

**Enfield Board of Selectmen
Enfield, New Hampshire**

MINUTES of July 16, 2007

Board of Selectmen: Curtis Payne, Chairman; Rebecca S. Stewart, Donald J. Crate, Sr.

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Wendy Huntley, Recording Secretary; Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works, Marjorie Carr, Librarian

Others: Richard Martin; Sharon Carr; Dan Kiley; Chris Christopolous, Lebanon Fire Chief; Reiley Lewis, Interim Director, Mascoma Valley Health Initiative; Bart Thurber; Judy Kmon; Francine Lozeau, and Shirley Green

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

All Health Hazards Region IV

Public Health Emergency Preparedness in the Upper Valley:

Chris Christopolous and Reiley Lewis presented an overview of the progress to date and plans for the future of the Regional effort for preparedness in the event of a pandemic, natural disaster, or other emergency situation.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the regular session minutes of July 2, 2007 as printed; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

20th Annual Municipal Volunteer Awards:

The New Hampshire Local Government Center (NHLGC) is looking for nominations of outstanding individuals whose efforts and dedication to community service can serve as a model for the type of volunteer involvement without which town and city governments could not function. These individuals will be recognized at the NHLGC annual conference in November

Town Clerk Report ~ June 2007:

The Town Clerk is about \$2,000 behind last year in revenues, still fairly close to the target.

FEMA-1695-DR-NH Funding \$5,515.95**FEMA-1695-DR-NH Funding \$22,179.76**

These FEMA funds are a result from the storms in late April. The Town submitted over \$30,000 in expenses to the state and we've received just over \$27,000. Ken Daniels got all the data for the submittal with the cooperation of the Police and Fire Departments.

Barbara Dessert correspondence ~ Enfield Center Town Hall/Grange Curtain:

The letter was in reference to the curtains at the Enfield Center building. It has been determined that the Grange owns two of the curtains. The Town owns the balance of the curtains. The intent of the Grange is to sell the curtains. The question is how much does the Grange want for the curtains? Perhaps the Town should purchase them.

Mr. Crate recommended that the Board of Selectmen have a meeting at the Enfield Center Town Hall and the Board agreed that the August 20th meeting should be held there and that Barbara Dessert and April Farewell be invited to attend.

Mrs. Stewart will also invite Margaret Spicer from the Dartmouth Theater Department.

Trustees of Trust Funds 2nd Quarter Report ~ June 30, 2007:

The Trustees submitted a spreadsheet showing the status of Capital Reserve Funds and the General Trust Funds. The funds are earning a decent interest at about 5.1%.

IV. BOARD REPORTS**CIP Committee:**

Mrs. Stewart reported on the second meeting of the CIP Committee. For an action item, all Department Heads are to be given a copy of their previous request for Capital Improvement items for review. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14th.

Mr. Schneider informed that the information has been distributed to the Department Heads and they have been instructed to return their comments to Alisa Bonnette, Executive Assistant, by August 3rd.

Planning Board:

Mr. Payne asked Mr. Kiley to report on the most recent Planning Board Meeting. Mr. Kiley reported that Mason Racing attended and received approval for a 10,000 ft sq bldg near the Upper Valley Humane Society. The intended business is for sales and service of dirt bikes. Verizon and Nation Grid received approvals for tree cutting and there was on lot line adjustment approved.

Mr. Schneider added that the individuals who were to present the conceptual plans for Lacriox property was a no show for a second time.

Mr. Kiley added that there was nothing new on the Ironman development either.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Everything to be covered is either in old or new business.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**Sharon Carr ~ Town Dock:**

Enfield Village Association (EVA) has been hoping to undertake a town dock project. They would like to locate a slip in the mouth of the Mascoma River for the residents of Mascoma Lake. The plan is to have a foot trail to the rail trail that comes out by the parking lot across from the Lutheran church. The biggest hurdle has been finding out who owns the land, who signs off and who approves it. Jim Taylor has been a big help with this research. Ownership is still under question.

General discussion of land located at old motel site. Currently there are docks there and people picnicking which probably shouldn't be.

Mr. Schneider commented that when the bridge is done, perhaps then the Town could create a public dock access, along with a new beach etc. The state is fully aware of the current status of the land and what the town's hopes are for the future.

Mrs. Carr commented that the size of the proposed dock is 20 feet long and 4 feet wide and EVA would pay it for. The Dock would be constructed of wood and/or aluminum and EVA would maintain it. The hope is that the Town would consider maintaining liability insurance for the dock.

Mr. Kiley recommended that EVA think about maybe going 20 feet across instead of 20 feet out into the lake or kids might decide to use it to "run and dive" into the lake.

Mr. Daniels commented in regards to the Shaker Bridge that the State of NH is meeting Wednesday to discuss the State's ten-year plan.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING (continued from July 2, 2007) ~ Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program/Hettleman Abatement Request

Mr. Payne opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 pm.

Mr. Schneider met with Mrs. Truman and also spoke with Bart Mayer (Town Council) and feels that the Town can come up with a resolution for 64 Main St. So far they have put in over a quarter million investment in that property. The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) is good with our application process so far. The only thing that DRA will review when we file our MS1 form (Municipal Service Inventory Valuation Form) in 2008. There will be an agreement between the Town and property owner, like a covenant during the phase of work construction. Benchmarks will be set and need to be attained to receive abatement. If the property is sold during the agreement period, the abatement agreement becomes void.

Hearing no further requests to comment, Mr. Payne closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 pm

VIII. OLD BUSINESS**Pay-As-You-Throw:**

Mr. Schneider reviewed the handout from NRRA showing the data for pay-as-you-throw experiences in New Hampshire for the fall of 2005. It is a Comprehensive look at activities in the association. The only other thing he would like to see is how this impacts recycling percentages and will contact NRRA for more information.

Whitney Hall Repairs:

The Town received five proposals for a new heating systems/boiler. Quotes ranged from \$14,500 up to \$47,600. These proposals include plans for potential future expansion. Both Mr. Payne and Mrs. Stewart are looking for guidance and Mr. Crate would like to see if the bids are all “apples to apples”. Maybe a third party opinion could help clarify things.

Mr. Schneider and Mr. Daniels to talk with bidders for clarifications.

Mrs. Stewart informed that she has purchased wall sconces for the Whitney Hall Auditorium that have basically brass bases and opaque lenses and keep with hanging lights in library.

Stump Dump:

Mr. Schneider commented that the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) is going through a change of leadership. UVLT spoke with NH Fish and Game and both groups met with Mr. Schneider at the Bog Road site and the proposed site at Bicknell Brook. The purpose of the meeting was to show Fish and Game that the UVLT and the Town were trying to head in a positive direction. By doing this, the Town may be able to continue using the Bog Road site. Another option is to create tickets so materials may be taken to Hammond’s in Canaan.

Skateboard Ordinance / Skateboard Park:

Mrs. Stewart is not inclined to disallow skateboarding anywhere in town but feels that there needs to be guidelines and consequences and degrees of consequences. She is very much in favor of pursuing a skateboard park.

Mr. Crate thinks the Town should develop a skateboard park and not allow riding on the streets.

Mr. Payne believes that there should be some “no skate streets” like Route 4 for example. The Town should carve out some areas where kids can’t skate. The question is, does the Town want to have some streets where kids cannot skate or should there be regulations inclusive of all streets?

Mr. Crate would like to have the Chief of Police make recommendations for streets where skating should not be allowed and then perhaps some restrictions for skating on other roads such as violations/penalties and/or a warning system. Perhaps take away the skateboards of violators. Charge fines....

Mr. Schneider is to bring a formal ordinance to the next Selectmen meeting along with rules and consequences. He will also discuss this matter with the Lions Club.

Water/Sewer Extension:

School district called for Steve to attend a meeting regarding exploration of the options of extending the municipal water and sewer systems to the High School or having water and sewer

on site. The school would add 15,000 gal a day into our sewer system that would still be easily maintained by plant in Lebanon.

Mr. Schneider met with Ken Daniels; Phil Neily, Building Inspector; Bruce Prior, Water Sewer Operator and Jim Taylor, Community Development Director. The feeling is that it would be a greater impact to add the school to the water system. Adding the school would probably max out the capacity of Prior I well. The Town would be forced to make changes. As far as connecting to the sewer system, the discussion was the options of pump stations versus gravity feed.

Mrs. Stewart commented that this is all contingent on the new high school passing.

Mr. Schneider reported that the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district revenues could not be directly used for the purpose of upgrading the water and/or sewer systems sole for the School's purpose.

Sale of Property:

NH Rte 4A Property

Cogswell Way Property ~ Wilson Mobile Home Park Rules & Regulations

Mr. Schneider informed that the Town's Attorney had drafted letters of eviction and the letters have been sent. The Town is looking to sell those properties in October.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Solid Waste Contract:

Northeast Waste was the only bidder. The cost is \$317,999.50 for two years with a 3% increase between years.

Schedule Public Hearing for acceptance of gift over \$500 in value:

The Town has been donated a 1994 Chrysler LHS. The public hearing to accept will be August 6.

Non-Public Session:

Mrs. Stewart moved to go to non-public session at 8:07PM, RSA 91-A:3 II (d); Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Payne moved to come out of non-public session at 8:56 PM; Mrs. Stewart seconded, vote unanimous.

IX. OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting:

August 6, 2007

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Payne moved to adjourn at 8:56 PM; Mrs. Stewart seconded, vote unanimous.