

**Enfield Board of Selectmen
Enfield NH**

**Non-Public Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2004**

Following appropriate vote in regular session, the Chairman convened a Non Public Session at 7:30 PM under the terms and conditions of RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Present were:

Keith Oppenneer
Nancy Scovner

Dominic Albanese
April Whittaker

General discussion ensued with the continued risk exposure and lack of management skills of the Enfield Fire Department under the elected Fire Ward system. Mr. Albanese expressed concerns as to how to present to the town voters, if a warrant article is brought to propose a different management structure for the department, the rationale of why the change is necessary without demonizing the Fire Wards, which was not in the spirit and intent of very real concerns connected with safety and risk management.

Mrs. Scovner opined that she felt it very important that the Minutes should reflect the problems and lack of attention by the Fire Wards in a public forum instead of a non-public forum. Mr. Oppenneer felt that with the new roll out insurance discounted policy for good departmental risk management, the voters may more easily digest rationale for change

The board requested Mrs. Whittaker to continue to pursue the definition of vicarious liability, and how this would affect the town manager's position and Board of Selectmen in the event of a civil suit brought forth in a Fire Department accident or tragedy.

Mrs. Whittaker was further requested to compose a summary of the problems and lack of due care and supervision, and impacts to risk management to more effectively evaluate whether a management strategy structure change should be brought to the voters.

Motion Scovner, second Oppenneer to return to regular session for the purposes of adjournment, vote 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted, April Whittaker