

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER**

## **NOVEMBER 2020**

### **TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE**

Greetings!

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



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

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- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
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- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

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

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**TOWN MANAGER DEPARTURE MESSAGE**

Dear Enfield,

As has been previously reported, I will be stepping down as Enfield's Town Manager at the end of this month to become the Town Manager in Mansfield, Connecticut.

I really can't put into words how much I have enjoyed serving as Enfield's Town Manager. The last several years have been incredibly fulfilling. My family and I have very much come to think of Enfield as "home" in every sense of the word. When we moved to Enfield approximately three-and-a-half years ago we envisioned growing deep roots in the community, and this made the decision to pursue another position enormously difficult. I ultimately accepted the Town Manager position in Mansfield only because it represents a unique opportunity to lead and manage a larger (but still rural) community that features a major institution of higher education (University of Connecticut main campus) in a region that promotes open space protection and responsible economic development.

I cannot describe how honored I am to have been able to serve Enfield as its Town Manager. Enfield is everything I hoped it would be for both me professionally and for my family as a whole. On a personal note, as the father of a kindergartener, I want to take a moment to express tremendous respect and appreciation for EVS Principal Harrison Little, Mrs. Amy Stewart (Kindergarten Teacher), and the other faculty and staff at EVS. The Coronavirus pandemic has been incredibly difficult in so many ways, EVS has been nothing short of amazing in its ability to make lemonade from the proverbial lemons. The folks at EVS are such a caring, competent and compassionate group. Our entire family is going to miss EVS more than words can convey.

When I arrived in July of 2017, the Town was facing many unique challenges and opportunities, and we have significantly improved the Town's financial condition and successfully navigated many other issues to the betterment of the Town in the time since. The Town has many dedicated department heads, employees, elected and appointed officials, and volunteers. While I am very proud of all that has been accomplished during my tenure as Town Manager, the reality is that these successes are a result of the combined efforts of many individuals in Town Hall and beyond. The municipal staff, local officials and

residents I have worked with and served over the past several years will always hold a special place in my heart. I hope the residents of Enfield know that they are fortunate to have so many dedicated people working on behalf of the Town.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for the faith and confidence they placed in me to help lead Enfield in the right direction. Doing this job effectively routinely required a willingness to make personal/familial sacrifices, but the benefits that going the extra mile conveys to our residents and visitors always made it worthwhile. I believe that the past few years are just the beginning of many great years to come for this special community, and I stand ready to help the next Town Manager and other local officials through the transition in any way that I can.

Very respectfully,  
Ryan J. Aylesworth

## **2020 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS**

The 2020 General Election vote summary in Enfield is as follows:

- Regular ballots cast 1,669
- Absentee ballots cast 1,124
- Total number of ballots cast 2,793
- 71% turnout of registered voters

Complete results can be accessed on the Town's website here:

[https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf3106/f/uploads/enfield\\_-\\_general\\_election\\_results.pdf](https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf3106/f/uploads/enfield_-_general_election_results.pdf)

## **MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MODERATOR - 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**

Dear Fellow Enfield Residents,

I just wanted to send an enormous heart-felt thanks to EVERYONE for making yesterday (and really, the past 2 months) such a successful day. We had record turnouts of voters in-person, record absentee ballots, and we signed up a record number of new voters! We also had a record number of people utilize the curbside/accessible voting option which we worked on emphasizing. All on a cold day in a pandemic. I am proud to report that everyone was respectful of our safety precautions and rules (okay... a few begrudgingly followed the rules, but followed them they did.)

I am especially grateful for the 25+ community members who stepped up to volunteer (I didn't have to recruit a single one) and showed up to help at multiple stages. As a person who often tries to do everything herself, it is nice to be reminded that having help is not just necessary, it is good for the soul. Here is a nice article in the Valley News about Enfield volunteers and election workers: [https://www.vnews.com/Enfield-residents-step-up-to-fill-volunteer-roles-at-the-polls-37100505?mc\\_cid=2e3b38ba44&mc\\_eid=34c4bac26e](https://www.vnews.com/Enfield-residents-step-up-to-fill-volunteer-roles-at-the-polls-37100505?mc_cid=2e3b38ba44&mc_eid=34c4bac26e)

A giant thank you to our area food establishments for donating meals and goodies to keep everyone going all day: Jake's, Mickey's, EHOP and Proctors. And thank you to several community members who also dropped off some goodies! We were well nourished.

Enfield Police and Fire Departments were so generous with their time and keeping us all safe. I did not anticipate a dark parking lot- but Chief Cummings was able to troubleshoot and fix this issue for us.

And lastly, I can't say enough about our election teams. They have worked tirelessly to get the job done. And it has not been easy- tensions have been running high. Our Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, and Supervisors of the Checklist have worked around the clock for months! and our Ballot Clerk team was there for 16 hours straight yesterday making sure everyone's vote counted. The former moderator team served as assistant moderators yesterday and ran the curbside/ accessible voting option with great success. And of course our selectmen and their pro-tems provided invaluable support inside and out.

I am just absolutely humbled by the sense of community yesterday brought. No matter the results of the election, if you candidate wins or does not, yesterday was a win for Enfield, and we should ALL take a moment to reflect on that. We are a community and neighbors, and belong to each other.

Respectfully yours,  
Lindsay Smith  
Town Moderator

### **CARES ACT GRANT FOR ELECTIONS**

Due to COVID-19 large increases in absentee voting were expected in the 2020 September Primary and 2020 General Election. Increases in absentee voting result in increased costs to municipalities to process those absentee ballots.

In August, New Hampshire towns and cities were notified of a Grant Opportunity for funding through the federal CARES Act for the fall elections.

The federal Election Assistance Commission approved use of a Statewide Standard Cost Rate for additional absentee ballots as a basis for making reimbursements. “Additional absentee ballots” are those that exceed absentee ballots issued (mailed) or cast in the 2016 Primary and General elections.

The maximum grant funding available for each municipality was determined by the State. The Town of Enfield has a maximum grant amount of \$12,075 with an 80/20 split. Grant awards require 20% matching funds from the municipality; funds we’ve already expended for staff time, materials and postage. This leaves a max of \$10,062 (80%) to be reimbursed by the grant. The Town qualified for a reimbursement of \$4,531 based on absentee ballots issued (569) and cast (484) in the September Primary which exceeded those issued (48) and cast (40) in the 2016 Primary.

Based on the number of absentee ballots issued and cast in the General Election through November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Town will more than qualify for reimbursement of the remaining grant funds of \$5,531. As of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had 1152 absentee ballots issued and 1109 absentee ballots cast. This far exceeds those issued (302) and cast (295) in the 2016 General Election.

## **2020 PROPERTY TAX RATE**

The 2020 property tax rate has been set. The aggregate tax rate is \$25.45, which is up \$0.40 (1.6%) from the 2019 aggregate tax rate (\$25.05). However, the municipal, county, and state education portions of the tax rate all decreased in 2020. It was only the local school education portion of the tax rate that increased. Unfortunately, because this represents approximately 60% of the entire tax, it carries a lot of weight. The municipal portion of the tax rate fell from \$7.33 in 2019 to \$7.10 in 2020. This slightly greater than 3% decrease is significantly more than the 0.6% decrease that was projected at the time of Town Meeting due to non-property tax revenues being very strong throughout the remainder of the budget year. Town officials and residents should be very pleased with this outcome. It appears that the local school district’s portion of the tax rate increasing by approximately 6.0% was driven by a reduction in state aid for Enfield, which is of course outside the control of the Mascoma Valley Regional School District leadership.

## **COVID-19 & YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT**

We continue to provide news, notices and other updates on COVID-19 and your Town government at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/covid-19-your-town-government>. We will continue to add new information from the Governor’s Office as well as news and announcements affecting our residents, community



and municipal operations.

You can sign up to receive email notices of updated content by going to <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>, enter your email address and check those items you want notices of. We have three options for COVID-19 information: Urgent Alerts, News & Announcements and Upload File. Upload File will let you know when a new Emergency Order or State update has been uploaded to this page. Be sure to check the 'I am not a robot' checkbox (and follow any prompts you may receive) and click on Subscribe Me.

### **NOVEMBER OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

**Wednesday, November 11** – All Town Offices will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday.

**Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27** – All Town Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **HALLOWEEN 2020**

In the year of COVID-19, the Witch Doctor and Plague Doctor wait for the Enfield Halloween Parade!



Due to COVID-19 associated public health concerns, it was determined that traditional Halloween trick-or-treating would not be sponsored by the Town this year. As a substitute, a Halloween vehicle parade was arranged. The parade, which was organized by the Enfield Police and Recreation departments, primarily consisted of first responder vehicles as well as antique cars and other personal vehicles. Candy was tossed to children and families who gathered along the parade route (albeit while adhering to facemask and social distancing requirements). Many Enfield residents have since expressed highly positive sentiments regarding the parade, and we appreciate that feedback and hope that the event brought fun and enjoyment to the children and families of our community. We also want to extend a special thanks to all the local officials and volunteers that played an active role in organizing and conducting the parade. We will see if this becomes an annual tradition!

## **DROUGHT UPDATE**

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#) released this morning, 22% of the state is categorized as “extreme drought” (D3), 53% of the state is categorized as “severe drought” (D2), and 25% of the state is categorized as “moderate drought” (D1).

Over the past 7-days, the majority of the state received between 0.1” and 0.5” of precipitation. Some patches of the state received less than 0.10” and a few very small patches in the mountains received between 0.5” to 1” ([NOAA Precipitation Observed](#)).

Over the past 30-days, all counties, except for Rockingham, have experienced normal to above normal precipitation, but the longer term 90-day, 180-day, and 360-day precipitation departures remain for all counties. ([National Weather Service](#)).

The groundwater levels in each of the monitoring wells in the New Hampshire Geological Survey’s monitoring network are lower compared to last month and all but one well are below their monthly average. For more information, see the [New Hampshire Groundwater Level Monitoring Report](#) for September 2020. Reports are released monthly.

Please note that a number of water saving tips are provided on the website: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/water-sewer/files/water-saving-tips-conservation-efficiency-information>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-4605.

## **TOWN OF ENFIELD SUBMITS ADDITIONAL GRANT REQUEST FOR MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK**

The Town of Enfield has submitted an application for grant funding under the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which is administered by the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, to complete “Phase 2” of the Mascoma Lakeside Park improvements. This work would focus primarily on complete reconstruction and enhancement of the Park’s parking lot and a number of other ancillary improvements. The total amount requested was \$125,000. This amount will be matched on a 1:1 basis with privately raised funds for a total project budget of \$250,000. The Town Manager wishes to extend a special thanks to Rob Taylor, Land Use & Community Development Administrator, for his willingness to take the lead on coordinating with Mr. Mirski (architect), appropriate Town departments, and external stakeholders on the preparation of this grant application. The Town’s application was aided by letters of support from the Enfield Village Association, Mascoma Lake Association, NH Lakes Association, Executive Councilor Mike Cryans, NH State Representative Roger Dontonville, and the White River Junction VA Medical Center.

## **FIREFIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT**

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



Crises like the COVID-19 pandemic serve as a sobering reminder of just how critically important first responders are, and we hope that you will seriously consider how you can help.

Interested parties should contact the Fire Chief (603-359-5206 or



[fcummings@enfield.nh.us](mailto:fcummings@enfield.nh.us)) or Ambulance Chief (603-304-9324 or [efirefighter32@yahoo.com](mailto:efirefighter32@yahoo.com)). We hope to hear from you!

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Winter Parking Ban**

Per the longstanding local ordinance enacted by the Board of Selectmen, the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1. No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders in any fashion the maintenance of the way.

### **Road Grading**

The Town Highway crew will continue grading gravel roads during the month of November while the weather is conducive for this activity. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through these moving work zones often with three or four working pieces of equipment.

### **Water and Sewer Billing**

Quarterly water and sewer bills were mailed last month and are due on November 18.

### **Attention all Municipal Sewer System Customers**

Recently, the Town performed its twice per year cleaning of the sewer system river crossing syphons. While cleaning these some things were found that are not appropriate to be flushed or put down a drain under any circumstances. These things included wipes, grease, and even face masks. Flushable wipes and baby wipes belong in the trash. They do not biodegrade and clog pipes and can get stuck in pumps causing very high maintenance and repair costs. Grease should be collected, allowed to congeal, and thrown in the trash. We ask residents to consult the following for further guidance:

<https://getpumpednh.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/whats-flushable.pdf>



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# **F**ats **O**ils **G**rease



**!!Dispose of FOG or risk a CLOG!!**

## **Sources of FOG:**

- Bacon Grease and Oil
- Dairy Products
- Gravy and Sauces
- Mayonnaise
- Salad Dressing
- Baked Goods
- Frosting
- Milk and Cream
- Lard and Shortening
- Butter and Margarine

## **Impacts of FOG:**

- Sewage backups and overflows
- Harm to the environment
- Damage to homes and businesses
- Costly repairs
- Potential fines from regulatory agencies
- Public health hazards
- Odor issues

## **Solutions to the Issue:**

- Pour cooking oil and grease into small container with absorbent material such as a paper towel or coffee grounds and dispose of it in the trash
- Scrape food from dishes into the trash as opposed to washing it down the garbage disposal
- Wipe down greasy plates, pots, and pans with a paper towel before washing
- Cover kitchen sink drain with a strainer to prevent food from entering sewer

For more information on FOG  
contact the Enfield DPW by phone at  
603-602-4605 or by email at [jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us)

## **Remote Water/Sewer Meter Reading Touch Pads**

The Town of Enfield has touch pads, connected to the meter with a light gauge communication wire, mounted on the side of the building. The touch pads are installed so the staff member reading individual meters does not need to enter the building in order to get a reading. It is important that these pads and wires

do not get damaged. If you plan to paint your building or replace the siding, please take care to gently removed them and set them aside preferably intact. You can also contact the water/sewer department to have the pad removed temporarily while your project is completed.

### **Enfield Vegetative Management Facility**

The Enfield Vegetative Management Facility closed for the season November 1, 2020 and will reopen May 1, 2021. Clean brush and yard waste can be recycled at Hammond's Grinding and Recycling just East of Canaan Village on US Route 4. 603-523-4353 or by landfill tickets for the Lebanon Landfill.

### **Culvert Replacements**

The Enfield Highway Department will be replacing culverts on several roads that are required to be done during low water levels and/or during lake drawdown per the issued Wetlands Permit. Roads may be closed at these sites for part of the day. Signs will be placed to notify residents of closures.

### **Cemetery Decorations and General Updates**

The Enfield Cemetery Ordinance requires that all cemetery decorations and flowers shall be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year and can be reinstalled on May 15<sup>th</sup> of a subsequent year. All decorations remaining in Enfield Cemeteries after October 30<sup>th</sup> will be collected and disposed of.

Cemeteries are open. Please contact the Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie at 802-332-5363 (cell) or email [cemetery@enfield.nh.us](mailto:cemetery@enfield.nh.us) to schedule a burial or to purchase a lot. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow maintenance operations to take place. For additional information about cemetery rules and regulations please visit- <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-cemetery-trustees>

### **2021 Transfer Station Stickers Available**

2021 Transfer Station window stickers are available, free of charge, at the Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of your car or truck on the side window behind the front passenger's seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger.

Enfield Transfer Station stickers also permit you to use the Town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake (on Route 4A opposite the beach and boat launch) and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

## **Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services**

In light of the current pandemic, the Town encourages the use of the curbside trash and recycling services. By doing this it reduces contact with Town staff and others at the Transfer Station and handling of bag and receptacle surfaces is reduced. If it is necessary to use the Transfer Station please unload as quickly as possible and exit. If possible, keep fee recycling items at home until the pandemic is over to limit the face to face contact needed to complete a transaction for a fee charged recycling item.

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

Please do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down and reduce possible exposure to COVID-19 in the process!

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The leaves have fallen, and fall is definitely here. If not done already, it's time to get ready for that ugly s-word (SNOW). Remember to get your vehicle prepared. We very commonly see people stuck, slid off the road or unable to go up hill during the first several snowstorms because they neglected to change vehicle tires from summer to winter.

We are happy to see that the construction of the pavilion at Lake Side Park has started. A construction fence has been put up as a safety barrier around the area. Please do not climb over it or go into the construction area. While the Rail Trail access at Lake Side Park is temporarily closed, please use alternative access points such as Depot Street.

The police department participated in the National Drug Take Back in October where we collected more than 30 pounds of unused prescription drugs. We would like to remind everyone that the department does have a deposit box in the lobby of the station and you do not need to wait for the take back day to get rid of those unused, expired or otherwise not needed prescription drugs. The most common way for teenagers and others to get ahold of prescription drugs is in the home of family and friends.

November kicks off the holiday season with Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. First, we would like to say thank you to all the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. Without men and women like you we would not have the freedoms that we all enjoy each day. Later in the month we will all enjoy some turkey and the company of our close friends and family. Please remember that drinking and driving do not mix. If you are going to drink have a designated driver.

Lastly, we want to thank all our citizens for your support and dedication to our community. We always want to remind everybody: if you see something, say something. No issue is too small, and we are here to serve you. If you know someone who is struggling or needs assistance with drug, alcohol abuse or mental health, please reach out so we can get you the resources that you need.

Please call if you see something suspicious; we are here to serve you at all times of day or night. You can reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222. No issue is too small, we are here to serve you.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

We hope this email finds you safe and healthy.

The Fire Department has been very busy with calls this year. We currently sit at 193 calls- our busiest year ever. We expect to be well over 200 calls by the end of the year.

As colder weather is upon us, please take care in using woodstoves and other heating appliances. Make sure chimneys are inspected and cleaned prior to use.

A reminder to all that as snow and icy roads are going to be more common in the days ahead, please make sure TO drive with caution. Take the extra time needed to get to your destination safely. This is the time of year where we see a drastic increase in accidents. Make sure you have adequate tires on your vehicle, and always keep a first aid kit in your vehicle in case you get into an accident. It is also good to keep a blanket or two in case you get stranded.

We were happy to participate in the Halloween parade this year. It was so good to see people in costumes and practicing mask wearing and social distancing. COVID continues to be a real threat, so please keep yourselves and others safe.



We are in the process of writing the bid specifications for the new Rescue Pumper, and hope to have them sent to manufacturers by the end of November, with bids due back in December. From all the manufacturers we have talked to, the price of the truck will range from \$550,000 to \$600,000. We will also be reapplying for grant funding under the Assistant to Firefighters Grant program. There will be more news and info on this as we move forward.

We hope all of you stay healthy as we come into the holiday season. We are here if you need us.

## **RECREATION**

### **Enfield Recreation**

Information and Registration for Enfield Recreation opportunities can be found at [www.mvpr.recdesk.com](http://www.mvpr.recdesk.com)

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at [recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us)

### ***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.

## **NOVEMBER**

- Friday, Nov 6
- Monday, Nov 9
- Friday, Nov 13
- Monday, Nov 16
- Monday, Nov 23
- Monday, Nov 30

## **DECEMBER**

- Wed, Dec 2
- Monday, Dec 7
- Monday, Dec 14
- Monday, Dec 21
- Wed, Dec 23
- Monday, Dec 28
- Wed, Dec 30

### ***Line Dancing***

Have you tried out our Thursday evening line dancing class yet? Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 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.

### **Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation**

After several dedicated years of service, our part-time Regional Recreation Coordinator, Kati Jopek, has stepped down. Kati has been incredibly committed to recreation programs in our region and will be missed.

Bridget Labrie has been hired as the new Regional Recreation Coordinator. Bridget is an Enfield resident who works as a Clinical Research Coordinator for DHMC. Additionally, Bridget serves as a member of the MVRSD School Board, the Town of Enfield's Cemetery sexton, and as a volunteer organizer of the Enfield Market (held in Huse Park the second Saturday of the month). She has also organized a beach volleyball program through the Recreation Department that is held at Shaker Recreation Park. Bridget holds a bachelor's degree in childhood studies (including a K-8 teacher certification) and an MBA; both earned at Plymouth State University. Please join us in welcoming Bridget into this important position for our community and the Mascoma region!

### **LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held two hearings at their October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, one variance hearing for a new application and one for a continued land use case (also a variance). The first hearing was related to a variance application on Hawley Drive, where the applicant wished to build a new garage within the required site setbacks. This variance was approved. The second hearing concerned property on Crystal Lake Road. The applicant in this case has already built a structure (deck and stairs) that requires variance relief. After meetings in August, September and October, the ZBA ultimately voted to deny this variance. The applicant in this case now has 30 days to decide whether to appeal their case. The ZBA has another variance application on its plate for their November meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be for an application to build a shed within in the required setback on Pine Drive. We continue to hold all Land Use meetings via the Zoom web meetings platform only (no in person meetings due to COVID19 protocols). Zoom login information, meeting agendas and previous meeting minutes are all available on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment>

The Planning Board (PB) held two meetings in October. The first meeting, on the 14<sup>th</sup>, was related to a Class VI road discussion on Atherton Road and Master Planning work. The second meeting was exclusively a Master Planning “Work Session.” The PB has renewed their focus on Master Planning work. When COVID-19 first hit, they prudently delayed this effort as a “new normal” was begun. Now that we have established this “new normal,” the board has decided to push forward with these efforts while using technology (such as Zoom and Google Forms) and caution. There will be a Scenic Roads Hearing on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. A PRESENTATION and HEARING will be held regarding an application from Liberty Utilities to cut vegetation on the following Scenic Roads in Enfield: Ibey Road, Lockehaven Road and Oak Hill Road. 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>

If you have an idea for your property, feel free to reach out to the Land Use Department of the Town for a discussion. You can contact Rob Taylor, Monday to Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us) You may also have an in person meeting at 74 Lockehaven Road, however due to COVID-19 protocols, you must schedule these ahead of time.

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is seeking your input on the Route 4A Corridor. Please click this link: <https://transportationplan-uvlsrpc.hub.arcgis.com/> to access the survey and interactive map. Your input can impact future roadway improvements, development, traffic patterns, and safety concerns. For more information on this regional project go to this website: <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/transportation/regional-corridor-transportation-plan/>

As always, please call the Land Use office with any request. We are eager to help answer all questions and to facilitate the application process for projects. Our direct line is 603-442-5427 or email us at: [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us). The Land Use Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Due to COVID-19 protocols, our office is closed for walk in visitors, however with the proper personal protective equipment (read: masks), appointments can be made for in person meetings or site visits. Have a great November!

## **ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

In the last newsletter, I was wishing everyone a Happy Autumn and then just last week when I hiked Cardigan there was snow on the trail the entire way. Whether we are ready or not, winter seems to be on the way. If you don’t yet have a library card, we will be glad to sign you up and now seems like a good

time to remind everyone that we are still offering porch pick-up, interlibrary loan is running, and we offer access to digital ebooks, audio books, and movie streaming.

Speaking of these services, when I was preparing my budget presentation I collected some statistics. Since we closed in March, Miss Kate has posted 29 story time videos that have now been viewed over 4,700 times! She has also given out 54 craft kits and is currently preparing the next kit. Please contact the library if you would like to receive one. Since June when we began lending again, we have put out over 600 bags for porch pick-up. Enfield patrons have also read over 4,200 ebooks and audio books (last year at this time, we had 3,600 checkouts). Movie streaming through Kanopy is also up: 480 movies watched compared to 290 for the same time period last year. We are delighted that these services are being used and welcome any feedback.

With COVID cases increasing and ventilation still an issue especially as the weather cools, the building will continue to be closed. We are still researching air purification options, until then library staff are here and ready to answer your questions and offer reading recommendations. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

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

## **OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

We want to thank all the election officials (particularly Lindsay Smith, who is doing a fantastic job as Town Moderator!), staff, volunteers, and residents of Enfield for helping to ensure that this year's General Election was conducted smoothly and efficiently. The Community Building was ultimately a great venue and we enormously appreciate voter compliance with the Town's facemask ordinance to help ensure everyone stayed safe. There are always some hiccups but, all things considered, the proceedings went very well while utilizing the modified format due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We in the Town Clerk's Office are doing our best to meet your needs in the face of COVID-19. We are open again and available during our customary hours of operation Monday through Friday. We have instituted a number of procedures to help minimize people's exposure to one another. We are still strongly encouraging residents to take full advantage of the ability to complete many common transactions online. To review a list of the items you can process online, please visit here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

We will also continue to transact certain business here in Town Hall that cannot be done electronically. This includes things like registering new motor vehicles and generating marriage licenses.

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

## **OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**

Greetings all! Things are picking up in the Tax Office. The Sewer Betterment bill are due Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue Tax bills will be out by Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, due Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. The tax bills are already available online. As a reminder, the third quarter Water/Sewer bills are due November 18<sup>th</sup>.

For making any of these billings, utilizing the paperless billing option is strongly encouraged! Some benefits of paperless billings are;

- Environmental – no actual paper bill and thus no envelop necessary. No transportation required by any vehicle using gas, diesel or battery and saves wear and tear on our roads!
- No need to remember the due date – Three reminders are emailed! First email sent when bills are ready to pay (no need to watch for the postal carrier!), second email sent 10 days prior to the due date and the third email sent the day prior to the due date.
- If paid online, an immediate email receipt of the transaction is sent so no worries about having to remember whether or not you actually made the payment or searching for a paper receipt. 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%.
- It's easy to sign up for paperless billing by going to [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us), online payments, enter your last name under owner and click the search button. Your name should appear on the right side of the screen. Choose you, add an invoice to cart and click on "check out". The very next screen will have a box to toggle stating "Yes, I am the Primary Owner for the parcel(s) I have selected and I want to sign up for Paperless Bill Notification." You will also need to enter your email address here.
- Cost savings – Paperless billing also helps to keep Town spending down by reducing printing, postage and production costs associated with mailing out the paper invoices.



Of course even without signing up for paperless billing, you may view and or pay your invoices on line 24/7 at [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us). If you would like assistance with any of these steps, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is [whuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:whuntley@enfield.nh.us) or to reach me by phone call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

One last announcement in regard to the COVID Pandemic, in an effort to maintain physical distancing we strongly encourage all transactions to be made online, by mail or utilizing the drop box just outside the entrance door whenever possible; for your safety and ours!

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

There are several programs open to Enfield residents on the NH Department of Health & Human Services website along with the Employment Security Office. Related information can be found here:

### **DHHS (Establishes Emergency Child Care Collaborative)**

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/documents/emer-child-care.pdf>

### **New Hampshire Employment Security**

<http://www.nhes.nh.gov>

## **Federal Unemployment Benefits**

The enhanced unemployment benefits (\$600 per employee per week) being provided by the state via funds from the Federal CARES Act expired on July 31<sup>st</sup>. At this time legislation is being actively debated in Congress regarding a possible new unemployment benefit level related to COVID-19.

If you have questions about financial assistance being offered as part of the larger state and national COVID-19 response, or questions about financial assistance availability in general, please don't hesitate to contact Diane Heed, Human Services Director, at [dheed@enfield.nh.us](mailto:dheed@enfield.nh.us) or 603-442-5429

## **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

### **Community Power**

In October 2019, Governor Sununu signed the Community Power Law (RSA 53-E). This law enables local governments (towns, cities, and counties) to become the default electricity provider for their residents and businesses. Community power focuses only on the supply of energy. Distribution is still

provided by existing utility companies. Aggregating community power provides opportunities to competitively procure electricity supply, work with regulators, utilities and modernized our electricity system in a collective way.

The Enfield Board of Selectmen has authorized the Energy Committee to establish a sub-committee to work on developing a community power plan. Enfield Community Power committee includes Kim Quirk, Chair; Marta Ceroni; Charlie Clark; Jo-Ellen Courtney; Wendell Smith and; Rob Taylor, Land Use & Community Development Administrator.

For more information about Community Power visit Clean NH  
<https://www.cleanenergynh.org/municipal-aggregation>

### **ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING AVAILABLE FOR LIMITED USE**


The Enfield Community Building is open for limited use, including rental to Enfield residents. Due to COVID-19 we are limiting use to one event held upstairs and one event held downstairs between regular cleanings; cleanings which are built into our current operating budget. If a group wishes to use the space at a time that would require an additional cleaning there is a \$40 cleaning fee in addition to the usual rental fee and refundable security deposit. Town functions and programs take priority, so availability is severely limited. While the [Town Mask Ordinance](#) is in effect, it applies to all functions that take place at the Community Building. When food and drink is served, State restaurant guidance should be followed. Additionally, occupancy limits have been reduced to allow for physical distancing. See our website for more information at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/community-building-rental>

A revised scheduling policy and revised Building Rental Rules were approved by the Board of Selectmen on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can see the updated policy and rules on our website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/community-building-rental>




### **A Town of Enfield Website Tip**

#### **How Do I...?**

Do you wonder how to find out about **Voting in Enfield**? Do you want need information on **Dog Licenses**? How about finding your **Curbside Collection Day** for rubbish and zero-sort recycling? Just hover your cursor over the [How Do I...?](#) button at the top of our home screen for a menu of the most sought after information. Click on the How Do I...? button for a more complete alphabetical list. How easy is that?!



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

### 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 [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us) 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.

- [November 4 @ 7:00 PM PM \(via Zoom\) – CIP Committee](#)
- [November 5 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [November 10 @ 5:00 PM \(via conference call\) – Trustees of Trust Funds](#)
- [November 10 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- November 10 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Budget Committee
- [November 12 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [November 12 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [November 16 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- November 17 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Budget Committee
- [November 24 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [December 1 @ 3:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park](#)
- [December 3 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [December 7 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [December 8 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- December 8 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Budget Committee
- [December 9 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [December 10 @ 4:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Heritage Commission](#)

## **ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

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

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

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

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

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

### **MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES**

On September 14, the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) transmitted its final report and presented its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the conceptual designs/layouts for a renovated and expanded Whitney Hall and new public safety facility. A copy of both the final report and presentation made to the Board of Selectmen is publicly available on the Town's website: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/municipal-facilities-optimization-study>

During the joint meeting of the MFAC and Board of Selection, members of the Board of Selectmen expressed general concurrence with the shortcomings of multiple existing municipal facilities as well as the needed upgrades as identified by the MFAC, but emphasized that the Town's ability to act on the committee's recommendations may be impacted by the fiscal effects of COVID-19. The Board revisited this topic at its September 21 business meeting and ultimately decided to table a final decision on the MFAC's recommendations until after the November General Election. Numerous public forums and other opportunities for public engagement opportunities will be arranged in the coming months pending the outcome of the Board of Selectmen's deliberations on the committee's recommendations.

### **NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES (RSA 72:81)**

The Town has implemented a new economic development program known as the "Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption" ([RSA 72:81](#)). This is

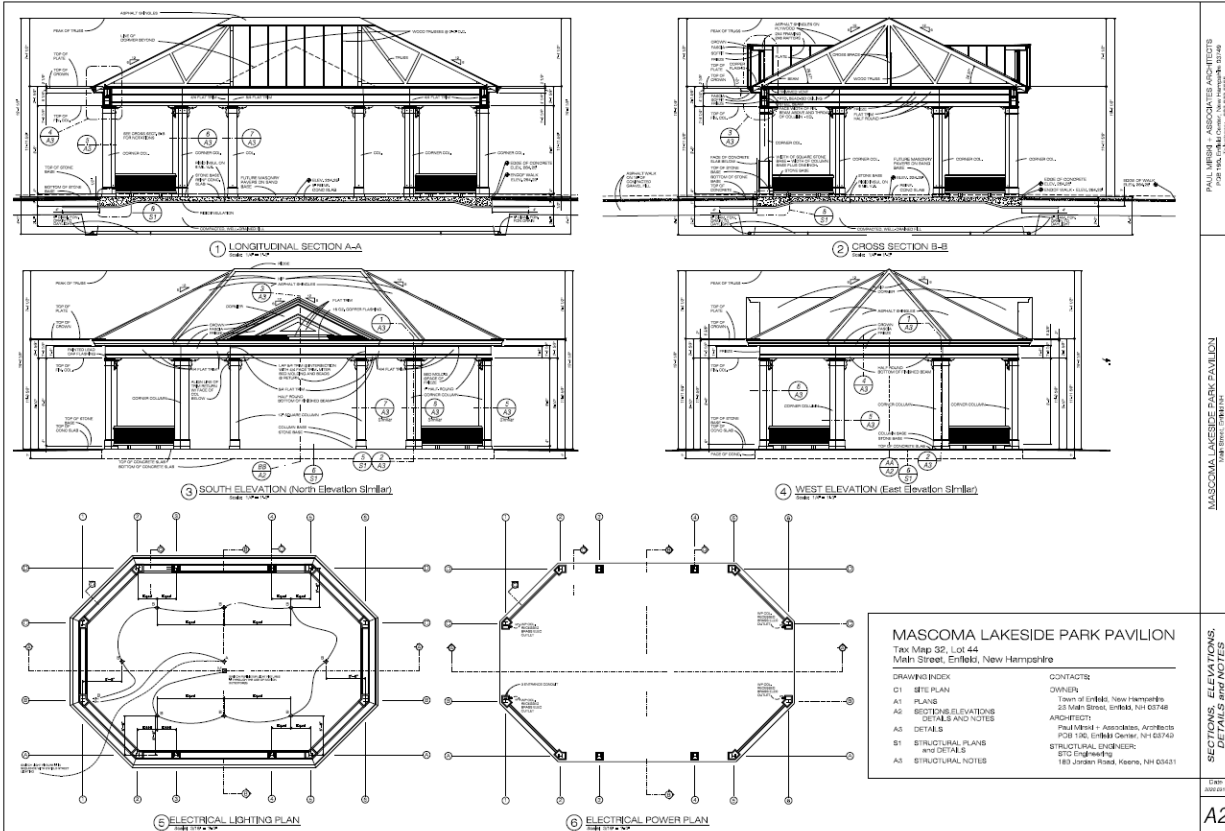


a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in [RSA 72:80](#)). The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The details are as follows: the exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town. State education and county taxes are excluded from the exemption. The exemption shall be granted for a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements, and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of ten (10) years. As adopted by Town Meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>, the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted on a case by case basis related to the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Enfield Selectboard. In order to satisfy the “public benefit requirement” of this program, a minimum of one of the following must be provided: a) enhance economic growth and increase the Town’s tax base; b) creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; c) redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; d) prevent or eliminate blight; or, e) retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. As approved, this exemption program shall remain in effect for a maximum of five (5) tax years.

### **MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – PAVILION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

We are very excited to report that the site work (which will be performed by Steve Patten Excavating) associated with the construction of the open-air pavilion at Mascoma Lakeside Park will begin in the coming days! We ask for everyone’s patience and understanding during this time as it will likely be necessary to temporarily close down a portion of the parking lot while heavy equipment is being brought onto the site. Once the site work is completed, construction of the pavilion will begin in earnest. In fact, portions of the pavilion’s steel frame have already been assembled off site to help expedite construction once the site work is completed. Upper Valley Building and Remodeling (Sean Lacey, Proprietor) is the general contractor for this construction project. At this time, we anticipate the project will be fully complete and open to the public by late-November 2020.

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee wants to extend its most sincere thanks to Paul Mirski, for the professional architecture and design services he volunteered in support of the project.



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

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

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

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

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

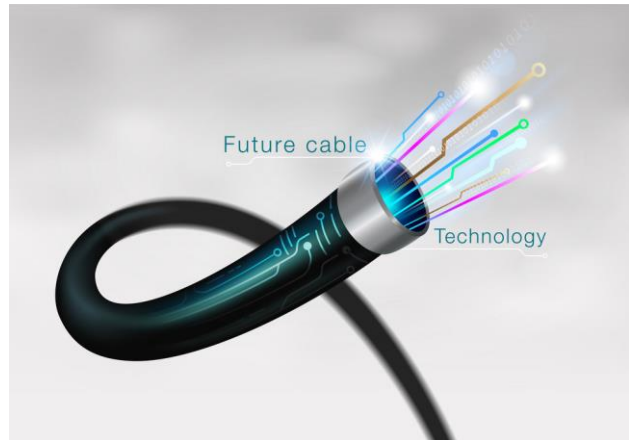
Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us) if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

## **HIGH-SPEED/FIBER OPTIC CABLE INTERNET ACCESS**

In recent months, an ad hoc committee comprised of local residents with interest and expertise in the telecommunications industry has been formed to identify and advance ways in which access to high-speed internet can be improved in the Town of Enfield. The Land Use & Community Development Administrator is serving as the staff lead on this effort.

Although the NH FastRoads initiative resulted in a major build-out of

“middle mile” fiber optic cable throughout a majority of public roads in Enfield several years ago, the current owner of the fiber optic infrastructure (FirstLight) has signaled a lack of interest or willingness to connect new residential customers. Improving residential access to high-speed internet is essential for the Town of Enfield as it will help us attract and retain residents. The working group is exploring a variety of possible solutions, some of which may involve state or federal legislative action.



Interested in learning more about this effort? Contact Rob Taylor, Land Use & Community Development Administrator, at 603-442-5427 or [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us).

## **OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE – SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS**

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>  
Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I'm not a robot**, then click “Subscribe Me.” It's as easy as that.

We plan during the coming year to more fully utilize the News & Announcements for various departments. This year we began with updates on

the Assessing Department page of the progress of the full town-wide revaluation of property. Community news items appear on the Community & Businesses page – check it out!

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

- *Check faucets and pipes for leaks.* A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- *Check your toilets for leaks.* Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
- *Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.* Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- *Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.* Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm). Also, all household faucets should be fit with low-flow aerators. 2.5 gpm may be needed in a kitchen sink but bathroom faucets and other water outlets should be 1.5 gpm or lower. Check gpm rating on packaging to be sure the advertised "low-flow" is at or below these levels. This single best home water conservation method is also the least expensive!
- *Insulate your water pipes.* It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- *Take shorter showers.* One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.
- *Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.* There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
- *Rinse your razor in the sink.* Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
- *Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.* Automatic

dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.

- *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.* Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

### **How to Improve Recycling**

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdvboQQWUc8>



## The “Don’t” of Recycling



# KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



**NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling**

(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



**NO Coated Paper Items**

(Items with a plastic lining such as  
waxed coffee or soda cups  
& waxed paper plates)



### NO Disposable Items

(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



**NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes**

(Gently used items can be donated)



## NO Waste or Wood

(Rope, twine, diapers, food,  
pet & yard waste)



**NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps**

(Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



**NO Hazardous Materials**

(Check for alternative recycling)



**NO Rubber or Scrap Metal**

(Check for alternative recycling)



**NO Medical Waste**

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



**NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass**

(Gently used items can be donated)



**NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs**

(Check for alternative recycling)

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

## PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp\\_0.pdf](http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp_0.pdf)

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have four openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month (meetings typically take place in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices, but these meetings are being postponed due to COVID-19). You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation>

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

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

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.

Regrettably, we have canceled 2020 activities due to COVID-19, but the Committee looks forward to planning events for a 2021 celebration.

2019 was a successful weekend of Old Home Days! Check out the events held in 2019:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf>

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/>



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