fraser Valley Hockey Association “Grand Lake Pond Hockey Classic,” January 31, 2026, through February 1, 2026**

BACKGROUND:

In past years, the Grand Lake Pond Hockey Classic was organized by Stephanie Rhone in her role as accountant for the Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. This year, the event will be organized by Stephanie Rhone in her capacity as Treasurer of the Fraser Valley Hockey Association (FVHA).

The Fraser Valley Hockey Association is an athlete-centered organization that places the needs of children first. FVHA provides opportunities for members to participate and develop as athletes to the best of their abilities in an inclusive, prejudice-free environment. The organization is committed to cultivating the physical and emotional well-being of all members while fostering a strong sense of community. FVHA is guided by the values of good sportsmanship, honesty, leadership, physical fitness, respect for all individuals, and personal integrity. Success is measured by increased youth participation in hockey and by inspiring children to choose an active, healthy lifestyle year after year.

The Grand Lake Pond Hockey Classic brings players and spectators together for two full days of outdoor hockey played on natural ice, surrounded by snow-covered peaks and wide-open sky. Games start early, the energy builds fast, and the lake becomes the center of town for the weekend.

The Fraser Valley Hockey Association has submitted a new Special Event Permit application for the 2026 event and is requesting that the Board of Trustees waive the \$250.00 special event permit fee, as the organization is a nonprofit.

When reviewing the application, the Board of Trustees is to consider the following:

Municipal Code 11-6-3(C): Special Event Permit Application Review and Approval.

1. Review Considerations. The following factors shall be considered prior to approval of a SEP:

- (a) The predominant use of the primary facility being used; and*
- (b) The proposed event and the event hours; and*



- (c) Neighborhood compatibility; and*
- (d) Effect of the proposed event on the community; and*
- (e) The Town's anticipated cost in staff time and equipment use; and*
- (f) The benefit to non-profit from the event; and*
- (g) The benefit to local businesses from the event; and*
- (h) Duplication of services or sale items; and*
- (i) Nature of the past event issues or similar past event issues.*

FISCAL NOTE

For the 2026 calendar year, the Board of Trustees has not previously waived special event fees for the Fraser Valley Hockey Association.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I make a motion to approve/(deny) THE NEW SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION AND approve/(deny) RESOLUTION 08-2026, A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN FEES FOR THE FRASER VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION'S "GRAND LAKE POND HOCKEY CLASSIC" EVENT TO BE HELD JANUARY 31, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2026