

**Enfield Board of Selectmen
Whitney Hall
Enfield, New Hampshire**

MINUTES of March 5, 2012

Board of Selectmen: Fred Cummings, Chairman; Donald J. Crate, Sr.; John W. Kluge

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Executive Assistant; Jim Taylor, Director of Public Works; Richard A. Crate, Jr., Chief of Police

Others: Dan Kiley

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cummings called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Mr. Crate was not present at this time.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kluge moved to accept the regular session and non-public session minutes of February 27, 2012 as printed, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Planning Board Public Hearing Notice – March 14, 2012:

Hearings will be held for Aiken Storage Associates and Marguerite E. Haughey Revocable Trust.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

Conservation Commission:

The Conservation Commission met March 1, 2012. They had spoken to the Selectmen previously about hiring a forester for the Bicknell Brook property. The Commission met with Ehrhard Frost to discuss whether to log the property and how to manage it. They want to do research regarding the boundary line between the Town's property and the Poitras property. Mr. Frost will develop a plan for review by the Conservation Commission, then the Board of Selectmen to discuss the Selectmen's feelings on logging the property. The neighboring properties of Poitras and Higbee have intents to cut issued, so logging is taking place in the area. Ehrhard Frost is highly recommended. He'll come up with a comprehensive plan to bring to the Selectmen as well as the Upper Valley Land Trust due to the conservation easement on the property.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Don Crate arrived at the meeting at this time, 6:10 PM.

VII. BUSINESS**Lift Fest:**

Mr. Schneider reported on a proposed concert and ski event to take place over a two-day period at Whaleback. The organizers of the event have spoken with Police Chief Crate and Phil Neily who have a series of requirements that must be met.

Chief Crate explained that he will assign officers for safety and security. They were originally hoping for 3,000 participants, but have sold just 500 tickets as of last Wednesday. They have a revised attendance estimate of 700-1,000. They will be bussing attendees from Lebanon so there will not be an issue with parking along the road at Whaleback. They have hired their own security as well. They expect to have a young, college age crowd. Chief Crate discussed police coverage requirements with the Board. The organizers have contracted for this police coverage. This will take place March 16 & 17.

Mr. Cummings asked about liquor requirements. He was informed that they must obtain a permit from the Town as well as the State Liquor Commission. They must meet State Liquor Commission rules for serving alcoholic beverages. The can be shut down for violations, but that has never been an issue in the past.

Chief Crate clarified that Whaleback is the location of the event, but it's being organized by a New York company who is responsible for insurance, etc.

Town Meeting Preparation:

The Board discussed the presentation of warrant articles at the upcoming Town Meeting. It was recommended that information be gathered on what other area towns are leasing vehicles.

Shaker Bridge:

The Board looked at lighting for the Shaker Bridge. There are a number of residents that are concerned about dark sky compliance. A light that is very similar, but not identical, to the existing Main Street bridge lights was suggested. The suggested fixture is a cut-off fixture that emits up to 2.5% of light upward (at or above 90 degrees) and up to 10% of their light at or above 80 degrees.

Mr. Kluge asked about the price differential. This information was not known. Each light does have the same post so the State could be informed of the required bolt pattern.

The Board was informed that the Energy Committee was provided information on the suggested light fixture. The Energy Committee prefers a fixture that is dark sky compliant. The suggested light is a compromise.

Mr. Kluge is comfortable with a fixture that is similar to the Main Street bridge lights.

Mr. Crate and Mr. Cummings both would prefer the same light fixtures as we have downtown.

Mr. Schneider noted that it may be possible to retrofit fixtures in the future with shielding.

Mr. Crate moved to install light fixtures on the Shaker Bridge that are the same as those installed on the Main Street bridges, Mr. Cummings seconded. Mr. Crate and Mr. Cummings voted in favor of the motion, Mr. Kluge abstained, motion carried.

Mr. Crate asked if there would be lights under the bridge for boaters. He was informed there will be lights on the piers.

Shaker Bridge Theatre Lease:

Electricity use by Shaker Bridge Theatre averages \$40/month so a monthly fee of \$40/month has been incorporated into the lease agreement, along with ½ price tickets for Enfield residents. The revised lease is also limited to a one-year term.

Mr. Cummings didn't think the costs would be so low and is in favor of keeping the lease at \$100/month with ½ price tickets for Enfield residents rather than have a reduction in the monthly lease price or an increase in the lease price as originally proposed. There was no objection to this change by the other Board members.

Mr. Schneider will incorporate the changes to \$100/month with ½ price tickets for Enfield residents and a one-year lease term.

Laramie Farms:

The Board signed a letter to Douglas King, Assistant District Director, NHDOT District II, in support of a left turn lane on eastbound Route 4 at the entrance to this proposed development, as well as a sidewalk from the development to the Village.

Solid Waste Collection:

Over the last couple of weeks the Town has received comments about Northeast Waste collecting residential and commercial rubbish on the same days. If they are picking up residential and commercial at the same time how do they differentiate? We now know where and when they've been picking up.

Mr. Taylor explained that they're going to look into what's going on. His understanding is that non-residential rubbish (strictly commercial buildings and residential with 5 or more units) are to be picked up on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mr. Kluge noted there's a tipping point where residential becomes commercial-residential. Codes say 3 or more in one instance and 5 or more in another instance, but 5 or more has taken precedence.

Mr. Taylor said there are 6 or 8 places that count as commercial-residential. There is one 16 unit complex that consists of four 4-plexes. Does that count as four separate 4-unit buildings or one 16-unit complex?

Mr. Schneider said they are also picking up strictly commercial. They estimate commercial collection in other towns but we'd prefer they do commercial rubbish collection separately.

Discussion ensued regarding rubbish pick up at some Anderson Hill Road residences with dumpsters vs. Lakeview Condos, including whether they are or should be treated as single residences or commercial entities. It was noted that the condominiums are taxed as individual residences.

Mr. Cummins mentioned there also needs to be a discussion about zero-sort recycling.

Mr. Taylor responded that Northeast Waste has been working on pricing. Toters would be supplied by Northeast Waste with longer term contracts. Mr. Taylor wants to get some real numbers before proposing a program to the Board of Selectmen.

Heritage Commission Membership:

Rebecca Stewart resigned from the Commission in January 2012. The Board signed a letter accepting her resignation with regrets.

The Board received a letter of interest in serving on the Heritage Commission from Linda Jones.

Mr. Kluge moved to appoint Linda Jones to the Heritage Commission as a regular member, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Other Business – Ambulance Department:

Mr. Cummings reported that it is unclear to someone on the FAST Squad who would be in charge of the FAST Squad if the proposal is approved to hire two full-time members for daytime response. It was Mr. Cummings' understanding that there were no plans to change the organizational structure with Richard Martin in charge. Mr. Cummings was told of the concern that if we hire two full-time personnel and the structure of the FAST Squad changes we may lose some existing staff.

Mr. Schneider will be meeting with the FAST Squad on Wednesday and will discuss this issue with the members.

The Selectboard agreed to leave Richard Martin in charge.

Other Business – Dartmouth College Exemption Appeal:

Dartmouth College is appealing the Selectmen's recent decision to reduce the percentage of the exemption they have been given in past years.

Mr. Kluge thought at the time that the Board was being unusually harsh though he does not recall how he actually voted. Exemptions such as they requested happen in many places.

Mr. Crate remembers how he voted and declared that he will not be changing his mind.

It was pointed out that Dartmouth rents storage space and sells memberships.

Mr. Schneider informed the Board they can let the Dartmouth Trustees come in to make their case after which the Town can have its attorney review the case.

Mr. Cummings feels the Board made the right decision. He thinks it would be good to have the Town's attorney review the.

Chief Crate noted that the Town gives an exemption to the Humane Society and we just received a bill for about \$1,000.

Mr. Kluge suggested having the Town's attorney review the case before the Selectboard meets with the Dartmouth Trustees.

The Board agreed to meet with the Dartmouth Trustees at their first meeting in April.

Mr. Cummings said if the Upper Valley Humane Society isn't going to make arrangements with the Town for strays maybe the Board should rethink their exemption as well.

Administrative Items:

The Board reviewed and approved a property tax abatement to correct a clerical error.

X. OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting:

March 19, 2012, 6:00 PM. Whitney Hall Conference Room.

CONFERENCE

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kluge moved to adjourn at 6:56 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion, meeting adjourned.