

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

**MINUTES of March 22, 2004**

**Board of Selectmen:** Dominic Albanese; Nancy Scovner

**Absent:** Keith Oppenneer, Chairman

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

**Others:** Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works; Joe Cote, Connecticut Valley Spectator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Albanese called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**March 1, 2004 ~ Non-Public Session:**

These minutes were tabled until Keith Oppenneer would be available.

**March 15, 2004 ~ Regular Session:**

Mr. Albanese moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2004 as printed; Mrs. Scovner seconded, vote unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Board reviewed and approved the following documents: Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed and Statement of Appropriations Actually Voted (MS-2).

**CITIZENS FORUM**

There were no questions from the public.

**OLD BUSINESS****Smith Pond Dam Resolution:**

April Whittaker provided Nancy Scovner with the signed resolution regarding Smith Pond Dam for presentation at the State Legislative public hearing on Tuesday, March 23, 2004.

**Canaan Road/Mud Pond Road:**

Mrs. Whittaker has asked Jim Taylor to look into Kathy Decato's request for renaming of Canaan Road to Mud Pond Road. He will be asked to contact Kathy Decato regarding the status of her request and the town's plan of action.

**Proposed Public Hearing re: Water & Sewer Fixed Charges:**

The Board of Selectmen considered holding a public hearing to discuss an increase to Water & Sewer fixed charges, including the Account Base Charge, Meter Replacement Fund, Sprinkler Service, Meter Setting, Meter Pulling and Fixed Cost Share.

Ken Daniels explained the proposed charges and the need to increase these charges to better reflect the true cost to the Water & Sewer Departments for these services. It was noted that these charges had not been reviewed or altered in 10 years. These charges are not related to the consumption charges.

Mr. Albanese expressed his preference to deal only with those charges for which a rate has not been setting, specifically the Meter Replacement Fund for 1 inch to 6 inch meters. He would like the remaining charges to be dealt with at the same time as the new sewer consumption rates are discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of addressing some or all of the charges in the immediate future versus waiting until the sewer consumption charges are addressed. It was agreed that a public hearing would be held on Monday, April 5, 2004 at 6:30 PM at the Public Works Facility to discuss only the fixed charges for the Meter Replacement Fund.

**Employee Drug Testing:**

Mrs. Whittaker reported a problem that the Town of Seabrook is having since adopting random drug testing for not only all employees but officials too. It has been said that such a policy casts a doubt of suspicion on officials that have no other reason for being tested, e.g. safety. She will follow the outcome as the ACLU are contesting.

**George C. Seiler ~ Freedom Lost:**

The Board reviewed drafted correspondence to Mr. Seiler in response to his letter regarding taxation of property containing wetlands. Mrs. Whittaker discussed the assessments of four properties owned by Mr. Seiler, all of which are adjusted for topography. Mrs. Whittaker will forward the approved letter with copies of the assessment cards to Mr. Seiler.

**Committee Appointments:**

Several committee positions are opening up for appointment or reappointment. Jim Taylor and Cecilia Aufiero will be asked to discuss the appointments with their respective committee

members to determine who is interested in reappointment and whom they recommend for appointment to any vacant positions.

Several individuals have expressed interest in various committees. Open positions will be posted to the town's website and posted on the town's bulletin board.

Mrs. Whittaker said she is putting together packets for new board and committee members to assist them in their new positions.

**Web Site:**

Mr. Albanese asked that his personal email be put up on the Town's website rather than the generic email address ~ [townhall@enfield.nh.us](mailto:townhall@enfield.nh.us). He also suggested posting photos of each of the Selectmen and the Town Manager.

**Other Old Business:**

Mrs. Whittaker is following up with Paul Mirski and Tim Jennings regarding issues raised at Town Meeting.

Ken Daniels is now a Master Roads Scholar. A presentation will be made by the University of New Hampshire on April 5<sup>th</sup> to honor Mr. Daniels for this achievement.

The Board was provided with a copy of the 2003 cash flow report. This will allow them to make comparisons between the 2003 report and subsequent reports in 2004. Mrs. Whittaker also discussed the town's sweep account as a short-term investment vehicle.

Mrs. Scovner cited the need to get cable to outlying areas. The Town's cable contract is to be sent to the Town's attorney for review to determine if there is room for renegotiation of the existing contract.

Mrs. Scovner noted that the Bacon addition is still up though they lost their court case regarding this non-conforming structure. Mrs. Whittaker explained that they are proceeding with their last legal redress.

Mrs. Scovner reported that the January 2002 Planning Board minutes state the Fire and Police Departments were supposed to submit reports to the Planning Board regarding construction of Anne's Place. Was that done? Mrs. Scovner stated that at Anne's Place people living there that should not be ~ could there be follow up?

Mrs. Whittaker reported that Phil Neily is now a certified Fire Inspector.

Mrs. Whittaker reported there is new legislation pending that would open up Gile Mountain to ATV use. This is an issue that may come to Enfield in the future.

Mrs. Whittaker announced that Police Chief Giese has prepared a new policy on police presence at functions, and presented the policy as composed.

Mrs. Whittaker provided the Board of Selectmen with an update of her 2003 Town Manager Goals that can be compared to the new 2004 Goals, which will be submitted at a later date for discussion with the Board.

Chief Giese is on vacation April 14<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Economic Forum has been moved to May 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Whittaker expects it to last for just a couple of hours.

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission will be holding a creative economic summit for development of an arts/crafts based economy.

EVA has been asked to submit a copy of their strategic plan to the Board of Selectmen. It is expected that this will happen after Lee Carrier becomes available.

**Non-Public Session:**

Mr. Albanese moved to enter non-public session at 6:32 PM, RSA 91-A:3 II (c); Mrs. Scovner seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Albanese – aye, Mrs. Scovner – aye, motion carried.

Mr. Albanese moved to come out of non-public session at 7:10 pm; Mrs. Scovner seconded, vote unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Scovner moved to adjourn at 7:12 pm; Mr. Albanese seconded, vote unanimous.