Enfield Board of Selectmen Whitney Hall Enfield, New Hampshire

MINUTES of August 17, 2009

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

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Richard Martin, FAST Squad Chief

Others: Dan Kiley, Kurt Gotthardt, and Dwight Marchetti

BUSINESS MEETING

I. 6:30 PM Public Hearing – Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund / Fire Department

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 3, 2009:

Mr. Kluge moved to approve the regular session minutes of August 3, 2009 as printed with one correction on Page 4, paragraph 5, Dan Kiley, sign was blank instead of sign was bland; Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board discussed whether or not they would support joining the lawsuit New Hampshire Municipal Association is filing against the State regarding retirement contributions. Mr. Kluge and Mr. Crate did not support joining the lawsuit

V. BOARD REPORTS

There were no board reports.

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager had no separate report this evening.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kurt Gotthardt ~ Route 4 Street Lights

Mr. Gotthardt inquired if the Selectmen had made a decision about paying for the street lights on Rt. 4 near Oak Grove St. Mr. Crate stated that he supported the lights at the ends of the property. He stated that the Town has DWI checks there and the lights are necessary, he also would like the flood light fixture changed. Mr Kluge was in favor of the Oak Grove intersection light only as was Mr. Cummings. Mr. Schneider stated that he thought the lights helped provide a safer approach into the village, especially in the winter months.

Dan Kiley – Enfield Boat Launch

Mr. Kiley suggested that vehicles stay at the boat launch and the trailers could be left at the upper lot. Mr. Crate stated that out of town users of the beach need to pay for passes. Mr. Marchetti stated that off-site parking would be a better alternative and the upper lot is usually empty and a good alternative. Mr. Cummings had no problem using the upper parking lot for boat trailers. Mr. Marchetti stated that the biggest tie-up is during swimming lessons time, he also suggested that a Boats Only sign be installed at the boat launch lot.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Lamppost Issue / Enfield Village Association (EVA):

Mr. Schneider distributed a map that identified the sponsor and location of the plaques and lampposts.

Shaker Bridge Sewer Line Replacement:

Mr. Schneider informed the Board that the Governor and Executive Council would review our application at their September 23rd meeting. Our application has been reviewed by DES and deemed complete.

WCNH.net

The Town was part of the WCNH application for stimulus funds. It will focus on tele-medicine.

Whaleback Property Taxes

The Board discussed timing with Whaleback's request for an extension to pay their taxes. The Board granted a 120 day extension. The Board determined they will take action at their next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ~ Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund // Fire Department

Mr. Crate made the motion to open the public hearing at 6:45 pm, with Mr. Kluge seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crate read into the record the public hearing notice. Mr. Schneider described that the funds would be used to purchase a used ambulance. The ambulance would then be retro-fitted to become the fire departments new rescue vehicle. The request is to withdraw \$16,000 from the Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. The remainder of the funds would be drawn from existing operating budgets. The Board supported this project and emphasized that the non-capital reserve money come from our general fund operating funds.

Mr. Kluge made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:00, with Mr. Cummings seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cummings made the motion to approve the withdrawal of \$16,000 from the Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of purchasing a used ambulance and for retrofitting the vehicle for fire department purposes, Mr. Cummings further moved that the remainder of the funds should come from existing operating general funds. Mr. Kluge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Huse Park Landscape Design:

The Board discussed the three options presented regarding the Huse Park Landscape design. They suggested that the pavilion should not be moved, that the baseball field should be the same size as the current field, that a permanent sign be an option, that there be enough space for the annual Enfield Fair, that cost should be considered with every option, and that a riverwalk should be a priority. Those comments will be forwarded to the landscape architect.

Use of State Owned Land:

Mr. Schneider stated that he has communicated with the Town Attorney concerning the docks located on State land that the Town manages. Our attorney was quite clear that if we move forward we should expect a lawsuit. Mr. Schneider will obtain a very broad estimate on costs for the board.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cummings moved to adjourn at 7:25 PM, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous.