

Enfield Board of Selectmen

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2004

A business meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Keith Oppenneer in the Selectmen's Conference room at Whitney Hall located off Main Street.

Present: Keith Oppenneer, Chairman
Dominic C. Albanese, Selectman
Nancy Scovner, Selectman
April Whittaker, Town Manager

Approval of Minutes

Motion Albanese to approve the Minutes of September 20 with the notation of appointment of Shirley Green to the Conservation Commission as an alternate, second Scovner, vote 3 – 0.

Mr. Albanese abstained from voting on the Minutes of October 4 as he had not had an opportunity to review and in light of Mr. Oppenneer's scheduled absence felt it important that the minutes be reviewed during Mr. Oppenneer's presence. Motion Oppenneer, second Scovner to approve the Public Minutes and Non Public Minutes of October 4, 2004, vote 2 – 0.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of October 11, 2004; motion Scovner, second Albanese to approve as written, vote 2 – 0. Mr. Oppenneer abstained due to absence from the meeting.

Administrative

The board signed the General Election Warrant, and appointment forms for Inspectors of the Election and an alternate to the Conservation Commission.

Public Appointments

The board met with Jill Stark, a teacher at the Mascoma School District who came before the board to request use of Whitney Hall for the Destination Imagination (formerly known as Odyssey of the Minds) team. She advised of problems finding space for the 2 adults and seven children involved in the project and further advised that the School

District buildings were full together with any space at the SAU office. The students provided a description of what the project would involve with take down scenery and written dialogues.

The board countered with their prior conversations for use of Whitney Hall by another school group project, which had been turned down. Therefore, they collectively advised that they had to be fair and equitable in rendering a decision as to use so as to not give the appearance of favoring one group over another. Mrs. Scovner advised that the hall was drafty, and required that heat be turned up the day before which could be costly on the budget. Further lighting was not good and the bathrooms were on another floor. The consensus of the board was that the hall was not conducive to educational needs especially as noise levels traveled down to the floor below, namely the Enfield Library.

Suggested alternative places of assembly were discussed, and Mrs. Stark will approach the Shaker Inn. The Board advised Mrs. Stark to return to them if all other options are exhausted.

Citizens Forum

No questions or inquiries.

Chief Giese appeared for a 5:30 PM non-public session involving promotion and hiring issues. For purposes of expediency of the meeting Mr. Giese deferred to the boards wishes to conduct the remainder of the public business so as to accommodate the public and the press.

New Business

Solid Waste Committee Request

The board reviewed a request from the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee for extension of their report and recommendations as to future options for solid waste collection. Following discussion, the board requested that a meeting be set up with the committee preferably at their business meeting of November 1 so as to gain a sense of discussions to date and future direction.

Community Building Volunteer Directors.

Selectman Albanese confirmed that Tate Pickard was happy to serve as a director. Motion Albanese, second Scovner, to appoint Mr. Pickard to the Community Building Directors, vote 3 – 0. Mrs. Whittaker summarized the directors as composed:

Sharon Kiley, Citizen Representative
Ken Hill, Lions Representative
Town Manager's Representative

Selectmen's Representative Albanese
Tate Pickard, Citizen Representative

The board requested that an inaugural meeting be organized to manage the administrative running of the building etc.

Town Manager's Report

Mrs. Whittaker confirmed that a request had been sent to Granite State Electric for the removal of street lights abutting Main Street bridge and Shaker Hill Bridge following recommendations from the Public Works Director and Chief of Police that the current bridge lights were sufficient for safety and visibility.

Mrs. Whittaker regretfully advised that the vehicle, which had been given to the town following drug forfeiture procedures would not be able to be utilized given the cost of repairs to make the vehicle roadworthy. She will check with the police department as to disposal procedures for the vehicle.

Departmentally, Mrs. Whittaker advised that one department would be experiencing difficulties in paying part time staff per the recent budget statement due to overuse of hours allocated; said department laying off personnel until new budget cycle begins. She further confirmed that the auditors had double expensed certain vouchers from 2003 into 2004 fiscal year, and they had advised that they would make the appropriate entries and adjustments during the next audit cycle.

A request from Robert Dubuque was presented to the board to donate his property known as Map 8 lot 13 to the town. Motion Scovner, second Albanese to thank Mr. Dubuque, but to decline offer to acquire, vote 3 – 0.

Mrs. Whittaker provided copies of the Police Chief's monthly report, and copies of correspondence regarding litigation re Rich and Bacon suits.

Any Other Business

Mr. Albanese suggested to the Board that they should meet with the Conservation Commission over future planning for the so-called Bicknell Brook town owned property. Mrs. Scovner and Mr. Oppenheer concurred. Mrs. Whittaker will arrange a meeting date for one of the Board's business meetings.

The board discussed in general terms the practice of appointments to boards and committees. Following discussion the board determined that it would be good practice to interview potential appointments prior to any decisions to appoint. Motion Scovner, second Albanese, vote 3 – 0. Further Mrs. Whittaker will prepare volunteer job description especially for the roles of Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

There being no further business in regular session, motion Oppenheer, second Scovner to enter into Non Public session under the terms and conditions of RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), vote 3 – 0.

Roll Call: Oppenneer ~ yes, Albanese ~ yes, and Scovner ~ yes.

The board returned to regular session for the purposes of adjournment. There were no decisions made in Non Public Session. Motion Scovner, second Albanese to seal the Minutes for one year, vote 3 – 0.

Motion Scovner to adjourn, second Albanese, vote 3 – 0,

The Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
April Whittaker