

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER **FEBRUARY 2020**

TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

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



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

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- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

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

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

LEROY NEILY: 1949-2020

We are very sad to share that Leroy Neily, a long-time and dedicated employee of the Enfield Public Works Department, passed away earlier this week. His family was by his side. Many residents will know Leroy as a friendly face and conscientious public servant who helped maintain the Town's water and wastewater systems and assisted at the transfer station. Leroy was a very knowledgeable and valuable member of our team, and his good nature and unique character will be greatly missed.

TOWN MEETING UPDATES

March 10th voting by ballot for election of officers and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in the Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The candidates listed below are running for office in 2020:

- **One Selectman for 3 years:**
John W. Kluge
- **One Treasurer for 3 years:**
Sasha Holland
- **One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years**
- **One Cemetery Trustee for 1 year:**
Neal P. Meagher
- **One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years**
- **One Library Trustee for 3 years:**
Francine R. Lozeau
Susan E. Brown
- **Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years:**
Dimitri Deserranno
Phil Shipman
Nancy L. Smith
Dominic C. Albanese
Brian Degnan
- **One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for 2 years:**
Madeleine Johnson
- **One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for 3 years:**
Susan E. Brown
- **One Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:**

Nancy A. White

March 14th is the second session of Town Meeting (business meeting) at which the remaining warrant articles will be discussed and acted upon. Enfield Village School, 271 US Route 4, beginning at 9:00 AM.

Detailed information on the annual Town Meeting warrant (including warrant article explanations) will soon be available on the Town's official website: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/pages/annual-town-meeting>

2020 BUDGET UPDATE

The 2020 Budget Hearing was held on February 5.

The proposed 2020 operating budget, including the general government (funded from a combination of property taxes, other local receipts, and state aid) and operation of the municipal water and sewer systems (which are funded from fees assessed to the users of these systems), is \$6,936,460, or an increase of 3.87% above 2019 (\$6,677,736). It should be noted that a significant portion of this increase is attributable to budgeting for an additional roughly \$82,000 payment on the US Route 4 water/sewer system extension loan (which is paid out of the TIF Fund). If this added debt service payment were set aside, the year-over-year increase is approximately 2.6%. With respect to the General Fund, the proposed operating budget calls for an appropriation of \$5,621,091 (**an increase of 2.03%** above the 2019 budget of \$5,509,069). The "bottom line" operating budget does not include vehicle replacements, infrastructure projects, or other non-recurring expenses funded from capital reserves.

The 2020 budget projects total revenue to the general fund in the amount of \$1,874,584 from "non property tax" sources (a roughly 3% decrease from the \$1,930,453 in actual non-property tax revenue in 2019). Although a conservative approach to estimating revenues was used, it should be noted that actual revenues could fall short of estimated revenues for reasons that are beyond the Town's control. This will necessitate raising a total of \$4,348,209 from the municipal property tax levy. We would therefore anticipate the municipal portion of the 2020 tax rate to be between \$7.44 and \$7.51 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an **estimated increase of roughly 1.45% to 2.47% from the 2019 municipal tax rate** of \$7.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The range is based on an assumed "net valuation" of between approximately \$580 million (the net valuation in 2019, following completion of the 5-year town wide revaluation) and \$585 million (a 1% increase in net valuation, which is possible within the context of incremental adjustments in home values – up or down – that take place in a "non-reval" year). Finally, the property tax rate will ultimately be set lower

should actual revenues prove to be on pace to exceed estimated revenues by October 2020. Similarly, the property tax rate will ultimately be set higher than presently estimated should actual revenues fall short of estimated revenues by October 2020.

The Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Town Manager have developed a balanced budget that does not rely on the use of undesignated fund balance or reserves to fund operational costs while maintaining and enhancing the high-quality services Enfield residents expect from town government. A more detailed summary of the recommended 2020 budget is included in the below tables.

OPERATING EXPENSES			
Category	2019 (Budgeted)	2020 (Budgeted)	% Δ
General Government (excludes items funded from capital reserves)	\$5,509,069	\$5,621,091	2.03%
Water (excludes items funded from capital reserves)	\$222,447	\$225,102	1.19%
Sewer (excludes items funded from capital reserves)	\$638,104	\$706,183	10.67%
Capital Projects (Lakeview/Shaker Landing Sewer Extension Debt Service)	\$139,472	\$139,472	0%
TIF (US Route 4 Water/Sewer Extension Debt Service)	\$162,246	\$244,612	51%

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TO BE FUNDED FROM TAXES OR FUND BALANCE			
Category	2019	2020	% Δ
CIP Capital Reserve Fund (Taxes)	\$422,168	\$448,368	6.2%
Employee & Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (Unassigned Fund Balance)	\$25,000	\$30,000	20%
Master Planning (Unassigned Fund Balance)		\$35,000	NA

OPERATING REVENUES			
Category			
General Fund Revenues	2019 (Actual-YTD)	2020 (Budgeted)	% Δ
Property Taxes	\$4,252,328*	\$4,352,709	2.36%
Other Taxes	\$99,252	\$91,150	(8.2%)
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$1,141,657	\$1,154,100	1.18%
State Sources	\$441,572	\$451,834	2.3%
Charges for Services	\$142,843	\$141,000	(1.29%)
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$115,742	\$36,500	(68.5%)
General Fund Total Revenues/Credits	\$6,193,394	\$6,227,293	0.5%
Interfund Operating Transfers	\$1,162,269	\$1,315,369	13.2%
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$0	0%
Grand Total Revenues/Credits	\$7,355,663	\$7,542,662	2.5%

*This is the total amount of tax effort (i.e., the combined total from the two semi-annual tax commitments) as calculated by the NH Department of Revenue Administration

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) last met on January 27 and will be meeting again on February 10. During this meeting the MFAC cast official votes to recommend that the Town formally embrace the concept of a renovated and expanded Whitney Hall, which would house Town Offices and the Library. The Library Trustees were in attendance and signaled their own support for this approach. As such, previously developed conceptual plans for a standalone library at the rear of the Whitney Hall parcel are being officially set aside in favor of the new concept is Bread Loaf is developing. The Trustees will be reaching out to their donors and supporters in the near future to related updates and convey their reasoning for supporting a modified concept.

Additionally, the MFAC discussed the overall project timeline and the group reached consensus that the best course of action is to allot additional time for refinement of the conceptual designs and associated cost estimates contemplated to date, with a goal of presenting formal recommendations to the Board of Selectmen in the spring (likely May 2020). The Board of Selectmen

can then reach its own determination on what it wishes to present to residents for action at the March 2021 Town Meeting. A number of public forums will then be arranged to share information and solicit feedback from residents.

As a reminder, MFAC meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are posted online (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/municipal-facilities-advisory-committee>).

WATER/SEWER CONNECTION FEE – INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

The Board of Selectmen wishes to alert residents that the standard fee for connecting to the municipal water and sewer systems will be increasing effective April 1, 2020. The fee was last increased in 2007 (approximately 13 years ago). The new fee will be \$2,500 per connection. Any property owner who files an application prior to April 1 to connect to the Town's water or sewer systems will be assessed the current connection fee (\$1,500). So, if it is your intention to connect to the Town water or sewer system in the near future (even if the connection won't be made before the spring or summer), please consider filing your application and paying the connection fee now to avoid the scheduled increase.

If you have any questions about the process for applying to connect to the Town's water or sewer systems please contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-4605. Information can also be found on the Town's website here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/connectionguide.pdf>

POSITION VACANCY – POLICE PATROL OFFICER (FULL-TIME)

With the departure of Officer Scholand (he recently accepted a position with the NH State Police) the Enfield Police Department is now looking to fill a full-time patrol officer vacancy. If you are interested in working for a Police Department in a growing town that is dedicated to the improvement of life and safety of our residents, please take a moment to read further.

The Enfield Police Department believes in utilizing contemporary and progressive policing practices and is dedicated in the effort toward community engagement and interaction. We provide and utilize modern equipment, which is constantly being upgraded and improved, so that we can provide a first-rate service to our community.

Full-time Patrol Officers earn a starting wage of \$24.52/hour for uncertified hires, and starting rate of pay is negotiable for certified applicants based on experience. Additional compensation for overtime and special details is also

frequently authorized. Enfield Officers are members of the New Hampshire State Retirement System, which permits retirement at age 50 or 25 years of service, whichever is later, for newly certified officers. The town provides an exceptional benefits package.

Officers in our department are eligible for a number of specialty assignments based upon performance and experience. These assignments include, Special Operation Unit, Field Training Officer Program, Accident Reconstruction, Firearms and Use of Force Instructors, Rape Aggression Defense Program (R.A.D.), Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.) to name a few. Additionally, officers may work toward assignments in our Detective Division.

As part of the hiring process applicants will be required to pass a thorough hiring process to include, but not limited to a background investigation, polygraph, and physical agility test.

Physical Agility Standards:

<https://www.pstc.nh.gov/faq/index.htm#fitnesstest>

Please submit resume, cover letter, and completed application either by mail to PO Box 365, Enfield, NH or drop it off at the station at 19 Main Street. Position will be open until filled, but applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by **February 28, 2020** for full consideration.

For more information Contact Chief Roy Holland, at (603) 632-7501 or by email at Rholland@enfield.nh.us

FIREFIIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

If you are interested in helping to protect and care for people in your community, the Town of Enfield's Fire Department and Ambulance Service welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Both departments are "call" departments and participation requirements are flexible in recognition that members will be juggling other professional or personal obligations. Members are compensated on an hourly basis for time spent in training, responding to calls, or other related activities. Relevant training and certifications (i.e., Firefighter I or II, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.) are highly desired, but formal training can be provided to individuals who are willing to make the commitment.



Interested parties should contact the Fire Chief (603-359-5206 or fcummings@enfield.nh.us) or Ambulance Chief (603-304-9324 or efirefighter32@yahoo.com). We hope to hear from you!

FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES – COLETTE FOUNDATION

A logging operation has been taking place this winter on the Colette Foundation properties on Boys Camp Road, Map#12, Lot#033-001, Map#13, Lot#001, and Map#9, Lot#053. The Colette Trail has closed and will continue to be closed during this operation due to the proximity of logging activity to the trail. Ehrhard Frost, a New Hampshire and Vermont Licensed forester from Thetford, Vermont, with over 43 years of experience, designed the harvest and is responsible for supervising and administering the operation.

The objective of the timber sale is to harvest mature and over mature trees, release existing regeneration, establish additional regeneration, promote the vigor of the remaining trees, improve stand quality and to manipulate species composition.

The harvest design incorporates uncut buffers along Bicknell Brook, Crystal Lake, wetlands and the Colette Trail. Fragile areas within the timber sale are also designated as no harvest zones to protect soil and water. Approximately 75 to 80 acres of the property is subject to harvesting while 41 to 46 acres are dedicated to uncut buffers and natural forest.

Please call Alan Strickland, Chairman of the Enfield Conservation Commission, at 632-4084 with any concerns or questions.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2020 Water/Sewer Rates

On December 16, 2019, the Enfield Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen) convened a duly noticed public hearing relative to the 2020 water and sewer rates. At the conclusion of the hearing, after obtaining additional input from engineering firms the Town contracted with on asset management planning, and receiving comments from members of the public in attendance, the Board voted to adjust water and sewer rates in accordance with the formal recommendations offered by the Town Manager and Public Works Director. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2020 and will appear in the 2020 first quarter bills arriving in your mailbox the first week in April 2020. The Water/Sewer Rate Table is available on the Town's website:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/water-sewer_rates_-

The adopted increases include:

- Water Rates
 - Fixed charge increased \$7 per quarter for usage under 10,000 gallon per quarter
 - Fixed charge increased \$7 per quarter for usage 10,000 gallons and over per quarter
 - Consumption charges have been increased to \$2.86 per 1,000 gallons (for usage below 10,000 gallons) and \$3.58 per 1,000 gallons (for usage above 10,000 gallons), respectively (this represents a 36% increase for both usage levels in accordance with needed infrastructure upgrades as identified in the municipal water system's asset management plan)
- Sewer Rates
 - Fixed charges for all levels of use increased 8% in accordance with needed infrastructure upgrades as identified in the municipal sewer system's asset management plan
 - Consumption charges have been increase 8% on both usage levels; this increase is in accordance with needed infrastructure upgrades as identified in the municipal water system's asset management plan as well as to keep pace with the 7.2% increase in wastewater treatment costs as billed by the City of Lebanon
 - Deficit reduction charge increased 2.5%

Finally, effective April 1, 2020, the standard water/sewer connection fee (a one-time assessed fee) will increase from \$1,500 to \$2,500. This fee was last adjusted in 2007.

The Water & Sewer Commissioners, Town Manager, and Department of Public Works are committed to keeping the Water and Sewer Departments financially sustainable while delivering quality water and sewer services for connected properties in addition to fire protection and clean surface waters for the future. Both the water and sewer systems have recently undergone asset management projects and those projects have identified substantial capital needs over the next ten year and the Town is actively seeking grant money and low interest loan money to foster these needs.

Water/Sewer Billing

2019 fourth quarter water and sewer bills were mailed the second week of January. This will be the last billing subject to the 2019 rates.

Fire Hydrants Clearing

The Town of Enfield would like to thank the people who have taken it upon themselves to shovel and clear out snow from the fire hydrants at or near their properties.

Driveway Snow Placement

A reminder that it is unlawful to plow snow across any and all Town roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a Town road pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11.

Driveway Sand

Driveway sand is available at the DPW facility (74 Lockehaven Road) during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and is located at the top of the driveway in the bin on the right. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station window sticker. Driveway sand is not intended for commercial applicators and cannot be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed are **NOT** available to the public and are for DPW use only.

Winter Parking Ban

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1.

No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders in any fashion the maintenance of the way.

Freezing and Bursting Pipes

If you are interesting in learning more about how pipes freeze and burst, and what to do to prevent this sort of damage in your own home or business, please visit the below resource published by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety: <https://www.randinsurance.com/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Freezing-Bursting-Pipes.pdf>

2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available

The 2020 Transfer Station window stickers are available, free of charge, at the Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of your car or truck on the side window behind

the front passenger’s seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger.

Enfield transfer station stickers also permit you to use the town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

Enfield Transfer Station Punch Cards

In an effort to make the Transfer Station more efficient and also respond to deficiencies noted by the New Hampshire Department of Labor the Town of Enfield has implemented a punch card system that will take the place of all transactions by cash or check. Residents can purchase punch cards at the Town Office to be used to pay fees at the Transfer Station. Cards have a face value of \$25.00 and attendants have a hole punch tool that is used to punch the cards for the corresponding amount of the item being disposed of. Each card is broken up into five \$5.00 sections and all of the fee items listed below are also in \$5.00 increments. The Transfer Station attendants accepted cash through the month of October, but this practice was discontinued in November. Checks will continue to be accepted for a period of time to give residents time to get to the Town Office to purchase the punch cards.

**ENFIELD TRANSFER STATION
FEE SCHEDULE
(Effective June 3, 2019)**

CFC’s (refrigerators, freezers, etc)	\$20	Tires—14” and under, off rim (includes car, lawn tractor, light trailer and wheel barrow tires)	Two for \$5
Computer Component	\$10	Tires—Car/Light Truck, 15”-19”, off rim	\$5
Computer Monitor, CPU, Printer	\$20	Tires—Truck, 20” and up, off rim	\$10
Fire Extinguisher	\$10	Tires—Tractor/Equipment, off rim	\$30
Microwave	\$10	Television—Small	\$10
Propane Tank 20#	\$10	Television—Medium	\$15
Stereo Equipment/VCR/DVD Players	\$5	Television—Large or Console	\$25

Toters

The trash and recycling toters are part of the Enfield trash and recycling collection program and must remain with the property upon a property transfer. The Town has had to replace many of these containers that people have taken with them after selling their properties.

Recycling Fees

The Town of Enfield charges fees for items that the Town gets charged for to dispose of including CFC units, tires, TVs, computers, tires, electronics, fire extinguishers, propane tanks and microwave ovens. Lately a number of people have been trying to “sneak” items into the Transfer Station to avoid paying these fees. It is very important to dispose of these items properly not only for the health of the Town budget but the safety of the operators and people at the Transfer Station and down the trash and recycling streams. Many of these items contain hazardous materials which is the reason for the fee. Hiding hazardous materials in bags going into a compactor or placing them in the metal container that will be run through a grinder could result in a serious injury. Please follow the link below for details.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/solid-waste-recycling/files/solid-waste-recycling-program>

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

Trash and Zero-Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station costs the Town of Enfield significantly more per ton than trash and recycling collected curbside due to extra hauling charges. Trash collected at the Transfer Station costs approximately \$30 per ton more than material collected curbside (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included). Zero-Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station costs the Town over \$80 per ton more than recycling collected at curbside due to the extra hauling fees (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included).

Please do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process)!

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As we move into February and continue on with snow season, the department would like to remind everybody that the winter parking ban is still in effect. Please make sure that you understand where and when you can park in town, if you have questions please call the station.

On February 23rd we will be at Whaleback Mountain Ski Area for a touch a truck/ski event. We look forward to seeing many of you on the mountain

having a good time.

For those Enfield residents in your senior year of high school getting ready to apply to college, we are happy to announce that the Enfield Police Benevolent Association has started a scholarship. The application period opens in February and if you would like more information please contact Corporal Courtland Smith at csmith@enfield.nh.us.

Do not drink and drive, buzzed driving is drunk driving.

The department has received several complaints of speed and dangerous driving on secondary roads in town, in response the department will be performing several directed patrols to address this issue. Please slow down, put your phone away and arrive safe to your destination.

As always, if you see something, say something. Please do not hesitate to contact the Enfield Police Department at any time at 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

On the evening of January 31, the Enfield Fire Department was dispatched to a fire alarm activation at 1415 NH Route 4A (Chases Auto Salvage) shortly after 8:00 PM. Shortly after being dispatched, the Hanover Communications Center began receiving 911 calls reporting a fire in the building at that address. A First Alarm assignment was dispatched, bringing in mutual aid assistance from neighboring communities. At the same time, the Enfield Fire Department was dispatched to the Prospect Pines Senior Living Facility for a report of smoke in the building. An engine responded to that call initially, and it was diverted to the fire on NH Route 4A after a fire officer determined the smoke was caused by burnt food.

Upon arrival of the first units, due to the size of the building and the volume of fire a Second Alarm was requested. This brought in more mutual aid.

Along with Enfield Fire, units from Canaan, Grafton, Lebanon, Hanover, Springfield and Grantham were requested to respond to the scene. Chief officers were requested from Hanover and Lebanon as well. A special call was made for the Sunapee Tanker. Meriden was requested for station coverage in Enfield, and Rumney was requested for station coverage in Canaan. Meriden units were requested to the scene later to assist in overhaul operations.

The garage and work area behind the office, along with all its contents were destroyed in the fire. There were multiple explosions from within the structure.

The front office area as well as the reception area sustained fire, water and smoke damage.

There was an employee working inside the garage area at the time of the fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be due to sparks coming in contact with flammable liquid. The employee was able to safely exit the building.

One firefighter from a mutual aid agency was struck in the side of the face by an exploding aerosol can and was evaluated by EMS personnel on scene.

Units cleared from the scene at approximately 1:00 AM.

RECREATION

Enfield Recreation

Mascoma Lake Winter WingDing Saturday, February 15

Come out and celebrate Winter at the Mascoma Lake Winter WingDing at Enfield's Lakeside Park from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM!

Depending on ice conditions there could be opportunities for ice skating, so bring your ice skates or nordic skates. If there's good snow cover, a track will be set for XC skiing, so bring your skis. There will be equipment demos with fat bikes from Omer & Bob's, and kite wings (bring your helmet). A broomball court with equipment will be available for some friendly competition. There might even be some serious snowman construction! Then come and warm up around the fire pit with hot chocolate and S'mores, chili and other treats. Lots of activities and fun for all ages!



Enfield Recreation Camp

Enfield Summer camp information to be released soon.

- 6 week camp
- Expanded Hours

Entire summer schedule detailing each days theme, trip location & beach days will be released soon.

Keep an eye out for more information!

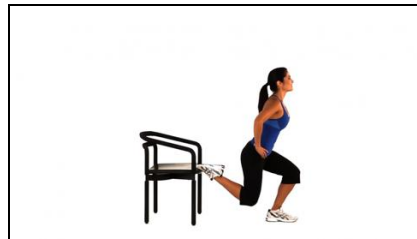


Enfield Recreation Department is Hiring!

Lifeguards & Swim Instructors for the 2020 Summer season.

Must be at least 16 yrs old.

Contact Ed Winters at recreation@enfield.nh.us



Chair Yoga & Exercise
Weekly on M, W, F

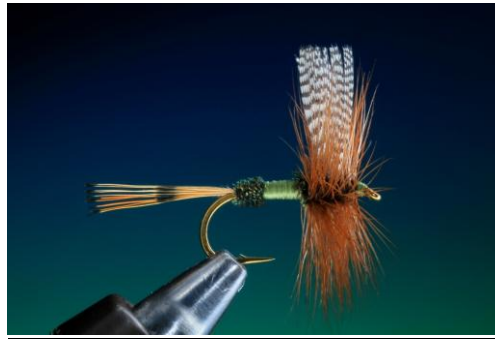
The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/Exercise classes on Mondays 9:30 – 10:30, Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00, and Fridays 9:30 – 10:30 at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required.



Youth Archery Lessons

The inaugural Youth archery classes offered by the Enfield Recreation Department & Enfield Outing Club were a success and we look to continue growing the program moving forward. These classes consisted of safety, education and hands on use of archery equipment. Keep your eyes open for more archery class offerings in the spring!

Information and Registration at www.mypr.recdesk.com



Fly Tying

Interested in learning the art of fly tying? The NH Fish and Game Department's Let's Go Fishing Program is offering a free introductory course on Saturday February 15, 2020.

The course will be instructed by master fly tier and Let's Go Fishing instructor Scott Biron. The course will be held from 8:30-12:00 noon, at the Enfield Community Building 308 US Route 4, Enfield NH.

Preregistration is required and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. The course is limited to 10 participants, ages 15 and older. All program materials and equipment will be provided. No experience is required.

To sign up, visit www.fishnh.com/fishing/lets-go-fishing.html and select "View the Current Class Schedule," then "View Upcoming Events." Registration opens on January 29, 2020 at 8:00AM.

Participants will learn to tie several fly patterns that are commonly used in New Hampshire waters. They will be introduced to the use of all of the basic tools and materials necessary to tie flies, and learn what the flies imitate. Instructors will also discuss insect anatomy and explain why a particular fly is used.

New Hampshire Fish and Game's "Let's Go Fishing" program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. Find out more at www.fishnh.com/fishing/lgf-schedule.html. The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

We have an exciting event coming up on February 8th – **the “Family Dress-Up Dance & Date Night”** at Mascoma High School from 6pm-8pm. We are calling all dads, moms, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, cousins, grandpas and grandmas – get dressed up or come as you are, but make sure you bring someone special to our *Family Dance & Date Night!* This event is for fathers and daughters, mothers and son and everyone in between! Please note, we welcome all ages to the event, but children should attend with an accompanying adult. There will be food, dessert, beverages, an awesome DJ and lots of fun for everyone!

Date & Time: February 8, 2020 from 6pm-8pm

Theme: Winter Wonderland

Location: MVRHS Cafeteria

Cost: FREE



"Father Daughter Dance 2018"

Check out our [Facebook event](#) and RSVP through the event – if you don't have Facebook, please email mvalleyrec@gmail.com to let us know the number of adults and children in your party. This event is co-sponsored by Enfield Recreation and Mascoma Title I.

Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding:

The MVPR youth downhill ski and ride program kicked off on January 21st with 71 students registered to participate! This is the largest program we have had since we started in 2015. Our program is one afternoon a week of skiing and snowboarding at Whaleback Mountain in Enfield. It is a six-week program for students in K - 12th grade on Tuesdays. Thank you to the great group of volunteers helping out this year!

Cross Country Skiing:

This program meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm at Canaan Elementary School and we have 20 students participating. Our volunteers teach students in 1st-4th grade the basics of Cross Country Skiing and make use of the great trails around Canaan Elementary School. This program will finish up on the Wednesday before February vacation and we plan to organize a field trip to take program participants and family to Green Woodlands on February 15th!

Bob Ross Style Painting Classes:

Join instructor Mary Bakker and learn to paint like Bob Ross in a single day. The classes are \$45 and all materials are included. We have a class coming up on February 8 from 1pm-4pm in the Enfield Community Building. Registration is currently open for this class and the painting is "Winter Retreat".

Online Registration Site: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



"Winter Retreat" Painting for February 8th



Previous Bob Ross Painting Classes - January 18, 2020

Line Dancing:

Have you tried out our Thursday evening line dancing class yet? Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 5-6pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class and they dance to ALL types of music.

Enfield Market:

We have some great vendors lined up for the market on February 8 from 10am-1pm at the Enfield Community Building. Stop by to see what our local vendors have to offer for your home, lifestyle and family. More details in our [Enfield Market Facebook event](#).

Follow MVPR on Facebook

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

**Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:**

For details about programs listed below and/or to register, please go to:
<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

- *Il Circolo Italiano – Italian Conversation Club*
 - Saturdays at 10:00am at Mickey’s Roadside Café (food available for purchase)
- *30+ Adult Basketball*
 - Sundays from 10:00am-12:00pm at MVRHS - No registration required; no fee
- *Adult Volleyball*
 - Sundays from 6:00pm-8:00pm - Contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com to be added to the email list!
- *Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra*, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 4:00pm (for the winter months). \$3/session (Registration not required)
- *Line Dancing*
 - Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm at the Enfield Community Building
 - This class dances to all types of music; no advance registration required
- *Bob Ross Style Painting Classes* – Learn to paint like Bob Ross in just one class! Upcoming classes are scheduled to take place at Mascoma

Valley Regional High School. All materials are included. Each participant leaves with a completed painting at the end of class.

- o Register online: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held one hearing in January. The applicant was a property owner on Lewin Road (near Spectacle Pond) seeking a variance for the construction of a garage within the prescribed set-back to a wetland. After a detailed discussion with the applicant, their attorney and only one abutter, the ZBA voted to grant the variance.

The Planning Board (PB) held two meetings in January. The first was a work session for the Master Plan. The PB has divided their Master Planning tasks to form appropriate “sub-committees” to accomplish their goals. These include: a communications sub-committee, an events and venues sub-committee, a data sub-committee and a Master Planning Taskforce Member selection sub-committee. The PB has also issued two Requests for Proposals (RFP) with regard to the Community Master Plan. These may be found at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/new-enfield-projects/pages/requests-proposals-rfps> The first is an RFP for “Graphic Design Services.” This will be for the communications and visual materials that will showcase the Master Planning process and resulting output. The second RFP is for “Community Master Planning Development Services.” This will be to hire a contractor/consultant to assist with the entire Master Plan development and implementation. The PB is hopeful for a number of firms to submit competitive and comprehensive proposals. There will be an article on the Town Meeting warrant to raise and appropriate the necessary funds to for the Master Plan project. The Planning Board is hopeful for strong community support for this important project.

The second PB meeting was an official hearing for proposed Zoning Amendments for the 2020 Town Meeting voting. These proposed amendments will be included in the Town Report soon to be published. They will be accompanied by clear explanations of the PB’s rationale for proposing them.

As always, we are here to help. You may visit our offices at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road in person or call 603-632-4067. An email inquiry is possible as well, just send your note to planning@enfield.nh.us. How can we be of service to you?

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

January saw a big change here at the Library. Friday the 31st was “Miss Patti”

Hardenberg's last day as Assistant/Children's Librarian. During her 4 ½ years in Enfield, Patti read countless stories to our youngest patrons, created exciting programs, managed our interlibrary loan, and became a wonderful "right-hand-woman" in running the library. Many of you have stopped by to thank Patti and pass on well-wishes and we have been really touched to hear your comments.

However, on the good news front, January 21st was Kate Minshall's first day as our new Assistant/Children's Librarian. Kate brings years of both library and children's experience to Enfield and has spent the past two weeks learning the ropes and introducing herself to the community. She already fits right in and we are so glad she's here.

Happening in February:

New:

- We will be **closed February 17th** for Presidents' Day.
- February 11th is **Voting Day** and we will stay open until 7:00pm.
- **Family Recipe Night!** February 18th at 6:00pm at the Community Building. Make your favorite family recipe, and then bring the food and story behind the recipe to share with others. Free and open to everyone.
- February 28th at 8:00am: we will be hosting the **EVA Coffee Breakfast**.

Ongoing:

- Tuesdays **My First Story Time:** 10:00am. For babies to age 2 ½ on a caregiver's lap. Supporting early literacy with books, songs, rhymes, lots of movement and social time for the kids and caregivers.
- **Saturday My First Story Time:** February 8th at 9:30am. (Happens only on the second Saturday of the month.)
- Wednesdays **Pre-School Story Time:** 10:00am. For kids ages 2 ½ to 5. Stories read and told, rhymes, lots of movement, and a simple craft.
- Our **book group** will be reading *The Botany of Desire* by Michael Pollan. The discussion will be held Thursday February 27th at 6:30pm. Copies of the book will be available at the library.
- **Knitting Group:** Every Wednesday 10:30a-noon. For older teens and adults, an informal gathering for all levels of fiber crafters.

What happened in January:

- We circulated 2,448 items and had 26 programs with 327 participants.

Have questions about the public library? If so, please visit the library's website (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/enfield-public-library>) or contact the Library Director at 603-632-7145 or mhutson@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Well, the Punxsutawney Phil gave us some good news about an early onset of spring... that's something to smile about. If you can't trust an overfed groundhog, who can you trust?

Please also note that **beginning January 2, 2020** the Town Clerk's office has new hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm and Tuesdays 11:00am – 7:00pm. These new hours better align with the State DMV office as they too have evening hours on Tuesdays, and will allow us to provide better service to our customers by obtaining troubleshooting assistance from the DMV as needed.

Please note that the Town Clerk's Office will be closed for vehicle registrations on Tuesday, February 11th for the Presidential Primary Election.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk at 603-632-5001 Ext. 5403 with any questions about motor vehicle registrations, boat registrations, voter registrations, dog licenses, marriage licenses, or other matters handled by the Town Clerk's office.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Greetings all! Things are pretty quiet in the tax office right now. The last quarter of 2019 utility bills have been mailed and are due February 14th. I am in the process of preparing late notices on any balances due for a 2019 billing for Utility Usage, Tax or Betterment to be mailed mid to late February.

If anyone has any questions on outstanding balances due, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may also review your accounts for utilities and taxes on line thru the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us . To make your payment securely, online by either credit card or ACH (electronic check) go to <https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=ENFIELD>. We strongly encourage residents to utilize this highly convenient option. If you have any questions about how to make an online payment, please do not hesitate to contact me directly - either by email whuntley@enfield.nh.us or by phone 603-632-4201 x 5404. As a reminder, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only.

NEW OFFICE HOURS for 2020 are Mon & Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm. Tuesdays are now our "late day" open 11am to 7pm.

Please note that the Tax Collector Office will be CLOSED on February 11th to assist with the Presidential Primary Election, and will also be CLOSED on

Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.

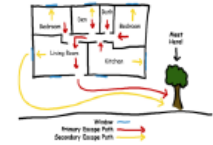
BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR

Fire Safety During Winter Storms



Winter storms can happen and they can cause us many problems. Know what to do before, during and after a winter storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- **Test** all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. This way you will know they are working.
- **Review** your home escape plan with two ways out of every room and the home.
- **Clear** all home exits, driveway and front walkway of ice and snow. This will provide easy and safe access in and out your home.



- Make sure your **house number is visible** from the street. This will help emergency personnel find your home in the event of an emergency.
- Be prepared should the power go out. **Have flashlights** and battery-powered lighting on hand. Never use candles.
- During and after the snowstorm, make sure **vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear** of snow build-up to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Check in on neighbors** and others who may need help.



- **Generators should ONLY be used outdoors.** Keep them away from windows and doors. **DO NOT** run a generator indoors. This includes in your home, garage or barn; even if the door is open.
- **Stay away from any downed wires.** Report any downed wires to authorities.
- **Be ready if the heat stops working.** Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source like a space heater be sure to keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- **Keep up with weather forecasts** using tv, reliable news apps as well as social media.



[Learn More](#)



Remember part of being prepared is being informed. Sign up for NH Alerts today.
[Sign up for Emergency Alerts and Download the NH Alerts App](#)

GENERATOR SAFETY

When using portable generators please, for the safety of you, your family and pets follow these guidelines.

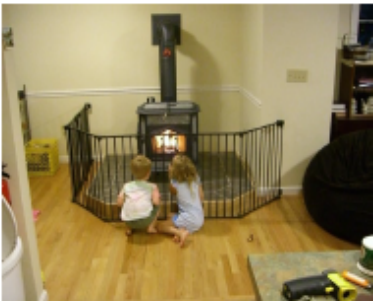


- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas at least 5' away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- Do not use a generator in a wet area. This can cause shock or electrocution.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
- Store fuel in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as being for fuel. These containers should be stored outdoors.

[Learn More](#)

Wood & Pellet Stove Safety

As the temperature drops outside, wood and pellet stoves may be fired up inside the home. What you may not realize is that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months.



- Have a *qualified* professional install stoves, chimney connectors, and chimneys.
- Stoves should have the *label* of an independent testing laboratory.
- In wood stoves, burn only *dry*, seasoned wood. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- Have your chimney and stove *inspected* and cleaned by a certified chimney sweep every fall just before heating season.
- *Clean* the inside of your stove periodically using a wire brush.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them. Place the ashes in a covered metal

container. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from the home and other buildings.

- Keep a close eye on children whenever a wood or pellet stove is being used. Remind them to stay at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- Stoves need space. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- *Install and maintain* carbon monoxide alarms (CO) outside each sleeping area

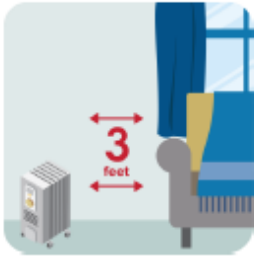


[LEARN MORE!](#)



Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or to heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations.



- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off should it tip over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

[Learn More](#)

Do not hesitate to contact the Town's Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us with any questions.

CEMETERY SEXTON – HELP WANTED

The Town of Enfield's Cemetery Trustees are in search of a sexton. The Sexton will receive a \$3,200 annual stipend (paid quarterly). Given the nature of the position, it is important that the sexton be a conscientious, organized and empathetic individual. The cemetery sexton responsibilities include the following:

- Coordinating tasks associated with burials with funeral directors, families and any others involved
- Being available at odd hours if necessary, to accommodate plot owners or buyers
- Maintaining and updating records of burials and plots
- Researching inquiries from the public regarding family members burial locations and historic context
- Explaining burial and plot sale requirements to the public
- Selling plots
- Participating in monthly meetings of the Cemetery Trustees
- Reporting sales to the Cemetery Trustees and other town bodies as appropriate
- Working with members of the Town's Public Works Department to open and close graves, and sow grass
- Receiving burial fees and permits from funeral directors and ensuring permits and other forms of documentation are appropriately recorded

with the Town

Interested parties should contact the Office of the Town Manager (603-632-5026) for referral to the Cemetery Trustees. More detailed questions about the nature of the work should be directed to the Public Works Director (603-442-4605 or jtaylor@enfield.nh.us).

HUMAN SERVICES

It's the time of year for increased activities in the office, community and surrounding agencies.

With the upcoming busy season, donations of supermarket gift cards would be greatly appreciated. Drop by the Town Office or feel free to use the drop box.

Want to Donate to the Town's Fuel Assistance Fund?

The Town of Enfield's Human Services Department provides financial support for fuel to Enfield residents in need. The funds we redistribute come from private donations made to a dedicated trust fund set up for this specific purpose. The fuel fund greatly assists us in helping needy families with their fuel needs. We strongly encourage residents to consider making a donation to the fuel fund to help others in the community. Donations are tax deductible! For more information, please contact Diane Heed, Human Services Director, at 603-442-5429 or dheed@enfield.nh.us.



Information about the Tri-County Community Action Program (TCCAP)

Fuel Assistance Program

As funds become available, the Fuel Assistance Program provides benefits to qualified New Hampshire households to assist with heating costs. The Fuel Assistance Program can also help households during a heating emergency by securing an emergency delivery of fuel, delaying a shut-off notice or referring clients to another source of assistance. Fuel Assistance benefits are a grant and do not have to be paid back and can range from \$210 to \$1,575, depending on household income and energy costs. Benefits are calculated taking into account household income, energy costs, the number of heating degree days within a region and housing type. This targeting allows the Fuel

Assistance Program to provide those households with the lowest incomes and highest energy costs with the highest benefits.

Electric Assistance Program

The New Hampshire Electric Assistance Program (EAP) gives eligible customers a discount on their monthly electric bills. The discount is from 8%-76% based on your gross household income size and electricity usage. Customers of the following companies may apply for the discount:

- Eversource Energy
- Liberty Utilities
- NH Electric Co-op
- Unitil Energy Systems

Weatherization

The Weatherization Program serves low-income households that are most vulnerable to high-energy costs and who do not have the means of making cost-effective energy conservation improvements to their homes.

TCCAP collaborates with the electric and utilities' energy efficiency programs to enhance the weatherization services provided to low-income households in New Hampshire whenever possible.

Weatherization crews in all three counties have made improvements in 378 single family homes and apartment units in the past year. As with Fuel Assistance, our clients qualify for services through a means-tested application process. Our crews not only make significant upgrades to the energy efficiency of a client's home but also tackle needed safety improvements. These services drive down the cost of heating people's homes and repair dangerous living conditions where they are found.

FRIENDS OF MASCOMA



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PLEASE COME VISIT OUR FOOD PANTRIES!

CANAAN FOOD PANTRY

9 Mechanic Street | Behind Canaan Hardware in the MTD Building

WEDNESDAY 2:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

ENFIELD FOOD PANTRY

Enfield Town Office | Whitney Hall | 23 Main Street



TUESDAY 3 TO 5:30 P.M.



We welcome you to shop with us once a week.

RESIDENTS OF CANAAN, ENFIELD, DORCHESTER, GRAFTON, AND ORANGE ARE INVITED TO SHOP.

Please email Friends of Mascoma Foundation with any questions or issues at food@friendsofmascoma.org or call 802.276.0189.

Learn more at friendsofmascoma.org

WHALEBACK MOUNTAIN UPDATES

Season Status & Discount for Enfield Residents

After a rocky start to the season, operations are in full swing at Whaleback Mountain! The chair lift was repaired in January, snow was made (again, after Mother Nature melted it), and the fireplace inside is toasty warm. We hope to see many Enfield residents at the mountain over the next couple of months for family-friendly skiing and riding! If snow sports are not your thing, the kitchen and pub have affordable and delicious fare for everyone! As a reminder, Enfield residents receive [half off their passes](#), which makes Whaleback a very affordable place to ski and ride.

Friday Night Family Dinners

Whaleback offers Friday night family dinners with a different meal each week. Dinner is served buffet style from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and it is a great way to get kids to try new foods. The cost for adults is \$12 and the cost for children is \$8. For more information and pricing on the dinner and skiing package deal, visit our [website](#).

Police Department Events

The Enfield Police Department does an excellent job with community policing and protecting residents. Come see the fun side of the PD with our event series! February 23rd is touch-a-truck and a police chase at the mountain and March 15th is an Ides of March event. During these events all members of the Enfield police department, fire department, and EMS will receive complimentary lift tickets, plus discounted tickets for their families. For more information and updates, please visit our [Facebook page](#).

Lessons and School Vacation Camps

Whaleback offers a variety of learning options starting from age two through adulthood, information is available on our website in the [learning](#) section. With February vacation rapidly approaching, we are also enrolling students in our February vacation camp. For more information, please visit the [vacation camps](#) section of our website.

Thank You!

We want to thank everyone for your patience and support while Whaleback worked through issues with the lift earlier this season and then experienced significant snow melt. We are continuing to work hard so the remainder of the season is fun and rewarding for everyone.

===== **MEETINGS & EVENTS** =====

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- February 6 @ 7:00 PM (Community Building) – Conservation Commission
- February 6 @ 5:00 PM (Town Hall) – Trustees of Trust Funds
- February 10 @ 5:00 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- February 11 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- February 12 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- February 17 – Town Offices & Library Closed for Presidents Day
- February 18 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- February 18 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Trustees of Trust Funds
- February 18 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- February 24 @ 5:00 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- February 25 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee
- February 26 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- February 27 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- March 2 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 3 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- March 4 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- March 5 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- March 9 @ 5:00 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- March 9 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- March 10 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- March 11 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- March 16 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 17 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee

===== **COMMUNITY EVENTS** =====

Touch a Truck and “Police Chase” with the Enfield Police Department and other Emergency Service Agencies

Hosted by Whaleback Mountain

February 23 (Sunday) from 10:00 AM to 12:00 at the Whaleback Mountain Base Lodge (160 Whaleback Mountain Road, Enfield, NH)

In lieu of the Community Bulletin Board on the Town's website we now use a Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on the Community & Business main page: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>. Previous posts on the Community Bulletin Board that were informational in nature, but not events, can be found under the appropriate department page. For instance, Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry information can be found on the Human Services page under Food Assistance.

Do you have a Community Event to share? Send all of the particulars, and a digital photo or poster to abonnette@enfield.nh.us and we'll post it for you.

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

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – UPDATES

After officially purchasing the property from the NH Department of Transportation in March 2019, the Mascoma Lakeside Committee's focus has been on raising additional funds for amenities for the park. This past fall we actively solicited public input through a series of meetings with local organizations, town committees, and a well-attended public forum held at the Community Building. The top priority for all stakeholders is that the natural beauty of the site be preserved and not over-developed. Some improvements are also needed and desired. They include removing and replacing brush and trash trees with native shrubs and trees; creating trails and educational signage to enhance recreational use of the property; constructing rainwater gardens and a new retaining wall to protect the water quality of the lake; installing a children's wading/swimming area; improved parking; installing grill boxes, and; building an open pavilion (which will likely include a fire feature of some sort) that can serve as a gathering place and an educational facility.



Members of the Mascoma Lakeside Committee would like to extend their appreciation to local architect Paul Mirski, who has been graciously providing valuable design services and consultation in support of this project at no cost. The committee will continue working closely with Mr. Mirski and others to ensure that the park is ultimately designed and developed in a manner that is consistent with the needs and values of our residents and visitors.

Although the committee has officially raised the additional \$135,000 in private

funds needed to match (dollar for a dollar) a \$135,000 matching grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission to help fund improvements to the park property (which is a major achievement), private fundraising efforts are still needed to ensure that we have the financing required to complete all the planned improvements.

An online version of the pledge agreement can be accessed here:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/mlppledgeagreement.pdf>

You may enclose a check with your completed pledge agreement, but if you'd rather pay later you may do that. Send in your donation when it's convenient, with the words "Mascoma Lakeside Park" clearly noted in the memo field. Or, you can choose to wait and a member of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee will contact you for payment on the date or dates you specify in your pledge. Thank you for your support! This is an incredibly important effort for our community.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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

OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE – SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>
Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I'm not a robot**, then click "Subscribe Me." It's as easy as that.

We plan during the coming year to more fully utilize the News & Announcements for various departments. This year we began with updates on the Assessing Department page of the progress of the full town-wide revaluation of property. Community news items appear on the Community & Businesses page – check it out!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water Saving Tips to Help You Save Money on Your Next Water/Sewer Bill

1. *Check faucets and pipes for leaks.* A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
2. *Check your toilets for leaks.* Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
3. *Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.* Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
4. *Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.* Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm). Also, all household faucets should be fit with low-flow aerators. 2.5 gpm may be needed in a kitchen sink but bathroom faucets and other water outlets should be 1.5 gpm or lower. Check gpm rating on packaging to be sure the advertised "low-flow" is at or below these levels. This single best home water conservation method is also the least expensive!
5. *Insulate your water pipes.* It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
6. *Take shorter showers.* One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.
7. *Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.* There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
8. *Rinse your razor in the sink.* Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
9. *Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.* Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per

load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.

- 10.** *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.* Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

How to Improve Recycling

To improve the quality of materials that residents place in their recycling bins, Casella (the Town's contracted solid waste service provider) has created a new video for customers to watch. This video is just one component of a campaign centered on Casella's Recycle Better™ campaign.

It is Casella's stated goal to not only invest in recycling technology to improve its outbound materials, but to also educate its customers to do their part to ensure the sustainability of recycling. Consumers, businesses, and municipalities alike must learn to Recycle Better for cleaner, less contaminated material to be delivered to Casella facilities. We encourage you to share this video with your friends, family, and colleagues. The video can be accessed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdvboQQWUc8>

The "Don't" of Recycling



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling
(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items
(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups & waxed paper plates)



NO Disposable Items
(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes
(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood
(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet & yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps
(Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



NO Hazardous Materials
(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal
(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Medical Waste
(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass
(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs
(Check for alternative recycling)

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT! • For more information visit casella.com or call 800-CASELLA

BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR

Recent Building Code Changes

Effective September 15, 2019 the following codes were updated by the State of New Hampshire and adopted by reference in the Town of Enfield.

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2015 International Residential Code
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- 2017 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70
- 2015 Fire Code, NFPA 1
- 2015 Life Safety Code, NFPA 101

Several of the adopted codes have amendments to address specific New Hampshire concerns. Many of these amendments have been carried-over from the 2009 codes.

These amendments can be found on the NH Building Review Board website for Building Codes:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/>

Information on Fire Codes can be found here:

https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/.../state_age.../saf-c6000.html

For any questions or concerns during this transition period do not hesitate to contact the Town's Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

Did you know that property records and GIS maps with various layers, including wetlands, topography, etc., are available on our website? Simply go the Assessing Department page at <http://www.enfield.nh.us/assessing-department> and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in

luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp_0.pdf

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have three openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices. You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here: <http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation>

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has three openings for a five member committee. Applicants for this committee must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis, generally less than once a month, at the convenience of its members.

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning or Zoning. The Planning Board reviews and makes determinations on site plans and the **Planning Board presently looking to fill a vacancy** created by a member departing in November. Meetings of the Planning Board are on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

We are also in search of a **Cemetery Trustee!** Regular meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month (as needed).

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from January – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

2019 was another successful weekend of Old Home Days! Check out the events held in 2019:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf>

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/>



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- **Check the box for "Town News" under the News & Announcements sub-section**
- **Click the "Send My Request" navigation button at the bottom of the page**