

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

MINUTES of March 21, 2011

Board of Selectmen: John W. Kluge, Chairman; B. Fred Cummings

Excused: Donald J. Crate, Sr.

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: Susan & Jim Clark, Linda Cross

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kluge called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Mr. Crate was formally excused. Due to his absence the Board chose to postpone the organization of the Board.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cummings moved to approve the regular session minutes of February 22, 2011 as printed, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Cummings moved to approve the non-public session minutes of February 22, 2011 as printed, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

All other issues were tabled to take up New Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Lockehaven Drainage:

The Board heard about a problem related to the drainage project on Lockehaven Road. During recent warm weather sufficient snow melt resulted in an overflow of water from the retention pond at the corner of Lockehaven Road and Hawley Drive. The overflow crossed Hawley Drive, ran down the Cross driveway and flooded the basement of the Cross home. The Fire Department responded, pumped the basement and put sandbags at the driveway to stop the water from running down the driveway to the house. The Crosses have not experienced flooding in their basement since purchasing the home in 1971. The Crosses formally request the Town to contact NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) and make them aware the design they approved failed and caused damage. The Crosses believe the design will continue to fail.

Mr. Cummings feels contacting the State on the Crosses behalf is the right thing to do.

Mr. Kluge asked how much the Town has spent on this project.

Mr. Schneider responded that the Town crew spent a lot of time and about \$30,000 renting equipment. So, outside of normal operations, since the crews would be working anyway, the Town expended about \$30,000. It was the Town that originally impacted the Cross property. The Board before the current Board decided to fix the problem. The State required the retention pond. The Town thought the pond could be bigger but the State disagreed. The original design by Ken Daniels, former Public Works Director, kept the water parallel to Lockhaven Road.

In response to Mr. Kluge's inquiry, Mr. Taylor explained that he was not in on the design process for this drainage project. They are taking 2 to 3 truckloads of sediment from the retention pond twice a year. The last time the pond was cleaned was October 20, 2010.

Fred Paradis said the pond was frozen so the water went on top, down the road and took the easiest path down the Cross drive. He also pointed out that you can watch the sediment line come by the Crosses. Silt is still going in and might as well go straight into the river.

Mr. Kluge asked, "What's the best we can hope from DES?"

Mr. Schneider replied that we can tell them the design failed. Crystal Lake is the State's resource and is being impacted adversely. Mr. Schneider thinks Ken Daniels' idea was to make the pond bigger but he thinks the State thought a wetland would be impacted. Maybe a more formal conversation with the State is needed. Part of what the Conservation Commission ordinance was for was to prevent silt from getting into the Town's lakes. We have plenty of pictures from the Crosses of sediment in the Lake. The first step is a conversation with DES to figure out how we fix the problem.

Mr. Kluge noted that we have to first get permits and estimates, then make some judgments.

Mr. Schneider and Jim Taylor will act as contacts for the parties involved.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cummings received and responded to a call to a fire. Due to the lack of a quorum the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.