

2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



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REMEMBERING THOSE WE'VE LOST

Edward R. Scovner January 24, 1935 – June 28, 2023
Police Facility Study Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment

Robert H. Pollard Sr. April 4, 1941 – July 9, 2023
Enfield Fire Department member since age 16 as Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief; retired in 2015 after 58 years of service, Forest Fire Warden, Level 1,2,3 Firefighter.

David R. Carr January 12, 1944 – August 9, 2023
Recreation Commission

Norm Ruel September 13, 1975 – September 7, 2023
Enfield Firefighter, Town of Enfield Water & Wastewater Department Supervisor, Assistant Coach for Mascoma football program.

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RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

Board / Committee	Volunteer /s
Budget Committee	Tracy Young (Select Board Member), Timothy Lenihan
Capital Improvement Program Committee	Ed McLaughlin
Cemetery Trustee	Angus Durocher, Neal P. Meagher, Brian Degnan
Conservation Commission	Douglas K. Smith, Jerold Theis
Deputy Treasurer	Joyce Osgood
Energy Committee	Gary Hutchins
Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board	Don Wyman
Heritage Commission	Meredith Smith
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee	Meredith Smith

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RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

Board / Committee	Volunteer /s
Old Home Days Committee	Amber Bissonnette, Dolores Struckhoff, Dawn Archambeault, Pam Smith, Meredith Smith
Supervisor of the Checklist	Shirley Ryea
Trustee of Trust Funds	Terri Crate
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commissioner for Enfield	Ed McLaughlin
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Timothy Lenihan

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ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

455 BALLOTS CAST

One Budget Committee Member for 1 year
Dave Beaufait (282)

One Budget Committee Member for 2 years
Jean Patten (386)

One Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years
Jane L. Rippe (393)

Two Select Board Members for 3 years
Alice Kennedy (265)
Katherine “Kate” Plumley Stewart (263)

One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Michele Ilich-Daubas (360)

One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
Peggy (Margaret) De Stefano (290)

One Library Trustee for 3 years
Shirley A. Green (289)

Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 years
Dan Regan (339)
Bill Finger (304)

Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years
James W. Fickett (277)
Bradley Rich (308)
Dan Regan (392)

One Supervisor of the Checklist for 4 years
Michelle C. Foote Pearce (273)

One Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years
Lynn Langley (398)

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ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of **\$9,410,232** for general municipal operations with \$270,500 to come from the unassigned fund balance. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 5-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2

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ARTICLE 3

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following funds:

Name of Fund	Created in Year	Balance
Reappraisal	1971	2,298,66
Ambulance	1972	3,185.70
Fire Vehicles & Equipment	1981	50,741.06
Land Acquisition	1998	132,205.11
Salt/Sand Facility	2007	159.52
Total Balance All Funds		186,291.39

Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article
The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 5-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

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ARTICLE 3 – AVAILABLE FUNDS

Name of Fund	Created in Year	Balance	Estimated Available
Reappraisal	1971	2,298,66	221.32
Ambulance	1972	3,185.70	2,606.68
Fire Vehicles & Equipment	1981	50,741.06	3,539.19
Land Acquisition	1998	132,205.11	108,169.09
Salt/Sand Facility	2007	159.52	130.63
Total Balance All Funds		186,291.39	114,666.91

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ARTICLE 4

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$186,291** to be added to the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 5-0.

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

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ARTICLE 4 – AS AMENDED

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~\$186,291~~ **\$114,667** to be added to the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 5-0.

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

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ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$600,068** to be placed in the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund; \$553,168 to come from general taxation and \$46,900 to come from the unassigned general fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 5-0.

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

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ARTICLE 5 – AS AMENDED

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~\$600,068~~ **\$485,401** to be placed in the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund; ~~\$553,168~~ **\$438,501** to come from general taxation and \$46,900 to come from the unassigned general fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

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ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Recruitment & Retention Bonus Trust Fund under the provisions of 31:19-a for the funding of Police recruitment & retention bonuses in accordance with the Town's Police Recruitment and Retention Bonus Policy and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** to be placed in this fund, said funds to come from the 2023 Unassigned Fund Balance, and to name the Town Manager as agent to expend from the Police Recruitment & Retention Bonus Trust Fund. (Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 5-0.

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

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ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Town of Enfield Short Term Rental Ordinance to regulate the use of short term rentals in town and provide oversight to ensure compliance.

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Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance for Enfield

How did we get here?

- Prior to 2019
 - Complaints about short rentals are brought to the attention of town officials.
 - Many other Towns were starting to have issues arising from short term rentals.
 - A short term rental ordinance is drafted. No further action is taken.
- 2022
 - Complaints increase. Impacted residents request the town consider a short term rental ordinance.
 - The Select Board and Planning Board both discuss whether a town ordinance or zoning ordinance is more appropriate. A town ordinance is decided to be the better choice.
- 2023
 - The Select Board further discusses a potential ordinance, holds public sessions and a public hearing.
 - The Select Board re-drafts a potential ordinance, submits draft for legal review, and places it on the 2024 Warrant.

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Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance for Enfield

- What is in the proposed ordinance?
 - Registration (\$100/year)
 - Inspection by Enfield Building Inspector (focused on public safety)
 - Exception from Registration and Inspection if a property is the owner's primary residence and is rented 14 nights or fewer per year.
 - Occupancy limits: 2 people per bedroom + 2 additional people
 - Other requirements
 - A point of contact within a 60 minute drive
 - Vehicle parking on the property
 - Property information posted inside each short term rental

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ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town rescind the authority to borrow
\$97,500 approved at the 2018 Town Meeting?

Special Warrant Article

3/5 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 5-0.

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

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Project	Amount	Project Status
Crystal Lake Road Improvements	\$58,000	Completed without borrowing budget
Huse Park Basketball Court Improvements	\$15,000	Was dependent upon matching grant funds which were not secured
Whitney Hall Parking Lot Resurfacing	\$15,000	"Municipal parking lot" is an approved project in the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District Plan therefore borrowing is not required
Community Building Locks Upgrade	\$3,000	Completed without borrowing
Transfer Station Office Trailer Replacement	\$6,500	Upon reconsideration of operations at the Transfer Station the replacement of the office trailer was deemed unnecessary

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ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to approve a revised “Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District Plan” as prepared by the Enfield TIF District Advisory Board. The original TIF District and Plan was created and approved by Town Meeting vote in March of 2005 and amended in 2009 per NH RSA 162-K. The project list below is for “Potential TIF Projects”:

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ARTICLE 9 CONTINUED

- Identify and replace aged (1903) Water Lines along US Route 4
- Add and/or improve sidewalks within the district
- Floodplain LOMA Study and/or improvement near Lovejoy Brook and US Route 4
- Oak Grove Street Upgrades
- Install Community Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations
- Identify, purchase and/or remove dilapidated structures/properties within the district
- Identify and enable access Improvements to developable property along US Route 4 and Lovejoy Brook Road
- Identify and enable expanded sewer system connectivity and improvements within the TIF district
- Identify and enable expanded water system connectivity and improvements within the TIF district
- Add and/or improve lighting and signage within the TIF district
- New Enfield Public Library Parking Lot Construction
- Huse Park/Community Building Improvements

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ARTICLE 9 PROJECT LIST AMENDMENT 1 (FAILED)

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ARTICLE 9 PROJECT LIST AMENDMENT 2 (FAILED)

- Identify and replace aged (1903) Water Lines along US Route 4
- Add and/or improve sidewalks within the district
- ~~Floodplain LOMA Study and/or improvement near Lovejoy Brook and US Route 4~~
- Oak Grove Street Upgrades
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- Identify, purchase and/or remove dilapidated structures/properties within the district
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TIF Plan

Tax Increment Finance

- 2005 - TIF District created and approved by Town Meeting
- Where is the district?
 - Route 4 corridor from the Canaan town line to just past the new Jakes Carwash
- What does it do?
 - As properties within the district are improved and their assessments increase, the additional tax revenue is place in a TIF Fund
 - The TIF Fund is used for improvements to the district
 - For example, the sewer extension
- Projects must be on the plan approved by town meeting

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ARTICLE 10

Appointment of a Town Treasurer To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint a town treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a treasurer. (Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 11

To see if the town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2. The money received from fees, charges, and other revenues generated for Youth Sports shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the general fund unassigned fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Town Manager and no further legislative body approval required. These funds may be expended only for Youth Sports recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. (Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 5-0.

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

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ARTICLE 12

(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?

3/5 Majority Paper Ballot Vote Required

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ARTICLE 13

(By Petition) Shall annual expenditures, separately or in aggregate, from the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) Capital Reserve Fund be limited to less than \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) without specific approval by Town Meeting?

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ARTICLE 14

(By Petition) Shall annual expenditures, separately or in aggregate, from the Unassigned Fund Balance be limited to less than \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) without specific approval by Town Meeting.

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ARTICLE 15

(By Petition) To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both, provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition for sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote.

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ARTICLE 16

(By Petition) Shall the Pledge of Allegiance be recited at the beginning of the Enfield Town Meeting, following the call to order?

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- **Warrant Article 16 (*By Petition*)** Shall the Pledge of Allegiance be recited at the beginning of the Enfield Town Meeting, following the call to order?

Sponsored by
Mark Tarantelli 333 Choate Rd Enfield

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I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

- These 31 words of today's Pledge of Allegiance originated in 1892 as a means for use by citizens in **any** country.
 - In 1923 the words "*the flag of the United States of America*" were added
 - In 1954 (In response to communist threats) Congress added the words "under God".
- The pledge and how it is to be rendered and behavior during the pledge are enumerated in 4 USC chapter 4 (the US Flag code) which states the pledge:
"should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform."

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Why make this a Requirement for town meeting?

The pledge ensures that All present support the constitution, our representative republic, our laws and our moral ethics of ensuring we are one, we cannot be divided, and that the very foundations of our constitution, which are liberty and justice is for
EVERYONE.

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Why not make it a Requirement for town meeting?

- In my work obtaining signatures for this warrant the only argument against saying the pledge was objection to the word "God".
- It is clear that this three letter word runs counter to some people's beliefs, however the very words of the constitution do guarantee the free exercise of any chosen religion to be well represented by the pledge.
- To those who bristle at any public item containing the word God, I would respectfully draw your attention to all legal currency in the United States which clearly states "In God we Trust", which no one has ever successfully argued should be removed from our currency.

If you do object to the words on your money referencing God, I'll be happy to give it to someone more in need of it than you.

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Please vote Yes to say the Pledge of Allegiance

- I am a 20 Year US Navy veteran who asks you to please vote to say the pledge of Allegiance as town meetings are called to order as a way to ensure we have EVERY citizens' rights protected by our Republic and it's Constitution.
- I've have heard some gossip that someone in Enfield has objected to saying the pledge because "Veterans already get two holidays", allow me to educate this person to the fact that veterans only get one holiday, only those who gave their lives for this country get the other one.

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ARTICLE 17

(By Petition) Shall any, and all Town of Enfield Expenditures for legal, consulting, or engineering services related to Johnston Drive and/or the Johnston park properties require specific authorization by Town Meeting?

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ARTICLE 18

(By Petition) Shall the voters in the Town of Enfield vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,725** to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support the continued operation of public transportation services in the town in 2024?

Special Warrant Article

The Select Board does not recommend this article by a vote of 5-0.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 9-0.

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ARTICLE 19

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

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