

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER**

## **APRIL 2018**



### **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 have begun producing 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 that may be interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them.

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:

- Go to the below page on the town’s website:  
<http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Subscriber>
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- 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

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](mailto: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.

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

**TOWN MEETING & LOCAL ELECTION SUMMARY**

**Town Election 2018 Results**

**Selectman**

*Katherine Stewart* 255

**Trustee of Trust Funds**

*April Guinness* 381

**Cemetery Trustee**

*Gordon Clough (write-in)* 63

**Fire Ward**

*Tim Taylor* 348

**Library Trustee**

*Shirley Green* 385

**Budget Committee (pick three)**

*Mike Diehn* 292

*Erik Russell* 270

*Jean Patten (write-in)* 104

**Supervisor of the Checklist**

*Susan Blain* 377

**Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) (pick two)**

*Tim Lenihan* 278

*Mike Diehn* 233

**Article 2. Definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit (Amendment to Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance)**

Yes 344

No 62

**Article 3. Delete inclusion of voluntary mergers from requirements for abutter notification. (Amendment to Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance)**

Yes 329

No 75

**Article 4. Allows new construction in the Eastman District to be subject**

**to the same water body/wetland setbacks as other residential districts in Enfield (Amendment to Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance)**

Yes 342

No 63

**Deliberative Session (“Business Meeting”) Results**

**Articles Passed As Written**

- Article 5 (Capital Request – Dump Truck and Police Cruiser)
- Article 7 (Employee and Retiree Benefits Trust Fund)
- Article 9 (Mascoma Lakeside Park Land Purchase)
- Article 10 (Strategic Planning/Governance and New Software)
- Article 12 (Wastewater Asset Management & Planning Loan with Principal Forgiveness)
- Article 14 (Transfer of Funds to Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund)
- Article 16 (Board of Selectmen Authority to Accept Gifts of Property)
- Article 17 (Keno Gaming)
- Article 18 (Veterans’ Tax Credit)
- Article 19 (Sale of Cemetery Lots)

**Articles Passed As Amended**

- Article 6 (Various Capital Improvements)
- Article 8 (Operating Budget)
- Article 11 (Appropriation to CIP Capital Reserve Fund)

**Articles Defeated**

- Article 13 (Reducing Undesignated Fund Deficit)

**Articles Tabled**

- Article 15 (Solar Power Purchase Agreement)

Please don’t hesitate to contact the Town Clerk (603-442-5403 or [ceisener@enfield.nh.us](mailto:ceisener@enfield.nh.us)) if you have any questions about Town elections. Similarly, questions about the deliberative session of Town Meeting can be directed to the Town Manager (603-442-5405 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us)) or Assistant Town Manager (603-442-5401 or [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us)).

**“FAREWELL” AND NEW HIRE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Departing Tax Collector/Town Clerk**

After 34 years of distinguished service to the Town, including 27 years as Tax Collector and 14 years as Town Clerk, Carolee Eisener will be retiring at the end of the month. The Town of Enfield has been incredibly fortunate to have

Carolee, and she and her considerable body of knowledge will be greatly missed). We hope you will stop by Town Hall before the month is out and wish her well in retirement!

Carolee's longtime Deputy Town Clerk, Sandy Romano, will now ascend to the Town Clerk position. Sandy has served as Deputy Town Clerk for 22 years and her extensive experience and familiarity with all functions of the Town Clerk's Office will help ensure a smooth transition following Carolee's retirement.

### **New Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk**

After interviewing numerous qualified candidates for the Tax Collector-Deputy Town Clerk position, Wendy Huntley (the Town's former bookkeeper) was ultimately offered the position. Wendy brings with her many years of valuable experience, including nearly two decades in the area of municipal finance. She has a very warm personality and is also a well-known person around town. The truth is that no one can come in off of the street and immediately fill the void that Carolee's departure will bring, but we are confident that Wendy will serve the Town with distinction for many years to come. Wendy's official start date will be April 23 (Monday), but she will be attending a few different tax collector/town clerk trainings down in Concord before then. Please join us in welcoming Wendy (back) to the team!

### **New Heavy and Light Equipment Operators**

The Department of Public Works recently hired a couple new equipment operators. Tony Bishop was hired as a heavy equipment operator and began service back in January. Steve King was recently hired as a light equipment operator and he will begin service the week of April 9. Tony and Steve both possess a CDL and have many years of experience operating large trucks and equipment for a municipal highway department. Don't forget to wave to Tony and Steve when you see them out on the road!

### **MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK- NEW UPDATES**

As has been previously reported, the Board of Selectmen and the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee are actively pursuing acquisition of two lakefront parcels currently owned by NH DOT to further the objective of enhanced public access and enjoyment of the lake. These parcels are located adjacent to the underpass on Main Street with convenient access to the Rail Trail and the downtown area, and offer stunning views of Mascoma Lake.

At Town Meeting on March 17, voters voted overwhelmingly (96%) in support of authorizing the Town to accept private donations to purchase land on Lake Mascoma for the creation of a park.



If you are one of the voters who picked up the flyer about the park, and would like to show your support right now, please fill out the pledge card in the flyer, sign and date it, and send it in to the Town. You may enclose a check, 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. If you would like to make a gift and don't have a pledge card, you can pick one up at Town Hall or send an email ([raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us)) and we will send a flyer/pledge card to you by mail.

All donations are tax deductible. The Committee is very happy to report that, as of this printing, nearly \$130,000 has been raised in the early stages of the campaign. Initial progress toward the \$500,000 fundraising goal was helped in large part from a substantial matching gift that has been pledged by the Byrne Foundation. In accordance with state law, all gifts and donations will be returned to donating parties in the event the land purchase does not take place.

At this time we do not yet know what NH DOT is going to propose as a purchase price for the property. Although the Town of Enfield commissioned an independent appraisal of the parcels within the last two years, NH DOT is completing its own appraisal of the property. It is anticipated that the two appraisals will draw differing conclusions about the parcels' fair market value. Once the NH DOT has completed its appraisal, the matter will be referred to a legislative committee to determine what the appropriate purchase price will be. At this juncture, it is unclear when the matter will be referred to legislative committee for final action.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us) if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Annual Water Quality Report Available Online

The Town of Enfield's 2018 Water Quality Report is available online:  
[www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Water/waterquality/CCR\\_2018.pdf](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Water/waterquality/CCR_2018.pdf)

This report describes The Town of Enfield's drinking water sources and quality, and programs that protect your water supply. This publication conforms to federal regulations that require water utilities to provide you this information annually. It will help us keep you informed about upcoming federal, state and local policies, regulations and guidelines. We are also affiliated with organizations such as the American Water Works Association, Granite State Rural Water Association and The New England Water Works Association, as well as the New Hampshire Water Works Association. These organizations support us by providing technical assistance and training, and represent our concerns regarding water quality issues to the U.S. Congress.

### First Quarter (Jan. 1 through March 31) Water & Sewer Bills

The "first quarter" water and sewer bills, which cover the usage period of January 1 through March 31, are being generated and will be mailed out next week (second week of April).

As a reminder, the adjustments to the water and sewer rates for 2018 (which were not reflected on any bills prior to the current billing) are significant due to the need to improve financial sustainability, particularly as it pertains to the Sewer Fund. Water consumption rates have been split into two separate rate classifications. The first category is customers consuming up to 9,999 gallons per quarter. Users in this classification will be charged \$2.00/1000 gallons. The second category is customers consuming 10,000 gallons or more per quarter. Users that fall within this classification will be charged \$2.50/1000 gallons (although it should be noted that the higher consumption charge will only apply to those gallons consumed over and above the 9,999 gallons/quarter billed at the \$2.00 rate). There is no change to the fixed rates with respect to water. The sewer consumption rate has been increased 10% on both classifications of consumption (the first class being up to 23,999 gallons/quarter and the second class being 24,000/quarter or greater). In addition, the fixed rates have been increased for the first time since 2007. Please consult the detailed rate charge chart being mailed to your home for a breakdown of these changes.

You will notice a column on the rate chart labeled "deficit reduction charge." This is a **temporary** 40% charge based on consumption that is designed to eliminate the existing operating deficit in the Sewer Fund (this is presently



estimated to be approximately \$700,000) within a period of five years. Once the deficit is eliminated, the corresponding deficit reduction charge will be removed from sewer bills. The deficit has been growing steadily for nearly a decade due to revenues not keeping pace with expenses. The primary growth of expense is wastewater treatment at the Lebanon wastewater treatment plant which accounts for nearly 70% of the total Sewer Department's yearly expenses.

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 the future. Several new projects are underway that will help to control future costs, and this includes a thorough evaluation of alternative methods of treating Enfield's wastewater.

We thank you for your understanding, and please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Public Works (603-632-4605 | [jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us)) with any questions you may have about your bill.

### **Attention all Transfer Station Users**

The Town of Enfield Transfer Station attendants will be checking vehicles for 2018 window stickers. If stickers are not present a warning will be issued. The second time cars will be turned away. Transfer Station stickers are available to all residents and property owners at no charge and can be picked up at the Town Office during their regular business hours.

### **Opening of Municipal Cemeteries**

The Enfield Cemeteries will open April 15, 2018. This opening date is subject to weather conditions. The cost of a 4-foot x11-foot plot is \$400.00. The Town has cemetery plots for sale in Countryside Cemetery and Lockhaven Cemetery. Lakeview Cemetery is sold out. **BURIALS ON SUNDAYS OR LEGAL HOLIDAYS ARE NOT PERMITTED.** If you need more information, contact Will Shoemaker, Enfield's Cemetery Sexton at 603-442-5424.



### **Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting Special Event**

Arbor Day is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2018. The Town will be holding a tree planting ceremony on that day at Huse Park beginning mid-morning (exact

time still TBD). At present, we anticipate that a fir tree will be planted to be the “Town tree” that is used for future holiday lighting displays. Additional details will be available in the next couple of weeks. We hope you will come out and join us!

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Pedestrians, Bicycles and Motorcycles**

The Police Department would like to remind everybody that, with the warmer weather, more people will be out walking and on motorcycles and bicycles. Please be mindful to always share the road responsibly and look twice when crossing intersections and navigating areas of greater congestion/activity. It can save a life!

### **Bears**

We have already seen several bear who are awake and roaming around. Please remember to bring in your bird feeders and secure your trash at night. If you are having issues with a bear contact the Police Department at 603-632-7501 or call NH Fish and Game at 603-271-3421

### **Four-way Intersections**

A reminder that when you come to a 4 way intersection follow the 4 rules of a 4-way. 1. First come, first served, 2. Yield to right, 3. Straight over turning and 4. Right turn over left turn.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to public safety in our community, please don't hesitate to contact the Police Department at 603-632-7501.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

If you have not already created an account with Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation, please check out our new site and make an account for you and your family!

**Recreation Website:** <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Enfield Recreation continues to offer Chair Yoga on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building for the low price of \$3/class.



The \*NEW\* Enfield Market will be held again on Saturday, April 14 at the Enfield Community Building from 10am-1pm. It continues on the second Saturday of each month and vendors will vary so each shopping experience could be different. Stop by to shop for items and services for your home, family and lifestyle. So far, vendors include Scentsy, Pefectly Posh, The Stewart Farm, baked goods by Kaylee Felix, homemade jewelry vendors and more! This event is sponsored by the Enfield Recreation Commission.

Summer Camp Registration will begin soon! Enfield Recreation Camp will be held at Huse Park, July 2 – August 3. We will have online registration available by April 9<sup>th</sup> for Enfield residents.

MVPR Theatre Camp registration is open now! Sign your child up for a unique theatre experience this summer. Early bird registration ends July 1<sup>st</sup>, so take advantage of our discounted prices and register your child today. More information is available online and on our Facebook page:

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

Below is a list of our current and upcoming programs. For more details and online registration for some of our programs, please go to our site:

<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

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

- Chair Yoga, Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9:30-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building
- Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:00pm
- Adult Volleyball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 6:00-8:00pm
- Adult Basketball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 10:00am-12:00pm
- Line Dancing, on Mondays at Mascoma High School from 4:30-5:30pm and on Thursdays at the Enfield Community Building from 5:10-6:10pm
- Zumba, on Thursdays at Mascoma High School from 4:30-5:30pm
- Bob Ross Style Painting Classes – learn to paint like Bob Ross in a day! Classes are held in the lower meeting room of the Enfield Community Building
  - Four remaining classes: April 21, April 28, June 9 and June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Cost is \$45 and all materials are included; participants take home their painting at the end of class
  - Classes are from 1:00-4:00pm, except for class on June 30<sup>th</sup>, which will be held 9:00am-1:00pm
- Enfield Recreation Camp registration starts soon – watch Facebook for more information
- MVPR Theatre Camp from August 6 – August 11 at MVRHS
- British Multi-Sports Camp: June 18 – 22 at Shaker Recreation Fields

- Register Online:  
<https://challenger.configio.com/pd/160898/mascoma-valley-parks-recreation?m=0&zip=03748&zipdis=30&cid=423&returncom=productlist&source=search>
- British Soccer Camp July 16 – 20 at Shaker Recreation Fields
  - Register Online:  
<https://challenger.configio.com/ShoppingCart.aspx?com=detailview&iid=160890&returncom=productlist>
- Youth Volleyball Clinic July 23-July 27 at MVRHS
- Youth Sailing Lessons in July on Mascoma Lake (more details coming soon)
- Paul Hogan “Shooter’s Gold” Basketball Clinic July 16-20 at IRS and MVRHS
  - Registration Online: <http://hogancamps.com/camps/>
  - The camp for grades 1-4 will be held at IRS; grades 5-8 will be at MVRHS

Thank you to all the individuals who have participated in one or more of our programs!



*Bob Ross Painting Classes 1 & 2*

## **PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES**

### **Planning**

The Planning Board had one meeting in March (March 28). Hearings included:

- A continuation of an application to change two commercial units to residential units at 60 Main St. The case has not been settled. There are issues with the number of parking spaces, access to parking, snow removal and trash removal. A hearing is scheduled for April 25 to hear the applicant’s recommendations to resolve these issues.
- The Fee Schedule for the Planning Board was revised. It has not been reviewed since 2011. After reviewing the current costs of mailing and

advertising and comparisons to nearby Towns of a similar size, the Board elected to approve increases to the Fees.

- Conceptual hearings were heard for a few commercial ventures. One for apartments on Main St, another regarding an increase to available parking near downtown, and one for an extension to a building on the river. These items will need to meet State permitting requirements to move forward.

Other Activity included:

- The Zoning Ordinance will be updated to include the revisions approved at the Town Meeting. These are all minor changes. Two of the changes are intended to meet recently adopted legislative requirements regarding rental units in homes. A third change pertains to zoning setback requirements in Eastman.
- The State responded to the driveway permit application for the future Jakes Market. The permit added requirements to the entrances which will change the access to the market to and from US Route 4 and modification to the island at the end of Maple Street.
- The Board will be losing a valuable member in May. Nancy Scovner has stated she will resign at the end of her term on May 1. She has given many years of great service to this and other boards and will be missed greatly.
- Anyone interested in joining the board, please let us know. Applications can be found on the Towns website and can be provided via email.

## **Zoning**

- The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) did not hold any meetings in March. A meeting is scheduled for April 10 with two cases to be heard. One case involves a request for a waiver of equitable adjustment for a minor subdivision. The other is for an applicant to have farm animals, specifically horses, on property in the R1 District.
- The Town Meeting vote put a prior member back on the Board. We welcome Tim Lenihan back. We will miss Cecilia Aufiero, who was defeated in her bid for reelection to a seat on the ZBA.
- We have received one application for an alternate position on the ZBA. This will be considered at the next meeting.
- The ZBA is looking for new members. At the present time there are no alternates on the ZBA. Anyone interested in joining this fascinating, very dynamic committee is welcome to apply.
- The ZBA is thankful that a very qualified individual has taken the position of recording secretary. We all look forward to meeting her at the upcoming meeting.

## **ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

April showers bring May flowers... if that turns out to be true, now is a good time to come in and check out our newest items. Here are some highlights:

### **New Books:**

- *The Flight Attendant* by Vermont author Chris Bohjalian
- *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones
- *I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer* by Michelle McNamara

### **New DVDs:**

- Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
- Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri
- I, Tonya
- The Handmaid's Tale (season 1)

### **Happening in April:**

- Make It Take It Monday: April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll be revisiting old favorites and doing a mix of crafts from past events. Drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:00pm. All ages welcome!
- Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Community Building: Abolitionists of Noyes Academy.
- Saturday My First Story Time: April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am. Babies to age 2½ on a caregiver's lap will enjoy books, songs, and rhymes supporting early literacy, lots of movement, and socializing.
- Our book group will be reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. The discussion will be held Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- We'll have more info on our summer reading program coming soon!

### **What Happened in March:**

- We circulated 2,411 items and had 24 programs with 348 participants.

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

## **OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR**

### **Welcoming Wendy Huntley!**

Our exciting news is to welcome Wendy Huntley as our new Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk. Wendy previously worked for the Town as bookkeeper and we are happy to have her return. There will be a slight transition as she

completes training but I'm sure that she will quickly be up to speed with both positions.

### **New Workstation at Customer Counter**

We are going to install another computer station in 2018, hopefully within the next two months. This should alleviate some of the wait time for motor vehicle registrations when it's very busy.

### **Dog Licenses**

Dog licenses are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>! Neutered/spayed dogs and puppies up to 7 months old are \$6.50 each, intact dogs \$9.00 each. If the dog owner is over 65 years of age the first dog is \$2.00, then the regular fee for each additional. We are required to have current rabies vaccination information on file.

### **Tax Liens**

The Tax Lien Procedure is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. Any past due property taxes will be placed under lien, which is recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds, and the interest charged will increase to 18%, under statutory requirements.

### **A Message of Thanks**

As I retire, I would like to THANK YOU ALL for all your support over the years. It has been an honor to serve the townspeople of Enfield.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Office of the Tax Collector (603-442-5404) or Town Clerk (603-442-5403) if you have any questions we can help you with.

### **BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR**

With spring coming slowly and snow still potentially in the forecast, people should take the time to check your roof for heavy accumulations in spots and make arrangements to get it removed if necessary. Also check the operation of your sump pumps to assure they work before needed as the snow melts.

A dangerous situation was alleviated last month when a neighbor noticed an odor of propane at an adjoining property. The Fire Department was called to check levels in the area and found them to be high. The fuel company responded, and was able to correct the situation prior to any further issues. Please be aware at your home and within your neighborhood for situations such as this and call 911 if needed.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town's Building and Fire Inspector at 603-632-4343 or [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) with any questions.

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

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2017 Annual Report was mailed to all property owners in advance of last month's annual town Meeting. The report is also accessible online as a PDF document – ***in full color!*** – on the Town website:

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Manager/AnnualDocs/annual](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/AnnualDocs/annual)

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Route 4A Sewer Extension Project Update**

Kingsbury (contractor) completed connection of the remaining Lakeview sewer service lines on January 29<sup>th</sup> and flows are currently being directed to the new pump station and being discharged off-site. The pump station is functioning as intended with minor electrical work remaining. Additional work was completed in the Route 4A sewer manholes in February to reduce the incidence of surface water penetration. Now that the manhole work is completed, Kingsbury has requested to shut down for the remaining winter months. Decommissioning of the existing wastewater systems at Lakeview, final restoration of Lakeview and Shaker Landing roadways, final restoration of lawns and grasses, and installation of the remaining finishes around the pump station will be completed in May, 2018.

Conkey Enterprises (contractor) continues work on the Shaker Landing Pump Station replacement portion of this project under a separate contract. The force main line and gravity sewer mains have been installed and associate line testing was recently completed. The pump station structures, including manholes, valve vault and wet well have been installed and mostly back-filled. Access hatches were installed. A winter shutdown will be in effect now that the new pump station is up and running. Cleaning up the access drive, restoration of lawns and grasses and decommissioning of the existing pump station is expected in May, 2018.



## **Road Postings**

The Town of Enfield has posted all Town roads effective 2/26/18. The State of New Hampshire has posted Shaker Hill Road and Main Street. Limited permission for access is available on a case by case basis with factors such as weather, truck size, time of day, etc., being taken into consideration. Please contact the Highway Supervisor at (603) 632-7301 ext. 5418 or the DPW Director at 603-632-4605 or [jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us) with any questions. Those wishing to access Main Street or Shaker Hill Road should call the NH DOT District 2 office at 448-2654

## **Changes to the Transfer Station Hours of Operation – Effective Jan. 1**

The Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, department heads and other local officials are committed to identifying ways to minimize or reduce Town spending while at the same time sustaining the quality of municipal services offered to our residents and visitors.

As was reported in more detail in the December issue of the town newsletter, the Board of Selectmen recently voted to adjust the Transfer Station hours of operation. More specifically, the new hours will be as follows beginning January 1, 2018:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 11:00AM-6:00PM
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: Closed
- Saturday: 8:00AM-4:00PM
- Sunday: 8:00AM-4:00PM

Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Manager (603-632-5026 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us)) with any questions.

## **Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services**

Trash and Zero Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station cost 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 Recycle to the Fullest Extent Possible**

The Town's current contracted solid waste hauler, Casella, has produced a brochure that outlines the materials that can be recycled via the Zero-Sort program. This brochure can be accessed here:

<https://www.casella.com/sites/default/files/2017-02/BROCHURE-TriFold-ZeroSort-2017.pdf>

Remember, recycling is not only socially and environmentally responsible, but it dramatically reduces the hauling fees incurred by the Town. At present, the Town pays Casella \$68.68 per ton for trash disposal and \$35 per ton for recyclables collected at the curb. That's a significant cost difference. Please do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process)!

### **Driveway Sand**

Driveway sand is available at the DPW 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 Stickers. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt and ledge sand is NOT available.

### **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 the maintenance of the way. We thank you for your help and cooperation in keeping our roads and parking areas safe for passage! If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-7301.

## 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](http://casella.com) or call 800-CASELLA

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates – 2018

# Household Hazardous Waste 2018 COLLECTION DAYS

NEW Lebanon  
Location

WHEN

All collections are Saturday, 9:00 am—Noon

**May 12**—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

**June 16**—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview St (off North St)

**August 18**—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11

**October 13**—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

**FREE to residents from** Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. Businesses and **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more must pre-register **3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE**.

### WHAT TO BRING:

Pesticides, Herbicides, Flea Powder  
Antifreeze, Dirty Gas & Kerosene  
Adhesives & Driveway Sealer  
Mercury Thermostats & Thermometers  
Household Cleaners & Polishes  
Hobby & Pool Chemicals  
Oil-Based Paint (not Latex!)  
Solvents, Varnishes, Stains  
Button, Ni-Cad, Lithium, and  
Rechargeable Batteries  
Smoke Detectors

...And much more...give a call or  
visit <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>



For  
information  
contact the

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
Regional Planning Commission  
at (603) 448-1680 or  
[vdavis@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:vdavis@uvlsrpc.org)



**Alkaline batteries:** Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal.

**Ammunition and explosives:** State Police at 271-3636.

**Asbestos:** Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health—don't even think about removing it yourself!

**Automotive batteries:** Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station

**Empty aerosol cans:** Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town.

**Fluorescent lights:** May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town.

Food Co-ops and Home Depot take may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

**Latex paint:** Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint, then throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex.

**Medicine:** See [www.twinstatesafemeds.com](http://www.twinstatesafemeds.com) for police stations taking meds.

**Medical sharps:** Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling."

Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector. See

[www.nh.gov/medsafety](http://www.nh.gov/medsafety). Can drop off at Lebanon Police Station.

**Propane or helium tanks and fire extinguishers:** Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Empty fire extinguishers can be recycled (NRRRA takes from towns).

**Used motor oil:** Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>

## **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://disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/Freezing-Bursting-Pipes\\_IBHS-White.pdf](https://disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/Freezing-Bursting-Pipes_IBHS-White.pdf)

## **BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR**

### **New Policies & Fees, General Reminders**

With the start of a new year a few updates from the office of the Building and Fire Inspector.

- Building Permit fees were increased effective September 2017, be sure your calculating from this schedule prior to submitting.
- Permit copy to post is **green** this year, check last year's **red** copy as it may need to be renewed if the project is not completed.
- Most projects undertaken in the Town of Enfield will require a permit, a couple of exceptions are roofing and siding as long as structural features are not being changed or upgraded.
- All single and multi-family housing units are required to have smoke detectors, and in most cases C/O (carbon monoxide) detectors are required as well. We have seen many units without these. Most detectors have a 10 year life span, after that time they need to be replaced. If you need help to determine if units are required or should be replaced, please contact this office.
- Work on an escape plan and meeting place with your family in the event of a fire or emergency. The Fire Department continues to visit local schools, preschools and daycares bringing fire prevention information to this audience.

As always this office is available to answer questions, do not hesitate to contact the Building & Fire Inspector at [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) or 603-632-4343

### **Private Septic System Maintenance**

One of the more frequently asked questions of the Building Inspector is “how do we maintain our private septic system?” and “how often do we do it?” The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has compiled a useful fact



sheet which is available at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/ssb/documents/ssb-13.pdf>

This helpful resource provides details on the workings and maintenance needs of your system. Included is a sheet to record the maintenance that has been performed. As always, if you have further questions do not hesitate to contact the Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) for assistance.

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) "Heating Safety" fact sheet explains what is necessary to help prevent fires and safely operate our heating equipment. This is accessible at:

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/heating/heating-safety-tips>

Please don't hesitate to contact the Fire Inspector at 603-632-4343 or [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) with any questions.

## **GENERAL INTEREST**

### **Did you know?**

Property assessment 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/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Assessing/index](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Assessing/index) and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

## **ENFIELD LAUNCHES OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!**

The Town of Enfield has launched an official Facebook page ("Town of Enfield, New Hampshire") that can be accessed at the following web link: [www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH](http://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH)

This page will be maintained by town officials and be used to help disseminate important updates about community affairs and alert residents when new/detailed information is available on the Town's website ([www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us)). We hope you will "Like" this page and start receiving regular updates on your Facebook news feed!



## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Narcotics Investigations**

The Enfield Police Department conducted several narcotics investigations in recent months. The cases focused on individuals selling heroin. These investigations are very complex and require a coordinated and regional response; we applied for a state grant to work with the Lebanon and Canaan Police Departments over the next year in an effort to reduce the flow of these deadly drugs into our communities. We continue to maintain a visible presence on the streets to prevent thefts. Most addicts spend anywhere from \$500-\$1000 per week on their drugs. Thefts are one of multiple ways they are able to support their habit. We also need your help. If you see someone or something suspicious please call us immediately.

### **Speeding**

Complaints of speeding vehicles continue to be an issue. We have deployed our radar trailer as well as patrols to help bring attention to motorists speed. Most of the complaints take place on our neighborhood streets. Please be mindful of your speed and respect your neighbors concerns.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to public safety in our community, please don't hesitate to contact the Police Chief at 603-632-7501 or [rcrate@enfield.nh.us](mailto:rcrate@enfield.nh.us).

## **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://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Manager/MiscDocs/MembershipApp.pdf](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/MiscDocs/MembershipApp.pdf)

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have one opening. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director, Katherine Lary Jopek, 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. Check our Town Calendar for meeting times as they are trying out a new earlier time – 6 PM! You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/RecCom/index](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/RecCom/index)

Kati Jopek also serves as the Mascoma Valley Regional Recreation Coordinator. You can check out the publication of regional events in the 2017-2018 Fall/Winter issue of *Play Mascoma Valley*! Here: [http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/RecCom/mvalleyrec/Fall%20Winter%202017-2018%20for%20web.pdf](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/RecCom/mvalleyrec/Fall%20Winter%202017-2018%20for%20web.pdf). Printed copies are available. Also, be sure to check out the following web page for the recreation programs we now have with ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has two 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 and Zoning. They are both judicial bodies that have the responsibility to judge if new Subdivisions and business Site Plans meet the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have one opening for a **Planning Board alternate** and one opening for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. The Planning Board's regular meeting schedule is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, however they'll meet just once a month if there is not enough business to warrant two meetings. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each 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. Check out the wide array of entertaining events held in 2017:

[http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/Oldhomedays/OHDFlyer2017.pdf](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/Oldhomedays/OHDFlyer2017.pdf)

Is the preservation of our natural resources a cause that is near and dear to your heart? Then perhaps you'd like to join the **Conservation Commission**! The Commission has one opening. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Help make plans to preserve open space for wildlife, protect our watersheds, or provide education to others. A recent project of this commission was the development of the Harris Brook Scenic Area. Check it out!

[http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/ConCom/HarrisBrook](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/ConCom/HarrisBrook)

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

**UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- April 2 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- April 3 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 4 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- April 5 @ 7:00 PM (Town Hall) – Conservation Commission
- April 9 @ 6 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- April 10 @ 5:15 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee
- April 10 @ 7 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- April 11 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (if needed)
- April 16 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- April 17 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 17 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Recreation Commission
- April 25 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- May 2 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- May 3 @ 7:00 PM (Town Hall) – Conservation Commission
- May 7 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- May 9 @ 7 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- **\*NEW\* Enfield Market** (Enfield Community Building) – April 14 (and every “second Saturday” through November 2018) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Shop for various products for your home, lifestyle and family. Vendors will vary month to month, so each shopping experience could be different!
- **Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting Special Event** (Huse Park/Community Building) – April 27 beginning in the early afternoon (additional event details will be distributed in the coming weeks)
- **Bingo** (Enfield Community Building) –Every Tuesday hosted by the Firefighter’s Association. Doors open at 4:00 PM, games begin at 6:30 PM. Cards begin at \$20. Optional dinner (a wonderfully homemade meal) is served at 5:00 PM at a cost of \$6 (dinner includes an entrée, beverage and dessert).



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

**Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:**

- **Go to the below page on the town's website:**  
<http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Subscriber>
- **Enter your email address in the "Your Email" field**
- **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**