

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

MINUTES of April 20, 2009

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

Administrative Staff: Alisa D. Bonnette, Executive Assistant

Others: Kurt Gotthardt

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Crate called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Two typographical errors were identified. Mr. Kluge moved to accept the minutes of April 6, 2009 with corrections; Mr. Cummings Seconded; vote unanimous.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Highway Safety Project Grant ~ “Enfield Statewide DWI Hunter Patrols”:

The Enfield Police Department was advised that their application for federal grant funds for “Enfield Statewide DWI Hunter Patrols” was approved. Overtime patrols must be conducted June 12-13, July 24-25 and August 21-22, 2009.

NH DOT ~ State-owned Northern Railroad Corridor/Donald Roberts

The NH Department of Transportation is saying that Mr. Roberts must come up with documents proving his right to use the State owned property for a private dock. Mr. Roberts’ attorney has responded that they have the right to use the property as they maintained the right-of-way and dock continuously for no less than the last seventy years.

2010 Census Notification

Between April and July 2009, U.S. Census employees will be visiting every housing unit in every neighborhood of Enfield.

Trustees of Trust Funds ~ 1st Quarter Report, 2009

Mascoma Valley Health Initiative Regional Public Health Capacity Governance Assessment

IV. BOARD REPORTS

Zoning Board:

Mr. Kluge reported the approval of an exception for property on Spectacle Pond. The Conservation Commission provided good information and the ZBA adhered to much of what they recommended.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kurt Gotthardt ~ Tree Warden:

Mr. Gotthardt asked what the responsibilities are of the Tree Warden position to which Ken Daniels was appointed. There are different classifications. Will his responsibilities be narrow or broad?

Mr. Kluge believes them to be narrowly defined as relating to roadways. Ken Daniels seemed the logical person who would be on top of that anyway.

Mr. Crate said the Board could have more information for Mr. Gotthardt at the next meeting. Mr. Crate was under the impression it had to do with roadways.

Mr. Gotthardt's response was that this seems reasonable. With scenic roads he doesn't know if Mr. Daniels marks the trees or if Fox Tree Service does that. Does Ken Daniels have the final say?

Mr. Crate would assume we'd have an arborist do the marking of trees on a scenic road. In the past Fox was involved.

Kurt Gotthardt ~ Public Comment Period:

Mr. Gotthardt inquired about public comment periods and public meetings. The Selectmen have a designated public comment period. The Budget Committee has gotten better, but still don't have them during regular sessions. The Conservation Commission used to have a line on the agenda but for the last three or four meetings didn't have a written agenda or a public comment period.

Mr. Cummings, as the Selectmen's representative on the Budget Committee has no problem bringing this up to the Committee.

Mr. Kluge stated that a public comment period for all public meetings is the Selectboard's ideal of the way it ought to be.

Town boards and committees will be reminded of the Selectboard's desire that a public comment period be held at all public meetings.

John Kluge ~ Abandoned Property:

Mr. Kluge asked about the abandoned apartment house on Flanders Street. Every window on the first floor is broken and he's not sure the door is nailed shut securely.

Phil Neily, Health Officer, will be contacted about having the building properly secured.

Mr. Crate wondered if it still had "condemned" signs posted.

Mr. Kluge noted that the electric meters have been removed.

John Kluge ~ Bridge Lights:

Mr. Kluge reported that a number of lights on the three bridges in Town are out.

Ken Daniels will be contacted about replacing the bulbs.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Main Relocation:

The Board received an estimate for the cost of relocating the sewer main on the Shaker Bridge. This item was tabled until the following meeting when Steve Schneider and Ken Daniels are available to discuss it and answer questions.

Tax Collector's Deeds:

The Board received Tax Collector's deeds for three properties, two at Whaleback and one located in Eastman. The Selectmen agreed at the April 6, 2009 meeting to delay the taking of the Whaleback property for 120 days to allow the owners to refinance the property.

Mr. Kluge moved to accept the Tax Collector's deed for the property located in Eastman, Map 51, Lot 43; Mr. Cummings seconded; vote unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

New Street Name:

The Board received a request for a new street name for a road that would serve 4 residences in Bill Warren subdivision. Mr. Warren requested the name "Easy Street".

Mr. Cummings moved to name the road in the subdivision off Lockeaven Road, "Easy Street"; Mr. Kluge seconded; vote unanimous.

Board and Committee Appointments:

The Board discussed representation on Enfield Withdrawal Study Committee.

Mr. Kluge was adamant about not serving on this Committee.

Mr. Cummings expressed willingness to serve, but Wednesdays are not a good night for him; Thursdays are better.

The School District will be notified that Mr. Cummings will represent the Town of Enfield, but that he has a conflict with Wednesdays.

Mr. Kluge offered to cover the Budget Committee for Mr. Cummings should there be any conflict with these meetings.

The Board discussed board and committee appoints to Town boards.

Mr. Cummings moved to appoint the Capital Improvement Program Committee Alternates, Rebecca Stewart and Richard Martin as regular members to fill the two vacant positions on that Committee; Mr. Kluge seconded; vote unanimous.

Mr. Cummings moved to make the following appointments: Alan Strickland, Conservation Commission; Wendell Smith, Energy Committee; Meredith Smith and Suzanne Hinman, Heritage Commission; Mr. Kluge seconded; vote unanimous.

Arbor Day Proclamation:

Mr. Kluge moved to proclaim the last Friday of April each year as Arbor Day; Mr. Cummings seconded; vote unanimous.

There will be no large celebration in 2009.

Administrative Items:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved the following documents: Notices of Intent to Excavate, Yield Tax Certifications, Water & Sewer Liens, Veterans Tax Credit.

The Board discussed the Conkey Notice of Intent to Excavate. Mr. Crate expressed concern about reclamation of the pit and whether that has been completed. Mr. Crate noted that there has continued to be use of the property that was recently subdivided. It was discussed who determines when something is reclaimed. Mr. Crate believes it's the Conservation Commission and Jim Taylor, Community Development Director. Mr. Crate is reluctant to sign the Intent saying that a portion is fully reclaimed if it is not. Mr. Crate wanted to make it clear that he has no problem with Mr. Conkey working there and using his pit, he is only concerned about the reclamation.

Mr. Gotthardt asked, "Isn't land taxed differently when it's active or not?"

Mr. Crate said the part that has been reclaimed is irregular and should be seeded. He simply has a question about that. He doesn't want to stop Mr. Conkey from using the other portion of his pit, but if Mr. Conkey is not reclaiming, Mr. Crate won't sign the Intent.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 4, 2009, 6:00 PM, Whitney Hall Conference Room

CONFERENCE

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kluge moved to adjourn at 6:38 PM; Mr. Cummings seconded; vote unanimous.