

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

Municipal officials and staff in the Town of Enfield are dedicated to promoting a high-functioning and close-knit community that appeals to all our residents and visitors. To this end, we are committed to providing accurate information and quality services to members of our community at all times. In the interest of helping to keep residents informed of important “goings on” in town, we 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 Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us, if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

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TOWN MEETING – NEW UPDATES

March 10th voting by ballot for election of officers and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in the Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The candidates listed below are running for office in 2020:

- **One Selectman for 3 years:**
John W. Kluge
- **One Treasurer for 3 years:**
Sasha Holland
- **One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years**
- **One Cemetery Trustee for 1 year:**
Neal P. Meagher
- **One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years**
- **One Library Trustee for 3 years:**
Francine R. Lozeau
Susan E. Brown
- **Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years:**
Dimitri Deserranno
Phil Shipman
Nancy L. Smith
Dominic C. Albanese
Brian Degnan
- **One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for 2 years:**
Madeleine Johnson
- **One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for 3 years:**
Susan E. Brown
- **One Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:**
Nancy A. White

March 14th is the second session of Town Meeting (business meeting) at which the remaining warrant articles will be discussed and acted upon. Enfield Village School, 271 US Route 4, beginning at 9:00 AM.

Detailed information on the annual Town Meeting warrant (including warrant article explanations) is available on the Town’s official website:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/pages/annual-town-meeting>

This information includes the following:

- 2020 Town Meeting Notice
- 2020 Town Meeting Warrant
- 2020 Town Warrant Narrative (Article-by-Article Explanations)
- 2020 Proposed Budget (MS-737)
- 2020 Candidates for Elected Office
- 2020 Town Meeting Sample Ballot – Town
- 2020 Town Meeting Sample Ballot - School
- Water Asset Management Report
- Sewer Asset Management Report

Additional materials will be added as appropriate.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019 Annual Report is available on the Town's website here:
<https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/pages/annual-reports>.

You can open up the full report or smaller sections if your download speeds are limited.

A limited number of printed 2019 Annual Reports are now available for pick up at the Town Offices. As in 2019, the Annual Report will not be mailed out. The reasons are two-fold: 1) significant savings in printing and postage costs – approximately \$8,000 in savings; and 2) less waste – a large number of mailed reports were simply tossed without being read, as evidenced by the Post Office recycle bins.

INVITING LETTERS OF INTEREST – CONSTRUCTION OF PARK PAVILION

The Town of Enfield seeks professional services for the design and construction of a pavilion, and associated site work, at the Mascoma Lakeside Park. Project work is being funded entirely by a federal grant and private donations.

A detailed copy of this announcement can be found on the Town's website at:
<https://www.enfield.nh.us/new-enfield-projects/pages/requests-proposals-rfps>

Letters of interest will be received at the Enfield Town Offices, 23 Main Street, Enfield NH 03748, until 12:00 PM, March 6, 2020. Letters can also be submitted via email to: raylesworth@enfield.nh.us

Questions about the project should be directed to the Office of the Town Manager, at 603-632-5026

CONTRACTOR BIDDING OPPORTUNITY - ENFIELD CENTER TOWN HOUSE STABILIZATION & STRUCTURAL REPAIRS

The Town of Enfield is seeking a qualified and experienced contractor(s) to stabilize and perform structural repairs to the historic Enfield Center Town House, which is located in the village of Enfield Center on NH Route 4A. This project is being funded by multiple state grants.

The Enfield Center Town House has suffered from moisture and improper drainage in the basement area of the building. As a result of flooding from the nearby Knox Brook during Hurricane Irene, several supporting posts under the building were knocked over and no longer support some of the floor joists. The solicited work on the building is the first phase of what is hoped to be a complete restoration of the building to bring it up to 21st Century standards and once again put the building back in public use. The Town of Enfield invites proposals for performing repairs to the foundation to provide much needed structural stability.

A complete/detailed copy of this RFP, including relevant pictures of the building and surrounding property, has been posted on the Town's official website:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/new-enfield-projects/pages/requests-proposals-rfps>

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) last met on February 24 and will be meeting again on March 9.

During its February 24 meeting, Bread Loaf's architect provided the MFAC with a summary of recent meetings he had taken part in with key stakeholders (i.e., Library Trustees and personnel, public safety officials, town administration, etc.). The substance of these meetings was then used to update conceptual designs for both a renovated/expanded Whitney Hall and a potential new public safety facility. Additionally, the characteristics of a particular site of interest for the public safety facility were also explored in some detail.

Additionally, the MFAC discussed next steps for preparing for the upcoming Town Meeting (where the MFAC will provide voters a brief update on the status of the project) and the finalization of recommendations that will be developed and presented to the Board of Selectmen later in the spring. The Board of

Selectmen will then reach its own determination on what it wishes to present to residents for action at the March 2021 Town Meeting. A number of public forums will then be arranged to share information and solicit feedback from residents.

As a reminder, MFAC meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are posted online (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/municipal-facilities-advisory-committee>).

POSITION VACANCY – POLICE PATROL OFFICER (FULL-TIME)

With the departure of Officer Scholand (he recently accepted a position with the NH State Police) the Enfield Police Department is now looking to fill a full-time patrol officer vacancy. If you are interested in working for a Police Department in a growing town that is dedicated to the improvement of life and safety of our residents, please take a moment to read further.

The Enfield Police Department believes in utilizing contemporary and progressive policing practices and is dedicated in the effort toward community engagement and interaction. We provide and utilize modern equipment, which is constantly being upgraded and improved, so that we can provide a first-rate service to our community.

Full-time Patrol Officers earn a starting wage of \$24.52/hour for uncertified hires, and starting rate of pay is negotiable for certified applicants based on experience. Additional compensation for overtime and special details is also frequently authorized. Enfield Officers are members of the New Hampshire State Retirement System, which permits retirement at age 50 or 25 years of service, whichever is later, for newly certified officers. The town provides an exceptional benefits package.

Officers in our department are eligible for a number of specialty assignments based upon performance and experience. These assignments include, Special Operations Unit, Field Training Officer Program, Accident Reconstruction, Firearms and Use of Force Instructors, Rape Aggression Defense Program (R.A.D.), Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.) to name a few. Additionally, officers may work toward assignments in our Detective Division.

As part of the hiring process applicants will be required to pass a thorough hiring process to include, but not limited to a background investigation, polygraph, and physical agility test.

Physical Agility Standards:

<https://www.pstc.nh.gov/faq/index.htm#fitnesstest>

Please submit resume, cover letter, and completed application either by mail to PO Box 365, Enfield, NH 03748 or drop it off at the station at 19 Main Street. Position will be open until filled.

For more information Contact Chief Roy Holland, at (603) 632-7501 or by email at Rholland@enfield.nh.us

FIREFIIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

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



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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meter Reading

The Enfield Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters beginning March 23 for first quarter 2020 billing. Please have touch pad locations shoveled out and sanded for access.

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield has posted roads effective March 2, 2020. The State of New Hampshire will be posting Shaker Hill Road and Main Street. Limited permission for access will be available on a case by case basis with factors such as weather, truck size, time of day, etc., being taken into consideration.

Please contact the DPW Director at 603-632-4605 or jtaylor@enfield.nh.us with any questions. Those wishing to access Main Street or Shaker Hill Road should call the NH DOT District 2 office at 603-448-2654.

Fire Hydrants Clearing

The Town of Enfield would like to thank the people who have taken it upon themselves to shovel and clear out snow from the fire hydrants at or near their properties.

Driveway Snow Placement

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

Driveway Sand

Driveway sand is available at the DPW facility (74 Lockehaven Road) 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 window sticker. Driveway sand is not intended for commercial applicators and cannot be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed are **NOT** available to the public and are for DPW use only.

Winter Parking Ban

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

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

2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available

The 2020 Transfer Station window 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. 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.

Enfield transfer station stickers also permit you to use the town beach parking

lot on Mascoma Lake and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

Enfield Transfer Station Punch Cards

In an effort to make the Transfer Station more efficient and also respond to deficiencies noted by the New Hampshire Department of Labor the Town of Enfield has implemented a punch card system that will take the place of all transactions by cash or check. Residents can purchase punch cards at the Town Office to be used to pay fees at the Transfer Station. Cards have a face value of \$25.00 and attendants have a hole punch tool that is used to punch the cards for the corresponding amount of the item being disposed of. Each card is broken up into five \$5.00 sections and all of the fee items listed below are also in \$5.00 increments. The Transfer Station attendants accepted cash through the month of October, but this practice was discontinued in November. Checks will continue to be accepted for a period of time to give residents time to get to the Town Office to purchase the punch cards.

**ENFIELD TRANSFER STATION
FEE SCHEDULE
(Effective June 3, 2019)**

CFC's (refrigerators, freezers, etc)	\$20	Tires—14" and under, off rim (includes car, lawn tractor, light trailer and wheel barrow tires)	Two for \$5
Computer Component	\$10	Tires—Car/Light Truck, 15"-19", off rim	\$5
Computer Monitor, CPU, Printer	\$20	Tires—Truck, 20" and up, off rim	\$10
Fire Extinguisher	\$10	Tires—Tractor/Equipment, off rim	\$30
Microwave	\$10	Television—Small	\$10
Propane Tank 20#	\$10	Television—Medium	\$15
Stereo Equipment/VCR/DVD Players	\$5	Television—Large or Console	\$25

Toters

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

Recycling Fees

The Town of Enfield charges fees for items that the Town gets charged for to dispose of including CFC units, tires, TVs, computers, tires, electronics, fire extinguishers, propane tanks and microwave ovens. Lately a number of people

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

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

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

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

Please do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process)!

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will reopen on May 1, 2019 and will be open during the business hours of the DPW or Transfer Station Monday through Saturday. 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. Construction and demolition (C&D) materials can be disposed at the Lebanon Landfill. Hammonds Grinding and Recycling accepts stumps. Residents wishing to use the facility must stop at the DPW office or the Transfer Station to have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates Announced

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission has announced the 2020 household hazardous waste collection dates:

- Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Lebanon High School
- Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Claremont Highway Garage
- Friday, July 17, 2020 at Lebanon High School

- Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Lebanon High School
- Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Newbury Highway Garage
- Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Lebanon High School

All collections run from 9:00am-12:00pm. Please see flyer for information regarding items that can be disposed of at these collections.

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

Household Hazardous Waste 2020 COLLECTION DAYS

**NEW Friday
and Saturday
Combo Dates**

WHEN

All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

- Sat, May 2—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)
- Sat, June 6 —Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street
- Fri, July 17 and Sat, July 18— miss Friday, come Saturday!—
Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)
- Sat, August 8—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road
(tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd)
- Sat, October 3—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. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more or any business must pre-register by calling number below.

WHAT TO BRING:

Pesticides, Herbicides, Flea Powder
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>



Alkaline batteries: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal.

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

Automotive batteries: Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station

Empty aerosol cans: Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town.

Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot 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.

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

Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling."

Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector—can become a projectile if compacted in trash. *Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps.*

Propane or helium tanks and fire extinguishers: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Empty fire extinguishers can be recycled (NRRRA takes from towns).

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



For
information
contact the

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The end of winter will come (I promise), and with that the animals will be after your trash again. This is the time of year that can make the difference between dealing with a bear or other animals in your trash all summer or not. Please take in bird feeders and secure trash, please follow the town ordinance on trash placements and follow the 24-hour rule. If you have any questions, these and many other town ordinances can be found at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/pages/ordinances-policies-regulations>.

The Department has also noticed more and more residence's with missing 911 house numbers. The numbers need to be displayed on the front of the residence and mailbox to assist first responders in locating your residence quicker in an emergency.

The Department will be hosting Coffee with a Cop again in March so please watch the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNHPolice/>) and website for times and locations.

As the days get warmer and the night's stay cold, there is a increased chance of black ice on the roadways during your morning commute, please be aware of this and drive for the conditions.

The deadline for dog registrations will be here before you know it! Don't forget to stop into the town offices and register your dogs by April 30, 2020. Dog licenses can be renewed online at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

The Department has several applicants for the open full-time patrol officer position and will continue the process, looking for the right officer to join our team.

This time of year the Department investigates an increased amount of identity fraud and internet/phone scams. We would like to remind everybody to be cautious when giving personal information and when in doubt do not give out the information. We are always willing to answer questions and assist if you think a call is suspicious.

Last, but not least, speed and distracted driving remain a major cause of motor vehicle crashes in Enfield. Put away the phone, pay attention to the road and slow down to arrive safe.

As always, if you see something, say something. Please do not hesitate to

contact the Enfield Police Department at any time at 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.

RECREATION

Enfield Recreation

Summer Jobs



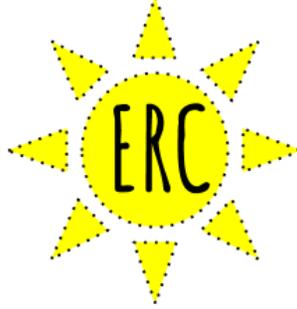
Enfield Recreation Department is Hiring! Lifeguards & Swim Instructors for the 2020 Summer season. Must be at least 16 yrs old. If interested, please contact Ed Winters, Recreation Director, at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Activities



Enfield Recreation Easter Egg Dash

- Saturday, April 11, 2020
- Egg Dash begins promptly at 10:30am
- Huse Memorial Park
- Children in 4th grade and younger are welcome!
- Updates are posted on Enfield listserv and Enfield Parks and Recreation Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNHRecreation/>)



Enfield Recreation Camp

The Enfield Recreation Camp is accepting campers for the 2020 summer program. Please note, ERC is for children entering grades K-6th grade and ALL campers are eligible for full day.

ERC offers flexible scheduling, so if you would prefer to send your child to our camp for only a few days per week, let us know! The cost will be pro-rated. We also have early drop-off and late-pick-up, and can help accommodate your work schedule. Please communicate with us in advance, and we will do what we can to help make sure your child can come to camp.

Our camp is now open to children entering K this fall! Our camp is a small, local summer day camp that will make your child feel safe, welcome and ready for fun. Our camp staff will all be CPR/First Aid certified and our Camp Director is an experienced educator.

NEW Summer Camp Hours

Morning Camp: Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

Full Day Camp: Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Please note: The operating hours of camp are 8:00-4:30. The time before and after do not have programming, but there is supervision.



Chair Yoga & Exercise

Weekly on M, W, F

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/Exercise classes on Mondays 9:30 – 10:30, Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00,

and Fridays 9:30 – 10:30 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.



Traditional Hunter/Bowhunter Education Course

Registration Opens 03/02/2020 08:00 AM

<https://nh-events-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/4333>

Class Times:

- Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Saturday, May 16, 2020 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Meeting location: Enfield Outing Club (378 Shaker Hill Road, Enfield)

General Class Information: The first four dates will be inside classroom and Saturday 5/16 will be in and out. So, dress accordingly and bring a bag lunch. The fee is \$5 and all 5 date must be attended. We have limited space and will not be able to go over 20 students.



Youth Archery Lessons

The inaugural Youth archery classes offered by the Enfield Recreation Department & Enfield Outing Club were a success and we look to continue growing the program moving forward. These classes consisted of safety, education and hands on use of archery equipment. Keep your eyes open for more archery class offerings in the spring!

Information and Registration at www.mvpr.recdesk.com

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Spring is around the corner and, believe it or not, we are looking ahead to summer programming. This will include youth sports camps, summer camps, grown-up field trips and more! Plus, MVPR Theater Camp will be back again in August, so save the dates for August 3-8, 2020 for your child to participate in a unique theater experience. **Registration for theater camp opens on April 1, 2020!** Register before July to get discounted registration fees. View more details on our [Facebook Event](#).

Challenger Sports Soccer Camps:



Now offering two separate weeks of camp at the Shaker Recreation Field in Enfield! Register early for camp and get all sorts of free stuff – like a soccer jersey, camp T-shirt and soccer ball! Challenger’s International Soccer Camp is the combination of the most popular training sessions from the world’s top soccer nations: Brazil, England, France, Spain, and the U.S.

Sessions will be led by a team of experienced International coaches and will be integrated with Challenger’s iChallenge training app, which will help players develop skills and creativity.

Camp Options:

Week 1 - June 22nd-26th

<https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212260>

Week 2 - July 20th -24th

<https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212361>

- Tiny Tykes: 8:15am-9am (ages 2-5)
- Half Day: 9am-12pm (ages 6-16)
- Full Day: 9am-4:00pm (ages 7-16)

Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding – Last Day is March 3rd:

The MVPR youth downhill ski and ride program kicked off on January 21st with 71 students registered to participate! This is the largest program we have had since we started in 2015 and we have had a great year so far. Our program is meeting one more time on March 3rd so please keep your fingers crossed for winter to last at least that long!

Bob Ross Style Painting Classes:

We wrapped up our winter Bob Ross Style class with two great classes on February 8th and February 22nd. We hope to offer more classes in late spring, so please check back on our website and Facebook page for future classes.



Previous Bob Ross Painting Classes – February 8th Class “Winter Retreat” & February 22nd Class “Lovely Snow”

Line Dancing:

Have you tried out our Thursday evening line dancing class yet? Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 5-6pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class and they dance to ALL types of music.

Enfield Market:

We have some great vendors lined up for the market on March 7th from 10am-1pm at the Enfield Community Building. Normally the market is on the second

Saturday, but we are changing things up in March so that we aren't on the same day as Town Meeting. Stop by on the **first Saturday in March** to see what our local vendors have to offer for your home, lifestyle and family. More details in our [Enfield Market Facebook event](#).

Follow MVPR on Facebook

If you are not already following the Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation Facebook page, please consider checking it out. We post details about recreation programs and events, as well as pictures and updates for our events. Check out our page [here](#)!



Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:

For details about programs listed below and/or to register, please go to:
<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

- **Il Circolo Italiano – Italian Conversation Club**
 - Saturdays at 10am at Mickey's Roadside Café (food available for purchase)
- **30+ Adult Basketball**
 - Sundays from 10am-12pm at MVRHS - No registration required; no fee
- **Adult Volleyball**
 - Sundays from 6pm-8pm - Contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com to be added to the email list!
- **Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra**
 - Weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:30pm. \$3/session (Registration not required)
- **Line Dancing**
 - Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm at the Enfield Community Building
 - This class dances to all types of music; no advance registration required

- **Challenger Sports Soccer Camps**
 - **Week 1 - June 22nd-26th**
 - <https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212260>
 - **Week 2 - July 20th -24th**
 - <https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212361>

- **MVPR Theater Camp - Registration for camp opens on April 1st**
 - For students in Kindergarten – 12th grade
 - For details and to register online please click [here](#)

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Enfield Planning Board (PB) held two meetings in February. The first meeting on the 12th was a Master Planning work session. The board heard updates about two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) currently in progress. The first was regarding graphic design services related to the Master Planning effort. As a result of the RFP, the PB has retained two contractors for these services. The first is working on a logo for the Master Plan to be used in all materials related to this work. The second contractor is working on a poster to promote the Master Planning effort as well as a website and direct mail piece. It was also decided that the back cover of the Town Report would be dedicated to showcasing the upcoming Master Planning work. The second RFP was for Community Master Planning services. This RFP has been re-issued with some updates and responses are due on March 9th. At their second monthly meeting, the Enfield Planning Board discussed the status of several NH legislative initiatives that will significantly impact local land use. They decided to allocate some time at their next regular meeting for a discussion with members of our legislative delegation on these topics. The second meeting (February 26th) also had two hearings (for a minor subdivision and a minor site plan review) and three conceptual discussions (for a proposed carwash, a 5-unit townhouse development and an expanded self storage business).

There was no ZBA meeting in the month of February and there will be no ZBA meeting in the month of March due to lack of business.

As always, we are here to help. You may visit our offices at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road in person or call 603-632-4067. An email inquiry is possible as well, just send your note to planning@enfield.nh.us. How can we be of service to you?

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

February saw the first of four elections in 2020. I would like to remind everyone

that on election days the Library stays open past our normal 5:00pm closing time until 7:00pm, so that residents can sign up for a card, pick up materials, or have somewhere their older children can hang out while they vote. On February 11th, we had 167 people through our door! Town Voting is March 10th so stop in and see us between 9:00am-7:00pm.

Our first Family Recipe Night was a casualty of the weather... we had only two participants besides Library staff. The conversation was still wonderful and our dinner of buttermilk rolls, cinnamon rolls, and chocolate chip cookies was delicious, so this is a program we will attempt another time.

Happening in March:

- **Make It Take It Monday:** March 2nd. In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, we will be making Thing 1 bookmarks and Lorax pencils, drop in anytime between 3:30-5:00pm. All ages welcome!
- Tuesdays **My First Story Time:** 10:00am. For babies to age 2 ½ on a caregiver's lap. Supporting early literacy with books, songs, rhymes, lots of movement and social time for the kids and caregivers.
- **Saturday My First Story Time:** March 14th at 9:30am. (Happens only on the second Saturday of the month.)
- Wednesdays **Pre-School Story Time:** 10:00am. For kids ages 2 ½ to 5. Stories read and told, rhymes, lots of movement, and a simple craft.
- Our **book group** will be reading *Circe* by Madeline Miller. The discussion will be held Thursday March 26th at 6:30pm. Copies of the book will be available at the library.
- **Knitting Group:** Every Wednesday 10:30am-noon. For older teens and adults, an informal gathering for all levels of fiber crafters.

What happened in February:

- We circulated 2,484 items and had 26 programs with 318 participants.

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

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

We survived the first in the Nation primary without any issues! Many thanks to Lindsay Smith (our new Town Moderator), Scott Gerlach (Assistant Moderator), and all the other election workers for a job well-done. It was a real team effort.

I look forward to seeing all you registered voters out there for the March Town Meeting! Remember, elections/ballot voting is on Tuesday, March 10, and the business meeting is on Saturday, March 14. Review the detailed information

that was provided on this front at the beginning of the newsletter!

Please remember that, effective January 1, the Town Clerk's office hours changed. The new hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm and Tuesdays 11:00am – 7:00pm. These new hours better align with the State DMV office as they too have evening hours on Tuesdays, and will allow us to provide better service to our customers by obtaining troubleshooting assistance from the DMV as needed.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk at 603-632-5001 Ext. 5403 with any questions about motor vehicle registrations, boat registrations, voter registrations, dog licenses, marriage licenses, or other matters handled by the Town Clerk's office.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Greetings all! Federal Income tax filing time is fast approaching so I would like to remind you that information on the amount of property taxes paid in 2019 is available on the Town's website! www.enfield.nh.us. 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.

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

Think spring and remember to "spring-forward" with your clocks on March 8th!

HEALTH INSPECTOR

Many business organizations within New Hampshire are concerned about how the current outbreak of COVID-19 in China and other countries will impact their communities and are seeking ways to stay healthy. The New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services (NH DPHS) is working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support our communities and medical providers by developing guidance and education materials.

What is the difference between seasonal coronaviruses and the virus causing COVID-19?

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses but there are different types of coronavirus within that family. Some frequently cause the common cold, but the virus causing COVID-19 is a new type of coronavirus that we believe moved from animals into humans and is infecting people for the first time.

What are common symptoms of COVID-19?

For confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases, reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death. Symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

How is COVID-19 spread?

This virus spreads primarily through respiratory droplets (such as occur when an infected person coughs). Risk for transmission between people is highest with close contact (e.g., family members, healthcare settings).

How is COVID-19 infection prevented or treated?

Currently, there is no vaccine to prevent infection with this virus, and there is no specific antiviral treatment recommended once infected. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

How should businesses prepare for the potential of coronavirus in their community?

- Continue to monitor up to date information from health officials. See links to key websites below.
- Actively encourage sick employees to stay home.
- Emphasize respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene by all employees.
- Perform routine environmental cleaning.
- Prepare for possible increased numbers of employee absences.
- Identify essential business functions, essential jobs or roles, and critical elements to maintain business operations.
- Plan to minimize exposure between employees and also between employees and the public, if public health officials call for social distancing.
- Review CDC's guidelines for businesses which outline these key actions and others in greater detail:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html>

What preventive measures can employees and customers take to help reduce the spread of respiratory viruses?

Employees and customers should follow these steps to prevent the spread of respiratory infections:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve. Following use, dispose of tissues into trash and wash hands or use alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home until you have been fever free for at least 24 hours without taking any fever reducing medication and are feeling better.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Encourage/recommend the annual influenza vaccine.

What precautions should be taken for employees who traveled internationally?

Employees should avoid all travel to any locations for which CDC has issued a Level 3 travel notice. See CDC travel notice website: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>

Employees who have returned from mainland China are being monitored by public health authorities and must stay home for 14 days after their arrival.

Employees who have returned from other locations with travel notices for COVID-19 may continue to attend work. They should be counseled that if symptoms develop (e.g. fever, cough, or shortness of breath), they should:

- Seek medical care. Before going to a doctor’s office or emergency room, the individual should call ahead and tell the provider or office about recent travel and symptoms.
- Stay home and away from close contact with others.
- Practice strict respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene including covering the nose and mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Business cleaning procedures

Businesses should routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, countertops, and doorknobs. No additional disinfection beyond routine cleaning is recommended at this time. Use the cleaning agents that are usually used in these areas and follow the directions on the label. Provide disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces (for example, doorknobs, keyboards, remote controls, desks) can be wiped down by employees before each use.

Where can I go for the most up-to-date information about the COVID-19 outbreak?

Outbreaks involving COVID-19 evolve quickly and recommendations from public health officials may change as new information becomes available. Please check the following websites often for updated information:

- U.S. CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
- NH DPHS website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm>

Do not hesitate to contact the Town's Health Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us with any questions.

HUMAN SERVICES

It’s the time of year for increased activities in the office, community and surrounding agencies.

During this busy season, donations of supermarket gift cards are greatly appreciated. Drop by the Town Office or feel free to use the drop box.

Want to Donate to the Town’s Fuel Assistance Fund?

The Town of Enfield’s Human Services Department provides financial support for fuel to



Enfield residents in need. The funds we redistribute come from private donations made to a dedicated trust fund set up for this specific purpose. The fuel fund greatly assists us in helping needy families with their fuel needs. We strongly encourage residents to consider making a donation to the fuel fund to help others in the community. Donations are tax deductible! For more information, please contact Diane Heed, Human Services Director, at 603-442-5429 or dheed@enfield.nh.us.

Information about the Tri-County Community Action Program (TCCAP)

Fuel Assistance Program

As funds become available, the Fuel Assistance Program provides benefits to qualified New Hampshire households to assist with heating costs. The Fuel Assistance Program can also help households during a heating emergency by securing an emergency delivery of fuel, delaying a shut-off notice or referring clients to another source of assistance. Fuel Assistance benefits are a grant and do not have to be paid back and can range from \$210 to \$1,575, depending on household income and energy costs. Benefits are calculated taking into account household income, energy costs, the number of heating degree days within a region and housing type. This targeting allows the Fuel Assistance Program to provide those households with the lowest incomes and highest energy costs with the highest benefits.

Electric Assistance Program

The New Hampshire Electric Assistance Program (EAP) gives eligible customers a discount on their monthly electric bills. The discount is from 8%-76% based on your gross household income size and electricity usage. Customers of the following companies may apply for the discount:

- Eversource Energy
- Liberty Utilities
- NH Electric Co-op
- Unitil Energy Systems

Weatherization

The Weatherization Program serves low-income households that are most vulnerable to high-energy costs and who do not have the means of making cost-effective energy conservation improvements to their homes.

TCCAP collaborates with the electric and utilities' energy efficiency programs to enhance the weatherization services provided to low-income households in New Hampshire whenever possible.

Weatherization crews in all three counties have made improvements in 378 single family homes and apartment units in the past year. As with Fuel Assistance, our clients qualify for services through a means-tested application process. Our crews not only make significant upgrades to the energy efficiency of a client's home but also tackle needed safety improvements. These services drive down the cost of heating people's homes and repair dangerous living conditions where they are found.

FRIENDS OF MASCOMA



FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS

provided by Friends of Mascoma Foundation

PLEASE COME VISIT OUR FOOD PANTRIES!

CANAAN FOOD PANTRY

9 Mechanic Street | Behind Canaan Hardware in the MTD Building

WEDNESDAY 2:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

ENFIELD FOOD PANTRY

Enfield Town Office | Whitney Hall | 23 Main Street



TUESDAY 3 TO 5:30 P.M.



We welcome you to shop with us once a week.

RESIDENTS OF CANAAN, ENFIELD, DORCHESTER, GRAFTON, AND ORANGE ARE INVITED TO SHOP.

Please email Friends of Mascoma Foundation with any questions or issues at food@friendsofmascoma.org or call 802.276.0189.

Learn more at friendsofmascoma.org

WHALEBACK MOUNTAIN UPDATES

Whaleback Mountain was recently featured in a short video by LL Bean in their “Outside” series. We are “The Little Mountain That Could” and the five-minute video does a great job capturing the community aspect of the mountain. We encourage everyone to take a few minutes to watch this great video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rkQuLb4QUM>.

Youth and adult programs are in progress and the learning area has seen a lot of activity this year. Each week draws an increased number of people on the mountain practicing their turns, and dozens of skimmers have been enjoying the mountain throughout the season. Over 900 community youth use Whaleback Mountain to participate in snow sports programs as well as alpine, freestyle, and snowboard team training. There are still several weeks left of the season and we hope to see more Enfield residents at the mountain!

Enfield residents enjoy half off lift tickets and season passes, although the current “tail end” pass deal is even a bigger discount: <https://shop.whaleback.com/collections/season-passes/products/tail-end-unlimited-pass>. Season passes are part of the Freedom Pass program, which provide three free passes at partner mountains. For a list of mountains on the Freedom Pass please visit: <http://freedompass.ski/>.

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- March 2 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 3 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- March 4 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- March 9 @ 3:30 PM (DPW Building) – Library Trustees & Board of Selectmen (Whitney Hall Renovation Discussion)
- March 9 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- March 9 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- March 11 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- March 16 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 17 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- March 19 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- March 23 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- March 24 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee

- March 25 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- March 26 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- April 1 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- April 2 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- April 6 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- April 7 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 8 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- April 13 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- April 13 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- April 14 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment

===== **COMMUNITY EVENTS** =====

Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Famous Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, March 14, 2020

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM at the Enfield Community Building – 308 US Route 4

A variety of homemade pies for dessert; Take-out available at 5:00 PM

Adults: \$12.00

Children under 12: \$7.00

Proceeds benefit community projects!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 11, 2020

8:00-10:00 AM

Enfield Community Building

Pancakes, REAL Maple Syrup, Sausage, Juice and Coffee

\$5.00 per person

Sponsored by the Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Club

Pictures with the Easter Bunny for diners only

RAIN OR SHINE



In lieu of the Community Bulletin Board on the Town's website we now use a Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find 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.

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

LEROY NEILY: 1949-2020

We are very sad to share that Leroy Neily, a long-time and dedicated employee of the Enfield Public Works Department, has passed away. His family was by his side. Many residents will know Leroy as a friendly face and conscientious public servant who helped maintain the Town's water and wastewater systems and assisted at the transfer station. Leroy was a very knowledgeable and valuable member of our team, and his good nature and unique character will be greatly missed.

2020 BUDGET UPDATE

The 2020 Budget Hearing was held on February 5.

The proposed 2020 operating budget, including the general government (funded from a combination of property taxes, other local receipts, and state aid) and operation of the municipal water and sewer systems (which are funded from fees assessed to the users of these systems), is \$6,936,460, or an increase of 3.87% above 2019 (\$6,677,736). It should be noted that a significant portion of this increase is attributable to budgeting for an additional roughly \$82,000 payment on the US Route 4 water/sewer system extension loan (which is paid out of the TIF Fund). If this added debt service payment were set aside, the year-over-year increase is approximately 2.6%. With respect to the General Fund, the proposed operating budget calls for an appropriation of \$5,621,091 (**an increase of 2.03%** above the 2019 budget of \$5,509,069). The "bottom line" operating budget does not include vehicle replacements, infrastructure projects, or other non-recurring expenses funded from capital reserves.

The 2020 budget projects total revenue to the general fund in the amount of \$1,874,584 from “non property tax” sources (a roughly 3% decrease from the \$1,930,453 in actual non-property tax revenue in 2019). Although a conservative approach to estimating revenues was used, it should be noted that actual revenues could fall short of estimated revenues for reasons that are beyond the Town’s control. This will necessitate raising a total of \$4,348,209 from the municipal property tax levy. We would therefore anticipate the municipal portion of the 2020 tax rate to be between \$7.44 and \$7.51 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an **estimated increase of roughly 1.45% to 2.47% from the 2019 municipal tax rate** of \$7.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The range is based on an assumed “net valuation” of between approximately \$580 million (the net valuation in 2019, following completion of the 5-year town wide revaluation) and \$585 million (a 1% increase in net valuation, which is possible within the context of incremental adjustments in home values – up or down – that take place in a “non-reval” year). Finally, the property tax rate will ultimately be set lower should actual revenues prove to be on pace to exceed estimated revenues by October 2020. Similarly, the property tax rate will ultimately be set higher than presently estimated should actual revenues fall short of estimated revenues by October 2020.

The Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Town Manager have developed a balanced budget that does not rely on the use of undesignated fund balance or reserves to fund operational costs while maintaining and enhancing the high-quality services Enfield residents expect from town government. A more detailed summary of the recommended 2020 budget is included in the below tables.

OPERATING EXPENSES			
Category	2019 (Budgeted)	2020 (Budgeted)	% Δ
General Government (excludes items funded from capital reserves)	\$5,509,069	\$5,621,091	2.03%
Water (excludes items funded from capital reserves)	\$222,447	\$225,102	1.19%
Sewer (excludes items funded from capital reserves)	\$638,104	\$706,183	10.67%
Capital Projects (Lakeview/Shaker Landing Sewer Extension Debt Service)	\$139,472	\$139,472	0%

TIF (US Route 4 Water/Sewer Extension Debt Service)	\$162,246	\$244,612	51%
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TO BE FUNDED FROM TAXES OR FUND BALANCE

Category	2019	2020	% Δ
CIP Capital Reserve Fund (Taxes)	\$422,168	\$448,368	6.2%
Employee & Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (Unassigned Fund Balance)	\$25,000	\$30,000	20%
Master Planning (Unassigned Fund Balance)		\$35,000	NA

OPERATING REVENUES

Category			
General Fund Revenues	2019 (Actual-YTD)	2020 (Budgeted)	% Δ
Property Taxes	\$4,252,328*	\$4,352,709	2.36%
Other Taxes	\$99,252	\$91,150	(8.2%)
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$1,141,657	\$1,154,100	1.15%
State Sources	\$441,572	\$451,834	2.3%
Charges for Services	\$142,843	\$141,000	(1.29%)
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$115,742	\$36,500	(68.5%)
General Fund Total Revenues/Credits	\$6,193,394	\$6,227,293	0.5%
Interfund Operating Transfers	\$1,162,269	\$1,315,369	13.2%
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$0	0%
Grand Total Revenues/Credits	\$7,355,663	\$7,542,662	2.5%

*This is the total amount of tax effort (i.e., the combined total from the two semi-annual tax commitments) as calculated by the NH Department of Revenue Administration

WATER/SEWER CONNECTION FEE – INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

The Board of Selectmen wishes to alert residents that the standard fee for connecting to the municipal water and sewer systems will be increasing effective April 1, 2020. The fee was last increased in 2007 (approximately 13 years ago). The new fee will be \$2,500 per connection. Any property owner who files an application prior to April 1 to connect to the Town's water or sewer systems will be assessed the current connection fee (\$1,500). So, if it is your intention to connect to the Town water or sewer system in the near future (even if the connection won't be made before the spring or summer), please consider filing your application and paying the connection fee now to avoid the scheduled increase.

If you have any questions about the process for applying to connect to the Town's water or sewer systems please contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-4605. Information can also be found on the Town's website here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/connectionguide.pdf>

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – UPDATES

After officially purchasing the property from the NH Department of Transportation in March 2019, the Mascoma Lakeside Committee's focus has been on raising additional funds for amenities for the park. This past fall we actively solicited public input through a series of meetings with local organizations, town committees, and a well-attended public forum held at the Community Building. The top priority for all stakeholders is that the natural beauty of the site be preserved and not over-developed. Some improvements are also needed and desired. They include removing and replacing brush and trash trees with native shrubs and trees; creating trails and educational signage to enhance recreational use of the property; constructing rainwater gardens and a new retaining wall to protect the water quality of the lake; installing a children's wading/swimming area; improved parking; installing grill boxes, and; building an open pavilion (which will likely include a fire feature of some sort) that can serve as a gathering place and an educational facility.



Members of the Mascoma Lakeside Committee would like to extend their appreciation to local architect Paul Mirski, who has been graciously providing valuable design services and consultation in support of this project at no cost. The committee will continue working closely with Mr. Mirski and others to ensure that the park is ultimately designed and developed in a manner that is

consistent with the needs and values of our residents and visitors.

Although the committee has officially raised the additional \$135,000 in private funds needed to match (dollar for a dollar) a \$135,000 matching grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission to help fund improvements to the park property (which is a major achievement), private fundraising efforts are still needed to ensure that we have the financing required to complete all the planned improvements.

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

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

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

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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

FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES – COLETTE FOUNDATION

A logging operation has been taking place this winter on the Colette Foundation properties on Boys Camp Road, Map#12, Lot#033-001, Map#13, Lot#001, and Map#9, Lot#053. The Colette Trail has closed and will continue to be closed during this operation due to the proximity of logging activity to the trail. Ehrhard Frost, a New Hampshire and Vermont Licensed forester from Thetford, Vermont, with over 43 years of experience, designed the harvest and is responsible for supervising and administering the operation.

The objective is to harvest mature and over mature trees, release existing regeneration, establish additional regeneration, promote the vigor of the remaining trees, improve stand quality and to manipulate species composition.

The harvest design incorporates uncut buffers along Bicknell Brook, Crystal Lake, wetlands and the Colette Trail. Fragile areas within the timber sale are also designated as no harvest zones to protect soil and water. Approximately

75 to 80 acres of the property is subject to harvesting while 41 to 46 acres are dedicated to uncut buffers and natural forest.

Please call Alan Strickland, Chairman of the Enfield Conservation Commission, at 632-4084 with any concerns or questions.

OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE – SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>

Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I'm not a robot**, then click "Subscribe Me." It's as easy as that.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water Saving Tips to Help You Save Money on Your Next Water/Sewer Bill

- 1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks.* A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- 2. Check your toilets for leaks.* Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
- 3. Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.* Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- 4. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.* Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm). Also, all household faucets should be fit with low-flow aerators. 2.5 gpm may be needed in a kitchen sink but

bathroom faucets and other water outlets should be 1.5 gpm or lower. Check gpm rating on packaging to be sure the advertised “low-flow” is at or below these levels. This single best home water conservation method is also the least expensive!

5. *Insulate your water pipes.* It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
6. *Take shorter showers.* One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.
7. *Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.* There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
8. *Rinse your razor in the sink.* Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
9. *Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.* Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.
10. *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.* Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

How to Improve Recycling

To improve the quality of materials that residents place in their recycling bins, Casella (the Town's contracted solid waste service provider) has created a new video for customers to watch. This video is just one component of a campaign centered on Casella's Recycle Better™ campaign.

It is Casella's stated goal to not only invest in recycling technology to improve its outbound materials, but to also educate it's customers to do their part to ensure the sustainability of recycling. Consumers, businesses, and municipalities alike must learn to Recycle Better for cleaner, less contaminated material to be delivered to Casella facilities. We encourage you to share this video with your friends, family, and colleagues. The video can be accessed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdvboQQWUc8>

The "Don't" of Recycling



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling
(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items
(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups & waxed paper plates)



NO Disposable Items
(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes
(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood
(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet & yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps
(Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



NO Hazardous Materials
(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal
(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Medical Waste
(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass
(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs
(Check for alternative recycling)

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

BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR

Recent Building Code Changes

Effective September 15, 2019 the following codes were updated by the State of New Hampshire and adopted by reference in the Town of Enfield.

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2015 International Residential Code
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- 2017 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70
- 2015 Fire Code, NFPA 1
- 2015 Life Safety Code, NFPA 101

Several of the adopted codes have amendments to address specific New Hampshire concerns. Many of these amendments have been carried-over from the 2009 codes.

These amendments can be found on the NH Building Review Board website for Building Codes:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/>

Information on Fire Codes can be found here:

https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/.../state_age.../saf-c6000.html

For any questions or concerns during this transition period do not hesitate to contact the Town's Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in

luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

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

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have three openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices. You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here: <http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation>

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

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning or Zoning. The Planning Board reviews and makes determinations on site plans and the **Planning Board presently looking to fill a vacancy** created by a member departing in November. Meetings of the Planning Board are on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

We are also in search of a **Cemetery Trustee!** Regular meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month (as needed).

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

2019 was another 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/>



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

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

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