

Marriages

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01/11/2024	Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
	KUPRYIEVICH, ANDREI CAPE MAY CT HS, NEW JERSEY	PAULENKA, YULIYA ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	02/24/2023
	LEBRUN, THOMAS PAUL ENFIELD, NH	NAGLE, JOAN MARIE ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	03/11/2023
	FULLER, MATTHEW BRIAN ENFIELD, NH	MELLISH, KATHERINE ANN ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	04/15/2023
	MERRILL, EVAN TAYLOR ENFIELD, NH	STANDRIDGE, HEATHER ALLISON ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	05/25/2023
	SCHNEIDER JR, THOMAS ROBERT ENFIELD, NH	FROLKING, ZOE WICKLEIN ENFIELD, NH	CONCORD	EXETER	06/03/2023
	BROCHU, GUY CHARLES ENFIELD, NH	CRONIN, CHRISTINA ROSE ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	06/17/2023
	JEAN, PETER DAVID ENFIELD, NH	SILVER, ELEANOR ADDISON ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	07/07/2023
	WILLIAMS, CHRISTOPHER DAVID ENFIELD, NH	WEIGER, CAITLYN VICTORIA ROSE ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	NEWMARKET	07/15/2023
	GURUNG, SOM BAHADUR ENFIELD, NH	WONG, KRISTIE LEIGH ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	07/30/2023
	POWELL, NICHOLAS SCOTT ENFIELD, NH	DI NAPOLI, VALENTINA DANIELA AMBERG, GERMANY	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	09/02/2023
	QUINN, ANDREW CHRISTOPHER ENFIELD, NH	WADDELL, JULIA ROSE ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	NEWBURY	09/02/2023
	STEBBINS JR, FREDERICK JAMES ENFIELD, NH	KEZAR, LISHA ANN ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	09/30/2023
	SPALDING, MYCHAEAL DARRIN PERKINSVILLE, VERMONT	BAGALIO, JORDYN VICTORIA ENFIELD, NH	PETERBOROUGH	PETERBOROUGH	09/30/2023
	BAKER, GREGORY LYNN ENFIELD, NH	KUSINSKI, DIANE MARIE ENFIELD, NH	ENFIELD	MANCHESTER	10/06/2023
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Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
CAVARNOS, THEIA MACLEOD	01/04/2023	LEBANON, NH	CAVARNOS, MATTHEW IAN	CAVARNOS, SARAH MORRISON
WARDWELL, REED JOSEPH	01/17/2023	LEBANON, NH	WARDWELL, CODIE JOSEPH	WARDWELL, NICOLE MARY
SCHULTZ, JORDIE CARMEN	01/24/2023	LEBANON, NH	SCHULTZ, SCOTT STEVEN	SCHULTZ, CAITLIN ANNE
DANIS, JOSEPHINE LORI	02/07/2023	LEBANON, NH	DANIS, MICHAEL GEORGE	KEY, ABIGAIL CAROL
TUPPER, ZOE KATHLEEN BATES	03/02/2023	LEBANON, NH	TUPPER, CHAD ALAN	BATES, MARIA FRANCISKA
GUERRERO FELICIANO, ADALINE ISABELLE	04/12/2023	LEBANON, NH	GUERRERO, VICTOR LEE	FELICIANO GONZALEZ, LIZMARIE
ZIMMERMAN, EVERETTE RHYE	04/12/2023	LEBANON, NH	ZIMMERMAN, ASHA MILLS	ZIMMERMAN, MEGHAN SMALL
TANTILLO, HAILEY JAMES	04/18/2023	LEBANON, NH	TANTILLO, JAMES THOMAS	TANTILLO, JOANN MARIE
CRORY, ARCHER JAMES	04/28/2023	LEBANON, NH	CRORY, TYLER POLK	O'CONNELL, KALYN ARLEEN
WAHL, ELIJAH THOMAS GRAHAM	05/08/2023	LEBANON, NH	WAHL, NATHAN GRAHAM	WAHL, KIALAH JOLEEN
CUTULLI, SANTINO REX	05/18/2023	LEBANON, NH	CUTULLI, RUSSELL JOHN	BERGERON, CORRINA LYN
HAASE, LEVI WALTER	05/23/2023	LEBANON, NH	HAASE, COLIN ROBERT	HAASE, AUSTIN KAY
LANOUE, EVELYN MARY	06/11/2023	LEBANON, NH	LANOUE, ADAM WALTER	LANOUE, VICTORIA ANNE
LICHTNER, INGRAM ARTHUR	06/14/2023	LEBANON, NH	LICHTNER, FRANZ JOHANN	LICHTNER, ANNE HALSTEAD
MONMANEY, ISABELLA ELIZABETH	06/16/2023	LEBANON, NH		MONMANEY, JENNIFER NICOLE
BALCH, ZEPPELIN JOHN-MICHAEL	06/25/2023	LEBANON, NH	BALCH, LINCOLN PAUL	MONAHAN, KAELEA MORGAN
FIELD, BRIANNE COLLINS	07/17/2023	LEBANON, NH	FIELD, MATTHEW NATHAN	FIELD, KORI JOANNE
NEILY, SCARLETT ANNE	08/04/2023	LEBANON, NH	NEILY, ETHAN JAMES	NEILY, RACHEL ELIZABETH
EDDINGTON, GRAHAM DAVID	08/14/2023	LEBANON, NH	EDDINGTON, ADAM FRANK	EDDINGTON, KAITLIN DANGER
PETRIZZI, CONNOR THOMAS DUANE	08/30/2023	LEBANON, NH	PETRIZZI, JARED COLIN CORREA	DUANE, HANNAH LOUISE
WOODWARD, ROBERT JAX	08/31/2023	LEBANON, NH	WOODWARD, ROBERT EDWARD	BINGEL, STEPHANIE LOUISE
LITTLE, MATTHEW RYAN	09/03/2023	LEBANON, NH	LITTLE, RYAN EVERETT	LITTLE, BRITTANY STOWE
LONG, MADELYN ELIZABETH	10/01/2023	LEBANON, NH	LONG, SIMON MICHAEL	LONG, KRISTEN BETH
CRYANS, ZANE PHILLIP	10/03/2023	LEBANON, NH	CRYANS, ADAM JOHN	CRYANS, MADISON ELIZABETH
BAYUK, SUTTON DAVID	10/03/2023	LEBANON, NH	BAYUK, NATHANIEL JUSTIN	BAYUK, BETHANY LAURA
VON KOSS, ODETTE MARIE	10/21/2023	LEBANON, NH	VON KOSS, BRENDAN PATRICK	FOURNIER, OLIVIA ANNE
KRASNAK, ELIZA CHARLOTTE	11/04/2023	LEBANON, NH	KRASNAK, CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN	SCHWARZ, JULIA SYDNEY
BARTLETT, CHARLIE MAY	11/19/2023	LEBANON, NH	BARTLETT, JEREMY MICHAEL	OULETTE, JODI LEAH
BONNER, PIPER JOHANNA	11/19/2023	LEBANON, NH	BONNER, JOSEPH PAUL	OWERS BONNER, KATHARINE ABBEY
TEUNE, CLOVER HOPE	12/20/2023	LEBANON, NH	TEUNE, PATRICK DAVID	TEUNE, BRITTANY VICTORIA
WHALEN, ROWAN ELIZABETH	12/23/2023	LEBANON, NH	WHALEN, ALEXANDER JAMES	WHALEN, ANNA ROSE

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Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
O'DAY, MICHAEL HENRY	07/01/2022	ENFIELD	O'DAY, DANIEL	DYBA, JANET	Y
BERNATCHY, GARY S	07/12/2022	LEBANON	BERNATCHY, RICHARD	WOODS, NORMA	N
CAMBER SR, THOMAS R	07/16/2022	LEBANON	CAMBER SR, HARRY	STARK, MARION	Y
CARLEY, STERLING D	07/27/2022	LEBANON	CARLEY, FRED	CURRIER, FLORENCE	Y
DEMERS, ROBERT E	08/21/2022	ENFIELD	DEMERS, WILFRED	RIVARD, DIANA	Y
GREENE, DOROTHY A	09/16/2022	LEBANON	BLIGHT, RICHARD	MORAN, NANCY	N
HENDERSON, DORIS O	09/18/2022	ENFIELD	REICH, JOSEPH	HENSHAW, GLADYS	N
PILLSBURY, JEAN M	09/29/2022	ENFIELD	GAUTHIER, FRANK	BRALEY, GRACE	N
SAUSE, ELAINE AUREA	10/16/2022	LEBANON	RIVETT, CHARLES	HARDY, AUREA	N
ZABEL, CONSOLINA A	10/21/2022	LEBANON	GALLUCCI, VALENTE	CHIODO, JOSEPHINE	N
ROBERTS, RICHARD B	10/24/2022	WOODSVILLE	ROBERTS, BERNARD	LUSCO, NELLIE	N
FITZPATRICK, ROBERT JOHN	11/13/2022	ENFIELD	FITZPATRICK, LLOYD	MCMAHON, ROSE	Y
MERRILL, BEVERLEE H	11/27/2022	ENFIELD	HASTINGS, GEORGE	HUNTLEY, BERNICE	N
BEATTIE, WILLIAM D	11/27/2022	LEBANON	BEATTIE, WILLIAM	GIROUX, GOLDIE	N
DERICK, LAURENDA L	12/06/2022	ENFIELD	CARROLL, EDWARD	BOYCE, ANGELA	N
NOYES, BOBBY-JO	12/10/2022	ENFIELD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	CLOUGH, PENELOPE	N
MICHALENOICK, MICHAEL SCOTT	12/12/2022	LEBANON	MICHALENOICK, CHARLES	YATSEVICH, CATHERINE	N
BARNES, DOROTHY A	12/12/2022	LEBANON	ARMSTRONG, HOWARD	KULPA, FLORA	N
LASSEN, JOSEPH DELONG	12/16/2022	LEBANON	LASSEN SR, FRANK	MARSHALL, FLORENCE	N

Deaths

The 2022 deaths reported here were not previously reported due to a scan error. Our apologies to the families.

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COONEY, THOMAS JAMES	03/11/2023	LEBANON	COONEY, THOMAS	DARLING, EULA	N
KRIEGER, JOHN ARTHUR	03/12/2023	ENFIELD	KRIEGER, ARTHUR	MCLAUGHLIN, BLANCHE	Y
BUCK, JEANNE KAYE	03/12/2023	LEBANON	BURNS, JAMES	SENER, MADELINE	N
TILLSON, EDWARD ALEERT	03/25/2023	LEBANON	TILLSON, LAWRENCE	RANDALL, HELEN	Y
FARNSWORTH, KIM L	03/27/2023	ENFIELD	LAMONTAGNE, ROBERT	FRANCIS, HELEN	N
DILL, KENNETH ADDOTT	04/04/2023	ENFIELD	DILL OR, MOSES	ADDOTT, LENNIC	N
VINCENT, FLORENCE HELEN	04/14/2023	ENFIELD	BURNEE, JAMES	HICKORY, MARY	N
WEEKS, DONNA G	04/19/2023	ENFIELD CENTER	CARRIER, DOUGLAS	BERRY, DENISE	N
HEDSTROM, DAVID JON	04/22/2023	LEBANON	HEDSTROM, RICHARD	WALKER, BETSEY	N
HENRY SR, JAMES MARTIN	04/22/2023	LEBANON	HENRY SR, FRED	PENK, GLADYE	N
SAMPI F, TIMOTHY H	04/26/2023	ENFIELD	SAMPI F, PAUL	HOWLAND, SYLVIA	Y
KUEMMERLE, NANCY EENTON	05/01/2023	ENFIELD	STEVENS, RALPH	BURTON, BARBARA	N
OVITT, STACY A	05/12/2023	LEBANON	OVITT, MELVIN	FLINT, DELLA	N
BELL, JAMES RUSSELL	05/19/2023	LEBANON	BELL, SYLVESTER	SULLIVAN, KATHERNE	Y
COLTERMARSH, DAVID J	06/09/2023	LEBANON	COLTERMARSH, EDWARD	DANDENAU, CHARLOTTE	Y
CROOK, ELSIE THODY	06/25/2023	ENFIELD	THODY, GEORGE	DUBCIS, LEONA	N
MURPHY, COLLEEN ROSE	06/26/2023	LEBANON	MURPHY, RICHARD	MCKIFF, ARA	N
SCOVNER, EDWARD R	06/28/2023	ENFIELD	SCOVNER, GEORGE	MINKOFF, GERTRUDE	N



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POLLARD ER, ROBERT HAZEN	07/09/2023	LEBANON	POLLARD, ELROY	GOODWIN, GLADYS	N
DOPP, IRMGARD B	07/13/2023	ENFIELD	STRIEGL, XAVIER	HEINRICH, BAREARA	N
BIBEAULT, BRYAN D	07/16/2023	LEBANON	BIBEAULT, PAUL	LAUBERTE JEANNINE	N
CARR, DAVID RANDALL	08/09/2023	ENFIELD	CARR, JAMES	WILSON, ALICE	N
MOSSEY JR, HAROLD PETER	08/11/2023	LEBANON	MOSSEY SR, HAROLD	SANVILLE, HELENA	Y
NELSON, DANNE M	08/16/2023	LEBANON	CATE, DONALD	SANFORD, EVELYN	N
CHAFFEE, RAYMOND EARLE	08/25/2023	ENFIELD	CHAFFEE, ROBERT	BROWN, BARBARA	Y
PIEKARSKI, WAYNE THOMAS	09/06/2023	LEBANON	PIEKARSKI SR, HENRY	DYSON, SHIRLEY	Y
RUEL, NORMAN A	09/07/2023	ENFIELD	RUEL, NORMAN	CHARBONO, JOYCE	N
MCCARTHY WHEELER, NATHANIEL ROBERTSON	09/23/2023	CLAREMONT	WHEELER, ROBERT	MCCARTHY, WENDY	N
SMITH, CHARLES HENRY	10/10/2023	CONCORD	SMITH, WALTER	MCBAIN, REUBERTA	N
FASSETT, NORMAN JAMES	10/12/2023	LEBANON	FASSETT, NORMAN	BARRUS, KATHERINE	Y
RIAIN, KENNETH JOHN	10/15/2023	LEBANON	RIAIN, JOHN	FRY, CAROLYN	N
TORTORELLO, DANIELLE	10/20/2023	LEBANON	TRUDEL, EMILIE	GALARNEAU, PAULINE	N
DUMMEZ JR, RICHARD A	11/04/2023	ENFIELD	DUMMEZ SR, RICHARD	ROSS MILLER, ELIZABETH	N
PROULX, PIER EDWARD	11/16/2023	ENFIELD	PROULX, EDWARD	HUARD, LYDIA	Y
MAYNARD, IDA	11/21/2023	LEBANON	ZARNOVSKI, EDWARD	DEBROWSKI, SCPIE	N
BERUBE, RAYMOND JOSEPH	11/26/2023	ENFIELD	BERUBE, TREFFLE	LEMAY, GRACE	Y

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Decedent's Name

TURNER, AARON ARNOLD

STODDARD, FRANCIS E

Death Date

12/10/2023

12/21/2023

Death Place

ENFIELD

ENFIELD

Father's/Parent's Name

TURNER, GEORGE

STODDARD, HAROLD

Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to

First Marriage/Civil Union

ET PIERRE, CAROLE

QUINN, GLADYS

Military

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Y

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2023 TOWN MEETING March 18, 2023

Moderator Lindsay Smith commenced the annual meeting at 9:00am, pursuant to RSA 652:16-e.

Moderator Smith made the introductions of the head table: Jim Raymond - Town Attorney, Ed Morris - Town Manager, John Kluge - Select Board, Kate Stewart - Select Board; Erik Russell - Select Board, new members of the Select Board, Alice Kennedy and Tracy Young, located in the audience; Dimitri Deserranno - Budget Committee Chair, and town staff members Alisa Bonnette - Assistant Town Manager, Emily Curtis - Recording Secretary, Wendy Huntley - Deputy Clerk.

Moderator Smith reviewed the Moderator's Rules as outlined in the 2023 Annual Report on page 42. She requested if members of the public approved of the Moderator's Rules.

Ms. Stewart made a motion to allow members of the public who are not residents to speak. Dan Kiley seconded.

Moderator Smith requested a roll call vote. Moderator Smith announced the motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Smith requested to amend the procedure for calling the question from requiring a 2/3 vote from the public to being called once members of the public at the microphone have spoken. She stated that members of the public at the microphone will be allowed to speak, and those who wish to have a comment can get in line at the time the question is called.

Ed McLaughlin made a motion to accept the amendment to not require 2/3 vote after the question is called. The motion was seconded. Moderator Smith requested a voice vote. Moderator Smith stated the vote is unanimous in favor of the motion.

Jean Patten made a motion to accept the rules of the meeting. Tracy Young seconded. Moderator Smith requested a voice vote. Moderator Smith stated the vote is unanimous in favor of the motion.

Moderator Smith stated that one of the rules for the meeting is that all articles on the warrant are by majority vote. She stated that if a paper ballot is requested it requires a written petition signed by five members of the public, who need to be present for the meeting.

Mr. Kluge expressed appreciation for those who have stepped down from committees and boards as the work they have done is crucial to the work we do in this town. He recognized the passing of Peter H. Giese, long-time Police Chief in Enfield, NH, who retired in 2005 after 27 years of service with the Town; as well as Paul Mirski, a long-time resident who donated much of his time and expertise to the Town, most recently providing volunteer architectural services for the Mascoma Lakeside Park pavilion.

Mr. Kluge recognized the passing of Donald J. Crate Sr., who served as a Select Board member for 40 years; Daniel D. Affeldt who served on the Master Planning Task Force; and Vern Bond who served as a part-time Enfield police officer for 27 years.

Moderator Smith made the announcement for a corned beef and cabbage dinner hosted by the Enfield Lioness Club at the Enfield Community Building from 5-6:30pm.

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Moderator Smith presented the results of voting for Article 1.

Article 1. To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

For One Year: One Select Board Member – Alice M. Kennedy (331)
Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members – Celie Aufiero (196), Timothy D. Lenihan (230)
Two Budget Committee Members – Tina Stearns (295), Daniel Kiley (294)

For Two Years: One Moderator – Lindsay A. Smith (350)

For Three Years: Two Selectman – John W. Kluge (258), Tracy Young (226)
One Treasurer – Sasha Holland (337)
One Trustee of Trust Funds – Cindy Hollis (9 write-in votes – pending acceptance)
One Cemetery Trustee – Ainsley Klauser (8 write-in votes – pending acceptance)
One Library Trustee – Francine Lozeau (298)
One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member – Susan ES Brown (289)
Three Budget Committee Members – Timothy D. Lenihan (196), Nancy L. Smith (288), Dimitri Deserranno (230)

Moderator Smith presented the results of voting for Article 2.

Article 2: Zoning Amendment #1 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to allowing up to two (2) accessory dwelling units (ADU's), one of which can be attached.

PASSED: 293-Yes -- 95-No

Moderator Smith presented the results of voting for Article 3.

Article 3: Zoning Amendment #2 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to reducing the minimum lot size to ¼ acre in the R1 District for dwellings, where municipal sewer is available.

PASSED: 251-Yes -- 134-No

Moderator Smith read Article 4.

Article 4: Zoning Amendment #3 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to amending section 401.1 to eliminate a contradiction in the ordinance.

PASSED: 300-Yes -- 84-No

Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 5.

Article 5: Zoning Amendment #4 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to increasing the setback from prime wetlands to 100 feet.

PASSED: 280-Yes -- 105-No

Moderator Smith read Article 6.

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Article 6: Zoning Amendment #5 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to establishment of an Enfield Center Local Historic District.

PASSED: 289-Yes -- 86-No

Moderator Smith read Article 7.

Article 6: Zoning Amendment #6 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to updates to the Enfield Floodplain Development Ordinance.

PASSED: 327-Yes -- 54-No

Moderator Smith moved on to present Articles 8 through 17.

Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 8.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$8,194,847 for general municipal operations with \$165,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Kluge made a motion to accept Article 8 for discussion.

Ms. Stewart seconded.

Moderator Smith invited Dimitri Deserranno, Budget Committee Chair, to present for the Budget Committee.

Following Mr. Deserranno's presentation, Moderator Smith opened the floor for discussion of Article 8.

David Beaufait requested to make an amendment to Article 8 as presented to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget of \$7,950,000 for general municipal operations with \$165,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Tim Lenihan seconded.

Moderator Smith opened discussion for the amended article only.

David Beaufait stated that the proposed budget for the next year is under \$8,000,000, compared to the 2022 budget was \$7,597,247. This amendment is derived by reducing the increase in bottom line general operations budget to 8%, relative to ~7% rate of inflation, and does not change the debt service, including the building bonds approved last year at the 2022 Town Meeting. The Select Board, with the assistance of the Town administration will determine changes in specific line items within the budget approved by this meeting. He stated that he is also requesting a paper ballot and provided a petition with five signatures.

Dr. Beaufait stated that we approved a 4.37% increase last year, and the school district presented a 0.1% increase with the addition of contracted negotiations with staff, and Canaan was roughly 3.5%. He stated that we are well above with a 16.78% increase. He stated that when major purchases or expenditures in our homes we look for other ways to save. He stated that he did not fully understand where the cuts would

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come from, but he stated that the Board of Selectmen and Town Administration will make the necessary line-item adjustments.

Tim Lenihan stated that he is in favor of the amendment. He stated that he is not in favor of the proposed budget, but we are going through reclassification at the state level and it is clear that the compensation for employees is not going to go down. He stated that there is a reason that state employee vacancy is at 20%, and those wages are going to go up and you are going to be asked to pay more year after year. He stated that we are going to be asking to pay more again next year, and maybe then the economy will be better, but it is not this year.

Wendy Piper stated that when she looked at the increase this year she was concerned and believes it is getting expensive to live in Enfield. She is the Grafton County Commissioner, and these are very difficult decisions regarding public employment. Last year there was a 5% increase, and she is going to have to make the same decision at the county level this year. She stated she agrees with Mr. Lenihan regarding public employment in that it is not sought after anymore, and there are over 30 vacancies for nurses in nursing homes, and over 15 vacancies of corrections officers in the Department of Corrections. She stated that the difference between public government, nonprofit, and private is that you can always raise salaries because you can always ask tax payers for more money and you can't do that in other sectors. She believes that she is going to have to tell her public employees is that every single person in Grafton County is suffering, and every single person in Enfield is suffering. She stated that there are a lot of people in the middle class and middle lower class that simply cannot sustain these budget increases. She stated that wage studies are conducted and they are not always necessary, and she supports the amendment brought forward by David Beaufait.

Roy Holland of Oak Hill stated that he would like to know where the money is supposed to come from out of the budget. He stated that he attended all the Budget Committee meetings and watched the committee work with department heads directly and he didn't think it was fair to put forward an amendment to reduce the budget and then put it on the Select Board and the Town Manager to figure out. He asked what services you want taken away, what roads don't you want plowed or paved, because everything in that budget contributes to the services that need to continue to be brought to the town and throwing out an arbitrary number doesn't make sense and he would like to hear the argument of what is proposed to be cut out.

Bob Cusick stated that we elect our Select Board and Budget Committee members, and it is inappropriate to get to a point where you make assumptions that they can do something to the budget when they have been working on it all year long. They spend a significant amount of time to look at all the information and there is a unanimous agreement that what was put forward was necessary and we should take their word for it. If you have a problem you should be attending the meetings to bring that information forward instead of making an amendment at Town Meeting.

Hana Massecar of Maple Street stated that she agrees with Roy and Bob that Dimitri and the Budget Committee has put a thoughtful presentation and have reviewed the budget carefully to put something forward that is thoughtful and serves the town well. She recommended members of the public to support the original budget and to vote the amendment down.

Dr. Beaufait stated that it is a complex and detailed process as was presented and it is not the responsibility of the citizens to tell administration and leadership specifically what line items need to be changed. He stated that everyone will have their own opinion and that is why it goes to the leadership of the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen.

Tracy Young stated that he sat on the CIP Committee and the Budget Committee, meetings which were all open to the public, and reviewed the proposed budget with every department head and they made

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every effort to promote the town and not cut services, but also to meet the personnel needs that are needed for the town. He stated that he does not see where the proposed \$245,000 would be cut and it is too large amount of money to cut from the budget without having a thoughtful process. He stated that it is not fair to stand before the people who serve on the CIP and Budget Committees and request an arbitrary number to be cut. You can make cuts all you want, but if it is arbitrary, it can be harmful to the town. He stated we are not trying to be harmful to the town but trying to promote a budget that works for the town with the minimum necessary to get by, and the original amount proposed is what is needed for the town.

Jean Patten stated that she is in favor of the article. She stated that she did not think it was a random number that was thought of, and not all of us can tolerate a 16.7% increase. She stated that she understands that increase is for all the projects, but she is not sure people can continue to withstand that sort of increase.

Daniel Curtis of Lake Street stated that he is not in favor of the amendment. He stated that if you force the Budget Committee or Select Board to reduce the budget by that amount, the only area you can reduce is the cost-of-living increase. He stated that the town employees are suffering as much as all of us are and to reduce the money that employees need to be able to get by themselves is not fair. He stated that when you don't have enough staff and there is too much turnover, you will struggle to fill those vacancies which will only make the issue worse. He stated reducing the budget and employee pay increases is just punishing the employees that you have.

Paul Morrison of Route 4A stated that he is opposed to the amendment. He stated that, when he thinks about the town, there are a few people that have plenty of money and some who are poor, and many in the middle, but when he looks at the Budget Committee and the Select Board he sees longtime residents who represent the town and are doing the best they can in difficult time to balance the needs of the people of Enfield. He stated he sees them as representatives of the Town, no callous, and would like to support all the hard work that they put into their recommendations.

Ed McLaughlin stated that he thinks the Budget Committee did a good job and he cannot support the amendment, but we should not be moving forward with elective items such as a wage study when there is an increase like this. He stated that we cannot afford outside consultants at this point in time, and we cannot afford these increases.

Wendy Piper stated that she believes that there are wish list items, the wage study being one of them, that are hard to defend. She stated that she respects the people who are in the positions such as Select Board and Budget Committee, but requests can be made without being disrespectful to the elected officials. She stated that it is a terrible situation and the question is how much you are going to raise the salaries. She stated that there are benefit packages and retirement benefits offered, and many people experienced wage freezes and layoffs during the pandemic and as a town we did not do that, which is a benefit. She stated people are not attracted to public service and it is because of changes in the economy including remote work opportunities, lack of interest in shift work, and it is a problem that is difficult to solve.

Jean Patten stated that she was not against employee wage increases but to go from 5% to 8% is a lot. She stated that last year there was a large raise to one employee, and it is time to slow the process down. Ms. Patten moved the question.

Tim Lenihan stated that the state has gone to a 12% increase over two years based on a 5.9% valuation which is the cost of living average. The state is looking specifically at the highest level of agency. The vacancies really have everything to do with what is going on with regard to remote work and not wanting to work shifts, but his idea of how to come up with \$240,000 is to use the money from the undesignated fund.

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Moderator Smith stated that there is a petition for the paper ballot. She verified that the five signers of the petition were present to proceed. She stated that the ballot is strictly voting for the amendment. She noted that if the amendment does not pass, there will be a second vote regarding the original article.

Moderator Smith announced the opening of ballot voting for the amendment to Article 8 at 9:46 am. It was announced that the ballots marked Ballot #1 were to be used and placed in the ballot box.

Moderator Smith announced the results of the Article 8 amendment paper ballot vote at 10:06 am.
FAILED: Yes- 67, No -93. Article 8 Amendment fails.

Moderator Smith announced the floor open for discussion for Article 8 as originally written.

Dr. Beaufait stated that an increase of 16.7% is too much.

Mr. Young stated that he appreciated Dr. Beaufait's opinion and ensuing discussion. He moved the article.

Moderator Smith stated that there is a petition for a paper ballot vote for Article 8. She verified that the five signers of the petition were present to proceed.

Jean Patten stated that whether you agree or don't agree saying 'Yay' or 'Nay' to \$8,000,000 doesn't make any sense and she feels a ballot vote is more accountable.

Moderator Smith stated that Ballot #2 was open for the original article as presented at 10:08.

While awaiting results, Moderator Smith opened the floor for community announcements.

Ed McLaughlin stated that La Salette has been an important part of the community and the clergy will be retiring and the future of the site is uncertain. He stated that events such as Ukraine Day have shown what an important place it is to bring the community together, and Father John Sullivan has been involved in our town and supported Enfield in many ways. He thanked the members of the Select Board for the dedication of the Town Report to La Salette. He stated that Father Dave Sharette was a founder of the Shaker Museum, a member of the La Salette community. He stated that John Markowitz was the original employee at the museum who also took photographs and wrote articles about the museum. He stated that La Salette is important in not necessarily only a religious aspect, but a community aspect, and being a part of our community and we should consider how that could continue to serve our town.

Moderator Smith thanked the Mascoma Lioness Club for being present and hosting a snack table. She noted that there is a corned beef and cabbage dinner from 5-6:30pm at the Enfield Community Building, with takeout available. A charity auction and yard sale will be taking place at the Williams House, which is the brown house across from the school, with 20% of proceeds to go towards Friends of Mascoma.

Moderator Smith announced the results of Ballot #2 relative to the original proposed Article 8 at 10:27am.
PASSED: 97- Yes: 68-No

Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 9.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$526,968 to be placed in the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Warrant Article

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The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-0.

Ms. Stewart made a motion to accept Article 9 for discussion.

Mr. Russell seconded.

Moderator Smith requested Dan Kiley, Chair of the CIP Committee, to present information regarding Article 9.

After the slide presentation, Mr. Kiley stated he has received many inquiries as to why \$500,000 is being used from CIP for land acquisition. He stated that ARPA funds are being received that cannot be used for land acquisition, so in place of the funds being utilized for land acquisition, they will be used for items previously designated to CIP purchases.

Mr. Kiley stated that there will be six loans paid off in the next five years, and we will be lowering payments by \$153,000. He thanked members of the public and requested their support for the article.

Moderator Smith opened the floor for public comment.

Jean Patten stated that she understands that \$500,000 is for the land acquisition, but on page 126 in the Annual Report there is a line item that says Land Acquisition and there is \$130,567.05 allocated to that line. She inquired what the money is for and why it could not be put toward the \$500,000.

Mr. Kiley stated that he does not know what the capital reserve was set out for with regard to the \$130,000 and the Select Board may have further insight as they would have the authorization for the expenditures.

Mr. Morris stated that the article is not asking for money from taxpayers. He stated that we have added a nickel to the CIP each year, and the land purchase reserve would be brought before the board to be approved for a project or allocated somewhere else within CIP for another expenditure.

Moderator Smith reminded members of the public that questions were to be directed at the Moderator, not those presenting information or directly to the Board of Selectmen. She stated that it is not a question-and-answer forum, and presenters or members of the head table may address for clarification if they so choose.

Sharon Beaufait stated that she did not understand the purpose of the CIP Committee and she didn't understand how it goes into the CIP or associates with things we can vote on.

Dan Kiley stated that CIP was set up because the Capital Reserve had \$3 in it, and this was meant to designate funds each year for purchases relative to vehicles and large equipment. He stated that the goal was to avoid large increases in the budget and by having CIP we are adding \$.05 to the tax rate to keep the CIP Fund level instead of having it fluctuate based on the use. He stated in the past we financed cruisers but now we are paying cash for vehicles or trucks. He stated that we had to finance the fire truck, but that is the case for all vehicles.

David Beaufait stated that when the CIP was first proposed and approved it was primarily for large equipment but at this point land purchase and improvements and bridges have been added. He inquired when those changes occurred and whether it was approved at Town Meeting.

Mr. Morris stated that those purposes were included in the structure presented in Town Meeting when it was initially approved.

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Dan Kiley stated that CIP is set up for any capital asset, and infrastructure such as land and bridges are capital assets along with vehicles and equipment.

Tim Lenihan thanked Mr. Kiley for his work, and it is better to buy these things only when we can afford them. He stated that paying \$500,000 for a property when we already own a site at Shedd Street just doesn't seem right to him.

Dan Kiley thanked Ed McLaughlin, Keith Thomas, Tracy Young, and Kate Plumley Stewart for serving on the CIP and added that there are two vacancies.

Ed McLaughlin stated that the CIP Committee is an advisory committee to the Budget Committee and the Select Board. He stated that since the CIP plan was developed, now that interest rates are high, we can make the decision to pay in cash to pay less, and when interest rates are low, we can finance.

Bob Cusick stated they worked very hard to get this done to put money in CIP and to get the town to approve various financing alternatives. He stated that at Town Meetings prior to the CIP Plan being approved, hours would be spent debating dump trucks. He added that the former Brownies location also had very little frontage to the roadway, and the people on the committee reviewed the safety of the roadway access. He stated a lot of thought went into the recommendation for the land proposed for purchase and he believes they did a great job.

Jean Patten moved the question.

Moderator Smith requested a voice vote for Article 9 at 10:46 am. The results were not unanimous, and Moderator Smith requested a counted raise of hands for final determination.

Moderator Smith announced the results of the Article 9 at 10:48 am:
131 in favor. 16 opposed. Article 9 Passed.

Moderator Smith read Article 10.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Employee and Retiree Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned general fund balance.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Russell made motion to accept Article 10 for discussion.
Mr. Kluge seconded.

Moderator Smith requested Town Manager, Ed Morris, speak to the article.

Mr. Morris stated that this is an article put forward on an annual basis and is used to pay out vacation time when an employee leaves or retires for the benefits they have earned during their employment. Last year we put forward \$30,000 and this year we are asking for \$10,000.

David Beaufait inquired about the balance of the Employee and Retiree Benefits Expendable Trust Fund.

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Mr. Morris stated the current balance is \$56,000. He stated that we are working on an equation that will help us establish a goal for the ongoing balance. He stated that we are anticipating \$3,000 in expenses this year, so the year end balance will be \$63,000.

Tim Jennings stated that this is an employee benefits policy established by the town and he wasn't aware of any private employers that pay out unused sick time or unused vacation time. He suggested that we transition from the current policy we have to one that doesn't result in this sort of payout at the end of someone's employment.

Tim Lenihan stated that the states half of the sick leave and it is pretty standard for most. He stated that he is in favor of the article. He supported finding a way to estimate what is needed for a balance, and acknowledged this is the best way to manage when an employee may be leaving so it doesn't take a big hit to other areas of the budget.

Wendy Piper inquired how long we will support a policy that does not increase retention.

Doug Smith stated that when he worked for the Town of Hartford, he worked weekends, nights, and holidays, and employees give to our community and he agrees to the practice. He stated his support for the article.

Jean Patten stated she supports the article and moves the question.

Moderator Smith moved on to the vote.

Moderator Smith called for a voice vote on Article 10.

Moderator Smith announced Article 10 as passed unanimously in favor at 10:54 am.

Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 11.

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of 72:61-64 (previously approved in 2008, Article 16), in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, previously adopted for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year.

Mr. Kluge made a motion to accept Article 11 for discussion.

Ms. Stewart seconded.

Moderator Smith invited Mr. Morris to speak to the article.

Mr. Morris stated that this is a readoption of the solar ordinance which was adopted by the Town of Enfield in 2008. He stated that the RSA has been expanded to include items such as power storage and net metering, and this is a vote to readopt the RSA which includes those changes. He stated that is an exemption to the solar equipment itself, not the properties.

Moderator Smith opened the floor for discussion. With no members of the public moving forward she proceeded to the vote.

Moderator Smith requested a voice vote for Article 11.

Moderator Smith announced Article 11 as passed by majority vote at 10:56 am.

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Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 12.

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$200, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Enfield under RSA 72:28.

Ms. Stewart made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Articles 8, 9, 10, and 11. Mr. Kluge seconded.

Moderator Smith called for a voice vote for the motion to restrict reconsideration.

Moderator Smith announced the motion passed unanimously at 10:58 am.

Ms. Stewart stated that she would like to acknowledge and thank veterans for their service.

Ms. Stewart made a motion to approve Article 12 for discussion.

Mr. Russell seconded.

Mr. Morris stated that the changes in the RSA were brought forward and passed by the Legislature which made changes to the tax credit. He stated that this is a readoption of the tax credit that has previously been approved.

Moderator Smith opened the article for discussion on the floor.

David Beaufait stated his strong support for this article.

Jean Patten requested further clarity to help people understand the changes proposed in relationship between Article 12 and Article 13.

Jim Raymond, the town attorney, stated that a ruling was put forward that says unless the town readopts the veterans tax credit, with the statutory change that expands eligibility, the exemption lapses back to the statutory minimum which is \$50. We are recreating what was there before, but with the expanded eligibility, which is on the ballot in virtually every town. Some towns put both the information in Article 12 and Article 13 into one, but it was highly recommended the information be put forward as separate articles, which is why the Town of Enfield did so.

Moderator Smith asked if there were any further questions or comments regarding Article 12. With no further comments Moderator Smith moved on to voting for Article 12.

Moderator Smith requested a voice vote on Article 12.

Moderator Smith announced Article 12 passed unanimously at 11:02 am.

Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 13.

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, Optional Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the following persons shall qualify for the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit:

- (a) Every resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section, and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving

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spouse of such resident, provided that [Title 10] training for active duty by a member of [a] the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph;

- (b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and
- (c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

If adopted, the credit granted will be \$200.

Mr. Russell made a motion to approve Article 13 for discussion.

Mr. Kluge seconded.

Moderator Smith opened the floor for discussion for Article 13. With no comments from the public, Moderator Smith moved on to voting for Article 13.

Moderator Smith requested a voice vote on Article 13.

Moderator Smith announced Article 13 passed unanimously at 11:04 am.

Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 14.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for Capital Reserve Fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Mr. Kluge made a motion to accept Article 14 for discussion.

Ms. Stewart seconded.

Moderator Smith invited Ed Morris to speak to the article.

Mr. Morris stated Trustees of Trust Funds has been working with the Bank of New Hampshire, who provide professional services regarding the investment of the trust fund money. He stated that it is a common practice, and it was found that the article needs to be passed by voters to continue that process.

Moderator Smith opened the floor for discussion. With no comments from the public, Moderator Smith moved on to voting for Article 14.

Moderator Smith requested a voice vote on Article 14.

Moderator Smith announced Article 14 passed unanimously at 11:06 am.

Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 15.

Article 15: *(By petition)* - To see if the Town of Enfield will vote to authorize 10% of the land use change tax collected, not to exceed \$5,000 in any one year, pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III. If adopted, this article will take effect on April 3, 2023, and remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the Town Meeting.

Ms. Stewart made a motion to accept Article 15 for discussion.

Mr. Russell seconded.

Moderator Smith invited Leigh Davis, of the Conservation Commission, to present.

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Leigh Davis stated that the Conservation Fund was originally started by the State of New Hampshire for the Conservation Commission to educate themselves and the public about preserving the natural resources. She stated that ideas are in progress to bring in speakers to the public and the schools, to discuss conservation. She stated the Conservation Commission would like to make it known who they are and what they do and that is why they put the petition in this year.

Tim Lenihan stated that he is in opposition of the article as it is not setting a good precedent. He stated it should flow through our budget and Land Use and Development person, and we have educational and training opportunities available through municipal resources already. He added that we are going to need every dollar we have and it should not be used to fund a particular board.

Kurt Gotthardt stated that the Conservation Fund has the sole authority to use this fund and once the allocation is approved, they do not need approval by the town to expend the funds. He stated that there were other things that the Conservation Commission intended to use the funds for which may not be allowed by the state. Currently there is \$16,376 available that can be used by the Conservation for permitted purposes. The current budget also includes \$1,152 and any unused funds accumulate each year. The town has received \$26,417 per year from the change of use tax and the 10% would be \$2,641 per year which is twice what the Conservation Commission currently receives. He would like to know what the intended use of the funds and what the town will do with the budgeted money currently allocated to the Conservation Commission.

Jerold Theis, Chair of the Conservation Commission, stated that there are many trails that are a part of the recreation use and they become blocked occasionally and become unsafe. He stated that we have a bridge over the Harris Brook Stream that runs into the Harris Brook Park. He stated that wooden bridges and wooden walkways that don't last and need repair. He stated that there need to be funds to have people that clear those. He stated if the article is not supported than those who use the trails will have to find a way to keep them maintained for recreational purposes and it is inconsequential to the Conservation Commission.

Doug Smith stated that he is a member of the Conservation Commission he does not support the article. He stated that there should be a clear outlined plan and budget for each thing needed, and until that can be defined, he does not support it.

David Beaufait stated that he works with the state and Friends of the Rail Trail to maintain the rail trail and they use volunteers and grants to support the work that needs to be done.

Alan Strickland stated that it is not unique to the Enfield Conservation Commission, and it is a common practice throughout the state, though percentages of the Land Use Tax can differ.

Celie Aufiero stated that in her experience with the conservation fund that it is a practice throughout the state and that many towns take a percentage of the land use change tax. She stated that they use it for a lot of different things for conservation, such as when they developed a natural resource study in recent years. She stated the money they get from the town is for operations, such as minutes and mailings. Current use is a conservation effort, and it is a useful fund that is used by conservation commissions.

Jean Patten stated that she does not support the article, and if funds are going to be diverted they should be diverted to the taxpayer. She moved the question.

Sue Young of Shaker Boulevard stated that she is opposed to the article and stated her concerns for the precedents. She stated that she was not aware if the Conservation Commission asked the Budget Committee for more money this year, and they can go to the CIP to ask for funds for repairs of walkways

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and bridges, and to her knowledge they have not done that. She stated to automatically give them 10% seems too much and they need to do their due diligence to examine all opportunities available.

Peter Magoon of George Hill Road stated that an investment in the trails is an investment in the people who use it, which is beneficial for mental and emotional health, and he supports the article.

Kurt Gotthardt stated that while other towns do have the change of use tax, they probably do not have a line-item budget for the Conservation Commission in addition. He stated that he does not believe that trail maintenance meets the needs of the Conservation Fund use and the town has resources that can be used for use of trail maintenance. He suggested they talk to the Budget Committee or the Select Board to request the funds.

Moderator Smith announced requested comments or questions regarding Article 15. With no further discussion she moved on to voting.

Moderator Smith stated that there is a petition for a paper ballot vote for Article 15 and Article 16. She verified that the five signers of the petition were present to proceed.

Moderator Smith instructed voters to use Ballot #3 for Article 15.

Moderator Smith announced the results for Article 15.

FAILED: 61 Yes. 92 No.

Moderator Smith moved on to read Article 16.

Article 16: *(By Petition)* To see if the Town will vote to establish, in perpetuity, a Town Forest under RSA 31:110 on the following tract of land: Map 2, Lot 29, currently owned by the Town of Enfield consisting of 100 acres fronting along Methodist Hill Road in Enfield, New Hampshire, and currently considered by the Town as surplus property. To authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the Town Forest under the provisions of RSA 31:112 and to authorize the placement of any proceeds that may accrue from this forest management in a separate Forest Management Fund, which shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year as provided by RSA 31:113.

Mr. Russel made a motion to accept Article 16 for discussion.

Mr. Kluge seconded.

Moderator Smith invited Dr. Jerold Theis, Conservation Commission Chair to present.

Dr. Theis stated that the Town owns two properties that are 100 acres or more. The point of trying to conserve land that is large enough to use for recreation and hunting is something Enfield needs to think about. The idea is to offer opportunities for recreation and the Conservation Commission to support and if you are more concerned about tax income instead of recreational opportunities, that is your prerogative.

Moderator Smith opened Article 16 for discussion.

Harrison Drinkwater of Methodist Hill made a motion to refer the article to the Select Board/Committee for further investigation. Mr. Kluge Seconded.

Moderator Smith opened the floor to discuss the motion on the table.

Harrison Drinkwater stated that there are many other options at play and he would like to see a more detailed discussion of what the Town wants for that property.

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Dan Kiley stated that we should not make a decision today to take 100 acres and restrict it for one purpose only.

Kurt Gotthardt stated that if a future decision is made to establish a Town Forest it should not be in perpetuity so that it could be reverted to surplus property and sold.

Alan Strickland, Enfield Center, stated that he needs more time to think about the property in the timeframe given and he would like at least one year to evaluate the property and hopes that the Select Board will take more time to review the options.

Paul Bianco Birch Lane stated that they are directly impacted by the choice of what to do with the land and there are factors that have not been taken into consideration. He stated his support the motion for the warrant article be tabled for further investigation by the Select Board.

Gary Hubbard of Methodist Hill stated that in the light of recent events and discussion it is best to table the petition and discuss opportunities with the Select Board.

Paul Wachler from Methodist Hill Road stated that he supports the change to the article.

Moderator Smith stated that the motion on the table is to move the article to the Select Board/ refer to a committee and they will either discuss amongst themselves for further action. She stated if the motion on the floor passes, there will no further action taken on Article 16.

Kim Withrow inquired if residents would have a say in the property and whether we purchase it or not.

Moderator Smith stated that the motion indicates the property in question will be referred to the committee, which has been designated as the Select Board, for further study.

Mr. Morris stated for clarification that the Town owns this land, it is not being purchased.

Moderator Smith requested a voice vote on Article 16.

Moderator Smith announced the motion to defer Article 16 to the Select Board as passed by majority at 11:57 am.

Dr. Beaufait made a motion to present he article at the next town meeting.
With no second, the motion died on the table.

Ms. Stewart made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 12 through Article 16 at 11:59am. Paul Morrison seconded. Moderator Smith requested a voice vote regarding the motion on the table.
Moderator Smith announced the vote as unanimous in favor of the motion.

Article 17: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chose and pass any vote relating thereto.

Mr. Kluge made a motion to accept Article 17 for discussion.

Ms. Stewart seconded.

Moderator Smith invited any other presentations or announcements to come before the public.

Kim Quirk stated that the Energy Committee has been working on developing information regarding the Enfield Community Power Plan. She stated that the goal is to provide more control over power use, lower

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rates and local energy programs and projects. She stated that herself or Jo-Ellen Courtney would be happy to help anyone with further questions.

Moderator Smith stated that the Master Planning Task Force is setting up to write the next few chapters of the Master Plan and they will be inviting the public for input.

Moderator Smith announced the following community events:

- There is a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Enfield Community Building tonight.
- There is a silent auction and yard sale taking place across the street
- The Lighting Thief will be showing at the high school at 7pm
- There is an Irish festival at La Salette today.

With a conclusion to all Articles presented and voting finalized, Moderator Smith requested a motion to adjourn.

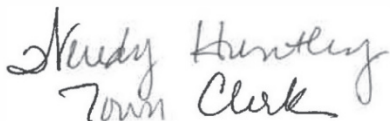
Jean Patten made a motion to dissolve the meeting at 12:01 pm. Dan Kiley seconded. Vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Town Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Emily Curtis, recording secretary



Nudy Huntley
Town Clerk

Tax Incentive Programs

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (RSA 79-E)

Adopted March 17, 2007

Town Meeting Vote:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provision of RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive.

Explanation: RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive allows the Board of Selectmen the option of granting property owners in the designated village area short-term property assessment relief to encourage substantial reinvestment in underutilized structures. Upon receipt of an application for tax abatement, the governing body will hold a public hearing to determine whether the structure is a qualifying structure, whether the proposed rehabilitation qualifies as a substantial rehabilitation and whether there is a public benefit to granting the requested tax relief. This RSA gives the Selectboard another tool to encourage reinvestment in the village area. The abatement delays the additional tax on the qualifying rehabilitations for a designated period of time.

By adoption of RSA 79-E:

1. It is declared to be a public benefit to enhance downtowns and town centers with respect to economic activity, cultural and historic character, sense of community, and in-town residential uses that contribute to economic and social vitality.
2. It is further declared to be a public benefit to encourage the rehabilitation of the many underutilized structures in urban and town centers as a means of encouraging growth of economic, residential, and municipal uses in a more compact pattern, in accordance with RSA 9-B.
3. Short-term property assessment tax relief and a related covenant to protect public benefit as provided under this chapter are considered to provide a demonstrated public benefit if they encourage substantial rehabilitation and use of qualifying structures as defined in this chapter.

New Construction Property Tax Exemption for Commercial & Industrial Uses (RSA 72:81)

Adopted July 11, 2020

Town Meeting Vote:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt, pursuant to RSA 72:81, 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 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. If adopted, 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 per case basis based on the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Board of Selectmen. For the purpose of this exemption, in order to satisfy the public benefit requirement a minimum of one of the following must be provided: enhance economic growth and increase the Town's tax base; creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; prevent or eliminate blight; or, retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. If approved this

exemption shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for a maximum of five (5) tax years.

Explanation: This introduces an innovative new tool (RSA 72:81) to stimulate economic development and re-development in NH communities. The provisions of this article give Enfield the power to offer a financial incentive, in the form of a property tax exemption, to commercial and industrial developers to build and/or expand in Town. The maximum exemption allowed under this RSA is 50% of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements and the maximum period is 10 years. It is important to emphasize the exemption only applies to the added property value derived from an eligible improvement, and not the entire assessed value of the property. For instance, if a developer completes improvements to a piece of commercial or industrial property and the assessed value were to increase from \$500,000 to \$700,000 as a result, the partial exemption would only apply to the additional \$200,000 in new value and the property owner would continue to pay taxes on 100% of the “pre-improvement” value. A municipality may opt for a lower percentage and a shorter duration. The exemption shall apply only to the municipal and local school portions of a property’s increase in tax burden due to the development. As per RSA 72:82 (Procedure for Adoption) section II, a vote adopting RSA 72:81 shall remain in effect for a maximum of 5 tax years; provided, however, that for any application which has already been granted prior to expiration of such 5 tax year period, the exemption shall continue to apply at the rate and for the duration in effect at the time it was granted.

Tax Relief Options

For the following programs, applications are available at the Town Manager's Office.

Abatements: Application deadline: March 1st after final tax bill of the year.

Per RSA 76:16, property owners who believe there is an error in their property assessment, or their assessment is disproportionate, may apply to the Board of Selectmen for an abatement. Applications are also online at: <https://www.nh.gov/btla/forms/documents/abatement.pdf>

Blind Exemption: Application deadline: April 15

Per RSA 72:37, residents who are legally blind, as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the Education Department, may qualify for a \$15,000 exemption.

Blind Exemptions (1) applied in 2023: \$15,000

Disabled Exemption: Application deadline: April 15

Residents who are deemed disabled under the Federal Social Security Act may qualify for a \$50,000 exemption. To qualify a person must be a resident of NH for the past 5 years. The taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$26,000 (single) or \$36,000 (married), and not more than \$70,000 in assets excluding the value of the person's residence.

Disabled Exemptions (8) applied in 2023: \$400,000

Elderly Exemption: Application deadline: April 15

Residents over 65 years old who meet income and asset limits may apply to the Board of Selectmen for an exemption of the assessment of their property.

Elderly Exemption amounts are:

- for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$ 46,000;
- for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$ 69,000;
- for a person 80 years of age or older, \$ 92,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) or if married, a combined net income of less than twenty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000); and own net assets not in excess of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) excluding the value of the person's residence.

Elderly Exemptions (16) applied in 2023: \$916,200

Solar Energy Systems Exemption: Application deadline: April 15

Pursuant to RSA 72:62, an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a solar energy system as defined by RSA 72:61.

Solar Exemptions (63) applied in 2023: \$448,300

Veterans Tax Credit: Application deadline: April 15

A resident who has served in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts, as listed in RSA 72:28, and was honorably discharged; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident may apply for a \$200 tax credit. The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, as listed in RSA 72:28, so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry, may qualify for a \$1,400 tax credit. Any person who has been honorably discharged, and who has a total and permanent service-connected disability or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service connected injury may qualify for a \$1,400 tax credit. Any resident that has actively served not less than 90 days and was honorably discharged, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such veteran, may apply for \$200 “All Veteran’s Tax Credit” per RSA 72:28-b providing they are not receiving or eligible for any other tax credit.

Veterans’ Tax Credits (196) applied in 2023: \$74,600

Tax Deferral Lien: Per RSA 72:38-a, disabled residents or residents over 65 may apply for a tax deferral lien. This program allows a resident to defer payment of their residential property taxes, plus annual interest of 5%, until the transfer of their property or up to 85% of the property equity value.

Low & Moderate Income Homeowners’ Property Tax Relief: The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$37,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$47,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, but no later than June 30. You may file your claim online at Granite Tax Connect www.revenue.nh.gov/gtc by accessing the Apply for Low and Moderate Income Property Tax Relief link located on the Applications Panel, or by submitting a Form DP-8. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application.

The Town has no authority over this program. For assistance, contact the NH Department of Revenue at (603) 230-5920.

For more details visit the State website at: <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm>

Town of Enfield Fee Schedule - 2024

Fees are current as of the printing of this report but are subject to change.

▪ Zoning Fees:

Hearing fee	\$ 150.00
Mailing fee (per abutter)	8.00
Advertising	75.00
Sign permits	25.00
Copies of Zoning Ordinance	20.00

▪ Planning Fees:

Address Request	\$ 25.00
Boundary Line Adjustment	150.00
Conceptual Discussion	0.00
Driveway Permit	25.00
Gravel Pit Permit	200.00

Miscellaneous Charges

Advertising Fee – Newspaper of Record	75.00
Mailing to Abutter (each) (Certified or Verified)	8.00
Filing of Full-size Mylar at County Registry	26.00
Filing of Letter-size Document at County Registry	11.00
LCHIP Fee for Filing with County Registry	26.00

Subdivision:

Minor (2 lots)	250.00
Major (3+ lots)	500.00
Additional charge per lot of Subdivisions	100.00

Sign Permit	25.00
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Site Plan Review:

Minor	250.00
Major	500.00

Voluntary Lot Merger	100.00
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Zoning Ordinance (printed copy)	20.00
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■ Building Fees:

Permit Type:	Processing Fee	+	Inspection Fee (per Square Foot)
*Single Family Homes (stick built, double wide, modular)	\$50.00	+	\$0.15
*Mobile Homes (single wide)	\$50.00	+	\$0.10
*Garages & Barns	\$50.00	+	\$0.10
Additions & Renovations	\$50.00	+	\$0.15
Storage Buildings (no entry of vehicle), Decks & *Pools	\$25.00	+	\$0.10
*Multi-Family & Condominiums	\$150.00	+	\$0.25
*Commercial	\$150.00	+	\$0.25
Demolition	\$20.00	+	No Fee
Plumbing & Electrical (Included in above project packages*, fee applies only if applying as separate project.)	\$35.00	+	No Fee
Mechanical (Included in above project packages*, fee applies only if applying as separate project.)	\$35.00	+	No Fee
REMINDER: OIL BURNER PERMIT OR LP GAS PERMIT <u>MUST</u> BE COMPLETED.			
Re-inspection Fee (If inspection is called for and project is not ready, or if project fails 2 times, fee will be charged.)	\$50.00		
Renewal	\$50% of Original Permit Processing Fee		

The processing fee is payable upon submission of application. This fee is non-refundable.

The inspection fee is payable upon approval of applications and issuance of permit.

Work must proceed within the 12-month period following the date the permit was originally issued.

Inspection fees for projects not undertaken are refundable per IBC 2015 code. This request must be made in writing to the Inspection Services and Facilities Planning Administrator (ISFP) within the current year of the permit.

■ Police Fees

Special Detail (subject to change)	\$86.00 / hr.
Accident Reports	
To residents	Free
To any company or non-resident	10.00
Firearms Retail License	25.00
Games of Chance Permit	25.00

Pistol Permits, Motor Vehicle Unlocks, and Fingerprints – all free to residents.

▪ Library Fees

Copies	
Black & White	.20
Color	.50
Fax (per page)	1.00

▪ Cemetery Fees (Not All-Inclusive)

Single Full Size Grave Lot	450.00
Single Cremation Grave Lot (Countryside Cemetery Only)	250.00
Weekday Burial (full body)	350.00
Saturday Burial (full body) until 1:00 pm.	450.00
Weekday Burial (cremation)	100.00
Saturday Burial (cremation) until 1:00 pm.	150.00

▪ Administrative Fees

Photocopies (per page):	
8-1/2 x 11	\$.25
11 x 17	.50
Beach parking (one day)	1.00
Beach parking (15 consecutive days)	10.00
Beach parking season (June 15 – September 15)	25.00
Blotter Book (hard copy)	50.00
Community Building Rental Fees:	
Kitchen fee for Private Rental	50.00
Per Time Block – Residents only (7am-12pm, 12-5pm, 5-10pm)	50.00
Private Function – Residents only – full day	150.00
One-time security deposit	150.00
Fax (per page)	1.00
Vehicle registration (for town to do state portion)	3.00
Vehicle title application	2.00
Marriage license	65.00
License	50.00
Certified copy	15.00
Dog license	
Intact	10.00
Puppies, up to 7 months	7.50
Spayed/Neutered	7.50
Senior Citizen (age 65 or over, 1 st dog only)	3.00
Group license (5 or more dogs)	25.00
Checklist	25.00
Vital records (birth, death, marriage, divorce):	
First copy	15.00
Subsequent copies	10.00

▪ Sewer & Water Fees

Water hookup application (non-refundable)	\$ 150.00
Sewer hookup application (non-refundable)	150.00
Water hookup connection fee	2,500.00
Sewer hookup connection fee	2,500.00
Meter costs & setting fees:	
Meter, meter horn, radio reader & fittings (Market cost adjusted annually)	410.00
Meter setting	100.00

▪ Transfer Station & Recycling Center Fees

Enfield Punch Card (for disposal of items listed below)	\$ 25.00
CFC's	20.00
Fire Extinguisher	10.00
Microwave	10.00
Propane Tank 20#	12.00
Tires – 14" and under, off rim (includes car, lawn tractor, light trailer & wheelbarrow tires)	2 for \$5.00
Tires – Car/light truck, 15"-19", off rim	5.00
Tires – Tractor/Equipment, off rim	30.00
Small TV	10.00
Medium TV	15.00
Large TV or Console	25.00
Computer Monitor, CPU, Printers	20.00
Computer Component	10.00
Stereo Equipment/VCR/DVD Players	5.00
Small Pressure Cylinders	1.00
Fluorescent Tube Bulbs	\$0.10/ft
Compact Fluorescent Bulbs	\$0.50/each

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Enfield Listserv guidelines and subscription information can be found at https://listserv.dartmouth.edu/Archives/ENFIELD/enfield_listserv_guidelines.html

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Information and subscription information can be found at <http://lists.vitalcommunities.org/lists/info/mascoma>

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2024 Revaluation of Property

The Town of Enfield has commenced the 5-year constitutionally mandated revaluation. The last time this was done was in 2019. Norm Bernaiche, our assessor for the past 36 years, will once again be tasked with completing this project, along with his assistant, Adrienne Summers. Norm has successfully completed all revaluations in the Town of Enfield since 1987. So you can be assured the values are still being generated by an experienced assessment professional who is intimately familiar with the Enfield community. Please review the town website Assessing Department page from time to time as we will be providing updated progress reports and other useful information about the process.

The process looks at all sales over the last few years and an assessment model is built to replicate what has taken place in the market such as changes in neighborhoods or locations, popularity of style of home, size of homes and other criteria the market assigns value to. The last two years of sales are the backbone for placing values on all non-sale property within a community. A revaluation is market driven and has nothing at all to do with local or school budgets. It is simply a means to distribute the burden as fairly as possible across the taxpayers of a community based on property value.

Once new values are generated, notice will be provided to all taxpayers of their new values. Upon request, the taxpayers will have the opportunity to meet with the Assessors to discuss the new values during an informal process. Each taxpayer will be given approximately 20 minutes to discuss their concerns. It is expected the new values will be available no later than early August so we can hold the informal hearings, process the changes and allow for ample time to submit the information to the State of New Hampshire for approval and setting of the 2024 tax rate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Julie Huntley in the Assessing Office for help. Julie can be reached at 603-442-5006, jahuntley@enfield.nh.us or by stopping by the Town Offices at 410 NH Route 4A, Building 2, during regular office hours.

Town of Enfield Observed Holidays

March 2024 – February 2025

The Town Offices, Enfield Public Library and Transfer Station will be closed on the following observed holidays.

Memorial Day	May 27
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 2
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 28 & 29
Christmas Holiday	December 24 & 25
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 20
Presidents' Day	February 17