

Town Meeting
Deliberative Session
March 15, 2014

Articles 1 – 8
Voted March 11, 2014 by Official Ballot

Total Ballots Cast: 1476

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

For Two Years:

One Moderator – David Beaufait (1101)

For Three Years:

One Selectman – John W. Kluge (1061)

One Town Clerk – Carolee T. Higbee (1133)

One Treasurer – Sasha Holland (1040)

One Trustee of Trust Funds – Cynthia Hollis (1018)

One Cemetery Trustee – Mary E. Quintana (1192)

One Fire Ward – B. Fred Cummings (921)

One Library Trustee – Philip N. Cronenwett (1041)

One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member – Tim Lenihan (147 write-in votes)

Three Budget Committee Members – Annabelle Bamforth (615), Gayle Hulva (717), Mike Lorrey (431)

For Six Years:

One Supervisor of the Checklist – Nancy A. White (1043)

Article 2: YES: 758 NO: 194 PASSED

To delete the current definition of Abutter in the Zoning ordinance and replace it with a new definition for Abutter.

Article 3: YES: 739 NO: 226 PASSED

To add the following sentence to the definition of “*Driveway*” in the Zoning Ordinance: “*Driveways serving three or more parcels shall be constructed to Enfield Street Design Standards*”

Article 4: YES: 753 NO: 206 PASSED

To delete the current definition of “Street” in the Zoning Regulations and insert a new definition for Street.

Article 5: YES: 766 NO: 183 PASSED

To include the following definition for

“Subdivision, Major “ into the Zoning

Ordinance: ***“Subdivision, Major: Shall mean the division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into three (3) or more lots, sites, tracts, or other divisions of land.”***

Article 6: YES: 1028 NO: 269 PASSED

To include a new definition for ***“Subdivision, Minor”*** into the Zoning Ordinance.

Article 7: YES: 979 NO: 351 PASSED

To add requirements for Recreational Vehicles on Lots in the Route 4 District.

Article 8: YES: 991 NO: 329 PASSED

To add setback requirements to waters and wetlands located in the Route 4 District

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of two hundred sixty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (**\$265,000**) payable over a term of ten (10) years for the purpose of leasing two one-ton dump trucks and one fully equipped (plow, wing, and sand/salt spreader) truck (GVW 25,100) for the Department of Public Works and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty one thousand one hundred and 00/100 dollars (**\$41,100**) for the first year's payment for that purpose. Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$41,100 from the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund for which the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to utilize the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund for principal and interest payments for the life of the lease.

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 5-3.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's and Selectmen's recommended sum of five million, four hundred seventy-seven thousand, five hundred sixty-one and 00/100 dollars, **(\$5,477,561)**, for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (Estimated tax impact \$5.70/ \$1,000 valuation.)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0.

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

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (**\$30,000**) payable over a term of four (4) years for the purpose of leasing one cruiser for the Police Department, to authorize the municipal officials to negotiate such lease and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (**\$8,000**) for the first year's payment for that purpose. Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$8,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund for which the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to utilize the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund for principal and interest payments for the life of the lease.

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-1.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred ninety one thousand, seven hundred eighty three and 00/100 dollars (**\$291,783**) to be placed in the Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve. (Estimated tax impact \$0.53/ \$1,000 valuation.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0.

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

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000) for permitting and engineering for the repair of the Route 4A Mascoma Lake Boat Launch parking lot. Said appropriation will be offset by the withdrawal of ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000) from the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund. (This appropriation will have no impact on the 2014 municipal tax rate.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-1.

Article 14: Shall the Town adopt the provision of RSA 80:52-a, to authorize the prepayment of taxes and authorize the tax collector to accept these payments. *Majority Vote Required*

Article 14

- A property owner may make payments in advance of their upcoming property tax bill
- Allows the Tax Collector to accept the funds
- Limits prepayment to up to two years prior to the due date

Article 15: Shall the Town modify an Exemption for the disabled under the provisions of RSA 72-37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$50,000. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his or her principle place of abode, must own the property individual or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years, had in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources, of not more than twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) if single, and thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) if married, own net assets not in excess of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) excluding the value of the person's residence.

Article 16: Shall the Town modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Enfield based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$46,000;

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$69,000

For a person 80 years of age or older, \$92,000.

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

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District Plan, Section V. District Plan, Project List by adding the new municipal parking lot construction (up to \$150,000) to serve the town, police, and new library buildings, and the Lovejoy Brook Road culvert replacement.



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Article 17

- Lovejoy Brook Road Culverts:



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- Culverts fail and the road floods



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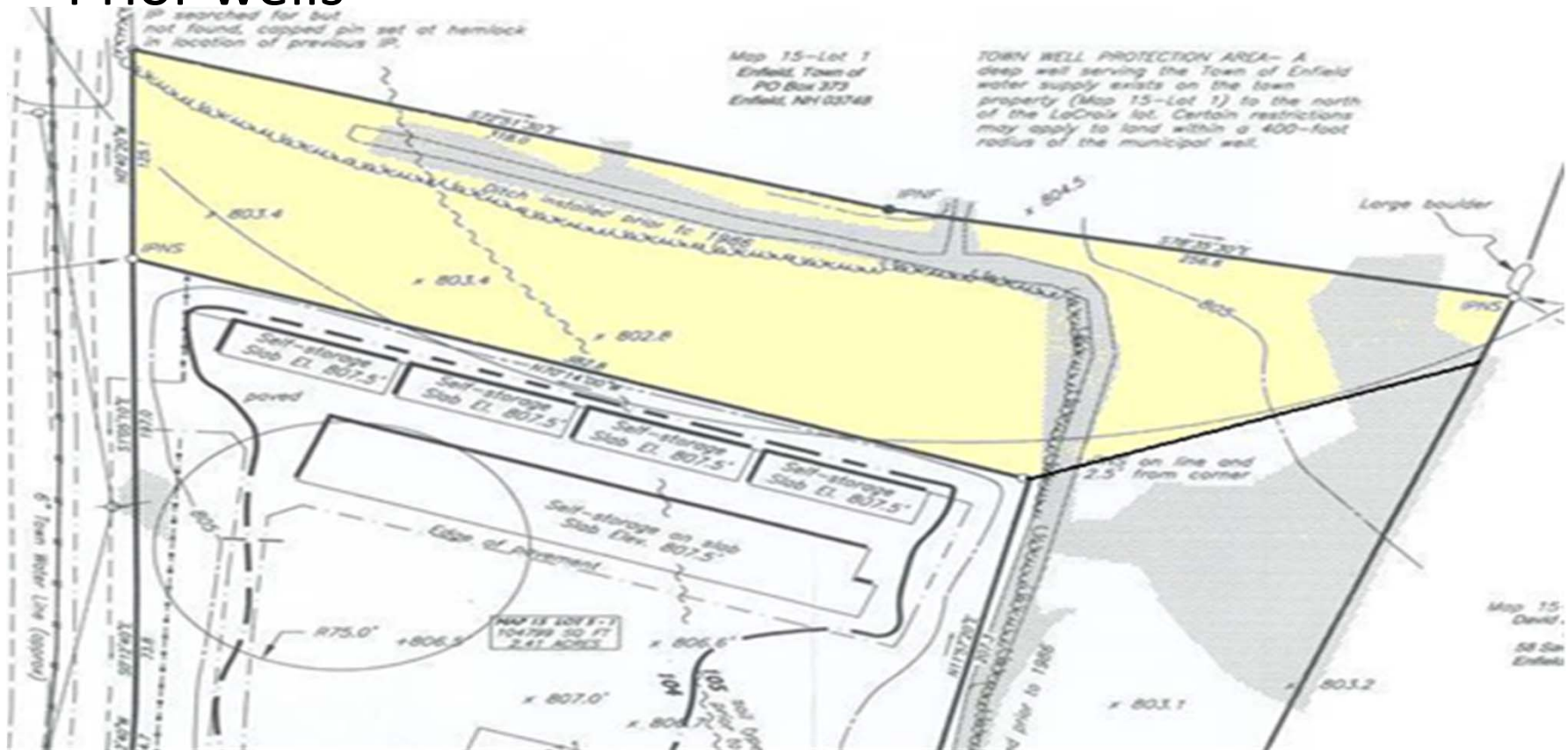
- The Town has applied for a Hazard Mitigation grant to replace the two existing 48" culverts with a 4'x8' box culvert similar to the one under Route 4.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept a piece of real estate approximately 1.5 acres located off Lovejoy Brook Road. Said property is owned by Robert LaCroix, is identified as Map 15 Lot 5, and is adjacent to the property on which the municipal Prior Well is located and is within the wellhead protection zone.

Article 18

This parcel is approximately 1.49 acres

The parcel is adjacent to our main water source, the
Prior wells



Article 19: Should the Town allow the use of an approximately 2.0 acre portion of the idle field adjacent to the Shaker Recreation Park on Route 4A (Tax Map 11, Lot 44) for a volunteer funded and managed off-leash fenced municipal dog park. The property will remain at all times the property of the Town of Enfield. All costs of construction, operation, and maintenance will be paid for by funds raised by the Mascoma Valley Dog Park Supporters, a nonprofit group. The Mascoma Valley Dog Park Supporters, with the approval of the Recreation Department and Selectboard, will be responsible for the planning, development, and management of the dog park. This article has no impact on the 2014 tax rate.

Proposed Amendment: Article 19: Should the Town allow the use of an approximately 2.0 acre portion of the idle field adjacent to the Shaker Recreation Park on Route 4A (Tax Map 11, Lot 44) for a volunteer funded and managed off-leash fenced municipal dog park subject to any town required bonding as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

The property will remain at all times the property of the Town of Enfield. All costs of construction, operation, and maintenance will be paid for by funds raised by the Mascoma Valley Dog Park Supporters, a nonprofit group. The Mascoma Valley Dog Park Supporters, with the approval of the Recreation Department and Selectboard, will be responsible for the planning, development, and management of the dog park. This article has no impact on the 2014 tax rate.



Article 19: Construction of an Off-lease, Fenced Dog Park in the Shaker Recreation Park Fields

Where: +/- 2-acre portion of the idle field adjacent to the Shaker Recreation Park on Route 4A (Tax Map 11, Lot 44).

Ownership: The property will remain at all times the property of the Town of Enfield.

Any impact on the Tax Rate: No.

Management: The park would operate under direction of the Enfield Recreation Commission.

Who would do the work: Volunteers would plan, construct, operate, and maintain the dog park.

Funding: All costs of construction, operation, and maintenance will be paid for by donations.

Impact to site: Fencing, minimal landscaping, and parking lot.

Article 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000) from the 12/31/2013 unreserved fund balance, for deposit into the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, an expendable general trust fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintaining cemeteries? This money represents 2013 revenue from the sale of cemetery lots in 2013 and is available to offset the appropriation.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0.

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

Article 21: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.