

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

MINUTES of March 17, 2008

Board of Selectmen: Rebecca S. Stewart, Chairman; Donald J. Crate, Sr.; John W. Kluge

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Recording Secretary; Richard A. Crate, Jr., Chief of Police

Others: Dan Kiley; Cecilia Aufiero; David Stewart

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mr. Crate moved to nominate Rebecca Stewart as Chairman of the Board for the coming year. Mr. Kluge seconded the motion. Mr. Crate and Mr. Kluge in favor. Mrs. Stewart abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Crate moved to have Mrs. Stewart remain on the Capital Improvement Program Committee as the Selectmen's representative; Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous.

The following committee appointments were agreed upon: John Kluge – Planning Board; Don Crate – Budget Committee, Conservation Commission; Rebecca Stewart – Capital Improvement Program Committee, Heritage Commission.

Mrs. Stewart wondered about Selectboard representation on some of the new committees.

Mr. Schneider explained that the TIF Committee would work independently. A Selectboard member could attend, but it is not necessary.

The Energy Committee is purely a Town created committee. There could be a Selectboard member if the Board so chooses. The Committee's role is to identify ways the Town can save energy and to identify opportunities for the community to save energy. Mr. Kluge does not see this as a something the Selectmen need to participate in.

There is also an active Library Building Committee. Mr. Schneider was a representative and will continue to do so. Mr. Crate is fine with that arrangement. Mr. Kluge concurred. Mrs. Stewart

requested only that they not have a hole in the middle of the floor. Mr. Schneider replied that they could talk about it.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Crate moved to accept the minutes of March 3, 2008 as printed; Mrs. Stewart seconded. Mr. Crate and Mrs. Stewart in favor, Mr. Kluge abstained, motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

NH Department of Transportation Notification of Slope Stabilization Project ~ US Route 4:

This pertains to a section of US Route 4 known as Drybridge Hill. This has been a problem area for years. Work is expected to be within 6 months.

Town Clerk Report ~ February 2008:

Revenues are up about \$8,000 over the previous year. March is the biggest month for Town Clerk revenues.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Heritage Commission:

Next meeting – March 27, 2008.

Energy Committee:

First meeting – March 19, 2008.

TIF Committee:

The first meeting was held March 12, 2008. There is about \$80,000 in the TIF fund. That does not include Shaker Hill Granite. The fund is increasing by about \$30,000/year.

TIF funds can be used for infrastructure improvements including the Community Building parking, and Library parking and some site work.

What sort of bond can the TIF fund support? What kind of revenue do we need to pay for a bond for a sewer extension? The TIF District will have to generate about \$120,000 annually to pay off a bond of \$2 million.

The TIF Committee will have to meet fairly often at first, and then they will probably meet as needed, much as the Zoning Board of Adjustment does.

The real trigger is the old Ironman development. If and when that piece is developed, that's the engine that will drive TIF.

Mr. Schneider pointed out the need to have planning in place before the money.

Jim Taylor has mentioned that the current developers are the most professional he has worked with on this development project. They have already obtained State permission to access Route 4. This project is at least 2 years away.

Mrs. Stewart asked if it makes sense to stockpile the money in the TIF fund that does get generated, or to get some smaller projects done.

Mr. Schneider responded that Ken Daniels has done a site plan of the Community Building that shows the finished project. It makes sense to get those out of the way. The plan has been that the lighting theme from downtown will be continued at the Community Building. The TIF Committee supported that as well. Theoretically the Town could have that style of lighting replicated throughout the district.

The TIF Committee will meet again in April.

Rob Malz and Lori Hill are Committee members that represent the one side of the District that would want water and sewer.

CIP Committee:

A meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Conservation Commission:

The Conservation Commission met March 6th. They spent a lot of time talking about the Sailing Club and their proposal, which includes no motorized boats. They want to do a site visit, but it isn't known if the snow will be gone for the April meeting.

Mr. Kluge asked if the Sailing Club would be non-exclusive. Can any citizen of Enfield join? He was informed that yes, anyone can join. Mr. Schneider added that the Sailing Club use would not be an exclusive use of the property. They would have one area to store their equipment and they'll have their Regattas.

Mrs. Stewart explained that they brought proposed site plans and they'd be happy to have new members. They could be instrumental in developing the lot for non-motorized boats.

Cecilia Aufiero asked how it relates to the Enfield Village Association proposal. She was informed that the EVA project is further down the shoreline. EVA is applying to the State as that is State land. Mr. Schneider added that the State seemed to be open to the proposal.

Mrs. Stewart added that both projects are inclined to have access to the rail trail.

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There has been nothing new since Saturday's Town Meeting. Town Meeting went smoothly.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Police Chief Richard Crate ~ Rail Trail:

Chief Crate reported that the rail trail is closed to OHRVs even in the winter. In the winter months, wheeled vehicles were allowed, but the State has now said no wheeled vehicles are allowed. A couple of years ago, Chief Crate was approached by people who wanted to access the rail trail in the summer time. He was opposed to that due to the safety of pedestrians.

A brief discussion ensued regarding property accessible to OHRVs. It is extremely limited. Mr. Kluge assumes they can use Class VI Roads. [Wheeled vehicles are prohibited on Class VI Roads during mud season.] They are not allowed access on State lands on Shaker Mountain.

Police Chief Richard Crate ~ Out of State Registrations:

Posters have been put up regarding out-of-state registrations being done in a timely manner. Mr.

Cecilia Aufiero ~ Posting of Roads:

Ms. Aufiero asked if roads were going to be posted. She has seen logging trucks and heard on-going logging operations. She was informed that the roads are posted. Mr. Kluge added that logging trucks are able to travel roads at 5 AM when the roads are frozen.

Cecilia Aufiero ~ Shaker Bridge Theatre Agreement:

Ms. Aufiero expressed interest in participating in the development of the lease of the Whitney Hall Auditorium by the Shaker Bridge Theatre. One thing to consider is the Equity Association and unions.

Mrs. Stewart explained that the group has an Equity actor now and the actor and Mr. Coons have had long conversations about the requirements, which have all been abided by.

Ms. Aufiero wants to be sure. Mr. Schneider responded that any improvements required by outside organizations is not a Town liability and the Auditorium should be brought back to the condition was in before Mr. Coons began use.

Ms. Aufiero went on to say how local people tried to use the space but were unable to, that they were told they could no longer use the stage. They tried over the years to use the space, but weren't able to. There's always been a reason. She also thinks this has to go to the ZBA. Mr. Kiley stated that it doesn't because it's a Town building.

Mrs. Stewart pointed out that there was overwhelming support at Town Meeting. That's where we are and that's how we're going forward.

Ms. Aufiero asked if the Town was collecting proposals, if it was advertised. She was informed that a public hearing was held.

Mrs. Stewart told Ms. Aufiero that her concerns were understood and her position was understood, so unless she had something new to add the discussion would move on.

Ms. Aufiero voiced her opinion that it is a disgrace and the people of Enfield should be able to use their talents. "It was pulled right out from under us. It's public record."

Mr. Kluge pointed out that the citizens of the community have given us a directive on this and this that's how we need to proceed.

David Stewart added that there's a wonderful building in Enfield Center. Ms. Aufiero replied that there is no water, septic or parking.

Dan Kiley pointed out that Equity and Union aren't the same. Equity is actors. You won't want to use the word "union". If you use Equity actors it is not the same as a Union house.

Don Crate ~ Skateboarders:

Skateboarders are appearing on streets again, recently riding down the middle of Union Street.

Dan Kiley ~ Enfield Septage:

Mr. Kiley has spoken with Mr. Schneider about the septage pumped from Enfield septic tanks being dumped into the Enfield sewer system. While the Town doesn't want to get into the business of private haulers dumping septage into the Enfield system and making money, it might help save Enfield residents money if the hauler doesn't have to travel as far to dispose of the waste.

Mr. Crate thinks the Town should track gallons from Enfield households with written receipts to verify Enfield origination. The haulers now have to go to Plymouth to dispose of the waste.

Mr. Kiley added that if the Town received 3,000 gallons/day it would be like 28 new users that would provide a break to Enfield users.

Mr. Schneider stated that Lebanon changed their rates because haulers were not being completely honest. The Town may have to seek a change in its agreement with the City of Lebanon. Because the material from septic differs from the material in the sewer lines, the BOD is higher. It will spike the plant at Lebanon. The City of Lebanon may need to be notified. Shedd Street is believed to be the ideal location for such an operation.

The Town needs to work on the logistics. Mr. Daniels is working on this issue and will report at the next meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS**Whitney Hall:**

Mrs. Stewart mentioned that there had been some discussion about permanent lighting on the flagpole out front of Whitney Hall. Mr. Schneider replied that there would be solar lights. The Town would put one at the flagpole by the laundry and one at Town Hall.

Mrs. Stewart brought up that there had been discussion in the past about locking the auditorium doors. Mr. Schneider said that Saturday's approval of the multi-year lease makes it a worthy expenditure.

Mrs. Stewart also expressed the need to clean off the stage. Mr. Schneider replied that it's being worked on. Mrs. Stewart said that anything we don't want to take to the Transfer Station can be moved to the Enfield Center Town Hall for storage. The Whitney Hall stage needs to be cleaned off completely, the sooner the better. This is a personal request.

The GAR Room and inside lighting of the stained glass windows during evening hours is still needed. Mrs. Stewart believes the Library should clean out all of the junk and find a way to store the things they need so the wall can be opened up and space made accessible to the public.

Mr. Crate asked where the Library was going to store things.

Mr. Schneider explained that it's an active collection of seasonal items. The Board talked about lockable shelving units. He doesn't know if we're going to get more storage.

Mr. Kluge said that if the Library is short on space we shouldn't take it away from them.

Mrs. Stewart suggested proper cupboards.

Mr. Crate doesn't want to step on their toes a lot. If we can see what they can clean up and it's possible, OK. If it's not possible he suggests leaving it until they get their new building. They are trying and he thinks the new building is going to happen.

Mr. Kluge asked, "Can we just suggest they see what they can do without micromanaging?"

David Stewart said he's had interest in this room and public access. His immediate interest is seeing the windows being illuminated in the evening.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Town Meeting:

Mr. Kiley said Town Meeting was well done; the best he's been to in a long time.

Tim Jennings said he'd like to see more people at our Town Meetings. Mr. Crate doesn't believe you're going to see a better turnout.

Mr. Schneider talked to the previous Selectboard about a May Town Meeting. The tradition of Town Meeting would be maintained. Administratively it would make a lot of sense, in conjunction with switching to a fiscal year that starts on July 1). The current system leaves us with 3 months that we can't expend funds.

Mrs. Stewart is opposed to moving Town Meeting to May.

Mr. Stewart thinks the Town would lose people to nice weather. He believes attendance changes with the issues.

Town Meeting gives voters the power to make changes.

Mr. Kiley pointed out that there would always be a March election for the school.

Mascoma Valley Health Initiative Request for Letter of Support:

Mr. Kluge requested a minor wording change to the letter of support proposed for the MVHI Public Health Fair grant application.

Mr. Crate moved to provide MVHI with a letter of support; Mrs. Stewart seconded, vote unanimous.

Board and Committee Appointments:

The Town records indicate that Dan Kiley is a regular member of the Planning Board, when in fact he is an alternate.

Mr. Stewart asked if it's a conflict of interest to serve on both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He was informed that it was not.

Mr. Kluge moved to remove Laurence Gardner as an alternate on the Planning Board; Mrs. Stewart seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Crate moved to appoint Tony Lozeau as an alternate on the Planning Board to fill Mr. Gardner's spot; Mrs. Stewart seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Crate moved to appoint Keli Green to the Recreation Commission; Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Crate moved to appoint April Farewell as an alternate Inspector of Election; Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Crate moved to appoint Steven Schneider as Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission representative; Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous. Mr. Schneider will serve on the Board of Commissioners.

There is a vacant position on the Board of Cemetery Trustees. Gordon Clough had shown interest in signing up to be elected for that position, but arrived a day early to do so, then did not return to sign up. Mr. Crate will approach him about his interest in serving on the Cemetery Board of Trustees.

Mr. Stewart said he'd be happy to apply for that position.

Administrative Items:

The Board reviewed and approved a Junkyard License Renewal, Yield Tax Warrant and Veterans Tax Credit.

X. OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2008, 6:00 PM, Whitney Hall Conference Room.

CONFERENCE**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Crate moved to adjourn at 7:43 PM; Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous.