

WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

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



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

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

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

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

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



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LATEST NEWS

TOWN MEETING

2021 Town Meeting Second Session/Business Meeting Vote in Person – Articles 4 through 16 Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:00 am Huse Park 308 US Route 4, Enfield

There is no voting by absentee ballot on questions 4-16. You must be present to vote.

From the Moderator

Articles 4-16 of the Town Meeting Warrant will be presented, discussed and acted upon.

In preparation for Saturday's Town Meeting Business Session, we ask that you review materials which can be found on the town website: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2021-annual-town-meeting</u>

- The meeting this year will run (logistically) almost exactly like we did it last year. We will have two tents set up at Huse Park, two central microphones, and we will broadcast the meeting to an FM station (yet to be determined) for those who wish to stay in their cars.
- We will have ballot clerks to collect your votes, we ask that people stay in their seats to minimize mingling and maximize social distancing.
- We will have a mobile microphone for those who are in their cars.
- ONE CHANGE: this year we will only have one check-in station, so everyone will have to check-in with the supervisors to receive your voting cards.

I would also like to remind everyone that when you do approach the microphone to make a statement or ask a question, this is not a time of debate. Those at the head table or presenting an article are under no obligation to answer questions, most of this should have been done in public hearings etc. However, we do realize that this might be the only opportunity for conversation on some of the articles, and we do want to make sure that everyone is heard. If an answer to an inquiry justifies a follow-up question, that will be permissible, please limit follow-up questions to one. As always, please remain respectful of your speaking time and your fellow community members.

The list of moderator rules can be found in the Town Report and will be made available day of. You can also find a 2019 copy here: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/files/moderators-rules</u>

There are additional COVID/Pandemic related meeting procedures (see below) that are not up for discussion or debate, nor will they be voted on.

Remember:

- **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED** Enfield still has a mask ordinance in place, and this will be enforced.
- Print and bring a copy of the warrant to follow along at the meeting, or bring your Town Report (a limited number of copies will be available at the meeting)
- If you're going to stay in your car for the meeting enter the Huse Park parking lot from the US Route 4 entrance (Space is limited to approximately 50 vehicles)
- If you're going to sit in the field do not park at Huse Park, but please find alternate parking and bring a chair. Pop-ups, sun shades, umbrellas are permitted
- Please bring your own chair
- There will be no food concession so bring your own snacks and beverages, if desired

Many thanks and hope to see everyone at Town Meeting.

Lindsay Smith Moderator

Warrant

The 2021 Town Meeting Warrant found here: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2021-annual-town-meeting</u>

The 2020 Annual Report includes the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant, followed by the Warrant Narrative which provides a short explanation of each article. You can find the 2020 Annual Report on the Town's website at <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/pages/annual-reports</u>.

2021 Proposed Budget of the Town

The Enfield Budget Committee worked diligently to prepare a budget for presentation at Town Meeting. A public hearing was held in early February and the budget approved for presentation to the voters. The Budget will be voted at the second session (business session) of Town Meeting on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Huse Park, 308 US Route 4, Enfield. The second session begins at 9:00 AM.

You can find a copy of the proposed budget online at

<u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2021-annual-town-meeting</u>. As more information is prepared for presentation at this session of Town Meeting additional information will be posted on this page.

Town Meeting Article Presentations

Because this year's Town Meeting Business Session on May 1 will be held outdoors during daytime hours there will be no PowerPoint presentations at the meeting. Copies of the PowerPoint presentations will be printed for those in attendance. We ask that individuals sitting together share a copy. You can also view them online at https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2021-annual-town-meeting

Please note that the wi-fi at the Community Building cannot be relied upon outside. If you wish to look at presentations during the meeting on your own device, we recommend you download them in advance.

ENFIELD MASK ORDINANCE

Governor Sununu announced that the statewide mask mandate implemented on November 20, 2020 expires today, Friday, April 16 and will not be renewed. The Enfield Board of Selectmen voted on April 19th to continue the Enfield Mask Ordinance until the community is safer. You can find a copy of the ordinance on the Town's website at

https://www.enfield.nh.us/facemasks/files/ordinance-relative-face-coverings

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST – NOTICE OF CHECKLIST VERIFICATION

Town of Enfield Supervisors of the Checklist Session Notice

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Enfield will hold a session for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, accepting applications for new voter registration, accepting requests for the correction of the checklist, and or change of political party affiliation on: May 19th, 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Enfield Town Office, 23 Main Street.

Voters may check party affiliation on-line: https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PollingPlaceSearch.asp

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fire Chief

The Town of Enfield, New Hampshire is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Chief of the Enfield Fire Department. This volunteer call department currently has approximately 30 members. This is a volunteer-level appointment with the usual expectations of time that could range from 10 hours a week to more, depending upon activities, training schedules and leadership goals. There is a paid stipend of \$17.00 per hour. As with all fire departments, the workload is variable.

Applications should be submitted prior to Thursday, May 20, 2021. A complete Position Announcement with application information and Position Overview/Ideal Candidate Goals & Vision can be found at <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-</u> manager/pages/employment-information

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

Summer Waterfront Jobs - Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

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

Waterfront Lifeguards

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

Swim Instructors

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

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EARTH DAY TREE PLANTING

Earth Day – April 22, 2021

On a blustery Earth Day, the Board of the Eastman Charitable Foundation and members of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee and Interim Town Manager Jack Wozmak gathered to plant the white spruce tree donated to the Town by the ECF. Members of the DPW crew joined the group to get the tree safely planted. Thanks go to the Eastman Charitable Foundation for their generous donation, to Steve Patten for preparing the planting site, and to Mike Burns for delivering the tree. It is anticipated that the tree will become a Town Christmas Tree and a focal point of holiday celebrations.



Shane Barnes, Grounds Crew Leader and Scott Wright, Light Equipment Operator, help to plant the tree



Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee, Interim Town Manager and Eastman Charitable Foundation Board Members Photos by Dolores Struckhoff

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello from the Enfield Police Department. Spring is here and hopefully there will be no more snowstorms for a while. Now that the weather has improved, we are seeing many more people out enjoying the great recreation that Enfield has to offer. We would like to remind everyone that there is no overnight parking or camping in the town parking lots. The lower boat launch parking area is for vehicles with boat trailers only. If you do not have a trailer, please use the upper beach parking lot. Please note that vehicles with trailers are not authorized to park in the upper beach parking lot.

Recently the police department has discovered vandalism at Huse Park. We are actively investigating these actions and will try to hold those who do such things accountable.

The radar trailer is out and in use, if you would like to see the trailer in your neighborhood contact Detective Crate who will put you on the list.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Officer Cameron Hill who graduated the Full Time Police Academy in April. Cameron has lived locally most of his life and is a great addition to the Enfield Police Department.

Remember the police department is here to help, no problem is too small, if you see something say something by calling the station at 603-632-7501 or dispatch at 603-643-2222.

Roy Holland Chief of Police Enfield Police Department

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held a single hearing in April. This hearing was for Vertex Towers, LLC, who applied for a special exception to build a wireless communication tower on land owned by the John Mann Trust (Bill Mann, Trustee). This location is at the top of "Dry Bridge Hill" near Morhouse Lane and is identified as Enfield Land Use Case # Z21-04-01. Enfield's residents and visitors alike will know firsthand about cell coverage issues along Route 4 between Enfield and Lebanon. This proposed new tower will also help with the Route 4A limited signal strength near Lake Mascoma. After hearing the presentation by Vertex, asking their questions and getting the abutters involved in the discussion, the ZBA members voted to approve the special exception. Please remember that all meeting information, including Zoom login info, meeting agendas and previous meeting minutes are available on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment

The Planning Board (PB) held a single hearing on April 14th at 7:00 pm via the Zoom web meeting platform. This hearing was to re-approve a minor subdivision for Thomas Jellison the applicant (Enfield Land Use Case # P21-04-02). Mr. Jellison applied to edit the language of his original subdivision approval dated 9/9/1987. Specifically, he wished to remove the wording that precluded his ability to access his property from Old County Road (a class VI road) instead of Morhouse Lane. The Selectboard also discussed and approved Mr. Jellison's request to use this access, per the Town's Class VI Road Policy.

On April 24th, the PB held a site visit at the proposed location for Vertex Towers LLC's wireless communication (Enfield Land Use Case # P21-04-01). Simultaneously, the Vertex reps were performing a 3 hour "Visibility Test" of the tower. This is also known as a "balloon test" where they fly a balloon on a string at the exact height of the proposed tower. The balloon was visible along Route 4 in Lebanon coming toward Enfield between the Mascoma Store and trailer parks as well as across the lake along Rt. 4A between Enfield's Shaker Bridge and the Lebanon boat ramp. The next step for this project is a Major Site Plan Review Application/Hearing. This will be held on May 12th at 7:00 pm via the Zoom Web Meetings Platform. As always, Zoom web meeting login information, meeting agendas and previous meeting minutes are all available on the Planning Board section of the Town's website at: https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board

The Town's Master Planning Task Force continues to meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. This Task Force has recently divided into several smaller "sub-committees" to work on the following six area: 1) Population and Demographics, 2) Land Use, 3) Housing, 4) Economic Development, 5) Visioning and 6) Transportation. All Task Force meetings are open to the public and minutes and agendas are being made available on the Town's dedicated Master Planning website: <u>http://www.enfield-leaps.org</u>

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



What:Master Planning Community Input OpportunityWhere:Under the tents at Huse ParkWhen:Sunday, May 2, 2021Time:10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

To kick off the community input sessions, we are offering an opportunity for ALL stakeholders to stop by and write down their primary thoughts and priorities for the future of the Town of Enfield. Master Planning Task Force members will be there with post-its and sharpies to collect feedback that will help to guide future, more comprehensive, community surveys, input sessions, charrettes, etc. This is not a guided conversation, but we welcome conversation!

Stop by and add your thoughts to our vision boards!

Visit <u>www.enfield-leaps.org</u> to stay up to date with Master Plan progress and activities

*watch for Master Planning Task Force members at the Enfield Market this summer and future community input sessions.

The process of developing a Master Plan includes community residents and leaders answering four questions:

- Where are we now? (Community profile)
- Where are we going? (Trends)
- Where do we want to be? (Vision)
- How do we get there? (Action plan)

The visioning process is essentially answering questions outlined above. It is a process of finding out what the most commonly held community values are:

- Does the community desire economic growth? If so, where?
- What are our transportation needs?
- · How is our land being used and what do we want to protect?
- What kind of housing should be encouraged? Where should it be located?
- What is one word you would use to describe Enfield?

Answering these types of questions, helps define the guiding principles and priorities for the master plan and subsequently, the resulting regulations and policies for the Town of Enfield.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water and Sewer Bills

Enfield water and sewer bills were mailed in early April and will be due May 17. Bills can be monitored and paid using the online payment tool on the Town's Website. https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments

Water Conservation

We entered the winter with drier than normal conditions. The amount of precipitation we received over the winter and early spring have not been sufficient to fully restore groundwater levels. We ask everyone on the municipal water system, as well as private wells, to voluntarily practice water conservation measures.

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will reopen on May 1, 2021 and will be open during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday and Saturday. Due to COVID-19 concerns deliveries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday will be by appointment. Please call the DPW at 632-4605 to make arrangements for delivery. The facility is closed on Sundays. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps or dimensional lumber. **Residents wishing to use the facility must have all loads checked by Town staff.** The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield has lifted all road postings.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin in May. The Town routinely flushes water from the system to improve water quality and test emergency fire hydrant readiness. If you experience a loss of pressure it should only be temporary. Please wait 30 minutes before contacting the Town. This does not pertain to properties on NH Rte 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The first 2021 Household Hazardous Waste collection day is Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Lebanon High School. ASW CLUDISTISTIC D

All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 1—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street
Sat, June 5 —Newport Highway Garage, 449 S Main Street (Rt 10S)
Fri, July 16 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)
Sat, August 7—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11
Sat, October 2—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Other residents and businesses welcome for a fee. ANYONE with 25 gallons or more must pre-register by calling number below. Any Business 2-week pre-registration.

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



For information contact the

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



Aerosol cans, empty: Recycle with scrap metal. Talk to your town. (Bring cans with product in them to collection.)
 Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.
 Asbestos: Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health—don't remove it yourself!

Batteries, alkaline: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal to avoid fire in your trash! Batteries, automotive: Take to parts store for cash or your transfer station Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRA takes from towns). Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes. Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex. Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling." Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector-can become a projectile if compacted in trash. Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps. Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds. Propane or helium tanks: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

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

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

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Greetings all!

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all who have utilized the online payment option on the Town's website, especially during this period of "social distancing" for tax and utility payments. We do also continue to offer paperless billing. Once you've sign-up online, you will get an email notification of a Tax or Utility Billing. If no payment received by 2 weeks prior to due date, the system will send you a reminder of the outstanding invoice. One last reminder of an unpaid bill will be sent about 2 days before the due date.

As a "head's-up" the first issue tax billing for 2021 will be underway shortly and will be due sometime early in July. As mentioned previously, tax payments may be made online at <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u>. Payments made by electronic check online have an additional flat fee of 95 cents. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. To make a payment online, from the home page, click on the online payments button and this will transfer to a new screen of options. Click on Tax Collector online payments and just follow the instructions from there. (Hint: when searching, use as few words as possible, such as house number and road name. Refrain from using St, Rd, Ave, Lane, etc.) Or just enter your last name and a list of possible answers will show on the right of the screen. If you need to be walked thru this process, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is <u>whuntley@enfield.nh.us</u> or to reach me by phone call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

As a reminder, once the lobby is open again, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. *Currently the lobby is still closed to over-the-counter transactions*.

Stay healthy and safe!

BUILDING, HEALTH & FIRE INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS

The Enfield Health Officer recently participated in training for Foster and Adoptive Family Home Health Inspections provided by the state Department of Health and Human Services. While the training was specific to those households, all residents who have children in the home might benefit from knowing these eight requirements for those inspections.

1. Is there hot and cold water under pressure available for household use?

The plumbing code sets a maximum water pressure of 80 pounds per square inch, and while it does not establish a minimum overall pressure from a well or town supply, the minimum incoming pressure is usually 40-50 psi in order to supply all household fixtures. Hot water temperature for household use is limited by a state amendment to the plumbing code to maximum 130*F, and a shower can be no hotter than 120*F. The temperature at a sink is usually around 110*F. As a reference, day care facilities are not permitted water temperatures over 120*F due to scalding concerns for young children.

2. If water is from a private well, has it been tested within the last two years?

If drinking water is supplied by the Town water supply, private testing is not necessary because federal regulations already require public water supplies to be tested for contaminants. Private well water has no state or federal requirements for testing, other than for specific instances such

as applications by foster or adoptive families. All households should have their private wells tested for a Standard Analysis of bacteria and other contaminants every 3-5 years if drilled, and annually for a dug well. A test will determine if well water poses health concerns due to the presence of E. coli bacteria, nitrate, nitrite, lead, copper, arsenic, radon, and total coliform levels.

3. Is there a functioning sewage disposal system?

Symptoms of a failed septic system include foul odor, soggy areas around the system, and leaking fluid. Individual septic systems require routine maintenance and care to function properly. The state Department of Environmental Services recommends pumping septic tanks every 2-3 years. The state informs that a septic system failure is illegal if not corrected, unhealthy, and a nuisance to neighbors. Residents should not flush toxic materials, grease, facial tissues, baby wipes, or diapers into the system. Nor should a garbage disposal unit be used unless the system was designed for it. The cost to replace a failed system is expensive, so when in doubt don't flush it.

4. Is the home free of evidence of insects and rodents?

The primary concern for insects is the presence of bed bugs, lice, and fleas. Bedding should be inspected and cleaned regularly. Bed bugs and lice do not carry disease, but fleas can. Rodents are also capable of transmitting disease, usually from food or water contaminated by their droppings or urine.

5. Are there sanitary and safe facilities for the storage, preparations, and serving of food, including refrigeration and a means for sanitation of utensils?

Food service guidelines require refrigeration at 40*F or less, and the freezer temperature at 0*F or below. A thermometer should be left in the fridge for a full minute to ensure an accurate reading. If grime or pet hair has built up on the condenser coils it can affect the cooling performance of the fridge. The coils will be located under or behind the unit, or sometimes on top of it. An old paint brush is useful for cleaning coils, or appliance brushes can be purchased for the purpose. Cleaning can improve cooling by increasing air flow volume across the coils. The gasket on the doors should also be inspected to ensure it is not twisted or loose, or there could be an item in the fridge that is preventing the door from closing properly.

6. Are all toxic materials such as cleaners, medicines, household chemicals, and paints clearly labeled, stored in original containers separate from food, and not accessible to young children?

Most of these hazards are known to parents but are less apparent to those who have young children as visitors. One concern highlighted by DHHS is unlabeled containers, especially those in the kitchen. For example, is that clear fluid in a spray bottle water or bleach? Old milk jugs are often reused to hold undrinkable fluids. Using a marker to identify substances in a generic container is good practice in the home, and required by OSHA on construction sites, because proper treatment by emergency responders usually requires information about the substance that was accidentally ingested. Not all poison remedies are the same.

7. Is the home and yard where young children are cared for safe from potential sources of injury?

Safety precautions include porch and stair railings 36 inches tall, with balusters allowing no more than 4-inch gaps to prevent a baby from crawling through them. Swimming pools require fences 4 feet tall, with the gate latch on the pool side, and other requirements intended to prevent children from climbing over the fence to access the pool. Residents near lakes should know the state does not mandate fencing to prevent access to natural bodies of water. Indoor

fencing is required around wood stoves and at the top of stairs. There are many other precautions, but burns, falls, and drownings are all major concerns.

8. Are pet dogs licensed and do they have current rabies vaccination certificates? State law 436:100 requires all dogs, cats, and ferrets to be vaccinated for rabies. Dogs must also be licensed. More information on Animal Control is available on the Town website.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

We have a progress report on the solar installation at the DPW! As of Wednesday, 14 April, all of the roof mounting brackets have been attached on the roof of the salt shed and the wiring for the panels has been completed. The 200 solar panels were being installed starting on Monday, 19 April. The panels should be all in before May 1st, though the system is not expected to be up and running until the end of May. The energy credit from the extra 20kw of power that will be generated by the system, will help to reduce the electric bill for the Love Joy Brook pumping station. The power purchase rate for the first year is \$0.1098/kilowatt hour.



As of Tuesday, 27 April all work on the salt shed was complete and all of the 200 panels are in place. On Wednesday, the underground power cable from the salt shed was connected to the DPW building. Weather permitting the electrical work should be completed next week. We are hoping that the system can be connected to the power grid in early May. This system will be able to be monitored remotely.





CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

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

Please note, decorations and potted flowers may be replaced on or after May 15th. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow maintenance operations to take place. For additional information about cemetery rules, regulations, or costs please visit- https://www.enfield.nh.us/boardcemetery-trustees

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

RECREATION

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

Enfield Recreation

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

Enfield Summer Camp

Six weeks fun-filled weeks! June 28 – August 6 Grades enteringK-6th (fall 21) Max of 48 campers \$135/week for Enfield residents; \$145/week for non-residents Registration is now open online at https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home

Line Dancing

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

Chair Yoga & Exercise

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

Please note the revised schedule - Wednesdays Only!

- May 5
- May 12
- May 26
- June 2
- June 9
- June 30

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

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

The Enfield Market starts May 8th! We are looking for vendors, food trucks, and live music. Please email <u>mvalleyrec@gmail.com</u> for more information. The market schedule will be the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month from May 8th – Oct 9th from 10AM- 1PM at Huse Park.

Youth Programs Coming back this summer:

Challenger Sports Soccer Camp! Click on the link below to register for Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation's Challenger Sports Soccer Camp returning this summer! Registration is open: <u>https://challenger.configio.com/pd/223346/mascoma-valley-parks-recreation</u>

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

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

Adult & Family Recreation Opportunities:

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

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

Looking for more wonderful trails to get out on nearby? Check out Trail Finder, you are able to print the trail maps or download them to your phone if there will be no service on your hike. Take a look: <u>https://www.trailfinder.info/</u>

UNH Extension is offering many workshops. Visit: <u>www.naturegroupie.org</u> for more information.

Upper Valley Trails Alliance (UVTA) is taking applications for the Upper Valley High School Trail Corps program. This is an opportunity for high school students to spend time outdoors and learn about trail building in a sustainable way. For more information and to apply, visit: https://www.uvtrails.org/programs-events/high-school-trail-corps/

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

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

Follow MVPR on Facebook & Instagram!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

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

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

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

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

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

The Committee is currently planning events for a 2021 celebration.

Regrettably the 2020 celebrations were canceled due to COVID-19, but 2019 was a successful weekend of Old Home Days! Check out the events held in 2019: https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page! <u>https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/</u>

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

The **Energy Committee** also has one vacancy! The Energy Committee's charge is to identify energy saving opportunities for the Town and residents of Enfield. Check out the latest project spearheaded by the Energy Committee – <u>the solar installation at DPW!</u>

"KNOW YOUR TOWN"

"Know your Town" is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we'll bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day.

Route 4A

Of course the most important street or road in our town is Route 4A, the true main artery that gave life to Enfield.

One of the most important spurs to the development of the United States as a nation in the late 1700s was the creation of privately-financed transport networks. Shareholder companies that raised money and repaid investors from tolls helped build the canals and roads that powered geographical expansion and economic development.

In 1796, New Hampshire raised money for a turnpike connecting the capital of Concord to the seaport of Portsmouth. This First New Hampshire Turnpike was repeated across the state and a Fourth Turnpike connecting Lebanon to the seacoast (via Croydon) was incorporated in 1804.¹ More precisely, this turnpike ran from the east bank of the Connecticut River to the west bank of the Merrimack River.

As often happens, building what would later become Route 4A overran original estimates and ended up costing twelve dollars per mile instead of six. The route would change too. For a time, it ran northeast around Enfield center and emerged at foot of George Hill, thereby avoiding the steep hill and sharp turns east of Enfield Center. Later, the road returned to its original path, which is what we use today.²

Enfield Center, which straddled the Fourth Turnpike became a stagecoach stop where travelers could find rest and refreshment at two hotels and coaches could change horses. By 1840, Enfield Center had two stores, sawmills, shingle mill, tannery, brickyard and lock shops flanking the road. In 1840 commerce fed by the road made the Shaker settlements on Mascoma Lake's western shore Enfield's biggest taxpayers.³ Regular stagecoach service carried passengers and freight to Boston and Canada from Enfield Center. The cluster of buildings known as "Fishmarket" (still on some maps today) became the "nucleus of business and manufacturing in Enfield".⁴ Fish from George Pond and Crystal Lake travelled along the Fourth Turnpike to Hanover, Concord, Boston and Burlington. In 1886, 200 people lived in Enfield Center;

numerous residents put in sidewalks and Enfield Center was a thriving place to walk and shop. The Knox river, which crossed under 4A, powered upwards of twenty mills that ground flour, sawed wood, cut shingles and manufactured essential tack for draft horses.

The arrival of the railroad and the automobile, numerous fires and the decline of the Shaker communities all diminished Enfield Center. The township's commercial heart moved from Enfield Center to Enfield's Main Street area, following the railroad. Nevertheless, 4A remained the principal connection between the Hanover area and southern New Hampshire. The construction of Interstate Route 89 in the early 1970s dealt the final blow to the importance of Route 4A.

In 1925, the section of New England Route 14 running between Vermont and Andover was renumbered US Route 4. Route 4A is now considered merely an "alternate" route of US 4, a sad comedown for what was once one of the most important roads in New Hampshire.

¹Sanborn p. 155

² Sanborn, p. 167

³ Sanborn p. 155

⁴ Sanborn, p. 166

MEETINGS & EVENTS

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

- May 1 @ 9:00 Am (Huse Park, 308 US Route 4) Town Meeting
- May 3 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- May 4 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- <u>May 4 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Recreation Commission</u>
- <u>May 6 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Conservation Commission</u>
- May 11 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- May 12 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Planning Board
- May 12 @ 5:30 PM (via Zoom) Old Home Days Committee
- May 13 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Cemetery Trustees
- May 17 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- May 25 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Energy Committee
- May 26 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Planning Board
- <u>May 27 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Heritage Commission</u>
- May 31 Town Offices & Library Closed for Memorial Day
- June 1 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- June 2 @ 5:30 PM (via Zoom) Old Home Days Committee
- June 3 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Conservation Commission
- June 7 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- June 8 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- June 9 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Planning Board
- June 10 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Cemetery Trustees

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on our website on the Community & Business main page: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses</u>. 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 <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u> and we'll post it for you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Art in the Park

Visit the art exhibit at Huse Park – 308 US Route 4 and Main Street



In March, the Enfield Village School hosted Kathleen Peters for their Artist in Residence Program. Kathleen is a talented, local artist and a proud Mascoma parent. Kathleen brought to the Mascoma School District an incredible talent and passion for both art and her community.

Kathleen has been creating nature scapes inspired by the natural beauty of the Upper Valley and has instilled meaningful connections to each one. Kathleen is not only participating as our Artist in Residence, but she is also creating some thoughtful and breathtaking paintings for our district.

"The paintings offer wonder and peace, and help us to pause and remember the value we each have as individuals and how inextricably our lives are entwined with one another and the natural world in which we live."

~Kathleen Peters

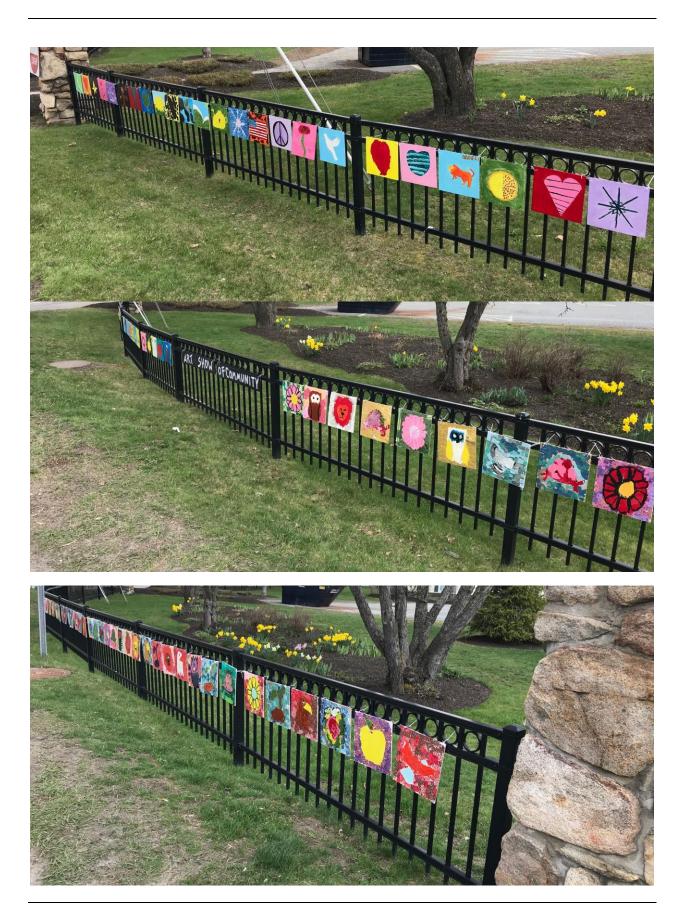
Her artwork lined the EVS halls to inspire our students and staff. In March, Kathleen worked with the district's Elementary Art teacher, Jason Jarvis, and our EVS students to create their own art. Students used symbols and metaphors to make their own personalized connections to their community.

Students had their work protected for the weather and put on display outside! EVS had the first showing outside of the school and now the art show is on display in front of the Community Building and the entrance to Huse Park.

Kathleen was set to join the Canaan Elementary School to work with their students starting on April 26th. The district is very excited to have such a remarkable opportunity to have an Artist in Residence in these challenging times!

We hope that the art is spreading joy through our community!

~Jason Jarvis Elementary Art Teacher for the Enfield Village School and Canaan Elementary School





Enfield Green Up Days May 15, 16 and 22, 23 sponsored by the Enfield Village Association

Help clean up our community by picking up ROADSIDE LITTER. I wonder if Spring is litter discovery season? It sure makes an appearance as the snow leaves. Last year's socially distanced volunteers brought in over 125 bags of cans, snack bags, bottles and junk. I don't know why so many people litter but I do know it is ugly and it takes many people to tackle it. But what a difference you make! It is so much nicer after this effort.

How does this work? Again, we ask for social distancing and masks. Volunteers are to pick up BLUE BAGS from the box in front of Greely Hall, 3 Shaker Hill Rd and communicate with our coordinator on areas to be cleaned. Our commitment is to clean up the Main Street areas first, then other areas. Last year your efforts covered more of Enfield than ever before! In order to prevent everyone cleaning the same area, or trying to, please contact our volunteer coordinator. Contact info coming. (Check out <u>eva@enfieldmainstreet.org</u> and the Enfield Listserv for updates)

BLUE BAGS will have drop off points convenient to the efforts and will be agreed upon with the Town. We cannot pick up household trash or furniture, electronics, etc. - litter only. Enfield Village Association asks that you contact us for the BLUE BAG pick up bags, areas to be covered, and your volunteer hours. (These hours are important to our nonprofit work.)

More information coming soon. And while we are asking, we'd love to have pictures of your efforts as well.

Keep good things happening! eva@enfieldmainstreet.org

Julie Eckert Enfield Village Association Board



MAY15&16,22&23 GREEN UP DAYS

Any time throughout the weekends

EVA collaborates every year with the Sponsor-A-Highway program to collect trash along Main Street, the parade route, and the rail trail after a long winter. With your help, we have extended our effort to include Mascoma Lakeside Park, the Town Beach, and boat ramp areas. We added other side streets where we live that are not already sponsored. Last year we collected over 120 bags of trash off the sides of streets around Enfield. The more volunteers, the more we all benefit throughout the summer!

Help us assign and coordinate cleanup areas by registering at <u>EVA@EnfieldMainStreet.org</u>. If the street you live on is already assigned, we will give options of others that need work.

Taking pride in the streets where we live while following mask mandates

We provide blue bags in a bin outside of EVA's office on the corner of Main and Shaker Hill or at La Salette

Drop off full blue bags to the signs in parking lots at La Salette, Mascoma Lakeside park, or on Main Street by our Mother's garden

The Town will collect the bags on the following Monday

ENFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

3 Shaker Hill Road Enfield, NH 03748

(603) 632-7197

EVA@EnfieldMainStreet.org

www.facebbook.com/Enfield NHEVA

Join the Friends of Mascoma Foundation and the UNH Extension for: Mascoma Builds Community Resilience REGIONAL KICKOFF SESSION



Mascoma Builds Community Resilience

REGIONAL KICKOFF SESSION

This past year has presented unique challenges to communities, but with every challenge is a new opportunity to come together!

Resiliency: the ability to "bounce back" in the face of adversity and move forward to improve outcomes for children, families and communities.

CONNECT, LEARN, SHARE

What makes your community resilient?

IN THIS SESSION, WE WILL

- · Bring the voices of the Mascoma community together
- Provide an introduction to the Building Community Resilience Project
- Build a regional team of partners and community members interested in building resiliency in the Mascoma region
- Come together as a community to learn about each other, our assets, and where to go from here
- Begin to identify ways to build resiliency in community and how to take action as part of a regional team

For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact sue.cagle@unh.edu prior to the event. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to make accommodations.

This workshop is supported by the FY2020 Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grants Program of National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA Grants #2020-46100-32839

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture and N.H. counties cooperating.





Contacts: Sue Cagle (<u>sue.cagle@unh.edu</u>) or Eula Kozma (<u>elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org</u>) Register: <u>https://unh.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrduytrikjH9NSVw47f4KzAnKglLe3v5KJ</u>



May 20, 2021

TIME

5:30 - 7:00 PM

LOCATION

Zoom

REGISTER

bit.ly/Mascoma-Community

CONTACT US!

Sue Cagle sue.cagle@unh.edu

Eula Kozma elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org

Recycle Beyond the Bag

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

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





IMPORTANT DIALING CHANGE NOTICE

740551 748 06 043250 01 TOWN OF ENFIELD PO BOX 373 ENFIELD, NH 03748-0373

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted "988" as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. Customers must continue to dial **1-800-273-TALK** to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022.

In order for 988 to work in your area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented. If your area code is included in the list below, you will need to change the way you dial local calls.

STATE	AREA CODE
California	530
Colorado	719
Illinois	309, 618
lowa	515
Kansas	620, 785
Minnesota	218, 952
Missouri	660, 816
New Hampshire	603
New York	716
Ohio	440
Texas	940
Vermont	802
Washington	509

WHAT WILL BE THE NEW DIALING PROCEDURE? To

complete all local calls, you will now need to **dial area code** + **telephone number**. This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits.

WHO WILL BE AFFECTED? Anyone with a telephone number from your area code will need to make this change from 7-digit local dialing to 10-digit local dialing.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGE BEGIN? Beginning April 24, 2021, you should begin dialing 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed. Beginning October 24, 2021, you must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7-digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number.

Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing "988" will route your call to National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO? In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples are life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and other similar functions. Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the ar ea code is included.

WHAT WILL REMAIN THE SAME?

- · Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the dialing change.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You will continue to dial 1+ area code + telephone number for all long distance calls.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and
 911 (emergency services).
- Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 services available in your community can still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

WHO MAY YOU CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS? If you have any questions regarding information in this notice, please call Consolidated Communications at 1-844-968-7224 or access www.consolidated.com/dialingchanges.

You can also visit the FCC website at https://www.fcc.gov/suicideprevention-hotline.

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Grafton County Broadband Committee – You Can Help!

In September 2020, the Grafton County Commissioners appointed a five-member committee dedicated to improving broadband throughout County. The Committee has been working diligently to identify and address the needs of the County with a focus on Economic Development, Distance Learning, Health Care/Telehealth Services, and Public Safety.

The Committee is leaning toward a primary goal of having the County develop the backbone network through population centers through a combination of building new fiber optic cable where there are obvious gaps and optimizing existing infrastructure.

The Committee is asking for support from fellow Grafton County communities to help identify and document the gaps and needs of the County. You can help with the data collection process by completing this survey <u>https://forms.gle/FvKkZA4xtKZA0E8t5</u> and downloading and using the TestIT mobile app. For more information on the TestIT app visit <u>NAC0.org/TestIT</u>



Connectivity data provided to the Federal Communications Commission is often inaccurate and inflated – leaving many rural communities overlooked and disconnected.

"TestIT" is a free iOS/Android mobile app designed by Measurement Labs (MLabs) to collect broadband speeds across the country from app users. With the press of a single button, users are able to test their broadband speed from anywhere.

No personal information will be collected through this mobile app.

Your help identifying gaps in our nation's broadband coverage is critical to making substantive changes to the process for reporting broadband service. We hope you will help shed light on this critically important issue and encourage your friends, family and constituents to join in the efforts as well!

For more info, visit NACo.org/TestIT













1. Locate the iOS/Android App Store on your phone



 Search for "TestIT" in your mobile app store



- 3. Download TestIT mobile app
- 4. Open TestIT mobile app and click: Test Speed Here



RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES

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

TOWN OFFICES TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

With rising public health concerns surrounding increased incidences of COVID-19, due in part to gatherings during this holiday season, Enfield's Town Offices closed to the public effective November 30. Services will continue to be provided without interruption just as they did following closure of the Town offices this past spring. The opening of the Town Offices will be reviewed following the holiday season.

Enfield Town Manager's Office:

Jack Wozmak, Interim Town Manager 603-632-5026, ext. 5405 townmanager@enfield.nh.us

Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager 603-632-5026, ext. 5401 <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u>

• Notary Services The Enfield Town Offices has suspended Notary Services.

• Municipal Facilities – Events Canceled We will be reaching out to all groups who will be affected by the following changes:

• Community Building

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

• Public Works Facility & Town Hall Conference Room Use of these spaces will be available for essential Town meetings only. Private groups will not have access to the building until further notice.

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



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

• All Other Services

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

Assessing Department:

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

Exemptions, Tax Credits, Current Use Applications

The following have an April 15th filing deadline. o Elderly Exemptions o Veteran's Tax Credits o Tax Deferrals o Current Use Applications o Exempt Property Applications (Charitable, Religious, Educational)

These items have no filing deadlines. o Timber Intents o Gravel Intents

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

Property Information

Access is available online at https://www.axisgis.com/enfieldnh/ o Property Record Cards o Tax Maps o Deeds

Information not available online includes: o Septic Designs o Building Permit Information o Sales Data

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

Finance Department:

Mary Ann Crandall, Bookkeeper 603-632-5026, ext. 5407 <u>macrandall@enfield.nh.us</u>

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

Tax Collector's Office: Wendy Huntley, Tax Collector 603-632-5026, Ext. 5404 whuntley@enfield.nh.us

You can access Property Tax bills, Water & Sewer bills, and more, online. Simply go to <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments</u>

Office visits for payments are temporarily suspended. Payments can be made online using ACH (e-check) with a fee of only 95 cents. Payments online made by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. (Unfortunately, we are unable to waive that fee.) Payments made by check or money order can be left in the drop box outside the Town Offices. If payment is left in the drop box you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you'd like a receipt mailed to you. Receipts can be emailed upon request at no cost.

Town Clerk's Office:

Sandy Romano, Town Clerk 603-632-5001, Ext. 5403 townclerk@enfield.nh.us

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

ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING

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

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!



