TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER JUNE 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
- 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, 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!



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LATEST NEWS

ENFIELD MASK ORDINANCE - PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - NEW TIME!

The Enfield Board of Selectmen has scheduled a public hearing to discuss the Town's Ordinance Relative to Face Coverings (aka Mask Ordinance) on **Monday, June 7th at 6:00 PM**. This public hearing will take place during the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting via Zoom videoconference. You can find the Zoom meeting information on the Town's website here: https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/events/48341

Until lifted by the Board of Selectmen the existing ordinance remains in full force and effect. You can find a copy of the ordinance on the Town's website at https://www.enfield.nh.us/facemasks/files/ordinance-relative-face-coverings

TOWN OPERATIONS & COVID-19

Following the above announced public hearing relative to the Town's mask ordinance, the Board of Selectmen will discuss Town operations, including, but not limited to, the allowable uses of the Enfield Community, as they relate to COVID-19. Not unlike you, we are looking forward to the days when no appointments will be necessary for Town services, and you will no longer need to use the intercom for access to the Town Offices. Stay tuned for updates on the opening up of the Enfield municipal government offices to the public for in-person transactions.

We continue to encourage residents to take advantage of the convenience of on online transactions for:

- Vehicle registration renewals
- Dog license renewals
- Vital records requests
- Tax Payments
- Water & Sewer Payments
- Betterment Assessment Payments

Just visit https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments

BOSTON POST CANE RECIPIENT VERNA DUNN

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Verna Dunn at the age of 101. Verna was our oldest resident and the proud holder of the Boston Post Cane.

On Sunday afternoons during the summer, the Enfield Historical Society opens its Lockehaven school house to visitors. As she neared 100 years of age, Verna Dunn asked to host one of the events, perhaps because she had attended school there as a young girl. It was the best attended Society event of the season, as her family and relatives gathered to be with her. Verna sat in the old oak teacher's chair behind the matching desk and reminisced about life in one room schools, the teachers, and studies undertaken. In her reserved way she kept the audience spell-bound for more than two hours with first-hand recollections from school past: her life in Enfield and opinions on current events. The in-person account itself was an opportunity, but to cover a period of 100 years is unusual and something for which the Society is grateful.



Verna Dunn continued to work at the Methodist Church thrift shop up until just a few weeks ago – continuing to give to the community. She was a strong woman with a wealth of knowledge that she willingly shared. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

A Brief History of the Boston Post Cane

In the fiercely competitive publishing world of the early 1900s, *The Boston Post* was one of many Boston newspapers fighting for its very survival.

Its owner, editor, and publisher, Edwin Atkins Grozier, a man of unusual business acumen, produced many promotional schemes to increase the circulation of his newspaper. For thirty-two years he successfully captivated his readers with contests. With each contest the newspaper's circulation grew. By the 1920s, *The Boston Post* was recognized as one of the leading morning newspapers of the world.

Probably Grozier's most famous and longest lasting advertising promotion was the give-away of the *Boston Post* canes. If the idea of the "cane" was not readily accepted by some other New England newspapers, it was enthusiastically received by the oldest men of New England.

The Boston Post sent ebony gold-headed canes to each of 700 New England towns with the request that they be presented, with the compliments of the Post, to the oldest citizens of their respective communities.¹

The "Boston Post Cane," passed from hand to hand down the years in compliance with the inscribed directions on the gold head, became a New England salute to its Senior Citizens.²

Recent Enfield holders of the cane include:

Idella Sanders (8/24/1882-12/21/1985)
Walter Morse (9/19/1887-11/2/1987)
B. Wayne Campbell (3/1/1891-6/8/1991)
Bernice Morse (3/31/1891-4/2/1996)
Mazie Barker (6/30/1895-7/31/1998)
Muriel Salman (7/24/1900-11/26/1998)
Ernest A. Popple (1/6/1903-10/13/1999)
Hennrietta A. Hayes (1/31/1904-10/27/1999)
Ann Tarney (8/18/1904-7/19/2008)
Leonard Johnston (4/7/1913-10/14/2011)
Margaret Haskins (9/04/1916-6/25/2016)
Verna Dunn (12/23/1919-5/19/2021)

In the time honored tradition, the Boston Post Cane will be presented to the next oldest living resident of Enfield. In this day and age we don't have the same methods for determining who that might be. We know of one resident who is 100 years old, but there may be others in Town. Please, if you have a friend or family member who may be eligible to accept this honor, please reach out to Marjorie Carr at mcarr@enfield.nh.us or Alisa Bonnette at abonnette@enfield.nh.us or 603-442-5401 as soon as possible.

NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications and complete job descriptions for both positions are available on the Town's website at https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/employment-information

The Town of Enfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider.

Light Equipment Operator

The Town of Enfield, NH, is accepting applications for the full-time position of Light Equipment Operator within the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works. Responsible for the skilled and safe operation of and routine preventative maintenance of assigned light duty trucks, light construction equipment, and hand and power tools used in the construction and maintenance of roads and other public works projects. Starting pay rate will be \$17.00-\$19.50/hour depending on experience. Additional overtime compensation is available with supervisor authorization. The Town of Enfield offers an excellent benefits package.

Seasonal Buildings & Grounds Maintainer

The Town of Enfield, NH, is seeking a full-time seasonal Buildings and Grounds Maintainer (B&G Maintainer). The Seasonal B&G Maintainer position is 40 hours per week and is available immediately. Duties primarily include the mowing, maintenance, and upkeep of town buildings, grounds, parks, and cemeteries. On occasion, duties will involve assisting other public works divisions including highways, water/sewer and solid waste and recycling. Starting pay rate will

¹ The Granite State's Boston Post Canes, A New England Tradition by Barbara Staples, Flemming Press, 725 Lynnfield Street, Lynn, MA 01904-1030

² Boston Post Cane, Concord Daily Monitor, 4/13/65 q.v.

be \$15-\$17.00/hour depending on experience. Qualified candidates interested in part-time work (<35 hours per week) will also be considered.

Deputy Tax Collector

The Town of Enfield, NH, is seeking a part-time Deputy Tax Collector for an average of 20 hours/week. The Deputy Tax Collector is responsible for collection of all taxes including but not limited to property tax bills, water usage bills, sewer usage bills, sewer betterments, current use valuation penalties and yield taxes. Acts as deputy for all Tax Collector duties and is therefore subject to NH Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) Chapter 80. Starting pay rate will be \$16-\$18/hour depending on experience.

Summer Waterfront Jobs - Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

Enfield Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer employment at Shakoma Beach in Enfield. Contact Ed Winters recreation@enfield.nh.us for greater details.

Waterfront Lifeguards

Looking for FT and PT summer lifeguards. Must be 16+ years old. Certified Lifeguard (or willing to become certified before the summer, partial course reimbursement from the town after completing full season)

Swim Instructors

Must be Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certified (or willing to become certified before the summer, partial course reimbursement from the town after completing full season)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello from the Enfield Police Department. Summer is upon us and school will be ending in mid-June. Our department would like to extend congratulations to all our graduating seniors and wish you luck as you move on to your next adventure. The department would also like to congratulate Police Assistant, Carl Pellerin on his retirement as of May 28th. We are very grateful for his 10 years of service to our community and wish him well in his retirement.

We offer a warm welcome to the many new residents who have moved to Enfield. We would like to take a moment to remind everyone that after 60 days of residing in Enfield, your driver's license and vehicle registration is expected to be completed in New Hampshire. If you have any question on how to register your car, please contact our Town Offices at 603-632-5001 or townclerk@enfield.nh.us.

A kind reminder that the upper beach parking on NH Route 4A is for beach goers only and boat trailers are not permitted to park there. The lower beach parking is for vehicles with trailers only. Trailer parking is permitted on Route 4A after the 'no parking' signs – however, all wheels - including trailer wheels, must be on the right side of the white fog line so as not to impede traffic.

Bears continue to be a nuisance in Enfield regarding trash. The Town Ordinance requires that trash receptacles be placed curbside no earlier than the night prior to pick up and must be brought in the same day as trash pickup. If a bear or other animal gets into your trash, it is your responsibility to clean it up. If you are having difficulty with a nuisance bear, please reach out to us and we will help connect you with New Hampshire Fish & Game.

With the warmer weather the department has seen a large increase in seasonal traffic. We have noticed more impaired driving, drugged driving, and distracted driving. The department will be conducting enforcement patrols to combat impaired and distracted driving. Do not drive if you have been consuming alcohol. Put down your phone and get where you are going safely.

If you see something say something. You can reach us at the station at 603-632-7501 or dispatch at 603-643-2222.

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held no hearings in May. Their next hearing is scheduled for June 8th, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This will be for Enfield Land Use Case # Z21-06-01 where Chris Bocash will request a variance to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance (Article IV, Section 401.1) to operate an automobile repair business in the "R1" Residential District (zone) at 89 Shaker Hill Road (Tax Map 34, Lot 99). The subject property is owned by David, Deborah and Christopher Bocash. As has been the case during the global pandemic, this meeting is scheduled to take place via the Zoom Web Meetings Platform. You can find the required Zoom Web Meeting login info, this meeting's agenda as well as the previous meeting's minutes on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment

The Planning Board (PB) held a hearing on May 12th at 7:00 pm via the Zoom web meeting platform. This hearing was to act on an application for Major Site Plan Review (SPR) and Waivers from Vertex Towers, LLC. A presentation for a 197 ft tower in the "Dry Bridge Hill" vicinity, near Morhouse Lane was made. This tower is planned to address a gap in cellular coverage along Rt 4 and Rt 4A. The hearing was a long one, and featured input and questions from the abutters. After all the discussions and questions were addressed, the Planning Board voted to approve the project with several conditions. Construction of the tower should happen later this year.

At the May 12th meeting, the Planning Board also approved a Voluntary Lot Merger (VLM) on Mountain View Drive. Jason and Dawn Archambeault applied for approval to merge their two lots into one. The PB voted unanimously to accept this action.

Another hearing was held on May 26th for a Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) for Steve and Jean Patten on Livingstone Lodge Road (Enfield Land Use Case # P21-05-01). A BLA is different from a subdivision in that no new lots are created, rather the line between two lots is moved to add land to one lot while taking the same land away from the other.

On June 9th, 2021 the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) will hold a joint meeting to discuss common land use issues. The respective board chairs felt this was a good idea that has been discussed for a long time in Enfield. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions. 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

The Town's Master Planning Task Force continues to meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. At the most recent Task Force meeting, the idea of a new "Scope of Work" was discussed for a professional Master Planning firm. Town Meeting approved a \$35,000 funding request to hire profession Master Planning Contractor, to assist with the creation of a new Master Plan. The Task Force will be defining the role that any outside company will play in the

process. There was also a presentation at the meeting by the Task Force sub-committee on Housing. This is an area that will need some serious attention in the updated Master Plan, as the Real Estate market has experience significant changes including; escalating prices and very low inventories, particularly in the "affordable/ entry level" class of properties. All Task Force meetings are open to the public and minutes and agendas are made available on the Town's dedicated Master Planning website: http://www.enfield-leaps.org



If you have an idea for your property, be it a subdivision, VLM, BLA or a concept for a new business and/ or land use, please reach out to the Town's Land Use and Community Development Administrator, Rob Taylor, Monday to Friday at 603-442-5427 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us. You may also schedule an in person discussion at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. Due to COVID19, we are continuing to observe pandemic protocols such as wearing face masks and staying socially distanced. Stay safe everyone and happy spring!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Curbside Rubbish & Recycling Collection

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, everyone's curbside rubbish and recycling collection will be <u>delayed one day</u>.

We have Collection Schedule refrigerator magnets available at the Town Offices! We keep some outside on the side of the drop box by the entrance and more inside for those who are doing inperson transactions with the Town Clerk. Help yourself – one per household please.



Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will be open during the business hours of the Transfer Station on Wednesday and Saturday. Due to COVID-19 concerns deliveries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday will be by appointment. Please call the DPW at 632-4605 to make arrangements for delivery. The facility is closed on Sundays. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps or dimensional lumber. Residents wishing to use the facility must have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility does not take commercial volumes.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will continue in early June. 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 NH Route 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.

Meter Reading

The Town of Enfield Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters beginning June 22. Please clear obstacles and trim vegetation in front of the touch pads mounted on the side of building. Bills will be out the first week of July and will be due August 10, 2020.

Road Grading

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

Paving

The Town of Enfield will be paving on several streets and street sections this summer including: Bud-Mil Rd., Warren Rd., Shaker Blvd., Livingstone Lodge Rd., Sloan Rd., and Algonquin Rd. Most of these streets will be receiving a 1.25" overlay. We are trying schedule this work in June or July.

Water Conservation

Weather conditions continue to be drier than normal. Please do your part and practice voluntary water conservation! Read about some of the benefits of water conservation at https://www.thebalancesmb.com/conservation-efforts-why-should-we-save-water-3157877 and try some of the water conservation tips on the Town's website at https://www.enfield.nh.us/water-sewer/files/water-saving-tips-conservation-efficiency-information. If you're on the municipal water system these tips can also save you money!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The second Household Hazardous Waste collection day of the 2021 season is Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Newport Highway Garage.

For more information about household hazardous waste and educational information visit the <u>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission's Household Hazardous Waste</u> website.

Household Hazardous Waste

2021 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 1—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 5 — Newport Highway Garage, 449 S Main Street (Rt 10S)

Fri, July 16 — Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 7—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11

Sat, October 2—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

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. Other residents and businesses welcome for a fee. ANYONE with 25 gallons or more must pre-register by calling number below. Any Business 2-week pre-registration.

WHAT TO BRING:

Pesticides, Herbicides, Flea/Tick
Antifreeze, Dirty Gas & Kerosene
Adhesives & Driveway Sealer
Mercury Thermostats & Thermometers
Household Cleaners & Polishes
Hobby & Pool Chemicals,
Lead Fishing Tackle, Smoke Detectors
Oil-Based Paint (not Latex!)
Solvents, Varnishes, Stains
Button, Ni-Cad, Lithium, and
Rechargeable Batteries

...And much more...give a call or visit http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org



For information contact the

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



Aerosol cans, empty: Recycle with scrap metal. Talk to your town. (Bring cans with product in them to collection.)

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

Asbestos: Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health—don't remove it yourself!

Batteries, alkaline: 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 to avoid fire in your trash!

Batteries, automotive: Take to parts store for cash or your transfer station Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRA takes from towns). Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; 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.

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—can become a projectile if compacted in trash. Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps.

Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds.

Propane or helium tanks: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks.

Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Greetings all!

What's a sure sign of the unofficial start of summer? First issue tax bills for the 2021 tax year are out! These bills are due July 1, 2021. If you don't want to lose a moment of being out in the sunshine, you may make your payment online at www.enfield.nh.us. The betterment assessment billings, water and sewer billings, gravel, timber and land use change taxes may also be paid online. Speaking of these other billings, due to the timing of the printing of the tax bills, you may see an amount in *Overdue* that would relate to one of these other billings. You may have paid these amounts since, and may be disregarded. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Please feel free to contact me to verify any amounts if you are uncertain.

We also do offer paperless billing! Payments made by electronic check online have an additional flat fee of 95 cents. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. To make a payment online, from the home page, click on the online payments button and this will transfer to a new screen of options. Click on Tax Collector online payments and just follow the instructions from there. (Hint: when searching, use as few words as possible, such as house number and road name. Refrain from using St, Rd, Ave, Lane, etc.) Or just enter your last name and a list of possible answers will show on the right of the screen. If you need to be walked thru this process, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is whuntley@enfield.nh.us or to reach me by phone call 603-632-4201 x 5404. Currently we are still only accepting payments by mail, online or placed in the night drop. As a reminder, when we do reopen the lobby, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. I hope everyone enjoys the summer, stay healthy and stay safe!

BUILDING, HEALTH & FIRE INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS

For those in Town who are wondering how much longer lumber prices and correlated construction costs will remain at their current high levels, the answer is from one to four years according to representatives from *Random Lengths*, a wood products industry market publication. Many residents and certainly all contractors are aware of the higher cost of wood products these days, and the cost increase adds up to a lot across the board. An average single family American home requires about 16,000 board feet of lumber to build, and the wholesale price of lumber per thousand board feet has more than doubled from its previous peak of May, 2018. This is noteworthy because prior to that peak it had not varied in peak price by more than a few tens of dollars for over twenty years. Structural panels such as plywood and OSB are similarly at historical market heights. The Building Inspector recently attended a webinar during which the economic causes were reviewed, and residents might be interested in the facts presented. As most would assume, the higher price of wood building products is directly related to the pandemic due to both supply and demand pressures.

Supply was impacted in part by the total increase in pandemic related demand for wood-based products such as bathroom tissue, product packaging including cardboard boxes used to ship items purchased online, food packaging such as take out containers, and of course disposable face masks. Wood building product supply was purposefully diminished at the start of the pandemic because American sawmill and panel plant managers anticipated a drop off in demand following the March 13, 2020 declaration of a national state of emergency by the president and decreased production in response. Lumber executives did not anticipate that

accumulated consumer dollars which might ordinarily have been spent at locked down non-essential businesses such as restaurants and vacation destinations, along with the additional trillions in direct government aid to the general public, would be quickly repurposed to home improvement projects and new home construction. The key development occurred when the wood products industry was deemed an essential industry, and construction was permitted to proceed amid the Covid restrictions. The buying boom at home centers and lumber yards began soon after the lockdown requirements took effect. At the same time purchases surged, lumber production and distribution systems were encumbered by lockdown restrictions. The inability of the sawmills to hire enough workers was reported to be a problem prior to Covid, and that difficulty was exacerbated by the virus. The lumber industry at the start of the pandemic had not yet regained the production output of the previous boom in 2006, and it neither predicted nor prepared inventory for the unexpected economic response by consumers.

Consumer demand was influenced by multiple factors including low mortgage rates, a younger generation reaching their prime home buying years, an influx of pets and family members into existing homes, and a historical lag in new single family housing construction that has persisted since the previous housing boom ended in 2008. According to the National Association of Realtors, 41% of new home purchases last year were influenced by the pandemic, and they expect the impact of employee migration within the United States to influence the construction industry and housing markets for up to five more years as the shift to remote working becomes permanent for some workers and the allure of larger homes in the suburbs and beyond becomes more feasible to them. The percentage of employees working from home increased from about 5 percent to more than 35 percent in the past year, and it is estimated that if only ten percent of those remote workers decide to build a 225 square foot home office to accommodate their new lifestyle that it will equal the total square footage of new single family home construction from just a couple years ago. Naturally some projects will be postponed due to rising costs, and the current level of demand will be prolonged once they resume.

Internationally it is reported that Europe is experiencing a similar construction boom related to pandemic supply and demand pressures. The USA-Canada softwood lumber tariffs that imposed 20.23% duties on Canadian imports since 2017 are still in effect although they have been reduced to roughly 9% as of December 2020, and Canadian appeals continue to work their way through international courts. Brazilian plywood imports are down 20%, partly due to Covid impacts on production and partly due to lawsuits filed by domestic plywood manufacturers against Brazilian producers. Chinese moulding and millwork companies remain the largest export market for US softwood suppliers. Finally, worldwide e-commerce is continuing to boom and the demand for packaging products is expected to grow stronger than ever.

What is the solution to rising lumber prices? Economists say markets always ultimately reset after booms. That is what has happened in the past. In the meantime, the next time your spouse wants to be taken someplace expensive to celebrate an important occasion try taking them on a trip to the nearest home center or lumber yard. See where that gets you. Might need to build a new doghouse sooner than you expect.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The Trustees to continue with project planning work and working on updates to the rules and regulations as needed. Please feel free to reach out to Bridget Labrie with any questions. Meeting dates and minutes can be found on the Cemetery Trustees page on the Enfield Town website.

Please keep all decorations or potted plants need to be in line with the headstones to allow maintenance operations to take place. For additional information about cemetery rules, regulations, or costs please visit- https://www.enfield.nh.us/boardcemetery-trustees

Please contact the Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie at 802-332-5363 (cell) or email cemetery@enfield.nh.us to schedule a burial or to purchase a lot.

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

Reservations for Use of Town Parks & Fields

Just a bit of clarification for those interested in use of the Town's parks and fields for events:

- The Enfield Community Building is reserved with the Town Manager's Office (abonnette@enfield.nh.us), but
- **Town parks and fields** are reserved with Enfield Recreation Director, Ed Winters (recreation@enfield.nh.us).

Enfield Summer Camp

Time is running out – register today!

Six weeks fun-filled weeks! June 28 – August 6 Grades entering K-6th (fall 21) Max of 48 campers \$135/week for Enfield residents; \$145/week for non-residents

Register online at https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home

Line Dancina

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.

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.

Please note the revised schedule – **Wednesdays Only!**

- June 2
- June 9
- June 30
- July 7
- July 14
- July 28

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Come by the Enfield Market at Huse Park from 10-1 on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month (May 8th- October 9th). Our vendor list is still growing, including prepared food options! Follow the Enfield Market on Facebook. (FYI- NO Market on 6/26). We are looking for live music as well! Please email mvalleyrec@gmail.com for more information.

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

Youth Programs 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: https://challenger.configio.com/pd/223346/mascoma-valley-parks-recreation

Paul Hogan Basketball Camp- www.hogancamps.com July 12-15th - Session I 8AM-10 AM (Grades 1-4), Session II 10AM-12PM (Grades 5-8).

Volleyball Skills Clinic- Register <u>here!</u> For students entering 6^{th} - 9^{th} grade. July 19^{th} - 23^{rd} from 3PM-6PM

Theatre Camp- Register <u>here!</u> Children's Stage Adventures returns to help our children put on The Fisherman and His Wife. July 19th - 23rd from 9AM-4PM and July 24th from 12:30-3. Looking for actors, stage assistants and camp counselors!

Adult & Family Opportunities:

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball- Shaker Recreation Field- more information to come, keep an eye out on the <u>calendar</u> or email Bridget for more information.

Adult Co-Ed Softball League (Rubberball League)- for more information email canaancoedsoftball@gmail.com or check out their Facebook page

Disc Golf- We are working to add a disc golf course to our community. Come be part of the discussions and see how you could potentially help. Check out the <u>Mascoma Disc Golf</u> Facebook page or contact Bridget for more info.

Beginner Yoga- The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. For further information please contact Sonya at sonyaga2007@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.

Quilting Class- Melissa Allen of Graham Hill Studios is teaching a class on June 19th at Haphazard Quilting and wanted to let you all know! Here are the <u>details</u>. They will adhere to health recommendations at the time of class. Space is limited - sign up early to reserve your spot!

Check out Trail Finder! 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/

UNH Extension is offering many workshops. Visit: www.naturegroupie.org for more information.

Don't forget to check out other opportunities and programs Upper Valley Trail Alliance offers for all ages at https://www.uvtrails.org

For any questions about Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation please contact Bridget at mvalleyrec@gmail.com.

Follow MVPR on Facebook & Instagram!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you want to volunteer to serve on a Board or Committee? Our Application for Committee Membership can be found here:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/files/appointment-application.

Send your completed application to <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u>, leave it in the drop box outside the Town Office door, or mail it to Town Manager's Office, PO Box 373, Enfield NH 03748.

Do you enjoy financial planning and fiscal responsibility? The **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee** has a vacancy on its seven-member committee. This committee meets for a short period in the early fall to review the CIP Plan, proposed expenditures from the CIP Capital Reserve Fund in the coming year, and plans for the future capital needs of the Town. This is an advisory committee, providing its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. There are two openings on this five-member committee. The majority of members must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District, the minority of members can live anywhere in town. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the TIF District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis.

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.

The Committee is currently planning events for a 2021 celebration!

Regrettably the 2020 celebrations were canceled due to COVID-19, but 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/

Are you interested in protecting our natural resources? Perhaps you'd like to serve on the **Conservation Commission!** The Commission currently has one vacancy.

The **Energy Committee** also has one vacancy! The Energy Committee's charge is to identify energy saving opportunities for the Town and residents of Enfield. Check out the latest project spearheaded by the Energy Committee in our <u>May 2021 Newsletter</u>!

"KNOW YOUR TOWN"

"Know your Town" is 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.

Caleb Dyer Lane

The greatest influence of the Shakers on the town of Enfield as we know it today was through the vision and hard work of a single man: Caleb Dyer.

A New Hampshire native, Dyer was the eldest of five children in a family that joined the Shaker community in 1813, when he was thirteen. Dyer's mother was unsatisfied with Shaker life and left after two years; her children stayed behind. Caleb became an Assistant Deacon when he was twenty-one and began his long career interacting with "people of the world" as non-Shakers were called.

It was Dyer who made a deal, including the gift of land on the north side of Lake Mascoma and funds to buy a locomotive, to reroute the planned railroad. He convinced the railroad directors in Concord to lay tracks through north Enfield rather than along the 4A corridor, preserving the Shakers' farms and tranquility.

This changed the balance of economic activity in the Enfield township, which the Shakers made the most of. Dyer's work on behalf of the Shakers would coincide with both Enfield and the Shaker community's greatest prosperity and population. Dyer was responsible for building farm and manufacturing buildings renowned in New England for their modernity. A cow barn he built was heated and silage was warmed, which increased milk production by twenty percent.

Dyer oversaw the transformation of the downtown area—then known as North Enfield—and took a personal interest in the various industries located along the Mascoma, which included a grist mill, tannery, blacksmith and a woolen mill supplied by Merino sheep the Shakers raised. All this activity called for a better connection between the Shaker community on the western side of Lake Mascoma. It was Dyer who led the building of the Shaker Bridge.

The prosperity that Dyer brought to the downtown inspired a movement to change its name to Dyersville, an accolade that was not accepted by either Dyer or the Shaker ministry. Thus, the shock must have been incalculable when a drunken man murdered Dyer in 1863. The man had

come to visit his daughters and, unable to find them, shot Dyer who happened to enter the office where the man was waiting. Despite the care of local doctors, Dyer died 13 days later.

Dyer's head for business, his personality and skill were so integral to the Shakers and the town of Enfield, that neither recovered completely from his death.

Soon after, non-Shaker businesses that Dyer had worked with took advantage of the gap left by his absence. A series of shady transactions using doctored books drained the Shakers' funds in fraud and legal expenses.

Other factors contributed to the Shakers' decline, including improving conditions in New England, which made communal life less attractive, the transformation from an agricultural to an industrial economy and the failure to attract new and younger members. The decline of the Shakers after Dyer's death in 1863 ended when the last of the families was disbanded in 1923. Buildings were sold and moved and the furniture in them was sold, furnishing many homes in Enfield.

Shaker lands were put on the market. They attracted the interest of a New York sporting club and a resort. The Shakers preferred selling to the La Salette missionary order (for much less) because they preferred a religious use. After 70 years as a seminary and site for retreats, La Salette sold most of the acreage to a developer in 1985. Caleb Dyer Lane was the name given to one of the new streets in the newly subdivided land.

TOWN MEETING RESULTS

2021 Town Meeting Results

March 9, 2021 * Voting by Official Ballot

Article 1. To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

For 2 Years: One Moderator – Lindsay Smith (525)

One Budget Committee Member – Dimitri Deserranno (480)

For 3 Years: One Selectman – Katherine "Kate" Plumley-Stewart (362)

One Trustee of Trust Funds – Marjorie A. Chase (517) One Cemetery Trustee – Neal P. Meagher (496)

One Library Trustee – Near F. Meagner (490 One Library Trustee – Shirley A. Green (370)

Three Budget Committee Members – Jean Patten (452, Erik Russell (382), Mike Diehn (Write In) (123)

Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members – Brian Degnan (301),

Celie Aufiero (261)

Article 2: (By Petition) Do you favor the continuation of the town manager plan as now in force in this town?

458 YES -- 139 NO Article 2 PASSED

Article 3: (By Petition) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment of the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Reword the responsibilities of the Conservation Commission by amending ARTICLE VI – CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT, Section 600 CONSERVATION COMMISSION...

284 YES -- 300 NO Article 3 FAILED

May 1, 2021 * Business Meeting

Cold, damp and wind ushered in our May 1, 2021 Town Meeting / Business Meeting. Turnout was low. Was it due to the weather and the outdoor venue? No doubt that accounted for some. We hope that in 2022 we can return to our regular schedule and indoor venue. We encourage attendance and participation – it's the voters in our community who decide how we'll move forward.

Many, many thanks to the members of our volunteer boards and committees who prepared for the meeting and the volunteers who worked at the meeting on that chilly May morning.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$570,000** to replace Fire Department Engine 4, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$570,000 of bonds or notes...

65 YES -- 15 NO Article 4 PASSED by paper ballot vote

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$195,000** to replace one Public Works 10-wheel dump truck with plow package, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$195,000 of bonds or notes...

65 YES -- 11 NO Article 5 PASSED by paper ballot vote

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,793 for Public Works Facility improvements, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$129,584 of bonds or notes... The balance of the Municipal Facilities, Maintenance & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (\$4,209.24, plus accumulated interest), which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used to reduce the amount of borrowing.

72 YES -- 6 NO Article 6 PASSED by paper ballot vote

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,900,000** to make improvements to the municipal water system... to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,800,000 of bonds or notes... and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance of the Municipal Water Fund to reduce the amount borrowed.

61 YES -- 12 NO Article 7 PASSED by paper ballot vote

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,900,000** to make improvements to the municipal sewer system... to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$1,900,000** of bonds or notes...

67 YES -- 9 NO Article 8 PASSED by paper ballot vote

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$47,000** to replace one police cruiser, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$47,000 of bonds or notes...

64 YES -- 12 NO Article 9 PASSED by paper ballot vote

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to purchase a Fire Department 'Car 1', to authorize the issuance of not more than \$50,000 of bonds or notes...

23 YES -- 51 NO Article 10 FAILED by paper ballot vote

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to purchase a Public Works F-350 pickup truck, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$50,000 of bonds or notes...

44 YES -- 20 NO Article 11 PASSED by paper ballot vote

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$7,149,460 for general municipal operations.

62 YES -- 5 NO Article 12 PASSED by hand vote

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$519,568** to be placed in the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund; \$474,568 to come from general taxation and \$45,000 to come from the unassigned general fund balance.

56 YES -- 6 NO Article 13 PASSED by hand vote

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the Employee and Retiree Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned general fund balance.

51 YES -- 0 NO Article 14 PASSED by hand vote

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for community master planning with said funds to come from unassigned general fund balance.

Article 15 PASSED by voice vote

Article 16: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Votes taken under Article 16 would be advisory only. No votes were made.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

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, 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.) www.enfield.nh.us, find the Zoom and it will open a video window. (You may need to download the Zoom app, but it won't take long.) www.enfield.nh.us, find the 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)

There were changes in COVID-19 guidelines issued by the CDC and the statewide mask mandate was lifted in May. The Enfield Board of Selectmen will be discussing the Town's mask ordinance and Town operations on June 7 – after the issuance of this newsletter. (See meeting link below.)

Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 authorized public bodies to conduct virtual meetings. This authority has been continued as the governor has renewed the state of emergency every three weeks. As the state continues to reopen, the state of emergency may end soon, and with it the authority to meet without a physical location. The governor's most recent order has extended the state of emergency until June 11, and it is uncertain whether it will be extended again. If it is not, the authority to hold entirely virtual meetings will expire on June 11.

While there is pending legislation that would allow for virtual meetings by statute, even if passed, it will likely not be in effect until later this year. (Source: NH Municipal Association)

Meeting locations in June are subject to change. Please be assured that specifics about meeting locations, including joining the meeting via Zoom, if applicable, will be posted on the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us.

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

- June 1 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- June 2 @ 5:30 PM (via Zoom) Old Home Days Committee
- <u>June 3 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Conservation Commission</u>
- June 7 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- June 8 @ 5:00 PM (Enfield Community Building) Board of Selectmen
- June 8 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- June 9 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Planning Board
- June 10 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Cemetery Trustees
- June 14 @ 5:00 PM (location to be determined) Library Trustees
- June 14 @ 6:00 PM (location to be determined) Master Planning Task Force
- June 16 @ 6:00 PM (location to be determined) Recreation Commission
- June 21 @ 6:00 PM (location to be determined) Board of Selectmen
- <u>June 22 @ 6:00 PM (location to be determined) Energy Committee</u>
- June 23 @ 7:00 PM (location to be determined) Planning Board
- June 24 @ 4:30 PM (location to be determined) Heritage Commission
- June 28 @ 6:00 PM (location to be determined) Master Planning Task Force
- July 1 @ 7:00 PM (location to be determined) Conservation Commission
- July 6 @ 3:30 PM (location to be determined) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- July 7 @ 5:30 PM (location to be determined) Old Home Days Committee
- July 8 @ 6:00 PM (location to be determined) Cemetery Trustees
- July 12 @ 5:00 PM (location to be determined) Library Trustees
- July 12 @ 6:00 PM (location to be determined) Master Planning Task Force
- July 13 @ 7:00 PM (location to be determined) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- July 14 @ 5:30 PM (location to be determined) Old Home Days Committee
- July 14 @ 7:00 PM (location to be determined) Planning Board

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on our website on the Community & Business main page: https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses. Previous posts on the Community Bulletin Board that were informational in nature, but not events, can be found under the appropriate

department page. For instance, Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry information can be found on the Human Services page under Food Assistance.

Do you have a Community Event to share? Send all of the particulars, and a digital photo or poster to abonnette@enfield.nh.us and we'll post it for you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry

Please note: Friends of Mascoma will not be operating a public pantry the week of May 31 – June 4. We will be back at it on June 8th in Enfield and June 9th in Canaan, both from 4pm-6pm.

If You Could Change One Thing to Make Your Community Healthier... What Would it Be?

We need your feedback! Take this 10 minute survey and tell your local hospitals and community organizations what would make your community a healthier place to live, work and play. It is important that they hear from lots of different voices. After you fill out the survey, you will have the chance to enter a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

Click here to take the survey today.

This survey is conducted in partnership with Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, New London Hospital, Valley Regional Hospital, Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice and Visiting Nurse and Hospice of NH and VT.

We look forward to your responses, Alice R. Ely, MPH Executive Director Public Health Council of the Upper Valley One Court Street, #378 Lebanon, NH 03766 (603) 523-7100 www.uvpublichealth.org

Enfield Family Fair

June 24 – 27 Huse Park 308 US Route 4

More information will be provided when available. Watch for posters around town and on the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us.



Recycle Beyond the Bag

This is a local Girl Scouts initiative of collecting plastics to be recycled. Below you'll find both instructions and what types of plastics are being collected. Their goal is to collect 500 lbs of plastic in 6 months so they can donate a bench to Huse Park. There's a convenient drop off bin right in front of the Ostin's Kiddos house, conveniently located across from the Enfield Elementary School, as well as at the entrance to the Town Offices.

A short video on what you can recycle under this program: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDNFXtMu6Mo



RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES

You can find prior issues of the Town E-Newsletter online at https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/town-newsletter

ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING

As of May 2021, the Enfield Community Building continues to be unavailable for private rentals and will remain so until further notice. Use is limited to local groups and Town sponsored activities only. We are not taking reservations for private events at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as deemed appropriate.

Update – the use of the Enfield Community Building will be discussed at the <u>Selectboard meeting on June 7^{th} </u>.

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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!

Find us at www.enfield.nh.us and Facebook!



