

State of New Hampshire

Grafton S.S.

Town of Enfield

2014 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Enfield, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

Take notice and be warned that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Enfield, New Hampshire, will be held on two days as follows:

On Tuesday, March 11, 2014, in the Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, Enfield, NH, there will be voting only by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and Amendment to the Enfield Zoning Ordinance. Note: By law, the meeting must open before the voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 a.m. for the consideration of all ballot articles. At 12:00 Noon the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open.

Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. There will be no opportunity to vote by ballot on Articles 1 through 8 at the second session of the Town Meeting. After the polls close at 7:00 p.m., the ballots will be counted.

The meeting will reconvene **Saturday, March 15, 2014**; Articles 1 through 8 will be presented and articles 9 through 21 will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Enfield Elementary Village School, 271 US Route 4, Enfield, NH.

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

For Two Years: One Moderator

For Three Years: One Selectman
One Town Clerk
One Treasurer
One Trustee of Trust Funds
One Cemetery Trustee
One Fire Ward
One Library Trustee
One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member
Three Budget Committee Members

For Six Years: One Supervisor of the Checklist

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will vote to delete the current definition of Abutter in the Zoning ordinance and replace it with the following definition:

Abutter: Shall mean the owner, or owners, of record of a parcel of land which is contiguous at any point to the parcel being subdivided, or which lies directly across a public right-of-way or stream from the parcel being subdivided. In the case of *all* subdivisions *and site plan reviews*, the term shall also include the owner or owners of record of a parcel of land which is two hundred (200) feet from any point on the boundaries of the parcel being subdivided.

Article 2 involves a change to the definition of abutter in the regulations for Subdivisions. The change is for the definition of Abutter to include ALL parcels within 200 feet of any point on a parcel being subdivided or requiring a site plan review. This change will make the requirements for notice the same for site plan reviews, minor subdivisions as for major subdivisions. This change also effectively provides notice to more people than would be notified under the existing regulation.

Approved by the Enfield Planning Board by a vote of 7-0.

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will vote 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 3 involves adding information to the definition of Driveways to clarify the existing standards for construction of driveways serving more than 3 (three) adjoining lots. Current Town regulations require driveways serving more than 2 adjoining lots to be built to the Enfield Street Design Standards. This change puts the requirement into the definition, to help get the information to the public.

Driveway: Any improved or unimproved area serving as an area of access, entrance, exit, or approach from any street to any parcel of land, regardless of public or private ownership. ***Driveways serving three or more parcels shall be constructed to Enfield Street Design Standards***

Approved by the Enfield Planning Board by a vote of 7-0.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will delete the current definition of “**Street**” in the Zoning Regulations and insert the definition for street listed below in to the regulations:

Street: A state highway, town road, avenue, lane and/or any other way used or in existence for vehicular travel including driveways which serves three or more adjacent lots or sites. The word street shall include the entire right-of-way.

Article 4 involves adding information to the definition of Streets to clarify the existing standards for construction of Driveways serving more than 2 (two) adjoining lots. Current Town regulations require Driveways serving more than 2 adjoining lots to be built to the Enfield Street Design Standards. This change clarifies the requirement.

Approved by the Enfield Planning Board by a vote of 7-0.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will vote 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 5 involves providing a definition for **Subdivision, Major**. This change is made because the definition is not currently in the Zoning Regulation. In 2007 the Town voted to remove all definitions from the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations and put them all in the Zoning Ordinance. This was done to eliminate conflicts between definitions in various regulations. The definitions for Major and Minor Subdivisions were not included on the published list. This change is to include the definition as it existed in the 2007 definitions in the current zoning ordinance.*

Approved by the Enfield Planning Board by a vote of 7-0.

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will vote to include the following definition for “**Subdivision, Minor**” into the Zoning Ordinance:

“Subdivision, Minor: Shall mean the division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into two (2) lots, sites, or other dwelling units, and which requires no new roads, public utilities, or other municipal improvements. A parcel of land which has been subjected to minor subdivision shall not be eligible for further minor subdivision for a period of five (5) years from the date of the most recent minor subdivision approval.”

Article 6 involves providing a definition for Subdivision, Minor. This change is made because the definition is not currently in the Zoning Regulation. In 2007 the Town voted to remove all definitions from the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations and put them all in the Zoning Ordinance. This was done to eliminate conflicts between definitions in various regulations. The definitions for Major and Minor Subdivisions were not included on the published list. This change is to include the definition as it existed in the 2007 definitions in the current zoning ordinance.

Approved by the Enfield Planning Board by a vote of 7-0.

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will vote to add the following requirements for Recreational Vehicles on Lots in the Route 4 District:

- *A recreational vehicle, such as a motor home or camper, may be permitted on a lot, with an existing dwelling unit, so long as it is not used for occupancy or as a dwelling in excess of three weeks in a calendar year.*
- *A recreational vehicle such as a motor home or camper, may be permitted on a lot without an existing dwelling unit, so long as sewage and gray water disposal is in accordance with State law. Occupancy shall be limited to six months in a calendar year.*

Article 7 is requested because no restrictions for Recreational Vehicle on lots in the Route 4 District currently exist. The district was added to the Zoning Regulations in 2013, but the language did not include language on Recreational Vehicles. The language proposed is exactly the language currently in the CB District, which is the district the Route 4 zone was in prior to the change.

Approved by the Enfield Planning Board by a vote of 7-0.

Article 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 7** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will vote to add the following setback requirements to waters and wetlands located in the Route 4 District

- *No structure shall be placed, located, or constructed within fifty feet from the seasonal high water line of any river, stream, wetland, lake, or public pond, and no dock may be located nearer a side lot line than the distance permitted for building setbacks in the Zoning District the property is located in.*

Article 8 is requested because no setbacks to waters and wetlands on lots in the Route 4 District currently exist. The district was added to the Zoning Regulations in 2013, but the language did not include setbacks to waters and wetlands. The language proposed is similar to the language currently in the CB District, which is the district the Route 4 zone was in prior to the change. The difference is that dock setbacks are written to be the same setbacks as buildings in the Route 4 districts as opposed to being that of the water body setback.

Approved by the Enfield Planning Board by a vote of 7-0.

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 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.

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 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.

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.

A true copy of warrant, attest:

John W. Kluge
B. Fred Cummings
Donald J. Crate, Sr.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ENFIELD NH

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

February 19, 2014

We hereby certify that on February 18, 2014, we posted an attested copy of the 2014 Town Warrant at the Place of Meeting within named, and posted a like copy at:

Enfield Post Office
Enfield Center Post Office
Enfield Village School
Enfield Library
Enfield Town Office
<http://www.enfield.nh.us>

Being public places in said town on February 18, 2014.

A true copy of Warrant:

John W. Kluge

B. Fred Cummings

Donald J. Crate, Sr.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ENFIELD NH