

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

MINUTES of August 21, 2006

Board of Selectmen: Nancy Scovner, Chairman; Dominic Albanese

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works, Richard Crate, Jr., Police Chief, Marcia Cornell, Recreation Director

Absent: Curtis Payne, excused

Others: Dan Kiley, Joe Cote, Nancy Smith, Becky Powell

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Albanese made the motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Retreat dated April 22, 2006. Mrs. Scovner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Mr. Albanese made the motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2006, with one correction, to note that Mr. Payne was excused from attending the August 7th Selectmen's meeting. Mrs. Scovner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Jean Patten re: Skateboard Park:

Mrs. Scovner stated that she felt it is important to find an activity for kids that are too old for our summer recreation program but too young to work. Mr. Schneider stated that Mrs. Cornell and Chief Crate would be working on developing programs for that specific age group. Mr. Albanese asked that we acknowledge Mrs. Patten's communication and update her on our plans.

NH DES ~ HB 1455 Electronic Waste Bill:

The town needs to find a site or method with which to dispose of these electronics.

Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing, August 23, 2006:

Mr. Albanese asked if the Planning Board had rules of procedure for their meetings. Mrs. Scovner stated that the hearing would be about codifying their existing rules.

Assessing Administrator letter to Henry Cross re: Property Assessment:

Mr. Schneider stated that our Assessor Norm Bernaiche had recently conducted a site visit and recommended changing the value of the Cross property from \$28,800 to \$9,700. Mr. Albanese asked that we call Mr. Cross about the reduced value and inform him of his status.

IV. BOARD REPORTS**Recreation Commission:**

Mrs. Cornell stated that she has contacted transportation providers and the cost is high, \$150 per day for a 15-person van, or \$11,000 to \$12,000 for a used van. Mrs. Cornell stated that she is still working with the youth that skateboard about developing a skating program.

Facilities Committee:

The letters of interest have gone out for construction management firms. The initial interviews will be August 29th.

FAST Squad:

Mr. Schneider reported that he met with the FAST Squad at their last meeting and had a good discussion about future needs for the department, including new vehicle, full-time personnel, fundraising, and regionalization.

Heritage Commission: There was a discussion about placing Whitney Hall on a Historic Registry, and developing a historic district for the Town.

Enfield Village Association:

Mr. Albanese stated that Mr. Joe Lindsay, the developer for the proposed grocery store and plaza, spoke at the meeting and that it went well.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**Police Department Report:**

Chief Crate briefed the Board on the recent bombings that have occurred in Enfield and the upper valley. Chief Crate stated that it was because of the excellent police work done by our department that they were able to apprehend the suspects. Chief Crate gave updates on several on-going projects.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Kiley: Mr. Kiley attended the last Heritage Commission meeting and just wanted to ensure that if a Historic District Commission is created that the majority of the members of the commission be residents or property owners within the district.

VII. OLD BUSINESS**Public Works Department Report Follow-Up:**

Oak Grove Street Weight Limit: Mr. Daniels distributed a hand-out with his recommendation concerning the weight limit for Oak Grove St.. Mr. Albanese made a motion to down-post Oak Grove St. to 'No Through Trucks' for a period of six months. Mrs. Scovner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0. The purpose of the down-posting is to allow the repair on Oak Grove St. to settle and become more firm.

Crystal Lake Rd., Poplar Ln., and Birch Ln. Speed Limit Posting: Mr. Daniels distributed a hand-out with his recommendation about the new speed limit on these roads. Mrs. Scovner made the motion to lower the speed limit on Crystal Lake Road, Poplar Lane, and Birch Lane to 25 miles per hour. Mr. Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Stump Dump: The Town received a letter from Lee Perry, Executive Director of New Hampshire Fish and Game, stating that the Town could re-open the stump dump if we provided a closure plan to the State by October 30th and we complied with all conditions of the Dept. of Environmental Services regulations concerning the disposal and burning of woody material. Mrs. Scovner made the motion to accept the States conditions regarding the re-opening of the stump dump. Mr. Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Cleaning Bid: Mr. Schneider spoke to Mike's Janitorial Service about cleaning the Community Building. They responded that they would do the work. The Board asked that Mr. Schneider inform Dwight Marchetti about the cleaning.

Enfield Shaker Museum ~ Abatement Request:

Mrs. Scovner made the motion to abate \$5,015.05 of the Shaker Museums tax liability for the following reasons, they paid their debt ahead of schedule, they are an integral part of Enfield, they employ people in Enfield, they attract people to Enfield, and because they are unique. Mr. Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Laying Out Rights of Way for Timber Removal of Timber:

Mrs. Scovner made the motion to deny the logging right-of-way requested by the Wheelers as identified in their 8-16-05 letter. Mr. Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS**Time Warner Cable and Comcast Corp. ~ Release Form:**

Mr. Albanese made the motion to authorize Mrs. Scovner to sign the release on behalf of the Town. Mrs. Scovner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Property Tax Abatement:

The Board followed the Town's Assessor's recommendations as presented. Mr. Albanese made the motion to deny Mr. Bill's abatement request due to the lack of a long-term disability – SSI determination. Mrs. Scovner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Current Use Penalties:

The board reviewed and signed the current use penalties as presented by the Assessing Administrator.

CONFERENCE**I. Dr. Beaufait ~ State Requirements for handicapped accessible voting:**

Mr. Schneider stated that the State will pay for the installation and the monthly costs for a phone line. The line will be on the third floor of the Whitney Hall.

II. Nancy Smith & Becky Powell ~ Energy Conservation:

Ms. Powell would like the Town to become more aware of energy conservation. She stated that the Cool Cities program is an excellent way to become acquainted with the concepts of municipal energy conservation. Ms. Smith distributed a handout with a list of goals and objectives for the Town. Ms. Powell stated that the Town could save money and improve the health of the community by following some simple guidelines. Mr. Albanese supported the concept and asked if a citizen committee should be formed to support the work of energy conservation. Ms. Smith stated that Town needs to adopt policies, codes and ordinances that promote energy efficiency and conservation. Mr. Albanese wanted some time to develop a strategy that would be successful. He asked the Town Manager to report on how well we currently conserve energy and within a month report to Ms. Smith and Ms. Powell on our progress.

III. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Albanese made the motion to enter into non-public session under the terms and conditions of RSA 91-A:3 II(c), reputation. Mrs. Scovner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0. Mrs. Scovner made the motion to leave the non-public session, with Mr. Albanese seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

IV. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 p.m. by Mrs. Scovner.