

2022 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Enfield, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

Take notice and be warned that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Enfield, New Hampshire, will be held on two days as follows:

On Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4, Enfield, NH, there will be voting only by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and other questions required to be voted by Official Ballot. Note: By law, the meeting must open before the voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 a.m. for the consideration of all ballot articles. At 12:00 Noon the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open.

Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. There will be no opportunity to vote by ballot on Articles 1 through 6 at the second session of the Town Meeting. After the polls close at 7:00 p.m. the ballots will be counted.

The meeting will reconvene Saturday, April 30, 2022; Articles 1 through 6 will be presented and Articles 7 through 18 will be presented, discussed, and acted upon beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Huse Park, 308 US Route 4, Enfield, NH.

Article 1. To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

For One Year: One Budget Committee Member

For Three Years: One Selectman
One Town Clerk
One Trustee of Trust Funds
One Cemetery Trustee
One Library Trustee
Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members
Three Budget Committee Members

For Six Years: One Supervisor of the Checklist

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 of the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

APPENDIX A- LAND USE DEFINITIONS

REMOVE WORDS IN STRIKETHROUGH:

~~FRONTAGE: The width of a lot measured along its common boundary with the street line.~~

REPLACE WITH:

FRONTAGE: The width of a lot measured along its common boundary with the street giving access to the lot.

REMOVE WORDS IN STRIKETHROUGH:

~~STREET: A state highway, town road, avenue, lane and/or any other way used or in existence for vehicular travel including driveways which serves three or more adjacent lots or sites. The word street shall include the entire right-of-way.~~

REPLACE WITH:

STREET: As defined in RSA: 674:41

ADD THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION:

STREET GIVING ACCESS TO THE LOT:

The street giving access to the lot means a street or way abutting the lot and upon which the lot has frontage. It does not include a street from which the sole access to the lot is via a private easement or right-of-way, unless such easement or right-of-way also meets the criteria set forth in street as defined in RSA: 674:41

DELETE THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION IN STRIKETHROUGH:

~~**STREET, FRONTAGE**~~

~~Street, Frontage: Shall mean the measured distance along a town maintained, state maintained or private street between the points of intersection of the side lot lines with the road.~~

SECTION 401.1 R1 DISTRICT

REMOVE WORDS IN STRIKETHROUGH:

~~P. The width of any lot shall be a minimum of 75 feet at the public right of way.~~

REPLACE WITH:

P. The width of any lot shall be a minimum of 75 feet at the street giving access to the lot.

SECTION 401.2 R3 DISTRICT

REMOVE WORDS IN STRIKETHROUGH:

~~P. The width of any lot shall be a minimum of 100 feet at the public right of way.~~

REPLACE WITH:

P. The width of any lot shall be a minimum of 100 feet at the street giving access to the lot.

SECTION 401.3 R5 DISTRICT

REMOVE WORDS IN STRIKETHROUGH:

~~P. The width of any lot shall be a minimum of 250 feet at the public right of way.~~

REPLACE WITH:

P. The width of any lot shall be a minimum of 250 feet at the street giving access to the lot.

The Planning Board recommends this article by a vote of 7-0

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 of the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

DELETE THE FOLLOWING WORDING IN STRIKETHROUGH

401.5 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL (C/I) DISTRICT

2. Use Restrictions

~~H. The coverage of each lot used for Commercial/Industrial purposes, including buildings and parking areas, drives and any impervious surfaces shall not exceed 50 percent of the net developable land, and twenty five (25) feet green space or landscaped area shall be reserved along lot boundaries.~~

The Planning Board recommends this article by a vote of 7-0

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 of the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

DELETE THE ENTIRE FOLLOWING SECTION:

405.2 VILLAGE PLAN ALTERNATIVE

The Planning Board recommends this article by a vote of 7-0.

Article: 5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 of the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

SIGNS 408

~~408 D. Signs may be illuminated only by continuous exterior indirect white light, with the light sources so placed and shielded that they will not constitute a hazard to road or highway driving by glare, nor shall glare be allowed to infringe upon a neighbor's visual serenity.~~

~~408 E. No flashing or animated signs with visible moving parts or intermittent lighting to create the visual effect of movement are permitted.~~

REPLACE THE ABOVE SECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

SIGN ILLUMINATION

Illuminated signs: Permitted permanent signs may be illuminated by either external lighting or internal lighting, subject to the requirements set forth herein. All illuminated signs shall be shielded so as not to produce glare, undue distraction, confusion, nuisance or hazard to vehicular traffic or adjacent structures or properties. Lighting shall be so shaded, shielded, directed and maintained at a sufficiently low level of intensity to avoid ambient light leakage.

Flashing, rotating, and intermittent lighting are prohibited.

Externally Illuminated Signs: External lighting shall be shielded from view and shall cut off all upward transmission of light above the level of the sign and shall comply with all requirements of site plan review regulations (section 5.7).

Internally Illuminated Signs: In no event shall a sign have any animation, flashing, scrolling, or intermittent image.

Displayed message: Displayed message(s) shall not be changed more than once per twenty-four (24) hour period.

Hours of Illumination: Signs may be illuminated from one hour prior to and during hours of business operation to one hour after business operation, or from 6 am to 10 pm, whichever is longer. Nothing contained herein shall limit hours of illumination for signs that are intended to be warning signs for directional or safety purposes.

DELETE THE FOLLOWING WORDING IN STRIKETHROUGH

408.2 CB AND C/I and Route 4 DISTRICT SIGNS

~~D. The lighting may be direct white lighting.~~

DELETE THE FOLLOWING WORDING IN STRIKETHROUGH

408.5 SIGN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

~~A permit shall be obtained from the Land Use Administrator to erect any sign permitted, allowed by Special Exception or by Variance, except for those signs specifically exempted from obtaining a permit in Subsection 408.4.~~

408.7 ENFORCEMENT

~~The Land Use Administrator is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and its supports if said sign and/or supports are judged to be dangerous, or in disrepair, or if erected or maintained contrary to this provision.~~

REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDING:

SIGN PERMIT PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT

Applications for Sign Permits shall be made upon a form provided by the Town for this purpose. Any modifications to the physical design of the sign shall require a new permit. Site plan applications to the Planning Board should include applications for sign permits.

DELETE THE FOLLOWING WORDING IN STRIKETHROUGH

408.8 REMOVAL OF SIGNS

~~Any sign which has been ordered removed by the Land Use Administrator, or is abandoned or discontinued, shall be removed by the person, firm, or corporation responsible for the sign within thirty days of written notice to remove.~~

REPLACE WITH:

MAINTENANCE AND OBSOLESCENCE

All signs and sign structures shall be properly maintained and kept in a neat and proper state of repair and appearance. A sign of any type and located within any District found by the Land Use Administrator to be in a state of disrepair or considered dangerous, shall be immediately repaired, or removed upon order of Land Use Administrator.

Failure to comply with these regulations shall be subject to fines or penalties.

The Planning Board recommends this article by a vote of 7-0

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 of the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

TAX MAP 34, LOT 60 & 61 DISTRICT

This amendment applies to the property formerly used as the Department of Public Works facility on Shedd Street and is further defined as tax map 34, lots 60 and 61.

These lots may be used, and buildings may be erected or altered for the following purposes only and subject to the following regulations and limitations:

- A. Residential dwellings connected to Municipal sewer and water service.
- B. Home occupations subject to the provisions of Section 404.
- C. Private yard sales and auctions.
- D. Accessory uses customarily incidental to A through J of this section, including accessory dwelling units as defined in RSA 674:71-74.
- E. Minimum lot size shall be one eighth (1/8) acre.
- F. No structure shall be located nearer than twenty (20) feet from any edge of a lot line contiguous to a street or ten (10) feet from any other lot boundary, twenty (20) feet from the Northern Rail Trail, nor shall it be higher than 35 feet. This provision shall not apply to conventional television antennas, lightning rods, cupolas, steeples, or chimneys.
- G. No structure shall be placed, located, or constructed within fifty feet from the seasonal high-water line of any river, stream, wetland, lake or public pond, and no dock may be located nearer than 25 feet from a side lot line. Dry hydrants, culverts and bridges may be permitted by the Planning Board and with State permits, as required.
- H. At least one (1) on-lot parking space shall be provided for each dwelling unit. One (1) additional parking space per four (4) dwelling units shall be provided for guest parking. Each individual parking space shall be at least ten (10) feet wide and twenty (20) feet long.
- I. Lots may have more than one principal building.
 - a. Lots with a single principal building and five (5) or more dwelling units shall obtain Site Plan approval from the Enfield Planning Board.
 - b. Lots with more than one principal building shall obtain Site Plan approval from the Enfield Planning Board, regardless of the total number of dwelling units
- J. The width of any lot shall be a minimum of 50 feet at the street giving access to the lot.

The Planning Board recommends this article by a vote of 6-1

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,802,150** for the expansion and renovation of Whitney Hall, Town Offices and Library, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$5,558,086 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$244,064 from the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund to be used to reduce the amount of borrowing.

Special Warrant Article

3/5 Majority Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 6-3.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,259,066** (gross budget) for the construction of a public safety facility, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$7,259,066 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon

Special Warrant Article

3/5 Majority Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 5-4.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$130,000** to replace the Oak Hill Road Bridge. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Oak Hill Road Bridge replacement is completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. This appropriation will come from the unassigned fund balance. The remainder of the cost of this project, total estimated at \$280,000, will come from the July 11, 2020 Town Meeting (Article 9) authorization to borrow \$150,000 for this project.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$120,000** to purchase a Public Works roadside mowing unit. This appropriation will come from the unassigned fund balance.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of **\$7,567,247** for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500,768** to be placed in the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** to be placed in the Employee and Retiree Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned general fund balance.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 14: If Article 7 does not pass, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** for emergency repairs to Whitney Hall, such as replacement of rotting siding, windows, and roof repairs. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Whitney Hall repairs are completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Enfield Community Power Plan, which authorizes the Select Board to develop and implement Enfield Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7).

Article 16: (*By Petition*) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Enfield on the second Tuesday of March?

2/3 Majority Paper Ballot Vote Required

Article 17: (*By Petition*) Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members?

Majority Paper Ballot Vote Required

Article 18: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

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