# Enfield Board of Selectmen Enfield, New Hampshire

# **MINUTES of July 6, 2004**

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

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

Others: Dan Kiley; Joe Cote, Connecticut Valley Spectator; Phil Neily, Building Inspector

## TOUR OF MONTCALM GOLF CLUB

At 4:30 pm, Keith Oppenneer, Nancy Scovner, April Whittaker, Jim Taylor, Carolee Higbee, Julie Huntley and Alisa Bonnette, were given a tour of the golf course by Cameron Brown, General Manager. The tour included an example of wetland mitigation, as required by the State of New Hampshire that included engineered landscaping and planting of wetland species. The area continues to be visited by a wide variety of wildlife, including moose, deer, bear and turkeys. A regular meeting at the Public Works Facility followed the tour.

#### CALL TO ORDER

At the Public Works Facility, Mr. Oppenneer called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Scovner moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2004 as presented; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Board of Selectmen approved a Petition & Pole License for French Road.

### **CITIZENS FORUM**

## **Phil Neily ~ Multi-Family Housing Inspections:**

Mr. Neily suggested a new letter to property owners to replace the one written by the Board of Selectmen previously. The new letter references code rather than being selective about the violations that will be looked for.

Mrs. Scovner moved to rescind the previous letter and approve the new letter with references to the Life Safety Code as recommended by Phil Neily; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

# **Town Manager's Report / TIF District:**

Mrs. Whittaker presented the Board with the Town Manager's Report for the month of June.

Mr. Albanese arrived at this time.

The Board of Selectmen discussed major project priorities, primarily the establishment and benefits of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and the best way to present it to the public. The Board supports continued investigation into a TIF District and asked April Whittaker, with Jim Taylor, to move forward with the project for presentation at the 2005 Town Meeting.

Other priorities include search for a new water source, GIS mapping, new town facilities and an updated master plan.

After careful consideration of long-range goals in the town, Mrs. Whittaker cannot support new town offices as a #1 priority. While the need is still there, other projects must take priority. Mrs. Whittaker suggested a new safety complex to house the Fire Department, Ambulance & Police Department. If it were decided that this would be the best long range plan, the Police Facility would then become available for other town uses, such as municipal offices. Mrs. Whittaker and Phil Neily will gather some rough estimates for a safety complex. At the same time the Town Offices/Library Needs Assessment Committee will prepare a Request for Proposals for an addition to Whitney Hall for additional municipal office and library space. By following a couple of tracks simultaneously the Selectmen will have a greater amount of information on which to base a decision regarding future plans and goals for the town.

# **Community Building Update:**

Ken Daniels has arranged for Miller Construction to do the paving at the Community Building. They will begin layout Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Only the section between the church and the Community Building will be done at this time, about 2/3 of the total parking planned. Paving should begin the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of July. The paving done this year will not include curbing, final pavement or striping.

There is going to be a six-week wait for the elevator inspection. There is only one state inspector, down from the usual 4 inspectors, and the town has been put on the waiting list. The inspector will call Mrs. Whittaker if he is able to shorten the wait to 4 weeks. Mrs. Whittaker will notify Carl Pellerin, Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club president.

## **Citizen Concerns:**

The town watered sod put down by the State. There was concern about the town's expense, but Mrs. Whittaker informed the Board that the little bit of water used is well worth spending. Sod required a fair amount of water to become established and it's in the best interests of the town to be sure it takes.

The large poles on Main Street will be removed by the State of NH. Ken Daniels will follow up to be sure this happens. Mrs. Whittaker assured the Board that continuity of the sidewalk would not be a problem. They can line up the "brick" and it will blend well.

Also, rumors of Mrs. Whittaker's illness, imminent death or plans to leave the Town of Enfield are just that, rumors.

# **Road Name Change:**

Jim Taylor, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, did some exploration regarding historic names for the area of Laurie Lane and suggested Kidder Lane as an alternative road name.

Mr. Oppenneer moved to change Laurie Lane to Kidder Lane; Mrs. Scovner seconded, vote unanimous. Tina and Brian Stearns will be notified. A resolution will be needed at the next meeting. The resolution would then be recorded at the Grafton County Registry.

# Sale of Property:

The Board reviewed the proposed advertisements and bid packages for the sale of property. The Board was asked to accept or reject changes made to select parcels as follows: 1) Map 19, Lot 10 to include a minimum bid of \$65,000; said sum calculated based on past due taxes, fees and costs; and 2) Map 25, Lot 3 to include a requirement that demolition or substantial construction/renovation be done within 12 months of the sale and the Town will retain an easement for a turn-around.

Mrs. Scovner moved to approve the changes as presented and to thank Alisa Bonnette for her hard work; Mr. Albanese seconded, vote unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Enfield Representatives to the Regional Planning Commission:**

The Board received recommendation from the Planning Board for appointment of Sandy Akacem and Kurt Gotthardt.

Mr. Albanese moved to appoint Sandy Akacem to the Regional Planning Commission; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

The Selectmen would like the second representative to come from the Conservation Commission. Mrs. Whittaker was asked to invite Alan Strickland to serve. Fred Paradis was also discussed as a possible representative.

## **Local Government Center 2005-2006 Legislative Policy Process:**

Mrs. Whittaker asked the Board of Selectmen to review the information provided. As Mrs. Whittaker will be attending as the Town's representative, the Selectmen need to decide how they would like her to vote.

# 78 Main Street Water Bill:

Enfield Village Association (EVA) has a standing charge of \$45 for the 78 Main Street property. EVA has been informed they should ask for abatement of the charge. They will also be looking

for a waiver of the \$1,500 hook-up charge. Mr. Albanese stated that EVA is a customer like anyone else and is not in favor of abating charges. Mrs. Scovner will contact Gene Talsky with the Board's decision.

## **Transfer Station Hours:**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing the first meeting in August to discuss the hours of the Transfer Station.

# **Meeting with Insurance Carriers:**

Representatives from the town's liability and workers comp insurance carriers will attend the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as a follow-up to a previous meeting with the Fire Department.

# **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Planning/Zoning/Economic Development Dept. Report ~ June 2004

NHDOT correspondence Re: Rail Trail agreement

Minimum Impact Expedited Wetlands Applications

- \* Robert Malz ~ repair replacement of retaining wall.
- \* Brenda Mulherin ~ seasonal dock
- \* Cornel Boudria ~ driveway across wetland for access to building site

Alan Sutphen, Adelphia, correspondence re: June 21st Selectmen's meeting

NHDOT position re: Engine brake signs

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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