

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

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TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

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



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

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

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

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

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=====LATEST NEWS=====

TOWN MANAGER DEPARTING AT THE END OF NOVEMBER

The following letter was provided to the Board of Selectmen on September 29 (a copy of an associated press release has been posted to the Town's website: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/news/press-release-enfield-town-manager-takes-position-mansfield-ct>)

September 30, 2020

To the Honorable Members of the Enfield Board of Selectmen (Kate, John and Meredith):

As I informed you all prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting on September 21, the Town Council for the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut, voted earlier this month to offer me their vacant Town Manager position. Last night, the Town Council formally voted to extend me an approved employment agreement. It is with an especially heavy heart that I write to inform you that I have decided to accept this offer. As such, I will be resigning as Enfield's Town Manager, effective midnight on December 1, 2020.

I wish to emphasize how happy I have been and continue to be serving as Enfield's Town Manager. The last several years have been incredibly enjoyable and fulfilling. My departure is in no way a reflection of how I or members of my family feel about this wonderful community. In fact, we have very much come to think of Enfield as "home" in every sense of the word. I have not been actively job hunting, and I envisioned serving Enfield for many more years. I explored the Town Manager position in Mansfield only because it represented 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), and potentially provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me to grow considerably from a professional development standpoint.

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. As you know, when I arrived in July of 2017, the Town was facing many unique challenges and opportunities, including serious operating deficits and other financial issues, the start of a major public works project (the NH Route 4A sewer extension project), public discontent over inadequate transparency and communications, a lack of department- or town-level strategic planning,

dysfunction within one of the Town's emergency service departments, outdated and obsolete computer hardware/ software and overall IT networking, inadequate and deteriorating municipal buildings, and a desire to realize a vision of a town park on the shores of Mascoma Lake. Since that time, we have significantly improved the Town's financial condition and successfully navigated many other issues to the betterment of the Town – including completing of the aforementioned projects. 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. We have also adopted much needed new policies and updated many others, initiated the delivery of new municipal services, made improvements to the annual budgeting and capital planning processes, acquired a wide variety of competitive grants, and enhanced mass communications.

The municipal staff, local officials and residents I have worked with and served over the past three years will always hold a special place in my heart. Not only were they instrumental in helping me succeed in what is a demanding job and provide effective service to the Town, but they have been there for me during times of both sorrow and joy – including the passing of two longtime companions (my bird dog, "Ole," and our ornery house cat, "Maverick") and the birth of our youngest son, Walden. Our older children, Marian and Landon, will miss my coworkers and the Enfield Village School very much. To be honest, deciding to depart Enfield is perhaps the most difficult decision my wife and I have ever made.

Thank you again for the faith and confidence you have placed in me to help lead Enfield in the right direction. I hope that you will always look back favorably on the service I provided Enfield. 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 fully intend on staying abreast of what's going on in Town.

Transitions to new leadership can be challenging, and I will happily assist the Board, Interim Town Manager, and next permanent Town Manager in any way that I can after my departure.

Very truly yours,
Ryan J. Aylesworth

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.

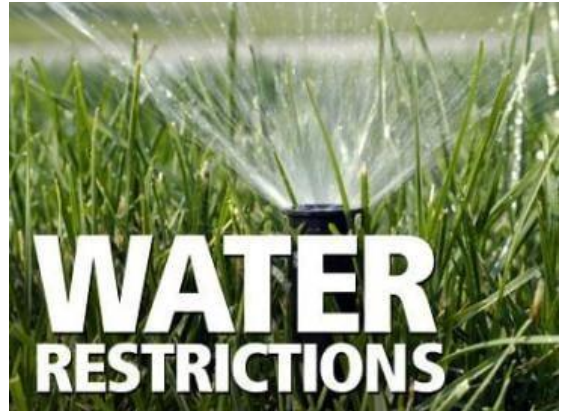
HALLOWEEN 2020

Unfortunately, COVID-19 will impact Enfield's annual Halloween festivities in 2020. The Emergency Management Director, Office of Town Manager, and the Recreation Department are working on developing plans for an alternative format that will keep the public safe while still allowing our youth to celebrate Halloween in a fun way. Currently, based on a wide range of guidance and suggested best practices distributed by NH public health officials, the plan is to organize a Halloween parade. We are still working through many details, but we presently anticipate that the parade will be comprised of emergency services vehicles/personnel and other volunteers with personal vehicles originating at the Union Street Fire Station. The parade will drive a specific route that will allow children (younger and older) to stand along the parade route and receive candy while maintaining ample social distancing. Even though this will be taking place outside, we still strongly encourage parade watchers to wear face masks to further reduce the possibility for exposure (there are many creative ways to incorporate a cloth mask into a costume). Those who wish to decorate a vehicle and participate in the parade will be required to only distribute wrapped candy. A map of the parade route along with approximate times will be provided on the town website and social media later this month. Those who do not want to be in the parade, but want to donate candy for the event can drop off candy at the candy collection site located at the Enfield Police Station (19 Main Street). If you have any questions, please contact Police Chief Holland at 603-632-7501. We know that everyone has been impacted by COVID-19 in one way or another. We look forward to bringing some joy to the children of our community in these trying times. We can't wait to see all the costumes on Halloween this year.

OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS DUE TO DROUGHT

In accordance with RSA 41:11-d, the Board of Selectmen implemented outdoor water use restrictions as a result of the drought conditions persisting across Grafton County and most of NH.

These restrictions went into effect on September 14 and we strongly encourage all residents to abide by the restrictions in the interest of water conservation.



These restrictions apply to property owners that are connected to the municipal water system. However, while the restrictions are not being imposed on households with private wells, we strongly encourage everyone to be judicious with their water use as private wells may very well be affected in the near future.

For the duration the restrictions are in place, households on the municipal water system should refrain from engaging in the following activities:

- Watering lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs and ornamental plants (the watering of vegetables by container is permitted).
- Washing paved surfaces, such as streets, sidewalks, driveways, garages, parking areas, tennis courts and patios.
- Operating water fountains, artificial waterfalls and reflecting pools.
- Washing vehicles.
- Filling and topping off swimming pools or running a sprinkler for children.

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.

ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

The concern for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a valid reason for voting by Absentee Ballot for the 2020 General Election.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we want you to know your options for requesting an Absentee Ballot. **You can legally request an absentee ballot by mail, which is the preferred option** given that there is still ample time between now and the General Election. **You can also request your ballot in-person (as opposed to by mail) and hand deliver a completed ballot to the Town Clerk.** Please **do not** leave your **voted** Absentee Ballot in the drop box at Town Hall – your voted ballot **MUST** be handed to the Town Clerk or delivered by mail.

To request an absentee ballot:

- Go to the Town's website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-clerk/pages/voter-registration-elections> and print the form OR call the Town Clerk's Office at 603-632-5001 OR email townclerk@enfield.nh.us and ask for an Application for Absentee Ballot.
 - If you were on the voter checklist as Undeclared and voted at the September 8 State Primary you can return to Undeclared status following the election. To do so, visit the Town Clerk or attend one of the meetings of the Supervisors of the Checklist at which additions and corrections to the checklist will be made. (Please note – You do not need to change your party for the November 3, 2020 General Election as all ballots will be the same regardless of your party registration.)

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold three such meetings in October. Their meetings, to be held **October 7, October 14 and October 21** will begin at 9 AM. From **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM they will be available to the public for additions and corrections to the checklist.**

Face coverings are required when entering Town Hall. Occupancy in the conference room is limited due to COVID-19, so there is the possibility of a short wait.

We encourage you to check your Party Status on the NH Secretary of State website

at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx> and meet with the Supervisors of the Checklist, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, if any corrections are needed. The voter checklist is also available for viewing at Enfield Town Hall, 23 Main Street, during regular office hours.

On the Secretary of State website you may also do an **[Absentee Ballot Search](#)** - Check the status of your absentee ballot **and** **[Polling Place Search & Sample Ballots](#)**

Please note: General Election voting will take place at the Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4.
The Secretary of State website will be updated to reflect this change in location soon. The polls will be open as stated: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Voted Absentee Ballots must be received by mail no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3rd.

If you have questions about the process contact the Town Clerk at 603-632-5001 or townclerk@enfield.nh.us

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.

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) or Ambulance Chief (603-304-9324 or efirefighter32@yahoo.com). We hope to hear from you!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Road Paving

Warren and Bud Mil Roads, a section of Shaker Blvd at the NH Route 4A end, and a section of Livingstone Lodge Road near Wescott Road have all been recently paved following reclamation work earlier in the summer. A two-inch base of pavement was placed, followed by a one inch wearing course (with the exception of Livingstone Lodge Road, which will receive its one inch wearing course in the summer of 2021).

Road Grading

The Town Highway crew will continue grading gravel roads during the month of October. 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

The Town of Enfield Water/Sewer Department finished reading meters in late-September. Bills will be out the first week of October and payments will be due on November 13.

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.

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will be closing on November 1, 2020. The facility is open during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Due to COVID-19 concerns, deliveries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday will be by appointment only. Please call the DPW at 603-632-4605 to make arrangements for delivery. 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.

2020 Lake Drawdown

The lakes in and around the Town of Enfield will begin fall drawdown on October 12, 2020. Information about the drawdown levels can be found at the link below:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/media/pr/2020/20200915-drawdown.htm>

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 1st of a given year and can be reinstalled on May 15th of a subsequent year. All decorations remaining in Enfield Cemeteries after October 30th 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 to schedule a burial or to purchase a lot. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow mowing operations to take place. For additional information about cemetery rules and regulations please visit- <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-cemetery-trustees>

2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available

2020 Transfer Station window stickers are available, free of charge, at the Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of your car or truck on the side window behind the front passenger's seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger. 2021 Transfer Station window stickers should be available by November 6.

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!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day (Updated Flyer PDF)

The next (and final) collection is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 at the Lebanon High School. See the flyer below for information on items accepted. The following rules have been put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Put waste in trunk or truck bed
- Stay in vehicle; do NOT get out for any reason
- Only people from participating towns; we will not be collecting money at the collection from anyone

- No waste containers returned
- Wear mask when near people with window on vehicle down
- The survey will be “what town are you from?” only; nothing will be handed out

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

Household Hazardous Waste 2020 COLLECTION DAYS

**NEW Friday
and Saturday
Combo Dates**

WHEN

All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

~~Sat, May 2~~—Lebanon High School—CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

Sat, June 6—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 17 and Sat, July 18—miss Friday? come Saturday!—
Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

Sat, August 8—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road
(tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd)

Sat, October 3—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

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

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



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

For
information
contact the



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

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

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

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

Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex.

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

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

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

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

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fall is officially here and school is in session. Please continue to exercise caution and obey the instructions of the Crossing Guard when traveling along US Route 4 near the Enfield Village School when children are being dropped off or picked up from school.

When the Police Department replaced a cruiser this year it was done with a hybrid vehicle. After several months of the cruiser being in the field, we are happy to report that we have seen great results in fuel savings. We are excited to see what savings a full year of use will generate. The modified “Walk with a Cop” program was a great success and the officers were happy to see so many children and family on the first day of school. The police department has been conducting daily mask ordinance compliance checks randomly in town. The residents of Enfield have done a great job of following the ordinance. A majority of the warnings issued have been to nonresidents who did not pay attention to the signs as they drove into town, or had to be assured that Enfield was serious about the health and safety of all in town.

It is with mixed emotions, both sad because she has been a part of the Enfield PD family for so long and happy because she has earned the time off, that we say goodbye to Paula Rowe as she retires on October 2 from the Enfield Police Department. Paula has been the friendly face and voice of the department for more than 30 years. Paula has seen this department grow from a two-person department to its current size. All of us here at the Police Department wish her a very happy retirement and look forward to her visits in the future.

With Paula’s retirement approaching, an extensive search was completed over the last few months to fill her position, which has been retitled “Public Safety Administrative Coordinator” to reflect additional support responsibilities for the Fire and Ambulance departments. The Town received over 150 applicants for the position, and many of these individuals possessed impressive qualifications. After several rounds of reviews and interviews, we are proud to announce that Emily Curtis has been offered and accepted the position. Emily and her family reside in Enfield, and she previously served as an administrative coordinator for the Upper Valley Haven for nearly a decade. Emily started in the position in late-September allowing her some time to work with Paula and we look forward to her serving the Town of Enfield many years to come.

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.

RECREATION

Enfield Recreation

Information and Registration for Enfield Recreation opportunities can be found at www.mvpr.recdesk.com

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

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

We have officially entered fall and encourage our community members to get outside and go for a walk, run or a bike ride while the weather is still good – use the Northern Rail Trail or any of the local hiking/walking trails in the Mascoma Valley. Please follow the social distancing recommendations from the CDC to keep you and other members of the community safe (they are listed at the end of this Regional Recreation Update). Please refer to each town's website for updated information on public use of parks, town facilities and more.

Enfield: www.enfield.nh.us/ **Canaan:** www.canaannh.org

A Message from Kati Jopek, Regional Recreation Coordinator:

I am transitioning out of the Regional Recreation Coordinator position and I am hoping there is someone in our community who is interested in stepping into the position to take Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation to a new level! Recreation is such an important aspect of our lives and it is necessary for children *and* adults. MVPR needs someone with new energy, new ideas and a passion for organizing activities, events or programs that encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

I have learned so much and enjoyed working in the recreation field, but I am leaving to focus more time, effort and energy into my position with the Army Reserves. The Regional Recreation Coordinator is currently a part-time position, working for the towns of Canaan and Enfield. Major responsibilities include: Summer Theater Camp, Afterschool Ski & Ride, Youth Sports and Youth Sports Camps, Special Events and more. However, the position is not limited to just these activities – there is room for more! If you are interested in the position, please reach out to mvalleyrec@gmail.com and/or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us.

Mascoma Youth Sports League Update:

Registration for youth soccer and field hockey is now open and MYSL plans to offer a fall sports season - even if it looks a little different from past seasons!

Please register online through the
website: <https://mysl3748001.sportssignup.com/site/>

Coaches and assistant coaches are needed at most levels.

Youth Sports & COVID-19:

The MYSL board will follow the youth sports administration and return to play guidance from the State of NH and the NHIAA, and we will also align with decisions made by the Mascoma School District and any recommendations/rules from our town governments.

Other area recreation departments are following the same state and NHIAA guidance, but they will be following recommendations from their own local leadership. Therefore, youth sports may run and look different depending on the town or school district. **Each community has the same goal: doing what is best for young athletes and their families.**

Our fall sports season will be different from past seasons, but with your help, we can still have a great season for our young athletes!

Continue to Get Outside:

Please refer to each town's individual website for updated information on park and beach openings. We respectfully ask that you follow the guidelines and rules established at each park and beach to help keep everyone safe!

If you decide to head out to a public park, or go for walk/bike/run on a public trail, please follow the recommendations from the National Recreation & Parks Association to help keep you safe on our public trails and in our public parks.

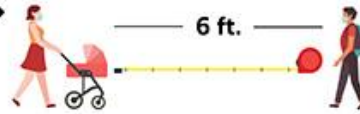


Recommendations for trail users on observing social distancing minimums:

- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to trails — wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not use trails if you have symptoms, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.
- Observe at all times CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people. Practice it and know what it looks like. Keep it as you walk, bike or hike.
- Warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass to allow proper distance and step off trails to allow others to pass, keeping minimum recommended distances at all times. Signal your presence with your voice, bell or horn.
- Note that trail and park users may find public restrooms closed — be prepared before you leave and time outings so that you are not dependent on public restrooms.
- Bring water or drinks — public drinking fountains may be disabled and should not be used, even if operable.
- Bring a suitable trash bag. Leave no trash, take everything out to protect park workers

Tips for Physical Distancing In Parks

Know what 6 feet looks like. Lay measuring tape on the ground. It's the distance of a surfboard, long yoga mat or adult bike.



Do not use playgrounds or other frequently touched surfaces.

Go by yourself or those you live with. Strongly consider the use of a face covering.



Avoid crowded areas. If a space cannot be enjoyed safely, go home or discover a new park in your community.



For more resources on how to use parks safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit: nrga.org/Coronavirus

Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

Follow MVPR on Facebook

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

Recently, the Fire Warden and the Fire Chief issued a burn ban for the entire town, to include campfires. This was necessary due to the extremely dry conditions. We want to make every effort we can to avoid fires at any time, but it is especially important now with the lack of rainfall. Lakes and streams are very low, and the available water to fight fires is also a concern. This ban will be in effect until further notice and won't be lifted until we get a significant amount of rainfall.

We continue to have a busy year for calls for service. Our previous five-year high was 162 calls for a whole year. We now stand at 169 calls as we approach the end of September. This will likely be the busiest year the Enfield Fire Department has ever had for calls.

We have recently received 15 new portable radios to begin the replacement of the radios we received 15 years ago. We were able to save the town \$9,000 dollars due to a promotion that Motorola was doing this year. These new radios have many more features, and we are starting to place them into service. Motorola has a proven record for reliability and performance, and we expect to get another 12-15 years of use out of these radios. In 2022, we hope to replace the remaining radios.

Members of the Fire Department have examined demo trucks as we begin the process of doing a specification and bid process for the replacement of Engine 4 and the Town's existing rescue truck. The intent continues to be to combine these two functions in a single apparatus (a rescue pumper). Unfortunately, the Town was not successful in its recent Assistance to Firefighters Grant (administered by FEMA) to replace this vehicle in 2020. However, the Town will apply for funding under this grant program again this fall when the grant period opens again. If ordered after the March 2021 Town Meeting, this truck will not arrive until 2022. It is very important that we get approval for this important replacement, as our other primary engine (Engine 5, which went into service in 2001) is definitely starting to show its age of 20 years. Fire trucks are typically replaced at around 25 years. Engine 4 is a 1989, and has served us well over the last three decades, but it is in need of replacement.

We hope that all of you are doing well during the trying times we are in. We are here if you need us. Stay safe and be well.

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held one continued hearing (Enfield Land Use Case # Z20-08-01) on September 1st to further discuss an area variance application for property at 360 Crystal Lake Road. After a presentation by the applicant's attorney and some further abutter's comments, the ZBA voted for another continuation to October 13th at 7:00 pm. Their thinking was to allow the applicant additional time to gather information and explore site alternatives. The ZBA has also received a new application for a zoning variance to construct a garage on Hawley Drive (on Crystal Lake) within the prescribed setbacks in the R3 zoning district. This is Enfield Land Use Case # Z20-10-01 and the subject property is located at 26 Hawley Drive (map 47, lot 16). The ZBA meeting on October 13th will be held via the Zoom web meeting platform

only (no in person meetings due to COVID-19 protocols). Zoom login information, a meeting agenda 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 held a continued hearing on September 9th to review an application for major site plan review (SPR). The applicant in this Land Use case (P20-07-04) was seeking to build an automatic 3 bay carwash on US Route 4. The Planning Board reviewed a comprehensive set of plans from the applicant's engineer and land surveyor. After extensive review and some minor changes, the board voted to approve the project with some minor conditions. Construction has already commenced on this project on US Route 4 near the Enfield-Canaan Town line. The Planning Board also held a second meeting on September 23rd. At this meeting, the board heard three individual "conceptual" ideas for future projects. These conceptual discussions are great opportunities for "non-binding review" of development ideas. They are very valuable for guidance prior to substantial work on a land use matter. If you have an idea for your property, reach out to the Land Use Department of the Town to schedule a conceptual discussion. The Planning Board also restarted Master Planning discussions that have been delayed due to the COVID19 pandemic. A high priority for the Planning Board will be to form a "steering committee" for the Master Plan work. This will be a newly formed panel, made up of engaged citizens to spearhead the comprehensive update to the Town's 25 year old Master Plan. If you are interested in being involved, watch the Enfield Listserv for more information soon. 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>

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 The Land Use Office summer hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Due to COVID19 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 October!

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Happy Autumn! The leaves are changing and we hope people are out enjoying the weather. We also hope everyone is settling into the school year as best they can, it has been very odd to not be welcoming the EVS students back to the library. We are here for you, however, and we are happy to answer questions and provide research assistance. We can also provide learning materials and interlibrary loan is running again. It's a little slower due to the State Library

quarantine requirements, but we've already received our first delivery!

Miss Kate is still recording and posting a weekly story time to YouTube, they are best viewed using the Playlist option:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW0-DpcA-2d5ZamChN6TRPA/playlists>

We are also putting together craft kits to go along with story time, so if you want one please contact us and we'll leave it out on the porch for pick up.

We are also working behind the scenes to improve digital access to the library. In September, we signed a contract to switch the library management software to something that will be much more user friendly. It will allow our patrons to log in to their accounts to renew items and place holds, and it will automatically send out due date reminders. Patrons will also be able to create reading lists and the catalog will display new titles that have been ordered. Currently, the completion date for the migration is set for December.

As of September 25th, we had put out 93 bags for pickup this month plus 14 craft kits. We also offer access to electronic books and audiobooks as well as movie streaming. The building may be closed, but 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 for assistance.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

We want to thank all the election officials, volunteers, and residents of Enfield for helping to ensure that this year's State Primary on September 8 was conducted smoothly and efficiently. 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. Now we look ahead to the November General Election and continue to plan accordingly. Please be on the lookout for additional updates as that election approaches.

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! October is a quiet month in the Tax Office, however my responsibilities in the Town Clerk's Office, as your Deputy Town Clerk, have exploded between last month's State Primary and the upcoming General Election! Your patience and understanding during this extremely heavy workload is greatly appreciated. Not only due to the heavy election workload, but also due to the current pandemic, please be advised that making payment of motor vehicle renewals, along with water and sewer billings or taxes, by the use of on line, mail or night drop is strongly encouraged for your safety and ours! I also would like to remind everyone of the Paperless Billing now offered for Taxes, Betterments and Water/Sewer bills. You can sign up online and then you will receive up to 3 email notifications from which you can click a link and pay the bill. Payments made by electronic check online have an additional flat fee of \$0.95. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. To make a payment online, from the home page click on the online payments button and this will transfer you to a new screen of options. Click on Tax Collector online payments and just follow the instructions from there. (Hint: when searching, use as few words as possible, such as house number and road name. Refrain from using St, Rd, Ave, Lane, etc.) Or just enter your last name and a list of possible answers will show on the right of the screen.

If you need to be walked thru this process, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is whuntley@enfield.nh.us or to reach me by phone call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

Stay home, stay healthy and remember to wear a mask when out and about and like momma always said, "wash your hands!"

HUMAN SERVICES

There are several new 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 31st. 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 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>

Weatherization Tips

Button Up New Hampshire, an energy savings workshop presented by

NHSaves, will be on Zoom on Tuesday, October 6th, from 7-8:30 PM. This presentation teaches how to improve the energy efficiency of your home. A certified energy auditor covers basic building science principles as well as examples of whole house weatherization measures that will button up your home for the heating and cooling seasons. It also covers details about the energy efficiency programs offered by NH utilities (for existing homes and new construction) which provide energy audits, weatherization measures such as air sealing and insulating and rebates on new technologies and products such as electric and gas appliances and high efficiency electric heating/cooling equipment.

NHSaves is a collaboration of New Hampshire's electric and natural gas utilities. The utilities are working together to provide NH customers with information, incentives, and support designed to save energy, reduce costs, and protect the NH environment.

The Sustainable Hanover Committee, Canaan, Enfield Plainfield and Cornish Energy committees, sponsors of this webinar, recommend you check out the NHSaves website for up-to-date info on energy saving tips and programs.

Email: bcallaway65@gmail.com for the digital Zoom link or questions regarding this Virtual Button Up.

ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING AVAILABLE FOR LIMITED USE

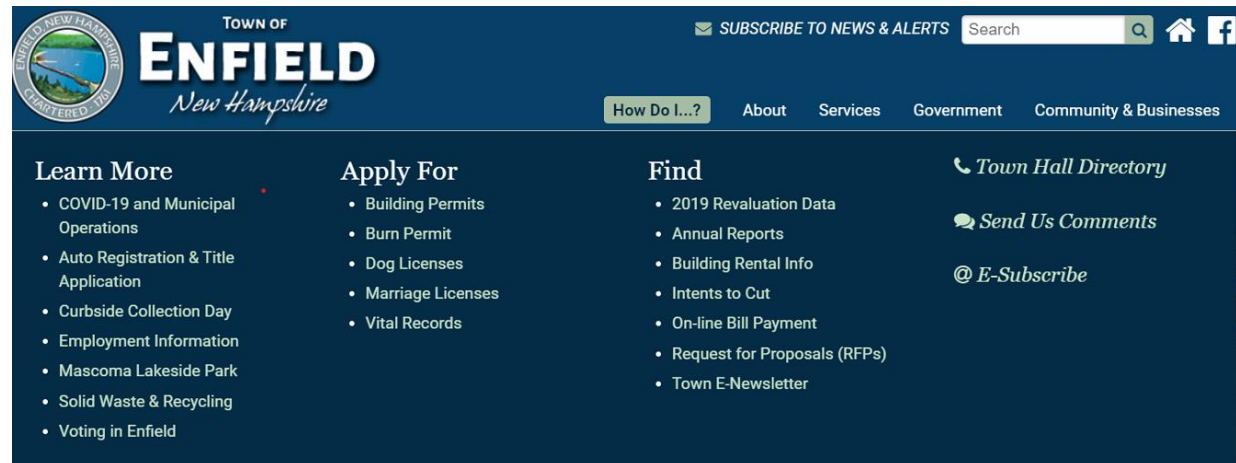
The Enfield Community Building is open for limited use, including rental to Enfield residents. Due to COVID-19 we are limiting use to one event held upstairs and one event held downstairs between regular cleanings; cleanings which are built into our current operating budget. If a group wishes to use 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 Town of Enfield Website Tip

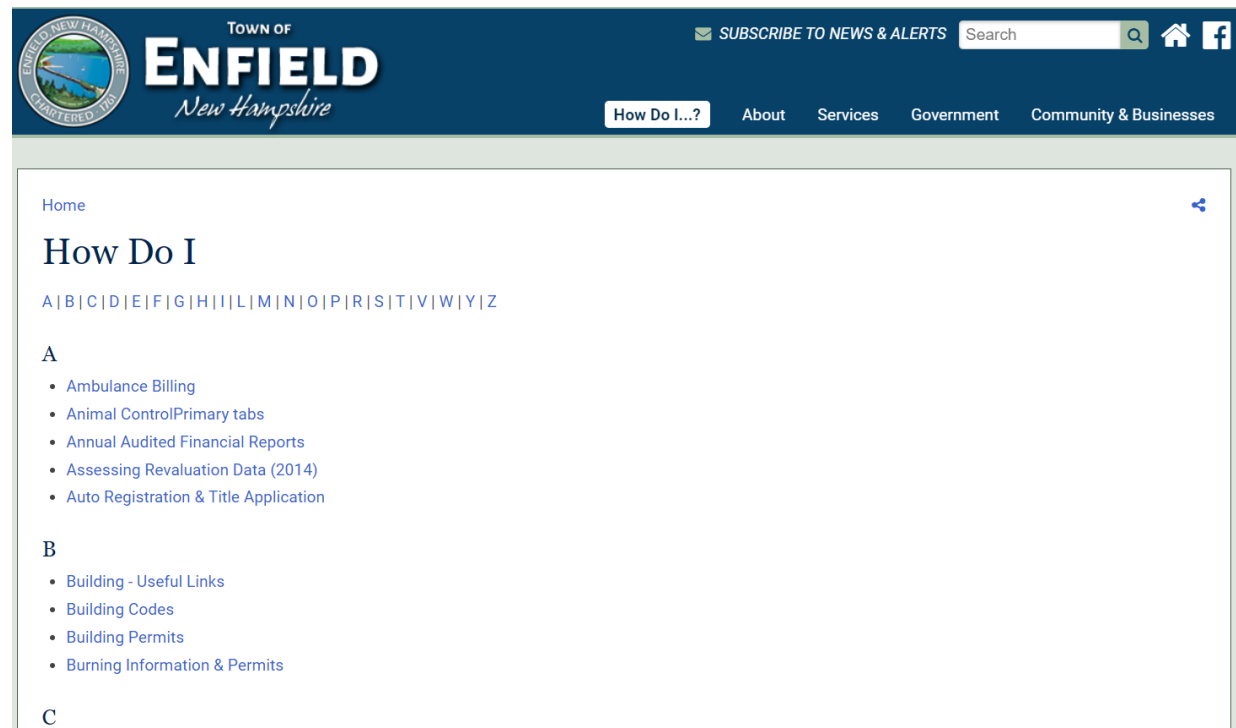
How Do I...?

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?!



The screenshot shows the top section of the Town of Enfield website. It features a dark blue header with the town's logo on the left, which includes the text "ENFIELD NEW HAMPSHIRE" and "CHARTERED 1701". To the right of the logo is the text "TOWN OF ENFIELD New Hampshire". Further right is a "SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS" button, a search bar, and social media icons for home and Facebook. Below the header is a navigation bar with the "How Do I...?" button highlighted, along with links for "About", "Services", "Government", and "Community & Businesses". The main content area is divided into four columns: "Learn More" (listing COVID-19 operations, auto registration, curbside collection, employment, Mascoma Park, waste recycling, and voting), "Apply For" (listing permits, licenses, and vital records), "Find" (listing revaluation data, reports, rental info, intents to cut, bill payment, RFPs, and newsletter), and a right column with "Town Hall Directory", "Send Us Comments", and "@ E-Subscribe".



This screenshot shows the "How Do I" page on the Town of Enfield website. The header is identical to the previous screenshot. Below the navigation bar, the page title "How Do I" is displayed in a large, dark blue font. Underneath the title is a horizontal list of alphabetical links: "A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | L | M | N | O | P | R | S | T | V | W | Y | Z". The page is organized into sections by letter. The "A" section lists: "Ambulance Billing", "Animal ControlPrimary tabs", "Annual Audited Financial Reports", "Assessing Revaluation Data (2014)", and "Auto Registration & Title Application". The "B" section lists: "Building - Useful Links", "Building Codes", "Building Permits", and "Burning Information & Permits". The "C" section is partially visible at the bottom of the screenshot.

===== **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 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.

- [October 1 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [October 5 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#) [October 6 @ 3:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [October 6 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- October 7 @ 9:00 AM (Town Hall) – Supervisors of the Checklist (Accepting additions & corrections to the checklist from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
- [October 8 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [October 13 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- October 14 @ 9:00 AM (Town Hall) – Supervisors of the Checklist (Accepting additions & corrections to the checklist from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
- [October 14 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [October 19 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- October 20 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Trustees of Trust Funds
- October 21 @ 9:00 AM (Town Hall) – Supervisors of the Checklist (Accepting additions & corrections to the checklist from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
- [October 22 @ 4:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [October 27 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [November 2 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [November 5 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [November 10 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [November 16 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

Holding Town board and committee meetings using the Zoom video conferencing app has proven to be fairly successful. To join a Zoom meeting

simply go to the Town's website at 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. All meetings listed above are linked to the official posting on the Town's website where you will find Zoom meeting information. 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 and we'll post it for you.

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

NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES (RSA 72:81)

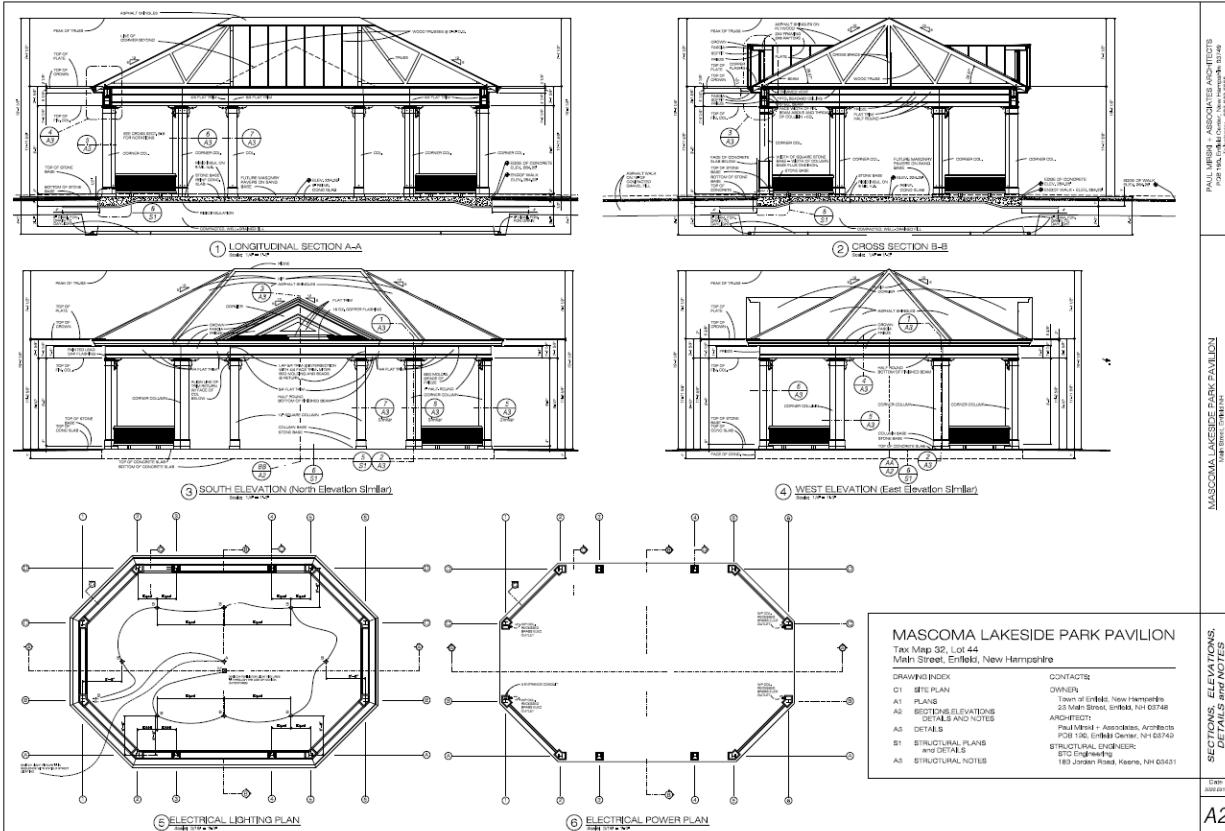
The Town has implemented a new economic development program known as the "Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption" ([RSA 72:81](#)). This is a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in [RSA 72:80](#)). The intent of the exemption is to provide 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 11th, 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.

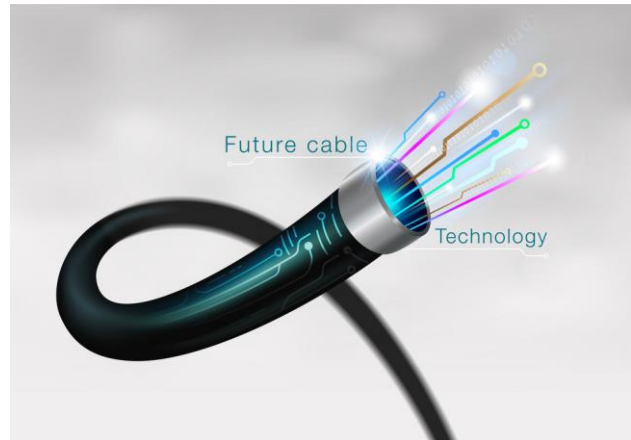
Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

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.

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

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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