



Important Town Meeting Updates – Enfield, New Hampshire

The postponed March 14, 2020 business portion of Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday July 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at Huse Park, 308 US Route 4, Enfield, NH.**

To address COVID-19 concerns and provide as safe a meeting venue as possible:

- We request that masks be worn (masks will be provided if you need one);
- Pre-meeting sanitizing will be done and hand sanitizer will be available;
- We will have multiple seating options:
 - a. **Drive-In Option** is available for those who wish to remain in their vehicles. Space is limited- we have about 50 spots available. If you are not in a high-risk category, please consider one of the other options available. We will operate on a first-come-first-served basis. Please see below for Drive-In specific instructions
 - b. **Open-Air Option:** Limited seating will be available under the large tent set up in the infield of the baseball diamond. Plentiful seating is available in the outfield. Please bring your own chairs, pop-up tents (if you wish, or other covering), blankets, etc. Volunteers will be on-hand to assist with social distancing. Again, we ask everyone outside of a personal vehicle to wear a mask for the safety of all.
- Cold water (provided by the Lioness Club) and bathrooms will be available, but there will be no concessions or childcare provided
- Meeting procedures will be expedited to reduce overall meeting time.
- Please bring your 2019 Town Report that contains the warrant to be covered (also posted at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2020-annual-town-meeting>)

Drive-In Option Instructions

1. Enter the Huse Park parking lot at the US Route 4 entrance. Upon entering the parking lot follow directions to receive your town meeting packet and ballots. Please have your identification ready to show through your driver's side window to register with the Supervisors of the Checklist. Out of courtesy for and the safety of our Supervisors, please wear a mask when registering. The appropriate number of ballot packs (1 per registered voter in a car) will be placed on the windshield of your car.
2. Following registration, you will be directed to a parking attendant to assist you with parking. Vehicles will be parked centered in one space and on the line of the next space to keep an appropriate social distance from each vehicle. (we can accommodate ~ 50 vehicles this way)
3. The meeting will be broadcast on a FM radio channel (to be announced), in addition to our usual sound system. Please remain in your vehicles unless speaking at a microphone or to use the restroom.
4. If you leave your vehicle, please observe social distancing of at least 6 feet. Wearing of masks when leaving your vehicle is highly recommend and strongly encouraged.
5. Please only run your vehicle if absolutely necessary.

6. If you need to leave the meeting early and are parked in an aisle adjacent to the queueing area, please seek a parking attendant for assistance.

Open-Air Option

Open-Air, outside seating is available for all, and we encourage those who are able to please take advantage of this option. A few guidelines to follow:

1. DO NOT park in the Huse Park/Community Building parking lot or the Methodist Church lot (private). Also, please do not take up spaces at our area businesses. You may park at Town Hall, the municipal lot on Main Street, and the large dirt lot opposite the Community Lutheran Church. Other parking options will be posted on the Town's website as permission to use other locations is obtained.
2. We appreciate the wearing of a mask at all times (especially when outside of a vehicle) to protect everyone in our community. Please wear your favorite! We will have a few extras available should you accidentally forget yours at home.
3. There will be two tents set up for walk-up registration. Please have your identification ready. Out of courtesy for and the safety of our workers, please wear a mask when registering. You will receive your ballot voting card. Proceed to find seating.
4. There will be VERY limited seating under the tent. There is plenty of room for folks to sit in the outfield, so plan accordingly. You may bring a pop-up tent or sunshade.
5. Please remain in your seats (or area) unless speaking at a microphone or to use the restroom. If you need to move around, please observe social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Meeting Logistics

- The Moderator will be running the meeting from the head table in typical fashion.
- Please print off your own copy of the Warrant to bring with you to follow along. There will be NO PowerPoint presentations at Town Meeting. All of this supplemental information will be available online at **<https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2020-annual-town-meeting>**
- Discussion on articles is encouraged and there will be two microphone stands to queue up, with 6' intervals marked. There will be a roving wireless microphone to assist those with difficulty walking. Please raise your hand with the blue card through the vehicle window if you need assistance.
- After a paper ballot vote, ballot collectors will circulate through the parking lots, tent, and field to collect ballots from you - please remain in your seats. Other articles will require a show of hands with your voter card raised through the vehicle windows or from your seats.
- We will begin processing registrations at 7:00 am with the intention of starting the meeting at 8:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. The business portion of the meeting will begin immediately following.

We plan for the meeting venue to be as safe as possible. Our goal is to meet the statutory requirement to hold town meeting, obtain necessary approval for routine town spending and to push into the future new proposals and new ideas to a time when we can all feel safe gathering and debating these issues.

Fall Elections

We will be holding two traditional ballot elections this fall with polls open all day. Anyone concerned about COVID-19 may vote via absentee ballot. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 632-5001 or townclerk@enfield.nh.us for details.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in this most difficult year.