

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER **SEPTEMBER 2018**



TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

Municipal officials and staff in the Town of Enfield are dedicated to promoting a high-functioning and close-knit community that appeals to all our residents and visitors. To this end, we are committed to providing accurate information and quality services to members of our community at all times. In the interest of helping to keep residents informed of important “goings on” in town, we have begun producing a town-wide newsletter that is disseminated by email on a monthly basis to all individuals who subscribe to the mailing list. Our hope is that the number of recipients on this list will continue to grow over time to ensure that most households receive these important updates.

If you have friends or family that may be interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them.

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:

- Go to the below page on the town’s website:
www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable. Please don’t hesitate to contact Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us, if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

POLICE CHIEF SELECTION

In mid-August, Detective Sergeant Roy Holland – who had been serving as Enfield’s Interim Chief of Police for some months – was selected as our next Chief of Police. Roy will officially be appointed Police Chief at the September 4 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

After initially receiving 25 applications for the position and completing an intensive multi-step review process that included administering essay questions and phone interviews with the applicants, MRI (the firm assisting us with the search process) ultimately selected Roy as one of four finalists. Each of the four finalists interviewed in-person with an eight-member panel consisting of Enfield residents and other stakeholders that I asked to participate in the process. As Town Manager, I subsequently conducted separate interviews with three of the four finalists. Each finalist for the position demonstrated the professional competencies, training, integrity, character, and judgment needed to be an effective chief of police.



Although each of the finalists would likely capably serve Enfield as our Chief of Police, I believe that Roy is the best fit for our community for several reasons. He has the trust and respect of members of the Enfield Police Department as well as other municipal departments, local officials, residents and other stakeholders (including law enforcement professionals in neighboring communities). Given his decorated military service (Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Army Commendation Medal for Valor – to name just a few) and experience with our Police Department, he possesses the job knowledge and leadership/command experience the position requires. He is committed to community policing and shares my view that modern day law enforcement requires a proactive and collaborative approach that goes well beyond simply enforcing laws. He has a warm and welcoming personality that belies the inherent stresses of the job/profession. He will lead by example and hold himself to the same standards as the officers he commands. He is a consummate team player who demonstrates enthusiasm for assisting other departments in pursuit of our shared goal of delivering high-quality municipal services and meeting the needs of our community. He is an inherently positive and optimistic individual (the world needs more of this). Finally, he is a long-

time resident who knows the community inside and out.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Holland on his selection as the Town of Enfield's next Chief of Police!

Very respectfully,

Ryan J. Aylesworth
Town Manager

ENFIELD OLD HOME DAYS "THANK YOU" MESSAGE

Greetings Enfield!

Now that we have had a moment to catch our breath, we'd like to sincerely thank you all for coming out to our 2018 celebrations!

Even with the weather forecast giving us fits, we got lucky enough to hold all of planned events under mostly clear skies. The turnout for all events was great, and the community spirit could be felt all weekend. Definitely one of our best years yet!

We are on hiatus until February but are always looking for new members to bring new energy and ideas for next year's events. We also encourage folks, perhaps looking for less of a commitment, to volunteer throughout the weekend- many hands make light work!

In the meantime, do not hesitate to reach out with comments or ideas via Facebook messenger or our town email.

[https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/
oldhomedays@enfield.nh.us](https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/oldhomedays@enfield.nh.us)

See you all next year!
July 26-28, 2019!

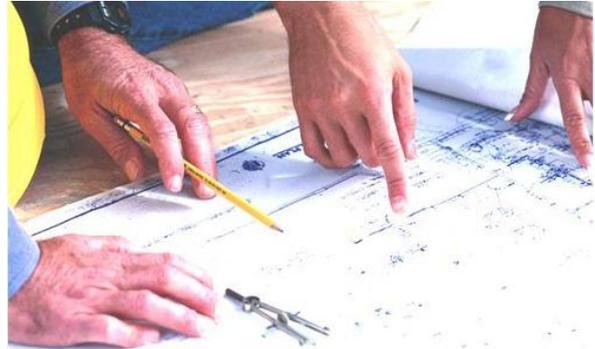
Enfield Old Home Days Committee

Rob Bassett
Shirley Green
Daniel Harrington
Kristin Harrington
Lori Bliss Hill

Ron Hill
Stephanie Hill
Brittney Shackett
Lindsay Smith

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES “OPTIMIZATION STUDY”

The Town of Enfield recently solicited proposals from experienced, qualified professional architectural and planning firms to perform a comprehensive assessment of its existing municipal buildings and conduct a space needs analysis to help inform future decisions related to long-term planning, operations and capital investments. The Town is interested in working with a consultant to develop a comprehensive facilities plan for both short and long-term planning. The selected firm is expected to have the capabilities for evaluating complex interrelationships



among programmatic spaces which support Enfield’s operation and delivery of exceptional public service to the community. The Town Manager and other local officials are in the process of reviewing and evaluating the proposals submitted by five different firms, and additional updates will be shared publically as this important effort moves forward.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roadside Mowing

The Enfield Highway Department will be mowing roadsides and easement areas in early September. This helps keep drainage areas open for flowing water and allows for snow storage. It also improves site distances making roads safer. Please use caution when approaching and passing the mower tractors as debris sometimes flies out from the mower heads and operator focus is on the ditch lines being mowed.

Curbside Waste & Recycling Toters

The trash and recycling toters are part of the Enfield trash and recycling collection program and must remain with the property upon a property transfer. The Town has had to replace many of these containers that people have taken with them after selling their properties.

Recycling Fees

The Town of Enfield charges fees for items that the Town, in turn, is charged for disposal, including CFC units, tires, tvs, computers, tires, electronics, fire extinguishers, propane tanks and microwave ovens. Lately a number of people

have been trying to “sneak” items into the Transfer Station to avoid paying these fees. It is very important to dispose of these items properly not only for the health of the Town budget but the safety of the operators and people at the Transfer Station, as well as those down the trash and recycling streams. Many of these items contain hazardous materials which is the reason for the fee. Hiding hazardous materials in bags going into a compactor or placing them in the metal container that will be run through a grinder could result in a serious injury. Please follow the link below for details.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/solid-waste-recycling/files/solid-waste-recycling-program>

Route 4A Resurfacing Project

Continental Paving (a contractor hired by NH DOT) will be resurfacing a roughly 3.5 mile stretch of Route 4A using 3/4" paver shim. This is scheduled to be completed by September 15. The segment of Route 4A being repaved extends from the Enfield-Lebanon town line to a pavement joint approximately located by the Route 4A/Shaker Boulevard junction. This work was originally scheduled to take place in late-May, but the project had to be postponed to ensure that the manhole covers were adjusted following the completion of the Route 4A sewer extension project. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Continental Paving directly at 603-437-5387.

Road Grading

The Town Highway crew will be continuing with the grading of gravel roads during the month of September. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through these moving work zones often with three or four working pieces of equipment.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin in September. The Town routinely flushes water from the system to improve water quality and test emergency fire hydrant readiness. If you experience a loss of pressure it should only be temporary. Please wait 30 minutes before contacting the Town. This does not pertain to properties on Route 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.

Meter Reading

The Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters beginning the week of September 17 through the end of the month.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-4605 or jtaylor@enfield.nh.us with any questions or concerns.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fall is here and school is back in session! Please drive carefully and keep your eyes out for children walking to and from school. Earlier this week, the department hosted “Walk with a Cop” where officers escorted many parents and students to the school from the Huse Park parking lot for the first day of class. The program was very well received and a large number of families chose to participate. We look forward to doing it again next year.

In August members of the department hosted a senior lunch at the Community Building that was attended by about 80 people. Thank you everybody who showed up; we enjoyed your company.

If you drive down US Route 4 you will see that construction is well underway at the Jake’s Market. This is a CLOSED construction area, and, for your safety, please do not try and cut thru or drive into the construction site.

The department has received several complaints regarding speed on secondary roads. Officers will be doing more patrols in these areas to enforce safety. Please slow down and drive safely.

As always if you see something, say something. Please do not hesitate to contact the Enfield Police Department at any time at 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222. You can also follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNHPoliceDepartment>

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable month of September!

RECREATION

Enfield Recreation Department

First, I’d like to give a big THANK YOU to Kati Lary Jopek for all she has done, not only for the Enfield community, but also the Mascoma community. Kati will be shifting her time to focus on the Mascoma Recreation Coordinator role and bringing her great ideas and programming to the larger Mascoma community – thanks Kati!

Just a few updates this month:

- We will continue to offer Chair Yoga on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30AM – 10:30AM at the Enfield Community Building. The cost is just \$3.00 a class and no registration is required!

- This year’s Lifeguard coverage will begin winding down and will finish for the season on September 4.
- Want to be more involved within the community? The Enfield Recreation Commission currently has two vacancies that we would like to see filled!

Questions, concerns, ideas? Please contact me at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Very respectfully,

Joel King
Enfield Recreation Director

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Save time and paper with online registration! If you have not already created an account with Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation, please check out our new site and make an account for you and your family!

Recreation Website: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Summer is winding down in the Mascoma Valley and we are looking forward to fall and winter programming! There will be Line Dancing on Mondays at MVRHS, more painting classes, Halloween activities, Cross Country Skiing and the downhill ski and ride program. Please stay tuned for more information!

MVPR Theatre Camp took place the week of August 6th and 35 children from Canaan, Enfield, Dorchester and Grafton participated! In only 16 hours, these incredible children learned lines, songs, dances and stage cues to put on two amazing performances of “The Sword Called Excalibur”. The camp and the performances took place in Mascoma Community Auditorium and we want to thank Mascoma High School and the custodial staff for their help in making our camp a success.



MVPR Theater Camp
Teen Kay, Sir Ector, Teen Arthur, Asst. Director, Merlin, Young Arthur, Young Kay and Cabal



MVPR Theater Camp
Knights, Sir Ector, Teen Kay, Witches, Villages and Forest Creatures



**Bob Ross Style Painting Class
Floral Friday - TULIPS**

Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:

- *Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra*, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:30pm. \$3/session (Registration not required)
- *Adult Volleyball*, on Sundays and Tuesdays at Shaker Rec Field in Enfield (Contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com for more details)
- *Line Dancing*, on Thursdays at the Enfield Community Building from 5:10-6:10pm. Mondays starting September 10th in the CPL Room at MVRHS from 4:30-5:30pm. Drop-ins allowed, no advance registration required.
- *Painting Classes (wet-on-wet technique)* – Friday Night Fun: BYOB! Classes are held at the Enfield Community Building. Bring a bottle of wine and some friends or family members to share it with!
 - o Dates:
 - Floral Friday, September 7 from 6pm-8pm
 - Floral Friday, October 5 from 6pm-9pm
 - Floral Friday, October 12 from 6pm-9pm
 - Wildlife Friday, October 26 from 6pm-9pm
 - Floral Friday, November 16 from 6pm-9pm (downstairs meeting room)
 - o Cost is \$45 and all materials are included; participants take home their painting at the end of class
 - o \$5 off the registration fee for the designated driver, plus free non-alcoholic refreshment
 - o <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
- *Bob Ross Painting Classes* – Classes are Saturdays or Sundays from 1pm-4pm at the Enfield Community Building.
 - o Dates:
 - Wildlife: Sunday, September 16

- Wildlife: Sunday, September 23
- Landscape: Saturday, October 6
- Landscape: Saturday, October 20
- Landscape: Saturday, November 17 (downstairs meeting room)
- *Finding Our Stride: Indian River Cross Country Running (grades 5-8)*
 - o August 28-October 25; practices are held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
 - o The team is currently full, but if you are interested in registering your child, please contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com and we will add your name to the “wait list”
- *Coming Soon:*
 - o Adult Basketball (ages 30 & up)
 - Sundays 10am-12pm at MVRHS (starts in October)
 - o Cross Country Ski Program at Canaan Elementary School
 - Grades 1-4; 3:30-4:30pm; Starting in January (weather depending)
 - o After School Ski & Ride Program at Whaleback Mountain
 - Grades K-12; Starting in January (weather depending)

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES

Planning

The Planning Board met on August 22. The meeting consisted of one public hearing and two conceptual discussions.

- A boundary line adjustment was approved on Hawley Drive. Two longtime neighbors recently discovered that the property line was not where they had assumed and since one of the neighbors had a need to install a new septic system, they mutually agreed to adjust the property line which would increase the size of one of the lots to a small degree.
- Two conceptual hearings were heard. One pertained to a new use at a place of business on US Route 4. More specifically, the proposal is to convert the old Enfield Garage into a medical courier service. The other conceptual hearing pertained to a small expansion of an internal traveled way of a recently approved site plan on US Route 4.

Zoning

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) convened on August 14 to conduct one meeting two public hearings.

- The ZBA heard a request for a variance to allow two small lots to have a boundary line adjustment. It was approved.
- The ZBA also heard requests to re-rehear recent cases. One was to re-

hear a variance request from setbacks so that the property owner could build a larger home on a lakefront lot. The request was denied. The ZBA also heard a request to re-hear a case where the ZBA over-ruled a Planning Board decision on a site plan approval. The request was denied.

During its August 14 meeting the ZBA also said good bye to their Recording Secretary, Denise Shibles. Although Denise was not the minute taker for very long, she excelled in providing concise and timely minutes. The ZBA wishes her the best, and looks forward to working with our new Recording Secretary, Alice Kennedy. Alice will also be serving as the Recording Secretary for the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

We welcome Alice. We are looking for an additional Recording Secretary to help spread the workload and cover meetings when Alice is not available. If you're interested contact Alisa Bonnette at 603-632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us

Have questions about planning or zoning matters? If so, please contact the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 603-632-4067 or sosgood@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome to September! Wait... wasn't it just June? Well, if we're really sure it's September... once again we'll be welcoming all of the 1st through 4th graders from EVS for class visits. We'll read them a story, sign them up for library cards, and teach them how to use their public library. Regular programming will also resume.

- **Tuesdays at 10:00am:** My First Story Time for babies up to age 2 ½. Supporting early literacy with books, songs, rhymes, and lots of movement with a social time for the kids and caregivers.
- **Wednesdays at 10:00am:** Preschool Story Time for kids ages 2 ½ to 5. Stories read and told, songs, rhymes, lots of movement, and a simple craft. Small daycare groups are welcome! Please contact the library.
- **Third Saturday Story Time:** the Saturday edition of My First Story Time. **9:30am on Sep. 15th, Oct. 20th, Nov. 17th, and Dec. 15th.**
- **Knitting Group:** Every Wednesday 10:00am-noon. All ages and skill levels welcome!
- Our **book group** will be reading *The Shape of Water: the first Inspector Montalbano mystery* by Andrea Camilleri. The discussion will be held on September 27th at 6:30pm.
- **Homeschoolers:** occasional programming such as book group, story cubes, and Build a Better World activities will begin. Dates and times

vary, so please call or email the library for details.

- **Make It Take It Monday** will return in **October** due to the Labor Day holiday.

What happened in August:

- We circulated 2,109 items and sent 75 items out to other libraries for interlibrary loan.

Have questions about the public library? If so, please visit the library's website (<http://www.enfieldtownlibrary.org/>) or contact the Library Director at 603-632-7145 or mhutson@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Town Clerk

After more delay than we'd hoped, we have a second station that is now up and running. This is good news! No, you're not seeing double. There really are two work stations and two people running them. Hopefully our lines will now run more efficiently.

Moving right along, we are now in a BIG ELECTION SEASON. Two elections back to back. The State Primary is on September 11, 2018. Polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00pm. The last day to register to vote was August 29, 2018. So, if you haven't yet registered, you will need to do so at the polls. Fastest way to register is with a birth certificate and passport. Driver's license or other photo ID combined with mail or pay stub showing your current street address also works well. The Supervisors of the Checklist met from 11:00am to 11:30am on Saturday September 1, 2018 at Whitney Hall for any additions and corrections to the Checklist. All that being said, The General Election is on Tuesday November 6, 2018. We will discuss that after we get through the September primary!

Tax Collector

Greetings all! My time is now divided by performing duties as Tax Collector and as Deputy Town Clerk. Timing is everything and fortunately things are quiet in the Tax Office allowing me time to learn the intricate "ins and outs" of the duties performed as Deputy Town Clerk. There are several intricate ins and out (far more than I realized!) and I would like to publicly express my awe and appreciation to Sandy for solely manning the Town Clerk's Office since Carolee Eisener's retirement back in April. As noted in the Town Clerk's comments of this newsletter, the second station for motor vehicle registrations is now up and functioning and that is where you just might find me when you visit the

office. There are still some “bugs” to figure out in this new setup, but progress is being made! Just as a reminder, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. However, in addition to ACH (electronic check), tax and utility payments made online can be done by credit card. Paying online (<https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=ENFIELD>) is fast and secure. We strongly encourage residents to utilize this highly convenient option. We can accept credit card payments for motor vehicle registrations.

I appreciate everyone’s patience as I continue to increase my capabilities as Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Labor Day weekend and a reminder that the office will be closed on Monday September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

This summer we saw a dramatic increase in the number of swimming pools being setup. As a reminder, any pool less than 4 feet in height at its edge needs a fence around it with a gate that can be secured. Any pool greater than four (4) feet does not need a fence. However, the stairs or ladder need to be removed or made so they are unusable while the pool is unattended. Small wading pools, which are setup and taken down for each use are exempt from these requirements. You should also check your homeowners insurance to be sure they will provide coverage for a pool if a claim was filed.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us with any questions.

The Building Inspector will not be available from September 19-26, so if you need a building permit or an building inspection for a project already permitted, please plan accordingly.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Energy Committee would like to encourage Enfield residents to attend the Mascoma Valley Energy and Sustainability Expo on Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Mascoma Valley Regional High School (27 Royal Road, Canaan).

Topics include renewable energy, weatherization, high efficiency heating, living off grid, and lots more!

There are three tracks of classes for beginners, intermediate level, and advanced. 12 different classes to choose from, and a keynote speaker, Henry

Herndon from New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association (NHSEA). His talk is entitled: "A Tipping Point for the Energy Transition: From Early Adoption to Systemic Transformation."

Some of the classes include:

- Solar 101
- Button Up Workshop
- DIY weatherization
- Living off the Grid
- High Efficiency Home Heating Solutions
- Batteries and the Grid
- LED Lighting for our Homes

Please find more details about the classes, times, and info here:

www.MascomaEnergyExpo.org

Please register at the website so we can plan to have food for you! It's FREE!

The expo is being sponsored by the energy committees of Enfield, Canaan, Plainfield, Grantham, Cornish, Lebanon, Hanover, Kearsarge, and Claremont with help from Vital Communities and NHSEA. Don't miss it!!

THE 2019 MUNICIPAL CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST STARTS NOW!

The Calendar Photo Contest is back for another year! Submit your favorite photos for a chance to win a spot in the 2019 Enfield Municipal Calendar! The deadline for submitting entries is September 26th, so gather photos already taken, or take some new ones. We've increased the limit on photo submissions to 15 per person. Check out the contest rules for more details:



<https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/news/2019-municipal-calendar-photo-contest-starts-now>

WANT TO ADVERTISE WITH US?

Help Support our 2019 Municipal Calendar with your Enfield Business Advertisement!

We are offering advertising space in our 2019 Municipal Calendar for Enfield businesses and organizations. Either two small business card size ads (2" x 3-1/2"), or a single double-sized ad, will be available for each month of the year.

A 10% discounted rate will apply if you purchase two or more ad spaces. We also have 6 spaces at the back of the calendar (next to last page) that will be sold at a reduced rate.

Rate Info:

- \$100 for each 2”x 3-1/2” advertisement within a given month. Placement in a particular month is available upon request on a first come first served basis.
- \$50 for each 2”x 3-1/2” advertisement at the back of the calendar. A 10% discount is offered for the purchase of two or more ad spaces.
- Two ad spaces can be purchased in the same month for a single double-sized ad. A double-sized ad qualifies for the 10% discount. This is just \$180 per double-sized ad with the discount applied.

Provide your prepared ad with your logo or we can simply scan your business card or we can work together to come up with something in between! Ads must be paid in full and submitted for inclusion in the calendar no later than Wednesday, September 26th. Contact Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager, for more information at 632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us. Alisa is unavailable for questions September 10-14, but if you send an email or leave a phone message you will be contacted the following Monday morning. If you'd like someone to stop by to show you an example of our calendar and discuss your options just let us know!

The Town reserves the right to decline any advertisements deemed to be inappropriate or offensive for a mixed audience. The Town of Enfield is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

2019 TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE - IMPORTANT DEADLINES

The Town Elections and Deliberative Session for the 2019 Town Meeting will be held on March 12 (Tuesday) and March 16 (Saturday), respectively. The following are important filing deadlines pertaining to this year's Town Meeting.

- Monday, November 12, 2018 First day to accept petitions to amend zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code for consideration at the 2019 town meeting. [RSA 675:4-120 days prior to town meeting]
- Wednesday, December 12, 2018 Last day to accept petitions to amend zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code for consideration at the 2019 town meeting. [RSA 675:4-90 days before town meeting]
- Wednesday, January 23, 2019



First day for candidates in towns with non-partisan official ballot system to file declarations of candidacy with town clerk. [RSA 669:19; 652:20 – seventh Wednesday before town meeting]

- Friday, February 1, 2019

Last day for filing declarations of candidacy with town clerk in towns with non-partisan official ballot system. Town clerk's office must be open at least from 3 to 5 p.m. [RSA 669:19; 652:20 – the Friday next following the first day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy on 1/23/19]

- Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Last day for 25 or more voters or 2% of the total, whichever is less, but in no case fewer than 10 voters, to petition select board to include an article in the warrant. [RSA 39:3 – fifth Tuesday before town meeting]

- Saturday, March 2, 2019

Last day for town clerk to accept voter registration applications for town meeting day (Voters may register on election day for all town elections). [RSA 64:8; RSA 654:27, deadline for town clerk to accept voter registration is the same date as the date for the last checklist session correction - the Saturday no less than 6 and no more than 13 days before town meeting]

- Saturday, March 2, 2019

Supervisors to hold session for correction of checklist prior to annual meeting for no fewer than 30 minutes. No corrections or additions may be made after this session until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12. [RSA 654:27; 654:28; 669:5; 40:13, II-d, VII]

- Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Last day to submit zoning ordinance protest petition to require 2/3 vote at town meeting. [RSA 675:5- at least 7 days before town meeting]

- Monday, March 11, 2019

The town clerk's office shall be open to receive applications for absentee ballots, to provide voters the opportunity to complete absentee ballots, and to receive returned ballots on the Monday immediately prior to an election at a minimum from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clerk may designate a deputy clerk or assistant to provide this service, provided the individual has taken the oath of office and has been trained in the requirements for using an absentee ballot and the procedures for issuing and receiving absentee ballots. [RSA 657:1, II (c)]

- Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Last day for town clerk to accept completed absentee ballots; clerk, or clerk's designee, must be available at least between 3 and 5 p.m. No absentee ballots may be accepted after 5 p.m. [RSA 669:29; 657:22; 652:20]

- Friday, March 15, 2019

Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to town clerk for a recount (to be conducted not earlier than 5 nor later than 10 days after receipt of the application). Town clerk must be available at least

between 3 and 5 p.m. to receive application, and must provide at least 3 days' notice of recount date to candidates for that office. [RSA 669:30-:31; 652:20 – Friday next following town meeting/election]

===== **MEETINGS & EVENTS** =====

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- September 4 @ 5:15 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee
- September 4 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- September 6 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- September 10 @ 3:00 PM (Town Hall) – Board of Selectmen
- September 10 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- September 11 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Comm.
- September 11 @ 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM (Town Hall) – State Primary Election
- September 11 @ 5:15 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee
- September 11 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- September 12 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (if needed)
- September 13 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Cemetery Trustees
- September 17 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- September 18 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Recreation Commission
- September 18 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- September 25 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Comm.
- September 26 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- September 27 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- October 4 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- October 8 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- October 8 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- October 9 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Comm.
- October 9 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- October 10 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (if needed)
- October 11 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Cemetery Trustees

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- **Enfield Market** (Enfield Community Building) – September 8 (and every “second Saturday” through November 2018) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Shop for various products for your home, lifestyle and family. Vendors will vary month to month, so each shopping experience could be different!
- **Mascoma Valley Energy and Sustainability Expo** (Mascoma Valley High School (27 Royal Rd, Canaan) - September 29th from 10:00 AM to

3:00 PM. Topics include renewable energy, weatherization, high efficiency heating, living off grid, and lots more!

- **Bingo** (Enfield Community Building) –Every Tuesday hosted by the Firefighter’s Association. Doors open at 4:00 PM, games begin at 6:30 PM. Cards begin at \$20. Optional dinner (a wonderfully homemade meal) is served at 5:00 PM at a cost of \$6 (dinner includes an entrée, beverage and dessert).

=====RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES=====

NEW OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE IS ACTIVE!

The official Town of Enfield website (www.enfield.nh.us) has been re-designed, is more user-friendly with improved navigation and has a new look. It is now LIVE! We hope you find the new site more visually appealing and easier to use! We will be striving to continually expand content bringing you more of the information you’re looking for. We welcome your comments.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

As has been reported in previous issues, the Town of Enfield’s municipal departments have been working diligently with the Amherst-NH-based Center for Strategic Governance, LLC. (www.strat-gov.com) on department-level strategic plans. This is the first such effort initiated by the Town, and it is being done to promote innovative thinking and community engagement. Looking ahead, these department strategic plans will be integrated with and help inform updates to the Town’s master plan and capital improvements plan. Collectively, this effort will serve as a roadmap for ongoing enhancements to municipal services and overall community development.

Over the past four months, Enfield’s operating departments have completed 10 work activities that collectively have helped them understand their past, envision the future, and manage the present. The primary deliverable from this ongoing project are a series of 5-year strategic departmental plans that include desired citizen-oriented/measurable outcomes along with detailed information regarding the strategic initiatives that are being proposed by each department and investments needed to achieve those outcomes. These plans will enable the Enfield Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Plan Committee, and residents to frame broad priorities and make informed financial tradeoffs by looking at such quality-of-life factors as public safety, infrastructure, emergency services, town character, housing, business development, financial health, recreation, environmental quality, etc.

Plans will be refreshed annually to reflect real-world changes and ensure that desired citizen-focused outcomes are being achieved.

The majority of department strategic plans (including Administration & Finance, Public Works, Police, Ambulance, and Library) were presented over the course of three evenings of public meetings (July 30 & July 31, and August 7) with the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. The Fire Department is still in the process of completing its strategic plan, and we anticipate that this plan will be presented within the next month. We very much appreciated and valued the public involvement in the presentations.

The draft plans that have been prepared and presented by each department will soon be published on the Town of Enfield's website so that all residents will have the ability to review them. Citizen input on the priorities and general direction the community is headed will soon be actively sought via a combination of surveys and public meetings. The objective is to ensure that each department's vision for the future is strongly supported by the residents we serve. However, the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee must first continue their deliberations regarding the goals, desired outcomes, and strategic initiatives proposed in each of the plans. The strategic plans completed this summer will then enable the 2019 planning and budgeting process to serve as the first year of a multi-year planning window.

For more information on Enfield's strategic planning and governance efforts, please contact the Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us.

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK

We hope that residents and visitors are enjoying the informational kiosk and bench seating that was recently installed at the Mascoma Lakeside Park property with the help of the Town's DPW crew. This structure was assembled by a local Boy Scout for his Eagle project in the summer of 2017, and we are happy that it has finally found a permanent home.

As was reported in prior newsletters, in June officials from the Town of Enfield participated in a hearing with the legislature's Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee (LRCPUC) to review the



terms of the proposed sale of the Mascoma Lakeside Park property from NH DOT to the Town of Enfield. These parcels are located adjacent to the underpass on Main Street with convenient access to the Rail Trail and the downtown area, and offer stunning views of Mascoma Lake. The Town wishes to purchase the property to enhance public access and enjoyment of the lake.

Now that the LRCPUC has approved the terms of the sale, the matter was referred to Governor and Council and was APPROVED! Drafting of a deed for the transfer of property is currently ongoing. The Town of Enfield should soon assume ownership of the property, which will help us realize a goal that is shared by an overwhelming majority of our residents.

The Lakeside Park Committee wants to emphasize the importance of raising additional funds for future improvements and ongoing maintenance to the property. The Board of Selectmen has assured residents that all land acquisition and capital improvements to the property will be funded using grants, donations, and other “non-town” monies. All private fundraising efforts that raise funds in excess of acquisition and capital improvements costs, will allow the “surplus” funds to be applied to ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

An online version of the pledge agreement can be accessed here:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/mlppledgeagreement.pdf>

You may enclose a check with your completed pledge agreement, but if you'd rather pay later you may do that. Send in your donation when it's convenient, with the words "Mascoma Lakeside Park" clearly noted in the memo field. Or, you can choose to wait and a member of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee will contact you for payment on the date or dates you specify in your pledge. Thank you for your support! This is an incredibly important effort for our community.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Finally, we also want to take this opportunity to announce that *we were recently informed that Town of Enfield will be awarded a matching grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission (a a Federal-State partnership that promotes economic and community development in northern Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York) in the amount of roughly \$135,000 for the purpose of designing and constructing a pavilion for public use on the Mascoma Lakeside Park property.* As the name implies, in order to obtain the federal matching grant, the Town has to raise an equivalent amount of funds through private sources. This pavilion – which was first conceived of during a

stakeholder charrette convened in January 2015, would be available for group recreational outings, educational functions, and other purposes. Public meetings will be arranged in the near future to further discuss the grant award, possible designs and uses of the pavilion, and obtain feedback from residents before any final plans are made to move forward with the project.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Enfield Fire Department Wants to Keep You Safe On Board Boats and in the Surrounding Waters

Many residents put themselves and others at risk by not protecting themselves against potential electrical hazards on board boats and in the waters surrounding boats, marinas, and launch ramps.

“We want all residents of Enfield to understand the dangers of electric shock drowning (ESD),” says the Enfield Fire Department. “It can occur when faulty wiring sends an electrical current into the water, which passes through the body and causes paralysis, and ultimately results in drowning.”

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) are working together to provide resources, including marina safety tips and a checklist that details common ESD causes and prevention methods.

Enfield Fire Department, NFPA and ESFI are urging residents to follow these precautions on boats and the surrounding waters.

Tips for swimmers:

- Never swim near a marina, dock or boatyard, launching ramp, or near a boat while it's running. Residual current could flow into the water from the boat or marina wiring, putting anyone at risk of ESD.
- Do not swim near the boat's exhaust vents. CO accumulates there.

Tips for boat owners:

- Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. Docks or boats can leak electricity into the water causing water electrification.
- Each year, and after a major storm, have the boat's electrical system inspected and upgraded by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including the American Boat & Yacht Council. Check with the marina owner who can also tell you if the

marina's electrical system has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code®.

- Have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) installed on the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that are "UL-Marine Listed" when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

For more safety tips, please visit www.nfpa.org/watersafety or www.esfi.org.

ONLINE BILL PAY IS NOW AVAILABLE!

We are very excited to announce that Enfield residents now have the ability to securely pay their property taxes online via the town's official website - www.enfield.nh.us. Similarly, residents are able to pay their water/sewer bills. This new payment method serves to accommodate those Enfield residents who want the convenience of paying their taxes and fees online, anytime day or night. It also benefits the town in that payments are processed automatically, allowing town employees faster balance reconciliation and more time to work on other town issues.

Local officials realize the importance of keeping with the times and offering this new online payment option. The Town of Enfield is fortunate to have found a financial services partner, InvoiceCloud, who has years of experience helping municipalities and other government entities administer online payments in a manner that protects a customer's personal information. In fact, InvoiceCloud uses state-of-the industry encryption methods to safely handle these transactions so bank account information remains completely confidential (not even being shared with municipal employees).

The process for residents to pay online is simple: with your bill and checkbook in hand, 1) Go to: www.enfield.nh.us; 2) Click on the "Online Bill Payment" Button; and 3) Complete each screen to process your payment.

Residents are able to make payments via "e-check" (applicable check routing number and account numbers will need to be provided) or Master Card, Visa Card, Discover Card, or American Express. Payments by e-check will be assessed a flat fee of \$0.95, and payments by credit card will be assessed a fee of 2.95% of the total amount due. In all cases, e-check and credit card transaction fees will be retained by InvoiceCloud and not the Town. Online payment is highly encouraged, but the town will continue to accept physical checks. Please note that tax payments cannot be made by credit or debit cards in Town Hall.

If you have specific questions about online bill pay, please contact the Town

Manager's Office, at 603-632-5026 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2018 Road Paving Completed

The Town's contractor completed paving on the following roads in late-July:

<u>Road/Street</u>	<u>Road "Section"</u>	<u>Length (ft)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
George Hill Rd	Palmer to 240	3000	1.25" Overlay
Bridge Street	All	650	1.25" Overlay
Boy's Camp Road	Rte 4A to 200' beyond 49	1500	1.25" Overlay
Stevens Street	All	1050	1.25" Overlay
King James Road	All	3600	1.25" Overlay
Lake Street	All	1200	1.25" Overlay
Crystal Lake Road	Shaker Hill Rd. to 377	9500	1.25" Overlay
	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>20500</i>	

Bears and Trash

There have been several trash issues relating to bear activity around the Town of Enfield this spring with bears getting into trash and recycling containers on a nightly basis. It is the responsibility of residents and property owners using Enfield curbside trash and recycling services to secure their containers and/or keep them in a secure location. It is not the responsibility of the Town or Casella Waste to clean up trash and recycling material that has been improperly managed. Bears have a keen sense of smell and can detect food waste from a many miles away. Food waste should be composted, frozen until pickup day or brought to the Transfer Station on the off week to minimize the attractiveness of waste.

Transfer Station Summer Hours

The Town will continue with the currently scheduled Transfer Station hours through the summer. Transfer Station hours of operation are as follows:

- Wednesday 11:00 AM-6:00 PM
- Saturday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Enfield Vegetation Management Facility

This facility accepts brush, leaves and branches up to 8" in diameter. NO

stumps or dimensional lumber. Unfortunately, this facility also cannot accept any invasive plant species at this time. Stumps and branches greater than 8” in diameter can be disposed of at Hammond’s in Canaan. Call 523-4353 for details. You MUST check in with the Public Works Department prior to dumping. On Saturdays (when DPW office is closed) stop at the Transfer Station for inspection. The brush dumping season runs from May 1—November 1 (weather permitting), and is open on the following days and times:

- Monday—Thursday, 7:00 AM—3:00 PM
- Friday & Saturday, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Municipal Cemetery Lot Pricing & Availability

The cost of a 4-foot x11-foot plot is \$400.00. The Town has cemetery plots for sale in Countryside Cemetery and Lockhaven Cemetery. Lakeview Cemetery is sold out. BURIALS ON SUNDAYS OR LEGAL HOLIDAYS ARE NOT PERMITTED. If you need more information, contact Will Shoemaker, Enfield’s Cemetery Sexton at 603-442-5424.

Annual Water Quality Report

The Town of Enfield’s 2018 Water Quality Report is available online: www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Water/waterquality/CCR_2018.pdf This report describes The Town’s drinking water sources and quality, and programs that protect our water supply. The publication conforms to federal regulations that require water utilities to provide this information annually.

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

Trash and Zero Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station cost the Town of Enfield significantly more per ton than trash and recycling collected curbside due to extra hauling charges. Trash collected at the Transfer Station costs approximately \$30 per ton more than material collected curbside (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included). Zero-Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station costs the Town over \$80 per ton more than recycling collected at curbside due to the extra hauling fees (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included).

Please Recycle to the Fullest Extent Possible

The Town’s current contracted solid waste hauler, Casella, has produced a brochure that outlines the materials that can be recycled via the Zero-Sort program. This brochure can be accessed here: <https://www.casella.com/sites/default/files/2017-02/BROCHURE-TriFold-ZeroSort-2017.pdf>

Remember, recycling is not only socially and environmentally responsible, but

it dramatically reduces the hauling fees incurred by the Town. At present, the Town pays Casella \$68.68 per ton for trash disposal and \$35 per ton for recyclables collected at the curb. That's a significant cost difference. Please do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process)!

CONTENT CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE

The "Don't" of Recycling



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling

(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items

(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups & waxed paper plates)



NO Disposable Items

(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood

(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet & yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps

(Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



NO Hazardous Materials

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Medical Waste

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs

(Check for alternative recycling)

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT! • For more information visit casella.com or call 800-CASELLA

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates – 2018

Household Hazardous Waste 2018 COLLECTION DAYS

**NEW Lebanon
Location**

WHEN 

All collections are Saturday, 9:00 am—Noon
May 12—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)
June 16—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview St (off North St)
August 18—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11
October 13—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. Businesses and ANYONE with 25 gallons or more must pre-register 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Pesticides, Herbicides, Flea Powder
 - Antifreeze, Dirty Gas & Kerosene
 - Adhesives & Driveway Sealer
 - Mercury Thermostats & Thermometers
 - Household Cleaners & Polishes
 - Hobby & Pool Chemicals
 - Oil-Based Paint (not Latex!)
 - Solvents, Varnishes, Stains
 - Button, Ni-Cad, Lithium, and Rechargeable Batteries
 - Smoke Detectors
- ...And much more...give a call or visit <http://hww.uvlsrc.org>



- Alkaline batteries:** Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal.
- Ammunition and explosives:** State Police at 271-3636.
- Asbestos:** Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health—don't even think about removing it yourself!
- Automotive batteries:** Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station
- Empty aerosol cans:** Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town.
- Fluorescent lights:** May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot take may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.
- Latex paint:** Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint, then throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex.
- Medicine:** See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds.
- Medical sharps:** Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling." Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector. See www.nh.gov/medsafety. Can drop off at Lebanon Police Station.
- Propane or helium tanks and fire extinguishers:** Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Empty fire extinguishers can be recycled (NRRRA takes from towns).
- Used motor oil:** Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.



For information contact the

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission at (603) 448-1680 or vdavis@uvlsrc.org

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: <http://hww.uvlsrc.org>



Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

“COOK WITH CAUTION”

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ! The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ! Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

**ADD THIS SPRINGTIME CHORE TO YOUR LIST:
PREVENT A DRYER FIRE IN YOUR HOME**



Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But do you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before and after every load of laundry. Be sure to remove the lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

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New Policies & Fees, General Reminders

With the start of a new year a few updates from the office of the Building and Fire Inspector.

- Building Permit fees were increased effective September 2017, be sure your calculating from this schedule prior to submitting.
- Permit copy to post is **green** this year, check last year's **red** copy as it may need to be renewed if the project is not completed.
- Most projects undertaken in the Town of Enfield will require a permit, a couple of exceptions are roofing and siding as long as structural features are not being changed or upgraded.
- All single and multi-family housing units are required to have smoke detectors, and in most cases C/O (carbon monoxide) detectors are required as well. We have seen many units without these. Most detectors have a 10 year life span, after that time they need to be replaced. If you need help to determine if units are required or should be replaced, please

contact this office.

- Work on an escape plan and meeting place with your family in the event of a fire or emergency. The Fire Department continues to visit local schools, preschools and daycares bringing fire prevention information to this audience.

As always this office is available to answer questions, do not hesitate to contact the Building & Fire Inspector at pneily@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-4343

Private Septic System Maintenance

One of the more frequently asked questions of the Building Inspector is “how do we maintain our private septic system?” and “how often do we do it?” The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has compiled a useful fact sheet which is available at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/ssb/documents/ssb-13.pdf>

This helpful resource provides details on the workings and maintenance needs of your system. Included is a sheet to record the maintenance that has been performed. As always, if you have further questions do not hesitate to contact the Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

The National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) “Heating Safety” fact sheet explains what is necessary to help prevent fires and safely operate our heating equipment. This is accessible at:

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/heating/heating-safety-tips>

Please don’t hesitate to contact the Fire Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us with any questions.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Prospects for Solar Electricity

Despite regulatory and economic headwinds, the prospects for solar are good. The trend in households and automobile transportation toward electricity replacing petroleum as a fuel will incentivize a new generation of solar adopters in the next decade. Solar electric energy, with its increasing efficiency, versatility and adaptability, will be an essential component of the future energy mix in Enfield.

Locally produced solar is currently economically and environmentally viable at

the residential user level. With home battery backup, spanning the nighttime hours, it will be resilient against the increasing likelihood of regional power outages. A micro-grid, composed of small to moderate scale solar installations, connected to each other through the utility's local grid and backed up with grid scale battery storage, can form a "virtual power plant", sending electricity anywhere it needs to be in town. As the cost of grid-level battery storage decreases, micro-grids are a real prospect for localities in New Hampshire (see the Warner, NH example). The battery storage component is critical to the utility as well. It avoids expensive investment in standby generation and the eventual stranded cost charges on customer bills. The existence of battery-backed micro-grids will encourage the adoption of solar electricity at all levels of residential and commercial/municipal use. Whether used on the solar generator site or by communities of utility customers unable to produce their own solar energy but networked through the grid to a solar site, there is a solar electricity future for everybody.

Such a future depends, not only on economies of scale and technological improvement, but favorable regulation of the utilities and utility willingness to modernize its grid with investments in upgraded customer meters and grid scale storage. Increases in grid capacity are needed now to accommodate the new demands of electric vehicles and heat pumps, reflecting the consumer transition from combustion to electrification.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

Did you know that property assessment records and GIS maps with various layers, including wetlands, topography, etc., are available on our website? Simply go the Assessing Department page at <http://www.enfield.nh.us/assessing-department> and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

ENFIELD LAUNCHES OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!

Last year the Town of Enfield launched an official Facebook page ("Town of Enfield, New Hampshire"). The page can be accessed at the following web link:
www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH



This page will be maintained by town officials and be used to help disseminate important updates about community affairs and alert residents when new/detailed information is available on the Town's website (www.enfield.nh.us). We hope you will "Like" this page and start receiving regular updates on your Facebook news feed!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp_0.pdf

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have one opening. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices. Check our Town Calendar for meeting times as they are trying out a new earlier time – 6:00 PM! You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation>

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has three openings for a five member committee. Applicants for this committee must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis, generally less than once a month, at the convenience of its members.

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning and Zoning. They are both judicial bodies that have the responsibility to judge if new Subdivisions and business Site Plans meet the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have one opening for a **Planning Board alternate** and one opening for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. The Planning Board's regular meeting schedule is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, however they'll meet just once a month if there is not enough business to warrant two meetings. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from January – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities. Check out the wide array of entertaining events held in 2018:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/2018ohdevents.pdf>



If you have friends or family that may be interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them.

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:

- **Go to the below page on the town's website:**
<http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Subscriber>
- **Enter your email address in the "Your Email" field**
- **Check the box for "Town News" under the News & Announcements sub-section**
- **Click the "Send My Request" navigation button at the bottom of the page**