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# Welcome Message



#### Greetings!

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

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

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

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

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

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



# A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking the Old Home Days Committee for a great event. I also want to thank the volunteers and those involved in making sure the event was safe and fun was had by all. The weather was beautiful, and I was able to attend many of the events and enjoyed speaking with many people and observing the pride and sense of community that surrounded the event. As the air cools and the seasons change, I am excited for the upcoming Halloween festivities and Hometown Holidays celebrations that are being planned for this year.



At the September 19<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting, we had a good initial conversation about the Town owned land at the end of Johnston Drive. There were many opinions about what the use of this lakefront property should be. The discussion ended with consensus that the land should be kept by the Town for public use, but there should be a committee formed to research and discuss how the land will be used.

Our building projects continue to move forward, with the completion of the Towns search for a design build contractor for the public safety building. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the Select Board approved the award of this contract to Neagley & Chase and Black River Designs. The MFAC Design Team met with our contractors on September 27<sup>th</sup> to start the process for final design. We are excited to work through this winter finalizing the design and permitting process with the plan of starting construction next summer. The Whitney Hall project is still working its way through the federal funding process, with hopes of finalizing a contractor and financing early next year.

Ed Morris Town Manager

# **Election Information**

#### September 13, 2022 - Election Results

The NH Secretary of State's Office has posted results of the September 13<sup>th</sup> Primary by Party, Position, County and Town. You can see all of that information here: 2022 State Primary Election Results | New Hampshire Secretary of State (nh.gov)

#### **Upcoming State General Election**

Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

At the State General Election, you'll be voting for the following offices:

Governor
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
Executive Councilor
State Senator
County Officer

State Representative Delegate to the Republic State Convention (Election)



Prior to the election the State will prepare and issue ballots for the upcoming State General election. As soon as the Town Clerk receives ballots, sample ballots will be posted to our website on the Town Clerk's <a href="Voter Registration">Voter Registration</a> / Elections web page.

#### **Enfield Voter Information**

Using a template from the New Hampshire Campaign for Voting Rights, "a non-partisan coalition of organizations in New Hampshire working to ensure and protect the right to vote for every Granite Stater," our Town Clerk prepared a two-page informational sheet of Enfield Voter Information that provides details on both the Local and State levels:

- How to Register to Vote
- How to Vote
- Election information
- Election Official Contact Information

We think you might find this useful. **Check it out! Enfield Voter Information** 

You can also find other information on the Town Clerk's <u>Voter Registration / Elections</u> web page. Or visit the <u>NH Secretary of State's 2022 Election Information</u> page

# 2023 Budget & Town Meeting Preparations Begin!

A lot of planning goes into preparing a budget and articles for vote at Town Meeting.

#### Budget-

We begin the process in August, with department heads reviewing their needs to maintain current levels of service and proposing new projects or money saving measures for the coming year. The Town Manager then reviews departmental submissions before sending on a proposed budget to the Budget Committee for their deliberations.

The Capital Improvement Program Committee began meeting in August and will continue meeting into at least October. The CIP Committee, as it's known, does long-range planning over a 6-year period. CIP Plans are required by State law. The CIP Capital Reserve Fund and the CIP Plan are often confused. This committee reviews *ALL* capital projects valued at \$10,000 or greater, regardless of funding source, be it taxes, water or sewer user fees, grants, undesignated funds, or reserve funds – of which we have many. Reporting on reserve funds can be found on pages 177-182 of the 2021 Annual Report.

The Budget Committee will begin its 2023 Proposed Budget review process in October. The public is welcome to attend all meetings of the Budget Committee which will be held both in person and online via Teams videoconference. You can find meeting postings with Teams connection information on the Town's website.

#### Town Meeting -

We're also preparing for Town Meeting. In August we reserved at the Enfield Village School to return the business portion of the meeting (March 18, 2023) to the EVS gym and reserved the sound system. We're looking forward to meeting again *indoors!* 

#### **Town Meeting Warrant –**

The Town Meeting warrant is in development as soon as the last Town Meeting ends. For instance, the 2022 Town Meeting voted to increase the Board of Selectmen to 5 members. We have already made notes for election of two additional Select Board members in 2023.

As a way to assist Enfield residents and voters, we also created a form for public use for creating and submitting <a href="Petitioned Warrant Articles">Petitioned Warrant Articles</a>! You can use this form or use it as a guide for preparing your own petition. A link to this form with some instructions and guidance can be found on our <a href="Annual Town Meeting web page">Annual Town Meeting web page</a>. And remember, <a href="We're here to help!">We're here to help!</a>! If you would like assistance in drafting your petitioned warrant article, we will assist you with the wording to be sure it accomplishes what you set out to do.

Deadlines for petitions vary depending on whether it's a petition to adopt or amend a zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code [RSA 675:4] or a petition to the Select Board to include an article on the warrant relative to other matters [RSA 39:3].

#### 2023 Town Meeting Petition Deadlines -

- Petition to adopt or amend a zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code:
   November 14, 2022 through December 14, 2022.
- Petition to the Select Board to include an article on the warrant relative to other matters:
   February 7, 2023

# **Department & Committee Reports**

# **Building Inspector/Health Officer**

It seems that natural disasters and severe weather events are in the news almost weekly, causing much personal and property loss for persons in those affected areas. The loss of property, especially housing, has traumatic and expensive consequences that persist much longer than the event that preceded them. Disaster recovery efforts are led at the national level by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and they have programs designed to help disaster survivors with basic, critical needs such as a safe, sanitary, and functional place to live while survivors look for a long-term or permanent housing solution. The construction of new housing, leasing of temporary housing, and associated relocation costs are well known expensive endeavors, yet they are unavoidable in the aftermath of destructive events.

The Building Inspector has recently been notified that FEMA has adopted a "Building Codes Strategy" as a proactive measure to influence building code standards and encourage adoption of building codes with the goal of mitigating the cost and disruption of housing loss resulting from severe weather and natural disasters. It is estimated that communities that have adopted modern building codes are saving a sum of \$1.6 Billion per year in avoided damage from major hazards, with projected cumulative saving of \$132 Billion through 2040. Additionally, modern energy codes can save households an average of \$162 dollars each year on energy costs, an amount likely to increase substantially based on current trends.

According to FEMA, every dollar invested in building code adoption provides eleven times more in savings by reducing damage and helping communities recover more quickly—for example, by ensuring structurally sound and durable building methods including roofs that can withstand strong winds, construction materials that are resistant to rot and flood damage, and insulation standards that help keep heating and cooling costs lower. Nationwide, only about one-third of counties, cities, and towns have adopted modern building codes. It is the Building Inspector's opinion that a newly built home should last 250 years at a minimum before needing replacement. In a sense, construction costs are our biggest investment in crucial long term needs for ourselves and those of generations to come.

Enfield and the entire state of New Hampshire have adopted modern building codes with the expectation of ensuring safe, sound, and durable homes and buildings for current and future residents. Here's a link to the current codes: <a href="https://nh-adopted-codes-july-2022.pdf">nh-adopted-codes-july-2022.pdf</a>

# **Cemetery Department**

**Reminder:** any items put near gravestones must be removed by November 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes, but is not limited to, potted plants, decorative stakes or solar stakes, fake flowers etc.

The Trustees next meeting is on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office Conference room. As always please contact Bridget with any questions at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

A big thank you to our Grounds crew for all their work this season keeping the cemeteries in such great shape.

# **Energy Committee**

**FYI** -- In case, you are looking for some in depth information about 'green energy,' copies of the Green Energy Times newspaper are available at the Town Offices, Library, and other places around town.

Two articles in this issue which caught my eye are <u>EV MYTHS BUSTED</u> and <u>The Importance of New England</u> Forests. There are also listings of federal and state incentives.

#### **UPDATE on Enfield Community Power**

NH Public Utilities Commission proposed final rules for Community Power on July 27, 2022. Those rules were approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules on September 15. Essentially, this means the rule making phase has been completed.

After the September 6th Selectboard's approval of minor updates to Enfield's Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, the plan has been submitted to the NH Public Utilities Commission. The PUC has up to 60 days to respond.

Lebanon Community Power's Electric Aggregation Plan was approved by the PUC on August 30, 2022, becoming the first program to be approved by the state.

# **Enfield Public Library**



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

We've got a few things going on. Looking forward to seeing you at the library!

#### **PROGRAMS**

#### **Library Tech Talk**

Got questions about library technology? Join us **Wednesday, October 12**, from 12:30-1:30pm for an overview of what's available and the opportunity to ask questions in person.



#### **Story Time!**

Join Miss Kate for Story Time at the Huse Park Pavilion **Wednesdays at 10 am** for stories, songs, and lots of fun. She'll be at the park through October.



#### Legos!

The Legos come out at the library Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm for free-build fun!



#### **Knitters' Group**

The Knitting Group gathers on Tuesdays from 10:30-noon. Bring your fiber project and join in.



#### Coming November 1: PostCrossing!

Learn about this fun way to connect with people all over the world, one postcard at a time! At the library on Tuesday,

November 1, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

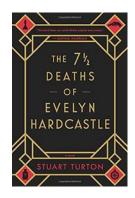


#### **Book Groups**

We have two book groups at the library. Our October selections are:

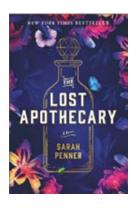
Mystery Group (10/13, 2 or 6 pm)

The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle



EPL Book Group (10/27 6:30 pm)

The Lost Apothecary



#### **WHAT'S NEW**

Browse New Fiction, New Non-Fiction, and more on our Aspen
Discovery home page. Find out the details on Borrowing, Resources,
Programs, contact information, and our Calendar too!

Get the latest acquisitions in your email inbox each Wednesday with a <u>Wowbrary newsletter</u> subscription.



#### RECOMMENDED READING

Unlikely Animals by Annie Hartnett

Set in the Upper Valley in the fictional town of Everton but including real-life Corbin Park, this delightful, quirky, tragi-comedy includes a cheering section of ghosts in the local cemetery; the escapades and complications of the family serving as caretakers of a local mansion; and a young woman with healing powers. I absolutely loved it! — Nancy

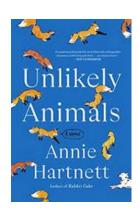
#### **HOURS**

Monday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm Tuesday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm Thursday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday: closed



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

offices.



# **Fire Department News**

As many of you know October is Fire Prevention month, this year's theme is "Fire won't wait, plan your escape." This theme encompasses many of the past ideas that have been used to make you and your family ready in the event of a fire. Close your bedroom door at night to help prevent the spread of fire, have a meeting place prearranged, check your smoke and c/o detectors at least monthly and change the

battery's twice a year. This is only a partial list of themes from the past, but all are still effective in the prevention of fire.

The fire department will be visiting Enfield Village School during the week of October 10<sup>th</sup> to have lunch with the kids and promote fire prevention. Each grade level will also have a coloring contest promoting fire safety and the winner chosen for each grade will get a ride to school in our new Engine 1.

Enfield Fire will be participating in many events during October, these include:

- Sept. 30 Mascoma Valley Regional High School Homecoming
- Oct. 2 Bike rodeo and touch a truck at the Indian River School
- Oct. 13 Flu clinic at LaSalette, 3-6 pm.
- Oct. 29 Halloween at Huse Park
- Oct. 31 Halloween candy handout at the Union St. Fire Station

As always stay safe and enjoy the wonderful fall weather.

Phil Neily for the Enfield Fire Department

# Heritage Commission -- "Know Your Town"

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

#### **Huse Park**

Many Enfield families have contributed to the town's growth and improvement since the town's founding. While the names of many are lost or no longer familiar, we all remember the Huse family thanks to the park named for George Huse.

George Huse was born on Shaker Hill Road in 1815 to John and Polly Currier Huse (more about the Curriers in future "Know Your Town" notes). Although it is not clear how, George and the other male Huses mentioned below, were probably related to James Huse a veteran of the American Revolution.

George was working in Canada in the lumber business when he heard the siren call of easy riches and joined the California Gold Rush of 1849.

By 1854 he was back in Enfield, married to Fanny Willis Peabody of Lebanon, and the owner of a newly built house on High Street. Described as a man of "peculiar characteristics," George Huse died in 1897, leaving an estate of \$11,000. The estate included a bequest of \$500 to Oak Grove Cemetery as well as a three-acre plot of land (and money to maintain it), which is now the site of Huse Park.

In its early years, Huse's donated land was mowed and sold for hay. In the 1970s, the park was updated with a fence, recreation building and play equipment. A memorial garden was added in the 1990s.

Near the parkland, George Huse also sold a plot to the Methodist congregation, which voted to build a church building there in 1858.

But George was not the only Huse benefactor. Everett Byron Huse and his brother John Huse were both Civil War veterans. When building a library was proposed in 1900, Everett Huse offered \$100 if the new structure would provide space for the Civil War veterans' organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Women's Relief Corps. Whitney Hall's stained-glass windows commemorate these organizations. Jennie Huse was a librarian for many years, until she retired in 1902.

Huse businesses also contributed to Enfield economically. James Huse was involved in one of Enfield's most enduring businesses, the "bedstead shop." It started out making bedsteads in a mill on the Knox River in Enfield Center in the 1840s. When dams improved the Mascoma River, bedstead production moved into a new facility in the Baltic Street area, which James Huse and a partner leased. Huse would go on to various partners and shareholders, but the shop stayed in the Baltic Street area and eventually employed up to 20 people. Business declined and Huse shut it down in 1882; in 1897 the building housing burned.

The decline of the business and fire were accompanied by another loss in 1898. Bertha Huse was reported missing. Huse, who was thirty-one, never married and "noticeably despondent." A diver was brought in from Boston to search among the log pilings of Shaker Bridge, where it was feared Huse had jumped to her death.

Crowds lined the bridge to watch the diver's fruitless search for Huse among the tangle of logs. Several days later, Mrs. George Titus of Lebanon, who was reputed to have psychic gifts, stood on the bridge and pointed to the water below. "She is down there," Titus said. This time the diver found Huse's body. Bertha Huse was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

# **Land Use & Community Development**

The Enfield Master Planning Task Force (MPTF) met twice in September. This group is back on task after a summer break to give our consultant/contractor time to revise the draft Master Plan, incorporating significant feedback from the community and the Task Force itself. The major focus for September was on an "Implementation Plan." This is the plan for how to carry forward or "champion" the ideas, concepts and recommendations put forth in the Master Plan. The hope is that the new Plan will continue to be impactful even after it is completed, rather than becoming a document placed on a shelf. The MPTF will continue to meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Mondays at the DPW Facility on Lockehaven Road (October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm). More information about the entire Master Planning project can be found at: <a href="https://www.enfield-leaps.org">www.enfield-leaps.org</a>



The Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) will meet again on October 11<sup>th</sup> for two formal variance appeals. Abutters notices have been mailed and the agenda is posted online at <a href="www.enfield.nh.us">www.enfield.nh.us</a> These Land Use cases are as follows:

• Land Use Case # Z22-10-01, Mickey's 603 LLC is seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance Article IV, section 401.4(P) to place temporary structures within fifty feet setback from the

seasonal high-water line of any river, stream, wetland, lake, or public pond. The business is located within the Community Business (CB) Zoning District and the lot is 0.58 acres in size. The business and parcel are owned by Mickeys 603, LLC (Nicholas Yager and Maria Liman, proprietors).

• Land Use Case # Z22-10-02, The Town of Enfield, NH is seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance Article IV, section 408 (SIGNS) to install and operate an LED Message Sign at the Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4 (tax map37, lot 34). Specifically, the request is to have messages that change on the sign more than once in a 24-hour period (section "D", paragraph "5. displayed message") and the Town also wishes to display messages to the public for 24 hours a day and 7 days a week (section "D", paragraph "6. Hours of Illumination"). The parcel in question is located within the Community Business District (CB) and is owned by the Town of Enfield, NH.

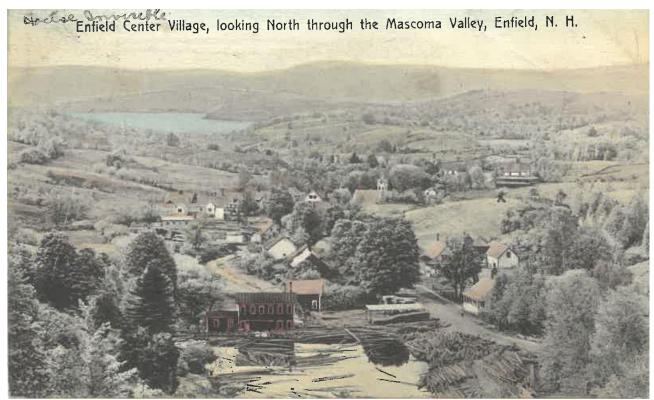
The Planning Board (PB) met twice in September (on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>). At their first meeting, the PB had a very well attended hearing and discussed the following two Land Use cases:

- Continued- P22-07-01, Conkey Enterprises LLC of Canaan NH applied for a Gravel Pit Permit to reopen a gravel pit located on Bog Road, formerly operated by Green Links Construction Company of New London, NH. The parcel in question is in the "R5" Residential/Agricultural Zoning District and is 95 acres (Tax Map1, Lot 10). The Enfield Planning Board dismissed this application without formal action or prejudice due to the application being incomplete and the need to restart the hearing process as a "development of regional impact." The Planning Board encouraged the applicant to provide all information required on the "Excavation Permit Application Checklist" and to obtain assistance from appropriate professionals, if needed, in preparing required application materials and data on the potential impact to the aquifer beneath the property.
- P22-09-01, Drew Hitchcock applied for minor site plan review approval to operate a woodworking business, specialty lumber yard, property maintenance business and a metal fabrication shop in multiple suites in the former "roller rink" location at 180 US Route 4 (Tax Map 14, Lot 46). The property is currently owned by Hersey Acres LLC of Enfield, NH and sits within the Community Business (CB) zoning district. The parcel in question is 3.92 acres. The Enfield Planning Board approved the Site Plan as submitted.

At their August 28<sup>th</sup> hearing, the Planning Board held a "conceptual consultation" with a possible future applicant. The conceptual consultation phase with the Planning Board "provides an opportunity for a property owner or agent to discuss with the planning board, in very general terms, the types of uses that may be suitable for the subject property. Although this discussion must take place at a public meeting of the planning board, notification of abutters and the general public is not required because the discussion is informal and no plans or specific details are presented" (quoted from the NH Planning Board Handbook).

Next up for the Planning Board will be to discuss and possibly propose some Zoning Ordinance (ZO) amendments. Based on information garnered from the Master Planning process, the PB may put forth some proposed changes to the ZO. Any changes or amendments will require a formal public hearing and would then be placed on the 2023 Town Meeting Warrant for approval by the voters of Enfield. This is a process prescribed by State of NH law and is meant to execute the "will of people." The Planning Board encourages the public's participation in this process. Remember, this your community and your town. We all work for you!

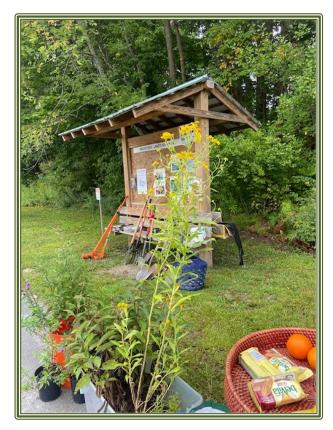
Please contact me, Rob Taylor, at the Land Use office with any questions from Monday to Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: <a href="mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us">planning@enfield.nh.us</a>. You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure we are available. Have a great autumn and enjoy the splendor of fall!



A 1910 postcard showing a view of Enfield Center and the Knox River. Note the old mill with logs in the foreground and Mascoma Lake in the distance. Postcard from Rob Taylor's collection of old Enfield postcards.

#### **Mascoma Lakeside Park News**

A successful invasive plant removal day at Mascoma Lakeside Park was made possible with the help of community volunteers and tools from Upper Valley Trails Alliance toolshed. Volunteers filled 12 contractor size bags with invasive purple loosestrife and Japanese multi flora rose and planted native ironweed, Bee balm, Swamp milkweed, Joe pye weed, turtlehead, New England aster and helenium sneezeweed.







# **Parks & Recreation**

Join us October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Huse Park from 3-6pm. We will have small Halloween themed carnival games, a Trunk-or-Treat, and a family friendly haunted house. Kids are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes for the event. At 6:30 pm the Enfield Police Benevolent Association (PBA) will be showing Hocus Pocus in the park after all events have wrapped up. So come join in an afternoon/evening of ghosts, goblins and treats at the Enfield Halloween Night! Non-perishable food items will be collected at the event to be donated to the Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry. If you are interested in being a trunk or truck bed for the Trunk-or-Treat, please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:Recreation@enfield.nh.us">Recreation@enfield.nh.us</a> for more information.



#### From the Desk of the Director

As we begin to wind down with summertime activities, we turn our attention to fall and winter activities. We have one Enfield Market left for the year and that will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We encourage anyone interested in joining the last market to reach out to myself for more information. We would love to see more homemade crafts and homemade goodies at the market for consumers to possibly do their holiday shopping at our market and to help keep things local. Along with the last market in October we are planning a Halloween night for the town and surrounding areas. This celebration of Halloween is a safe outing for young families and a family fun night brought to you by the recreation department and Enfield PBA.

We are in the planning stages of our holiday/winter programs. Again, this year we will be helping with the Whaleback Ski and Ride Program. That should be fully planned and information out to schools and the community sometime in early to mid-November. We will also be doing the Elementary Cross-Country Skiing again this year. Look for information for that program around the same time as the Ski and Ride Program. We are also gearing up for the month-long event, Hometown Holidays that will have events from the end of November to the end of December. Make sure to keep an eye out for all the details of that event as they are planned and released.

Finally, we wanted to give you an update for improvements happening around the parks. The grounds department put in some crushed rock in the dugouts of the Shaker Ballfields as the erosion from mud season and little feet started to create deep ruts in the dugouts. The Huse Park Pavilion will be receiving a fresh coat of paint over the fall after the years of staples and screws are removed. It has been a few years since that was last done. More improvements will be happening, and we will keep you updated as they happen.

Sincerely, Kevin Marker Recreation Director

#### **Program listing and registration**

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

Follow Enfield Parks & Recreation on <u>Facebook</u> or Instagram <u>@enfieldnhrec</u>! Reminder- Electronic payments are now accepted through the recreation program registration site. \*There is a 3% non-refundable processing fee\*

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

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

#### **Enfield Market**

Find us on the Second and Fourth Saturday of the month at Huse Park from 10AM - 1PM! We are still accepting market vendors, prepared food vendors, and live music as well. Please email recreation@enfield.nh.us to inquire. Follow Enfield Market on Facebook! We have one last market in the month of October, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you at the Market!



#### Mascoma Youth Sports League

For seasonal registration information or questions email <a href="MYSLBoard@gmail.com">MYSLBoard@gmail.com</a> or take a look at: Mascoma Youth Sports League, you can also <a href="follow-them-on-Facebook">follow-them-on-Facebook</a>!



#### **Upper Valley Disc Golf Association**

is having a community day October 15<sup>th</sup>; be sure to mark your calendars for this event! In addition to a beautiful 9-hole loop, they are going to have live music by Of Conscious Mind, food and beer served up by the team at Whaleback Mountain, prizes and giveaways, and more fun than you can shake a stick at! <a href="http://www.uvdga.com/">http://www.uvdga.com/</a> You can also follow them on Facebook and check Facebook for more details!



#### Yoga with Sonya

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

#### Chair Yoga & Strength Class

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required. \*Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather\* Mondays (10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, and 10/31)-8:15-9:05AM with Nicole Carriere. Wednesdays (10/5, 10/12, 10/19 and 10/26)-9:30-10:30AM with Sonya Carter.

#### Line Dancing

Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class, and they dance to ALL types of music. This class is for experienced dancers. October Schedule: 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, and 10/27.

#### **Bone Builders**

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



#### Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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

#### **Kevin Marker**

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

#### Follow us!





# **Police Department**

Welcome to fall, the weather is getting colder, and the leaves have already started to change. This year there will be several events to celebrate Halloween in Enfield. On Saturday, October 29, Enfield Recreation will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" at Huse Park. The department will have a cruiser at the event for the touch-a-truck portion, and the event will be followed by Movie in the Park. The movie for this year's Halloween event is the classic Hocus Pocus. Please come out and join members of the community at this event. On Halloween night, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the department will be out with extra police patrols from 5 PM to 8 PM to assist our community with safe travel and road crossings. Please remember safety when you are out trick or treating. Follow the safety rules of 1) Go trick or treating with friends or family, 2) Carry a flashlight and/or something reflective aa part of the costume, 3) Only go to houses that have the porch light on. You can find more safety tips at Halloween Safety- National Safety Council (nsc.org)

October is National Cyber Security Month. The Enfield Police Department continues to see a rise in local cyber-attacks and cyber fraud. These attacks and fraud cause thousands of dollars to Enfield residents. The police department has created a small booklet that has information about how to protect yourself and your family. Please stop in at the station and see Emily to get a free copy.

The department would like to welcome Nicole to the team. Nicole is the new police assistant that will be doing traffic control at the elementary school and other duties with the department.

Last but not least, please remember that no issue is too small. The members of the department are here to help you. Please call the station 603-632-7501 or dispatch at 603=643-2222 for assistance or to report anything suspicious.

Roy Holland Chief of Police

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

#### **Brush and Yard Waste**

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will be **closing on Wednesday November 2, 2022**. Until then material can be delivered during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Loads can also be brought to the DPW Facility weekdays 8:00-2:00. Brush can be brought to Hammond's in Canaan or the Lebanon Landfill through the winter. 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.

#### **Paving**

The Town of Enfield will be paving the following streets in early October weather permitting Depot, Union, Pillsbury, Flanders, Mill, McConnell, Birch, and Poplar. Streets may be added or subtracted based on the price of mix and budget constraints. These streets will receive a 1.25" overlay. Shoulder and drainage upgrades will be done to these streets prior to paving.

#### **Water and Sewer Billing**

The Enfield Water and Sewer will be reading meters the last week of September and bills will be out by mid-October.

#### **Driveway Sand**

Driveway sand will be available at the DPW during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station Permit Sticker. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed are NOT available.

#### **Lebanon Landfill Registration**

Anyone wishing to use the Lebanon Landfill or dispose of items that the Enfield Transfer Station does not accept will be required to obtain a Lebanon Landfill permit. This is in addition to the punch card system already in use. The permits are available at no charge on the <u>Lebanon NH Website</u> and are required for entry into the landfill for any reason. These permits are NOT available at the Lebanon Landfill for Enfield residents.

#### **Project Updates**

- <u>Community Building Roof</u>: Jancewicz & Son Roofers were selected to replace the Community Building roof. The asphalt shingles have been ordered and will have a 50-year useful life. The work is planned for October.
- Water Project: The water project scheduled to replace the main on Maple Street and develop a new source well is well under way. The Request for Proposals (RFP) to drill a test well will be out in early October. The well will be drilled and tested later this fall and if the quality and quantity is sufficient it will be developed and connected to the water system next spring. The main replacement is in final design and will be out to bid at the end of the year so materials can be ordered for construction next spring.
- <u>Transfer Station Compactor</u>: The Zero Sort compactor replacement was installed at the end of September.
- <u>Sewer Project</u>: Environmental review is being completed at the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). Camera work will begin to find areas of inflow and infiltration (I&I) when ground water levels return to normal.
- <u>Plow Truck Replacement:</u> The plow truck replacement ordered after the 2021 Town Meeting finally arrived. The truck is being outfitted with equipment and should be ready to for service this coming winter.



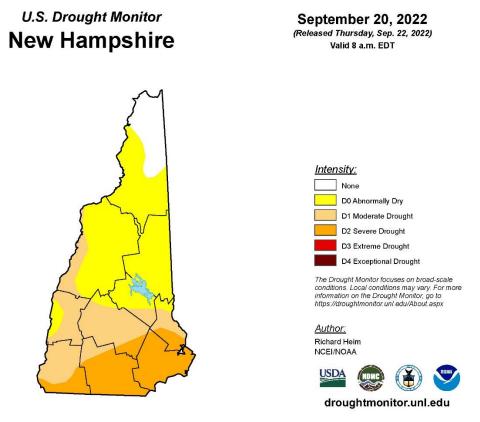
 <u>Roadside Mowing Tractor:</u> The Town purchase a roadside mowing tractor with a 23' boom mower over the summer and it recently completed the mowing of roadside ditches, Town utility easements, well heads, and fields.



#### **Drought and Water Conservation**

Even with much the much-needed rain that has fallen over the last couple of weeks approximately 50% of the State of New Hampshire remains in moderate to severe drought conditions including Enfield. There is a mandatory outdoor water use conservation order in place for all connected to the Enfield water system until the ground water levels recover.

Check out the <u>Current Map | U.S. Drought Monitor</u> for current conditions over time.



Last Household Hazardous Waste collection day of 2022 is SATURDAY! Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Lebanon High School.

# Household Hazardous Waste 2022 COLLEGIO DAYS



# All collections are 9:00 am-Noon

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

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

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

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

TIME CHANGE in New London—NOW Noon—3:00 PM

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

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

#### WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



For information contact the

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission at (603) 448-1680 or vdavis@uvlsrpc.org VHAT NOT

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

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

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

**Batteries, automotive**: Take to parts store for cash or your transfer station **Fire extinguishers**: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRA takes from towns). **Fluorescent lights**: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town.

Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

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

Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with

duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling."

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

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

**Propane or helium tanks:** Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks.

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

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

# Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

Greetings all! I trust everyone enjoyed the final days of summer. Now it's time for fall! Warm sweaters, hot apple cider, pumpkin carving, apple picking, trick-or-treaters and raking leaves.

The Tax Office begins to buzz in October. Water/sewer billings will be sent out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022, and hopefully we will get our 2022 tax rate finalized in October so the Tax Bills can be printed and sent out in early November to be due early December. Also, the Sewer Betterment billings will be processed to be due roughly around the time Tax Bills will be due.

On the Town Clerk side, if you plan on voting in the November election but are not currently registered to vote, there is time! Please bring your Driver's license (with your Enfield Physical address on it, or proof of residence) AND either your passport or birth certificate. If you don't have these documents, there are affidavit forms that you would also need to complete. The last day to register to vote prior to Election Day will be October 29<sup>th</sup> when the Supervisors of the Checklist will meet between 10am and 11am in the Conference Room at Whitney Hall. (Town Office, 23 Main St). One may also register to vote on Election Day at the polling place – Enfield Community Building – 308 US Route 4.

DID YOU KNOW? Registered voters may vote by Absentee Ballot due to Absence, Religious Observance, or Disability. One would need to complete and submit a State of New Hampshire Application for State Election Absentee Ballot – RSA 657:4 form. Here is a link to the form. Absentee Ballot Application for State Election | State of New Hampshire (nh.gov)

I would like to repeat that we are still sending out Motor Vehicle Renewal notices monthly, however many residents are not receiving their notices. Mail delivery is out of the Town's control. Please remember that whether you receive the notice or not, your vehicle(s) is typically renewed during the primary driver's birth month. Renewals may be made online using your plate number and last four digits of your Vehicle's Identification Number or email me and we will be happy to email you a copy of the notice sent. We do offer the option to go paperless! Please provide us with our email address and then all future renewal notices will be emailed to you!

Thanks again to everyone who has taken advantage of paying their tax bills, water/sewer bills, betterment bills and motor vehicle registration renewals online during the past two plus years. Although we love to see people face-to-face once again, continuing to utilize the online payment option helps to relieve congestion in the lobby. Of course, if your transaction can not be done online, we're happy to help in the office.

Should you need to contact the Town Clerk's office, you may call 603-632-5001 or email me at <a href="https://www.whuntley@enfield.nh.us">whuntley@enfield.nh.us</a> or Patty Pierce, Deputy Town Clerk at <a href="mailto:Clerk2@enfield.nh.us">Clerk2@enfield.nh.us</a>.

Should you need to contact the Tax Collector's office, you may call 603-632-4201 or email me at <a href="https://www.whuntley@enfield.nh.us">whuntley@enfield.nh.us</a> or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector at Tax2@enfield.nh.us.

We hope everyone enjoys the fall and remember to watch out of the little ghosts and goblins on October 31<sup>st</sup>!

# **Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)**

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

As always,

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

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

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to <u>YouTube</u> where you can subscribe to our channel.

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

- October 3 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Board of Selectmen
- October 4 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- October 4 @ 6:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Budget Committee
- October 4 @ 6:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Board of Selectmen @ Budget Committee Meeting
- October 5 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- October 6 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Conservation Commission
- October 10 @ 5:30 PM (Library) Library Trustees
- October 10 @ 6 PM (Public Works & Teams) Master Planning Task Force
- October 11 @ 3:30 PM (Community Building) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (Design Team)
- October 11 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- October 12 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board
- October 17 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Board of Selectmen
- October 18 @ 6:30 PM (Town Hall & Teams) Recreation Commission
- October 24 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Master Planning Task Force
- October 25 @ 3:30 PM (Community Building) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (Design Team)
- October 25 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Energy Committee
- October 26 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board
- October 27 @ 4:30 PM (Public Works) Heritage Commission
- November 1 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- November 2 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- November 3 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Conservation Commission
- November 7 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Board of Selectmen
- November 8 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- November 9 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board
- November 10 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall & Teams) Cemetery Trustees

# **Community Events & Announcements**

# **Community Bulletin Board**

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

Our Community Bulletin Board is an underutilized resource! Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Businesses Calendar of Events which you'll find here: <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses">https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses</a>.

# **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Community Lutheran Church**

Do you have a Community Event to share? Send all the particulars, and a digital photo or poster if you have one, to <a href="mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us">abonnette@enfield.nh.us</a> and we'll post it for you.

Community Lutheran Church, 96 Main St in Enfield, NH is hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on **Saturday, October 15**<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm. Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen (J & J) vaccines will be available. Adults needing 1st, 2nd, 3rd vaccinations or boosters, children 12-17 years can be vaccinated or boosted, and children 5-11 years can be vaccinated and boosted at this clinic if eligible. If you have been thinking about getting your first vaccine or any of the follow up vaccines/boosters this is an easy, local place to do so. We hope to see you on October 15th!

The NH Mobile Vaccination Van will set up the clinic in the Fellowship Hall of the church as we did in our prior 4 clinics. Adults must bring their vaccination card (if they have one) and their ID. Children must come with a parent or guardian who can sign a consent form, and an ID (such as their birth certificate, school ID, passport).

People sign up to come during a 1-hour time slot to receive their vaccination.

To sign up click on the following link and follow the instructions.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA4AB2FA0F8C70-october

There will be some pop-up advertisements that you can "X" out of so you can see what you need to. After clicking the "signup button for the time slot you want be sure to scroll down and click the "submit" button. Signupgenius will confirm with you by email that you are signed up for the 1-hour time slot you selected. I will also receive this. The 1-hour time slots will accept up to 15-30 people each.

Those people who are scheduled into time slots will be vaccinated first in each time slot. We are going to try to take some walk-ins. Walk-ins should come between 1 pm and 3:30pm. We cannot guarantee all walk-ins will be vaccinated but we will sure try!!

Thank you for helping make our community a safer place to live!!

Blessings,
Jane Plumley
janeplumley@gmail.com

# **Enfield Village Association – Hometown Holidays Planning Has Begun!**

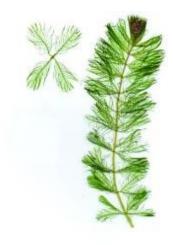


Please contact Dawn at <a href="mailto:dawn.enfieldvillageassociation@gmail.com">dawn.enfieldvillageassociation@gmail.com</a> if you'd like to become an "EVA Elf" and help organize the fun or if you have an event that you'd like to have included in the Grand Schedule of Events.

# Mascoma Lake Association – Hunting Milfoil in Mascoma Lake

At the end of summer each year, members of the Mascoma Lake Association wait for The Number. How many milfoil plants did we find and pull this year? In recent years, people have greeted the announcement of the harvest total with gasps—and cheers. That's because the number has been shrinking annually, coming down from the high of 5,250 seven years ago. This year, it's the lowest ever—wait for it—35 plants.

The hunt for Eurasian milfoil began here in 1996, when the late Bill Martin noticed the distinctive feathery weed in the water near his home on Shaker Boulevard. Recognizing the threat an invasive plant could present to the lake, Bill recruited his friend (and MLA president), the late Austin Flint, to look for plants and mark them with wooden floats. They persuaded a young neighbor, Karen Hambleton, to do the SCUBA diving necessary for plant removal. Together, these pioneers founded the milfoil control program that continues to this day, over a quarter of century later.



Over the years, the basic technique has remained the same. Look for plants, mark their locations, and then dig each one out by hand, being careful to get all the roots and avoid breaking the brittle stem, which

can start new plants if it floats away. The digging may only be done by divers trained and certified through the State Department of Environmental Services. While complying with that rule, we've introduced some innovations in our search methods: using GPS tagging to trace infestations, improving marker design with orange foam floats (more visible to boaters than the original white wooden ones), and deploying groups of snorkel-wearing "synchronized swimmers" to scan the lake bottom thoroughly. We've also welcomed the advent of stand-up paddleboards; it turns out they provide an excellent vantage point for spotting milfoil.





Fortunately, in Mascoma Lake milfoil only grows at a depth of 12 feet or less. Even so, if plants get established, they can rapidly form dense mats, choking fish and native plants while making swimming and boating unpleasant or impossible. According to the statewide non-profit organization NH LAKES (where Enfield's Shirley Green is a longtime board member), such infestations decrease shoreline property values by 10% to 20%. The loss to community members and visitors who enjoy lake recreation might be immeasurable.

A trip to Dewey Pond in Quechee, VT will illustrate the problem. Volunteers there, load canoes and kayaks with buckets full of the long weeds, seeking to clear a path into the water—but the plants grow back annually.



Other lakes have tried other, more costly control methods: applying chemicals, draining all the water, laying down heavy rubber mats, or hiring professional diving crews with large underwater suction machines. Those methods have not been necessary at Mascoma Lake. That's thanks to the vigilance and energy of our boat launch Lake Hosts, volunteer weed spotters, divers, and boat crews, as well as donors who support the program through MLA dues and gifts.

The MLA will stay focused on its annual milfoil hunt. We don't expect to eliminate the aggressive weed, and we know it can get out of hand quickly if we don't keep after it. The current low incidence in our lake, though, has allowed us to help another town start its own program. This summer, several Mascoma Lake divers helped out at Post Pond in Lyme, a relatively shallow lake with some heavy shoreline infestations. We know it won't be easy, but we hope Lyme volunteers will rise to their challenge the way people have here. Milfoil control in Mascoma Lake, like so many other things in our town, is a collective effort fueled by a sense of community service. When the MLA marks its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, we'll be celebrating that spirit and its encouraging results.

Martha Jane Rich for the Mascoma Lake Association

#### State Announces Its 2022 Fall Drawdown of Lakes

<u>State Announces Its 2022 Fall Drawdown of Lakes | NH Department of Environmental Services</u>

Crystal Lake and Mascoma Lake are scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>. Check out the State's notice above for details about these and other lakes around the state.

#### **Recent News from Past Issues**

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

#### We Need You! Board & Committee Volunteer Opportunities

**Updated list!** Several appointments have been made, but we still have opportunities for you to join others who are supporting our community through volunteering. Please consider donating some of your time for the betterment of your community – you'll make a difference! Simply complete an <u>Application for Committee/Board Membership/Reappointment</u> and email it to <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u> or drop it off at the Enfield Town Manager's Office and your application will be provided to the appointing authority. If you're a bit undecided, committee meetings are open to the public – <u>attend a meeting</u> to see what they're all about!

Budget Committee
Capital Improvement Program Committee
Conservation Commission
Energy Committee
Old Home Days Committee
Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee



And two local area committees:

Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board

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