

Blue Hydrangeas by Jean Patten

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 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.

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- 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!



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LATEST NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM ENFIELD'S TOWN MANAGER

I would like to thank everyone who attended and volunteered to make the 2022 Town Meeting a success. We had approximately 300 registered voters who attended the meeting throughout the day. There was good debate, but I appreciate that everyone was civil and stayed on point when discussing each warrant article. The results of each article are listed below.

With the two bond articles passing, I want to ensure the taxpayers of Enfield that I will be working diligently to find alternative funding opportunities and to minimize costs where appropriate. As mentioned at Town Meeting, we have already identified possible grant sources, and since Town Meeting we have already had conversations and are working with community partners to start to secure alternative funding and to lock in interest rates in order to minimize costs.



I want to take a moment to thank the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) and the prior Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth for their work on the conceptual plans for Whitney Hall and the Public Safety Facility. I will be working with the Selectboard to reorganize another MFAC committee for the purpose of finalizing plans and working with me throughout the construction of the two buildings. Maintaining public input will be a priority for me, so we can provide the best buildings possible while maintaining a watchful eye over spending.

Ed Morris Town Manager

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS - APRIL 30, 2022

Article 7: \$5,802,150 for Whitney Hall, Town Office and Library expansion and renovation

196 – Yes, 85 – No Article 7 PASSED

A 3/5 majority vote was required. 281 votes were cast; 168 Yes votes were required to pass.

The affirmative vote for article approved the \$5,802,150 Whitney Hall, Town Office and Library expansion and renovation project. The vote authorized the borrowing of \$5,558,086 and expenditure of \$244,064 from the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund. Any grants the Town is able to secure or donations the Library will be applied to this project to reduce borrowing. The conceptual plans will be reviewed and final plans will be developed. There may be an opportunity for cost savings while still providing for the needs of the Town. Restoration of historic features, larger and more functional spaces and increased energy efficiency are important aspects of the renovation.

Article 8: \$7,259,066 for Public Safety Facility

162 – Yes, 108 – No Article 8 PASSED

A 3/5 majority vote was required. 270 votes were cast; 162 Yes votes were required to pass.

The affirmative vote for this article approved \$7,259,066 for construction of a new public safety facility to house police, fire and ambulance. This estimate was based on a conceptual design for a lot owned by the Mascoma Valley Regional School District. Since that time another lot has become available that will not require the extensive site work, and has 3-phase power on site. The conceptual plans will be reviewed and amended as necessary to meet the needs of these three departments and provide for an energy efficient building. Any grant funds the Town is able to secure will be applied to this project of reduce borrowing.

Article 9: \$130,000 from unassigned fund balance for Oak Hill Road bridge

Article 9 PASSED

Article 10: \$120,000 from unassigned fund balance for roadside mowing unit

Article 10 PASSED

Article 11: \$7,567,247 Operating Budget

140 – Yes, 54 – No Article 11 PASSED

A paper ballot was requested. A simple majority was required to pass.

Article 12: \$500,768 for deposit into Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund

Article 12 PASSED

Article 13: \$30,000 for deposit into Employee and Retiree Benefits Expandable Trust Fund

Article 13 PASSED

Article 14: \$150,000 for emergency repairs to Whitney Hall

With the approval of Article 7 this article was withdrawn.

Article 15: Adoption of Enfield Community Power Plan

Article 15 PASSED

Article 16: (By Petition) Adoption of the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2)

96 – Yes, 81 – No Article 16 FAILED

A 3/5 majority vote was required. 177 votes were cast; 106 Yes votes were required to pass.

Article 17: (By Petition) Increase Board of Selectmen to 5 members

79 – Yes, 49 – No Article 17 PASSED

A simple majority was required to pass.

Pursuant to NH State Statute 41:8-e the town vote to increase its board of selectmen to 5 members does not take effect until the first annual meeting following the meeting at which the question was acted upon. Therefore, at the next annual meeting (2023) the town shall elect 2 members for a 3-year term and one member for a one-year term to bring the Board of Selectmen to 5 members.

Article 18: To hear reports

Article 18 PASSED

David Fracht, Planning Board Chair, provided an update on the work being done by Master Planning Taskforce and the progress on updating the Town's Master Plan. Visit <u>Enfield Leaps Home (enfield-leaps.org)</u> for more information.

WE NEED YOU! BOARD & COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A number of appointments were made to boards and committees by the Board of Selectmen on April 18, but we still have vacancies and we need your help. Please consider volunteering your time for the betterment of your community. Simply complete an Application for Committee/Board Membership and email it to abonnette@enfield.nh.us or drop it off at the Enfield Town Manager's Office and your application will be provided to the appointing authority.

If you're a bit undecided, committee meetings are open to the public – <u>attend a meeting</u> to see what they're all about!

Budget Committee (1)
Capital Improvement Program Committee (3)
Conservation Commission (3)
Energy Committee (1)
Heritage Commission (1)

Mascoma Lakeside Park (1) Planning Board (1)

Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee (2)

Zoning Board of Adjustment (2)

And two local area committees: Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee (3) Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board (4)

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Greetings all! I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all those that have come into the Town Clerk's office this past month and have been so patient as the number of over-the-counter transactions increase as we head into the busy summer season. Your new Deputy Town Clerk, Patty Pierce, is learning the mechanics of registrations, vitals, and elections rapidly so we should once again have two windows functioning fully soon! For those interested in the numbers, as of today's date (4/25/2022) we have processed 551 vehicle registrations and 57 boat registrations in the month of April alone! Total for the year to date is 2,160 vehicle registrations and 101 boat registrations.

The Tax Collector's Office will have finished the lien procedure on all properties with 2021 outstanding balances due on 4/28/2022 and we are in full swing collecting the 1st issue water/sewer bills that are due on May 16th. I also hope to have a warrant by the third week in May for property taxes and those bills will be due in early July. Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector is swiftly coming up to her 1-year anniversary as Deputy so please congratulate her if you see her. Jerusha has done a terrific job!

As a reminder, for both Tax and Clerk Offices, some transactions may be done online through the Town's website www.enfield.nh.us. Payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. The Town Clerk's office can accept credit cards over the counter for registrations and vitals only.

Now that April showers have brought the May flowers, what do May Flowers bring? – Pilgrims! Stay healthy and safe!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It appears that the warm weather is here (of course the days after town meeting). With the warmer weather we have already seen a large increase in people out enjoying our community. Please pay attention to bikers, walker, riders, and those on motorcycles. We all need to be safe and share the roads in our town. This past weekend we also started our deployment of the radar trailer. The radar trailer is a great tool for our department as it not only advises our motorist of their speed and how fast they are traveling, but it records the car count and speeds of all cars. If you would like to see the radar trailer in your area, please contact Chief Holland at rholland@Enfield.nh.us or you can call the station.

The warm weather also brings out more animals such as bear, racoons, and skunks and they are looking for an easy meal and may help themselves to your trash. This is a reminder that it is your responsibility to secure your trash and to pick up anything the animal spreads around from your receptacle.

It has been great to see many more people using Huse Park as we come out of this pandemic, but we are having an issue with littering. Huse Park is a carry in carry out facility which means you need to take your trash with you when you depart. There have also been several incidents of

vandalism of town property with damage to the rod fencing on the Main Street side of the park. Officers are investigating these incidents and will be monitoring the park more closely regarding trash and damaging of property. Please enjoy the areas that this community is proud to provide and show respect for the resources and recreational areas we have available.

At the department we have received several questions about the Public Function Request Form. This form is required for any function that will be open to the public to attend in Enfield that is not part of a regular business activity or held by a private individual. Examples of this would be concerts, festivals, and races to name a few. The form is located on the police department web site at www.enfield.nh.us under the Police Department in the downloadable forms section. If you have any questions, please contact Emily at PSAC@enfield.nh.us or call the station.

This month our newest member of the department, Jesse, will be graduating the 16-week police academy. Jesse will start his Field Training Program as a patrol officer for the department. Congratulations Jesse on graduating the academy and welcome to the department.

We are here to serve our community. If you see something say something. You can reach an officer by calling the station at 603-632-7501 or through Hanover Dispatch at 603-643-2222.

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met on April 12th for four scheduled hearings. The first hearing was one continued from the March meeting. It was Land Use Case # Z22-O3-O2 where Peter and Teri Tabur were seeking a special exception to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance, as provided in Article 406.1 (Section D), to construct a driveway that crosses wetlands areas. Owned by Peter and Teri Tabur, the subject property's address is 84 George Hill Road (Tax Map 9A, Lot 6) and is 130.5 acres in size. It is located in the Rural Residential-Agricultural (R5) zoning district. Pathways Consulting LLC of Lebanon is representing the Taburs in this matter. The applicant in this case asked for and was granted a second continuation, so it will be heard at the May ZBA meeting instead.

Land Use Case # Z22-04-01, Noreen Oak was seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance to construct a garage and storage building within the prescribed 50' setback to wetlands. The subject parcel is 0.38 acres and is at 65 May Street (Tax Map 38, Lot 34) in the "R1" zoning district. It is owned by Noreen Oak. RD Ford Home Improvement of Canaan, NH is representing the owner in this matter. After hearing from the applicant and her general contractor as well as members of the public and abutters, this variance was granted.

Land Use Case # Z22-04-02, Jim Kelleher was seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance to construct a multi-unit apartment building within prescribed setbacks to the street and other lot boundaries. He was also seeking a special exception to allow for ground floor residential use. The subject parcel is 0.07 acres and is at 71 Main Street (Tax Map 31, Lot 37) in the Community Business "CB" zoning district. It is owned by James Kelleher. After hearing from the applicant as well as members of the public, including abutters, this variance and special exception were both granted.

Land Use Case # Z22-04-03, Peter and Patricia Hugo were seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance to construct an addition to their home within the prescribed 50' setback to a wetland. The subject parcel is 0.4 acres and is at 82 Hawley Drive (Tax Map 47, Lot 20) in the "R3" zoning district. It is owned by Peter and Patricia Hugo. After hearing from the applicant and members of the public, including abutters, this variance was granted.

The ZBA is sorry to announce the resignation of Celie Aufiero from its membership. Celie has served the Town in many ways for many years and the Town is grateful for her work. With this new vacancy in mind, the ZBA is seeking volunteers to become alternate members. Interested parties can contact Rob Taylor at the Land Use Office (603-442-5427 or planning@enfield.nh.us) for more information or to be considered for alternate membership.

The ZBA has a very busy agenda set for the May meeting on the 10th with 4 more hearing scheduled. As always, all ZBA meeting agendas and prior meeting minutes may be found on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment

The Planning Board met twice in April (on the 13th and the 27th). The primary point of discussion at both meetings was the Master Plan being developed by the Enfield Master Planning Task Force. The Planning Board is excited to welcome a new member and sad to see a longtime member leave. Erik Russel has served for many years with the board. As he was recently elected to the Board of Selectmen, he will be stepping away from Planning Board membership. The Board thanked Erik for his service and dedication. He will be missed as a well-respected Town resident and longtime volunteer. The Board is thrilled to welcome Tim Jennings as a newly appointed member beginning in May. Tim has a lot of great knowledge to impart on a wide variety of subjects. He previously served as the Enfield Water and Sewer System Operator as well as the Director of Public Works. He currently is the Director of Facilities for Cardigan Mountain School in Canaan, NH. For your information, the Planning Board meeting minutes and agendas are available on their section of the Town's website at: https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board

The Enfield Master Planning Task Force (MPTF) met twice in April on the 11th and the 25th. They are hard at work incorporating feedback from several Focus Groups as well as extensive input from Planning Board discussions/sessions. Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense, the master planning contractor, has been combing through the mountains of data and broad community input. For more information, check out the Master Planning project website www.enfield-LEAPS.org or attend the next MPTF meeting in person on May 9th.



All the Land Use Boards would like to emphasize that their meetings are available for both in person and remote attendance. The Microsoft TEAMS meeting info is always available on the Town's website: www.enfield.nh.us. Just click on the calendar event and you can find the meeting link there. Meeting recordings of Planning Board, Zoning Board and MPTF meetings (as well as other Town boards) are available on the Town's YouTube channel. The address for this channel is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqUlDZ5agHCfXR3bJKOzgPw. You can also find links on the Town's website.

If you are thinking about a property subdivision, voluntary lot merger, boundary line adjustment or have a conceptual idea for a new business or land use, please reach out to Rob Taylor at the Land Use office Monday through Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us. You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure we will be available to help you. We hope you enjoy your spring here in Town!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water and Sewer Bills

Enfield water and sewer bills were mailed in early April and will be due May 16. 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

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will reopen on May 1, 2022 and will be open during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Other days will be by appointment at the Public Works Facility. 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.

Ditching Material Request

As we enter the summer maintenance season the Highway Department would like to establish sites to dump material that is removed from our roadside ditches. These sites need to be preapproved through a site visit, signed waiver of liability, and approval from the Highway Department. If you would like to request being added to our list or have any questions, please call the Highway Department @ (603) 442-5418.

Automatic Meter Reading

Enfield is replacing water and sewer touchpad readers with radio units. This usually requires entry in the basements of homes to connect the communication wire and sometimes replace old meters. If you are a water and/or sewer customer, please contact Public Works at (603) 632-4605 to schedule an appointment to get this work done.

Improper Leaf and Yard Waste Disposal

Several residents are raking and blowing leaves into town roadway ditches to dispose of them. This is not permitted and will cause water problems during storm events. The DPW crew has graciously removed the leaves in the past but will be addressing this issue with individual properties when observed. Leaves can be composted or can be disposed of at the Enfield Vegetative Management Facility up until October 30.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Don't miss it! The first Household Hazardous Waste collection day is Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Lebanon High School!

Household Hazardous Waste 2022 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am-Noon

Sat, May 7—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 4 — Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 15 — Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 6—New London Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant

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

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

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



For information contact the

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



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

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

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

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

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

Residents who have been following the recent news attention to the Upper Valley housing shortage might be interested in the number of new housing starts in Enfield that have been added in the previous ten years. New housing starts are defined as the creation of a new dwelling unit. A dwelling unit can be a single-family home, duplex, mobile home, apartment, the conversion of a single-family home to a duplex, or the addition of apartment(s) to an existing building.

The Building Inspector recently completed a review of new housing starts that have been constructed in Enfield since 2012. The project was undertaken to provide data to the Enfield Master Planning Task Force and provide context to available US Census Bureau data about the Town.

From January 2012 through December 2021 there have been a total of 80 new housing starts added in Enfield. For context, that figure does not fully capture the amount of construction activity that has been expended toward new housing. During the previous ten years 132 new dwellings have been added, whether in the form of single-family homes, mobile homes, apartments, or the conversion of single-family homes to duplexes. However, during the same period 52 dwellings have been eliminated either by demolition, fire, the removal of a manufactured home, or in a few instances the conversion of a duplex to a single-family home. A great majority of the dwellings that have been demolished were older seasonal camps near the lakes that were removed to make way for larger modern homes.

ADUs, known as accessory dwelling units or mother-in-law apartments, are allowed in Enfield up to 800 square feet in size. Housing advocates encourage the creation of ADUs as one solution to the housing shortage. There can be financial benefits as well. The state has several requirements for the construction of ADUs, including the need for a plan for the additional septic loading. Anyone interested in adding an ADU to their home is welcome to contact the Building Inspector for more information.

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Greetings Enfield,

Our weekly in-person story time is back! Starting Wednesday, May 4, from 10-10:30, we will be meeting at Huse Park Pavilion to sing songs, read stories, play on the playground, and provide a take home craft project. Story time is a wonderful opportunity to connect with members of the community, while discovering new books and library resources. Attending story time is just one of the many ways that caregivers can help children learn and thrive. Watch this <u>video</u> to learn more on how every child can thrive by five. Prepare to be wowed! I know I was.

Warmly, Kate

News from Nancy (our Adult Services/Technology Librarian):

We're open! Come on in:

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, 9 am – 5 pm Thursday, 11 am – 7 pm Saturday, 10 am – 2 pm

Curbside pickup is available during the hours that the library is open.

Available 24/7: e-books, e-audiobooks, series, and movies on <u>Hoopla</u>, <u>Kanopy</u>, and <u>Libby/Overdrive</u>

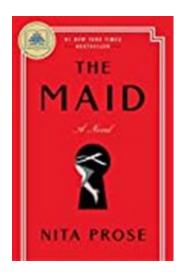
Connect with us!

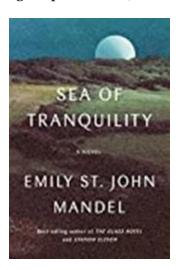
Have questions? Let us know!

You can call us at 603-632-7145, email us at library@enfield.nh.us, and search our catalog at https://enfieldnh.bywatersolutions.com/

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Need ideas for your next read? We recommend (click the image to place a hold):





CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Burials can now be scheduled, contact Bridget at cemetery@enfield.nh.us Any collected items unclaimed by May will be thrown out. Items may be put back in the cemeteries for the warm weather season starting May 15th, items must be in line with the stone and only potted plants are allowed.

The Trustees will begin meeting again on May 12th. As always please contact Bridget with any questions at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

ENFIELD PARKS & RECREATION NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

You can also see news and announcements of programs as well as a calendar on the town website's Parks & Recreation page and even sign up to get alerts for posted news and announcements.

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% 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 before the program begins, 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 Market will be returning!! Starting May 14th on the second and fourth Saturdays at Huse Park! Looking for market vendors, prepared food vendors, and live music as well. Please email recreation@enfield.nh.us to inquire. Follow Enfield Market on Facebook!

Hiring:

LIFEGUARDS WANTED! Looking for full time and part time summer lifeguards. \$14-16/ hr. Certified Lifeguard (or willing to become certified before the summer). Must be 16+ years old. Contact recreation@enfield.nh.us to inquire.

Swim Instructors Wanted

Must be WSI certified (or willing to become certified before the summer)

Camp Counselors

Enfield Summer Recreation Camp (age 15+) \$14-16/hr Theatre Camp(age 18+) will be looking for camp counselors. \$14-16/hr Please inquire at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Youth Programs:

Mascoma Youth Sports League

For seasonal registration information or questions email <u>MYSLBoard@gmail.com</u> or take a look at: <u>Mascoma Youth Sports League</u> You can also follow them on <u>Facebook!</u>

Enfield Recreation Summer Camp registration is coming! We are planning for 6 weeks from 6/27-8/5. Keep an eye on https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home and an announcement will be posted as well.

Challenger Soccer Camp is returning this summer! Challenger Sports is excited to partner with Enfield Parks & Recreation this summer for our 2022 International Camps the weeks of June 20 - 24 & July 11 - 15. With our International Coaches returning for the first time since 2019, registration is filling quickly and we want you to join us! Click the link to register and confirm your spot:

https://challenger.configio.com/search?cid=423&txt=mascoma%20valley

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp will be returning this summer as well, July 18-21st! Register at: https://hogancamps.com/

Youth Volleyball Camp July 18-22nd Register now:

https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home

Adult & Family Opportunities/Events:

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Sundays 6-8pm (when enough participants) keep an eye out on the or email Bridget (recreation@enfield.nh.us) for more information or to join the email list.

Disc Golf

Reach out to Upper Valley Disc Golf about volunteer opportunities and to take a look at their page for projects happening including the one at Whaleback this year! http://www.uvdga.com/ You can also follow them on Facebook!

Yoga

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.

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*.

Thursdays (5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26)

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

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.

Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather

Mondays (5/2, 5/6, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30) -- 8:15-9:05AM with Nicole Carriere **Wednesdays** (5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25) -- 9:30-10:30AM with Sonya Carter

Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance

Improved balance and strength 58% decrease in the incidence of falls in older adults 67% decrease in falls in people with Parkinson's disease 75% decrease in injurious falls TJQMBB CAN BE ADAPTED FOR VIRTUAL DELIVERY!

For more information about classes: call 603-653-3415 or email Falls.Prevention@Hitchcock.org

** If you are a qualified instructor of a program within the 5 towns of Mascoma Valley and would like to share the information please contact recreation@enfield.nh.us to be added to this news blurb.**

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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

Don't forget to check out other opportunities and programs <u>Upper Valley Trail Alliance</u> offers for all ages. Upper Valley High School Trail Corps application is now live: <u>Upper Valley High School Trail Corps – UVTA (uvtrails.org)</u>

Mud season Stewardship Tips – check out Nature Groupie for the full article link at the end

- 1. Walk Single file, even when it's wet and muddy
 - Wear proper footwear for the trail conditions. When you go around a wet or muddy spot you widen the trail and have an impact on the tree root system as well as the other vegetation there.
- 2. Leave your gear by the door just a little bit longer
 - Try to wait a bit longer for things to dry out. Higher impact activities like mountain biking and running can have a greater impact on the trail causing potential trail and ecosystem damage
- 3. Celebrate with a volunteer workday

Reach out to the <u>Upper Valley Trail Alliance</u> to see if you can help or get a small group together to help clean up downed branches or trees or clear out clogged drainages

Happy Spring!

Bridget Labrie Enfield Recreation Director recreation@enfield.nh.us Online Registration

Follow us!





MASCOMA LAKE ASSOCIATION -- MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK REPORT

by Terri Lynch & Kate McMullan

The Mascoma Lakeside Park has made great strides since the property was purchased in 2018 from NH-DOT with private donations and grants, and then gifted to the town of Enfield. Folks are regularly seen enjoying the view, benches and picnic tables, non-motorized boat launch and completed pavilion.

Recent work at the park has produced a path from the rail trail and multiple new plantings of bulbs and shrubs. Soon work will begin on replacing the dilapidated retaining wall near the non-motorized boat ramp. The non-motorized boat launch will be temporarily blocked while this work gets done but we hope for only a few days. Much more is to come. Plans for walking paths, a bike rack and an improved parking lot with a handicap accessible portable toilet are in the works. Future additions to the park will be made as handicap accessible as possible. All this has been accomplished with donations and grants and not taxpayer money. The committee is working to keep it that way.

We now have commitments from the Sailing Club and Enfield Village Association (EVA) to cover





maintenance expenses for the next few years. The Mascoma Lake Association (MLA) has generously donated funds towards the boat ramp and members have gifted three lovely memorial benches. We are currently working to match a grant from Land & Water Conservation (LWC) and are about \$50,000 from that goal. You can help. Donations of money but also time (volunteer hours) are both needed and appreciated. Donations can go directly to the Town of Enfield but should be earmarked for the Mascoma Lakeside Park. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the extraordinary efforts and volunteer hours that Meredith and Doug Smith have given to this effort. Without their dedication and vision of a lakeside park for everyone, this park would not exist today.

"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. Check out "Know your Town" features from <u>past issues!</u>

Water - Enfield's Multipurpose Gift

Water has been the heart of human activity in Enfield since Native American Sokoki fished from camps at the head of Mascoma Lake. Enfield's lakes, ponds and rivers provided water to drink,

food to eat and power for making things. Every day, the waters of Enfield bring relaxation and beauty to all Enfield residents.

Settlers who harnessed the Knox River to power over twenty mills in Enfield Center were the first to take advantage of Enfield water's industrial potential.

The Shakers were also quick to put local water to use. In the summer, they rowed across the lake to sell produce to summer residents and in the winter, they transported goods over the ice. A dam on spring-fed Smith Pond powered Shaker Mills. Water from the pond was directed to Shaker fields and settlements via wooden channels and aqueducts. The Shakers used power generated by dams on the Mascoma River for numerous enterprises, which ground grain, worked wood and wove cloth. The Mascoma River shaped Enfield's downtown and brought other industries that depended on easy access to water, including the tannery on Main Street.

Likewise, a dam on Crystal Lake Brook (also known as Johnson Brook) spurred development in eastern Enfield's Lockehaven area, bringing mills, shops and vacationers. The body of water known as Deep Lake, Johnson's Pond and East Pond eventually became Crystal Lake, which along with Spectacle Pond is now a setting for both full-time and vacation homes.

Ice from Mascoma Lake was cut and sent far afield, bringing in income during lean winter months. Today, Mascoma Lake provides drinking water for the town of Lebanon.

Despite its central role in the town's development, Enfield has not always expressed much gratitude for its lakes and rivers. In fact, we treated them downright badly for over a century. A report of the New Hampshire Water Pollution Commission of 1954 says Enfield's entire economy was based on industry, whose raison d'être were the area's water resources. The Mascoma River watershed took in 30,000 gallons per day of raw sewage from the town of Enfield. The Baltic Mill dumped 5,000 gallons per day of raw sewage, plus 740,000 gallons per day of untreated textile waste. The river below the Baltic Mill was often colored by dye wastes.

When water was low, "sewer outfalls [we]re exposed along the banks of the pond [area below the mill], gas bubbles are erupting, and an oily coat adheres to the bank vegetation. Tin cans, garbage, fluorescent tubes, burned-out light bulbs, and other refuse are, at times to be seen in this area and downstream to the Main Street dam." Solid waste was entrapped by vegetation along the lakeshore, and around the mouths of the Mascoma and Knox Rivers, water quality was rated "Category C"—the lowest—and violated state clean-water standards. Sewage from the Knox River affected water quality at the nearby beach, popular with local residents and guests at the hotel. The 1954 report noted that a new sewer system would cost around \$300,000, but that around \$7,000 would make improvements.

By 1967, recreation was becoming more important to Enfield's economy. The Baltic Mill still used immense quantities of water and dumped both chemical wastes and employee sewage into the river. Houses on Shaker Hill Rd., Pillsbury Street and Union Street sent sewage directly to a small lagoon located at the lower end of Union Street near Pillsbury Street. Sewage from Mascoma Lake houses went straight to the lake. Enfield was in clear violation of state clean water standards. State officials warned: "Unless Enfield undertakes remedial measures to clean up these lake shores and prevent the continued pollution of the water it will lose these amenities and find it most expensive in the future to regain such a natural marvel".

After years of algal blooms and other sanitation issues, the state took action and the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission (WSPCC) ordered Lebanon and Enfield to cease polluting the Connecticut and Mascoma Rivers. Study began for a combined Enfield-Lebanon sewage treatment plant; Lebanon would receive federal and state funding for

the project. With the prospect of 95% funding, Enfield agreed to join in. The Baltic Mill refused to make any financial contribution, despite federal regulations calling for its participation. Then the mill closed. With one source of pollution eliminated and with a potential sanitation project that took advantage of the mill closing, Enfield declined to participate in the Lebanon treatment project.

In 1974, *Smithsonian Magazine* published an article about a Dartmouth College study of Lake Mascoma's water quality problem, including how water near the head of the lake had turned "Kelly green" from algae. Would Enfield, the article asked, accept the recommendations of outside academics? The article described tensions in the town and the plight of homeowners who, instead of dumping sewage directly into the river, would have to build septic systems that cost \$1,500.

In 1988, Enfield installed a sewer system, which pumps waste to Lebanon. It has been expanded twice since it was built.

Town officials and residents, the Mascoma Lake Community Association and the Crystal Lake Improvement Association, have made our town's waters once again the center of Enfield's economic activity—this time because they are beautiful and clean.

Special thanks to Kurt Gotthardt, who compiled a "History of the Enfield Sewer System" that is available on the town's website (history-enfieldgenealogy).

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i Sanborn, p.114

ii Gotthardt history, p. 5

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

If a videoconference meeting option is provided for a meeting you will find connection details online at www.enfield.nh.us in the specific meeting posting.

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.

- May 2 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Board of Selectmen
- May 3 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- May 4 @ 5:30 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- May 9 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) Library Trustees
- May 9 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Master Planning Taskforce
- May 10 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- May 11 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Planning Board
- May 12 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Cemetery Trustees
- May 12 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works) Conservation Commission
- May 16 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Board of Selectmen
- May 17 @ 6:30 PM (Town Hall) Recreation Commission
- May 23 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Master Planning Taskforce
- May 24 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Energy Committee
- May 25 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Planning Board
- June 1 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- June 2 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Conservation Commission
- June 6 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Board of Selectmen
- June 7 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- June 8 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & videoconference) Planning Board
- June 9 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Cemetery Trustees

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

EASTMAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Last Chance! Don't wait! Deadline for application TODAY – May 2, 2022!

The Eastman Charitable Foundation is offering three \$1,500 scholarships to college bound high school seniors in Enfield, Grantham or Springfield. 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 2022 application is available on our website: http://www.ecfnh.org. The application and essay must be submitted electronically by May 2, 2022, or if mailed via USPS, with a postmark deadline of May 2, 2022.

We're looking forward to reading your applications!

ENFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION - SHAKER 7 ROAD RACE & WALK



Green-Up Day Dates May 14 & 15 and 21 & 22
For More Info Visit:

https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/green-up-day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

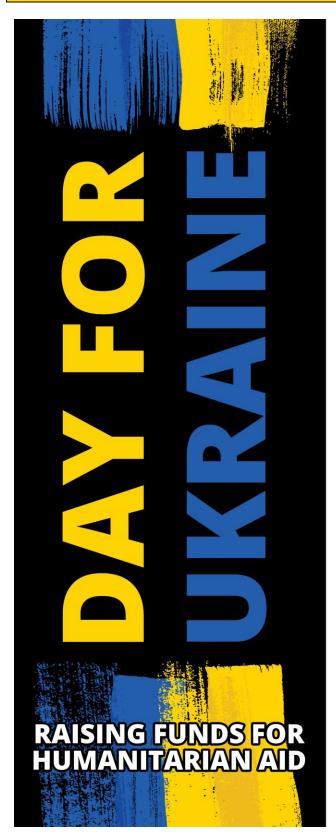


Shaker 7 Volunteers Needed! Sunday, June 26th

Sign up at: https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/v olunteer

Shaker 7 Runner/Walker Registration Is OPEN!

Sign up at: https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.o rg/shaker-7-road-race



La Salette Shrine 410 NH Route 4A Enfield, NH June 11, 2022



7:30 to 10:00 am
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7:30 am to 4:00 pm
SILENT AUCTION
with Ukrainian items

10:00 am to 1:00 pm BAKE SALE Sweets & Varenycky

9:30 to 10:30 am
INTERFAITH SERVICE
& Discussion

10:00 am to 4:30 pm
UKRAINE CRAFTS, ARTS
& ENTERTAINMENT

11:30 am to 1:30 pm SOUP & BREAD

4:00 to 5:30 pm BARBECUE DINNER

Hamburgers & Hotdogs

6:00 pm

CATHOLIC MASS

Co-celebrated with
Ukrainian Priest

Press Release – Immediate Release

La Salette to Host Day for Ukraine

Saturday, June 11, 2022 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

Enfield, New Hampshire, April 20, 2022 – The La Salette Shrine on Route 4A in Enfield is honored to sponsor an upcoming *Day for Ukraine* on June 11, 2022. This event will raise funds to provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine. It is open to the public.

Day for Ukraine is an opportunity for members of our community to honor, discover and support the Ukrainian people who have been targeted and forced to flee their homes in what the United Nations calls "the fastest-growing refugee crisis" in Europe since World War II.

The Day will open at 7:30 am with a pancake breakfast followed by an interfaith service with clergy from local Upper Valley parishes. Throughout the day, there will be booths featuring Ukrainian arts, crafts, entertainment, and food. A Silent Auction will also run throughout the day. At the end of the day, there will be a traditional Catholic Mass co-celebrated with Priests from La Salette and from the Ukrainian Church in Manchester, NH. There is no entry fee, funds will be collected through individual donations at each booth, the silent auction, and breakfast, lunch and dinner fees.

The La Salette order has missionary sites around the world including six parishes in Ukraine. "Looking at photographs of the people of Busk, Ukraine, in their parish bread line, I was moved to tears," stated John Markowitz, Committee Chairperson of the Day for Ukraine! "Surely, people of the Upper Valley feel the same...so this day will give all a chance to discover, honor and support them."

All funds will be donated to humanitarian aid for the Ukrainian people.





ENFIELD OUTING CLUB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

Would you or someone you know benefit from a \$500 Scholarship?



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 (EOC) acknowledges that dedication.

Therefore, it would be our honor and privilege to award a \$500 scholarship to a 2022 high school graduate who is pursuing a degree in some form of 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 August 1, 2022.

If you are interested in applying, please complete and return the <u>Application</u> to The Enfield Outing Club either by mail to PO Box 178, Enfield NH 03748, or email to Peg Howard at: eoc378.info@gmail.com, kblkbrd1@att.net

If you have any questions, please contact Peg at either email address listed above or via telephone at 603-523-7677.

FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

Hello all,

Here are some quick updates from the Friends of Mascoma Foundation!

Friends Feeding Friends Winter Schedule Continues through May:

Enfield Pantry: Please, note we will NOT BE OPEN in Enfield at Huse Memorial Park quite yet. We WILL continue to honor an additional "Enfield Day" on Tuesdays at our Canaan pantry that is open to all Mascoma residents. Spring is slowly creeping in, and we are making plans to switch back to Huse Memorial Park. For now, we will stick with our "winter schedule" through May. We will be closed the week of May 30th and then reopen at Huse Memorial Park on Tuesday June 7th. Note the schedule below.

Winter/Early Spring Pantry Days and Hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3pm-5:30pm at the FOM headquarters behind Canaan Hardware Store, 9 On The Common Way.

Late Spring/Summer Pantry Days and Hours will be Tuesdays from 3pm to 5:30pm at Huse Memorial Park and Wednesdays from 3pm-5:30pm at the FOM headquarters behind Canaan Hardware Store, 9 On The Common Way.

Our pantries are open to anyone in need of a 3-day supply of groceries that lives in one of the 5 Mascoma Valley Towns: Canaan, Dorchester, Grafton, Enfield, and Orange. Our public pantries are open to all residents in need. If your budget (or someone you know) is tight because of rising fuel costs or other expenses shopping with us can make a big difference. We have a great mixed selection of fresh produce, pantry staples, dairy, and bread items each week. We also have personal care items available.

NH Gives! June 7th-8th

We are pleased to report that we have once again signed up to participate in NH Gives! This year's event will kick off at 5pm on June 7^{th} .

NH Gives – an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits - is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to build community, connect donors to local nonprofits and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector.

This year, our friends at the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits have added a new giving incentive: a **bonus pool!**

What's a Bonus Pool you ask?

A bonus pool is a proportionate match that is determined by the overall amount that you raise online. We believe that this will result in a more equitable distribution of funds. Site-wide matching dollars will be distributed as a bonus pool this year.

How does the Bonus Pool work?

Every organization that raises \$300 or more between 5pm June 7 and 5pm June 8 will receive a proportionate amount of the bonus pool. FOM's portion of the bonus pool depends on a few things.

- Final total of the bonus pool.
- Final total of online donations by organization raising \$300 or more
- The amount that your organization raises online

The formula for the bonus pool is: (FOM's Amount Raised online / Total Amount Raised online by all organizations raising \$300 or more) x Total Amount in Bonus Pool = FOM's Share of Bonus Pool.

What does this mean for you, our loyal friends, and donors? It means that every donation *really* counts this year. **EVERY. SINGLE. DONATION. COUNTS**. The higher FOM's total online donations, the higher percentage of the bonus pool FOM will receive.

How you can help NOW: We are hard at work trying to secure internal matches, fundraising champions, and we've initiated a friendly rivalry amongst MVRHS alumni classes to raise money. If you are interested in providing a match, becoming a fundraising champion, or helping your class compete please email Bridget at bmlabrie@friendsofmascoma.org

Save the Date: Mini-Grant Celebration on May 13th

Join us on Friday May 13th from 3:00pm to 5:30pm as we recognize recipients from the first six years of our mini-grant program. We will host a short program to celebrate past mini-grants and to highlight past recipients. Light refreshments and food will be served.

What: Mini-Grant Celebration 2022

Where: Mascoma Valley Regional High School Cafeteria

When: Friday May 13th from 3:00pm to 5:30pm

Who: past recipients, district staff, community partners, friends of the organization

You can also still apply for our mini-grant program!

Did you know our mini-grants are considered on a rolling basis? Mini-Grants are modest awards that help educators make a positive difference in the learning experience of their students. Mini-grants support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas that may not otherwise be possible. Visit https://www.friendsofmascoma.org/fom-minigrants to learn more about our mini-grant program.

Mascoma Matters Project:

At our April meeting we discussed having an event for families with young children this summer. We heard from the NH Children's Trust and brainstormed ways we could bring more resources and programming for families to the Mascoma Valley. We also discussed having an in person Mascoma Matters meeting in June. Stay tuned for more details!

If you know of or are associated with an organization or town department that would like to present during our meetings, please let us know.

More information on our past meetings is available on the <u>Padlet</u>.

If you have any questions about our project or future and past meetings, please don't hesitate to reach out to Alyssa Lemmermann at <u>Alyssa.Lemmermann@unh.edu</u>.

~A Note from Eula~

Dear Mascoma Community,

As many of you may know by now, I have made the decision to leave my role as Executive Director of the Friends of Mascoma Foundation. This was not an easy decision, and I will greatly miss the FOM team and this community.

At every job, my goal is to leave an organization in a better place than before my arrival. The last three years have not been without challenges, but I firmly believe I, along with our Board and volunteers, achieved this goal. We weathered the pandemic, unprecedented shutdowns, and other changes to our local and global community. We expanded our donor base, strengthened existing partnerships and forged new relationships.

Not only did we survive these unusual times, but our organization thrived during this time. Friends of Mascoma has grown over the last three years and is poised for continued success in the years ahead. This organization has a lot of heart and I know that FOM, with its team of volunteers, staff, Board members, and loyal donors will, continue to do good work and achieve great things.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as FOM's Executive Director these last three years. It has been an honor and privilege to play a small part in this wonderful organization's story.

All my best, Eula Lee Kozma



PRESS RELEASE

News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DATE: April 29, 2022
CONTACT: Sara Johnson, (603) 271-1379
des.nh.gov
twitter.com/NHDES

Celebrate Small Business Week May 1-7, 2022

CONCORD, N.H. – For more than 50 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. According to data from SBA, there are over 137,000 small businesses in New Hampshire. Those small businesses provide employment of over 304,000 employees, nearly 50% of New Hampshire employees. Small businesses play an integral part of New Hampshire's prosperity.

At NHDES, the Small Business Technical Assistance Program (SBTAP) was established in 1992 to provide small business owners and operators with free assistance to help them understand and comply with air and other environmental regulations. This confidential, non-regulatory program provides information about regulatory requirements and practical, cost-effective technical assistance to encourage compliance with oftentimes complex environmental regulations.

SBTAP meets these goals by providing the following services:

- · Business and Industry Outreach.
- Environmental Compliance Assistance.
- On-site Assessment and Consultation Services.

For example, SBTAP provided hazardous waste and used oil guidance at White Mountain Fiberglass in Rumney. Pat Lyons, owner, has owned his own business for 20 years and has been in the boat business for 42 years. "I like having the control on what projects we work on, and my crew is like family. We enjoy what we do transforming boats."

SBTAP, in partnership with other public and private assistance providers, strives to ensure that businesses are operating in compliance with all applicable air and other environmental requirements and providing a safe workplace for their employees, all while maintaining and increasing their competitive edge.

To celebrate Small Business Week starting Sunday, May 1, follow our social media posts highlighting New Hampshire small businesses, SBTAP services, and other small business facts, on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

Visit SBTAP for further information.

Contact Sara.J.Johnson@des.nh.gov, Small Business Technical Assistance Manager.

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RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES

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No matter the platform used, we will continue to make every effort to provide convenient and reliable videoconference participation. However, due to the possibility of circumstances beyond our control, the only way to guaranteed participation is to attend in person. All municipal meetings are open to the public with in-person attendance possible.

With the move to Microsoft Teams there will be some changes!

The first time you join a Teams meeting you may be required to download the Teams app. Please allow sufficient time to do this.

When signing in, you ask you to identify yourself with your first and last name.

Under this new format we have some new settings available to us which, if implemented, will affect your online experience:

In Teams, this tool bar will appear on your computer screen and allows you to control your meeting experience. The view may differ somewhat if viewed on a cell phone or other device.



- Your mic may be disabled. This may vary depending on the settings for that particular meeting. The **Mic** icon will indicate the status of your mic (disabled, on or off). If your mic is disabled, when you're invited to speak your mic will be enabled. Your mic will be disable again at the end of the conservation.
- **Raise your hand** by using the React icon. Trust that if you aren't called on to speak immediately, we *are* aware that you have raised your hand and you will be invited to speak at the appropriate time. When invited to speak we will enable your mic. Please wait to raise your hand when your comment or question is germane to the topic being discussed. There will be an opportunity during the meeting for general questions or comments.
- The **Camera** icon allows you to turn on/off your camera.
- **Chat** is not equally available to our audiences with some attending in person and others by videoconference and as such will be disabled.
- **Live Captions**, similar to closed captions, are available. Live captioning only appears to those who have turned it on. To turn on live captions click on the three dots for **More** which provides you with a number of options. Simply scroll down and click on **Turn on live captions**. Be forewarned live captions are based on voice recognition so accuracy cannot be guaranteed. If it doesn't make sense, blame it on the technology!



• **Screen sharing** is restricted. If you plan to attend a meeting at which you wish to share your screen you must make arrangements with the appropriate board or committee in advance of the meeting.

OLD HOME DAYS



Mark your calendars! Enfield Old Home Days September 23 - 25, 2022 More updates to come.

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