

TOWN OF ENFIELD

2005 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Moderator David Beaufait opened the meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at the Enfield Village Elementary School. He led the audience in the pledge of allegiance, then introduced the head table: Selectmen Keith Oppenneer, Dominic Albanese and Nancy Scovner, Town Counsel James Raymond, Chairman of the Budget Committee Lee Carrier, and Budget Committee members.

The Selectmen presented gifts of appreciation for outgoing officials: Keith Oppenneer, Selectman, Cecilia Aufiero, Conservation Commission, Walter Paine, Trustee of Trust Funds, Barbara Moyer, Planning Board, and after a late arrival, Henry & Patricia Brown, as Citizens of the Year. Not present were outgoing Peter Giese, Police Chief, and Fred Altvater, Cemetery Trustee.

Articles 1-7 were voted on by ballot on March 8, 2005.

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

For Three Years: One Selectman	Curtis Payne 276, Jeffery Densmore 108
One Town Clerk	CaroleeT. Higbee 380
One Treasurer	Donna Schmanska 370
One Trustee of Trust Funds	Cynthia Hollis 338
One Cemetery Trustee	Henry C. Cross (by majority write-in 8 votes)
One Fire Ward	Richard Bean Jr. 141 Wayne Claflin 56 Richard Martin 190
One Library Trustee	Bart Thurber 337
One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member	Craig Daniels 325
Three Budget Committee Members	Judy Finsterbush 181 Lori Bliss Hill 278 Gayle Hulva 264 Laurie Saladino 181

(The tie vote between J. Finsterbush and L. Saladino was decided by drawing names out of a hat at the Town Clerk's office on March 11th pursuant to RSA 669:36).

Please Note: In Articles 2 through 7 words in *Italics* are removed and words in **Bold** are added.

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #1**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will vote to correct ambiguous language in the Non-Conforming Lots and Uses section by amending Article IV, Section 413.4 which reads:

4. Any and all non-conforming uses of land, buildings or structures which are abandoned, discontinued or vacated or which are partially or wholly destroyed by reason of any cause whatsoever, including obsolescence, fire, explosion, storm, or other acts of God, may be resumed or restored and operated in their former non-conformity if same is started within one year of the disruption and completed within twelve (12) months thereafter.

The replacement uses (or buildings and structures, if applicable) must be in the same location, and of the same dimensions as before the damage, *unless change of location or dimensions would make the replacement more conforming.*

To Read:

4. Any and all non-conforming uses of land, buildings or structures which are abandoned, discontinued or vacated or which are partially or wholly destroyed by reason of any cause whatsoever, including obsolescence, fire, explosion, storm, or other acts of God, may be resumed or restored and operated in their former non-conformity if same is started within one year **following** the disruption and completed within twelve (12) months thereafter.

The replacement uses (or buildings and structures, if applicable) must be in the same location, and of the same dimensions as before the damage.

Article 2 passed as printed, 265 Yes, 113 No.

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following **Amendment #2**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance?

To see if the Town will vote to include a definition of a farm in the Enfield Zoning Ordinance by adding the following to the Appendix Definitions section.

Farm: Any land, buildings, or structures on or in which agriculture and farming activities are carried out or conducted and shall include the residence or residences of owners, occupants, or employees located on such land. Structures shall include all farm outbuildings used in the care of livestock, and in the production and storage of fruit, vegetables, or nursery stock; in the production of maple syrup; greenhouses for the production of annual or perennial plants; and any other structures used in operations named in paragraph II of section 21:34-a of the NH RSA.

Article 3 passed as printed; 287 Yes, 93 No.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following **Amendment #3**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance?

To see if the Town will vote to include a definition of a junkyard in the Enfield Zoning Ordinance add the following to the Appendix Definitions section.

Junkyard: A place used for storing and keeping, or storing and selling, trading, or otherwise transferring old or scrap metals, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber products, glass, plastic, construction waste, or other materials, in quantities beyond that which an average family would retain; or multiple non-registered motor vehicles, including but not limited to the types of junkyards found in RSA 236:112.

Article 4 passed as printed; 281 Yes, 103 No.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following **Amendment #4**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance?

To see if the Town will vote to update the description of the Community Business (CB) District Boundary by amending the street names to reflect current names and correcting conflicting language, to match the Official Zoning Map adopted in 1997, by amending Article III, Section 303, which reads:

303 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (CB) (See Figure A.)

- 1. That area along Route 4 bordered on the west by Flanders and Oak Grove Streets, on the south by the railroad tracks extending to the Canaan Town line, on the east and north by the Canaan Town line, to a line 500 feet east of Anderson Hill Road, to a line extending 400 feet to the north Route 4 ROW from the Canaan line to Flanders Street.*
- 2. That area bordering Route 4 beginning at Oak Grove Street extending westward along Route 4 to the western most property line of property presently owned by Carole Travers shown on tax map 14 lot number 40 and extending southward of Route 4 right-of-way for a distance of three hundred fifty feet, then northward across Route 4 by a perpendicular line to Route 4 for a distance three hundred fifty feet from Route 4 right-of-way, then easterly along Route 4 to Flanders Street and extending northward of Route 4 right-of-way for a distance of three hundred fifty feet; on the south by the railroad tracks extending to the Canaan Town line; on the east and north by the Canaan Town line and a line extending four hundred feet to the north of Route 4 right-of-way from the Canaan Town line to Flanders Street, then along Flanders Street.*

To Read:

303 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (CB) (See Figure A.)

That area along Route 4 beginning at a point on the centerline of Oak Grove Street, three hundred feet from the centerline of US Route 4; then extending westward along a line parallel to Route 4, at a distance of three hundred fifty feet, to the western most property line of property presently shown as tax map 14, lot number 40; then northward across US Route 4 along a line perpendicular to US Route 4, to a point three hundred and fifty feet from the US Route 4 centerline, then easterly along a line parallel to US Route 4, at a distance of three hundred and fifty feet from the centerline of US Route 4, to the centerline of Flanders Street; then extending northward along the centerline of Flanders Street to a point four hundred

from the US Route 4 right-of-way; then easterly along a line parallel to US Route 4, at a distance of four hundred feet from the center line of Route US 4, to a point five hundred feet east of the Anderson Hill Road centerline; then along a line extending northward along a line parallel to Anderson Hill Road, at distance of five hundred feet from the centerline of Anderson Hill Road, to the Canaan Town Line; then along the Canaan Town Line, easterly to the centerline of the NH Rail Trail; then westerly along the centerline of the NH Rail Trail to a point on a line extending perpendicular to Main Street, extending from the centerline of Oak Grove Street; then northerly along said line to centerline of Oak Grove Street; then along the centerline of Oak Grove back to the starting point.

Article 5 passed as printed; 289 Yes, 85 No.

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following **Amendment #5**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance?

To see if the Town will vote to bring the Town of Enfield definition of a wetland in line with the State of New Hampshire definition of a wetland by amending Article IV, Section 406.2 which reads:

Wetlands shall be defined as swamps, marshes, bogs and other very poorly drained or poorly drained soils and shall include, but not be limited to, those areas which are designated prime wetlands as defined by the State's most recent Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey of the Town of Enfield.

1. *Swamps are areas where the water table is at or near the ground surface for a significant part of the year. The vegetational community consists mostly of trees and woody shrubs, such as:*

<i>Alders</i>	<i>Common Elder</i>	<i>Sphagnum Moss</i>
<i>Arrow-wood</i>	<i>Highbush Blueberry</i>	<i>Spicebush</i>
<i>Atlantic White Cedar</i>	<i>Marsh Rose</i>	<i>Sweet Pepperbush</i>
<i>Black Ash</i>	<i>Poison Sumac</i>	<i>Tamarack (Larch)</i>
<i>Black Gum</i>	<i>Red Maple</i>	<i>Willows</i>
<i>Black Spruce</i>	<i>Rhodora</i>	<i>Winterberry</i>
<i>Buttonbush</i>		

2. *Marshes are treeless wetlands dominated by soft-stemmed herbaceous plants. The surface of the marsh is covered with water year-round, though seasonal fluctuations in water depth are expected. Marshes range from the wet meadows variety to deep marshes, which can be covered with several feet of water. The vegetational community is made up of some or all of the following:*

<i>Arums</i>	<i>Horsetails</i>	<i>Cottongrasses, &</i>
<i>Bladderworts</i>	<i>Hydrophylus Grasses</i>	<i>Woodgrasses</i>
<i>Bur-reeds</i>	<i>Leatherleaf</i>	<i>Smartweeds</i>
<i>Cattails</i>	<i>Pickerel Weeds</i>	<i>Sweet Gale</i>
<i>Duckweeds</i>	<i>Rushes</i>	<i>Water-lilies</i>
<i>Eelgrass</i>	<i>Sedges, including</i>	<i>Water Milfoil</i>
<i>Frog's-bits</i>	<i>Bulrushes,</i>	

3. Bogs consist of peat and muck deposits of significant depth and are characterized by a distinct group of trees and plants, which are adapted to the bog's highly acidic conditions. The water in a bog is practically devoid of oxygen and nutrients. Bogs usually develop in undrained glacial depressions.

Typical plants are:

<i>Atlantic White Cedar</i>	<i>Bog Rosemary</i>	<i>Rhodora</i>
<i>Black Spruce</i>	<i>Cottongrass</i>	<i>Sedges</i>
<i>Bladderworts</i>	<i>Highbush Blueberry</i>	<i>Sheep Laurel</i>
<i>Bog or Buckbean</i>	<i>Leatherleaf</i>	<i>Sphagnum Moss</i>
<i>Bog Laurel</i>	<i>Pale Laurel</i>	<i>Sundews</i>
	<i>Pitcher-plants</i>	<i>Sweet gale</i>

To Read:

A wetland is an area that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands include, but are not limited to, swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas.

Article 6 passed as printed; 213 Yes, 178 No.

Article 7 (By Petition): Are you in favor of the adoption of the following **Amendment #6**, brought forward by petition, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance?

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Enfield definition of a wetland found in Article IV, Section 406.2 to read:

A wetland is an area of land that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water. This inundation or saturation occurs at a frequency and duration sufficient to support and, under normal conditions, does support a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil. Wetlands will include swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas and be of sufficient size (20+ acres) and complexity so as to significantly and materially contribute wetland functions.

Definitions of Note:

- 1. Inundated – to cover with water: overflow.**
- 2. Saturate – full of moisture: made thoroughly wet.**
- 3. Prevalence – dominate: widespread.**
- 4. Significantly – importance: having influence or effect.**

- 5. Materially – having real importance or great consequence.**
- 6. Complexity – a whole made up of interrelated parts.**

7. Prime – first in rank and significance

The Planning Board does not support this article.

Article 7 was defeated, 185 Yes, 207 No.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 162-K MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS. By adopting the statute, the town would thereafter have all the authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities set forth in Chapter 162-K, including the power for the Town Meeting to establish development programs and tax increment financing plans, including adoption of Article 9 at this year's 2005 Annual Town Meeting.

(Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

K. Oppenneer made the motion to accept the article as printed; D. Albanese seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked James Taylor, Planning & Zoning, to speak to the article. J. Patten, S. Beaufait, P. Mirski, J. Plumley and K. Gotthardt all questioned the necessity and scope of the district, including the effect of taxation on residents both inside and outside the district, the inclusion of the Laramie Farms, or Ironman Development, within the district, and the cost of proposed sewer line expansion within the district.

The Selectmen each addressed the issue, emphasizing that this article would allow them a year to study the feasibility of the district and return to the people next year with conclusions.

G. Talsky, S. Hagarman and N. Smith spoke in favor of the article.

P. Mirski made a motion to amend the article to eliminate the line after "plans", to read:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 162-K MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS. By adopting the statute, the town would thereafter have all the authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities set forth in Chapter 162-K, including the power for the Town Meeting to establish development programs and tax increment financing plans.

K. Gotthardt seconded the motion.

S. Goldsmith asked if the amendment would de-authorize the adoption of Article 9, and J. Raymond answered that the statute for establishing a TIF district must be adopted as stated in Article 8, and that deleting the last line would not void Article 9.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the amendment, which was unclear. He called for a hand vote; Yes 74, No 28, the amendment passed.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on Article 8 as amended. Passed as amended.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to establish a municipal economic development and revitalization district for an area as shown on map entitled “Enfield Tax Increment Finance District dated February 9th, 2005” per revised state statutes Chapter 162-K. This district formation and plan proposes several public infrastructure projects that would be instrumental in contributing to new investment and reinvestment in the area. Further this plan authorizes the Board of Selectmen to appoint a five-member (5) Advisory Board for such a District and to delegate administration of the plan to the Community Development Director in cooperation with the Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen. Said District to be in existence for a period of 15 years unless rescinded or extended by Town Meeting.

(Majority Vote required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed; N. Scovner seconded.

K. Oppenneer spoke to the article.

P. Mirski made the motion to amend Article 9 to add “excluding the so called Laramie Farms Development”, to read:

To see if the town will vote to establish a municipal economic development and revitalization district for an area as shown on map entitled “Enfield Tax Increment Finance District dated February 9th, 2005” per revised state statutes Chapter 162-K, **but excluding the so called Laramie Farms Development. This district formation and plan proposes several public infrastructure projects that would be instrumental in contributing to new investment and reinvestment in the area. Further this plan authorizes the Board of Selectmen to appoint a five-member (5) Advisory Board for such a District and to delegate administration of the plan to the Community Development Director in cooperation with the Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen. Said District to be in existence for a period of 15 years unless rescinded or extended by Town Meeting.**

R. Cusick, S. Goldsmith, L. Carrier, and B. Thurber spoke in favor of leaving the Laramie Farms Development in the district. J. Huntley asked if the Development is excluded now, could it be added in the future, and J. Raymond said that it could.

P. Mirski offered to withdraw his amendment, and since a second had not been received on his motion, the Moderator declared it withdrawn.

The Moderator called for a voice vote, Article 9 passed as printed.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for conceptual infrastructure engineering plans for the “Enfield Tax Increment Finance District dated February 9th, 2005.” This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI

and will not lapse until the conceptual plans are completed or by December 31st, 2007, whichever is sooner. (Estimated tax impact 10 cents per \$1000 valuation.)

(Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed; K. Oppeneer seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked Ken Daniels, Public Works Director, to speak to the article. D. Saladino spoke in favor of the article. K. Gotthardt began to make an amendment to the article to read:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for an economic and build-out impact study for the "Enfield Tax Increment Finance District dated February 9th, 2005." Said impact study shall include but not limited to, type and size of commercial businesses that might locate within said Tax Increment Finance District and the projected revenue that could be generated and pay for the cost of utility extensions, the projected traffic impact, and the cost to town services including but not limited to, police, fire, ambulance, and public works. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the conceptual plans are completed or by December 31st, 2007, whichever is sooner.

J. Raymond pointed out that DRA does not allow changes to the purpose (goal or aim) of an article and would probably disallow it. J. Plumley seconded the motion to amend the article.

D. Albanese pointed out that without the original \$40k requested it would hamstring the Board of Selectmen in their costs and engineering study. R. Cusick and S. Carr spoke in favor of original article.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the amendment; failed. He called for a voice vote on Article 10 as printed; passed.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's and Board of Selectmen's recommended sum of four million, eighty-seven thousand, three hundred and eighteen dollars, (\$4,087,318), which represents the operating budget, and (ii) authorize the use of \$12,000 from the public works/equipment capital reserve, and \$10,000 from the Police Equipment Reserve to defray operating budget request. The balance to be raised through general taxation. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Estimated tax impact \$5.77 per \$1,000 valuation)

(Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

K. Oppenneer made the motion to accept the article as printed; D. Albanese seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked Lee Carrier to speak to the article.

P. Mirski asked how much was included in the budget for a police chief search; D. Albanese replied five thousand dollars (\$5000), then P. Mirski made a motion to amend Article 11 to reduce the sum to \$4,082,318 to eliminate the monies included for a police chief search.

K. May seconded the motion.

P. Mirski and B. Oppenneer spoke of the excellence of the police department and the lack of the need to search for a new police chief outside of it. D. Albanese said that no decision had been made yet but asked that the monies be left in the budget to pay for a search if needed. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the amendment; passed.

S. Phinney and M. Hathorn asked about town employee benefits, which D. Albanese and L. Carrier replied to.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article as amended; Article 11 passed as amended.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Regional Association requests:

<u>Regional Association</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Advance Transit	\$ 3,000
Community Action Program (LISTEN)	2,900
Headrest	3,000
Visiting Nurse Association	16,850
Senior Citizens Council	4,750
WISE	2,300
Museum at Lower Shaker Village	4,500
West Central Behavioral Health	1,000
Enfield Village Association	10,000
Total	\$ 48,300

(Estimated tax impact 12 cents per \$1,000 valuation)

(Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept Article 13 as printed; N. Scovner seconded. N. Scovner spoke to the article.

R. Holland spoke that all the departments had been asked to make a 5% cut in their budgets, and that while these associations provided valuable services, he believed that they should be cut also. He made a motion to amend the article to lower some contributions, to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Regional Association requests:

Regional Association	Appropriation
Advance Transit	\$ 3,000
LISTEN	1,000
Headrest	1,000
Visiting Nurse Association	16,850
Senior Citizens Council	4,750
WISE	2,300
Museum at Lower Shaker Village	2,500
West Central Behavioral Health	1,000
Enfield Village Association	5,000
Total	\$ 37,300

K. May seconded the motion. B. McKinley, C. Aufiero, S. Goldsmith, E. Palmer, S. McKinley, S. Carr, L. O’Keeffe, P. Mirski, and L. Davis all spoke against the amendment, all citing what valuable services these associations provide to Enfield. D. Carr asked if the departments were asked to cut 5% from last year or 5% from their requests, which L. Carrier and D. Albanese spoke to, explaining that the requests were cut. P. Mirski said that it would be helpful if the Town would contract with these associations so the subject of the contributions wouldn’t come up every year.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the amendment; failed.

E. Palmer spoke on behalf of the Senior Citizens Council, and S. Brewer for the Visiting Nurse Association.

K. Gotthardt asked how the Board of Selectmen came up with this list every year, and N. Scovner and L. Carrier explained the process the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee go through to consider and grant requests.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article as printed; Article 12 passed as printed.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the Community Building site construction. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the site construction is completed or by December 31st, 2008, whichever is sooner. (Estimated tax impact 10 cents per \$1000 valuation.)

(Majority Vote Required)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed; K. Oppenneer seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked K. Daniels to speak to the article. He explained that this has been budgeted over three years. In 2005 work will continue on the parking lot and begin the landscaping and lighting, with any left used towards curbing and sidewalks.

G. Talsky said that as the Enfield Village Association manager he hosted the Grafton County Economic Development board there and that they were very impressed with the building and supportive of Enfield's improvement efforts.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 13 passed as printed.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for reconstruction of the so-called Whaleback Mountain Road Bridge. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the bridge is completed or by December 31st, 2006, whichever is sooner. (Estimated tax impact 10 cents per \$1000 valuation.)

(Majority Vote Required)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed; K. Oppenneer seconded. K. Oppenneer read a letter from the Department of Transportation stating the severe deterioration of the bridge.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 14 passed as printed.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote (i) to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and seventy four thousand dollars (\$274,000) (ii) to purchase the following Public Works vehicles, (iii) to authorize the amount of fifty-nine thousand dollars (\$59,000) to be withdrawn from the Public Works Vehicle/Equipment Capital Reserve fund established for this purpose, and (iv) to authorize the use/transfer of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of the December 31st, 2004 fund balance for this purpose. (Estimated tax impact 40 cents per \$1000 valuation.)

12 yard Dump Truck with plow, wing and spreader	\$146,000
7 yard Dump Truck with plow, wing, and spreader	\$128,000

(Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed, N. Scovner seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked L. Carrier to speak to the article. He explained that last year the Budget Committee said no to new purchases but that with the age of the equipment

maintenance costs are rising. Capital Reserves help plan for future purchases so the tax rate is not impacted for the full amount in the year if purchase. C. Aufiero and K. Brazas asked the age and maintenance costs of the fleet, which K. Daniels answered.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 15 passed as printed.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate forty-eight thousand dollars (**\$48,000**) for aerial photography, planimetric mapping and digitization of the town's tax maps and (ii) authorize withdrawal of thirty-eight thousand dollars (**\$38,000**) from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. (Estimated tax impact 2.5 cents per \$1000 valuation.)

(Majority Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed; K. Oppenneer seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked J. Taylor to speak to the article. He explained that the existing town maps are horribly inaccurate, and that they were based on 1980's technology. The new mapping will allow us to pinpoint culverts, curb shut-offs, etc.

G. Talsky and D. Saladino asked about sharing costs with other towns, or receiving help from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council. J. Taylor said that the Council didn't assist with this and that Lebanon had done theirs, but he would check with Canaan.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 16 passed as printed.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000**) for the acquisition of a GPS unit, and (ii) authorize withdrawal of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000**) from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. (Estimated tax impact 2.5 cents per \$1000 valuation.)

(Majority Vote required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

K. Oppenneer made the motion to accept the article as printed; D. Albanese seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked K. Daniels to speak to the article. He explained that the GPS was one of the tools that tied in with the mapping in Article 16, directly associated with the base mapping.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 17 passed as printed.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars (**\$138,000**) to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds, as follows:

Capital Reserve Account	Appropriation	Estimated Tax Impact Per \$1,000 Valuation
Technology Services ⁽²⁾	30,000	7 cents
Ambulance ⁽²⁾	10,000	2.5 cents
Fire Vehicle/Equipment ⁽¹⁾	40,000	10 cents
Public Works Vehicle/Equipment ⁽²⁾	50,000	17 cents
Sidewalk Construction ⁽²⁾	8,000	2 cents
Total	\$138,000	33 cents

(Majority Vote Required)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Authorization to expend: ⁽¹⁾ Town Meeting, ⁽²⁾ Board of Selectmen, ⁽³⁾ Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen), ⁽⁴⁾ Cemetery Board of Trustees, ⁽⁵⁾ Library Board of Trustees.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed; N. Scovner seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked L. Carrier to speak to the article. He explained that this helped avoid a big raise on the tax rate in one year for necessary purchases.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 18 passed as printed.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote (i) to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of bridge construction, (ii) to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be placed in this fund, and (iii) name the Board of Selectmen as "Agents to Expend." (Estimated tax impact is 1 cent per \$1,000 valuation.)

(Majority Vote Required)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion that the article be passed as printed; K. Oppenneer seconded. K. Oppenneer explained that the Dept. of Transportation has identified both the Whaleback Mtn. Road and Boys Camp Road bridges as needing replacement, and that this will allow the town to save for that.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 19 passed as printed.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote (i) to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of a Library Technology Fund, (ii) to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund, and (iii) name the Library Trustees as “Agents to Expend.” (Estimated tax impact is 1 cent per \$1,000.)

(Majority Vote required)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

K. Oppenneer made the motion to accept the article as printed; D. Albanese seconded. N. Scovner and L. Carrier explained that the equipment is getting old and needs to be replaced.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 20 passed as printed.

Article 21: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) from the undesignated fund balance, for deposit into the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, an expendable general trust fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintaining cemeteries? This money represents 2004 revenue from the sale of cemetery lots in 2004 and is available to offset the appropriation. (This article has no impact to the proposed 2005 Tax Rate.)

(Majority Vote Required)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed; N. Scovner seconded.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 21 passed as printed.

Article 22: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Enfield based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

- for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$ 46,000;
- for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$ 69,000;
- for a person 80 years of age or older, \$ 92,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or if married, a combined net income of less

than twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000); and own net assets not in excess of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) excluding the value of the person's residence.

(Majority Vote required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion that the article be passed as printed; K. Oppenneer seconded. The Board of Selectmen asked Julie Huntley, Assessing Assistant, to speak to the article. She explained that property assessments have gone up but fixed incomes have not and that the exemptions help people keep their homes. S. Thompson asked about properties in trusts, which J. Huntley explained had to meet the same guidelines.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 22 passed as printed.

Article 23: To authorize the Town of Enfield Fire Department to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail requested in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 154:24.

(Majority Vote required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

K. Oppenneer made the motion to accept the article as printed; D. Albanese seconded.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the article; Article 23 passed as printed.

Article 24: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed; N. Scovner seconded.

The Moderator turned the meeting over to the Assistant Moderator, John Carr.

J. Fishman spoke that Enfield was friendly, with good services, a great library, etc. and that she wanted to give Ken Daniels and the Highway/ Department of Public Works a special thanks, which received a standing ovation.

D. Beaufait spoke to the town officials regarding his concern that as the town grows and new developments come in that the planning process needs to be followed up on. They must have a strict approval process and also a strict enforcement process. The Board of Selectmen thanked him and asked him to submit his concerns at a meeting or in a letter.

P. Mirski thanked everyone for electing him to the state house of representatives and urged all to stay on top of the planning rules.

R. Crate thanked the Lioness Club for providing snacks for the meeting.

S. Carr urged everyone to fill out and return the Enfield Village Association's surveys on economic development.

D. Beaufait expressed his personal appreciation to the staff and department of public works for working together for a successful meeting.

K. Oppenneer made the motion to adjourn the meeting; N. Scovner seconded.

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolee T. Higbee
Town Clerk