

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER**

## **FEBRUARY 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 PREVIEW

### Official Ballot Session (“Town Election Day”)

**Where:** Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, Enfield

**When:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018

**Polls Open:** 8:00 a.m. **Polls Close:** 7:00 p.m.

### Deliberative Session (“Business Meeting”)

**Where:** Enfield Village School Gymnasium, 271 US Route 4, Enfield

**When:** Saturday, March 17, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

We wish to alert residents that copies of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, associated warrant article explanations, and the detailed annual budget (Form MS-737) submitted to the NH Department of Revenue Administration will be made publicly available shortly following the conclusion of public hearings held by the Board of Selectmen (Tuesday, February 6 beginning at 6:30 PM) and budget hearing convened by the Budget Committee (Wednesday, February 7 beginning at 6:30 PM).

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)).

### **MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN – NEW UPDATES!**

Mascoma Lake is a treasured resource that should be available to all residents and visitors of the Enfield area, not just lake front property owners. Using donations,



*Photo by Jim Bonner*

gifts, grants and other sources of private funding (so that there will not be any impact on the tax rate), the Board of Selectmen and an associated subcommittee 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.

NH DOT is in the process of commissioning its own staff appraisal of the property. Once that is completed, the matter will be referred to a legislative committee to determine who will be the next owner of the parcels. The Town has received indications from NH DOT that Enfield will be offered the opportunity to purchase the land at fair market value. It should be noted that in anticipation of a possible purchase of the land, the Town retained the services of an independent appraiser to appraise the properties in 2016. The findings of this appraisal will inform future negotiations on sale price.

The Enfield Board of Selectmen, as the Town's governing body, have decided to include an article of the annual Town Meeting warrant that would provide the authority to purchase the property and maintain it as a park, provided that the purchase price of the land and park improvements can be raised from private sources. The Board of Selectmen has formally established a trust fund where donations made in support of land acquisition and improvements for the Mascoma Lakeside Park property are now being deposited, and the Mascoma Lakeside Park Fundraising Committee has begun administering a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$500,000 (at least half of which the Committee is striving to raise over the next few months) to facilitate the purchase of the parcels and begin building a reserve that can be used for future improvements to the property. All donations are tax deductible. The Committee is very happy to report that, as of this printing, we are closing in on \$100,000 raised in the very early stages of the campaign. Initial progress toward the \$500,000 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.

A public informational meeting regarding the Town's planned purchase of the property has been scheduled for February 26 (Monday) beginning at 7:00 PM in the Community Building. We strongly encourage interested residents to attend the presentation and take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions.

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 this important project.

## **UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Public Works Facility (74 Lockehaven Road) the Board of Selectmen will hold five Public Hearings on the below described topics. Hearings will be held in sequential order with each hearing beginning immediately following the conclusion of the prior hearing.

- Public Hearing #1: in accordance with RSA 33:8-a, regarding a Bond or Note over \$100,000 for a Capital Lease of Vehicles and Equipment for replacement Public Works dump truck and replacement Police cruiser;
- Public Hearing #2: in accordance with RSA 33:8-a, regarding a Bond or Note over \$100,000 for Crystal Lake Road Improvements (approx. \$58,000), Fire Station and Shedd Street Garage Furnace and Insulation Upgrades (approx. \$20,000), Huse Park Basketball Court Improvements (approx. \$15,000), Whitney Hall Parking Lot Resurfacing (approx. \$15,000), Transfer Station Office Trailer Replacement (approx. \$6,500) and Community Buildings Security/Locks Upgrades (approx. \$3,000) for a total bond amount up to \$117,500;
- Public Hearing #3: in accordance with RSA 31:19, regarding acceptance of donated funds in an amount greater than \$10,000 in support of the Mascoma Lakeside Park, for deposit into the Mascoma Lakeside Park Trust Fund;
- Public Hearing #4: in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, regarding acceptance of \$16,500 in Asset Management Planning Grant funds.
- Public Hearing #5: regarding a 2018 Town Meeting warrant article to transfer \$76,000 from the CIP Capital Reserve Fund to the Municipal Facilities, Maintenance and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding from the Municipal Facilities CRF a Strategic Governance Study (approx. \$25,000) and the purchase and implementation of municipal finance and permitting software (approx. \$51,000).
- Hearings may start later, but not earlier than the posted time.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Assistant Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us) if you have any questions about the above referenced hearings.

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - RECORDING SECRETARY FOR ENFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS**

The Town of Enfield is accepting letters of interest and qualifications for a recording secretary to take the minutes at Enfield Board of Selectmen

meetings. We wish to fill the position by the beginning of March. This is a paid position with wages dependent upon qualifications and experience. The Board of Selectmen typically meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. You can see past minutes on the Town's website:

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_BOSMin/](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_BOSMin/)

Please do not hesitate to contact the Assistant Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us) if you have any questions about the position or wish to submit an application.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

Kingsbury 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 is expected in the Route 4A sewer manholes over the next few weeks. Following completion of this manhole work Kingsbury is expected 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 continues work on the Shaker Landing Pump Station replacement portion of this project under a separate contract. The majority of the force main line has been installed as well as 50% of the gravity sewer lines. The pump station structures have been installed. Conkey expects to install the remaining gravity sewer line and have their subcontractors begin work on the pump station components, which is expected to take 3-5 weeks depending on weather and receipt of materials. A winter shutdown will occur for this work once the new pump station is up and running. The natural access drive, restoration of lawns and grasses and decommissioning of the existing pump station is expected in May, 2018.



## 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)

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Police Department has received a number of calls regarding scams. The most recent scams are someone purporting to be your local utility company or the IRS. They demand payment or they will turn off your electricity or have you arrested. These folks are professionals and some are very convincing. These scams are often run outside the country and nearly impossible to trace. DO NOT PROVIDE THEM ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION OR PAY THEM. If you have any questions you can contact the police department.

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).

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

It is with both excitement and trepidation that I have decided to retire as Town Clerk/Tax Collector, effective April 27<sup>th</sup>. I have very much enjoyed serving the people of Enfield for almost 34 years and look forward to some new adventures in life. Thank you all for all your support and encouragement over the years.

We are gearing up for our March Town Meeting. The ballot voting for elected officials and zoning amendments, as well as a question regarding allowing keno in the town, will be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Whitney Hall. Please remember that a photo ID will be requested. The rest of the warrant articles will be discussed and voted on at the Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> continuation of the meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Enfield Village School gym.

I'm pleased to report that the Town Clerk's office did just over \$1 million in receipts in 2017. This includes motor vehicle transactions, boat registrations, birth, death and marriage certificates, marriage licenses, and dog licenses!



The Tax Lien Procedure will be executed on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Any past due property tax, land use change tax, timber yield tax or excavation tax and past due water and sewer charges are subject to a lien. The lien is recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds and the statutory interest increases from 12% to 18% APR. If a lien is not redeemed after two years the Town may acquire the property by Tax Deed, which divests the owner of any rights to the property.

Many of you have received your boat renewal notice from the State and it's your preference whether to do it by mail or here in our office. We do charge a boat agent fee of \$5.00 per boat, set by the State. Boats are registered on a calendar year basis.

When you come in to register your motor vehicle we are required by law to see your driver's license. A friend or family member may renew the registration for you if you give them a copy of your registration or your mail-in notice; then we need to see their driver's license. This is an effort to curb fraud in Motor Vehicle transactions.

If you sell or trade-in your vehicle and wish to use the plates on a newly acquired vehicle we must, by law, have the original registration from your old vehicle. An auto dealer may keep a photocopy of it but you need the original. There is a \$15.00 fee charged by the State for us to do a certified copy of the old registration, to then be used for the transfer of plates from one vehicle to another.

When you do transfer plates the new registration will only be for as long as the old registration was good for, usually through your next birthday month. If it is within 4 months we can renew the registration after the transfer is completed.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

If you have not already created an account with us, please check out our new website and make an account for you and your family!

<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, February 10 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 or just grab some lunch from our prepared food vendor, “Taco’s Tacos”. So far, vendors include Scentsy, Norwex, Denz Chic Boutique, Pefectly Posh, The Stewart Farm, CanField Farm, homemade jewelry vendors and more! This event is sponsored by the Enfield Recreation Commission.

February 10<sup>th</sup> is a busy date in Enfield because the Recreation Commission is also sponsoring the first annual “Father Daughter Dance” from 6:30-8:30pm at the Enfield Community Building. This event is for all generations of “dads and daughters”, ages three and up. If you are a dad, stepdad, grandfather, uncle, big brother or friend of the family, bring your special girl out for an evening of fun and dance. Tickets must be purchased in advance and include refreshments! Please register online for the dance at:

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

Once you have registered and submitted your payment, your ticket will be emailed to you! If you do not have print capability, please let us know and we will print out a copy and make it available for pick-up at the Enfield Town Office. Family members and moms are welcome to join us for “Photo Op” time from 6:30-7:00pm!

The Enfield Recreation Commission and Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation have some other great events and activities coming up this winter! Below is a short 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>

You can also found out more about upcoming activities and community events in the Fall/Winter edition of *Play Mascoma Valley! Active Living, Recreation and Community Resource Guide*. Hard copies are still available at the Enfield Town Office. Get your copy today!

***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 5-8pm
- Adult Basketball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 10am-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
- Elementary Cross Country Skiing (January – February 2018)
  - For children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Ski & Ride Program at Whaleback (January – February 2018 )

- For children in K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## **ENFIELD TOWN LIBRARY**

Now that we've made it through January, tax season is coming. The Library no longer receives paper copies of forms or instruction booklets from the government. People are encouraged to view and print their own from the IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions>

However, we know this isn't possible for everyone, so we will print forms ONLY (instruction books are too long). We do have one set of instructions that may be borrowed for a week.

Happening in February:

- Make It Take It Monday: **February 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will be making chocolate dipped pretzel sticks, drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:00pm. All ages welcome!
- Saturday My First Story Time: **February 17<sup>th</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 is reading *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. The meeting will be Thursday, **February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**.

Also happening on February 5<sup>th</sup>, our new photocopier/printer is being delivered! We will finally be able to offer scanning and color printing. It will also be wifi enabled so that you can print directly from your own devices.

What happened in January:

- We circulated 2,158 items and had 33 programs with almost 400 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.

## **PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES**

### **Planning Board Activity**

The Planning Board had one meeting in January of 2018. At the meeting the following items were acted on:

- Final acceptance of the Conditions was granted for the Evenchance Subdivision. The developer is expected to begin site preparation work in the very near future.

- A driveway permit request was put before the Board for approval. The existing lot already has two driveways and was requesting a third. The Board approved the request. The applicant's request was due to limited access to his lot with the existing driveways.
- Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were presented. These involved providing a better definition as to what types of buildings can be converted into one with an accessory dwelling unit. Manufactured Housing and condominiums and townhouses would be excluded from creating an accessory dwelling unit. Two other amendments would provide corrections to language in the ordinance. One of these pertains to abutter notices for voluntary mergers. By law, no notice is required. A second amendment relates to a description for setbacks in the Eastman Development that the Board believed was in need of updating. Since it is a residential subdivision in Enfield's Conservation District, the setbacks from waterways within the Eastman Development are being proposed for revision by the Planning Board to be consistent with those in other residential areas. Minor changes to the Sub-Division and Site Plan Review ordinances were also discussed.

The Planning Board has decided to hold one public hearing per month for action on new or continued business. This meeting will be scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month. The Planning Board's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday meeting will be dedicated for other business items, such as working on the master plan.

If you have questions regarding the activities of the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment, or economic development in the Town of Enfield, please don't hesitate to contact the Town's Planning & Zoning Administrator at 603-632-5427 or [sosgood@enfield.nh.us](mailto:sosgood@enfield.nh.us).

## **BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR**

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Notice of Water and Sewer Rate Changes

On December 18, 2017, the Enfield Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen) 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 are effective January 1, 2018 and will appear in the 2018 first quarter bills arriving in your mailbox the first week in April 2018.

The updated rate charge chart is included on the reverse side of this letter. 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 Town Manager's Office (603-632-5026 | [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us)) or Department of Public Works (603-632-4605 | [jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us)) with any questions.

### **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.

# PUT A THERMOMETER ON FREEZE WINTER FIRES

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

**Half of all home heating fires** occur in the months of



Heating equipment is involved in **1** in every **7** reported **home fires** and **1** in every **5** home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn at least

**3** feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your home.**

**Install** and **test** carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least

**10** feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

Plug only **1** heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).



## **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 two openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment 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 Zoning Board of Adjustment are the second Tuesday of each month if there is business.

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)

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

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.

With the current beautiful weather we are experiencing no one wants to think about the upcoming winter months, but now is the time to plan for the needed yearly maintenance that our heating equipment requires. 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.

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

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

- February 6 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Fundraising Committee
- February 6 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen (includes the five public hearings described above); last day for submission of petitioned warrant articles. Submit petitions to the Town Clerk during regular office hours.
- February 7 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – 2018 Budget Hearing
- February 8, @6:30 PM (DPW Building) – 2018 Budget Hearing Snow Date – if needed
- February 12 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Library Board of Trustees
- February 13 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- February 14 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (if needed)
- February 20 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Fundraising Committee
- February 20 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- February 20 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Recreation Commission
- February 22 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- February 28 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- March 1 @ 7:00 PM (Town Hall) – Conservation Commission
- March 5 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 7 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- March 12 @ 6 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- March 13 from 8:00 AM-7:00 PM (Town Hall) – Town Meeting/Elections
- March 13 @ 7 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- March 14 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (if needed)
- March 17 beginning at 9:00 AM (Enfield Village School Gymnasium) – Town Meeting Deliberative Session

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- **\*NEW\* Enfield Market** (Enfield Community Building) – February 10 (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!
- **Snowshoe Festival** (Enfield Shaker Museum) – February 10 (Saturday) from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Cost: Adults: \$12, Ages 13 to 17: \$8, Ages 5 to 12: \$5, Children under 5: Free, Families of three or more (parents or guardians with children under 18): \$25. Team Rates: Adults and Teens: 10 or fewer: \$50, 11 or more: \$100. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Snowshoe Festival is an outdoor event that celebrates the winter season, snowshoeing, love of the outdoors and a wide assortment of activities that can be enjoyed during the sleepy months of the year. Participants can enjoy snowshoeing on their own on several trails or join L.L. Bean for one of their snowshoe clinics throughout the day. Additionally, participants will be able to enjoy lunch, tours, toasted marshmallows, a roaring fire, sled dog rides, and many more outdoor winter activities. For more information or to register, call the Museum at (603) 632-4346 or email the Museum at [education@shakermuseum.org](mailto:education@shakermuseum.org)
- **Father Daughter Dress-Up Dance: “Winter Wonderland”** (Enfield Community Building) – February 10 (Saturday) from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Ticket Prices: \$6/adult; \$4 for the first “daughter”; only \$2 for each additional “daughter.” Save the date for this fun evening with your special girl(s); dress comfortably, dress your best, dress for dancing or dress for fun. Tickets must be purchased in advance! To order your tickets for the dance, please email [mvalleyrec@gmail.com](mailto:mvalleyrec@gmail.com) or call 442-5408 and leave a voicemail with your contact information and the number of tickets you would like to purchase. Your ticket includes refreshments and a special corsage for the young lady! We will also have the opportunity for you to pose for a keepsake photograph in front of our “Winter Wonderland” themed backdrop.
- **Public Informational Meeting on Mascoma Lakeside Park Land Acquisition** (Enfield Community Building) – February 26 (Monday) beginning at 7:00 PM.
- **Enfield Village Association (EVA) Volunteer Celebration and Annual Meeting** (Enfield Community Building) - February 28 (Wednesday) from 5:30-7:00 PM. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.
- **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**