Enfield Board of Selectmen Enfield, New Hampshire

MINUTES of August 7, 2006

Board of Selectmen: Nancy Scovner, Chairman; Dominic Albanese

Absent: Curtis Payne, excused

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Ken Daniels, Public Works Director;

Richard Crate, Jr., Police Chief; Marcia Cornell, Recreation Director

Others: Glyn Green, Shirley Green, Joe Cote, Dan Kiley, Dwight Marchetti, Kurt Gotthardt

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Scovner called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Albanese moved to approve the minutes of July 24th as written, seconded by Mrs. Scovner. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Mrs. Scovner moved to approve the minutes of July 27th as written, seconded by Mr. Albanese. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Anonymous letter re: Personnel:

The Board had no comment, and will not unless a letter is signed.

Skateboarding at Huse Park:

Mrs. Scovner wished to commend Recreation Director Cornell for her work with the skateboarders. Mr. Albanese suggested that Ms. Cornell include in her 2007 budget some type of cost for transporting the skateboarders to various locations.

Property deeded to the Town:

Mr. Albanese made the motion to accept the deed dated July 26,2006 with the condition that the Enfield Center Fire Department building fits on the deeded lot, Mrs. Scovner seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Standard Dredge & Fill Application for reconstruction of failing retaining wall, Wilson property, Mascoma Lake:

The Board reviewed the application.

Whaleback Mountain Rock-the-Whale event, August 5, 2006:

Mr. Schneider stated that the staff at Whaleback Mountain did a good job of preparing for the event, they spoke to all the appropriate Town departments, including Fire, Police, and Health. Chief Crate stated that the event was well attended and the concertgoers were for the most part well behaved. There were nine officers on duty throughout the event and they made two arrests.

Informational Forum for candidates seeking public office, Thursday, August 24, 2006, sponsored by Community Alliance of Human Services:

The Board reviewed the communication.

Building Inspector's Report and Community Development Directors Report:

The Board reviewed and accepted the reports from these two departments.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

Mascoma Lake Association:

Mr. Albanese reported that he and Mrs. Scovner attended the Mascoma Lake Association meeting. One question from the meeting centered on who owns the boat access/launch near the Shaker Bridge. It was determined that the Town does in fact own the access – this information will be forwarded to the Lake Association.

Crystal Lake Improvement Association:

Mr. Albanese and Mrs. Scovner also attended the Crystal Lake Improvement Association meeting. Mr. Albanese asked Ken Daniels to check with Mr. Rogers on Algonquin Road about run-off issues. The Crystal Lake Improvement Association also asked if it were possible for the Town to form a Coop for the purposes of purchasing home fuel oil. Shirley Green mentioned that the Lebanon School District used to offer that benefit for their employees. Mr. Albanese also forwarded a concern of Crystal Lake residents about tents. The issue is that tents appear on properties for the entire summer. Mr. Albanese asked that the Town investigate how we could address this issue.

Conservation Commission:

Mrs. Scovner attended the recent Conservation Commission meeting and reported that Tim Lenihan, the new chair, is doing a fine job. Mrs. Scovner felt that the Conservation Commission was doing a commendable job in protecting our environment.

Mrs. Scovner made a motion thanking the Mascoma Lake Association and the Crystal Lake Improvement Association for all of their hard work in protecting and preserving our biggest assets. Mr. Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schneider presented his report and discussed the items identified in that report. (see attached)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kurt Gotthardt:

Kurt Gotthardt asked what the Town would take over from the State Department of Environmental Resources (DES). Mrs. Scovner stated that the Town is able to take over the Shoreline Protection enforcement. Mr. Green supported the Town taking over the enforcement of the shoreline protection as long as the Town commits to being an active enforcer. Mr. Gotthardt asked if the Town has deeded right-of-ways for the ingress/egress of water flows onto/into private property. Ken Daniels

responded that it depends how long the water has been flowing on their property. Mr. Gotthardt also asked about the Town's intentions of selling the Lakeview Condo property. He would like the property preserved. Mr. Albanese stated that we would like to sell the property.

Dwight Marchetti:

Dwight Marchetti wanted an update on the status of the issues he outlined with the Town Manager in mid-July. They primarily dealt with the condition of the Community Building. The Town is committed to making sure the Community Building is maintained and cleaned on a consistent basis.

Mr. Marchetti would like the sidewalks trimmed as it makes it difficult to walk. Mr. Marchetti also had a concern with dirt and debris collecting near the Cavalieri campgrounds.

Finally Mr. Marchetti wanted the Selectboard to respond to a property owner's request to log on his landlocked parcel. Mr. Marchetti stated that there is a State statute that allows a property owner to access and log the lot over another private parcel at the Town's insistence. He asked that the Town allow the property owner in this case to do just that. Both Mrs. Scovner and Mr. Albanese did not support this and felt like this was too much like eminent domain. Mrs. Scovner further stated that this is a private property issue. Mr. Marchetti asked for a copy of the letter from the Town Attorney concerning this issue.

Dan Kiley:

Dan Kiley wanted to make sure that the terms Wal-Mart and Aubuchon were generic when referring to the development near Shaker Valley Auto.

Other:

Mr. Albanese stated that he would like some sort of tracking system put in place for citizen issues.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Public Works Department Report Follow-up:

Mr. Daniels will have a more complete report for the next Selectboard meeting on August 24th regarding the weight limit on Oak Grove Street and the speed limit on Lockehaven Rd.

Stump Dump:

Mr. Schneider stated that by the beginning of next week the Town will have a better idea of what the plan will be for the re-opening of the stump dump facility.

Blacksmith Alley:

Mr. Schneider stated that the Town attorney is reviewing how the Town is able to transfer property.

Cleaning Bid:

Mr. Schneider has spoken with the Lions about how best to clean and maintain the Community Building. We should have a definite plan in place by the end of the month.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Release of Information Policy ~ Annual Review:

Mr. Schneider stated that the right-to-know laws may change in the future to address e-mail. Specifically when a quorum of a public body exchanges e-mails that may be construed as a meeting and be required to follow the public meeting laws.

Enfield Shaker Museum ~ Abatement Request:

Mrs. Scovner expressed an interest to abate a portion of the Shaker Museums tax liability. Mr. Albanese stated that he would be in favor of abating the equivalent of the interest accrued from January 1, 2006 to the date of final payment, for the following reasons, the museum is a nationally recognized structure, they employee local people, and they bring people to the town.

IX. OTHER ITEMS

Local Excavation Regulations:

Mrs. Scovner distributed an example of Local Excavation Regulations, this would effect those shoreline areas in the Town. Mr. Albanese wants to explore how the Town could incorporate this concept into our operations.

Robert Lacroix Property:

Mr. Albanese has had a conversation with the developer of the Lacroix property and he encourages everyone that has a concern or comment about what will be built, to contact Mr. Joe Lindsay.

Vestry Fire Status:

Mr. Albanese questioned what was being done with the Rt. 4 Vestry. Chief Crate stated that he would send the congregation a letter stating that the investigation is over and that the building can be torn down.

Crate Pit:

Mr. Albanese asked that Jim Taylor contact the Crate Pit about the clean-up process.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Albanese made the motion to adjourn at 6:49pm, with Mrs. Scovner seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.