

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

MAY 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, 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.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

To build upon its strong foundation of innovative thinking and community engagement, the Town of Enfield has adopted a process to create strategic plans for all its departments and to integrate them with an updated master plan and capital improvements plan. Collectively, this effort will serve as a roadmap for ongoing enhancements to municipal services and overall community development.

Enfield is partnering with the Amherst-NH-based Center for Strategic Governance, LLC. (www.strat-gov.com) for this initiative. The role of strategic governance is to help leaders and citizens create a desired future. It consists of two ongoing efforts: strategic thinking and operational governance. Strategic thinking helps the community decide *what* to achieve, and operational governance focuses on *how* to achieve it. Together they constitute applied leadership for municipalities.

Enfield's eight operating departments will complete 10 work activities that will help them understand their past, envision the future, and manage the present. This work will result in multi-year strategic departmental plans with measurable outcomes along with the strategic initiatives and investments needed to achieve those outcomes. These plans will enable the Enfield Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, and Budget Committee and residents to frame broad priorities and make informed financial tradeoffs by looking at such quality-of-life factors as public safety, infrastructure, emergency services, town character, housing, business development, financial health, recreation, environmental quality, etc. Plans will be refreshed annually to reflect real-world changes and ensure that desired citizen-focused outcomes are being achieved.

This process will also enable the Town to integrate our master planning and capital improvements planning with our departmental efforts. Clear strategic goals can serve as a basis for land use planning and aligning ordinances in a well-timed fashion. They can also aid in timing capital expenditures, because they are tied closely to clearly framed strategic initiatives. This project is strongly supported by our residents as well as public officials, because it can help us allocate limited resources very effectively to achieve our strategic priorities. Simply put, strategic governance creates a multi-year vision that shapes annual planning and budgeting.

The project schedule calls for departmental strategic plans to be created over the summer and to be presented publicly in the July timeframe. This will enable the 2019 planning and budgeting process to serve as the first year of a

multi-year planning window.

For more information on Enfield's strategic planning and governance efforts, please contact the Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us.

ENFIELD BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW POLICE CHIEF

As was widely reported this past week, Richard Crate Jr. retired as Enfield's Police Chief. Enfield has had only three chiefs of police (Francis Labounty, 1948-1978; Peter Giese, 1978-2005; Richard Crate, Jr., 2005-2018) over the past 70 years, and we hope that the next individual entrusted with this incredibly important position of leadership will serve the Town for many years.

The Town of Enfield will soon begin the search process for a new permanent Police Chief. Internal and external applicants for the position will be welcomed.

At the next business meeting of the Board of Selectmen (May 7), the Town Manager will provide additional information regarding the possible structure of a search/hiring process, including evaluating the merits of retaining professional assistance with this process from an outside organization. The Town Manager will also talk with the Board of Selectmen about the possible formation of a search committee to review applications, perform the first round of candidate interviews, and ultimately recommend a small group of highly-qualified finalists to interview with the Town Manager. It is anticipated that the official position announcement will be posted next week.

For more information on the search process for Enfield's next Police Chief, please contact the Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Town of Enfield Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 28th, 2018. The parade formation will begin at approximately 10:00 AM and the route will be from the Police Station to Route 4, Oak Grove Street, back onto Main Street, ending at the Police Station.

The Parade is under the direction of Interim Police Chief Roy Holland and Paula Rowe Stone. The Color Guard will be led by the American Legion Post #55, Commander Lyle Frizzell, accompanied with the Mascoma Valley Regional High School Band, led by Band Director, Mr. David Wilson.

A short ceremony and laying of a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, will be carried out by Acting Police Chief Roy Holland, a US Marine & US Army veteran.

The parade will continue for a special ceremony at the Oak Grove Cemetery this year. Tim Jennings, Lt (jg) USN, will give a brief address commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Chris Bennedetto, Civil War reenactor, will honor a Civil War soldier of the 5th NH Regiment, Oscar Collins, who is buried in Oak Grove. There will be two volleys; one from the NH 5th Regiment reenactment unit, and one from the American Legion Post #55, followed by a TAPS presentation of the MVRHS Band.

The parade will exit the cemetery, down Oak Grove Street, turning left on to Main Street. At the second bridge crossing of the Mascoma River the parade will stop for a brief ceremony to commemorate veterans who served at sea, then march back to the police station. A contingency of the Enfield Fire Department provide the rear guard for the entire parade.

We especially invite all veterans to join us for our commemoration of those who served, and for those who gave the supreme sacrifice. Even if you were not a resident of Enfield during your time of service, we'd very much like to have you participate. Uniforms are encouraged, but not necessary. Report to the police station at 10:00 AM. Should a veteran not be able to march, and needs to ride, please give Paula a call at 632-7501. We can gladly make arrangements to include you in a car in the parade.

We would also like to invite everyone to participate in this annual event, by marching or standing by the roadside. You are most welcome to join us.

The 13th Annual Military Museum Display

This awesome commemoration continues after the Memorial Day parade at the Enfield Community Building, presented by Detective Sgt (ret) Ken May and Lt Col (ret.) Vern Bond. Many new things have been added to the collection. This is open to the public.

OLD HOME DAYS 2018

Greetings Enfield!

The Old Home Days Committee is hard at work planning another weekend of fun and memorable community events. This year's celebration will take place Friday, July 27-Sunday, July 29. SAVE THE DATE!

We are bringing back some fan favorites, including the Pulled-Pork supper, UV Band Concert, Parade, Picnic, and Ice Cream Social as well as some more recent additions like the Chili and Home-Brew Contest and Country Fair. This year we will also feature a Cruise Night on Saturday evening.

The full schedule as it develops can be found at:

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

Be on the lookout in early July for our programs and business directories to start appearing in a business near you!

If you have a great idea for an event or would like to become involved, our committee meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM in the conference room in Whitney Hall. You can also send us a message on Facebook or email us at oldhomedays@enfield.nh.us.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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) 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, approximately \$150,000 has been raised in the early stages of the campaign. This includes a \$75,000 matching gift that has been pledged by the Byrne Foundation. This is wonderful progress, but it is critically important that we continue to raise private funds to not only cover the land acquisition costs, but also help offset the cost of future improvements to the property and general operations/maintenance costs.

This past week, the NH DOT signaled their general concurrence with the findings of the independent appraisal of the parcels that the Town of Enfield commissioned within the last two years. This is very encouraging news. Once the NH DOT officially notifies the Town of its desired sale price, the matter will be referred to a legislative committee to determine what the actual 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 if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2018 Road Paving Plan

Subject to change based on bids submitted by vendors, the Town of Enfield intends to have the following paving projects completed during the 2018 construction season.

<u>Road/Street Name</u>	<u>Road "Section"</u>	<u>Length (ft)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
George Hill Rd	Palmer to 240	3000	1.25" Overlay
Bridge Street	All	650	1.25" Overlay
	Rte 4A to 200' beyond		
Boy's Camp Road	#49	1500	1.25" Overlay
Stevens Street	All	1050	1.25" Overlay
King James Road	All	3600	1.25" Overlay
Lake Street	All	1200	1.25" Overlay
Crystal Lake Road	Shaker Hill Rd. to 377	9500	1.25" Overlay
	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>20500</i>	

Enfield Vegetation Management Facility Now OPEN

This facility accepts brush, leaves and branches up to 8" in diameter. NO stumps or dimensional lumber. Stumps & branches greater than 8" in diameter can be disposed of at Hammond's in Canaan. Call 523-4353 for details. You MUST check in with the Public Works Department prior to dumping. On Saturdays (when DPW office is closed) stop at the Transfer Station for inspection. The brush dumping season runs from May 1—November 1 (weather permitting), and is open on the following days and times:

- Monday—Thursday, 7:00 AM—3:00 PM
- Friday & Saturday, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin in May and again in September. If you experience a loss of pressure it should only be temporary. Please wait 30 minutes before contacting the Town. This does not pertain to properties on NH Route 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.

Road Postings Lifted

As of today, due to improved conditions, Enfield roads will no longer be posted for weight restrictions. Although it may take up to a couple days for all of the corresponding signs throughout Town to be taken down, please note that these weight restrictions are no longer being enforced.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spring is finally here and with the warm weather it feels good to be outside. During the month of May the police department will be participating in several Safe Commute patrols as traffic picks up. Distracted driving and speed continue to be the reason for a majority of crashes in the area. The speed trailer has been deployed and if you would like to see it make a stop in your area let us know. As the snow is gone we have noticed litter on the sides of our streets. Please be mindful of your trash and if you see someone not disposing of litter properly please contact the PD. Remember that when you are driving and see a pedestrian at a cross walk you must yield to allow the person to cross. Paula is working hard on the annual Memorial Day parade. New this year will be the New Hampshire 5th Regiment actors, honoring a soldier during the ceremony at the Oak Grove Cemetery. If you would like to participate in the parade please contact Paula at the station as all ideas are welcomed. As always please contact any member of the department if you see something suspicious. Do not hesitate to give us a call at any time at 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.

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>

Summer Camp Registration is now open! Enfield Recreation Camp (ERC) will be held at Huse Park, July 2 – August 3. ERC is open to students entering Kindergarten-3rd grade, and all campers are eligible for full day camp. There is a separate camp for children entering 4th-6th grade, and it will take place at Indian River School. Parents/guardians can register their child online for both of these great camps! <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 on Saturday, May 12 at the Enfield Community Building and also **OUTSIDE** on the baseball field at Huse Park from 10:00am-1:00pm. It continues on the second Saturday of each month and vendors will vary so each shopping experience could be different. June, July, August and September Markets will all be held outside – rain or shine! Stop by to shop for items and services for your home, family and lifestyle. So far, May vendors include Scentsy, Pefectly Posh, The Stewart Farm, Norwex, Denz Chic Boutique, homemade jewelry vendors and more! This event is sponsored by the Enfield Recreation Commission.

Below is a list of 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>

- **Chair Yoga**, Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9:30-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building. \$3/class (Registration not required)
- **Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra**, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:00pm. \$3/session (Registration not required)
- **Adult Volleyball**, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 6:00-8:00pm (Registration not required)
- **Adult Basketball**, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 10:00am-12:00pm (Registration not required)
- **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.

Drop-ins allowed, no advance registration required

- **Zumba**, on Thursdays at Mascoma High School from 4:30-5:30pm.

Drop-ins allowed, no advance registration required

- **Bob Ross Style Painting Classes** - Register Online:

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

- o Classes are held in the lower meeting room of the Enfield Community Building
- o Three remaining classes: April 28, June 9 and June 30th
- o Cost is \$45 and all materials are included; participants take home their painting at the end of class
- o Classes are from 1-4pm, except for class on June 30th, which will be held 9:00am-1:00pm

- **Bob Ross Style Painting Classes – FLORALS!**

- o Register Online: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
- o Classes are held in the lower meeting room of the Enfield Community Building.
- o Four classes: May 11 from 5:00-9:00pm (Lilacs), May 12 from 9:00am-1:00pm (Sunflowers), May 18 from 5:00-9:00pm (Tulips), May 26 from 12:00-4:00pm (Mums)
- o Cost is \$45 and all materials are included; participants take home their painting at the end of class

- **Enfield Recreation Camp** registration is now open! *Registration required.*

- o July 2 – August 3; Morning Camp and Full Day Camp options
- o <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

- ***NEW* Summer Camp!!**

- o For students entering grades 4-6; Camp will take place at Indian River School
- o Register Online: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

- **MVPR Theatre Camp**

- o Being held at MVRHS!
- o August 6 – August 11; Full Day Camp
- o <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

- **British Multi-Sports Camp:**

- o June 18 – 22 at Shaker Recreation Fields
- o Register Online:
<https://challenger.configio.com/pd/160898/mascoma-valley-parks-recreation?m=0&zip=03748&zipdis=30&cid=423&returncom=productlist&source=search>

- **“4 for the 4th” Road Race, Walk & Kid’s Fun Run**

- o Saturday, July 7th in Canaan – same day registration begins at 7:30am
- o Register Online:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Canaan/4onthe4th>

- **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
 - Register Online: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
- **Youth Sailing Lessons** in July on Mascoma Lake
 - Session 1: July 9, 11 and 13
 - Session 2: July 16, 18 and 20
 - Register Online: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
- **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



ERC goes for a hike!



“4 for the 4th”



Youth Summer Sailing Program

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES

Planning

The Planning Board had one meeting in April, on the 25th. Hearings included:

- A continuation of the application to change two commercial units to residential units at 60 Main St. The case has not been settled. There are issues with the revised location of the propane tank, snow storage, encroachment of the parking spaces on Town land and proper stamps on the plan. A hearing is scheduled for May 9 to hear the applicant’s submission of a plan addressing these issues.
- A conceptual hearing for a home based internet business was discussed. The Board agreed that, with no potentially disruptive activity with an internet business, no formal public hearing would be necessary.
- A Final Hearing was scheduled for the Jake’s Market Site Plan. A revised plan was presented at the hearing and a great number of residents attended the hearing. With DOT’s Engineer stating that the revised plan

meets the requirements of the DOT, a formal acceptance will be forthcoming.

Other activity during the month of April included a discussion between the Town Manager, Planning Board Chair, Building Inspector and the Planning Administrator regarding the Master Plan and the strategic governance process that the Town initiated in April. It was agreed that Housing and Economic Development are the items to be addressed first for the Master Plan upgrade, and that these will also be a focus of the strategic governance process.

Zoning

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held one meeting with two hearings in April, on the 10th. These hearings were as follows:

- A request for a variance for a boundary line adjustment to create minor subdivision. This request was ultimately denied. The ZBA felt it would be introducing two nonconforming lots, where only one very small one currently exists.
- A request for a special exception to have farm animals, specifically horses, on property in the R1 District. This was approved with the condition that there be no more than two full size and two miniature horses on the property.

The ZBA is looking for new members. At the present time there are no alternates on the board. Anyone interested in joining this fascinating, very dynamic committee is welcome to apply. We have received one application for an alternate position on the ZBA. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Have questions about planning or zoning matters? If so, please contact the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 603-632-4067 or sosgood@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

We're holding a raffle! Thanks to a generous donation, we have 10 guest passes for the Montshire Museum to give away. Stop by the library any time starting May 1st and drop your name in the bucket. Winners will be chosen on May 14th and will receive two passes. One entry per family.

Summer Reading events have been posted to the website! The theme this year is **Libraries Rock!** Highlights are:

- **Program kickoff:** June 25th from 1:00-3:00pm. Design a "Libraries Rock" t-shirt (please RSVP so we have enough shirts).
- **Junk to Funk:** an interactive percussion experience for all ages! July 17th at 6:30pm in the MVRHS auditorium. FREE and open to all,

sponsored by the Enfield, Canaan, and Grafton Libraries.

- Singer and storyteller **Becky Graber**. July 25th at 7:00pm at the Enfield Community Building.

Happening in May:

- **Make It Take It Monday**: May 7th. We are going to be making **bird gliders**. Drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:00pm. All ages welcome!
- **Saturday My First Story Time**: May 19th 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 Natural History of the Senses* by Diane Ackerman. The discussion will be held on Thursday May 31st at 6:30pm.

What happened in April:

- We circulated 2,166 items, sent 70 items to 35 different libraries for interlibrary loan, and had 30 programs with 455 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 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 were due by April 30th. There will now be an additional fee assessed for registering each dog. 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. Additional


fees will apply for registering a dog after the April 30 deadline.

Tax Liens

The Tax Lien Procedure is scheduled for May 16th. 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.

BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR

**ADD THIS SPRINGTIME CHORE TO YOUR LIST:
PREVENT A DRYER FIRE IN YOUR HOME**



Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But do you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before and after every load of laundry. Be sure to remove the lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

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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 townclerk@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) or Assistant Town Manager (603-442-5401 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us).

“FAREWELL” TO 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 retired at the end of April. 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, has assumed the Town Clerk position. Sandy 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.



Photo: Carolee Eisener (outgoing Town Clerk) swearing in Sandy Romano (new Town Clerk) on Friday, April 27

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

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

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) 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.

Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting Special Event

Arbor Day was this past Friday, April 27, 2018. The Town held a brief tree planting ceremony at Huse Park and read the 2018 Arbor Day Proclamation. A spruce tree was planted to be the "Town tree" that is used for future holiday lighting displays. We hope everyone enjoys the tree and that it adds to Enfield's sense of community spirit while provide a whole host of environmental benefits.



Photo: Town Manager, DPW Personnel, and Recreation Director commemorate the planting of a new "Town Tree" at Huse Park on Arbor Day 2018

Opening of Municipal Cemeteries

The Enfield Cemeteries opened in late-April. The cost of a 4-foot x11-foot plot is \$400.00. The Town has cemetery plots for sale in Countryside Cemetery and Locke Haven 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.



Route 4A Sewer Extension Project Update

Kingsbury (contractor) completed connection of the remaining Lakeview sewer service lines on January 29th 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 during the second half of 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 successful start-up of the system took place in late-April, and the system is now deemed full "online." Cleaning up the access drive, restoration of lawns and grasses and decommissioning of the existing pump station is expected in May 2018.

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)!

The “Don’t” of Recycling



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling

(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items

(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups & waxed paper plates)



NO Disposable Items

(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood

(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet & yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps

(Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



NO Hazardous Materials

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Medical Waste

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs

(Check for alternative recycling)

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

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



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 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. 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>

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 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 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 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 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

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). We hope you will "Like" this page and start receiving regular updates on your Facebook news feed!

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!

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.

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 Interim Police Chief at 603-632-7501 or rholland@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

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 – 6:00 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

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. 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 three openings for a five member committee. Applicants for this committee must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis, generally less than once a month, at the convenience of its members.

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning 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

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- 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 8 @ 7 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- May 9 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (if needed)
- May 14 @ 6 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- May 15 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Recreation Commission
- May 21 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- May 23 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (if needed)
- May 24 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- June 4 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- June 6 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- June 7 @ 7:00 PM (Town Hall) – Conservation Commission
- June 12 @ 5:15 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee
- June 12 @ 7 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- ***NEW* Enfield Market** (Enfield Community Building) – May 12 (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!
- **Memorial Day Parade** (Village Area) – May 28 beginning at 10:00 AM. The route will be from the Police Station to Route 4, Oak Grove Street, back onto Main Street, ending at the Police Station.
- **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**