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## Building Inspector / Health Officer / Fire Inspector

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### ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**To provide the citizens of Enfield, NH with as safe and healthy a living environment as possible, by applying the applicable codes and laws adopted by the Town and the State of NH in a timely and fair manner; to assist other departments and administration with information and knowledge necessary to achieve the common goal of betterment of the Town of Enfield.**

The Building Inspector issued 161 total permits in 2023. Notable approved projects include the long-awaited renovations to Whitney Hall, the Pellerin's bingo event center, Jakes car wash and self-storage units, Dartmouth College sailing team facility and boat storage, and construction of the fourth cellular communications tower in Town. This year the paucity of available housing remained a prominent economic and social concern within our state and our local region. Improving our numbers over the previous year, twenty-three building permits were issued for new housing starts. Fourteen new single-family homes and two accessory dwelling units were developed, and a six-unit apartment building on Main Street augmented the total. One single-family home received a permit to convert to two-family. Seven demolition permits were approved for the removal of existing residential housing, leaving a grand total of sixteen added housing units for new occupancy.

Tax incentives contributed to a strong recent trend in building permit applications for alternative energy sources. Twenty-five solar system installations were approved this year. Three of those solar system installations were coupled with battery storage system installations to further enhance self-reliant energy production for those residents. Eight heat pump installations occurred, and propane generator installations were also popular this year with a similar total of eight permits approved.

Reports of cyanobacteria blooms on freshwater lakes rose throughout the state this year, and we were no exception. The Health Officer assisted the state Department of Environmental Services, with impressive responsibility and concern by the Mascoma Lake Association and Crystal Lake Association, to alert residents and visitors to cyanobacteria bloom warning/advisories that were issued on five occasions this summer and fall. The Health Officer was also unusually busy with trash complaints this year, of which there were twelve instances that were non-compliant with the Town Solid Waste Ordinance. Septic systems are always an important environmental and health concern and, matching a total from the previous year, there were five reportable issues with those.

Finally, Health and Fire Safety inspections were performed at one foster home and two childcare properties. And annual Fire Protection and Life-Safety inspections were conducted at the former La Salette chapel and other Enfield Shaker Museum properties, all restaurants, community rooms at the Community Lutheran and United Methodist churches, and all Town owned buildings where public gatherings take place.

Respectfully submitted,



Liam Ehrenzweig  
Building, Health, Fire Inspector

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## Cemetery Trustees

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### ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**The Mission of the Cemetery Trustees is to ensure that ample resources are available to maintain all cemeteries (stones, fences, grounds, stone walls, trees, etc.) for which the Town of Enfield is responsible, on an ongoing basis, ensure that all cemetery records are accurately and completely maintained in a timely manner, and advocate on behalf of those who can no longer represent themselves.**

Enfield's grounds crew did a wonderful job taking care of our town's cemeteries, assisting with fourteen burials, and keeping all the properties in good condition. Fortunately, there were no damaging storms and therefore, no large repairs needed to our cemeteries or those under our care. Also, a thank you to our local Boy Scout troop #44 for placing flags at our veteran graves, it is a big help.

Bridget Labrie continued in the role of Cemetery Sexton admirably and has collaborated to complete projects and coordinate with our Grounds team, as well as keeping the Trustees fully informed. Sexton Labrie oversaw the sale of three new cemetery lots, and two lot transfers this year.

The Trustees have had regular meetings this year, with discussions around new signs, green burials, and ongoing project work.

At season's end, we received the completed signs for all of our cemeteries. A big thank you to Alan's Signs for the wonderful work on our new signs. All of the smaller signs were hung before winter, thanks to our grounds team, and the two larger signs will be put up in the spring. Next year will be some signpost work, lot survey work, and hopefully working on some document cleanup.

Respectfully submitted,

Ainsley Klauser (Trustee)  
Margaret (Peggy) De Stefano (Trustee)  
Sarah Jeror (Trustee)  
Bridget Labrie (Sexton)

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## Community Nursing Committee

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A group of residents established a grassroots effort as the 'Enfield Community Nursing Project' in 2021 with a mission to assist Enfield residents in living safely at home with dignity, independence, and a positive spirit by supporting a community-based nurse. The Community Nursing Project tasked themselves with finding a way to assist residents in having access to a community nurse, as well as raising the funding for the services to be offered to residents at no cost. The group raised \$89,616.73 by December 2023 to support the first two years of community nursing to be contracted with the City of Lebanon to begin in January 2024.

The Town of Enfield established the Community Nursing Committee in January 2024 as an advisory committee to work with town staff and the Town Manager to review data, remain apprised of the status of the program, ensure the program is meeting the needs of the Town of Enfield, and continue fundraising efforts to minimize taxpayer impact.

The Community Nursing Committee looks forward to supporting the facilitation of community nursing in Enfield and welcomes members of the public to attend their regularly scheduled public meetings as posted on the town website.

*The Town of Enfield would like to thank the members of the Enfield Community Nursing Project who have supported the efforts to secure community nursing services for Enfield residents since 2021:*

Kristin Barnum, RN

Harrison Drinkwater

Dawna Pidgeon, PT

Steven Powell

Cynthia Loring, RN

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Curtis  
Public Safety Administrative Coordinator

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## Conservation Commission

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### ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**To protect the natural resources of Enfield and preserve them for future generations.**

The Conservation Commission has accomplished several objectives this year which we hope will improve the community's use and enjoyment of the natural resources the Town of Enfield has to offer its citizens. These are listed below.

- 1) We recruited Mr. Craig Sanborn, of the Cardigan Highlanders Volunteer Trail Crew, to be the Trailmaster for Enfield. They are associated with the Upper Valley Trail Alliance and rely on community volunteers to tend Town trails in Enfield. They are: Harris Brook Scenic Area, Suky Marsh and Bicknell trail. The trails need to be kept free of trash, blowdowns, and branches; bridges, boardwalks and rock crossings maintained. The Trailmaster will organize community workdays, maintain working relationships with the Enfield Department of Public Works, NH Fish & Game, Upper Valley Land Trust and private landowners. The trail users can be of help in these matters by NOT disposing of trash on the trails and staying on the designated trails. This year extensive work was done along the Bicknell trail. All materials were paid for by the Conservation Commission using funds from the Conservation Fund at no direct cost to the Town of Enfield.

Volunteers are needed each year to perform the trail work. Those interested in participating need to fill out a Volunteer Service Agreement, which can be obtained on line at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/pages/forms-documents> or they can go to the Town Manager page on the Town website, click forms and documents to find the link. If Town trails are to be maintained in Enfield Mr. Sanborn needs volunteers from this community.

- 2) John Welenc, a Commission member, has begun an educational program for the elementary grade students to make them aware of the value of open habitat for wildlife and recreation in Enfield. He presented his first program this Fall and intends to expand the program to the High School as time permits. Habitat protection must be continually prosecuted over many decades if it is to become a permanent consideration by the citizens of Enfield. As the mission of the Conservation Commission states, the preservation of the natural resources in Enfield is a generational obligation not just a contemporary one. Humans are a part of the ecosystem, not the masters of it. Every habitat has a limit to its Carrying Capacity, if those limits are exceeded the habitat cannot remain unchanged.
- 3) Kate Stewart, a Commission member, has begun a campaign for the recognition of the importance of Rain Gardens here in Enfield to control water runoff from properties, particularly those around our lakes. Silting is a continuing problem for lakes and the housing density around Mascoma and Crystal Lake, established generations ago, constitutes a significant threat to these bodies of water. Rain Gardens have the proven capacity to absorb runoff from rain and snow melt thus trapping the silt and keeping it from reaching the rivers and lakes. The success of this program will depend upon the citizen participation in this effort. The choices we make will determine the quality of life in our community.
- 4) Carol Wyman, a Commission member, contacted the Town Manager and the property owner regarding the removal of a bridge crossing the Mascoma River that has become dislodged from its original location, washed down stream and constitutes a potential threat to the free flow of the river.
- 5) The Commission met with the Methodist Hill Property Use Committee and provided recommendations for the use of the property.

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- 6) Leigh Davis, a Commission member, has been involved in recruiting speakers to provide information to the Commission regarding the Cyanobacteria threat to Enfield Lakes. One of the contributing factors is lake residents fertilizing their lawns as well as the leakage of sewerage from malfunctioning septic systems. If the citizens want to control the amount of nitrogen and potassium flowing into the lakes these issues need to be addressed.

Edward Rippe became a new member 2023. Shirley Green is the new chair of the Commission beginning in January 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Jerold Theis  
Former Chair

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## Energy Committee

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### ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**To identify energy savings opportunities for the Town and residents of Enfield.**

#### **Energy Projects at the Enfield Department of Public Works**

Between the summer and fall of 2023, the Energy Committee partnered with DPW staff to move forward on an energy saving project that had been approved at a previous Town Meeting. The project involved reviewing all energy saving recommendations and options from existing energy audits, inviting estimates from local contractors, and contracting the insulation work. The results of this insulation project are palpable according to those working at DPW: “the change in temperature is very noticeable, both in the offices and in the storage area above the offices”. Together with higher comfort and energy saving, the insulation project has the potential for monetary savings to the Town, especially considering that the Energy Committee was able to secure a financial incentive from NH Saves, which has covered 40% of contracted insulation work.

Another opportunity for energy saving at DPW was the purchase and installation of more than seventy LED lighting fixtures.

While the insulation and LED lighting is making the DPW building more energy efficient, the salt shed building continues to produce electricity through a solar array that was installed in 2021. The solar array produces most of the electricity used at the DPW. Each time excess electricity is generated by this array, it goes to offset electricity needed at the Lovejoy Brook pumping station.

#### **Enfield Community Power**

In October 2019, the Enfield Select Board authorized the formation of the Enfield Community Power Committee with the mission to create a Community Power plan for Enfield. This Committee worked with other communities in NH to establish the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH). Two years later, in October 2021, CPCNH was officially incorporated with Enfield as one of its founding members. The coalition’s goal is to aggregate the electricity purchases for all member communities to get better pricing and provide more options for each community. Since incorporation, Kim Quirk and Jo-Ellen Courtney have served on the Board of Directors and on several committees working to make community power a reality in New Hampshire.

In late April of 2023, Enfield residents, municipal buildings and small businesses went online to receive the first supply of electricity from Enfield Community Power at a significant discount from the default power pricing offered by the public utilities. Enfield’s Select Board recommended Granite Basic as the default rate for Enfield and made available three other levels of greener energy for those who choose to opt-up to as much as 100% green electricity. To change to a greener option, visit <https://www.communitypowernh.gov>

From the start in late April until the end of September 2023, those on Enfield Community Power have used 4,727 Megawatt hours of electricity. The estimated customer savings over the utility default service for the entire Enfield community is \$181,000.

Respectfully submitted,



Marta Ceroni, Chair

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## F.A.S.T. Squad

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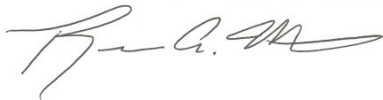
**The Mission of the Enfield FAST Squad is to establish, train and maintain a lifesaving squad that will serve the citizens of Enfield and to sponsor and promote public programs of First Aid, CPR, AED training and disease/accident prevention.**

The Town of Enfield had 361 calls for service in 2023. The Enfield FAST Squad, which consists of trained and certified volunteers who serve on-call on evenings and weekends, responded to 83 calls over the course of the year. The Lebanon Fire Department, who provides daytime coverage for ambulance services, also assisted by responding to 240 calls in Enfield during 2023.

We would be happy to assist interested candidates in becoming an EMT with the Enfield FAST Squad, even if you are not yet trained. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer licensed EMT with the FAST Squad, please call 632-7501 or email [EMSChief@enfield.nh.us](mailto:EMSChief@enfield.nh.us). We have offered free public training for First Aid, AED and CPR in the past and we continue to accept donations towards these free educational programs.

We currently hold monthly training sessions for our FAST Squad members regarding updated protocols as well as continuing education that can help us better serve the residents and guests of Enfield. We are doing everything that we can to promote a safe and secure environment for your safety. The Enfield FAST Squad is proud to educate our community and provide compassionate life-saving services to our fellow townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Martin  
EMS Chief

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# Fire Department

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## ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**The Enfield Fire Department endeavors to provide safe, effective and efficient fire protection services to the residents of Enfield and to provide comprehensive education to reduce the causes of fire.**

The department responded to 238 calls for service during 2023, the types of calls are always evolving. The most common call this year was for faulty Smoke and C/O Detectors, please remember to service these units and be aware most generally they have a ten-year life span. Newer models are equipped with a ten-year battery which does not need replacing, the complete unit gets replaced at the end of ten years.

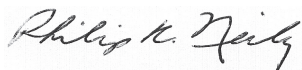
During this year we held truck checks at both stations assuring equipment is ready for use when needed, this also is a great way for members to become familiar with tools that are not regularly used. Trainings were held throughout the year with most being led by our officers. Some of the topics presented were ladders, ropes - low angle rescue, forestry tools - equipment and confined space with proper multi-meter use. Our Upper Valley Mutual Aid organization has developed an annual school which one of our members attended and received training about electric vehicles and their hazards. We hope to have more attend this coming year.

This year we held an activities day at Huse Park for kids and their families, games included hose rolling, fire truck tours and the most favorite was knocking down the cup pyramid with the water extinguisher. We also attended several fire drills at the Enfield Village School and participated in activities for Fire Prevention Week. Posters about Fire Prevention were drawn by some Village School kids and five were chosen as winners, those artists and parents were delivered to school by fire truck during Fire Prevention Week. Thank you to those that helped with and made these days fun and exciting for the students.

Our families support, the town boards, the dedicated town staff and community the support we receive all are very important to our success. Thank you too all.

To a safe and healthy 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip K. Neily  
Fire Chief



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# Heritage Commission

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## ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**The Enfield Heritage Commission will properly recognize, protect, and promote the historic and esthetic resources that are significant to our community, be they natural, built, or cultural. The Commission will work co-operatively with other educational and civic organizations in fulfilling its mission.**

**Membership Changes:** The Heritage Commission Welcomed Alice Kennedy as the Select Board's representative on the commission. Meredith Smith resigned from the commission. Mrs. Smith has led the Heritage Commission since she sponsored the 2001 warrant article that led to its creation. The commission accepted her resignation with regret and gratitude for her years of service. Vice Chair Madeleine Johnson replaced Meredith Smith as the commission's chairman. Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green and Linda Jones continued as members. Suzanne Hinman is an alternate member.

**Purchase of LaSalette Site: Together Again.** Enfield's historic assets achieved an important addition with the purchase by the Enfield Shaker Museum of the former site of the LaSalette shrine and offices; a total of five buildings. This is an important undertaking and an investment that will raise Enfield's profile as a destination for historic tourism in New England. Members of the Heritage Commission participated directly in fundraising and planning the purchase as well as contributing ideas about this important institution's role in Enfield's future.

**By-way Grant:** Enfield, as the only town in NH to be selected for a Federal Scenic Byways grant, is currently working on a plan that will include a pedestrian walkway between the Shaker Museum and Shaker Bridge, blinker lights at the Museum and Shakoma Beach, and sidewalk improvements along Main Street. The grant, totaling about \$730,000, will provide much needed infrastructure improvements. Heritage Commission members have been actively involved in the Enfield Shaker Bridge Scenic Byway which is currently awaiting a decision for approval of the extensive expansion of the Byway. \*It should be noted that the Scenic Byway program is a federal program and not associated with the Scenic Roads program.

**Mooseplate Grant.** On June 23, 2023, Enfield applied for a grant to cover work on the Town House in Enfield Center. The application seeks funds to replace the granite steps, add a railing and undertake several other necessary repairs. Unfortunately, Enfield was not selected for a Mooseplate Grant for this funding period. Amy Dixon at NH Historic Resources explained that the State funding had been cut for the Mooseplate program and there were a record number of applicants for the 2023 funding period.

**Town House:** In July, the Heritage Commission participated in Old Home Days with open houses of the three buildings in the Enfield Center Historic District. Over forty visitors toured the three buildings. Visitors were curious and enthusiastic about the Town House and its potential to be used as a site for community (and possibly private) events. Solving the lack of parking and sanitary facilities remain long-term goals of the Commission.

**Local Historic District in Enfield Center:** At Town Meeting in March 2023, Enfield citizens voted to adopt an amendment to the Enfield's Zoning Ordinance to create the Enfield Center Historic District. The "Historic Triangle" district, which consists of the Town House, Union Church and the School House in Enfield Center, was created pursuant to a warrant article Heritage Commission members Meredith Smith and Madeleine Johnson presented to the town's Planning Board in January 2023. The change to the Zoning Ordinance passed with 289 votes "for" and 86 "against".

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**Conferences:** Members of the Heritage Commission expanded their knowledge by attending conferences on historic preservation. On April 13, 2024, Meredith Smith and Madeleine Johnson attended a National Alliance of Historic Preservation Commissions, which was sponsored by the Heritage Commission of Lebanon. Speakers from across the country shared experience and knowledge that Enfield commission members found interesting and applicable to our town. On May 5, 2024, commission member Linda Jones attended the NH Preservation Alliance conference in Claremont.

**Other Heritage Organizations:** The Heritage Commission cooperates with other local preservation organizations. Heritage Commission member Linda Jones acts as liaison with the Mascoma Valley Preservation, which she is a member of.

**Increasing Public Awareness:** The Heritage Commission constantly seeks ways to engage both the community of Enfield and the Upper Valley in promoting preservation. Over the year, the commission discussed a historic plaque program, which would recognize significant buildings in Enfield's National Historic Register District (one of the largest in NH) and creating an award for Enfield citizens or businesses for excellence in historic renovation or preservation. Another initiative that has been discussed is organizing workshops for the general public on practical topics such as restoring foundations, selecting windows and integrating new technology into historic buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine Johnson  
Chair

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## Land Use & Community Development Department

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Your Land Use and Community Development Administrator was quite busy in 2023. There were twenty three Planning Board Meetings, seven Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) Meetings, Many other relevant events were attended, see below for details.

Conferences, trainings, and special meetings attended include:

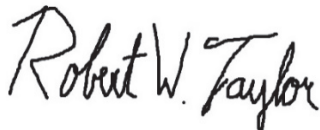
- The New England Chapter of American Planners Association (NECAPA) Annual Conference at Wentworth by the Sea in Newcastle, NH
- The NH Planner's Association (NHPA) Spring Conference in Plymouth, NH and Annual Meeting in Manchester, NH
- Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings
- Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) Brownfields Advisory Committee
- Vital Communities- Upper Valley Transportation Management Association (UVTMA)
- Upper Valley Board of Realtors (UVBOR) Affiliates and General Meetings
- The "Housing We Need" Roundtable at the Center for Ethics in Society, Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH
- Panelist on the "Communities and Consequences III" – NHPBS, Durham, NH
- Enfield Village Association (EVA) Economic Development Sub-committee

Other activities that the Town's Land Use and Community Development Administrator was involved in include:

- Continued service on the Town of Enfield Executive Team
- Served on the Enfield Emergency Operation Planning team to update the Emergency Plan.
- Attending EVA Monthly Networking Events at numerous local businesses and organizations
- Attending the Vital Communities Housing Leaders Breakfast
- Inspecting the Town's last active gravel pit for compliance with State of NH Laws (a condition for permit renewal).
- Meeting with businesses and developers to discuss opportunities to build and/or grow in Enfield.
- Fielding daily inquiries regarding possible development, real estate transactions and consulting with potential buyers regarding the Town's Zoning Ordinance provisions.

The Land Use and Community Development Department office is located at the Department of Public Works (DPW) facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. The Administrator is available Monday through Friday to discuss any land use projects that you would like to discuss. You can also call 603-442-5427 or email: [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us)

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Taylor, Land Use and Community Development Administrator

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# Library

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## ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**The mission of the Enfield Public Library is to be a focal point of the Enfield community by providing all residents and community members with a variety of resources and activities that educate, enrich, and entertain. The library strives to provide a welcoming environment that inspires lifelong learning and community engagement.**

With the combination of our physical collection, digital and interlibrary loan services we were able to support the information needs of the Enfield library community. In 2023, we circulated 18,738 physical items to our patrons. Hoopla, Kanopy, and NH Overdrive digital services remained popular this year with 8,741 circulations. We borrowed 1,073 items from libraries across the state via the Interlibrary loan system for our patrons.

We offered 211 library programs with an attendance of 4,181 adults and children. For our adult programs, we hosted mystery, fiction, and non-fiction book group sessions, including a meeting led by a New Hampshire Humanities facilitator; arts and crafts classes, including creating altered books, watercolor painting, calligraphy, Zentangle, and ornament painting; poetry sharing meetings; and a cookbook club. We held five author events: Carolyn Cook, Sarah Stewart Taylor, Annie Hartnett, Jamie Orr, and Joni B. Cole. The Evelyn Crate Fund generously supported author Sarah Stewart Taylor's visit and the book bags for seniors' program. Special thanks to Dolores Struckhoff and her family for the continued support of this fund.

Other programs included a tiny canvas art show with participants ranging in ages 3 to 80. With 125 canvases completed for display, we considered this program an enormous success and we look forward to doing it again in 2024. Library programs for the town children included story times at the library, Huse Park, and the Community Building; summer reading programming, culminating in a performance by Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals; weekly crafts; Lego Thursdays; and the installation of the permanent Story Walk® at the Shaker Recreation fields, which was generously supported by the Eastman Charitable Foundation.

Our biggest project of the year was that we MOVED the library! Eight hundred boxes and thirty-six rolls of packing tape later, the library successfully moved to its temporary location while Whitney Hall is renovated. What a unique time in the life of this library. Our new location is in the former LaSalette giftshop at 410 NH Route 4A, Building 1. Come visit us! We have two thousand of our most popular and frequently asked for items browsable. If the item you are looking for is not on display, we can pull it from our boxed collection or request it from another library. We are ready and able to continue to meet your library information needs.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Minshall  
Director

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## Library Trustees

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2023 was an extremely busy and exciting year for the Enfield Public Library. After planning and fundraising to provide more space for the library since 2007, it is at last becoming a reality! The expansion will significantly enlarge the library's size and enhance its services and programs.

The trustees and Kate Minshall, our Library Director, have been attending meetings regularly with the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee Design Team and have been involved in the Whitney Hall Renovation/Expansion Project throughout the process.

In April, Bread Loaf Corporation of Middlebury, VT was awarded the contract for the construction of the Whitney Hall Renovation/Expansion. We are fortunate that Bread Loaf applied for the job. They are a highly respected corporation and have been a pleasure to work with. Decisions on final design changes were expeditiously put in place. Due to unprecedented inflation, it was necessary to cut some square footage of the project to stay within the \$5.8 million that the voters had approved for spending at the 2022 Town Meeting. The Groundbreaking Ceremony took place on January 16<sup>th</sup> with a celebratory group of supporters on hand. For more information, please visit: [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us)

Getting the library packed up and ready to be moved was a monumental task for Kate and the library staff (remarkable teamwork). The trustees are so grateful for the amazing job of organizing and packing up the whole library that they accomplished. They did all this while keeping the library open and providing all the services that the patrons are accustomed to having available.

With the sale of the La Salette Shrine property to the Enfield Shaker Museum, there were two buildings available that would work well as a temporary location for the library and town offices. This arrangement works so well for all.

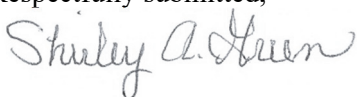
The library has reopened at its temporary location in the former La Salette gift shop. If you haven't already, I encourage you to stop by, I believe you will be astonished by the temporary library that Kate and the staff have created. It is so warm and welcoming, and it is amazing how many programs and services they can continue to offer the community. For more information, please visit: [enfield.aspendiscovery.org](http://enfield.aspendiscovery.org)

Library trustees continue to fundraise to reduce the amount the town has to borrow for this project. All gifts to the library will be applied to library-related construction costs of the project. We are indebted to Mark Johnson and Dominic Albanese for the countless hours, expertise, and talent they have so generously given for many years to guide our fundraising.

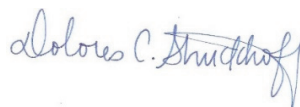
By state statute, the library trustees provide administrative, budgetary, and facility oversight of the library. We meet monthly on the second Monday; we welcome your attendance. Each of us is happy to answer questions that you may have at any time.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley A. Green  
Co-Chair/Treasurer



Dolores C. Struckhoff  
Co-Chair



Francine R. Lozeau, Secretary

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## Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee

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In 2023, the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee had a productive year dedicated to committee meetings and hands-on work. Tasks included removing invasive plants, maintaining trails, tending to garden beds, and enhancing the park's appearance. The DPW crew played a vital role in preserving the park's beauty by plowing snow, mowing grass, and actively participating in its upkeep.

Volunteer workdays involved collaboration from various organizations and community members to eradicate invasive species. The committee is developing a "wish list" for additional picnic tables, focusing on inclusivity for individuals with disabilities. Plans also include adding native trees and plants for community members to honor loved ones.

Special recognition goes to Doug Smith, Meredith Smith, and Kate McMullen for their exceptional contributions in grant writing, fundraising, land conservation, and historical preservation. Their dedication has been instrumental in the park's success. The committee expresses deep gratitude for their invaluable contributions.

Under Doug Smith's leadership, the committee successfully met a challenge grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, resulting in a total grant of \$250,000. These funds will enhance the parking lot, establish an ADA accessible trail, and create features like a NH Pollinator Garden and outdoor classroom area. The park remains committed to environmental conservation and accessibility.

A memorial grove of Red Maple Trees will be planted in honor of Paul Mirski, thanks to generous donations totaling \$5000. Mascoma Lakeside Park was made possible by the support of over 125 donors and grant funding agencies. The community can take pride in Lakeside Park as a symbol of collective effort, with gratitude extended to all contributors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattie Fried  
Acting Vice Chair

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## Old Home Days Committee

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Since its inception over 100 years ago, Old Home Day has continued to be faithfully observed in towns throughout the Granite State. About 13 years ago, after a bit of a hiatus, Enfield's Old Home Day was rejuvenated and expanded to a series of events over three days.

In 2023 Enfield Old Home Days consisted of a number of events spanning over three days – July 14 – 16. These events are coordinated by our Old Home Days Committee with Enfield community organizations.

Events were kicked off on Friday with a barbeque and music at Huse Park. A myriad of events followed on Saturday including a Community Luther Church yard sale & luncheon, bounce houses in Huse Park, an afternoon concert at Mascoma Lakeside Park, a community picnic, Library ice cream social, Union Church open house, historic tours of the Enfield Center Town House and Enfield Center schoolhouse, lobster bake and roll box dinner and topped off by a dance at the Shaker Museum Stone Mill building. Festivities ended on Sunday with a Makers Fair of local artists and craftspeople at the Stone Mill, and Enfield Shaker Museum open house, Lockehaven schoolhouse open house and Conservation Commission sponsored hike to Cole Pond. As you can see there's something for everyone!

Old Home Days dates have been moving around a bit in recent years, but it was decided in 2023 to return to the last full weekend of July. For those coming home to Enfield for these events from places afar we hope this consistent schedule will make scheduling your homecoming celebrations in Enfield a little bit easier. We look forward to seeing you July 26-28, 2024!

Old Home Days could not happen without its volunteers and the cooperation and participation of local community groups. Thank you all! We look forward to working with you all again in 2024!

We think we're rather a fun group. And who doesn't like planning a party? If you're interested in becoming a volunteer on this committee simply fill out an Application for Committee/Board membership (online at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/files/application-committeeboard-membership>) and send it to [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us) or drop off a completed copy at the Town Manager's Office.

### **Members**

Lisa Rinella, Chair  
Shirley Green, Treasurer  
Josh Adjutant  
Elizabeth Labonte  
Daisy Coppins

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## Parks & Recreation Department

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### ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**The mission of the Enfield Parks & Recreation Department is to provide safe and varied recreational activities in our community for residents of all ages.**

In 2022 Enfield Parks and Recreation was able to see the continuation of multiple programs as well as the expansion of traditionally run programs and the start of an all-new event. The year began with the Whaleback Ski and Ride program which was open to everyone who wanted to participate. Running alongside the Whaleback program was the Mascoma Elementary Cross-Country Skiing program which the department supported running for the programs 22nd year of the program. In spring the Recreation Department stuffed over a thousand eggs for the Town of Enfield, Easter Egg Hunt. Along with waiting around Huse Park for the egg hunt to start 6 golden eggs were hidden around the park for guests to the event to find.


The summer saw the return of the Enfield Recreation Summer Camp which was packed full of kids and activities throughout the 6-week program, Challenger Soccer Camp held at Shaker Ball Field, Volleyball Camp, and the Shooters Gold Basketball Camp that was hosted in the summer at Mascoma Valley Regional High School. Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, and Bone Builders were able to continue in person at the Community Building. The Enfield Market returned to Huse Park on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from May until October. The Enfield Police Department also teamed up with the Recreation Department to bring multiple Movies in the Park creating a fun safe atmosphere for community members to gather and enjoy a fun outdoor activity that we hope to continue in the future as well. Movies shown this year were, Top Gun, Top Gun: Mavrick being the summer movies, Ghostbusters shown after the town Halloween event and Elf shown the weekend of Christmas.

In the fall the 2nd annual Enfield Halloween Night took place in Huse Park. Which saw the pavilion at Huse Park be turned into a Haunted House and the baseball field outfield turned into a trunk-or-treat with a small Halloween themed carnival games and the infield having touch a truck with Enfield Public Safety vehicles. The second year of the event was even better than anticipated with over 650+ kids attending the event and over 1,700 people going through the Haunted House. The Trunk-or-treat saw the biggest turn out for event with 21 local businesses, organizations, and town residents to help spread the spook to area children. In December, Recreation teamed up with the Enfield Village Association and Enfield Police Department to help with some of the activities of Hometown Holidays.

In July the Recreation Department and the Enfield Town Library joined efforts with adding a StoryWalk trail to the Shaker Recreation Park. The StoryWalk is comprised of 18 signs that are interchangeable that will be used to help spread the value of exercise and literacy in the Enfield community. The first Story for the summer and fall season was A Good Place by Lucy Cousins.

The Recreation Commission was filled again with four continuing members and was able to get to work understanding the roles and needs of recreation in our town along with full-time Recreation Director.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Marker  
Recreation Director



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## Planning Board

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2023 was an active year for the Enfield Planning Board. A total of eleven (11) public hearings were held for regular Planning Board projects (see the breakdown below), The Planning Board also held three (3) “conceptual discussions” with property owners to discuss projects that were still in their nascent stages. A major topic on the Planning Board’s agenda for most of the year was a NH “Housing Opportunity Planning” (NH-HOP) Grant. We received notification in May that our application for \$62,344 was approved to pay for a consultant/contractor to assist with development of new zoning ordinance language. A contractor was selected in mid-2023, however we were informed later in the year that the company would be leaving the USA for New Zealand. This presented a significant obstacle to overcome. Luckily, we were able to contract with two new companies called Resilience Planning and Design as well as Mark Fougere Planning and Development for this work. 2024 will be a big year for this project with the plan being to have new regulations, produced with ample community input, by the year’s end. Funding is received from the InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program, funded by the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs as part of the \$100 million InvestNH Initiative with ARPA State Fiscal Recovery funds. This award will be administered jointly by NH Housing, Plan NH, and UNH Cooperative Extension.

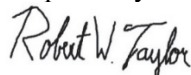
Major Site Plan Review-	2	Boundary Line Adjustment-	3
Minor Site Plan Review-	1	Minor Subdivision-	2
Voluntary Lot Merger-	2	Scenic Road Hearing-	1

As a result of Town Meeting 2023 votes, the following Zoning Ordinance amendments were implemented:

- Increased the number of allowed Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) from one (1) to two (2) in all zoning districts that allow single family homes. This also included the addition of a new section “422” defining ADUs.
- Decreased the lot size allowed in the “R1” district to one quarter (1/4) acre where municipal sewer is used. Previously, the minimum lot size was one half (1/2) acre where municipal sewer was used.
- Removed the words “dwelling or” from the language in the “R1” district restrictions (paragraph “U”).
- Increased the building/structure setback from a Prime Wetland to 100 ft.
- Created a “Local Historic District” overlay in Enfield Center. The district consists of only three buildings in the village and will have no impact on the tax rate (requested by the Enfield Heritage Commission).
- Updated the Enfield Floodplain Development Ordinance as Requested by the State of NH and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Planning Board’s meeting schedule for 2024 will continue with business meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday every month. Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of each month are reserved for “work sessions” for miscellaneous other board work. Contact the Land Use office anytime with any questions, comments, or concerns. We encourage public participation at all meetings and will be looking for wide public input at various planning meetings and events throughout the year. Have a great 2024!

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Taylor, Land Use and Community Development Administrator

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## Police Department

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### ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**It is the mission of the Enfield Police Department to fairly enforce the law in an impartial and sensitive manner; to secure a safe and healthy environment for the community; and to provide competent, professional and dedicated police service, which places emphasis on protecting the fundamental Constitutional rights and privileges of all people.**

2023 was a new challenge for the officers of the Enfield Police Department. The departure of 3 officers in a short time period in an era where recruiting and retention of officers is a struggle presented the largest obstacle. The dedicated officers of the department stepped up and continued to provide excellent service to our citizens. We were fortunate to have our newest officer Matt Ocker attend and complete the academy, graduating from the New Hampshire Police Academy after completing the 640 hour course. He then completed the 480 hours Field Training Program. In August Officer Ocker completed the required training and I am happy to say has been a great addition to our team.

The Enfield Police Department continues to search for qualified applicants to fill any open positions. The department has reviewed over 100 applications and tested more than 50 applicants during this process. As we move into 2024, we will have 1 last vacancy to fill within the department. During 2023 the department started a recruitment and retention program. This program will help assist with recruiting for vacant positions in the future and will also help with retaining the current officers that we have. Recruiting in New Hampshire and many other areas of the country continues to be a struggle with more and more departments offering large sign-on and retention bonuses.

The members of the department would like to thank all our citizens in Enfield for your continued support of the department. We could not do the things we do without it. All the members of the department enjoy meeting and talking with our citizens. Please consider attending one of our many community events and take time to talk with the officers. I would also like to thank all the staff of the department. The dedication they have shown to our community and its residents is special and is part of what makes Enfield a great place to live. Please contact the department whenever you have a concern. No issues are too small as we are here to help you. We can always be reached at 632-7501 or 9-1-1 in an emergency.

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**2023 Police Activity Report**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Service Calls	5,238	7,941	8,726	8,034	9,710	9,610
Reportable Motor Vehicle Accidents	42	53	54	40	68	73
Fatal	0	1	1	1	0	0
Assaults	6	8	16	16	12	20
Burglary	3	0	2	4	4	7
Theft	12	14	14	17	23	28
Sexual Assaults	7	6	6	6	7	7
Auto Thefts	0	2	0	0	2	0
DWI	13	13	11	25	24	25
Homicides	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs	53	27	29	35	57	43
Criminal Arrests	137	145	117	106	187	169
MV Summons	94	102	114	108	193	203
MV Warnings	1,885	3,087	1,820	1,810	2,938	3,365

Respectfully submitted,



Roy F. Holland Jr.  
Chief of Police

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## Public Works Department

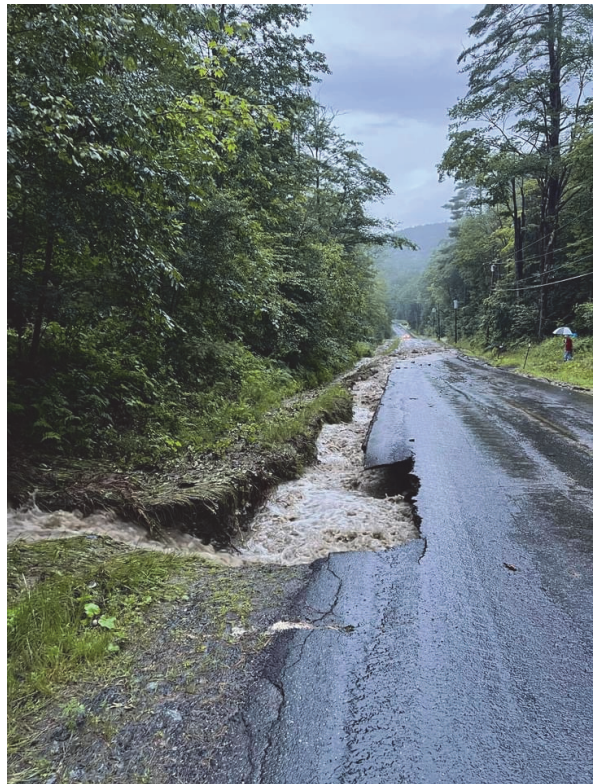
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This past year's El Nino weather pattern caused a very wet summer that saw severe storms and rain events making it difficult to complete regular maintenance activities. The Public works Department spent a great deal of time repairing storm damage and compiling data to participate in the FEMA Public Assistance Program. Mud season made appearances in both March and December of 2023.

The culvert on Oak Hill Road located near the intersection of Oak Hill and Grafton Pond Roads was replaced with a two-lane wooden bridge installed by Hansen Bridge Company. The Town Highway Department oversaw several paving projects: Lockehaven Road from Potato Road to the Grafton town line, George Hill Road from NH Rte. 4A to Palmer Road, and Fitzgerald Drive all received an overlay of asphalt. Maple Street was shimmed after the completion of the water main replacement project and is scheduled for a full overlay in 2024. The Highway Department replaced twenty cross street culverts and improved ditches around town. The Department spent many hours repairing the damage to Town roads caused by severe storms in early July. These storms were declared a Federal Disaster, and the Town will be receiving grant aid from FEMA to cover 75% of the completed repairs. DPW Staff also constructed a 36' x 72' storage building using mostly recycled materials.

The Grounds Crew was short staffed for much of the year and had to deal with wet conditions in all parks and cemeteries making it a challenge to complete mowing tasks. The crew assisted the Cemetery Sexton with 16 burials and the replacement of the cemetery name signs. A tree was planted at Lakeside Park as part of the Arbor Day celebration.

A mile of 1903 era water main leading from US Route 4 up Maple Street to the Marsh Well Site in Canaan was replaced over the summer by L & M Service Contractors. Thirty-six residences were connected to the new 8" water main and several new fire hydrants were added. Two new wells were drilled on the Marsh Well property and both look promising. The wells will be pump tested and water quality will be examined prior to full development and permitting. The approved sewer project began with a camera study of approximately three quarters of the village





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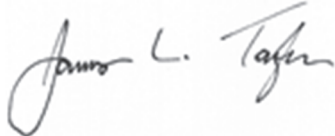
collection system. The videos will be reviewed and pipes and structures in need of repair will be combined into a project for the summer and fall of 2024. The Water and Sewer Department made progress on the automatic meter reading installation project with over eight percent of the installations completed for the fourth quarter billing period. New pumps were installed in the Prior 1 and Marsh Wells.

The solid waste contract with Casella was renewed for five more years. Part of this renewal requires the Town to share in some of the risk associated with the volatile recycling markets. The price per ton of Zero-Sort has gone up significantly from the terms of previous contracts. Also included in the new contract is the replacement of all read load dumpsters located in Enfield with the front loader type to facilitate better labor efficiency and safety. Tipping fees for trash at the Lebanon Landfill will be increasing by 15% in 2024.

The Department was saddened when one of our Water Operators, Norm Ruel, passed away unexpectedly. Steve Muszynski was hired to assume those duties in October. Ben Hurley was hired as a Light Equipment Operator to fill the vacancy left by Todd Gammell and Nicolette Huscha was hired as a Grounds Crew Laborer to fill the vacancy left by Rick Shaffer.

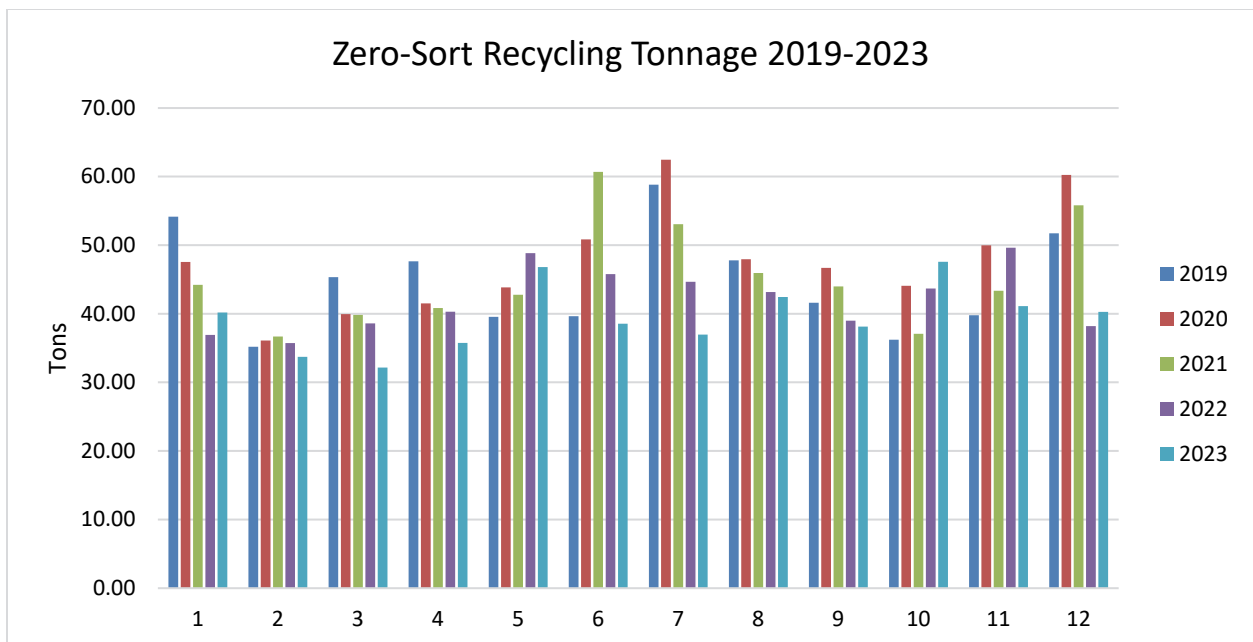
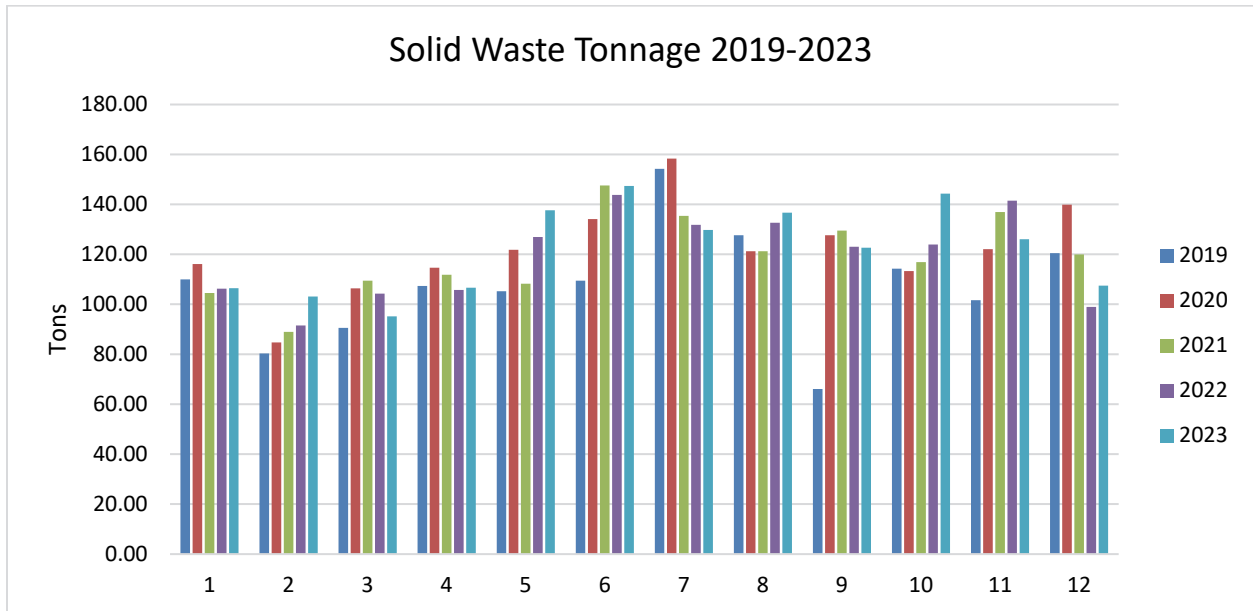
The Public Works Department hours are daily 7AM-4PM or other times by appointment. Public Works information is available on the Town Website [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Taylor" clearly distinguishable.

Jim Taylor

## Solid Waste & Recycling







## Northeast Resource Recovery Association

*"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"*

### ENFIELD, NH, TOWN OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SUCH ACTIVE RECYCLERS!

Recycling isn't just good for your wallet, it's great for the environment, saving energy and resources.

*The Northeast Resource Recovery Association – your recycling nonprofit – helped market the recyclable materials listed below to be processed into raw materials, ready to be remanufactured into new products!*

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	2023 RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is just one benefit of recycling materials, rather than manufacturing new products from virgin resources.
ELECTRONICS	11,573 LBS	 You saved enough energy to power <b>325</b> homes for 1 day!
SCRAP METAL	182,780 LBS	 You saved <b>272,342</b> pounds of iron ore!

### AVOIDED EMISSIONS



Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you avoided about **894,576 lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions**. This is equivalent to removing **90 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year!

\*\*The above data was calculated using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Reduction Model (WARM).

2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234 | 603.736.4401 | [info@nrrarecycles.org](mailto:info@nrrarecycles.org) | [www.nrrarecycles.org](http://www.nrrarecycles.org) | [f /NRRAreycles](https://www.facebook.com/NRRAreycles)

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## Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee

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2023 saw the Enfield Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Advisory Committee gain momentum from new members and new energy. We are pleased to report that this group now includes a full complement of five members (see roster below). This committee scheduled four meetings in 2023. The major discussion point at all meetings was the Town's TIF Plan. This plan is a mandated document, required by the enabling legislation from the State of NH, which guides the TIF program. A review was made of items listed on the plan and ideas were presented for new additions to the plan. As a concept, TIF has performed very well in Enfield. The natural increase in values, combined with new development within the district has meant a surplus in funds is available. Extra payments have been made on the major expenditure's debt, however, there is a consensus from the TIF committee that these funds can and should be put to use for economic development within the district as originally intended. A revised plan TIF Plan is to be presented at Town Meeting to offer a way forward. The committee hopes and needs to have the community's support for this to happen.

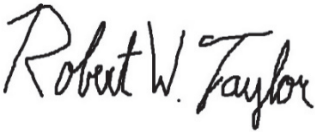
### **TIF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Andrew Bernier- Chair  
Benjamin Shapiro  
Bruce Bergeron  
Erik Russell  
Bobbi Lynds

### **ENFIELD STAFF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TIF COMMITTEE**

Rob Taylor, Land Use and Community Development Administrator  
Ed Morris, Town Manager

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Taylor,  
Land Use and Community Development Administrator



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## Welfare

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The Town of Enfield, Human Services Department is a branch of local government that provides relief to Enfield residents in need of financial assistance.

The Human Services Director is responsible for dispersing aid in the form of vouchers for rent, security deposits, prevention of eviction, fuel, utilities, food, and prescriptions.

The Human Services Director works in unison with several local service agencies, including but not limited to, Social Security Administration, State of NH Health & Human Services, WISE, WIC, Listen, Tri-County Community Action Programs, in order to provide information, referrals, and assistance to residents.

In the year 2023, a total of \$22,185.52 was disbursed to 10 households consisting of 14 adults and 12 children. Of the other 6 clients, 1 was a part of the homeless population, and clients were referred to Listen, Tri- County Cap, Elderly & Adult Services, VA of White River, WISE and Southwestern Community Services located in Claremont, NH.

There was no reimbursement made by client(s) from services rendered in 2022.

The breakdown of the money disbursed in 2023, is as follows:

Rent/Security Deposits	\$17,065
Mortgage	\$990.97
Electric	\$0
Heating Fuel	\$465.64
Miscellaneous-	\$3,266
Prescriptions	\$0
Donated Funds Used	\$397.91
Direct Cremation	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,185.52</b>

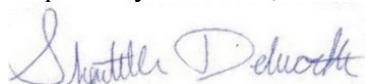
The Fuel Fund was established in October 2008 by the Board of Selectman after being approached by residents who were concerned with the problem of rising fuel prices and the drastic measures residents in need were taking to heat their homes. Balance of Fuel Fund \$534.36.

The local food pantries are a true asset to our area communities, However, throughout the year we depend on support from the community to provide food cards from local grocery stores to provide to families in need, fresh items such as meat, dairy bread, eggs, baby formula and other perishable items, as well as personal care items that may be needed on an emergency basis when the local food pantries are not available or if the needed items are not currently available at our local pantries.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made donations of Food Cards and/or the Fuel Fund throughout the year of 2023.

The Human Services Department hours are Monday-Friday, 7AM-3PM or other times by appointment. Human Services information is available on the Town Website: [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us)

Respectfully submitted,



Shantelle Delworth, Human Services Administrator

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## Zoning Board of Adjustment

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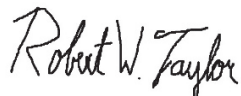
2023 saw the Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) hold eight (8) public hearings. These included six (6) variance applications, one (1) special exception application, and one (1) equitable waiver application. As per usual, many of the zoning variance applications have to do with setback issues, known as “area variances”. Enfield’s Zoning Ordinance has three different types of setbacks. First, there is the setback to the street giving access to a lot. In this case the setback is measured not from the side of the road, but rather the property lot line, considering the road’s true width, including shoulders and drainage. Think “stonewall to stonewall” for this. Second, is the setbacks to the other lot boundaries, such as the side and back lot lines. Third, is the setback to any water bodies (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, and wetlands). If you are considering a project, please be aware of these “buffers” before building. A little planning and forethought will go a long way!

Zoning Violations addressed by the Land Use Administrator included:

- Investigation of non-compliant lighting fixtures at Exit 16. Enfield’s zoning requires “full cutoff” fixtures. Call the Land Use administrator with questions or to see examples of compliant fixtures.
- Encroachment of setbacks at Shedd Street.
- Investigation of an illegal camper on Wescott Road. Campers are allowed to be used on vacant lots for six months in a calendar year. For lots with a residence, campers are only allowed to be used for three weeks in a calendar year.
- Investigation of another illegal camper in use along Shaker Blvd.

All Land Use meetings (including the Zoning Board of Adjustment) meetings continue to offer a “hybrid” format, with both in person and online attendance options. Web meeting login information as well as meeting agendas and minutes are always available on the Town’s website: [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us) Contact the Land Use office anytime with any questions, comments, or concerns. If you feel that there is a potential zoning violation taking place, we are available to take your information. The Board also asks the citizens of Enfield to consider applying for an “alternate member” seat on the ZBA. Have a great 2024!

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Taylor  
Land Use and Community Development Administrator



Enfield saw a significant increase in bus ridership in 2023, with **1,524 trips taken on Advance Transit from and to Enfield compared to 978 in 2022**. We are grateful to all of the Enfield residents who rode Advance Transit last year, and we welcome any who are interested in Enfield's convenient, fare-free public transit system to check out our new instructional videos and brochures on our website at <https://advancetransit.com/how-to-ride/>

#### **Enhanced Schedules and Easier Connections:**

- **Schedule Changes:** September 2023 brought revised schedules to streamline information for our Enfield riders. The **Enfield-Canaan Commuter** now appears separately from the Blue Route in our schedule and website to simplify transfers and trip planning. The new Enfield-Canaan Commuter schedule can be downloaded at <https://advancetransit.com/routes/enfield-canaan-commuter/>. Paper schedules are available at many community locations and on board every AT bus.
- **New Connection:** A 7:00 AM Lebanon stop was added to the 6:46 AM Enfield bus, facilitating transfers to the Red Route and connecting riders to DHMC and Hanover with the Blue Route.
- **Flag Stop Flexibility:** Unlike other AT routes, the Enfield-Canaan Commuter allows passengers to request to get on or off the bus anywhere along the route deemed safe by the driver. Highlighting the Enfield-Canaan Commuter separately from the Blue Route makes it easier for us to communicate this information to new riders. If you are interested in riding to or from a flag stop location, please call 802-295-1824 for trip planning assistance.

#### **Planning for the Future:**

- **Transit Development Plan (TDP):** As we move into 2024, the update to our five-year strategic plan is nearing completion. Your requests for mid-day Enfield trips have been heard and will be included in the plan.
- **Past TDP Successes:** Advance Transit has a strong history of fulfilling past plan recommendations, such as the 15-minute Blue Route service and expanded evening/Saturday hours for several routes.
- **Moving Our Mission Forward:** While the TDP is not a guaranteed budget or project implementation timeline, we use it as a guide for grant applications and operational planning to help us meet the community's transit needs.

We hope to fulfill this community request for additional service in the years to come. The TDP provides cost and ridership estimates that will help us apply for Federal Transit Administration grants, which cover between 50 and 80 percent of expenses from our operations. To receive these federal grants, we must also raise funds from local sources, which include contributions from institutions like Dartmouth College and DHMC; operating support from the state of New Hampshire; contributions from Enfield and all the municipalities in our service area; donations from riders, individuals, foundations, and local businesses; and revenue earned through our advertising and sponsorship programs. We are so grateful for support from all of these groups, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration in years to come to make this important service available to you and your neighbors.

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## Crystal Lake Improvement Association

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2023 was a hard year for most of New Hampshire's lakes and Crystal Lake Enfield was no exception. Beginning with the major storm event in July there were continuing storm impacts on the lake throughout the summer. These major storms created an influx of pollution from multiple sources creating a need for additional water testing with the additional labor and cost created. On some occasions volunteers gathered samples and personally transported these samples to DES in Concord for evaluation. Thanks to the support of a local environmentally concerned individual these additional costs were covered with no impact on the Association.

In addition, we continued our annual efforts in conjunction with NH LAKES to protect Crystal Lake from the introduction of invasive species by providing Lake Host inspectors at the boat ramp on Algonquin Road and our NH DES Weed Watching Program. We continued our long-term water testing efforts with UNH and introduced many community members to the NH LAKES Lake Smart Program,

We also continued our work with the Loon Preservation Committee in support of our resident loons. Unfortunately, due to the constant high water conditions the loons were unsuccessful in their nesting attempts.

Glyn Green  
President  
Crystal Lake, Enfield, Improvement Association

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## Enfield Village Association

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*The mission of the Enfield Village Association (EVA) is to enhance the town's cultural, historical, recreational and natural resources while promoting economic development.*

“KEEP THE GOOD THINGS HAPPENING!”

2023 was a busy year for the Enfield Village Association as we continue to rebuild momentum lost during the COVID shutdown and its aftermath.

The Shaker 7 Race is a good example of this. 2022 marked the first race since COVID shut it down. We had 98 runners. Last year, the race rebounded with 161 runners, a 62% increase! The 2024 race is scheduled for the fourth Sunday in June, which is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The seven-mile course starts at the Recreation Field on Route 4A and loops around the southern portion of Mascoma Lake. Runners of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend. There is also a three-mile Fun Walk.

The fall “Smilecrow” program expanded to 120 ‘crows scattered around town and in front of local businesses. We are looking for a co-chairperson to assist veteran chairperson Linda Zoller-McKibbin in 2024. If you would like to join this fun event, please contact the EVA office.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Enfield Village Association is offering a \$500 scholarship to a Mascoma High School senior who lives in Enfield and has an interest in entrepreneurship, a two-year college, or a vocational program. We observed individuals new to the workforce and/or starting their own business tend to be under supported. As part of our Economic Development program, EVA looks forward to championing a deserving senior to help them get started in a business career.

Over 1,800 volunteer hours fueled EVA events and activities last year. Green-up Days, Main St. Flower Gardens, Shaker 7 Race, Harvest Fest Scarecrows, Main St. Holiday Decorations, and monthly Business Coffees are all organized and carried out by volunteers. EVA joined with other community organizations for Hometown Holidays, which included Santa’s Mailbox, Christmas Coloring Contest, Gingerbread House Decorating Contest and the Business Passport Contest, all sponsored by EVA.

The EVA Board cordially invites your ideas and participation in our activities. To get involved, please contact an EVA board member, or leave a message at the EVA office.

Submitted by,

C. Harrison Trumbull, President  
charrison616@me.com

### Board Members:

Harrison Trumbull, President

Julie Eckert, Vice President

Maynard Southard, Treasurer

Linda Meltzer, Secretary

Alice Kennedy (Member & Select Board Rep)

Dawn Archambeault – Special Thanks to Dawn! She is stepping down from the board in January 2024 after several years and many successful contributions! She will continue to volunteer as S7 race director and other tasks as needed.

### Committees-Chaired by:

Beautification-Linda Zoller-McKibbin

Development-Harrison Trumbull

Economic Development-Julie Eckert

Finance-Maynard Southard

EVA Office Volunteer-Nancy Charbono  
Office: 603-632-7197  
email: [eva@enfieldmainstreet.org](mailto:eva@enfieldmainstreet.org)  
New Website: [www.enfieldvillageassociation.org](http://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org)

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## Report of Forest Fire Warden & State Forest Ranger

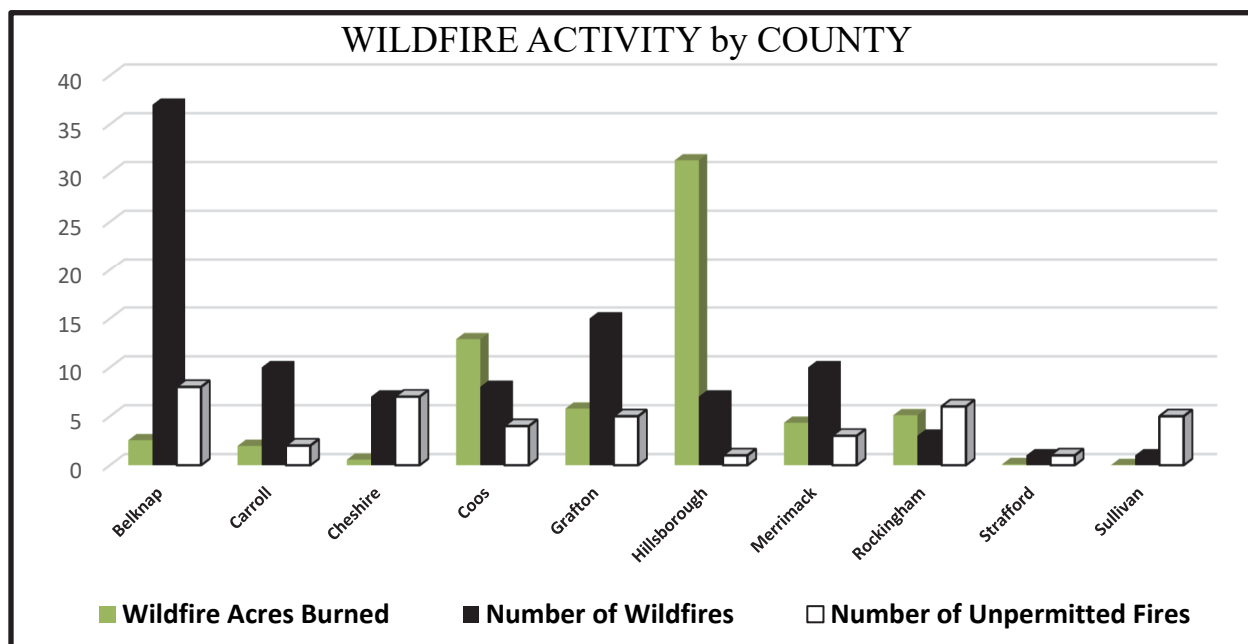
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This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdfl/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/). For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**





Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED	
Railroad operations & maintenance	0
Firearm & explosives use	0
Undetermined	22
Recreation & ceremony	3
Debris & open burning	80
Natural	4
Other causes	4
Power generation, transmission, distribution	10
Smoking	1
Arson	2
Misuse of fire by a minor	0
Equipment & vehicle use	4



Friends of Mascoma is a grassroots, 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 2014, dedicated to fostering educational advancements and nutritional well-being for students and their families within the Mascoma Valley Regional School District. As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for your continued support in our mission to make a positive impact in our community. Despite global financial challenges, your generous contributions have allowed us to adapt and maintain our commitment to supporting programs including:

**Awarded to Date:**

- \$6,500 to the Class of 2016
- \$14,500 to the Class of 2017
- \$16,000 to the Class of 2018
- \$16,000 to the Class of 2019
- \$16,000 to the Class of 2020
- \$20,500 to the Class of 2021
- \$22,500 to the Class of 2022
- \$23,500 to the Class of 2023

**Scholarships**

Started in 2016, our scholarship program supports Mascoma graduates who chose to pursue post-secondary education. FOM offers scholarships for a variety of career training and educational paths including trade schools, certificate programs and traditional two and four-year+ colleges. The application period runs from January 1st to April 15th each year. To date we have awarded \$135,500 in scholarships. To learn more visit [friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship](https://friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship). We look forward to awarding scholarships to the Class of 2024 in June.

**Mini-Grants**

Mini-grants are modest awards that help educators make a positive difference in the learning experience of their students. They are intended to support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas; some of which have included umbrellas, field trips, outdoor classrooms, lathes, visits from authors, science experiments and much more! We encourage out of the box thinking and look forward to what District staff will do next. For more information visit: [friendsofmascoma.org/mini-grants](https://friendsofmascoma.org/mini-grants).

**Friends Feeding Friends**

We are committed to combatting food insecurity in our district through our Friends Feeding Friends food pantries. This program provides food to the residents of the five district towns through our two public pantries and our pantry annex at the high school. We also provide boxes for families during school breaks and snacks that are distributed to all four schools. Recognizing the growing demand, our community continues to respond swiftly to help us address food insecurity and provides essential resources when our pantry shelves fall short. For more information visit: [friendsofmascoma.org/friends-feeding-friends](https://friendsofmascoma.org/friends-feeding-friends).

NH Gives, which takes place in June, proved to be a huge success due to our many wonderful donors, large and small. This 24-hour, annual fundraising drive affords us the opportunity to continue our mission of offering scholarships to our seniors, funding mini-grants to our district staff, stocking our pantry shelves, offering educational initiatives, and helping to support operating costs. In November, we kicked off Saturday night charity bingo at the Pellerin Event Center to provide further financial support to operations. We also partnered with high school staff to bring the first Future Opportunities Fair to students from 8th grade through 12th grade. Over 30 vendors including local businesses, trade schools, colleges, military, and first responders shared post-secondary career path options with students. FOM and the District collaborated to bring back the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Entering 2024, we are thrilled to announce our inclusion by the Co-op Food Stores as a Food Access Partner for 2024. This collaboration will enhance our efforts to ensure everyone has access to nutritious food.



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Your commitment has made these accomplishments possible, and we look forward to your continued support as we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

Have a question or want to be involved? We are always looking for new people to join our team! Contact us!

Thank you to the wonderful Enfield residents for your continued support and willingness to volunteer.

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**Grafton County Senior Citizens Council**  
10 Campbell Street, P.O. Box 433, Lebanon, NH 03766

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**REPORT 2022/2023**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services that support the health and well-being of our communities' older citizens as well as adults with disabilities. GCSCC's programs enable community members to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

GCSCC operates eight senior centers (located in Bristol, Canaan, Haverhill, Lebanon, Lincoln, Littleton, Orford, and Plymouth) and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP Volunteer Center (an AmeriCorps Seniors project). Through GCSCC's network, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home-delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

From July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, 201 older residents of Enfield were served by one or more of GCSCC's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center. In addition, 94 residents were served through ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Enfield enjoyed 4,587 meals prepared by GCSCC.
- Enfield residents received wellness calls, assistance with problems, crises, or issues of long-term care through 322 contacts with a trained outreach worker and 332 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Enfield residents participated in 1,861 health, education, or social activities.
- 75 door-to-door, on-demand bus rides were provided for Enfield residents.

The cost for GCSCC to provide services for Enfield residents in 2022-2023 was \$106,340.12.

Such services can be critical for older adults and adults with disabilities who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. Doing so saves tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. GCSCC's programs also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population ages, supportive services such as those offered by GCSCC are becoming even more critical.

GCSCC would very much appreciate Enfield's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older adults and adults with disabilities. GCSCC enables our community members to meet the challenges of aging, while remaining in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vasconcelos  
Executive Director



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At LISTEN Community Services we are passionate about helping families and individuals secure the resources that they need to be safe, fed, and housed. For over 50 years, LISTEN has been on the front lines providing services and support to meet the critical needs of Upper Valley individuals and families. Today, LISTEN coordinates multiple comprehensive social services across 30 towns in the Upper Valley region of VT and NH.

LISTEN's primary programs:

- Address food insecurity through our free food pantry and community dinners
- Provide housing assistance to help prevent evictions
- Assist with electric and fuel assistance to ensure safe and warm homes
- Supply gently-used clothes and household goods with thrift store vouchers
- Coordinate other personalized services to support clients' efforts to become self-sufficient.

These services are offered year-around, in addition to summer camp scholarships, general service coordination and client counsel, and referrals. LISTEN also operates three separate thrift stores in Canaan and Lebanon, NH and White River Junction, VT. We are the largest resource in the region where shoppers can purchase quality, affordable second-hand items.

Funding for LISTEN's programs is primarily driven by philanthropic support from individuals, foundations, civic and faith groups, and businesses. Additional funding comes from thrift stores revenue derived from the resale of local donations of clothing, housewares, clothing, electronics, furniture, and more. In addition, over 700 volunteers offer a variety of assistance across our programs and stores through the year.

Regionwide, during our last fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023), LISTEN provided \$2,235,353 in basic needs services, of which \$128,400 directly supported Enfield residents.

Given the current level of request for critical needs assistance we are experiencing across the Upper Valley and the cost-of-living crisis felt by many people in our community, LISTEN is anticipating a significant increase in demand for our services from residents of Enfield in FY 2024. We are grateful for this opportunity to collaborate with the City of Enfield to continue to meet the basic needs of Enfield families and individuals.

Thank you. LISTEN's services are made possible through the generosity of caring people like you. Your support helps our neighbors remain financially self-sufficient by relieving the immediate pressure brought on by emergency situations and financial hardship. Please visit our website at [www.listencs.org](http://www.listencs.org) for more information about our programs and impact.

Respectfully,  
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LISTEN provides services and support to meet the critical needs of the Upper Valley.

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## Mascoma Community Healthcare Center

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Town of Enfield Annual Report 2023

The Mascoma Community Healthcare Center (MCH) opened in 2017 with the mission of providing quality primary health and dental care to patients, regardless of their type of health insurance or ability to pay. With the generous financial support of many donors and local towns, including Enfield, the Center added thousands of patients and has been able to remain open and serving our community even during the worst of the Covid pandemic.

From the beginning, however, the goal was to become a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) because FQHC status makes the Center financially stable and able to offer expanded services such as behavioral health, medically assisted drug treatment, nutrition counseling and help with applying for health insurance.

After two years of intense negotiations with HealthFirst Family Care Center, Inc., MCH reached an agreement that achieved the vital goal of becoming an FQHC. Under the agreement, MCH maintains ownership of the building & grounds and HF assumed, as of November 1, 2023, operation of the MCH clinic and the medical and related services provided there. MCH clinical and office staff were all hired by HF, so returning patients see many familiar faces. The Center continues to welcome new patients, whether they seek primary health care or one of the new services. In addition, the Center has been able to reopen its dental practice. And there are plans to add more dentists, a second hygienist and dental assistant later in 2024.

The MCH Board remains in close communication with HF. Our Mascoma Community is represented on the HF Board and includes a member who lives in Enfield.

With the support of many, our dream of becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center became a reality. Our thanks to the Town of Enfield and its residents for participating in this important service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Hayden  
Chair, MCH Board of Directors

Go to this link to learn more -  
[healthfirstfamily.org/canaan/](http://healthfirstfamily.org/canaan/)







### **Mission**

**To create recreational skating opportunities on Mascoma Lake  
in synchrony with other winter lake activities.**

The winter of 2023 was a mixed bag of weather conditions that greatly impacted the skateability of the ice on Mascoma Lake. With the warm temps in January, the ice did not freeze to the minimum required depth of 4 inches for skaters until mid-month and to the minimum required depth of 8 inches for Ben's UTV until the 10th of February. We adapted to this winter's challenges by using lighter weight equipment including volunteers with shovels and Jamie's ATV, to stay ahead of storms and keep the trails prepared for the season. Moving forward, we recognize the importance of adapting to unpredictable weather patterns, as they are becoming more the norm than the exception. We welcome adding team members to clearing the trails, please contact the board with interest.

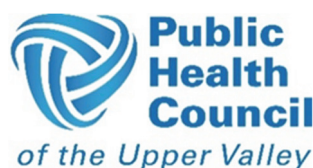
We were very excited to have US gold medalist figure skater, Elizabeth Yoshiko Schmidt, who joined other skaters, music and film professionals in February to shoot a new film piece "water has a shape" a conversation between skating, music, and dance on film" on Mascoma Lake. Board member Matt Steinberg served as tour and safety guide to the crew!

We are very grateful for the support of our sponsors. Due to the short season, we will be extending sponsor recognition for all donations during the 2022-2023 season into the 2023-2024 season.

We are very grateful to town management, and the public works department, as well as our wonderful community for their support of this venture. To see updates, be added to our newsletter, and find safety information, please visit our website at: <https://mascomalakeskatingassociation.com>, follow us on Facebook or email the board at [MascomaLakeSkating@gmail.com](mailto:MascomaLakeSkating@gmail.com).

Warm Regards,

Mascoma Lake Skating Association Board



The Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) is our region's trusted leader in public health, supporting the people, professionals, and organizations who, together, make our communities healthier places to live, work, and play. Our mission is to improve the health of all Upper Valley residents. We do this in four keyways:

1. Unify the public health priorities of the region to promote collaboration and progress towards shared goals.
2. Work alongside health and human services organizations and policy makers to develop actionable plans and best practices to address the community's priorities.
3. Aggregate and disseminate important public health information across the region and bring people together to share ideas, experiences, and expertise.
4. Function as a backbone support for underserved members of the community by serving as fiscal sponsor for program development, providing technical assistance, and advocating for health equity.

PHC is recognized by the State of New Hampshire as one of its regional public health networks and collaborates closely with White River Junction District Office of the Vermont Department of Health.

Our work in 2023 included:

- Released a new Community Health Improvement Plan that describes the collaborative strategies partners will use to address community health priorities.
- Hosted regular meetings for PHC partners to share information and provide opportunities for problem solving.
- Distributed COVID test kits to social service organizations for vulnerable residents.
- Provided staff support to Upper Valley Strong as the coalition responded to the July flooding.
- Hosted six flu clinics in rural communities with support from Dartmouth Health, Geisel School of Medicine and local partner, providing over 1,500 free vaccines.
- Served as host for the Upper Valley Community Health Equity Partnership, a program funded through a grant from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Collaborated with local school districts and the Hartford Community Coalition to provide summer meals for children in the region.

PHC appreciates the opportunity to serve the residents of Enfield and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2024. For more information about PHC, visit us at [www.uvpublichealth.org](http://www.uvpublichealth.org),



The mission of **UNH Cooperative Extension** is to strengthen people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions, working in collaboration with county, state and federal government. Some examples of how Extension has been working towards this mission in Grafton County are summarized below.

The Grafton County **4-H** program continued to promote intergenerational activities and build a positive community of youth and older adults. In addition to the annual carved pumpkin display at the nursing home, 4-H members showcased their animals at the county complex in the Spring, giving nursing home residents the opportunity to see the animals up close and share past experiences with the youth.

Through the **Community & Economic Development** program over 150 participants from 60 NH communities in all 10 counties, including eight Grafton County communities, completed the Housing Academy training program as part of the InvestNH Municipal Planning and Zoning Grant program. Participating communities worked to assess needs, identify strategies that fit their own communities' goals and implement strategies to address the housing crisis in NH.

A 4-part twilight meeting series on high tunnel management was presented in Grafton County by the **Food & Agriculture** staff. Over 50 people attended and 17 earned two pesticide recertification credits each towards keeping their applicator licenses current. Several participants reported putting what they learned to work on their own farms.

The **Food Safety** program offered several Safety Awareness in the Food Environment classes for food service workers and NH Food Pantry workers. Workshops were also held for NH homestead food processors on how to produce homemade food in NH legally and safely. The NH Jumpstart program continued with 12 farm participants (3 in Grafton County) who made positive changes in their produce food safety activities.

**Natural Resources** staff developed and/or presented 20 workshops or trainings on forestry and wildlife topics. These workshops and trainings reached a total of 1,004 participants across Grafton County, including adult learners and elementary and high school students.

Several community gardens, which resulted in donations to food pantries, continued to be managed by **Master Gardeners**. Projects to promote beneficial pollinators flourished as did a project to reclaim a section of Lake Mascoma in Enfield for recreational use. A virtual Master Gardener training was also launched.

**Health and Well-Being** programming in Grafton County was expanded in 2023, to focus on reducing healthcare costs and boosting nutrition, physical activity, food access and mental health. New programs included Master Wellness Volunteers, Boost Your Brain and Memory for older adults, and food security screenings at OB/Gyn clinics. Positive outcomes included participants learning to save an average of \$16 more a day on food and acquiring skills to support others in crisis (including those considering suicide).

To learn more about programs and resources that are available, please visit [extension.unh.edu](https://extension.unh.edu).

Respectfully submitted by  
Donna Lee  
UNH Extension, Grafton County Office Administrator



## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Local to communities: UVLSRPC staff have worked with several municipalities in planning circuit rider work and GIS support and provided technical assistance on transportation-related projects. Staff have assisted municipalities with successful grant writing and completed plans such as hazard mitigation plans, natural resource inventories, and master plans.
- Housing: UVLSRPC continued to fight our region's housing challenges by assisting communities in receiving grant funds and facilitating regulatory audits and updates. We have also expanded our housing work and hired a Housing Navigator that is assisting communities with outreach and addressing various interests in the housing conversation. For more information on our housing work <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/housinguvls/>
- Transportation: UVLSRPC has the knowledge and expertise in Regional Transportation. Our team has provided technical assistance to over 20 projects of regional priority to advance them toward implementation. This effort resulted in at least 3 funding awards for construction. Our goal is to bring more transportation funds to the Upper Valley Region through project development and technical assistance. Our team is also in the final stages of updating the Region's Long-Range Transportation Plan that showcases both capital and non-capital strategies to improve the region's transportation system. <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/transportation/regional-corridor-transportation-plan/>
- Project Highlights: UVLSRPC has been awarded funding and has worked extensively on brownfields priorities, solid waste management, composting and food scraps, clean transportation, Sullivan County Trails, stream and culvert assessments, lead paint reduction, and creating a new stormwater program.

UVLSRPC will continue to serve its member communities in addressing the region's highest priorities.

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**Mission Statement:**

WISE leads the Upper Valley to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy, prevention, education and mobilization for social change.

Since 1971, WISE has been dedicated to providing trauma-informed advocacy and support for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking within 23 communities in Windsor and Orange Counties, VT and Grafton County, NH. WISE supports people through the confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, on-site emergency housing and housing advocacy, legal services, safety planning, groups, and in-person advocacy at the WISE Program Center, police stations, courthouses, hospitals, social service agencies, and at Dartmouth College. In FY23 (7/1/22-6/30/23), WISE provided advocacy and other critical support services to a total of 1333 people. Among the advocacy responses sought from WISE, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and accompaniments were the most common. WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, or text at 603-836-9472 or chat online at [resourceconnect.com/wiseuv/chat](https://resourceconnect.com/wiseuv/chat).