

Town Newsletter

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Late Winter Snow on Grafton Pond Road

Welcome Message



Greetings!

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

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

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. Simply:

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

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

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



A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

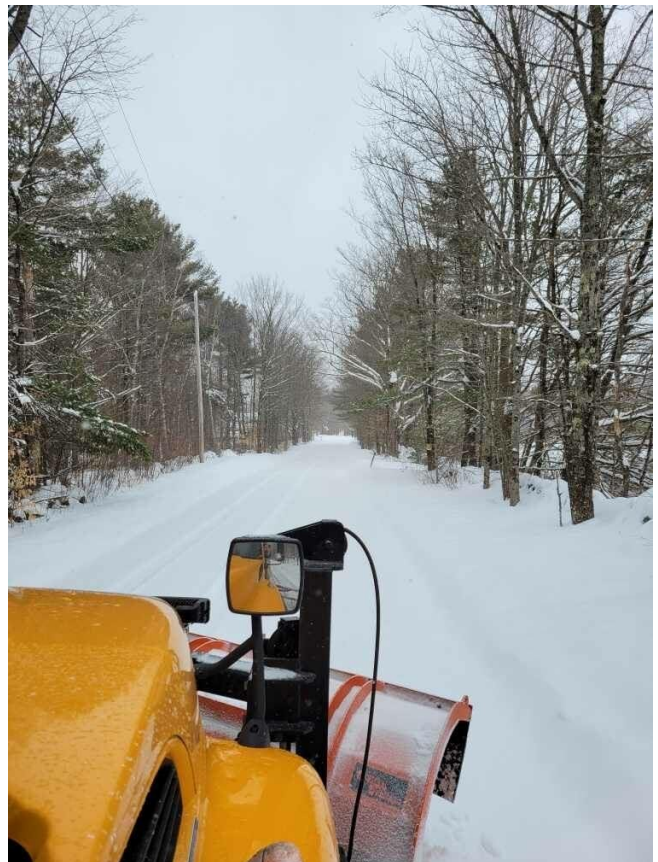
It took until the middle of February for winter to arrive, but it is here now. As I write this update, the snow is coming down outside my office window. Many people are getting out and enjoying the winter sports we have longed for. I have talked with many people that are now taking advantage of the snowmobile trails, ice fishing, and other winter sports that we were wondering if we would get a chance to participate in, this time last month.

Town staff has been very busy finishing the preparation and production of the Town Report. During this past month we worked with the Budget Committee to finalize the proposed 2023 budget, with the Select Board to finalize the warrant and with many people and committees, commissions and boards to finalize the documents for the Town Report.

As many of you may have heard, we are proposing a government general fund operating budget with a larger than normal increase. Exclusive of Special Warrant Articles, the proposed general fund operating budget is an increase of \$718,124, or 12.17% above 2022. The increase is primarily due to the same inflationary pressures, rising prices for materials and services, as all of our residents, which has increased the cost to maintain current levels of service. 4.58% of the total increase is due to the addition of the loan payment for the public safety building that was approved at the 2022 Town Meeting.

In an effort to save time and money while reducing the stress on our employees, you may have noticed that the Department of Public Works (DPW) has implemented a pretreatment program, when the conditions are right. By pretreating roads before certain storms, we have been able to minimize call back of our employees and have realized a slight reduction in the use of deicing product. We will continue to monitor and improve this process to help increase or maintain service levels while reducing costs. I would like to thank the employees of our DPW for their dedication and effort during these winter months, and the ingenuity of those trying to provide better service.

Ed Morris,
Town Manager



Special News Items

Town Meeting

A copy of the Town Meeting Warrant, as well as the Warrant Narrative that explains each article, can be found online at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2023-annual-town-meeting>

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Vote by ballot on Election of Local Officers and Amendments to the Enfield Zoning Ordinance
Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Vote on Articles 1 through 7 by ballot.

Need to register to vote prior to Town Meeting? You can register with the Town Clerk during regular office hours through Friday, March 3rd. You can also register with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the Enfield Town Hall, 23 Main Street.

If you aren't registered by March 4th, you'll need to register at the polls. See the Town website for more voter information at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-clerk/files/enfield-voter-information>.

You can vote by absentee ballot on articles 1 through 7. The [Application for Town Absentee Ballot](#), which includes the request for a School Absentee Ballot, can be found online. If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 603-632-5001. There will be no opportunity to vote by absentee ballot on Articles 8 through 17 – these must be voted in person at the Second Session / Business Meeting portion of Town Meeting.

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Second Session / Business Meeting
Enfield Village School, 271 US Route 4
Beginning at 9 AM

At the Business Meeting portion of Town Meeting the remaining articles, 8 through 17, will be presented, discussed and acted upon.

Candidates for Local Elected Office

The candidates listed below are running for office in 2023 and will be voted by ballot on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in the Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4, Enfield NH. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

One Select Board Member for 1 year

Alice M. Kennedy

Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 1 year

Celie Aufiero
Timothy D. Lenihan
Susan Wroblewski

Two Budget Committee Members for 1 year

Tina Stearns
Daniel Kiley

One Moderator for 2 years

Lindsay A. Smith

Two Select Board Members for 3 years

John W. Kluge
Douglas K. Smith
Tracy Young

One Treasurer for 3 years

Sasha Holland

One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years

One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

One Library Trustee for 3 years

Francine Lozeau
Susan ES Brown

One Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 years

Susan ES Brown

Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years

James Fickett
Timothy D. Lenihan
Nancy L. Smith
Dimitri Deserranno

Department & Committee Reports

Building Inspector/Health Officer

The Health Officer recently received training from the manager of the NH Department of Health and Human Services Radon Program about the health hazards of radon gas that residents should be aware of. Radon is the leading environmental cause of cancer mortality in the entire nation, and it is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer overall. For those who smoke tobacco, exposure to radon gas will double their risk of developing lung cancer. The NH Radon Program wants residents to know that radon exposure is preventable, that effective mitigation techniques have been developed at the national level, and that testing is available to determine the presence of radon in the home.

Radon is formed from the radioactive decay of uranium. Uranium is a naturally occurring element that exists as a component of some rocks and soil in our state and throughout the country, and when it decays into radon it is easily dissolved into both air and water. During normal bathing and washing the radon in water will vaporize along with steam and be inhaled by home occupants. Because radon is odorless, tasteless and colorless, the only way to determine its presence within the air or water inside a home is to test both substances.

Enfield municipal water is tested for the presence of radon by the Town, but neither the State nor federal government requires testing of private well water. Residents with private wells are encouraged by the State to test their well water regularly every three to five years, and a water analysis can be obtained either from the NH Public Health Laboratory or other NH Accredited Laboratories (such as Endyne locally in Lebanon). Here's a useful link to state information about private well water testing: [Water Testing | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services \(nh.gov\)](#)

Radon test kits for air sampling are usually available in most hardware stores, and the State is currently offering free test kits at <https://states.aelabs.com/#/nh> while supplies last. There is no known safe level of radon exposure according to the NH Radon Program. For reference the EPA establishes an actionable level of radon exposure at 4.0 pCi/L, and the WHO establishes an actionable level at 2.7 pCi/l. The Health Officer was provided with data from the NH Radon Program that collected results from 2007-2021 testing that included nearly 33,000 tests state-wide, and of those 30% detected radon levels that were higher than the 4.0 pCi/L actionable level. Data from Enfield was not specific as to number of tests conducted in our town, but the results show one in three tests were above actional level.

A certified radon mitigation specialist should be contacted if radon is detected by testing. A radon mitigator is trained to lower radon levels by various methods, including ventilation that extends from under the basement floor to above the roof. NH law 310-A:189-a requires that those who design or install radon mitigation systems be certified with the National Radon Proficiency Program or the National Radon Safety Board. On a final note, one other NH law exists that pertains to radon: RSA 477:4-a requires that prior to executing a contract for the sale of real estate, the seller must provide the buyer with a statement about radon testing and mitigation techniques.

Cemetery Department

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

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

Conservation Commission

The Enfield Conservation Commission recommends a yes vote on the following Articles:

Article 5, recommended by the Planning Board also, establishes a setback of one hundred feet (100) from all designated Prime Wetlands in Enfield for all construction. This is to protect the water supply from contamination. All homes in Enfield depend upon ground water from aquifers for their water supply. All

of the municipal water supply wells are receiving their water after it passes through Prime Wetlands. There are 5 municipal wells in Enfield. Marsh well 1 and 2, Prior well 1 and 2 and the McConnell well. All of these wells are located along Route 4. Map # 2 in the Natural Resources Inventory, published by the Enfield Conservation Commission in 2021 shows these wells' close proximity to Prime Wetlands. This article will be voted on by ballot on March 14th during the ballot voting portion of Town Meeting.

Article 15, presented by petition from the Enfield Conservation Commission, requests that 10 % of the current use fees (land use change tax) up to five thousand dollars (5,000) per year, pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, be deposited into the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III. The Conservation Commission needs these funds to maintain trails, repair bridges on trails, repair walk ways on trails, place signage along trails to facilitate their use by Citizens in keeping with the Recreation component of the Master Plan. This Article will be voted on at the March 18, 2023 Town Meeting.

Article 16, presented by petition from the Enfield Conservation Commission, requests the establishment of a Town Forest under RSA 31: 110 on one hundred (100) acres of property owned by the Town on Methodist Hill, Tax Map # 2, Lot # 29. If passed this Town Forest will be managed by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of RSA 31:112 for the purpose of recreation, and hunting. While the Citizens of Enfield East of HWY 89 have numerous parks and trails for outdoor activities, those Citizens of Enfield West of HWY 89 have limited land for recreation due primarily to the development that has occurred in that area. The opportunity to preserve the 100 acres should not be lost. This Article will be voted on at the March 18, 2023 Meeting.

Energy Committee

COMMUNITY POWER

In preparing for the Enfield Community Power (ECP) launch, consumers may find the following helpful:

- 1) Look for a letter in the mail about the launch of ECP, its power offerings, and how to sign up sometime in the next few weeks.
- 2) Attend the informational forum that will be held within 15 days of sending this letter
- 3) Read answers to Frequently Asked Questions
https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf3106/f/pages/faq_enfield_community_power.pdf

Exercise your choice The menu of power offerings includes choices of a specific percentage of renewably-generated electricity at a certain rate.

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>CONTENT</u>
Granite Basic	23.4% Renewable (minimum required by state law)
Granite Plus	33% Renewable or Carbon Free
Clean 50 (optional)	50% Renewable or Carbon Free
Clean 100 (optional)	100% Renewable or Carbon Free

Granite Basic will be identified as the DEFAULT option. The letter you receive will share these offerings and instructions. You are encouraged to OPT UP to the highest renewable option you can afford.

If you are currently using Liberty or Eversource as your electricity supplier**, you will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled into Enfield Community Power's DEFAULT option. You do not need to act if you are satisfied with that option.

Guidance for specific customers, such as those who have installed solar and are on net metering plans, can be found in our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

***Customers of the NH Electric Cooperative will remain on its energy supply service unless they choose to join Enfield Community Power (ECP) on an opt-in basis.*

Additional information is located in the [Enfield Community Power – Launching in April 2023!](#) document on the [Energy Committee](#) web page.

Enfield Public Library



Enfield Public Library

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

March 2023 at the library.

PROGRAMS

Mystery Writer Sarah Stewart Taylor

Upper Valley crime writer Sarah Stewart Taylor joins us at the library on Wednesday, March 8, at 6 pm! She'll talk about writing, reading, researching her books in Ireland, publishing, her Sweeney St. George and Maggie D'arcy series, and lots more at this author talk and question and answer session. She'll have signed books for sale and will give us some exclusive information about her new Maggie D'arcy, set in Dublin and out in June!

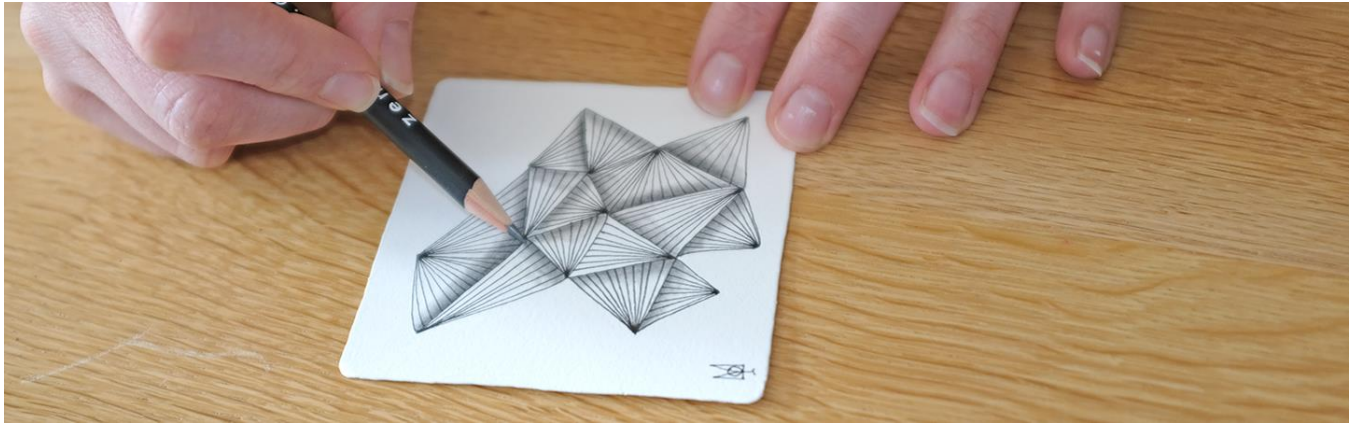
This event will also be offered virtually. RSVP and questions, [email](#) or call.



March Crafts: Zentangle

Wednesday, March 29, 1 -3 pm, Whitney Hall conference room

Join us for this easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images drawing structured patterns, led by Jenny Dembinski of Woodstock, VT ([RSVP](#) required).



March Crafts: Craft Table

Every day

Come doodle at our crafts table in the children's fiction section.



Knitters' Group

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

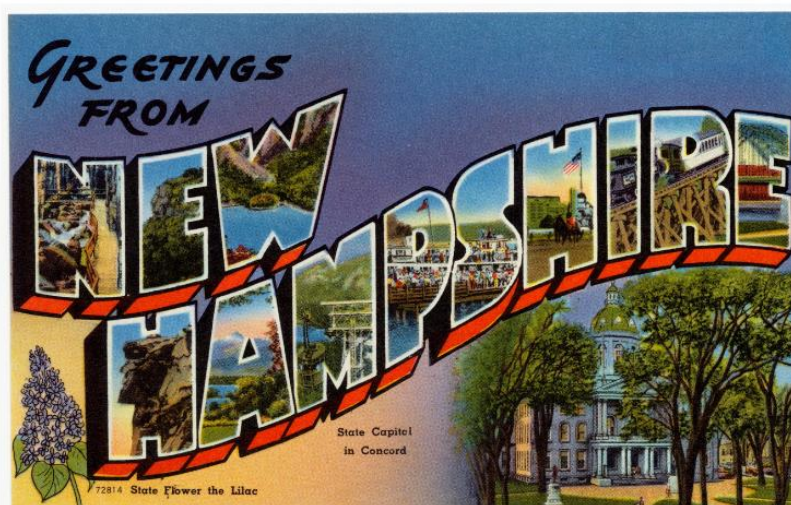


POSTCROSSING

Postcards With

First Tuesday of the month, 6:00-7:00 pm

Join us to talk about and write postcards for the international swapping site,
[PostCrossing!](https://www.postcrossing.com/)



Storytime at the Library

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



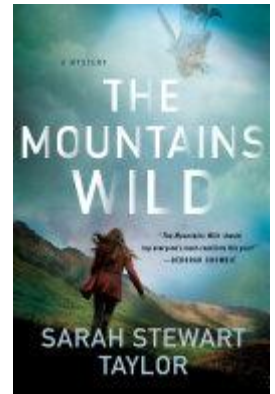
LEGOs!

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



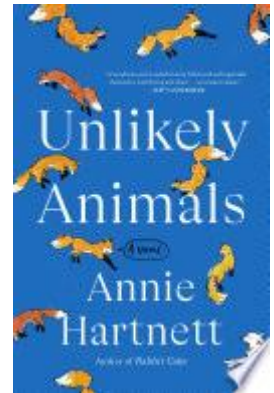
Mystery Lovers' Book Group

Join the discussion on the **second Thursday of the month**, at 2 pm or 6 pm. We're reading [*The Mountains Wild*](#) by Sarah Stewart Taylor. [Let us know](#) if you'd like to attend online.



Enfield Public Library Book Group

We're reading [*Unlikely Animals*](#) by Annie Hartnett. Join us on the **fourth Thursday of the month** at 6 pm. . [Let us know](#) if you'd like to attend online.



LibTech Help

Got **questions about Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, interlibrary loan...any library technology?** Stop by or make an appointment for an-person help session. Call 603-632-7145 or email_library@enfield.nh.us.

Bring your questions, devices, and passwords!



ABOUT EPL

What's New

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

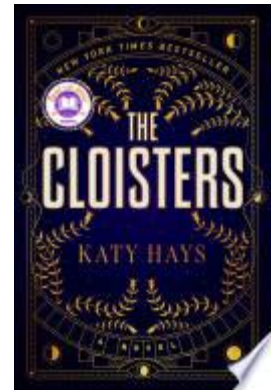


Get the latest acquisitions in your email inbox each Wednesday with a [Wowbrary newsletter](#) subscription.

Recommended Reading

[The Cloisters](#) by Katy Hays

"When Ann Stilwell arrives in New York City, she expects to spend her summer working as a curatorial associate at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Instead, she finds herself assigned to The Cloisters, a gothic museum and garden renowned for its medieval art collection and its group of enigmatic researchers studying the history of divination. Desperate to escape her painful past, Ann is happy to indulge the researchers' more outlandish theories about the history of fortune telling. But what begins as academic curiosity quickly turns into obsession when Ann discovers a hidden 15th-century deck of tarot cards that might hold the key to predicting the future. As the dangerous game of power, seduction, and ambition at The Cloisters turns deadly, Ann becomes locked in a race for answers as the line between the arcane and the modern blurs" —Book jacket.



I enjoyed this mystery with an otherworldly bent. I also learned about The Cloisters, a part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art about which I had never heard and now want to visit! —Nancy

Hours

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

Monday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday: closed

Fire Department News

The Fire Department has been conducting and attending several trainings recently. Topics have included Propane Safety, HazMat refresher and review of our SCBA equipment. Our goal is to have at least one in-house training per month with members encouraged to attend others as they become available.

Two of our members, Drew Burse and Mark Olsen, have been attending the Southwest Regional Hazmat Team meetings representing the Enfield Fire Department. This organization is made up of multiple towns

in our area and has the resources and manpower required to respond to a hazmat situation if it is beyond our capabilities. This is particularly important where we are responsible for a section of I-89 with a variety of cargos traveling through.

We will have the renovated Forestry Truck completed and in service before the end of March and will be planning an evening for people to come and view. Stay tuned.

For the Enfield Fire Department

Phil Neily
Fire Chief

Heritage Commission -- "Know Your Town"

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

WARRANT ARTICLE FOR LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Enfield Heritage Commission has submitted a warrant article on this year's Town Warrant to create a Local Historic District in Enfield Center consisting of the three historic buildings in Enfield Center: Union Church, Center Town House, and Center Schoolhouse. The Church and Town House are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Schoolhouse is eligible for that status. This article has been recommended by the Planning Board and has the full support of the Union Church, Enfield Historical Society (owners of the two buildings not owned by the Town) and the Enfield Village Association. There is no impact on the tax base since all three buildings are tax exempt. If passed, this article will simply be an overlay to current zoning.

Why is this important? Here are a few reasons for voting to approve this article:

- To enable Enfield to apply for grant funds that would otherwise not be available to the Town without a Local Historic District.
- To strengthen and build economic development of the Town of Enfield by protecting and enhancing the attractiveness of the community to residents, tourists, and visitors.
- To safeguard the heritage of our Town by providing protection of the structures representing significant elements of its cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history.
- To foster public appreciation of, and civic pride in, the beauty of our Town and the accomplishments of its historic past.
- To conserve property values within our Town while promoting the use of structures within the Local Historic District for the education, pleasure, prosperity, and general welfare of the community.

The Heritage Commission welcomes your input and hopes you will vote to approve this warrant article.

Meredith Smith, Chair
Enfield Heritage Commission

Land Use & Community Development

Planning Board - The Planning Board held formal hearings on February 22nd for two land use cases. They were as follows:

Land Use Case # P23-02-01, pursuant to RSA 231:158 concerning a designated scenic road in the Town of Enfield. A PRESENTATION and HEARING was held regarding an application from the NH Electric COOP (NHEC) to cut trees and maintain vegetation on Boys Camp Road, a designated scenic road. The Planning Board approved this application.

Land Use Case # P23-02-02, Nick Loupis applied for Boundary Line Adjustment and Voluntary Lot Merger approval for his properties located on Lake Street. The parcels in question (map 30, lots 17 & 19) are located within the "R1" Residential zoning district. The Planning Board approved this application.

The Planning Board (PB) is beginning the work of reviewing the Enfield Zoning Ordinance for possible updates. Using the new Enfield Master Plan as a guiding document, the PB will use their work sessions for the foreseeable future to look at possibly revamping the entire ordinance. The beginnings of this work have the board reviewing the Town's GIS maps and discussing the layout of Enfield's zoning districts. Public participation is encouraged throughout this process. Feel free to attend any Planning Board meeting to be a part of this important process.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) - No hearings were held in February.

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

Parks & Recreation

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

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

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

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

Enfield Recreation Summer Camp

Mark your calendars for April 14th as registration for Enfield Recreation Summer Camp registration opens! Camp will run 6 weeks this summer with first day 6/26 going till 8/4. Kids will go on weekly field trips, have daily activities working with peers and many more opportunities for a summer of fun and learning. Sign up for Enfield Residents will start April 14th at 9 am and for Non-Residents Registration will begin April 21st at 9am. We will have a wait list for each week of summer camp. We cannot wait for the warm weather and the start of summer!

Enfield Town Egg Hunt

Come down to Huse Park on Saturday, April 8th for our annual Enfield Recreation Egg Hunt! Registration open March 8th and is free to register. The Egg Hunt starts at 10:30 AM! After you collect your eggs go grab some delicious desserts from the Lioness Easter Dessert Bake sale and get a photo with the Easter Bunny!

Enfield Farmers Market

Registration is opening for the Enfield Farmers Market this month starting on March 10th! The market will run the same schedule as last year and be the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. We welcome all vendors but are in need of Produce Vendors and Food Vendors/Food Trucks! If you are interested in and have questions, please reach out to Recreation@enfield.nh.us for all inquiries.

Yoga with Sonya

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

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required. *Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather*

Line Dancing

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

Bone Builders

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

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

Check out Trail Finder, you can print the trail maps or download them to your phone if there will be no service on your hike. Take a look: <https://www.trailfinder.info/>



Kevin Marker

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

Follow us!



Police Department

With the start of March, spring will be just around the corner. Unfortunately, I am sure we will still get a couple more snowstorms as we traditionally have. Please remember you are required to clear off all snow and ice from the vehicle before driving.

Recently we have noticed a larger number of residents not following the trash receptacle ordinance. The ordinance requires that trash and recycle containers can only be placed out the night prior to scheduled pickup date and must be taken back in the same day as pickup. When the containers are left out they cause road hazards. The department will be working with other town departments to address this issue.

Dog registration time is here, please remember to register all your dogs with the town.

March 4th is National Slam the Scam Day. The department continues to work with local and federal authorities to combat scams in our area. If you receive a suspicious call or email contact the department. Never give sensitive information unless you are sure of the source.

The Enfield Police Department has a Full Time Police Officer position open. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested contact Lt. Luke Frye at lfrye@enfield.nh.us.

Finally, if you see something say something. The Enfield Police Department is here to help, no issue is too big or too small. You can reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501 or 603-643-2222

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

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

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield posted all Town maintained roads effective at noon on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. All vehicles that weigh over 6 tons are prohibited from accessing these roads until the posting is rescinded, usually around May 1st. The State of New Hampshire has posted Shaker Hill Road and Main Street. Limited permission for access will be granted on a case-by-case basis with factors such as weather, truck size, time of day, etc., being taken into consideration. Please contact the Highway Supervisor at 603-442-5418 or highway@enfield.nh.us or the DPW Director at 603-632-4605 with any questions and requests. Those wishing to access Main Street or Shaker Hill Road should call the NH DOT District 2 office at 448-2654

Winter Ban

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

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

Meter Reading

The Enfield Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters beginning March 22nd for first quarter 2023 billing. Please have touch pad locations shoveled out and sanded for access.

Driveway Snow Placement

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

Driveway Sand

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

2023 Household Hazardous Waste Dates Announced

Sat, May 6—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 3 —Newport Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 14 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 5—Newbury Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant

Sat, September 30—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Household Hazardous Waste 2023 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 6—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 3—Newport Highway Garage, 449 S. Main (Rt. 10 S)

Fri, July 14 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 5—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road
(Tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd)

Sat, September 30—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://hww.uvlsrc.org>



For
information
contact the

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

Bears

With the change of season bears will be around looking for an early spring snack. Please see the brochure put out by the New Hampshire Fish and Game to help minimize conflicts and interactions with bears.

New Hampshire's Black Bear

The American black bear (*Ursus americanus*), which has made a remarkable recovery from record low numbers in the mid-1800s, is now common throughout New Hampshire. The statewide bear population is estimated at 5,600 and regional densities range between 0.1–1.0 bears/mi² and average 0.6 bears/mi².



Although black bears are generally shy and usually avoid humans, they are opportunistic and will seek out human-related foods particularly when natural foods are limited. Minimizing conflicts between bears and people is critically important and a high priority for wildlife managers. Maintaining a strong and sustainable bear population into the future will depend on a public that is motivated to be responsible and proactive in securing food attractants.

Bears are part of our native heritage and for many, serve as a symbol of wildness and an indicator of quality, diverse habitat. Bears are highly intelligent, resourceful, and very effective at locating high-quality food resources. They are a prized big game animal and valued for both their meat and hide. A black bear sighting typically leaves wildlife watchers and tourists fascinated, particularly when they come from areas where bears are less common. From an ecological standpoint, bears serve important roles. As an opportunistic feeder, they help clean up carcasses of animals that die due to various causes. As an animal that feeds on a tremendous diversity of tree and shrub species, they serve as a significant seed disperser. Bears fill an essential niche and they are an important component of our landscape.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR



In Your Backyard:

- From a comfortable distance, make loud noises by shouting, banging pots and pans or using an air horn to deter the bear from the area.
- When the bear leaves, remove potential attractants such as garbage, bird seed, or pet food.
- Ask neighbors to remove attractants.



At a Close Distance or in a Confined Area:

- Begin repeating "hey bear" in a calm voice, maintain eye contact, and slowly back away. Do not run or climb trees.
- Give the bear a clear escape route (do not corner it).

Remember, bear conflicts are a community issue. It is important to work together to remove bear attractants.



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New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

AVOIDING BLACK BEAR

CONFLICTS

AND PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY FROM DAMAGE



While hundreds of bear conflicts are reported each year, most can be prevented by simply removing or securing common bear attractants.



BIRD SEED

1 REMOVE & STORE

- Only feed birds between December 1 and April 1
- Dispose of unused seed
- Store feeders indoors

2 SECURE & CLEAN

- Clean up bird seed from the ground



GARBAGE

- Store garbage cans in a building or enclosed by electric fence
- Take garbage to curb on morning of pickup

- Keep outbuildings and garage doors closed at all times
- Use bear-resistant dumpsters or garbage cans
- Dumpster lids/doors should be kept closed and latched
- Use airtight garbage cans and ammonia to control odor when storing in an outbuilding



GRILLS

- Store grill inside when not in use

- Burn off food residue
- Keep grease trap clean



POULTRY & LIVESTOCK

- Do not allow animals to range free

- Protect poultry and livestock with an electric fence



PET & LIVESTOCK FOOD

- Store livestock and pet food inside
- Feed pets inside

- If you feed your pets or livestock outside:
- Clean dishes daily
 - Remove leftover food daily

For more information on black bears in New Hampshire, please visit us online at wildnh.com



Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

Greetings all! Please be aware the Notices of Delinquent Taxes (including water and sewer, gravel, etc.) have been mailed. You may also review your accounts for Taxes and Utilities online thru the Town's website; www.enfield.nh.us. If anyone has any questions on outstanding balances due, please do not hesitate to contact the Tax Office by emailing whuntley@enfield.nh.us or tax2@enfield.nh.us and either myself or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector, will be happy to assist.

In recognition of the Federal Income tax filing time fast approaching, I would like to remind all that the information on the amount of property taxes paid in 2022 is available on the Town's website. 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 us.

On the Town Clerk side, please be advised that shortly we will be converting to sending the courtesy auto renewal notices by email only. Please contact us with your email for receiving future courtesy auto renewal notices. You can email your request to whuntley@enfield.nh.us or clerk2@enfield.nh.us and either myself or Patty Pierce, Assistant Town Clerk, will add your email to the system.

Again, in regard to Federal Income tax filing, the information needed for payment of vehicle registration is on both, the courtesy renewal notice and the actual registration. On the righthand side of your registration, you will find the amounts for the State and Municipal fees listed separately.

Hope to see you all at Town Meeting! March 14th from 8am – 7pm at the Community Building and on March 18th beginning at 9am at the Enfield Elementary School!

Wendy Huntley
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Meetings & Events

Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)

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

As always,

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

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

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv33333333333333333333) where you can subscribe to our channel.

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

- [March 1 @ 5:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [March 2 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [March 6 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [March 7 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [March 8 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [March 9 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
- [March 14 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [March 14 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [March 16 @ 4:30 PM \(Public Works\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [March 20 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [March 21 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee Informational Session on Community Power](#)

- [March 22 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [March 23 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
- [March 28 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [March 28 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [April 3 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [April 4 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [April 5 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [April 6 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [April 11 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [April 11 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [April 12 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [April 13 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)

Community Events & Announcements

Community Bulletin Board

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

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

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

Enfield Outing Club Scholarship

It's time to apply for Enfield Outing Club's Annual \$500 Scholarship!

Would you or someone you know benefit from \$500 to help pay those College costs? Making a commitment to enter a Civil Service or Wildlife Management career in any capacity is an honorable and selfless endeavor that shows true dedication to community service and deserves to be recognized. The Enfield Outing Club acknowledges that dedication. Therefore, it would be our honor and privilege to award a \$500 scholarship to a 2023 High School graduate who is pursuing a degree in some form of a Wildlife Management, Law Enforcement, or other Public Service career field (i.e. Forestry, Game Warden, Marine Biology, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Medical field, etc).

EOC will be accepting applications for consideration until June 1, 2023. If you have any questions or would like to request an application, please contact Peg Howard at: eoc378.info@gmail.com, kblkbrd1@att.net, or via telephone at 603-523-7677

Shawn Phelps Eastman Charitable Foundation Scholarship

The Eastman Charitable Foundation is offering up to three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors living in Enfield, Grantham, or Springfield who will graduate this spring and will be attending a two or four-year college. The successful candidates will have demonstrated a strong interest in the environment, a record of academic and leadership excellence, and who will be majoring in environmental science, sustainability, or a related field. The 2023 application is available on our website ecfnh.org. The application and essay must be submitted electronically by April 1, 2023, or if mailed via USPS with a postmark deadline of April 1, 2023. We're looking forward to reading your applications.

Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner



ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESS CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM (or Sold Out)

at the
Enfield Community Building



TAKE OUT WILL BE AVAILABLE

Adults & Take Out: \$16.00

All proceeds benefit community projects



Attention Graduating Seniors: APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP NOW!

Learn about Scholarships for graduating seniors in the Mascoma Valley Regional School District.
All applicants can only apply through the Friends of Mascoma site.

<https://friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship>

We support both traditional four-year applicants as well as trade school and certificate programs. We celebrate all forms of higher education.



Cold Weather Operations & Pantry Window Hours:

Tuesdays & Wednesdays in Canaan

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

3:00 - 5:30 pm

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

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

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

Food Donations: drop off during pantry hours
or contact us



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