

**Enfield Board of Selectmen
Enfield Center Town House
Enfield, New Hampshire**

MINUTES of August 1, 2011

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

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

Others: David Stewart, Doug Pettibone, Kurt Gotthardt, Lori Saladino, Shirley Green, Dan Kiley, Patrol Officer Tony Booth, Sam Eaton, Annabelle Danforth, Gayle Hulva, Paul Mirski

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kluge moved to approve the non-public session minutes of June 6, 2011 as printed, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge noted a correction to the minutes of July 5, 2011. Page 2, Building Maintenance, paragraph 4 should read, "Mr. Kluge noted that while some one is in charge of the Community Building it is not always cleaned as well as it can be."

Mr. Kluge moved to accept the minutes of July 5, 2011 as corrected, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Tax Collector's Report ~ July 2011:

2011 tax collections are right on par with 2010 collection at 94% in July. Anything over 90% is excellent.

Town Clerk's Report ~ July 2011:

2011 revenues are now up \$300 over 2010 revenues, rebounding nicely. Projections for 2011 revenue are pretty solid.

Comcast Franchise Fee:

The Town received a payment of \$23,011.65 for franchise fees for the first ½ of 2011. Before this Selectmen's meeting the Enfield Channel Board had a meeting. Ninety-five percent of the discussion centered on the distribution of franchise fees to the channel for development of the channel. It was suggested at that meeting that if there's money received above the amount of revenue projected that those extra funds go the ETV (the Enfield channel). Mr. Schneider will check the revenue projections to see if there's any funding available to send back to ETV for channel development.

The intention when the channel was created was to provide the franchise fee in its entirety to the channel. ETV will develop a budget based on the amount of revenues they expect to receive. While their budget is not part of the Town's budget the Selectmen will be kept informed of the ETV Board's plans for the channel.

Holderness Invitation to 250th Anniversary Celebration:

The Board received an invitation to and event schedule for the Holderness 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Trustees of Trust Funds Quarterly Report as of June 30, 2011:

This report will be used later in the meeting as the Board goes through the scheduled public hearings. Three funds will be discussed: Municipal Water System (\$ 89,290 balance), Municipal Sewer System (\$100,449 balance) and Emergency Services and Equipment (\$4,552 balance).

The funds saw an overall increase of \$3,000 from the end of March to the end of June. The balance of all capital reserve funds combined is almost \$1,050,000.

Grafton County FY 2012 Operating Budget:

The Board received a summary of the Grafton County FY 2012 Operating Budget. The big changes are in personnel. They've asked for \$4.7 million and have whittled it down to \$4.3 million.

Paul Mirski stated that aside from the new jail, the increase was impossible to avoid due to personnel and debt costs. A motion was made regarding the potential for privatizing the jail. Personnel costs are very high and the jail is the big driver.

Dan Kiley asked what the big driver is in the \$2 million increase in the Human Services budget.

Mr. Mirski did not know the answer to that.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board:

The Planning Board had an interesting meeting with discussion of land use, workforce housing laws, etc. Enfield is in good shape; not overly restrictive.

Enfield Village Association:

Discussion at the EVA meeting related to the deconstruction of the E250 events. Feedback has been received from people wishing we could do some of these things again in the future. It will be up to the citizens to drive this sort of thing.

EVA will thank the Muzzey's for the use of their front lawn for parking during the Dirty Works play at the end of July. The Selectmen were supportive of this plan. Long term it would be nice to have parking for the Enfield Center Town House.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

NH Rural Fire Protection:

The NH Rural Fire Protection Initiative is a grant we can apply for to do some mapping, adding a layer to our existing GIS mapping. Mr. Schneider will reach out to the Fire Department to see how much interest there is. It could help lower our ISO rating, which in turn can lower business and property owners' insurance costs.

Mr. Kluge asked how Enfield's ISO rating compares to others.

Mr. Schneider replied that for Water the Town is good. The Town spends time and money on equipment and training our people. How our Fire preparedness rates compared to others is somewhat arbitrary and not based on semi-rural NH; it's a national standard. Unfortunately, it ties in to homeowners' insurance. Just because they don't like our hoses or nozzles because they are over a certain age, even though that equipment is perfectly functional, the Town's ISO rating might suffer.

Plowing Issues:

Next meeting Jim Taylor will provide a memo regarding plowing issues, specifically roads that aren't Town roads. It impacts our equipment purchasing. The more small roads we have the more, smaller vehicles we need.

Sale of Property:

The Board has talked in the past about the sale of property. Fall is the timeframe when we typically do it. This year we have a piece on NH Route 4A that the Board took that we can sell. There are also the two NH Route 4A properties that were subdivided off of the Town's Grafton Pond Road parcel and a couple of vacant lots in Eastman. Mr. Schneider wished to gauge the Board interest in whether to go to bid, auction or through a realtor. Both Mr. Kluge and Mr. Cummings were inclined to go with a realtor. Mr. Schneider will contact a realtor regarding the Town's prospects.

Kurt Gotthardt said there not cost to the Town if vacant land doesn't sell. If it has a structure you have to maintain it. For vacant land he thinks a realtor is the way to go.

Paul Mirski would be interested in having the Board consider establishing a fund that the money from the sale of property can be put into.

Mr. Schneider informed him that we do budget for those funds to go to the general fund as Sale of Property.

Dave Stewart would be in favor of money going into the Land Acquisition capital reserve fund. Tax revenues after the sale go into the general fund.

Dan Kiley expressed a 180 degree difference of opinion. The reason the property is being sold is because people didn't pay their taxes so the funds from the sale should go into the general fund.

Mr. Stewart noted that we do have quite a list of properties listed in the Town Report every year.

Mr. Gotthardt asked if other boards and commissions look at the list of property. He was informed they do.

Mr. Gotthardt understands the Town owned a part of the Muzzey property adjacent to the Enfield Center Town House. Some people are upset about the land behind Lakeview Condos being sold.

Mr. Gotthardt was informed that the land now belonging to the Muzzey's was a very small piece where the driveway is now.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**Doug Pettibone ~ Revenues:**

Doug Pettibone told the Board that the Budget Committee is in favor of soft billing for the FAST Squad. This has been discussed in the past, but Mr. Pettibone has not seen much discussion since then. He wants to encourage the Selectboard to look into that.

VII. BUSINESS**Swearing in of Police Officer Anthony Booth:**

Police Chief Crate informed the Board that Anthony Booth has been with the Enfield Police Department as a part-time police officer for about two years. He's here to meet the Board again and to be sworn in as a full-time police officer.

Officer Booth leaves soon for 14 weeks at the Police Academy. Officer Booth is also an archaeologist so is meticulous with crime scenes.

Chairman Fred Cummings performed the swearing in of Police Officer Anthony Booth as a full-time officer.

Budget:

Mr. Schneider explained that originally a joint meeting of the CIP Committee, Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen was scheduled to discuss capital purchases. The CIP Committee was not ready for a joint meeting so the meeting will be rescheduled for September. It is beneficial for the Budget Committee and the Selectmen to meet before we dig into the budget. Department budgeting begins at the end of August. A joint meeting provides the opportunity to come to a good understanding of what we hope to accomplish with the budget.

The expense report for the end of June 2011 indicates 54% of the operating budget remaining with 50% of the year behind us. We still have some paving to do and some big ticket items to purchase. We were able to do with less than budgeted on capital purchases this year, specifically the reclaimer and sidewalk tractor for the Public Works Department. We went through a bid process for those purchases.

The economy nationally isn't moving much at all. The Upper Valley seems to be recession proof, but with the DHMC/State suit regarding Medicare payments we may see a ripple effect of any layoffs.

Mr. Schneider doesn't envision a major tax increase. We will have a good handle on capital expenditures and we have some debt service freed up this year. Mr. Schneider doesn't envision any requests for new personnel; no need to add staff time or Police Department forces. We're at a good place with our core personnel. Could we add a few more hours for grounds crew in the summer? Maybe.

The 2009 Special Town Meeting left it up to the Board of Selectmen how to finance the sewer force main relocation under Mascoma Lake. We're going to pay about \$130,000 of the \$600,000 cost of the project. \$40,000 is planned from capital reserve funds, pending the public hearing to expend those funds. The remainder of the cost is to be split between the sewer users and the tax rate. There will not be an impact on the 2011 tax rate with this project. The general breakdown is as follows: \$600,000 total cost. \$300,000 ARRA funding, \$160,000 reimbursed by the State, remaining balance approximately \$130,000. Payments on a loan will be made once per year.

Mr. Kluge does not think we're out of the woods economically and doesn't think we will be so we need to budget conservatively.

Mr. Cummings would like to not see a tax increase for the general operating budget.

Mr. Pettibone pointed out that the taxpayers will be affected by the roughly 10% county tax increase.

Mr. Mirski would like the Selectmen to give direction to the State legislature regarding the ISO rating that causes Towns to buy fire equipment prematurely. There's time to propose legislation to mitigate private

agencies from driving increased municipal costs. This bothers him a lot, but without direction from the Board we will never get relieved from arbitrary standards.

Mr. Mirksi then asked about the status of the Library project. If we don't build it what do we do with the funds in the capital reserve fund?

Mr. Cummings said, on the first issue regarding ISO rating, he would push back to the Fire Chief and Fire Wards why the equipment has to be replaced at certain intervals.

Mr. Kluge questioned whether this is the Town's or the legislatures responsibility.

Mr. Mirksi responded that the legislature won't delve into it without incentive.

Mr. Kluge suggested starting with the Fire Chief and Fire Wards, then the Town Manager.

Mr. Cummings is reasonably comfortable the Fire Chief and Fire Wards won't ask for a new truck when on isn't needed.

Mr. Schneider responded to the question about the new, proposed Library. There is a committee that meets just for fundraising. There's a timeframe to accomplish this. If the funds are not raised by the deadline the reserve funds return to the Town's undesignated fund. \$278,000 is in the New Library capital reserve fund. The clock is ticking and runs out in 2013.

Shirley Green, a Library Trustee, noted that right now we don't have a lot of information from the fundraisers.

Mr. Stewart asked if there anything the Town can do to assist or any way to put the pressure on them. \$167,000 has been spent.

Mr. Kluge pointed out that it became a tough time for fundraising.

The Board was asked about the past problem with mold in the Town Office. Mr. Schneider responded that some drainage was done on the south side of the building and repointing of the foundation which has helped.

Mr. Stewart asked about the status of the Capital Improvement Program. Do they have a list of what's needed?

Mr. Schneider explained that they Departments have been asked for a list of needed capital items. Departments have been spoken to about their capital needs for the future. Mr. Schneider believes the plan is to have a financial person come in to look at the funding options, i.e. leasing.

Mr. Pettibone added they are looking at the lifespan of equipment. They need to get a handle on these items.

Mr. Schneider said there's a lot of data needed. As the Budget Committee prepared a plan for regional organizations, we have to develop a plan, good spreadsheet and database to start from. We want the data to support the requests so there's still a lot of work to do.

Mr. Stewart asked if there were plans to paint the Enfield Center Town House.

Mr. Cummings said that should be put out to bid. Mr. Schneider and Jim Taylor will follow up on this.

Sewer Force Main Relocation Project Financing:

The Board was provided with a spreadsheet outlining financing options for the sewer main relocation. The debt service schedule is provided by the State. There are 450 sewer users and tax impacts are based on a \$200,000 home. Each penny of taxes raises \$5,301. Mr. Schneider proposes using the Municipal Sewer capital reserve funds first. The total tax impact over the life of the loan is about \$17.31 and the impact on sewer users is about \$101.88. The figures are based on overall property values. The loan can be paid off as quickly as we want to. He would apply the \$160,000 reimbursement by the State at the principal immediately. If the goal is to impact the tax rate the least in any one year the 20 year plan is the best option.

Mr. Kluge is inclined to go with less impact on the tax rate and go with the 20 year schedule. Mr. Cummings agreed.

Mr. Kluge moved to go with the 20-year repayment plan, Mr. Cummings seconded.

Mr. Gotthardt had questions about procedure as he didn't hear the public hearing being opened.

Mr. Cummings informed him that this was not the public hearing.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to go with a 20-year repayment plan.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Cummings read the public hearing notice: The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to discuss the expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Fund Name: Purpose

Sewer Capital Reserve Fund: Partial funding of Sewer Relocation Project at Shaker Bridge

Water Capital Reserve Fund: Main Street water line relocation/replacement between Rail Trail underpass and Shaker Bridge

Emergency Capital Reserve Fund: Partial funding of Whitney Hall Emergency Generator

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Selectmen acting as the Water/Sewer Commissioners is named agent to expend these Capital Reserve Funds.

Mr. Kluge moved to open the public hearing at 7:03 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Sewer Capital Reserve Fund:

There is a balance of approximately \$100,000 in the Municipal Sewer capital reserve fund. There would still be a healthy balance with a \$40,000 withdrawal for the sewer relocation. The purpose of the reserve fund is for infrastructure.

Municipal Water Capital Reserve Fund:

The proposed withdrawal is to pay for replacing of the water line on Main Street near the Shaker Bridge.

Mr. Taylor has no cost estimate at this time.

Mr. Cummings explained this would be replacing about 500' of water line.

Mr. Kluge added that this is 100 year old cast iron water line.

Mr. Taylor explained that the State engineer's estimate was about \$45,000.

Mr. Schneider said that if \$45,000 was withdrawn from the Municipal Water capital reserve fund about \$45,000 would remain in the fund.

Emergency Services & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund:

There is about \$4,500 in this fund. The Town will apply for a grant that will pay for half the cost of an emergency generator for Whitney Hall to service the computer servers and phone system that all departments share. \$4,000 would be enough to cover any overage we may have associated with the project.

Lori Saladino questioned the need for phone and servers at the Town Offices. It was explained that when the power goes out in Whitney Hall the phone system at Public Works goes down. The generator would keep the servers, phones and heat running.

Kurt Gotthardt asked how often and how long the power goes out at the Town Offices.

Mr. Schneider said we have an event a year that we lose power at least a day. During the last big outage, we were able to scramble using radios, but it affected operations at Public Works.

Mr. Gotthardt asked regarding the Water & Sewer capital reserve funds (CRF), who puts the money into the CRF accounts. He was informed that the users do. The funds part of the water and sewer rates. Funds are raised and go into those funds. It's all user supported.

Mr. Gotthardt asked if the sewer goes down Route 4, if the TIF fund comes up short, would the Water & Sewer funds cover that?

Mr. Schneider responded that's a potential. He doesn't think using CRF for debt service is allowed as the purposes of the funds are written right now, but that doesn't mean the rates themselves couldn't pay for it.

Mr. Kiley noted that 1/3 of the sewer cost was going to be paid by taxes because the need to replace the line was through no fault of the Sewer users. The water line replacement is no fault of the Water users but that fund is paying 100%.

It was explained to Mr. Kiley that the situations differ. The sewer line had to be replaced. The water line does not have to be replaced, but the pipe is 100 year old cast iron and if it breaks it will be more costly to repair later. It will be less expensive to replace the line when there is already construction going on. The sewer line was known in advance and there was time to plan for it. The water line was brought to the Town with no time to plan.

Mr. Stewart asked how much money goes into the CRF. He was informed that it's \$20,000 each year in each fund. They're currently underfunded. The \$50,000 that will be left in the Municipal Water CRF will be good as leverage, but is not enough money for replacement.

There were no further public comments.

Mr. Kluge moved to close the hearing at 7:16 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge moved to expend \$40,000 from the Municipal Sewer capital reserve fund for partial funding of the Sewer Relocation Project at Shaker Bridge, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge moved to allocate up to \$45,000 from the Municipal Water capital reserve fund for the Main Street water line relocation/replacement between the Rail Trail underpass and Shaker Bridge, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge moved to allocate up to \$4,000 from the Emergency Services & Equipment capital reserve fund for partial funding of a Whitney Hall emergency generator, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

VIII. BUSINESS, CONTINUED

TIF Water/Sewer Extension Planning:

The Selectmen spoke about this at their last meeting. There are issues the Board will have to consider regarding how and when the people will be hooking onto the system. What will be the cost to hook on? Will it be the same as the existing policy or something different for this Route 4 extension? Does it seem like a fair application of the policies? Landowners affected by the proposed extension will be invited to a meeting in September or October to discuss what we think fees should be, etc.

Municipal Building Maintenance:

The Board was provided with a list of municipal buildings and the department(s) responsible for each. Water & Sewer building maintenance is supported by water/sewer funds.

The responsible department is not known for the Enfield Center Town House. The Heritage Commission expressed interest but hasn't taken the next step to say yes, they want to be responsible for maintenance.

The Community Building lists Admin. The Town has a cleaner managed through the administrative department, but it could be Admin/DPW or Admin/Bldg. Cleaning is scheduled for the administrative department, the rest is handled by Public Works Buildings & Grounds.

Mr. Kluge mentioned that Shaker Recreation Field is a disaster inside. Is the Recreation Commission responsible for this building?

Mr. Schneider replied that they are and he'll contact the Recreation Director about this problem.

Huse Park Drainage:

The Board was informed that we can't get anyone to bid on the project. Jim Taylor explained that a couple of local guys don't have the equipment for this large job or they're booked through the end of the year. As for larger firms, we don't know. Maybe starting earlier in the year will allow them to fit us on their schedule for the year. The plan, now, is to put it out to bid again in February or March and hope for the best. The Shoreland Permit is limited. The work has to be done the first weeks of August.

Shaker Bridge / Rail Trail:

Alex Vogt informed Mr. Schneider of a State Historic Preservation Office meeting next week. The new proposal for the Main Street Rail Trail crossing needs to be presented to the group. Mr. Schneider will attend the meeting. A full contingent is not needed this time, however, Mr. Kluge said he would be available if his presence at the meeting is needed.

Water/Sewer Rates:

The Board was alerted to the need to discuss adjustment of water and sewer rates to cover our needs in those departments. The rates have not been adjusted since 2007.

Jones Hill Road ~ Road Weight Limit Posting Request / Speed Limit:

Through emails to Mr. Schneider, Wayne Claflin expressed concern about the weight limit on Jones Hill Road and the impact of heavy vehicles on the condition of the road, specifically citing Mr. Conkey's tri-axle trucks. He also feels the speed limit is too high.

Chief Crate said you need to look at the width of the road and the amount of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. If the department writes a summons for speeding they need to have a reason the driver is not reasonable. The speed limit is 35 on the southern end of Shaker Hill Road. A speed limit of 35 on Jones Hill Road is too high. Chief Crate would recommend 30 mph, or maybe even 25 mph. We have a lot of kids cutting across. 25 mph or 30 mph is reasonable, but not 35 mph.

Mr. Kluge asked about weight limits.

Chief Crate would be reluctant to do that as we have no way to enforce that; we do not have scales, nor do we want them. When you talk about Mr. Conkey, he's paying taxes on the gravel he's hauling. Chief Crate would be reluctant to regulate what vehicles should be on what roads.

Mr. Cummings mentioned another complaint being that people want to raise the limit on Shaker Hill Road.

Chief Crate responded that Shaker Hill Road is a State road so they have to do that. It has to be shown that it's reasonable.

Mr. Kluge is very comfortable with going with 30 mph on Jones Hill Road. Mr. Cummings agreed, but wants Selectman Crate's take on it.

Mr. Mirski asked if there are a lot of speeding tickets issued on Jones Hill Road.

Chief Crate replied that not many have been issued. One was going 44 mph, just 9 miles over the limit. It might be hard to defend this in court.

Mr. Mirski said he was just asking. He wondered if this was in response to one complaint.

Chief Crate replied that he has been concerned for a long time. People have been going 40 mph by Lozeau's.

Mr. Kluge said this is thinking ahead.

Chief Crate is also looking at other areas of Town that should be lower.

This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Mascoma River Designation ~ Committee Member Nominations:

In 2011 legislation was enacted by the State to designate segments of the Mascoma River as a protected river under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Dept. of Environmental Services requests the Selectmen's help to identify three individuals interested in serving on a local advisory committee for the Mascoma River.

Kurt Gotthardt and Tim Taylor, both serving on the Planning Board, have expressed interest in serving.

David Stewart would like to put a notice out to individuals who may be interested. The Selectmen were OK with that.

The Selectmen will await a memo from the Planning Board regarding the volunteers before taking further action.

Donations Received:

The Town received three donations for an AED unit for the Police Department: \$250 and \$385 in two checks from the Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club and \$100 from James & Mary Magnell. Their donations are greatly appreciated. Chief Crate will go to the Lions and thank them for their donations.

Route 4 Design Charrette ~ Draft Report:

A Design Charrette was held in the middle of last month. The study area included the majority of the TIF District from Route 4 and the Baltic Mill to the Enfield/Canaan town line. There were 3 or 4 days of interviewing and planning regarding the style, scope and size of development, signs and what we'd like to the residential area to look like as well as retail, business, industrial, etc. Planners have developed a conceptual plan. The plan was reviewed and was on display at the Enfield Farmers' Market in the middle of July.

The second part of the project involved the Planning Board's review of land use regulations to see they are in sync with the general concept identified. There will be more meetings happening. A lot of work has been done.

It has been discussed how all of the parts need to be incorporated into regulations for presentation to the townspeople. Landowners within the study area were interviewed, including Bob LaCroix, Rob Malz and Lori Hill. Bob LaCroix owns the most property within the district and has been an active participant.

Dan Kiley mentioned that some changes were made because Bob LaCroix was there. Some things were moved, such as a greenway that's in the flood plain. Areas indicated in purple on the presented plan are light industrial areas. The Selectmen need to decide if someone builds in Canaan do they want to allow those people to hook on to the Enfield municipal system.

Mr. Kiley stressed that the plans presented could be 25 years down the road. Also, do we want to bring the sewer up Lovejoy Brook Road, Lindopp Lane and Granite Place as well?

Mr. Mirski said that if the Town allows Canaan to attach to the Enfield system he'd like to see a financial model.

Mr. Cummings noted that it's good that TIF plans are based on current dollars.

Mr. Mirski would be interested to see projections for what this will generate when built out.

Mr. Kiley said they also discussion setting this up as a separate district to allow for specific, targeted planning for this area. Three more meetings are expected to take place with the planners.

Mr. Mirski said it's too bad there's no way to have a continuous alternate route all the way through the area.

Mr. Kiley pointed out the proposal of a footbridge across the river joining McConnell and Wescott Roads. A footbridge in this location would remove cyclists and pedestrians from the main roads and provide

another entrance to the rail trail and access to the retail space. There was a bridge there in the past. The footings may still be good enough for a foot/bike bridge.

Mr. Kiley also pointed out that a Coop won't add traffic, but a Market Basket would. The reason for this is that people in Lebanon would go to the Lebanon Coop rather than drive to Enfield, while they might drive to Enfield for a Market Basket.

Administrative Items:

The Board reviewed and approved the following documents: Petition & Pole License for Rice Road, Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed, Property Tax Refund, Veterans Tax Credit, Land Use Change Taxes.

IX. OTHER ITEMS

Crosswalks:

Mr. Cummings expressed concerns about crosswalks needing to be repainted. They should be done before school starts, particularly the ones at the Enfield Village School, Huse Park and Main & Shaker Hill Roads.

Chief Crate will call the State about that.

A member of the public mentioned that people are not good about stopping at crosswalks. She mentioned the cone-type markers that the Town used to have at the crosswalks as well as other what she's seen in another community where they painted the crosswalks in a color other than white.

Chief Crate mentioned that the marker signs used on the center line of the road got run over.

Mr. Cummings said the crosswalks are difficult to see.

It was mentioned that there are bright yellow crosswalk signs on Route 4 near Huse Park, but you can stand at the crosswalk and often several cars will continue to drive by without stopping.

Chief Crate will call the NH Dept. of Transportation and have a discussion with Executive Councilor Ray Burton.

Unions Street Fire Station Siren:

Mr. Cummings reported that the Selectmen have written to the Fire Wards about having the siren on the Union Street Fire Station made operational. He suggested that Police Chief Crate, as Emergency Management Director (EMD), could talk to them and get something done.

Chief Crate said, first, as EMD, what's the purpose of the siren when we use it?

Mr. Cummings replied that it's for disasters, not every time a fire call goes out.

Chief Crate asked, when we blow that siren, what does it mean? What are people supposed to do?

Building Security:

Mr. Cummings reported that most Town buildings are locked when no one is there. There are a couple of exceptions. A touch pad system, like that used at the FAST Squad, would work well.

Tragedy at Mascoma Lake:

Chief Crate spoke about the tragic loss of a child in town. He wished to acknowledge the help of Phil Neily, the Fire Department and FAST Squad.

Mr. Kluge said we can express heartfelt thanks for their compassion. It was a difficult time.

CONFERENCE

I. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Kluge moved to enter non-public session at 8:10 PM, RSA 91-A:3 II (c), Mr. Cummings seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Kluge – aye, Mr. Cummings – aye, vote unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Kluge moved to come out of non-public session at 8:25 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kluge moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion, meeting adjourned.