

Town Newsletter

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Summer Remnants by John Kluge

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 this town-wide newsletter that is disseminated by email monthly 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. Simply:

- Go to the town's website subscription page: 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 Ed Morris, Enfield Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or 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.

Find us at www.enfield.nh.us and [Facebook](#)!



A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

I would like to welcome everyone to 2023. Wow, it is hard to believe 2022 has already passed us by, and that it has been one year since I stepped into the position of Town Manager for the Town of Enfield. A lot has happened this past year, but I have really enjoyed meeting and working with the many residents and dedicated volunteers we have here in Enfield. This past month I was honored to say the opening prayer and join Father John Sullivan and Father Joseph Gosselin in the singing of Silent Night before turning on the power to the festival of lights at the La Salette Shrine. I also attended the tree lighting festivities for the Town Christmas Tree and some of the other activities hosted throughout the month.

Holiday

As we move into the new year, we look forward to the winter activities our region and Town are known for. I look forward to the ice getting thick enough for the Mascoma Lake Skating Association's trails and skating areas to open. I am also eager to spend time snowshoeing and hitting the slopes at Whaleback. I again encourage residents to get out and enjoy whatever winter sport of activity they wish, as we celebrate this beautiful season.

For town project updates, the new well as part of the water project has been drilled and we are in the process of completing water testing. The bid documents have been prepared for the construction of the water and sewer line replacements and should be completed in the near future. I am currently working at securing the loan for the Whitney Hall project which we will lock in at 4%. I have also been working closely with the MFAC Committee and our design build contractors as we complete the final design, engineering, and soil testing for the Public Safety Building. We are currently still on track to break ground this summer.

I would like to thank all the town staff, elected officials, volunteers and residents of this community for their support and dedication to the Town of Enfield this past year. All of you have helped me learn and grow as I come to understand the nuances that make the Town of Enfield so great. I look forward to working with each of you as we embark into 2023.

Ed Morris,
Town Manager



Special News Items

January Holidays

The Town will be observing the following holidays in January:

New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1 Transfer Station will be closed

New Year's Day Holiday – Monday, January 2; and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 16
All Town Offices and the Enfield Public Library will be closed

Important Dates

What	When & Where
<p>Supervisors of the Checklist meeting for additions and corrections to the voter checklist</p> <p>See meeting posting for a list of documents you'll need to provide.</p> <p>If you intend to file for Local elected Office you must be a registered voter of the Town.</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Town Hall, 23 Main St.</p>
<p>First Day to Declare Candidacy for Local Elected Office. File with the Enfield Town Clerk during regular office hours.</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 25 Town Clerk's Office, 23 Main St.</p>
<p>Last Day to Declare Candidacy for Local Elected Office. File with the Enfield Town Clerk.</p>	<p>Friday, February 3 until 5:00 PM Town Clerk's Office 23 Main St.</p>
<p>Last Day to Petition for an Article on the Town Meeting Warrant – submit petitions to the Town Clerk for signature verification.</p> <p>If you need assistance drafting your petition contact the Enfield Town Manager's Office at 603-632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us. We're here to help.</p> <p>We offer guidance and a fillable PDF form for development of warrant article petitions on our website at https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/files/warrant-article-petition-form-fillable-pdf</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 7 Town Clerk's Office, 23 Main St.</p>
<p>Public Budget Hearing The Budget Committee will hold a public budget hearing on the proposed 2023 budget.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 PM <i>Thursday, February 9, 7:00 PM (Snow Date)</i> Public Works Facility & Via Teams videoconference</p>

Openings for Local Elected Office

You must be a registered voter to run for local elected office. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting [Tuesday, January 24](#) for additions and corrections to the voter checklist.

The following elected positions are open and will be voted on at Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The filing period for these positions is Wednesday, January 25 through Friday, February 3, 2023.

For One Year: One Selectmen
 Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members
 Two Budget Committee Members

For Two Years: One Moderator

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

Candidates must file with the Enfield Town Clerk. Office Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office will be open 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2023. The Town Clerk's Office will not be doing vehicle registrations on Friday, February 3rd after 3:30 PM. If filing on the last day of the filing period, you must file in person.

Department & Committee Reports

Building Inspector/Health Officer

The Building Inspector has recently received an influx of permit applications for residential solar installations, both for roof mounted and ground mount systems. The increase in solar permit applications might easily be explained by rising electricity costs coupled with current opportunities for homeowners to take advantage of government incentives for clean energy system installations. For those residents who might be interested in clean energy and tax savings, copied below are several links to websites that describe available federal and state tax credits and incentives:

[Homeowner's Guide to the Federal Tax Credit for Solar Photovoltaics | Department of Energy](#)
[DSIRE \(dsireusa.org\)](#)
[Clean Energy for All | The White House](#)

The US Department of Energy has also provided a lot of information related to energy savings and efficiency that is available on their website: [energy.gov](#)

The following information is copied from a US Department of Energy publication:

So you're thinking about joining the 3 million U.S. homeowners who have gone solar. Solar energy will help you save on your monthly electricity bills and combat climate change, but what needs to happen to get those solar panels on your roof?

Along with understanding the solar installation process, being familiar with your individual circumstances, like the age of your roof, can help you be a more informed solar consumer. Here are the steps to take to get powered by sunshine.

1. **Choose a solar installer.** An installer can help you determine whether your roof is suitable for solar panels. Begin by researching qualified, insured installers online or asking for recommendations from people who've gone solar. Comparison-shop by asking multiple installers to come assess your roof. Make sure your installer is licensed and certified by a reputable organization like the [North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners](#). When reviewing your contract, make sure you understand the terms and don't hesitate to ask questions.

Note: Your solar installer will guide you through the process and some companies will do everything else for you! But, here's what else needs to happen:

2. **Make sure your roof can support solar panels.** A solar installer, roofing expert, or structural engineer can help you determine your roof's solar suitability. It can help to know when your roof was installed or replaced, but if you don't know and can't ask the previous homeowners, your local government should have a record of when it issued the building permit. (It can often save you money if you install solar at the same time as a roof replacement .)
3. **Determine your home's solar potential.** Aside from your roof's condition, your home's [solar rooftop potential](#) depends on your geographic location, the position of your home in relation to the sun, how much shade you have, and the PV system you and your installer choose. These [mapping services and tools](#) can help you find out how much sunlight will reach your solar panels, along with your potential cost savings from going solar, but your installer can assess this for you too. Note that online tools estimate our solar potential using remote data sources, like satellite data. For a detailed determination of your solar potential, work with an installer.
4. **Calculate your electricity needs.** Reviewing your previous electricity bills can help you figure out how much power you need annually and seasonally. This is a good time to do a [home energy audit](#) to see whether you need to make any energy-saving home improvements so that you can get the most out of your system. Your installer may be able to look at your bills to help you determine your current and long-term energy needs. Remember to consider any recent or future changes to your home that may affect your usage. For example, you may have just bought new energy-efficient appliances, or you could be planning to buy an electric vehicle that will need charging.
5. **Evaluate your finance options.** You can buy or lease a PV system. Buyers can either purchase a system outright or obtain a solar loan. When you own a system, you receive solar [tax credits and incentives](#), but you won't if you lease. Some solar loans allow you to take advantage of the federal investment tax credit up front by allowing the loan provider or solar installer to take the credit in exchange for a reduced system cost or loan amount. Leasing a system can go one of two ways: You can pay a leasing company a fixed monthly payment for the use of your PV system, or you can enter a power purchase agreement, meaning you'd buy the electricity your system generates based on a set price per kilowatt-hour.

6. **Obtain permits and schedule inspections.** Give your installer the information they need to obtain the permits and arrange the inspections that your local government requires. The PV system installation generally takes only a few days, but it can take weeks to months get the necessary permits and inspections, and it largely depends on the local regulations in your area. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory's [SolarTRACE tool](#) can give you a general idea of how long it may take to complete the permitting, inspection, and interconnection process in your jurisdiction.

If your home is not suitable for rooftop solar, you can still get the benefits of clean energy by investing in a [community or shared solar program](#). By going solar, you can play an active role in achieving the nation's goal of a carbon-free electricity sector by 2035. For more information, visit the [Homeowner's Guide to Going Solar](#).

Cemetery Department

The Trustees next meeting will be on May 11th, 2023. As always please contact Bridget Labrie with any questions at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

You can also find general information on the rules and regulations of the cemeteries here:
<https://www.enfield.nh.us/cemetery-department/files/rules-regulations>

For something a little different there will be a little history on each cemetery during these quieter winter months. First up is Burnham Cemetery:

Burnham Cemetery was described by George McKenzie Roberts as a small private burial ground. Long disused, on the western end of Spectacle Pond. It is surrounded by a stone wall and contains a small, pointed field stone marker, facing in an easterly direction. No inscriptions are decipherable. It is said to have been used by the family of Grover Burnham (Aug. 1767 – Feb. 25, 1841), who was buried with "one of his wives and undoubtedly other members of the family are around here"

Conservation Commission

Just a quick reminder that the Conservation Commission is presenting Warrant Articles for vote at the 2023 Town Meeting that, if passed, will go a long way to helping preserve the open space Enfield now has for recreation and wildlife. An informational meeting will be held on February 16, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Community Building, to explain the value to the community of these Warrant Articles. So please mark it on your new calendar.

Energy Committee

Renewable Portfolio Standard Background

Every US state has plans to move toward using more carbon free or renewable energy. Enacted in 2007, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) statute, RSA 362-F, requires each electricity

provider to meet customer load by purchasing or acquiring certificates representing generation from renewable energy based on total megawatt-hours supplied.

The statute divides energy sources into separate classes. *Class I* New Renewable Energy, *Class II* New Solar, *Class III* Existing Biomass/Methane and *Class IV* Existing Small Hydroelectric

There are yearly RPS target requirements in place in order to move towards the state goal of 25% by 2025. In 2023, the requirement will be 23.4%. Biomass and methane, which are carbon sourced, are categorized as renewable in this statute.

With Enfield Community Power, we plan to provide options which are carbon free. Details will be coming in the next few months. Stay tuned!

Enfield Public Library



Enfield Public Library

23 Main Street, Enfield, NH 03748 / 603-632-7145

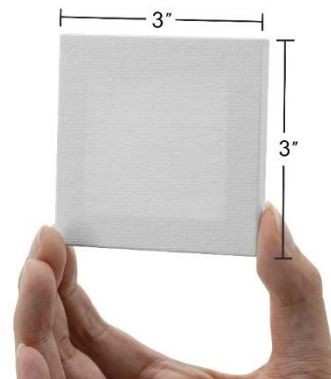
Happy new year! We've got some exciting things happening to kick off 2023.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Tiny Art Show!

We're giving out tiny canvases (3" x 3") for you to create with! Let us know you want one and **return it to library by February 1**, no matter what! Use it as is or incorporate the canvas into a larger project.

Don't worry if it's not perfect or complete – just bring it back. (Art is a process, after all.) We'll display your masterpieces in the library for the month of February. Questions? [Let us know.](#)



Virtual Book Chat

Join us **online at 6 pm on January 24** to hear recent Dartmouth grad, Caroline Cook '21, talk about her novel, [*Tell Them to Be Quiet and Wait*](#), which is based on the life of Dartmouth's first female professor, Hannah Croasdale. Call us (603-632-7415) or [email](#) to RSVP so we can send you the link. Caroline based her book on the extensive research she did as a Historical Accountability Student Research Fellow. View an online exhibit of her work: <https://exhibits.library.dartmouth.edu/s/HistoricalAccountability/page/hannah-croasdale>



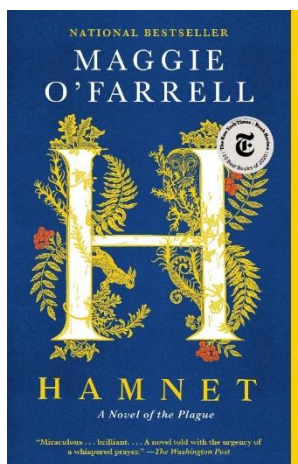
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NH Humanities Book Discussion

Join us **Thursday, January 26 at 6 pm** for a special meeting of the Enfield Public Library Book Group. New Hampshire Humanities presenter Carrie Brown will facilitate a discussion of the book *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.

From the publisher's description: "A short, piercing, deeply moving novel about the death of Shakespeare's 11-year-old son Hamnet--a name interchangeable with Hamlet in 15th century Britain--and the years leading up to the production of his great play."

Participants will receive a copy of the book to keep. Please RSVP (603-632-7415 or [email](#)).



Sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

Knitters' Group

The [Knitting Group](#) gathers on **Tuesdays from 10:30-noon**. Bring your fiber project and join in.



Postcarding With



Join us to talk about and write postcards for the international swapping site, [PostCrossing](#)! At the library on the first **Tuesday of the month, January 3, 6:00-7:00 pm**



Storytime at the Library

Join Miss Kate for Storytime at the library **Wednesdays at 10 am** for stories, songs, and lots of fun. For ages 0-5 and their caregivers.



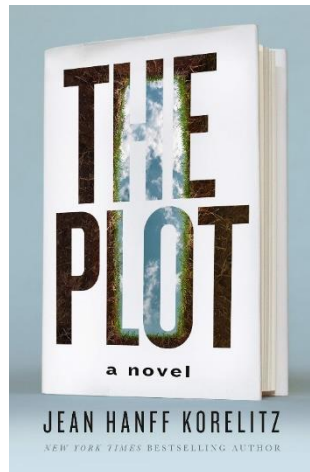
LEGOs!



The LEGOs come out **every Thursday** afternoon at 3:30 pm. What will you build?

Mystery Lovers' Group

We're reading [The Plot](#) by Jean Jean Hanff Korelitz. Join the discussion on the **second Thursday of the month, January 9**, at 2 pm or 6 pm (choose your "sitting").



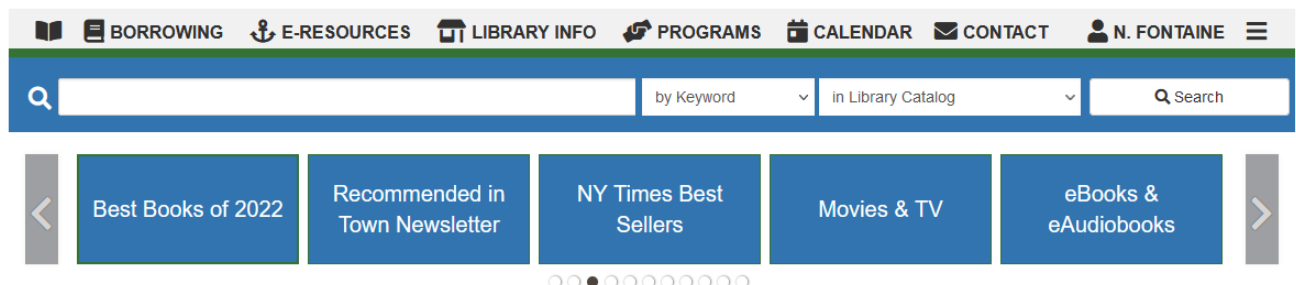
Library Tech Talk

Got questions about library technology? Join us **Tuesday, January 14**, at 1 pm for an overview of what's available and the opportunity to ask questions in person.



What's New

Browse [New Fiction](#), [New Non-Fiction](#), the [Best Books of 2022](#), and more on our Aspen Discovery home page. Find out the details on Borrowing, Resources, Programs, [contact information](#), and our [Calendar](#) too!



Get the latest acquisitions in your email inbox each Wednesday with a [Wowbrary newsletter](#) subscription.

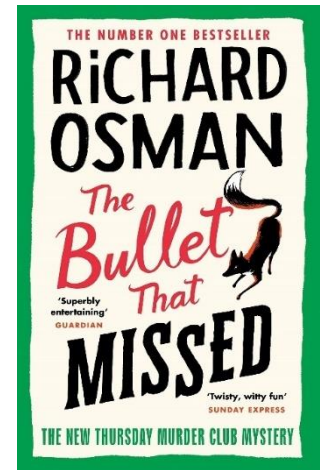


Recommended Reading

[The Bullet That Missed](#) by Richard Osman.

The third installment in the Thursday Murder Club series is another delight. The series is about mysteries solved by a special group of pensioners at Coopers Chase retirement home in England. I find the series to be both interesting and laugh out loud funny.

If you haven't read any in the series yet, don't deprive yourself. (You've got all winter, right?) Start with the first, called [The Thursday Murder Club](#), and then read the second, [The Man Who Died Twice](#).



HOURS

We're open **Tuesdays until 7 pm**, like the town offices!

Monday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday: closed

Fire Department News

Welcome to 2023, we wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

The weather this year has continued to offer many challenges. During the last 2 weather events of 2022 we totaled 24 calls due to tree's down and road conditions. Thank you for your patience.

Ice conditions on our lakes and ponds remains at best questionable, we ask all to use extreme caution before heading out onto the ice for activities. The Fire Department will be conducting a simulated night ice rescue January 5, 7 pm at the Mascoma Lakeside Park or Boat Launch depending on conditions. The public is invited to come and see what we have for equipment and what is involved in performing this type of operation.

Stay safe and Healthy.

Phil Neily

For the Enfield Fire Department.

"Know your Town" is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day and more. Check out "Know your Town" features from [past issues](#)!

The Ice Harvest

The frozen water industry was a staple for economic development in New England. Along with ice from Norway, ice cut from American East Coast lakes reached Chicago's stockyards, Caribbean islands and even India. Despite the far-flung trade it was the growing cities on the East coast such as Boston, New York and Philadelphia that provided the biggest markets for New England ice.

Enterprising New England businessmen invested in specialized ships and railroad cars as well as in shipping routes to potential markets.

Ice harvesting made a good complement to farming, providing work and income during the winter months. Around Lake Mascoma, ice cutting was a small industry with villagers and farmers cutting ice both for their own use and for sale.

On February 7, 1880, the *Vermont Journal* of South Royalton reported that "The ice on Mascoma Lake is from fifteen to eighteen inches thick, and it is estimated that there are 4,000,000 tons on the lake that could be spared for places where the crop is short."

The Shakers harvested ice for their own use as well as selling it. In March 1892, the Shakers reported that the ice harvest was completed earlier than usual". By "old- fashioned wheelbarrow it was conveyed to the Office, Dining Hall and Infirmary. The Dairy has an especial provision in this line". The Shakers' ice harvest typically lasted from December until March and it was calculated in cords; in 1879 it was 17 cords.

For harvesting, ice needed to be at least eighteen inches thick to support the weight of the workers cutting it and the horses and wagons transporting it. Normally, this meant harvesting between January and March. The first step was marking the ice into blocks in early winter. Their size depended on their use and how far they would be shipped. The smallest blocks were usually 18 x 24 inches for home use. Larger ones were limited by what could be handled by cutters and horses and were destined for industrial uses.

Ice was graded by quality and price. Transparent and flawless blocks to use at the table were the most desirable and expensive. Less expensive cloudier or opaque blocks were sufficient where looks were not important. The quality varied from year to year. In 1905, the *Enfield Advocate* reported that "Ice in Mascoma lake is now the thickest it has been in many years – thirty inches. The harvest for all purposes has closed with ice the cleanest that has been cut in a long time."

Ice harvesting was cold, hard work. And it was also dangerous. Cutting was usually done at night (when ice was thickest) and falling into the water was a constant threat.

As the industry grew, specialized tools were invented to make the work easier and faster. Speed was particularly important as the spring thaw arrived. Some tools were designed for hand use, such as tongs, adzes and grapples, which often got lost in the water. There were also horse-drawn cutting tools that resembled plows. Horses and carts transported the ice to shore and railroad depots.

Cut ice that was not shipped away immediately was stacked and stored in ice houses, where it was covered with sawdust to preserve it through the summer. There were several ice houses around Enfield lakes. These were filled to “ice the milk cars” as well as to cool freight cars used for shipping hogs. Several large ice houses were built on the shores of Mascoma, including a 40 by 80 foot one near Shaker Bridge, as well as on Crystal Lake and other bodies of water.

The ice industry expanded in the early nineteenth century to reach its peak in the 1850s. After that, New England’s ice industry began a decline. This was caused by several warmer winters, which moved the sources ever farther north. The Civil War and contamination of water caused by industrialization also contributed to the decline as did technological advances. These began with techniques to create ice artificially. Eventually, it was realized that ice was not necessary at all. With refrigeration, containers and storage spaces could be cooled directly.

Special thanks to Mary Ann Haagen for her contribution to this piece.

Land Use & Community Development

Master Plan- Great news! The 2022 Enfield Master Plan was officially adopted by the Planning Board on December 28th, 2022. After nearly 3 years of work by both the Planning Board and the Master Planning Task Force and after close to 30 years (1995) since the formal adoption of the last Master Plan, the new plan is now official. We would like to thank all those people who contributed to this effort. From the work by several boards and committees, to the contributions of hundreds of individuals, this project truly was a community effort. The full plan is available at www.enfield-leaps.org There is now an effort underway to continue the master planning efforts with even more chapters as the Planning Board and the Master Planning Taskforce intend to add five more chapters, each relating to a current town commission or committee. These are: Energy, Recreation, Heritage, Town Facilities/Services and Conservation. Subsequent chapters will be added as necessary as well as on-going scheduled review of existing chapters going into the future. The Master Planning process is very important for a community and should stay current. We intend to stay up-to-date going forward and not let our plan get “dusty on a shelf.” Stay tuned for more updates. We appreciate your support and contributions to this process.



Planning Board- The Planning Board has been working on several suggested amendments to the Enfield Zoning Ordinance. There will be a formal hearing for these amendments on January 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The list includes the following changes and/or additions: an allowed ADU Increase to 2 units per residential property, an increase in R1 Lot Density to ¼ Acre in Size for lots where Municipal Sewer is available, removal of the “Principal Building” Language in the “R1” district, an increase to a 100’ Setback for Enfield’s Prime Wetlands (Conservation Commission), updates to Enfield’s Floodplain Regulations (requested by the State and Federal Government), and creation of a Local Historic District encompassing three buildings in Enfield Center (requested by the Enfield Heritage Commission). These amendments will likely be added to the Town Meeting Warrant for approval by the voters of Enfield if they support these Planning Board’s recommended articles.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)- Due to a number of sick board members, the ZBA was unable to hold their December meeting. The formal hearing for Land Use Case # Z22-12-01 scheduled earlier will instead happen on January 10th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. This is where Matthew McIntyre will seek variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.1(L) to construct a single family residence within the prescribed setback to a side lot boundary. The subject parcel is 0.248 acres and is located at 398 Shaker Blvd. (Tax Map 24, Lot 18) in the "R1" Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Matthew McIntyre.

Please contact me, Rob Taylor, at the Land Use office with any questions or ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by my office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure I am available or to schedule a meeting. I hope you all have a great new year!

Parks & Recreation

Program listing and registration

Keep up to date with our current program registrations here (please note, outside organization's programs may have their own registration page): <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

Follow Enfield Parks & Recreation on [Facebook](#) or Instagram [@enfieldnhrec](#)! Reminder- Electronic payments are now accepted through the recreation program registration site. *There is a 3% non-refundable processing fee*

(If you need to pay by check or cash all program payments should be made payable to "Town of Enfield" and mailed to: PO Box 373, Enfield, NH 03748 OR dropped off in the night drop box in an envelope marked Parks & Recreation and a note of what payment is for.)

****Just a friendly reminder that all payments are due at the start of the program, a spot in the program will not be held without payment. Failure to make a payment may also lead to not being able to take part in future programs. If you need financial assistance, please email recreation@enfield.nh.us ****

Mascoma's After School Ski & Ride Program Bus Ride to Whaleback – Thursdays

January 12th, 19th, 26th and February 2nd, 9th, 16th

Students needing transportation to the mountain need to register with the Town of Enfield through RecDesk. The cost for transportation is \$35 per student. The \$35 fee covers transportation for the entire 6 weeks. Registration opens payment is due at the time of sign up. If you are wanting to pay by check arrangements need to be made before registration is open. This is just for sign up all mountain fees are to be paid to Whaleback directly. Registration ends 1/6. If you would like to be a chaperone or a volunteer, please reach out to Recreation@enfield.nh.us for details!

Yoga with Sonya

The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. These classes are happening on Mondays at the Mascoma Community Health Center, in Canaan, from 5:45-6:45pm. For further information please contact Sonya at sonyayoga2007@gmail.com Classes are \$12 for drop-in, \$10 for students and seniors, space is limited. Be sure to email Sonya if you would like to attend and to keep up with the schedule.

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 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. *Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather*

Mondays (1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30) 8:15-9:05AM with Nicole Carriere

Wednesdays (1/4, 1/11, 1/25)- 9:30-10:30AM with Sonya Carter

Line Dancing

Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class, and they dance to ALL types of music. This class is for experienced dancers.

Decembers Schedule: 1/5, 1/12, 1/26.

Bone Builders

Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30-10:30AM at the Enfield Community Building. Donations are welcome. Registration is required. To register call RSVP at 603-448-1825.

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

Check out [Trail Finder](#)! You can 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/>



Kevin Marker

Enfield Recreation Director
recreation@enfield.nh.us
[Online Registration](#)

Follow us!



Police Department

From all the members of the Enfield Police Department we hope that you had a chance to spend time with loved ones and friends this holiday season. We hope that everyone will have a great start to the new year.

As many of you have already noticed the new digital sign has been turned on. This sign is located just in front of the Community Building and will show information about town events along with emergency notifications. The sign is new to our town and department and please be patient with us as we learn the ins and outs of operating it. If you notice an issue with the sign you can call the station and let our Public Safety Administrative Coordinator Emily know about it.

With the new year we continue to have cold and winter weather. Jessica's law requires all motorists in New Hampshire to remove snow and ice from vehicles PRIOR to driving. This is to prevent the snow or ice from causing a crash that may harm or even kill someone. Please take the time to clean off your vehicles and properly warm them up prior to driving.

The department is happy to announce the hiring of a new full-time officer, Matthew Ocker. Please join me in welcoming Matthew to the department.

Finally, with the start of a new year we see a large increase in internet and phone scams. Do not give sensitive information over the phone or online to unknown callers, when in doubt hang up and call the department.

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

Public Works Department – Highway, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, Buildings & Grounds

Winter 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, parking lot 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 all Town and State roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a public street pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11. Property owners are responsible for their plowing contractors. The Enfield Police Department will enforce this law.

Water/Sewer Bills

Fourth quarter meter reading will begin the third week of December. Water and sewer bills will be mailed out in early January with payments due mid-February.

2023 Transfer Station Stickers Available

The 2023 Transfer Station window stickers are available at the Town Office and the Transfer Station. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of your car or truck on the side window behind the front passenger's seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger. Permit stickers are available, free of charge, at the Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices. Proof of residency or property ownership is required.

Enfield permit stickers also permit you to use the town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

DPW Staff will be enforcing the sticker requirement at the Transfer Station and the citizen sand pile beginning in early January. In the era of the pandemic please plan ahead and obtain your sticker before you need it.

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 Stickers. 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.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Real Christmas trees are being collected at the DPW Facility in a pile on the right-hand side of the sand bin.

Holiday Hours at Transfer Station

The Transfer Station will be closed Sunday, January 1, 2023 in observance of New Year's Day. It will be open its regular hours 8:00am – 4:00pm on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

Happy New Year! 2022 was a busy year in the Town Clerk's side! For a quick review, we started the year with a great void as Sandy Romano decided to retire Dec 2021. Luckily, Patty Pierce entered the picture in March 2022 and has been doing a great job in learning the ropes. Together Patty and I have processed more than 7,500 registrations, 640 vital record certificates, 565 dog registrations! Speaking of dogs, please remember to register your dog for 2023. We would also like to urge the use of email notifications for the courtesy motor vehicle renewal letters. You may email either Patty at Clerk2@enfield.nh.us or myself whuntley@enfield.nh.us with your email address and we'll make that change in our system. Or give us a call at 603-632-5001.

In looking ahead to the future elections, the 2023 filing period for town offices is January 25th thru February 3rd. If you are new to town, or have never registered to vote in Enfield, we're here to help you thru the process! All that's needed is a driver's license, and passport or birth certificate. If you don't have these forms of identification, there are options. Contact me or Patty for more information.

On the Tax side - The month of January is typically a quieter month for transactions. Fortunately, this gives us the time to do the final reconciliations and close the Tax books for 2022, and work on reports for the State and for the Town's Annual Report. The next billing will be for the 4th quarter water/sewer billings which usually are due sometime in early/mid-February. We do offer paperless billing that emails a bill usually about a week earlier than ones received by USPS due to printing time. The paperless option also will send a reminder if the bill hasn't been paid two weeks prior to the due date and one final email two days prior to the due date. You may check your accounts online, anytime, 24/7 thru the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us. To make your payment securely, online by either credit card or ACH (electronic check), from Enfield's homepage, click on the online payment button and then choose taxes/utilities. This will take you 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 by emailing me at whuntley@enfield.nh.us or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector at tax2@enfield.nh.us or either of us by phone 603-632-4201 x 5404.

As a reminder, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only.

OFFICES HOURS for Town Clerk or Tax Collection Offices
Mon & Wed, Thurs, & Fri. 8:30am to 3:30pm. Tuesdays 11am – 7pm.

Please note: The Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance Martin Luther King Jr. / Civil Rights Day.

Meetings & Events

Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)

All public meetings are being held **in person**. If a **Teams videoconference** meeting option is provided for a meeting, you will find connection details online at www.enfield.nh.us in the specific meeting posting.

As always,

***Electronic or virtual attendance is provided as a courtesy only,
with no guarantee of quality or ability to participate.***

Meeting videos for meetings with a Teams videoconference option are available online!

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) where you can subscribe to our channel.

The meetings below are linked to the Town's website so you can easily access the most up-to-date information for that specific meeting.

- [January 4 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [January 5 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [January 10 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [January 10 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [January 10 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [January 11 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [January 17 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [January 19 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [January 24 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [January 24 @ 7:00 – 7:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Supervisors of the Checklist for Additions & Corrections to the Checklist](#)
- [January 25 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [January 31 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)

- [February 2 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [February 7 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [February 7 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#) – this meeting will be attended by one or more members of the Budget Committee
- [February 8 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee Public Budget Hearing](#) – this meeting will be attended by one or more members of the Select Board
- [February 8 @ 7:00 PM \(Location to be announced\) – Planning Board](#)
- [February 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee Public Budget Hearing Snow Date](#) – this meeting, if held, will be attended by one or more members of the Select Board

Community Events & Announcements

Community Bulletin Board

The events listings here are provided by local organizations as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute an endorsement or an approval by the Town of Enfield of the event, organization, or individual.

Our Community Bulletin Board is an underutilized resource! Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Businesses Calendar of Events which you'll find here:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>.

Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry



Visit the *Food Pantry*

FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS

Cold Weather Operations & Pantry Window Hours:

Tuesdays & Wednesdays in Canaan

MTD Building behind Canaan Hardware
9 On the Common Lane, Canaan, NH

3:00 - 5:30 pm

Residents of the Mascoma Valley towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield,
Grafton & Orange are invited to shop. No income requirements.

Urgent Food Needs: call your town's public safety
non-emergency line for officer on duty

General Inquiries: email info@friendsofmascoma.org
or call 603.632.4542

Food Donations: drop off during pantry hours
or contact us



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