

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

MINUTES of August 20, 2007

Board of Selectmen: Curtis Payne, Chairman; Rebecca S. Stewart; Donald J. Crate, Sr.

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

Others: April & George Farewell; Diane Taylor; Barbara Dessert; Lee Carrier; Dan Kiley; Kurt Gotthardt; John Pellerin; Marty Wilson

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Enfield Center Town Hall.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Stewart moved to accept the minutes of August 6, 2007 as printed; Mr. Crate seconded, Mr. Payne abstained due to his absence from that meeting. Motion carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

ICMA Conference, October 7-10, 2007, Pittsburgh PA:

Mr. Schneider has received a \$500 scholarship to cover his flight and room. With the Selectmen's approval he will attend. Mr. Schneider provided the Selectmen with a program of different seminars held. The Board unanimously agreed that Mr. Schneider should attend.

Union Leader.com ~ A long and expensive 'red list':

The Union Leader article of August 5, 2007 provided a list of bridges on the NH Dept. of Transportation (NHDOT) "red list." Enfield's Shaker Bridge is eighth on that list, in order of most expensive to least expensive, with a cost estimate of \$9,208,520. The article also lists the Shaker Bridge with a start date of 2008. This date is not correct. The new proposed list by NH DOT moves the Shaker Bridge start date out to 2013.

April Farewell does not know if the Selectmen have any authority, but suggested they do something so the school bus doesn't cross over the Shaker Bridge. She believes they are overweight for that bridge. She avoids crossing it whenever possible.

Mr. Payne responded that he has not read the latest inspection report for the Shaker Bridge so doesn't know if the bridge is such bad shape that rerouting the school bus would be warranted. He offered to take Mrs. Farewell's suggestion under advisement.

Discussion ensued regarding ways to speed up the project, perhaps by contacting Senator Sununu's office. From the Town's perspective, the bridge holds the Town's water and sewer lines. Water and sewer funding might be easier to get. The question arose of the consequences if the sewer line on the bridge were to break. Mascoma Lake is the water supply for the City of Lebanon.

Melissa Ogle of Senator Sununu's office will be sent some information to see how they might be able to help.

Lee Carrier suggested having an inspector return for a new inspection. Some of the wood has fallen down and could be dangerous to boats.

Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing, August 22, 2007:

Mr. Schneider spoke with Jim Taylor, Community Development Director. Several minor projects will be before the Planning Board this week.

Laramie Farms has until September 8th to get a notice of substantial completion. The developers have already informed the Town that they'll be doing a substantially different project. The developers must either have to come to the Planning Board and submit a new application or convince the Planning Board to amend the existing application.

Mr. Crate inquired about the access to the development and the Town's water tower. He thought the Town owned the access and wonders how they got a right-of-way. Mr. Schneider responded that he believed the Town owns a right of way to the water tower and that the developers own the land. Mr. Crate suggested investigating the ownership of this property.

The developers are still working with the State to determine if they can use Route 4 for access to the development. Mr. Crate does not feel it's a good location for the access.

UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, August 28, 2007

NH DES Notice of Fee Changes Relative to Permitting & Ownership of Dams:

Mr. Schneider said the State is having a hard time with its budget, as we all are. This may be a method of increasing State revenues.

Annual dam registrations for low hazard classification dams are increasing from \$100 to \$400. Significant hazard classification dams are increasing from \$300 to \$750.

Upton & Hatfield LLP ~ Michael Davidson v. Town of Enfield:

This case was an abatement appeal. The correspondence is regarding a settlement of the value for assessed property in the village. Mr. Payne noted that the difference in assessed value is just over \$104,000.

Standard Dredge & Fill Permit ~ Schulson Revocable Trust ~ Repair Retaining Wall:

A copy of the application was on hand for the Selectmen to review.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board:

Scheduled to meet Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

Enfield Village Association (EVA):

Mrs. Stewart attended the last EVA meeting where they were given an overview of the new Main Street Program.

Lee Carrier explained that there would be a new fee structure, which will result in a significant increase in the cost to members. EVA received scholarship funding from NH Electric Co-op and PSNH to subsidize the first year so EVA has time to determine if they want to maintain a membership at the increased cost.

Budget Committee:

The Budget Committee's first meeting will be held October 18, 2007. Bart Thurber will make a library presentation.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee:

The CIP Committee met last Tuesday. The Committee is still looking for submissions from a couple of departments. Ken Daniels is about ½ way through with the Public Works Department. Marjorie Carr has submitted her information for the Library. The Committee would like the remaining submissions as soon as possible.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schneider reported that the Library Building Committee is still developing plans for a new library. They have focused on a property and are going to pay for an appraisal of the property. The Committee was going to go to the Planning Board last Wednesday, but chose to wait for better schematics from the architect.

Funding sources were discussed briefly. Dan Kiley mentioned they are looking for grant funding.

The plan is to get a fairly firm plan to the Budget Committee to obtain Budget Committee input as soon as possible. They'll be before the Selectmen in September.

Lee Carrier asked if it would be an open meeting with the Selectmen. Mr. Kiley responded that they did not go to the Planning Board because they were not ready to go public.

Mr. Carrier feels that before the site is finalized that there should be a meeting to go over the pros and cons. He would like greater communication between the Budget Committee, Library Trustees and Board of Selectmen this time around.

Mr. Kiley explained that at this point an appraisal is needed.

Bart Thurber has indicated that no options will be overlooked.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public was invited to speak. No comments were forthcoming.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Locke Haven Drainage Project:

Before Mr. Schneider left on his vacation he got word from the Crosses that they received no feedback from the State of NH. As agreed at the August 6, 2007 Selectmen's meeting, Mr. Schneider wrote a letter to the Governor.

The issue has been with the State. The Town has been looking for feedback before applying to the State for a wetlands permit. The Town has not received much of a response. The response received was that if the Town submits an application the State will expedite it. Mr. Schneider stated that the Town would submit its application this week. The Town used the appropriate specialists to support its application. It should be a fairly easy review process, especially with the pressure brought to bear on the State. The town has until the end of October to complete the project this year. After that it's unknown what the weather will be like. It has been a frustrating process.

The letter sent to the Governor's Office basically recaps the emails that have gone back and forth between the Town and the State. The Town has done due diligence.

Mascoma Lake Boat Launch:

Police Chief Crate, Ken Daniels and Steve Schneider met to review the boat launch situation. Mr. Daniels has estimated the cost to pave the lot in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range, and \$1,500 to \$2,000 to pave just the handicapped portion. We currently don't have a specified handicapped space at the beach.

Mrs. Farewell asked, "Can you park at the boat launch?" Mr. Schneider replied that you're not supposed to.

Mr. Schneider said the Town could construct a sign with rules for the lot, similar to the rules for the beach. The bigger the sign, the bigger the weight it carries. The Selectmen can adjust the Town's parking ordinance to address that piece of property. The lot can be designated for boaters only, or a portion for boaters only and 5 or 6 spaces for beachgoers.

There have been more out-of-state residents parking in the boat launch this year. You are supposed to have a sticker and pay a parking fee if you're a non-resident to park in the upper parking lot.

Mr. Crate inquired the ramp itself, would it be pavement or concrete? Mr. Schneider replied that it could be both.

Chief Crate explained the need to enforce the ordinance. Every case with a car parking in front of the handicapped sign has been thrown out in court, in part because the space itself is not

clearly designated. If we're going to have a law and other people are going to abide by it, then we need to enforce it. The Police Department needs a certain amount of discretion, but would also like the authority to have the vehicle towed.

Mr. Schneider stated that he would look at the parking ordinance. Right now it's a free-for-all. A little organization is needed.

Public Boat Dock:

The Enfield Village Association (EVA) has requested permission to put in a public dock near the mouth of the Mascoma River and asked if the Town would cover the cost of liability insurance. Mr. Schneider reported the cost to the Town would be \$0.5545 per \$1,000 of value of the dock. So a \$10,000 would cost the Town \$5.55 annually to insure.

Mr. Schneider asked how the Town ensures it's going to be a safe place? It's up over the rail trail bank and not visible from the Road.

Marty Wilson, chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Enfield Village Association, explained how the idea came about. The lake is an important resource. If we had a dock for people to conveniently come in to Town by boat, it would be a benefit. Mr. Wilson thinks this will help revitalize the business community. They did some research and think the best thing to do is a couple of docks 20' long and 4' wide. Four-foot wide docks would allow people to pass each other easily. Twenty-foot long docks would allow 2 boats on either side.

Mr. Wilson explained the economic sense of encouraging the spending of tourism dollars. Tourists spend more money than residents spend, yet use fewer Town services.

Mr. Wilson went on to explain that if the docks are put in, a staircase will be needed for access from the bottom of the bank to the rail trail. People would then use the rail trail to walk to downtown businesses. EVA will pay for it.

The need for lighting was discussed. There are a number of ways to approach it. Most boaters don't go out after dark without a 6-volt lantern. Right on the other side of the rail trail, in the Lutheran Church parking lot, there is a utility pole. It would be easy to set another utility pole on the other side of the rail trail to light the stairs and dock.

It was questioned whether the dock could become a nuisance. Mr. Wilson replied that it could, but he doesn't believe it would. EVA would give it to the Town. If it becomes a nuisance the Town can do what it wishes, even get rid of it.

Mr. Wilson understands that regulations will be needed and EVA would be happy to draft something up for the Selectmen's consideration. Usually no swimming or fishing is allowed off the docks, there is a time limit that the boat can remain there and no overnight parking would be allowed, to name a few restrictions.

Mr. Wilson came to the Board to ask for liability coverage. Because the State owns the land they require that liability coverage be provided for before they will allow such a project.

Mrs. Stewart asked if they've thought about signage to and from the dock and downtown. Mr. Wilson thinks most people coming in by boat know where Town is.

Discussion followed regarding how long people would be expected to be downtown. Mr. Wilson believes they might be downtown for 1½ to 2 hours. They may also shop at the craft shop or market. Mr. Martin feels this is using the Town's best natural resource to increase the economy in the Town.

Mr. Payne asked who is going to police the docks? Kids will use them. What's the expected time frame? Mr. Wilson expects them to be in for next summer.

Lee Carrier said the new restaurant is expected on Main Street this fall. The craft shop is in. Another business is expected at 78 Main Street.

Mr. Payne wants to talk to the Police Chief about policing the docks. Do we want to light them 24/7?

Mr. Carrier would light them 24/7.

Mr. Schneider pointed out that it's a natural habitat and we are going to encroach on that. Maybe dock lighting should be considered rather than overhead lighting.

Police Chief Crate explained that lighting is important from a police perspective. Small lights could be installed to guide people. Lighting might also limit problems with people drinking and fishing. He also suggested decking from the stairs to the docks. He expressed concern about the depth of the channel. Mr. Carrier has looked at it and it's deep enough for a party barge.

Mr. Payne is not opposed to the project, but would like expectations to remain realistic. Mr. Crate responded that we wouldn't know unless we try it; he thinks we should try it.

Mr. Schneider noted that long range plans for that part of the lake may include a Town beach. If the Town extends the facility to Town docks it would be a real springboard to development.

Mr. Payne agreed. How much are we spending on it? How long will it take?

Mr. Gotthardt believes there's the potential of people going the opposite direction, parking at the church parking lot and meeting someone on a boat.

Mr. Crate pointed out that if it's needed there's parking at 78 Main Street.

Lighting was again discussed, including the possibility of low density, solar lights. EVA would be happy to submit a lighting plan.

Mr. Wilson asked if it was OK for the Town to cover the insurance on the proposed docks. The Selectmen were in unanimous agreement to pay for the liability insurance.

Perambulation:

Kurt Gotthardt provided a written history of legislative acts that created the Town line. He reported that there was a mistake in the charter. The lines were supposed to line up with the surrounding towns, but did not. There was report of the correction, which was lost for 30 to 40 years. The actual lines were established in 1786. There has continued to be a question about the Lebanon/Enfield town line. In 1837 there was a portion annexed by legislative act in the southeast corner from Grantham.

When Mr. Gotthardt started this project he had heard the lines and monuments had been moved. He decided to go to the individual Town records. Every Town clerk is supposed to keep all records of the Town. Mr. Gotthardt went to all of the individual towns to copy perambulation reports where they described monuments. They were pretty good about documenting the monuments in the 1700's and 1800's, though at that time there were a lot of cleared fields. It takes longer to traverse the line today due to the vegetation growth.

Mr. Gotthardt has traced the location of the monuments back to the charter. His report explains the history and descriptions. The actual line is 3 to 4 miles long. They are marked at road intersections. The markers along the lines are not located exactly on the line, but instead are markers similar to the blazing of a tree to give you an idea if you are in the right area.

Mr. Gotthardt provided maps that provided an overview of the lines from corner to corner. The Board reviewed these maps, including one that indicated the USGS map line versus the line Mr. Gotthardt has plotted using a home computer program. Mr. Gotthardt stated that the USGS maps show a different line and people think that's where the Town line is. It's not even close to the actual Town line, but is about 300' to 350' off.

Mr. Schneider asked if Mr. Gotthardt was able to reproduce this discrepancy using the Town's GIS program. Mr. Gotthardt has not had the opportunity to do so.

Mr. Schneider asked if, by Mr. Gotthardt's calculations, is Enfield bigger or small? Mr. Gotthardt replied that it is both. He explained that the USGS lines were a best guess. When they created the map they drew the lines where they believed they should be.

Mrs. Stewart asked if this was an issue to people living along the town line. Mr. Gotthardt replied yes. Mr. Schneider replied no.

Mr. Gotthardt feels it would be a tax issue. The property deeds don't change, but which town it fall in might. Mr. Schneider disagreed with Mr. Gotthardt's take on the issue. The property owner's property is where the deed says it is. This is more of a mapping issue.

Mr. Gotthardt went on to discuss Route 4 monumentation.

Mr. Payne told Mr. Gotthardt that this was good work and hard work. He will leave this issue with Mr. Gotthardt and Mr. Schneider to determine if this needs to be formally addressed by the Town.

Mrs. Stewart thanked Mr. Gotthardt for saving the Selectmen from perambulating the Town.

Whitney Hall Repairs:

About a week's worth of work remains on the furnace at Whitney Hall.

Someone has been in to look at the windows proposed for replacement. Mr. Schneider is trying to get someone local.

Mrs. Stewart asked if part of that is to address the storm windows in the Whitney Hall auditorium. Mr. Schneider replied that no, we've been concentrating on the living space of the building.

Mrs. Stewart explained that the windows need curtains to make the auditorium usable as theatre space. We got a quote a while ago for the main drape and back drape. Seven window curtains are needed.

Mr. Schneider will contact the same company that provided the stage curtain quote for an estimate for auditorium drapes.

Stump dump:

NH Fish & Game recommended the Town make a formal request for an extension to them. We will do that to see if it will keep the ball rolling. It would be for the remainder of this year and spring of next year. Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) is supportive of the project. UVLT stressed the need for public participation. Mr. Schneider stated that a public hearing would be held. All parties so far are still supportive.

Mr. Crate asked if it would be open before the end of fall clean up. He was informed that it would. The Town's burn permit is good through the end of the year.

Skateboard Park & Ordinance:

Mr. Schneider provided a draft ordinance for the Selectmen's consideration. The only difference between this and an earlier version is the identifying of specific roads or portions of roads where skateboarding is prohibited. These roads include:

All portions of U.S. Route 4, within town limits;
Shaker Hill Road from Main Street to the intersection of Lockehaven Road;
Shaker Hill Road from Route 4A to Crystal Lake Road;
Lockehaven Road from Shaker Hill Road to Choate Road;
NH Route 4A from the Grafton Town line to the intersection with Goodhue Hill Road; &
NH Route 4A from the Lebanon City line to the intersection with Main Street.

Mr. Schneider reviewed the rules with the Board. He would like to run this proposed ordinance by Town Departments for comments, and then schedule a public hearing. There is still time to amend the ordinance.

Mr. Kiley suggested adding Oak Grove Street and High Street to the list of prohibited roads. Mr. Crate recommended adding Pillsbury Street.

Mr. Payne asked about perhaps having rush hour time restrictions.

Mr. Crate asked if Mr. Schneider has met with the Lions Club to see if this is a project they'd like to assist with. Mr. Schneider has and the Lions Club is interested.

Chief Crate thought Whaleback was putting in a skateboard park. One thing that was spoken about in the past was getting transportation out there versus putting in another skateboard in Town.

Discussion followed regarding whether Whaleback was installing a skateboard park or if the equipment was intended for bicycles. Mr. Payne said he or Mr. Schneider could look into that.

Mrs. Stewart noticed in the article in the paper that one young person was interviewed while skateboarding on the tables at Huse Park. She was a little disconcerted they were using the tables. Maybe there should be a restriction on using Huse Park tables.

It was decided to amend the proposed ordinance to include Oak Grove Street, High Street and Pillsbury Street as roads on which skateboarding would be prohibited.

Water/Sewer Extension:

Mr. Schneider had nothing to report.

Sale of Property:

The Board received correspondence from Attorney Catherine Harwood regarding the residents of Cogswell Way in the mobile home now owned by the Town. They were given until the end of August to vacate the property, but requested an extension until at least September 23rd. The Board unanimously agreed to extend the deadline to vacate the property to September 30, 2007.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING ~ EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Mr. Crate moved to open the public hearing at 7:09 PM; Mrs. Stewart seconded, vote unanimous.

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the expenditure of funds from the Whitney Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Funds for building improvements, specifically a new furnace. A quote was received from Ken Hill of Enfield Plumbing and Heating. A 10% contingency amount was recommended, for a not to exceed figure of \$26,000.

Mr. Payne invited public comment; none was forthcoming.

Mr. Payne asked about the large difference in quotes received for this project. Mr. Schneider explained that the difference was in the furnace model. The Town chose the less expensive model, the "good Chevy" rather than the "Cadillac" of furnaces.

Mrs. Stewart noted that there was some indication for potential expansion for additional zones.

Mr. Crate moved to close the public hearing at 7:13 PM; Mrs. Stewart seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Crate moved to expend funds not to exceed \$26,000 from the Whitney Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund; Mrs. Stewart seconded, vote unanimous.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Diane Taylor, All Things Creative:

Ms. Taylor came before the Board to share some of her concerns as a new business on Main Street. She's been open for a year and had to decide whether to continue for another year or close her shop. Other businesses coming into Town sounds good to her. She'd been asked by patrons of her shop to please stay open.

She has looked at Main Street and asked herself, "What can we do better?" She came up with a few issues that need to be addressed.

Ms. Taylor stated that parking is always a problem. People don't know where they are allowed to park. The municipal parking lot next to the Laundromat is not clearly marked. It has a sign that reads Municipal Rail Trail Parking and they aren't sure if they can park there if they are not using the rail trail. Mr. Schneider responded that the sign would be clarified for use for public parking.

Behind her building there is some Town land. Can people park there? Parking is a constant concern.

Chief Crate stated that when the restaurant was open they tried to keep the municipal parking for customers rather than others. Others have been asked to move. Some of those people that were asked to move were renting space from Rick Barrows.

Mr. Schneider added that it's a time limit issue. Chief Crate suggested limiting parking to a couple of hours.

Mr. Crate suggested using the Shedd Street/Highway Garage property for parking for rail trail access.

Chief Crate feels it is important to bring landlords of the Main Street buildings in to discuss parking.

Kurt Gotthardt suggested working with EVA who is trying to promote business to use part of their lot for parking; maybe put up signs. Mrs. Stewart will bring this up at the next EVA meeting.

Ms. Taylor pointed out the need for more and better signage.

Ms. Taylor asked what is going to happen to 68 & 62 Main Street. She understood the ground floor units would become retail. It's something she's looking at and is concerned about. Her neighbors are uncomfortable sitting on their front porch. She has ethical concerns with this. She wants retail development on the first floor. Landlords have told the residents they can't hang out on their front porch. Mrs. Stewart believes this issue came up because of prior tenants and their behavior.

Ms. Taylor has talked to Sharon Carr and asked what she can do to assist the process. If it becomes retail, is there anything the Town can do to encourage the transition?

Mr. Payne pointed out that it's private property and the owners can do what they want with the property.

Mr. Schneider added that the Town can construct zoning, site plan regulations and documents that really structure what can go into that space.

Mr. Payne informed Ms. Taylor that the proper venue is through EVA and the landowners.

Mrs. Stewart added that the Town has some tax incentive programs.

Ms. Taylor replied that she is not entirely sure what EVA is. She's waited a year for a crosswalk. Does the Town do that or does EVA? How hard is it to get a crosswalk in? She was informed that it could be very difficult. Main Street is a State road and the crosswalk must be approved by the State.

Mr. Payne said that for economic incentive issues Ms. Taylor wants to talk to EVA.

Mr. Schneider said that the Town could address parking. We could sign it better and maybe open up some spaces in Blacksmith Alley.

Mrs. Stewart expressed her appreciation for Ms. Taylor coming in and sharing her concerns.

August 16, 2007 Storm Damage:

Mr. Payne spoke to Mr. Schneider earlier about preparing a list of people that worked that night so the Selectmen can do commendations. Mr. Schneider pointed out that two of those people were in attendance, Police Chief Crate and John Pellerin. [Applause].

The question is what is going to be done with the waste. Hammonds has continued to offer for the next 2 weeks to take waste at no charge. Residents can also take brush to the Public Works site at Lockhaven. There's a lot of roadside debris. Mr. Schneider asked, "Are we going to clean it up?" Mr. Crate feels the Town should. Mr. Schneider reported that Ken Daniels also feels that way. It may take some time to accomplish.

Trees of 6" diameter or less can be handled by the Town's chipper.

Mr. Crate stated that the State had a truck out with sideboards and were picking up logs. They were going to Hammonds with it. Maybe getting something like that to pick it up would be faster.

Mr. Schneider stated that Hammonds continues to be extremely generous. Mr. Schneider is drafting a than-you letter to the editor to thank all of those people that helped out. It will take time to prepare, as he doesn't want to miss anyone.

Mrs. Stewart asked if there are any special needs for the people on the islands. Is that something the Town wants to help with? Mr. Crate suggested they pile it up and burn it in the winter.

Chief Crate will prepare a report. He was very pleased with the cooperation the Town had from everyone. No one got hurt. Dispatchers were inundated with calls. Every road except Route 4 was inaccessible. He doesn't think it could have gone more smoothly than it did. The Town has the responsibility to clear the roads. Some people won't be able to afford clean-up; that's a concern. Foresters can tell you what a fire hazard that is. Maybe volunteers can help out. Do we want to pick up further back from the side of the Road [than the right-of-way]?

Mr. Payne would like to let Mr. Schneider and Mr. Daniels make that decision. Mr. Crate believes it might be opening up a can of worms.

Mr. Schneider stated that this was a lot like the Father's Day storm. A large portion of Town was affected. If the Town can make a pitch to Peter Burling, Ray Burton or federal senators, maybe some assistance can be found. Clean up is a concern, particularly after a period of time and the wood is dry. We can try to put some figures together, then contact Ray Burton, etc. Mr. Schneider will get a report to the Selectmen.

Mr. Crate stated that anyone that has trees fall on their property shouldn't expect the Town to clean it up.

Mrs. Stewart suggested inviting Senator Sununu or Melissa Ogle to view the damage before it's cleaned up.

Mr. Gotthardt said there was a windstorm in the spring. He doesn't know how they handled that. Mrs. Farewell replied that the trees on George Hill are still there.

Kurt Gotthardt wished to bring two issues to the Board's attention. At about 2 PM the day after the storm he got rerouted at the intersection of Kluge road. Cars were going around the barriers. No one was directing traffic and telling us where to go. He wasn't sure why the barriers were still there.

Chief Crate replied that the road was closed and signs said such. They didn't want to keep people, like Mr. Gotthardt, boxed in at their houses. There wasn't the manpower to put someone at that post. It was better to have protection where the people were working.

Mr. Payne added that it was open for local traffic only.

Mr. Gotthardt was arriving home about midnight the night of the storm. It was passable to his house. When he got to Shaker Hill Road and Lockhaven, 2 people had only flashlights and were dressed in dark blue. Mr. Gotthardt asked them if they had safety vests. They replied they were from Canaan. Maybe the Town should buy extra safety vests. Mr. Schneider replied that we have them. Mr. Payne acknowledged that it was a good point.

Dan Kiley wanted to thank everyone that worked on the scene. What impressed him was the first one on the scene was the Sheriff. Within 20 minutes there was order. They did a great job. Harland Construction was there at 6 AM and Verizon put in three poles by 3:30 AM.

TIF Committee:

Lori Bliss Hill expressed interest in serving on the TIF Committee. Mrs. Stewart moved to appoint Lori Bliss Hill to the Tax Increment Finance Advisory Committee; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

Administrative Items:

The Board reviewed and approved the following documents: Timber Tax Levy, MS-1 Extension, Property Tax Abatements.

One abatement was recommended for denial due to non-response by the property owner. Mr. Crate would like to give them one more opportunity to respond.

X. OTHER ITEMS

April Farewell and Barbara Dessert discussed the ownership of the painted backdrops that are located at the Enfield Center Town Hall. Mrs. Farewell brought pictures for the Board to view.

It needs to be determined who owns each of the backdrops. Some belong to the Grange, others to the Town. It was said that the long one came from Whitney Hall.

Mrs. Stewart understands that the Grange might be interested in selling the backdrops that belong to them. The market value of the backdrops is being determined. Once the value of the backdrops is determined the Board can talk to the Grange about a monetary or in-kind trade.

CONFERENCE**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM