

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

MINUTES of January 19, 2010

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

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Richard A. Crate, Jr., Chief of Police

Others: Kurt Gotthardt, Dan Kiley; Curtis Payne

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Crate called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 4, 2010:

Mr. Kluge moved to accept the minutes of January 4, 2010, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Tax Collector's 2010 Year End Report:

The Board reviewed the Tax Collector Report.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Cummings and Mr. Schneider outlined a few highlights from the last Budget Committee meeting. The 2010 Budget does not include any money for employee raises or funding for regional associations. The budget does include \$130,000 for pavement maintenance. The Budget Committee is also recommending a separate warrant article for two pieces of public works equipment. There was some general discussion on employee raises. Mr. Cummings proposed allowing department heads, after town meeting, to find the money for a 2% salary increase. Mr. Crate would like to wait and see how the budget year plays out before committing to raises. Mr. Kluge felt that including raises would send the wrong message to those in the community that are struggling in their own lives. Mr. Schneider mentioned that he will begin investigating a new concept of funding capital items that involves short-term borrowing.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no Town Manager's report.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. OLD BUSINESS**Kurt Gotthardt – Trails Guide:**

Mr. Gotthardt presented the draft Enfield Trails Guide. Mr. Gotthardt shared that NH Fish & Game do not want their trails marked with any signage. NH Fish & Game was fine with including the trails on our trail guide as long as there was a disclaimer identifying the lands primary use as wildlife habitat. The Board was supportive of printing the trails guide as long as the NH Fish & Game disclaimer was included. Mr. Gotthardt will meet with Mr. Schneider to coordinate the printing.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS**Lee Carrier – TIF Plan:**

Mr. Carrier introduced Richard Holmquist, owner of Holmquist Furniture. Mr. Carrier asked the Board to support amending the TIF Plan project list for the upcoming Town Meeting to include extending the sewer line on Main Street. The extension would reach 2 properties that are currently unserved, including Holmquist Furniture. The Board supported adding the TIF plan amendment to the 2010 Town Meeting Warrant.

Administrative Items: Property Tax Refunds/Abatements:

The Board reviewed and signed the corresponding tax refund/abatement paperwork.

IX. Strategic Planning:

The Board reviewed the last core strategic planning issue, Recreation/Culture. The fundamental base question is “What do we want Enfield to look like in 5-10-20 years with regards to recreation/culture issues”. Mr. Schneider went around the room and asked everyone for a general idea/concept. The following list is what was created:

Library completion – book club/book readings

Summer Concerts – summer movie nights

Horse trails

Rail Trail

Shaker Bridge Theater

Increased Recreation programming

Lake(s) usage – Johnston Drive property located on Mascoma Lake

Walking opportunities

Emphasize existing resources – frog pond/ice skating, snow/ice/winter

Outdoor activities – 4 season, hiking

Shaker Bridge properties: purchase land, new beach, concession stand

Skating rink – ponds/lakes, portable rink at Huse Park – use pavilion as warming /concession stand

Huse Park – bandstand like Canaan/Lebanon/Norwich, four season usage, lights for nighttime baseball, skating

Funding – grants, Lions
Community Center – indoor activities – basketball, senior space, Enfield Center Town House
Whaleback Ski – transportation
Shaker Recreation Fields – exercise trail, lighting, new facilities
Skate Park – whaleback, roller rink, Shaker Rec. fields
Whitney Hall – third floor, performing space
Cross-Country Skiing – LaSalette, Shaker Fields

X. OTHER ITEMS

Next Regular Meeting:

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 6:00 PM, Whitney Hall Conference Room

XI. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Cummings made the motion to enter non-public session to discuss personnel issues at 8:14pm, Mr. Kluge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cummings made the motion to exit non-public session at 8:28pm, with Mr. Kluge seconding the motion. No decisions were made during the non-public session. The motion passed unanimously.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cummings moved to adjourn at 8:29 PM, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.