

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER**

## **FEBUARY 2021**

### **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 produce 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 who 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](http://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 Jack Wozmak, Interim Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or [townmanager@enfield.nh.us](mailto:townmanager@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.

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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> **LATEST NEWS** <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<

## STATE AID GRANTS APPLIED TO DEBT SERVICE

The Town received State Aid Grant (SAG) funding for both the 2012 Route 4 Water & Sewer Extension Project and the 2016 NH Route 4A Sewer Extension Project serving Shaker Landing and Lakeview Condominiums. Each year that SAG funding is received, the Town will use the funds to pay down the loans and by doing so reduce the length of the loans.

### **NH Route 4A Sewer Extension (Shaker Landing & Lakeview Condos):**

In 2020, \$50,335 was received for the NH Route 4A Project. The NH Route 4A project funding was provided by two loans: USDA and SRF (State Revolving Fund). The SAG award was based on original loan amounts: 57% SRF / 43% USDA. The \$50,335 received has been split by the same percentage to pay down the principal on these loans. This is good news for those property owners who are paying off these loans through sewer betterment assessments. By paying down the principal we are able to shorten the length of the loan. We are not able to adjust sewer betterment charges, however, since the semi-annual payments due will remain unchanged.

**Route 4 Water & Sewer Extension Project:** In 2020, \$25,360 was received for this project. The full amount has been used to pay down the principal on this loan. Annual loan payments will continue as scheduled, but the term of the loan will be shortened.

## MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Selectmen discussed next steps for the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee's (MFAC) recommended new Public Safety Facility. The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously that there is a need to accomplish what the Committee has been working on, with support to the process and the facilities, but the Board does not support presenting in the Town Meeting 2021 as it needs to be postponed for at least one year.

Public forums and other opportunities for public engagement will be arranged over the coming year.

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## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) COMMITTEE MEETING**

The CIP Committee will be meeting February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM to discuss recommendations for CIP Projects in 2021. This meeting will be held via Zoom videoconference. You can find upcoming meeting dates, times and links in this newsletter under [UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS](#)

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS – FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Board of Selectmen will hold six public hearings in succession, in accordance with RSA 33:8-a, regarding bonds or notes over \$100,000,

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021  
6:30 PM  
via Zoom videoconference**

The public hearings will take place during the Board of Selectmen's regularly scheduled meeting.

Zoom meeting information can be found online at  
<https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/events/47951>  
For audio only call (929) 205 6099 (New York)  
Meeting ID: 863 1391 3528  
If you encounter difficulties connecting call (603) 442-5401.

Hearing #1: for replacement of Fire Department Engine 4 in the amount of \$600,000;

Hearing #2: to be held immediately following Hearing #1, for a capital lease (without escape clause) of a 10-wheel dump truck with plow package in the amount of \$195,000;

Hearing #3: to be held immediately following Hearing #2, for a capital lease (without escape clause) of a Police cruiser (\$47,000), Fire Department 'Car 1' (\$50,000) and Public Works F-350 (\$50,000) in the amount of \$147,000;

Hearing #4: to be held immediately following Hearing #3, for Public Works Facility building improvements in the amount of \$133,793;

Hearing #5: to be held immediately following Hearing #4, for improvements to the municipal water system in the amount of \$1,900,000;

Hearing #6: to be held immediately following Hearing #5, for improvements to the municipal sewer system in the amount of \$1,900,000.

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All six hearings are relative to articles which will appear on the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant for vote at the second session (business meeting) of the 2021 Town Meeting.

Following the public hearings on bonds & notes over \$100,000, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to discuss the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 for Mascoma Lakeside Park improvements.

Please note that public hearings may start later, but not earlier, than the posted time.

## **TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

The Town Meeting Warrant is not yet finalized. The last day to submit petitioned warrant articles is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Selectmen will be accepting qualifying petitioned warrant articles and discussing the final warrant at their February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. This meeting will be held via Zoom videoconference. You can find upcoming meeting dates, times and links in this newsletter under [UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS](#)

## **2021 BUDGET – PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

The Enfield Budget Committee has completed its preliminary deliberations to develop a proposed 2021 Budget for presentation at the Public Budget Hearing scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proposed budget is posted on the Town's website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/budget-committee>. Following the public hearing, the Budget Committee will finalize its recommended 2021 Budget which will be presented for a vote at Town Meeting. Budget Committee meetings are being held via Zoom videoconference. The public is encouraged to attend. Meeting dates, times and Zoom meeting information can be found on our website at [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us). You'll also find a list of February and March dates, times and links in this newsletter under [UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS](#)

## **POLLING PLACE**

Due to COVID-19, in the interest of safety, voting for the November 2020 election was moved to the Enfield Community Building. The arrangement was highly successful. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Moderator discussed making this change in polling place effective for future ballot voting. By a unanimous vote of the Board future voting by ballot – for Town Meeting, state and federal elections – will take place at the Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4, Enfield.

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## **TOWN MEETING**

The 2021 Town Meeting will be held on two days as usual, but the second session has been delayed until May 1.

The first session is for voting by ballot for the election of Town Officers and any other questions required to be voted by Ballot. 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 these Articles at the second session of the Town Meeting. After the polls close at 7:00 p.m., the ballots will be counted. You may vote by absentee ballot for the first session of the Town Meeting only.

### **First Session – Ballot Voting**

Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
8:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Enfield Community Building  
308 US Route 4, Enfield

At the second session (business meeting) the remaining articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**  
**9:00 am**  
**Huse Park**  
**308 US Route 4, Enfield**

The second session (business meeting) will be held outdoors. You must be present at this session to vote.

## **CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICE – March 9, 2021**

The filing period for local elected office is now closed. The candidates listed below are running for office in 2021 and will be voted by ballot on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4, Enfield NH. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### **One Moderator for 2 years:**

Lindsay A. Smith

### **One Budget Committee for 2 years:**

Dimitri Deserranno

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**One Selectman for 3 years:**

Stephen Lary  
Katherine “Kate” Plumley-Stewart  
Sam Eaton

**One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:**

Marjorie A. Chase

**One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years:**

Neal P. Meagher

**One Library Trustee for 3 years:**

Susan E. Brown  
Shirley A. Green

**Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years:**

Jean Patten  
Erik Russell

**Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for 3 years:**

Brian Degnan  
Robert West  
Celie Aufiero

**BUILDING, HEALTH & FIRE INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS**

After 18 years of loyal service to Enfield, Building Inspector and Health Officer Phil Neily has officially retired from that role effective January 15. His replacement, Liam Ehrenzweig, would like to publicly congratulate Phil and send him very best wishes as he settles into a well-earned new phase of living.

Phil did a terrific job during his tenure with the Town, and that ethic carried through to the very last day. Thanks to him for his dedication and efforts to assist a smooth transition to his successor and for producing a sound structure of permitting procedures. It will be a continuing benefit to Enfield that he successfully established a Department culture emphasizing concern for the safety, health, and protection of investment for our property owners and residents and all visitors to our beautiful shorelands.

An article may have to be introduced at the 2021 Town Meeting for purchase of a foot stretching contraption, as Liam has already been notified by multiple parties that he has some big shoes to fill.

The phone number for the Building Inspector/ Health Officer Department will remain the same as before. All residents and contractors who have those

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matters to consider are encouraged to contact Liam at 603-442-5426 and [inspector@enfield.nh.us](mailto:inspector@enfield.nh.us)

Phil will remain with the Town exclusively in the role of Deputy Health Officer in charge of Covid-19 response until this unfortunate pandemic is resolved. Much gratitude to him for his steadfast caring. As a tribute to him, all residents are requested to re-test their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and remind all household members about the location and function of fire extinguishers in the home.

Thanks again, Phil. You will be sorely missed.

## **OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**

Greetings all! Things are pretty quiet in the tax office right now. The last quarter of 2020 Utility bills have been mailed and are due February 17<sup>th</sup>. I am in the process of preparing late notices on any balance due for a 2020 billing of Utility Usage, Tax or Betterment and I expect to have them in the mail by late February.

If anyone has any questions on outstanding balances due, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may also review your accounts for Utilities and Taxes on-line thru the Town's website at [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us). To make your payment securely, online by either credit card or ACH (electronic check) go to <https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=ENFIELD>. We strongly encourage residents to utilize this highly convenient option. If you have any questions about how to make an online payment, please do not hesitate to contact me directly - either by email [whuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:whuntley@enfield.nh.us) or by phone 603-632-4201 x 5404.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, currently the office is closed to over-the-counter transactions, but I am available by phone during regular business hours. Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm. Tuesdays 11am to 7pm. Fingers crossed that Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and please note that the Tax Collector Office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.

Stay Healthy and Safe!

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## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **With Snow on the Way, Don't Forget....**

#### **Winter Parking Ban**

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1.

No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders in any fashion the maintenance of the way.

#### **Driveway Snow Placement**

A reminder that it is unlawful to plow snow across any and all Town roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a Town road pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11.

#### **Driveway Sand**

Driveway sand is available at the DPW during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and is located at the top of the driveway in the bin on the right. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station Sticker. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed are NOT available.

If you must be out on the roads, please drive safely!

## **LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held no hearings in January. No hearings are scheduled for February either. Please remember that all ZBA Zoom login information, meeting agendas and previous meeting minutes are available on the ZBA section of the Town's website at:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment>

The Planning Board (PB) held one hearing in January and had 2 conceptual discussions as well. A conceptual discussion is a "non-binding" discussion with the Planning Board to get the sense of a possible project. A land owner may ask the board lots of questions and the board may get some clarity on questions that they have also. If you would like to schedule a conceptual meeting/discussion with the Planning Board, contact the Land Use Administrator at 603-442-5427. As always, Zoom web meeting login information, meeting agendas and previous meeting minutes are all available on the Planning Board section of the Town's website at:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board>

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The Master Planning Task Force is meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public. Agendas, minutes and login information will be made available via the special master planning project website: [www.enfield-leaps.org](http://www.enfield-leaps.org). The committee is tasked to help the Planning Board develop a completely new Master Plan for the Town.

## **CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

The Cemetery Trustees and I have kept busy reviewing the rules and regulations as well as reviewing our budget. We have some projects planned for Countryside Cemetery next season. In the meantime, I will be staying busy reviewing our files and further familiarizing myself with our cemeteries and their history.

The Enfield Cemetery Ordinance requires that all cemetery decorations and flowers shall be removed each year. Please note decorations and flowers may be replaced on May 15th. Burials are suspended and will resume on April 15th or when the ground is accessible.

Please contact me, Bridget Labrie, Cemetery Sexton, at 802-332-5363 (cell) or email [cemetery@enfield.nh.us](mailto:cemetery@enfield.nh.us) to schedule a burial or to purchase a lot. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow maintenance operations to take place. For additional information about cemetery rules and regulations please visit- <https://www.enfield.nh.us/boardcemetery-trustees>.

## **RECREATION**

Information and Registration for Enfield and Regional Recreation opportunities can be found at <https://mvpr.recdesk.com>

### **Enfield Recreation**

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at [recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us)

### ***Line Dancing***

Have you tried out our Thursday afternoon line dancing class yet? Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 1:15-2:15pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class and they dance to ALL types of music. Facemasks are required.

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### ***Chair Yoga & Exercise***

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 12 Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required. 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Facemasks are required.

- Monday, February 1
  - Friday, February 5
  - Monday, February 8
  - Wednesday, February 10
  - Friday, February 12
  - Tuesday, February 16
  - Monday, February 22
  - Wednesday, February 24
  - Friday, February 26
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- Monday, March 1
  - Wednesday, March 3
  - Friday, March 5
  - Monday, March 15
  - Friday, March 19
  - Monday, March 22
  - Wednesday, March 24
  - Friday, March 26
  - Monday, March 29
  - Wednesday, March 31

### **Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation**

At MVPR we are looking ahead at what programs and activities we can offer safely during this time and for the future. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey that MVPR and Enfield recreation created please take a look and please share it with other local community members: <https://forms.gle/6eUJoeHfeN7mQDqj7>

We are entering our second week with the After-School Ski & Ride program at Whaleback. It looks a bit different this year but the students are still able to get out and enjoy learning new skills or being on the mountain!

### **Coming back this summer, Challenger Sports Soccer Camp!**

Click on the link below to register for Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation's Challenger Sports Soccer Camp returning this summer! Registration is open and for those who register now will receive a FREE personalized poster while

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stocks last, the option of a FREE replica jersey as well as the camp t-shirt and soccer ball received on the first day of camp.

<https://challenger.configio.com/pd/223346/mascoma-valley-parks-recreation>

Looking for more wonderful trails to get out on nearby? Green Woodlands

Foundation has wonderfully groomed trails for cross country skiing,

snowshoeing, and snowmobiling in the winter. Check out their

website: <http://greenwoodlands.org/home.html>

Have you heard of Trail Finder? I recently attended a Webinar put on by the

UNH Cooperative Extension about Trail Finder. You can sign up for an

account or not, but it connects you to some great resources. Search for trails,

find trailside services or earn badges! You are able to print the trail maps or

download them to your phone if there will be no service on your hike. Take a

look: <https://www.trailfinder.info/>

For any questions about the Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation please

contact Bridget at [mvalleyrec@gmail.com](mailto:mvalleyrec@gmail.com).

**Follow MVPR on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)!**

## **“KNOW YOUR TOWN”**

The following is the second installment of “Know your Town” presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we’ll bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day.

### **Main Street**

Like several other things in our town, Enfield’s Main Street owes its development to the Shakers and their dynamic leader Caleb Dyer. In 1847 Dyer convinced the Great Northern Railroad to change its plan for its route between Concord and White River Junction. Instead of following the western side of Lake Mascoma (the 4A corridor), it would pass through a cluster of houses and mills known as North Enfield. This kept the landscape and Shaker settlements on the lake’s eastern shore from being disturbed but forced the Shakers to take a five-mile journey around the lake to reach the North Enfield railroad depot and businesses. Dyer led construction of the “Shaker bridge” across the narrow part of the lake in 1848. With three more bridges across the Mascoma River by 1849, the area between the Shaker bridge and the Canaan road (Route 4) became the economic center of the Enfield township.

North Enfield became known as “downtown” and its busy Main Street boomed. By the end of the 1800s, Main Street had mills, churches, hotels, blacksmith’s shops, grocery shops, hardware, a jewelry store, an undertaker, a post office, carriage and harness shops. Forty houses were built in 1893 alone. In 1897

land was donated for Huse Park and the imposing Copeland block was built. The library was completed in 1901.

It did not last long. Decline began with the 1929 Crash and the Depression. Mills on the river and other businesses closed, leaving today's gaps. With foot traffic gone, cars took over.

Dolores Struckhoff, whose family owned a hotel on the site of George's grocery, remembers the early 1960s when Main Street was a "living breathing community with two grocery stores, Fogg's Hardware Store, Billy's (the local five and dime), the post office, Lucien's drug store, and the grain store." The sidewalks were filled with people, "running errands, greeting each other, stopping for chats, going about their lives as gas men, electricians, plumbers, painters, railroad employees, mill employees, grocers, postmen, pharmacist, clerks, waitresses, doctors, nurses, secretaries, teachers, or taking part in their hobbies around the river and lake." Since 2000, the Enfield Village Association has been working with New Hampshire's Main Street program to beautify and return to Enfield's Main Street to its former vitality.

Source: Dolores Struckhoff, *Enfield New Hampshire 1761-2000. The History of a Town Influenced by the Shakers*. Ed. Nancy Blanchard Sanborn.

>>>>>>>>>>>>> **MEETINGS & EVENTS** <<<<<<<<<<<<<<

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 1** – Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee meets @ 7:00 PM to discuss recommendations for CIP projects in 2021
- **February 2** – Last day to petition the Selectmen to include an article on the Town Meeting warrant. At minimum, petitions should include clearly printed name and signature of the requisite number of registered voters. For most petitions, though not all, a minimum of 25 signatures is required. Submit your petition to the Town Clerk's Office. Contact the Town Manager's Office at 603-632-5026 or [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us) if you need assistance. We're here to help!
- **February 3** – [Public Budget Hearing @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\)](#) Just as with schools holding remote learning on "snow days" it is highly unlikely the Town will need the scheduled snow date for the Public Budget Hearing (February 4). If, however, a winter storm prevents the Budget Committee from holding the hearing as scheduled, the snow date will be utilized.
- **February 4** – [Snow Date – Public Budget Hearing @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\)](#)
- **February 15** – All Town Offices are closed for President's Day

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- **March 9** – Town Meeting – First Session – Voting by ballot for elected officers and other questions that must appear on the ballot.
  - **May 1** – Town Meeting – Second Session/Business Meeting – Presentation, discussion and action on all other articles before the Town.

## **ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

The Town continues to hold board and committee meetings using the Zoom video conferencing app. To join a Zoom meeting simply go to the Town's website at [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us), find the meeting you want to attend on the calendar on the home page, click on the meeting heading and it will open up with all of the details. Simply click on the Zoom meeting link and it will open a video window. (You may need to download the Zoom app, but it won't take long.) **You can also join with audio only by calling one of the numbers provided.** Join us at one of our upcoming Zoom meetings listed below. The meeting listings below are linked to our website where you will find the Zoom information for that meeting. If Zoom information isn't yet posted, don't despair, it will be posted on our website before the meeting date. When a meeting begins, if you have problems connecting simply call the local number provided for assistance.

## **UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Due to COVID-19, for as long as it is permissible in the State of New Hampshire, Board and Committee meetings will continue to be held via Zoom video conference, with a few exceptions. Meeting notices are included on the calendar on the Town's website at [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us) and specifics on location, including joining the meeting via Zoom, if applicable, will be posted there. Once the need for social distancing has been lifted, meetings will once again be held at a physical location.

- [February 1 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – CIP Committee](#)
- [February 2 @ 3:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [February 2 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [February 3 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Public Budget Hearing](#)
- [February 4 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [February 9 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [February 10 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [February 16 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [February 23 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [February 24 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [February 25 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Heritage Commission](#)



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**Enfield Town Manager's Office:**

Jack Wozmak, Interim Town Manager

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[townmanager@enfield.nh.us](mailto:townmanager@enfield.nh.us)

Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager

603-632-5026, ext. 5401

[abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us)

- Notary Services

The Enfield Town Offices has suspended Notary Services.

- Municipal Facilities – Events Canceled

We will be reaching out to all groups who will be affected by the following changes:

- Community Building:

Due to the need to protect our citizens from undue exposure to the coronavirus all private functions scheduled at the Enfield Community Building are canceled, effective immediately (November 16, 2020) until further notice. Limited use by local community groups will continue, however the use of the Community Building will be under constant review and use is subject to change at any time. No new reservations or applications are being accepted at this time.

- Public Works Facility & Town Hall Conference Room

Use of these spaces will be available for essential Town meetings only. Private groups will not have access to the building until further notice.

- Enfield Punch Cards & Lebanon Punch Cards for trash disposal

Payment for Enfield Punch Cards (\$25) and Lebanon Punch Cards (\$15) can be left in the drop box outside the Town Offices. Please include your name and mailing address and punch cards will be put in the mail at the end of the same business day.

Other Town Office Services are by appointment only. Enfield and Lebanon punch cards will be available to you if you have an appointment for other business with the Town.

- All Other Services

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Town Manager's Office at 603-632-5026 or email the individual you wish to contact for assistance with any other Town Office Services.

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**Assessing Department:**

Julie Huntley, Assessing Administrator  
603-632-5026, ext. 5406  
603-442-5406 (direct line)  
[jahuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jahuntley@enfield.nh.us)

**Exemptions, Tax Credits, Current Use Applications**

The following have an April 15th filing deadline.

- o Elderly Exemptions
- o Veteran's Tax Credits
- o Tax Deferrals
- o Current Use Applications
- o Exempt Property Applications (Charitable, Religious, Educational)

These items have no filing deadlines.

- o Timber Intents
- o Gravel Intents

Applications can be mailed, e-mailed or left in the drop box outside the Town Offices. Our Assessing Administrator can respond via phone, e-mail or by USPS mail.

**Property Information**

Access is available online at <https://www.axisgis.com/enfieldnh/>

- o Property Record Cards
- o Tax Maps
- o Deeds

Information not available online includes:

- o Septic Designs
- o Building Permit Information
- o Sales Data

The Assessing Administrator can scan and email information to customers. Contact her for records requests or help navigating the online property records. Any in-person meetings will be limited to those that are essential and will be by appointment only.

**Finance Department:**

Mary Ann Crandall, Bookkeeper  
603-632-5026, ext. 5407  
[macrandall@enfield.nh.us](mailto:macrandall@enfield.nh.us)

All vendors are asked to submit invoices by email to our bookkeeper, or the specific department they are doing business with, if at all possible to limit handling of mail.

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**Tax Collector's Office:**

Wendy Huntley, Tax Collector  
603-632-5026, Ext. 5404  
[whuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:whuntley@enfield.nh.us)

You can access Property Tax bills, Water & Sewer bills, and more, online. Simply go to <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments> Office visits for payments are temporarily suspended. Payments can be made online using ACH (e-check) with a fee of only 95 cents. Payments online made by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. (Unfortunately, we are unable to waive that fee.) Payments made by check or money order can be left in the drop box outside the Town Offices. If payment is left in the drop box you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you'd like a receipt mailed to you. Receipts can be emailed upon request at no cost.

**Town Clerk's Office:**

Sandy Romano, Town Clerk  
603-632-5001, Ext. 5403  
[townclerk@enfield.nh.us](mailto:townclerk@enfield.nh.us)

The Town Clerk's Office is closed to in office visits except by appointment and only for those transaction which must be done in person, i.e. new vehicle registrations, marriage licenses. Vehicle registration renewals, dog license renewals and vital records requests can be done online at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>, sent by mail, or left in the Town's drop box 24/7. If you have any questions about documentation or payment that is required, please contact the Town Clerk.

**ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Due to increased incidences of COVID-19 during this fall season, we are again restricting use of the Enfield Community Building. The building will not be available for private rentals until further notice. Use is limited to local groups and Town sponsored activities only. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as deemed appropriate.

A revised scheduling policy and revised Building Rental Rules were approved by the Board of Selectmen on November 2, 2020. You can see the updated policy and rules on our website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/community-building-rental>.

Please note, however, that under the current circumstances we are not doing the normal year end scheduling. When the Community Building is open for more regular use we will be sure to post a notice to that effect.

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## **FIREFIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT**

If you are interested in helping to protect and care for people in your community, the Town of Enfield's Fire Department and Ambulance Service welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Both departments are "call" departments and participation requirements are flexible in recognition that members will be juggling other professional or personal obligations. Members are compensated on an hourly basis for time spent in training, responding to calls, or other related activities. Relevant training and certifications (i.e., Firefighter I or II, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.) are highly desired, but formal training can be provided to individuals who are willing to make the commitment.



Crises like the COVID-19 pandemic serve as a sobering reminder of just how critically important first responders are, and we hope that you will seriously consider how you can help.

Interested parties should contact the Fire Chief (603-359-5206 or [fcummings@enfield.nh.us](mailto:fcummings@enfield.nh.us)) or Ambulance Chief (603-304-9324 or [efirefighter32@yahoo.com](mailto:efirefighter32@yahoo.com)). We hope to hear from you!

## **HIGH-SPEED/FIBER OPTIC CABLE INTERNET ACCESS**

In recent months, an ad hoc committee comprised of local residents with interest and expertise in the telecommunications industry has been formed to identify and advance ways in which access to high-speed internet can be improved in the Town of Enfield. The Land Use & Community Development Administrator is serving as the staff lead on this effort. Although the NH FastRoads initiative resulted in a major build-out of



"middle mile" fiber optic cable throughout a majority of public roads in Enfield several years ago, the current owner of the fiber optic infrastructure (FirstLight) has signaled a lack of interest or willingness to connect new residential customers. Improving residential access to high-speed internet is essential for the Town of Enfield as it will help us attract and retain residents. The working group is exploring a variety of possible solutions, some of which may involve state or federal legislative action.

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Interested in learning more about this effort? Contact Rob Taylor, Land Use & Community Development Administrator, at 603-442-5427 or [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us).

## **OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE – SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS**

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>  
Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I'm not a robot**, then click "Subscribe Me." It's as easy as that.

We plan during the coming year to more fully utilize the News & Announcements for various departments. This year we began with updates on the Assessing Department page of the progress of the full town-wide revaluation of property. Community news items appear on the Community & Businesses page – check it out!

## **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](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 four openings. 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 (meetings typically take place in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices, but these meetings are being postponed due to COVID-19). 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

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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 or Zoning. The Planning Board reviews and makes determinations on site plans and the **Planning Board presently has openings for alternate members**. Meetings of the Planning Board are on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. 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 February – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

Regrettably, we have canceled 2020 activities due to COVID-19, but the Committee looks forward to planning events for a 2021 celebration.

2019 was a successful weekend of Old Home Days! Check out the events held in 2019:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf>

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/>

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