

**Enfield Board of Selectmen
Public Works Facility, 74 Lockehaven Road
Enfield, New Hampshire**

MINUTES of October 28, 2019

Board of Selectmen: John W. Kluge, Chair; Meredith C. Smith

Excused: Katherine D.P. Stewart

Administrative Staff: Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager; Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager

Others: Sally Tanner, Member Services Consultant, Primex³

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kluge called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BUSINESS

Tax Rate:

Mr. Aylesworth informed the Board of his estimate for the 2019 tax rate which is down 2.25% from the previous year.

The Town received unrestricted municipal aid. The Town has options for use of these funds: use all for tax rate reduction, use non for tax rate reduction and put all in the undesignated fund balance, or use a portion to reduce the tax rate. Based on revenue to date, Mr. Aylesworth is inclined to not use any of it.

Mrs. Smith is inclined to put it in the bank.

Mr. Aylesworth reported that veterans' tax credits were estimated at Town Meeting at \$63,000, but the actual credits amounted to \$73,000, a \$10,000 gap. Mr. Aylesworth proposed using from \$0 to \$10,000 of the municipal aid to write down the tax rate to negate the faulty assumption of veterans' credits. Mr. Aylesworth estimates the rate at \$7.34 with \$10,000 used and \$7.36 with \$0 used.

Mr. Aylesworth requested authorization to use up to \$10,000 of the \$54,000 depending on the DRA rate.

Mr. Kluge moved to authorize the Town Manager to use up to \$10,000 of the municipal aid to reduce the tax rate with the rest to go to fund balance; Mrs. Smith seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion (2-0).

Trustee of Trust Fund Appointment:

April Guinness served as treasurer of the Trustees of Trust Funds. She has moved to Canaan and resigned from the Board of Trustees. John Carr has indicated willingness to serve until a new member can be found.

Mrs. Smith moved to appoint John Carr as an alternate member of the Trustees of Trust Funds for a one year term, effective immediately; Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion (2-0).

Goal Setting:

Sally Tanner provided the Board with copies of the report from the first Goal Setting session. The Board reviewed the report of consolidated goals and came up with objectives to reach the goals. (A separate report of the goal setting will be prepared by Primex).

Progress meeting the goals will be done on a monthly basis.

Lebanon Sewer Fees:

Mr. Aylesworth discussed with the Board a new Lebanon sewer connection fee of \$3,000 for each new connection, to be billed to the new user. Because the sewer system has to take on more as new users connect, Lebanon wants to recover some of the cost. This additional fee could impact who wants to connect to the Enfield sewer system as Lebanon will be charging new Enfield connections as well. The Board discussed the fee and the ability and willingness of Enfield residents to pay this fee.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Smith moved to adjourn at 5:21 PM; Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion (2-0). Meeting adjourned.

John W. Kluge, Chairman

Meredith C. Smith

Katherine D.P. Stewart
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