

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

MINUTES of February 1, 2005

Board of Selectmen: Keith Oppenneer, Chairman; Dominic Albanese; Nancy Scovner

Administrative Staff: April Whittaker, Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Secretary

Others: Bart Thurber, Judy Kmon & Francine Lozeau, Library Trustees; Marjorie Carr, Library Director; Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works; Phil Neily, Building Inspector/Health Officer; Dan Kiley; Kurt Gotthart; Leigh Davis, Conservation Commission Chair; Joe Cote, Connecticut Valley Spectator

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Oppenneer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Phil Neily:

Mr. Neily requested a non-public session to discuss a person that is setting up house in a dilapidated building.

Mr. Albanese moved to enter into non-public session at 5:02 PM, RSA 91-A:3 II (c); Mrs. Scovner seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Albanese – aye, Mrs. Scovner – aye, Mr. Oppenneer – aye, motion carried.

The Board came out of non-public session at 5:07 PM.

Mr. Oppenneer moved to authorize the Building Inspector/Health Officer to take all legal redress; Mr. Albanese seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Neily reported that, as of a week ago, 45 units at Lakeview Condominiums have new venting systems installed, replacing the originally installed systems that were in non-compliance. There is a total of 110 units; all other units were in compliance. The probable cost to the Association was about \$90,000.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Scovner moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2005 as written; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Library Trustees:

Mr. Daniels presented an alternative proposal for expansion at the rear of the police station for town offices that would allow for later expansion into the Police Station if a Safety Complex were to be constructed. In addition, he proposed reconstructing the roof of the police station to allow for storage on the uppermost level, and renovation of Whitney Hall, both on the town office level and the auditorium level for expanded library operations.

The needs of the Library were discussed, including the desire to remain in a location within proximity of the Enfield Village School.

The Board of Selectmen put this subject on hold until after the first of April at which time a meeting will be scheduled with the Library Trustees, the Board of Selectmen, and Dan Kiley.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved the following documents: petition & pole license for Grafton Pond Road, yield tax warrant, property tax refunds and a veteran's tax credit.

CITIZENS FORUM

Kurt Gotthardt:

Mr. Gotthardt inquired of the Selectmen if they had an estimate for the survey of the Bicknell Brook property. He was informed that no estimate had been received, but that the anticipated cost of \$40,000 was not included in the 2005 budget and would therefore not be undertaken this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report ~ Budget:

Mrs. Whittaker provided the Board with copies of the draft warrant, proposed 2005 budgets with 3 preliminary tax rates.

On November 15, 2005, Mrs. Scovner a motion to make raises retroactive to January first if approved at Town Meeting. The motion carried. Mrs. Scovner stated her desire to stick with that decision. Mr. Albanese feels the Selectmen were premature in their decision-making regarding salaries and feels in the future this decision should be withheld until the end of the budget process. Mr. Oppenneer suggested a separate warrant article to ask the question. No

support was shown for providing raises retroactive to January 1, therefore no budget changes were recommended. The proposed budget allows for raises effective April 1, 2005.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a 3-yd truck versus a 7-yard truck and the effect of the larger purchase on the tax rate. A 7-yard truck would add 20 cents to the tax rate. In spite of the hit on the tax rate, the Board of Selectmen support the purchase of a 7-yard truck due to issues of efficiency.

Mrs. Whittaker asked for clarification regarding the purchase of a new mower and was informed that the budget should include \$12,000 for that purpose.

The proposed GPS unit would add 5 cents to the tax rate. Mr. Albanese would like to put off the purchase for one more year. Mr. Daniels explained that this piece of equipment is critical to his department. Mr. Oppenneer and Mrs. Scovner are in favor of the purchase of a GPS unit in 2005.

Mr. Albanese's perception is that the town has inadvertently added another person to the payroll through the adoption of the new Transfer Station & Recycling Center hours in August, 2004. Mr. Daniels explained that prior to the change he had one full-timer, one person on for 2 ½ days, and one part-time stump dump operator. Mrs. Whittaker pointed out the problem of getting reliable staff to work the Transfer Station. While there has been an increase in salaries due to the additional coverage, there have been savings in other areas, such as disposal costs. Mr. Daniels explained a new recycling program at the Enfield Village School which has a cost, but should prove beneficial over the long term by encourage children, and thus their families, to recycle. Even with the balance of additional costs versus additional savings, the town is still ahead of the game by implementing the school program and having a cleaner Transfer Station. Changing hours seasonally causes confusion among residents. No decisions for change were made.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to present their budget as clarified at this meeting. Even if the Budget Committee subsequently changes its budget, the Board of Selectmen will not make further changes to their budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Department Requests for Authorizations:

Chief Giese requested authorization from the Selectmen relative to RSA's 105:9 and RSA 159:6.

Mr. Oppenneer moved to delegate authority to the Enfield Police Department relative to RSA 105:9 as requested; Mr. Albanese seconded, vote unanimous.

Mrs. Scovner moved to delegate authority to the Enfield Police Department relative to RSA 159:6 as requested; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

CITIZENS FORUM

Leigh Davis:

Ms. Davis wanted to acknowledge that the Conservation Commission is aware that the budget does not include funding for the surveying and subdivision of the Bicknell Brook lot. She wished to inform the Selectmen that the Commission would still pursue other means to have a survey performed with the intent of preserving the entire parcel. The Conservation Commission is in possession of a letter from Mr. Drake, the gentleman that was instrumental in development of the Colette Trail, saying how support he will provide.

Mr. Albanese does not want to set up expectations regarding this property. The Selectmen have the ultimate decision-making powers.

2005 Warrant:

The Board reviewed the proposed warrant and made no changes.

Other Business:

Mr. Oppeneer extracted information from the State Department of Transportation plan for 2006-2014 that will impact Enfield directly. He shared this information with the Board.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to meet with the Fire Wards and firefighters on Tuesday, March first at 6 PM at the Community Building.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Wetland Hearing re: application of Barry Dashner, file number 2004-01956

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.