

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

MINUTES of December 19, 2005

Board of Selectmen: Dominic Albanese, Chairman; Nancy Scovner; Curtis Payne

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager

Others: Henry Cross, Dwight Marchetti, Joe Cote – Connecticut Valley Spectator, Police Chief Richard Crate, David Stewart, Director of Public Works Ken Daniels, Marcia Cornell, Recreation Director, Catherine Mulholland, State Representative

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Scovner moved to accept the regular session minutes of December 5, 2005 as printed; Mr. Payne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The following issues were discussed out of agenda order.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the communications attached with the meeting packet.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

VNA:

The Board and Town Manager met on December 14th with Susan Larman, CEO of Visiting Nurse Association of Vermont and New Hampshire (VNA). The discussion centered on the organizational items that were identified by Enfield residents as concerns. Ms. Larman described several challenges that the VNA is facing, like the large geographic service area, high employee turnover rate, and reduced reimbursement rates from Medicare/Medicaid. Ms. Larman stated that the VNA is working diligently to contain their costs while at the same time improve service. The VNA has taken steps to consolidate their administrative staff in one location, saving \$50,000 as a result. The VNA is also utilizing tele-medicine, and other technology related advances to improve their service. Mr. Albanese stated that he was impressed with the steps the VNA is taking to improve their organization.

The Board then discussed VNA funding for the 2006. Ms. Scovner stated that because the VNA does not offer WIC services, we could take some of their requested amount and give it to organizations that do offer WIC services. Mr. Payne did not support that concept. The Board will recommend to the Budget Committee that the VNA receive their full funding request.

Shaker Inn/Museum:

Mr. Albanese made the motion to pay the Shaker Inn/Museum for services rendered during the Town Manager search. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board also directed Mr. Schneider to write a letter to the Shaker group explaining why they Board is paying for the use of the Inn/Museum.

Fire Department Recognition:

Ms. Scovner had a request from a citizen to have some sort of recognition of those individuals that have served 50 years for the Enfield Fire Department. The Board believes the following individuals have served for 50 years, Archie Ruel, Don Crate Sr., and Bobby Pollack. The Board recommended that the Fire Wards make some recognition of their service. Mr. Albanese requested that Mr. Schneider contact Dave Crate Jr., about having the Fire Wards recognize the service of those men.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

NH Fish and Game:

Mr. Schneider reviewed a letter from NH Fish and Game. The letter stated that NH Fish and Game would not renew our stump dump agreement. The Board directed Mr. Schneider to write a letter to Fish and Game asking for some more information.

Diane Monmaney:

Mr. Schneider reviewed a note of thanks from someone that Ms. Monmaney assisted this year.

Town of Hanover Alarm System:

The Board asked for more information concerning the switch to Hanover and the increase in cost to monitor private alarm systems. Chief Crate stated that Hanover's costs are considerably higher than Lebanon was charging and they are also higher than what most private sector providers charge. The reason they are so high was to encourage movement to the private sector. It was also noted that Lebanon would raise their alarm rate as well.

Officer Roy Holland:

Police Officer Roy Holland will be called to active duty in early January, and will be sent overseas. Chief Crate wanted to ensure that Officer Holland was going to continue to receive his health insurance benefits. Mr. Albanese thought that the Town already had a policy in place that addressed military leave and that Officer Holland would continue to receive his health insurance, as well as the difference in his salary between military pay and his Town salary. **Mr. Payne made a motion to wish Officer Holland good luck and a safe return. Ms. Scovner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

Acceptance of soccer goals for Shaker Recreation Fields: Marcia Cornell, Enfield Recreation Director explained that the soccer goals, with nets are brand new and will double the capacity of

games to be played at Shaker Park. **Ms. Scovner made the motion to accept the soccer goals, with Mr. Payne seconding. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Albanese made a motion to close the public hearing, with Ms. Scovner seconding. The motion passed unanimously.**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcia Cornell:

She has concerns that people are smoking in the Huse Park Pavilion. She stated that she has spoken to the Lions about smoking in the building. There was some discussion about existing Town policies/ordinances/laws that address smoking in public/Town buildings. Ms. Scovner suggested creating a Town ordinance addressing smoking in Town buildings that had fines for non-compliance. The Board directed Mr. Schneider to contact the Lions about smoking in the pavilion.

Dwight Marchetti:

Mr. Marchetti has a concern about the state of the property that B.R. Paintball occupies. Mr. Payne stated that he believes that they are out of business. Mr. Marchetti's concerns center on a series of nets and tires that are scattered throughout the property. He suggested that Phil Neily follow up and ensure that all proper closure procedures are followed.

Mr. Marchetti also had a concern about the management of the Enfield FAST Squad. Mr. Marchetti reviewed a series of concerns that he has brought to the Boards attention in the past. Mr. Marchetti questioned the Board about what they have done to address the management issues surrounding the operations of the FAST Squad. Mr. Albanese responded by stating that the Board froze the budget for the FAST Squad, asked the Town Manager to review 2006 salary increase requests, and approved a change in the FAST Squad by-laws. The Board committed to Mr. Marchetti that they will keep him and the public informed about this issue.

VIII. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no additional response to the public comments

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Conservation Commission – Bicknell Brook Trail/Town Meeting warrant article:

The Board was concerned about having one warrant article. The Board suggested that an alternative also be offered.

Water & Sewer 2004 transfers of Capital Reserve Funds:

It was determined in 2004 that money was not budgeted in the Water and Sewer Fund Capital Reserve. Money was budgeted for a Water and Sewer Fund Capital outlay. The difference is that the reserve money was for future expenditures and the outlay money was specifically for 2004 expenditures.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Dispatching Change:

The Board suggested that we place an ad in the local papers outlining the changes that will occur with regards the Towns switch from Lebanon to Hanover dispatching services. The ad will also note that for emergencies a person should always call 911.

Good Neighbor Health Clinics:

The Board had questions about service levels of the Good Neighbor Health Clinics in Enfield. The Board suggested that they go before the Budget Committee along with Advance Transit and Mascoma Valley Health Initiative for a general discussion about regional funding requests.

XI. OTHER ITEMS

Administrative Items:

The Board reviewed and approved the following documents: 2004 and 2005 property tax abatements, 2005 property tax refunds, land use change tax.

CONFERENCE

I. CATHERINE MULHOLLAND, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Representative Mulholland introduced herself and offered her assistance. Representative Mulholland also stated that she has been involved with the Enfield Center Post Office 200 year celebration.

II. WATER/SEWER RATE REPORT DISCUSSION

The Board agreed to have a more in-depth discussion on the water/sewer rates when they review the overall Town budget on December 28th.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Scovner moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM; Mr. Payne seconded, vote unanimous.