

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

MINUTES of July 19, 2004

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

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

Others: Ty Gagon, Primex; Scott Weeden, Local Government Center-Property Liability Trust; Phil Neily, Building Inspector/Health Officer; David Crate, Fire Ward/Fire Chief; Rick Bean, Fire Ward; Eric Crate; Chris Christopoulos; Kurt Gotthardt; Joe Cote, Connecticut Valley Spectator; Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works; Dan Kiley; Fred Cummings, Enfield FAST Squad

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 6, 2004:

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of July 6, 2004. Page 2, paragraph 1 should read: "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."

Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the minutes as amended; Mrs. Scovner seconded, vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved property tax refunds due to overpayment.

CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens wished to speak at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report:

Mrs. Whittaker reported that the annual meeting of the Lower Shaker Village Association would be held on Saturday, August 7, 2004 at 8:15 am. Mrs. Whittaker will send copies of the Association's annual report to the Selectmen.

The Board was provided with the most recent alternative water source report.

Residents of the Enfield portion of Eastman have just begun to receive curbside rubbish collection. One individual has expressed dissatisfaction with the new service and would like the dumpster back.

The Town has been put on notice by a property owner that legal action will be taken should any future fireworks displays cause the injury of any of the horses that she boards, or the injury of any people by the horses should the fireworks frighten them. She stated that she was given only one day's notice of the upcoming event. It was noted there are no protections in State statute for animals. Mr. Albanese thought Police Chief Peter Giese had spoken with the property owner back in February and that there were no problems.

The Mascoma Lake Community Association will hold its annual meeting on July 24, 2004 at 9:00 am at the Great Stone Dwelling at Lower Shaker Village. Mrs. Scovner anticipates attending both this meeting and the Lower Shaker Village Association meeting.

The Steam Boat Regatta is scheduled for July 30 & July 31 at Lower Shaker Village.

The last quarter unemployment figure for the local area is still low at 1.2%

Mrs. Whittaker has received the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) from the Enfield Center Fire Station. She has not yet received anything from the Union Street Station.

Thanks from Dwight Marchetti:

Mr. Albanese received an email from Dwight Marchetti thanking the Enfield Police Department. There was some vandalism at the Oak Grove Cemetery over the weekend and the Enfield Police have already caught the kids that did it.

Junkyards:

Mr. Albanese asked about the status of junkyards. Mrs. Whittaker reported that pictures have been sent to the prosecutor who will decide which cases she can pursue based on what the courts are doing.

Mr. Albanese has a copy of a 1970's junkyard ordinance that he will provide a copy of to Mrs. Whittaker. Mrs. Whittaker said the current zoning ordinance might supersede all prior ordinances.

Fill Pits:

Mr. Albanese inquired into the status of the fill pits on Bog Road. Mrs. Whittaker responded that only one of the four has responded. That person has been met and has gone back to his attorney.

The others have received a notice asking for a response within 14 days, after which point the town will turn the matter over to the Town's attorney.

Local Government Center 2005-2006 Legislative Policy Process:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a list of Municipal Administration and Finance Management Issues to be covered at the NH Municipal Association Legislative Policy Conference (attached) and took a position on each issue.

1. **Accidents and Financial Responsibility** - To see if NHMA will SUPPORT amending RSA 264:33 to include liability protection for municipal public works and highway employees involved in motor vehicle accidents while operating municipal vehicles in the performance of their official duties. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
2. **Revolving Funds** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation allowing municipalities to establish revolving funds for (a) recycling projects, (b) ambulance services, and/or (c) public safety outside detail, with expenditures from such funds to be subject to the approval of the governing body. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
3. **Assessing Practices-Income and Expense Statements** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation authorizing municipalities to require the submission of income and expense statements for the purpose of assessing certain business properties and establishing a committee to determine appropriate requirements and safeguards for such information. Mrs. Whittaker explained that commercial appraisal is based on the business income approach since the value of commercial property depends on the income the property will generate. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
4. **Governing Body Recommendations for All Warrant Articles With Tax Rate Impact** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation to amend RSA ch. 32 to permit governing bodies to state their position on all warrant articles that impact the local tax rate. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
5. **Recording of Deeds** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation making it mandatory that all deeds recorded in the Registry of Deeds must contain the complete and accurate mailing address of the new owner. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
6. **Discretionary Preservation Easement Tim Frame** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT extending the 60-day time frame in which a municipality must act upon a discretionary preservation easement to 120 days. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
7. **Supervisors of the Checklist** – To see if NHMA will support legislation to reduce to one the number of required sessions that the supervisors of the checklist must meet prior to town elections.
8. **Tax Bill Information** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT including the word “deaf” following the word “blind” in RSA 76:11-a (information on tax bills). This is a housekeeping issue. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
9. **Taxation of Travel Trailers Used as Residences** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation to make it clear that, regardless of the ownership or form of ownership of the underlying land and regardless of size or definition, a structure is taxable as real estate if (a) it is manufactured housing under RSA 674:31, and/or (b) it remains upon one parcel for a substantial portion of a year, and/or (c) it constitutes a building and/or

- fixture under common law or RSA 72:6 and RSA 72:7. Mrs. Whittaker said the question is, “When does a travel trailer become a permanent residence?” The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
10. **Affordable Housing** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation relative to the development of affordable housing which: (a) implements, but does not exceed, the requirements of the *Chester v. Britton, 134 NH 439 (1991)*, Supreme Court decision; (b) creates incentives for the development of affordable housing, but does not divert state sources of municipal revenue for any state-wide affordable housing initiative; (c) considers the financial impact on a community such as education costs and the costs of providing services; (d) creates methods for ensuring that such housing remains affordable. And further to see if NHMA will OPPOSE any legislation, which would curtail municipal land use authority. Mrs. Whittaker summarized this as meaning you “can’t trump zoning.” Mrs. Scovner stated that Enfield has enough affordable housing and other communities need to carry their weight. Mr. Albanese and Mrs. Scovner are opposed to this question. Mrs. Oppeneer was in favor.
 11. **Capital Reserve Funds** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation to allow capital reserve funds to be established and used for debt repayment in conformance with existing IRS rules. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 12. **Appointment of Town Clerks** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT an amendment to RSA ch. 41 to give towns the option to appoint or elect town clerks. The Board discussed the pros and cons to a hired vs. elected town clerk. Mr. Oppeneer and Mr. Albanese are in favor of this question; Mrs. Scovner is opposed.
 13. **Municipal Use of Structures in the Right-of-Way** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation to authorize municipalities to utilize, for any municipal purpose, the space designated for municipal good upon all poles, conduit and other structures within their rights-of-way without paying unreasonable make-ready costs. This includes the right to use that space for data and voice transmission to, from, and by the municipal government, schools, library, and other governmental institutions. It also includes a requirement that the owners of utility poles and conduit do the necessary work for that space to be available. Mrs. Whittaker explained that the Town should govern the rights-of-way and should have the ability to levy rental charges. The Town should also be able to regulate the height of utility poles. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 14. **Local Ordinances Governing Right-of-Way Use** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation authorizing municipalities to adopt local ordinances governing the use of public rights-of-way and establishing appropriate compensation for such uses. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 15. **Downshifting of State Costs** – To see if NHMA will OPPOSE legislation which will downshift state costs or state program responsibilities, either directly or indirectly, to municipalities and/or counties, resulting in increased municipal and/or county expenditures, whether in violation of Article 28-a or not. This includes support for the state to adequately fund Medicaid costs. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 16. **Binding Arbitration** – To see if NHMA will OPPOSE mandatory binding arbitration as a mechanism to resolve impasses in municipal employee collective bargaining. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 17. **Telephone Company Property Tax Exemption** – To see if NHMA will OPPOSE the continuation of an exemption from the property tax for poles, wires, and conduits

- owned by telephone companies. Mrs. Whittaker stated that all utilities should be treated the same. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
18. **State Revenue Structure and State Education Funding** – To see if the NHMA will SUPPORT asking the state to use the following principles when addressing the State’s revenue structure in response to its responsibility to fund an adequate education: (a) That revenues are sufficient to meet the state’s responsibilities as defined by constitution, statute, and common law; (b) That revenue sources are predictable, stable and sustainable and will grow with the long term needs and financial realities of the state; (c) That changes to the revenue structure are least disruptive to the long-term economic health of the state; (d) That the revenue structure is efficient in its administration; (d) That changes in the revenue structure are fair to people with lower to moderate incomes. To see if NHMA will OPPOSE reductions in state revenue to political subdivisions, such as revenue sharing, meals and rooms tax distribution, highway block grants, water pollution moneys, adequate education grants, or catastrophic aid. To see if NHMA will OPPOSE any failure by the State to fully fund school building aid. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of these questions.
 19. **Charitable Definition and Mandated property Tax Exemptions** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation redefining the term “charitable” in RSA 72:23-I, adopting a stricter review of property owned by religious, charitable and educational entities for compliance with the statutes, and creating a method of reimbursement to municipalities for state-owned property and OPPOSE legislation which requires the granting of additional local property tax exemptions, unless the state reimburses municipalities for the loss of revenue. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 20. **Land Use Compliance by Government Entities** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT efforts by municipalities to establish a dialogue with governmental entities within their jurisdictions to encourage compliance with local land use ordinances, site plan review, and subdivision regulations, and other municipal planning issues. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 21. **Utility Appraisal Method** – To see if NHMA will OPPOSE mandating the use of the unit method of valuation in the appraisal of utility property, by either administrative or legislative action, and SUPPORT the right of municipalities to use any method of appraisal upheld by the courts. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 22. **Minimum Vote Required for Bond Issues** – To see if NHMA will OPPOSE legislation to change the 60% bond vote requirement for official allot communities. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 23. **Mandated Employee Benefits** – To see if NHMA will OPPOSE any proposals to mandate employee benefits, including any proposal to enhance retirement system benefits which may increase employer costs in future years for current or future employees. This is believed to have the potential of opening a “back-door” for the State to increase its revenues at the expense of municipalities. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
 24. **Air Pollution, Preemption, and DES Permitting** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation clarifying that state laws regulating air pollution control, specifically RSA ch. 125-C, do not preempt local land use laws and regulations, and that anyone proposing to construct, install, operate, or modify an “affected source,” a “non Title V

- source,” or a device which contributes to air pollution must comply with all applicable local zoning and planning requirements and all permitting requirements of the Department of Environmental Services. Neither the municipality nor DES will grant final approval to such a facility until the other has granted at least conditional approval. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
25. **Hazardous Waste Liability** – to see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation to amend RSA ch. 147-B (Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund) to limit the liability of municipalities and regional planning commission that collect, store, and locally transport household hazardous waste. Mrs. Whittaker expressed the need for protection from liability. Mr. Albanese sees the need to meet certain standards for hazardous waste collection and this could remove liability from Town’s that are not paying attention to standards. Mr. Oppeneer and Mr. Albanese are opposed to this question; Mrs. Scovner is in favor of this question.
26. **Water Withdrawals** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation to prohibit the state from approving any large groundwater withdrawal application unless the applicant has provided evidence of compliance with all local and regional plans and ordinances that affect the withdrawal, including compliance with site plan review regulations; and to require the State, before approving groundwater withdrawal applications, to conduct impact studies on existing and future land uses, review recharge capability within the anticipated zone of contribution, and review the cumulative impacts of existing withdrawals and proposed withdrawals within the anticipated zone of contribution. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
27. **Open Space Retention/Sprawl Prevention** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation encouraging statewide programs that provide incentives and assistance to municipalities to adopt land use planning and regulatory techniques that will better prevent sprawl, retain existing tracts of open space, and preserve community character. Mr. Albanese said people should be able to do what they want with their land within reason. Mrs. Scovner cited reasons for discouraging sprawl, including added costs for busing, fire protection, etc... Mr. Oppeneer and Mrs. Scovner are in favor of this question; Mr. Albanese is opposed to this question.
28. **Sludge/Biosolids** – To see if NHMA will (a) SUPPORT reliable enforcement of scientifically based health and environmental standards for the management of sludge, septage, and biosolids; (b) SUPPORT the funding of the NH Dept. of Environmental Services at a level allowing full and adequate development and enforcement of such scientifically based health and environmental standards; (c) SUPPORT an increase in the amount of state aid grants or other financial assistance for wastewater treatment plan upgrades to improve the quality of biosolids produced from Class B to Class A biosolids; (d) OPPOSE any state legislation that would curtail the ability of municipalities to dispose of municipally-generated biosolids through land spreading, when done in accord with such scientifically based health and environmental standards; and (e) OPPOSE any preemption of local authority to regulate in this field. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.
29. **Current Use** – To see if NHMA will OPPOSE any legislative attempt to undermine the basic goals of the current use program and OPPOSE any reduction in the 10-acre minimum size requirement for qualifications for current use, beyond those exceptions now allowed by the rules of the Current Use Board. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.

30. **Conservation Investment** – To see if NHMA will SUPPORT legislation to create permanent funding for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this question.

Road Name Change:

Tina & Brian Stearns asked Laurie Lane to be named Grantham Lane rather than Kidder Lane as previously approved by the Selectmen. Jim Taylor, Planning/Zoning/Economic Development informed the Board there are no conflicts and Grantham Lane meets the requirements of E-911. Mr. Albanese moved to rescind the previous change to Kidder Lane and to change the name from Laurie Lane to Grantham Lane; Mrs. Scovner seconded, vote unanimous. Mrs. Whittaker will prepare a resolution for the Board's signature.

CITIZENS FORUM**Kurt Gotthardt – Perambulation:**

Mr. Gotthardt reported his attendance at a perambulation workshop.

NEW BUSINESS**Request for Release of Easement:**

The Selectmen received and reviewed a request, from Matthew & Jennifer Walker, for release of an easement for the water line from the Harris Brook Reservoir. It was noted that it might be best to retain the easement until the dam is breached. No formal decision was made at this time.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**Scott Weeden, Property Liability Trust (PLT) & Ty Gagnon, Primex (Workers Comp):**

Mr. Weeden represents the town's insurer for property liability and Mr. Gagnon represents the town's insurer for workers comp. Both men are former Chiefs of Police and Mr. Weeden is also a former Fire Chief. Mr. Weeden and Mr. Gagnon came before the Board to follow up on issues discussed at a meeting a year ago. The issues under discussion include ways for the Fire Department to reduce liability. If the town is able to meet certain criteria as set forth by PLT, a savings in premiums could be realized. Enfield has elected Fire Wards that takes responsibilities away from the Board of Selectmen, but does not reduce the town's liability or the fact that the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager are exposed to vicarious liability despite having lack of managerial oversight of the Fire Department.

Mr. Weeden recapped where the town was last year and wants to be sure the town is moving ahead in a pro-active manner. Enfield Center FD has drafted full guidelines and adopted and reviewed the same with members of their department. Union Street FD has begun draft guidelines still to be reviewed and adopted. The Enfield Center SOGs have been discussed with the Center firefighters and a sign up sheet will be provided to Mrs. Whittaker to document the presentation.

Mr. Weeden explained that preparing the SOGs is important, but that training employees is vital. Mr. Gagon added that now that the SOGs have been presented to the employees they must be held accountable.

Mr. Weeden recommended annual review to determine compliance with NFPA 1500 (A copy was provided to David Crate). Enfield can't comply with everything, but the checklist is what would be looked at in the courts; it contains the standard in the fire service industry.

Last year there was discussion of continuity in training. Mr. Weeden asked where Enfield is on this matter. Mr. Crate replied that a little training has been done, but that no one has gotten back to them regarding a defensive driving class. Mr. Weeden indicated that details of the defensive driving course as conducted by the Local Government Center was sent out last year, but Mr. Weeden was happy to resend the information on to Mrs. Whittaker who advised she would assist the Fire Wards. No formal training schedule has been produced.

Mr. Crate reported there has been some training on the Jaws of Life and air packs. Some days they don't have good turnout. What is coming up for training sessions is announced at the previous training session. There are currently no certified instructors on the department, but individuals go for to training classes and come back and teach the rest of the crew.

Mr. Weeden pointed out that the quality of training could be lacking if there are not certified instructors. He provided a web address (firehouse.com) from which the department can download drills, at no cost. They can also download the "quiz of the month" to give to the firefighters. Scoring of the quiz can be done on-line as well. It might also be helpful to do some regional training with Canaan and Lebanon.

Mr. Weeden recommended practicing risk management; analyze the runs and the types of calls being responded to. Then analyze what the department is doing, such as wearing protective gear. Then gear training to what the department responds to most. Implement a training program that identifies the type of response that is required, what will be worn for safety gear and how the department will respond.

Mrs. Whittaker asked if there was any way she could assist the department and offered to draw up a training schedule for the entire year. As Chief, Mr. Crate can hold the crew to a "three strikes and you're out" policy. Because if an individual is not trained there is a great chance they will be hurt or killed. She also expressed the need for Enfield Center and Union Street Stations to work together.

Mr. Albanese asked if it might be reasonable to have an officers meeting attended by the Selectmen and Mrs. Whittaker. Mrs. Whittaker can take notes and type up the training schedule determined by the officers.

Mr. Weeden stated the need to have the SOGs approved and adopted by the Fire Wards. The necessary cover sheet will be prepared by the Selectmen's Office for signature by the Fire Wards.

Mrs. Whittaker explained that the Fire Wards are subject to the Right to Know Law, the same as the Selectmen are. Minutes of the meeting are required. Mr. Crate explained that he takes their run sheets and notes the training subject, date and what they've done at the meeting.

Mrs. Whittaker requested a monthly roster for payroll purposes.

Mr. Weeden asked, who has the jurisdiction and responsibility to be sure the firefighters are complying with the SOGs? Mr. Crate responded that the Fire Wards and officers do.

There was discussion of the need to set the appointment of a safety officer appointed on each call, whether the same person each time, or a different one, as a priority. The safety officer can then observe what is happening at the call and to assure compliance with the SOGs.

Discussion followed regarding disciplinary action and how it is being followed. Mr. Weeden stated that Property Liability insurance Trust feels that indifference to the town's policies can have serious consequences in a legal challenge if there is not consistency and continuity in how the policies are both interpreted and acted upon. If infractions aren't addressed when they occur there's vicarious liability if something else happens as a result. The department must follow the SOGs to a "T." The member agreements with PLT no longer cover claims if an employee is acting under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This was emphasized.

Mr. Albanese asked, how infractions involving drugs or alcohol should be handled? Mrs. Whittaker explained that first the individual should be accompanied home, not drive a town truck. For office staff there is a progressive disciplinary procedure. Mr. Albanese asked, for elected committee members, why not instant dismissal? Mrs. Whittaker explained that the town would have to petition the courts to dismiss an "elected" official. Mr. Albanese would like to be consistent across the board.

Fred Cummings stated there is a difference if a committee members shows up after drinking vs. someone responding to a fire or ambulance call. Mr. Albanese agreed, but sees a need for some commonality. Mr. Cummings explained that for the ambulance squad a single sip of a drink and you're grounded for a day.

Mr. Weeden reported that the highest number of deaths, 37 out of 105, happen when responding to calls. Driving is the most hazardous part of the volunteer's job. Mrs. Whittaker stressed that it's not the equipment that's of concern, but the crew's safety and well-being.

Discussion then followed regarding the status of repairs on the fire truck that rolled over last year. It was sent to the Carolinas for repair, but final touches are being completed in Connecticut. Repairs are expected to be completed by Thursday or Friday. There was consensus that it has been out of service for far too long.

Mr. Weeden passed out copies of the State statutes that govern Fire Wards, including their responsibilities, liabilities, powers and duties.

There was discussion as to who has control over Fire Department equipment and buildings. Mr. Crate understands that State statute placed the equipment, trucks and men under the charge of the

Fire Department, but he is unsure about the building. Mr. Albanese offered to be the “bad guy” if required to prevent misuse of the station.

Mr. Weeden cited RSA 154:1-A which states that all fire department purchases by town funds belong to the town, including equipment and the building. Care, custody and control belong to the fire department, but ownership belongs to the town.

Discussion followed regarding Fire Department representation on the town’s safety committee (Joint Loss Management Committee or JLMC). It is important to have fire department representation on the JLMC due to the work by this committee having a direct affect on insurance premiums. Phil Neily stated there is some flexibility in membership as long as there is representation by the department. Continuity is reached by having the information from the meeting brought back to the department.

Ty Gagnon explained that Primex (workers comp) premiums are affected by frequency and severity. It is important to address conditions which influence the frequently seen injuries, including proper lifting techniques, care in slipper conditions, etc.

Fred Cummings reported that he has a final draft of SOGs for the ambulance department, which he will forward to Mrs. Whittaker. He will also provide the department meeting minutes to the Town Office for posting on the town’s web site.

There was a brief discussion of the responsibility for expenses resulting from the forest fire caused by a residential burn. Mrs. Whittaker reported there was some reimbursement from the State. Mr. Albanese does not recommend charging the resident whose fire got out of control, but does recommend a delay in some purchases to be sure the department stays within budget. Recent damage to the Fire Department pickup is covered by insurance, less a \$1,000 deductible.

Staffing at scenes was discussed. Once a situation is under control, extra staff can be sent home. If they insist on staying on the scene they can be informed that they are off the clock and will not be paid for the additional time.

Kurt Gotthardt asked if the insurance agency has any literature, regarding court cases where the town and Fire Department were in error and the cases were lost, that can be shown to residents who might wonder why the Fire Wards are at this meeting and why training is being required. He also asked if the insurer has the right to cancel the town’s coverage. Mr. Weeden replied that this would be available through the Local Government Center’s legal section.

Mrs. Whittaker explained that legal cases can be convincing but safety is important, above all else. The Town wants to provide the best opportunities and instill a sense of responsibility.

Fred Cummings ~ Update on Billing & Full Time Staffing Studies:

Mr. Cummings met with Chris Christopoulos to determine how many calls the City of Lebanon responded to in Enfield. There were over 300 calls last year, of which 107 were answered by Lebanon. Calls are expected to rise to 350 in 2004, with an estimated 150 answered by Lebanon, based on figures from May. Mr. Cummings is not yet sure where the money will come out; he’s still working with the billing company.

Mrs. Whittaker is working on a salary structure for the full time staffing.

Once figures are compiled, the information will be presented to the Board of Selectmen, then to the Budget Committee and Town Meeting.

Mr. Oppenneer received a report from the Police Department that the average response time for ambulance calls is 13.5 minutes. Mr. Cummings replied that there are three more nighttime members

There was a brief discussion of speed of the ambulance and an accident where the ambulance hit a bridge. Mr. Cummings responded that he was in the ambulance when it happened.

There was also discussion of the changing of ambulance employees receiving new titles, such as Chief, Lieutenant, etc. Mr. Cummings will meet with Mrs. Whittaker to discuss this.

Town Facilities:

Mr. Albanese reported that the Town Offices/Library Needs Assessment Committee was focused on Town Offices and the Library. About a month ago an idea was floated regarding a public safety complex for all 3 departments – ambulance, fire and police. The Committee was asked to continue with its original goal. April Whittaker, Phil Neily and Jim Taylor will do some very preliminary cost estimates of the Safety Complex idea.

Non-Public Session ~ RSA 91-A:3 II (c):

Mr. Albanese moved to enter non-public session at 7:55 pm; Mr. Oppenneer seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Albanese – aye, Mr. Oppenneer – aye, Mrs. Scovner – aye, motion carried.

Mr. Oppenneer moved to come out of non-public session at 8:18pm and to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Scovner seconded, vote unanimous.