

**ENFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2003**

The Chairman called a regular business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM in the Public Works Building located off Lockehaven Road.

Present: Keith Oppenneer, Acting Chairman, Dominic Albanese, Selectman and April Whittaker, Town Manager and Recording Secretary.

Absent with Apologies: Ilene Reed.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 18th, 2003 were passed over due to lack of a quorum to approve the same, and will be brought back for the September 15th meeting.

III. Public Appointments

The board met with Dave McIntire, Nancy Smith, and Sharon Carr in their capacity as directors of the Enfield Village Association. The representatives were concerned at the change in plans for the downtown Main Street sidewalks; changing from concrete to brick imprinted painted asphalt. Mr. McIntire felt that the maintenance issues were moot especially if the concrete was treated with oil for a two-year cycle. He cited Lebanon and Meredith as examples in use of concrete sidewalks, albeit that the Meredith example was a private developer instead of the town. He did confirm that the treatment cycles were costly, but argued that the concrete was better both aesthetically and with greater longevity. Mr. Daniels, Public Works Director, disputed the 2-year cycle application stating that concrete had to be continuously protected in his opinion in much the same way as concrete bridge abutments. Mr. Daniels continued that the concrete sidewalk would require calcium treatment in place of the usual salt for ice issues, which would mean another return to the Main Street by the road crews with a change over in equipment set up for the department crews. He did agree that the brick imprinted painted asphalt sidewalk would require re-painting every 3 or 4 years, but he also understood that the concrete sidewalk was only to be painted instead of dye incorporation at the time of concrete production thus requiring regular paint treatment too.

Mr. Albanese explained how the change order came about, and advised that he viewed the change as an opportunity to better serve the maintenance issues for the Department of Public Works, and to have all the sidewalks uniform in material and style. He noted the savings associated with the change from

concrete to printed asphalt would enable all the project to be uniform in appearance without concentration on the Main Street area only.

Discussion ensued with regards to the sidewalk construction processes utilized in Hanover, New London, Meredith and Lebanon, and comments were made as to the current durability of the concrete sidewalk on Route 120, which was now showing signs of breakage.

General discussion ensued with regards to communication with EVA in view of the fact that although the sidewalk changes were disseminated down to David McIntire following Mrs. Whittaker's conversation with EVA's director, the same had not been communicated to Mrs. Smith. In future, Mrs. Whittaker will ensure that conversations and e-mails are related to both the Director and the President of EVA.

In conclusion the board determined to stay with the change order, pointing out that all the board supported the Main Street Program and that the change was based solely on maintenance issues for the Public Works department and uniformity of construction throughout the whole town.

IV. Administrative

The board signed a resolution to provide for a new Health Care initiative partnering public and private sectors. Motion Albanese, second Oppenheimer to support, vote 2 - 0.

V. Citizens Forum

Dan Kiley expressed his appreciation to the Planning Board for the conduct of the Ironman Subdivision, and of the attention given by the individual board members in reaching their decision.

VI. Old Business

Release of Information and Right to Know Policy: The board reviewed the "Release of Information and Right to Know Law" policy and determined to make the following changes to one section :-

Current Language:

"Unless otherwise noted, the Town manager shall field all inquiries regarding Town business. Exceptions to this shall be inquiries related to:"

Change to:

"In general, the Town Manager shall field all inquiries regarding day-to-day Town business. Exceptions to this, but not limited to, shall be the following examples:"

Motion Albanese, second Oppenneer to support the changes aforementioned, vote 2 - 0. Mrs. Whittaker will make the changes ready for policy signature at the next meeting. Mr. Albanese further requested that the minutes note Town Counsel's full endorsement and praise for the policy as composed as an educational tool for staff and volunteers.

Projects and Priorities Review: Laid on the table pending full board participation.

Other Old Business: The Town Manager provided follow up copy correspondence with respect to request a lowering of Grafton Pond, pre-construction meeting with Ironman Developers, first notice letter for junk accumulations on certain properties on Crystal Lake, and current pending litigation cases.

VII. New Business

Sand & Aggregate Bids: The board reviewed the bids as presented and so noted the Public Works Director's recommendations. Motion Oppenneer, second Albanese, to award Conkey Enterprises LLC the 2003/2004 sand and gravel bids, items 304.1 & 304.2, at \$6.15 cy and \$5.65 cy respectively, vote 2 - 0.

Motion Albanese, second Oppenneer to award the aggregate bid for items 304.3, 304.33, 304.4, 304.5, and 304.6 to Hammond Lumber Company 2003 / 2004, vote 2 - 0.

Other New Business: Mrs. Whittaker congratulated the Town's Building Inspector, namely Philip Neily on obtaining his Residential Building Inspector's certification.

Mrs. Whittaker presented a citizen's request for "No Public Parking" signs for a section of Smith Pond Road. She advised that the road is a popular parking place for residents who hike on a private trail to the pond. The owner of the last house and private trail is concerned regarding the accessibility of safety vehicles in the event of an emergency to his property given the space taken up on the road by public parking of private vehicles. The owner therefore is proposing to build a parking area on his land to accommodate the vehicles if the town will post appropriately. If the town cannot support such a posting, he feels that he

will have to close the private trail across his land to the pond. This would mean that access to the pond would have to be over state land, which is not as accessible as the private trail. Mr. Daniels advised that he had already been consulted as to parking lot design, and felt that the parking lot idea would alleviate the existing parking problem. Following discussion, motion Albanese, second Oppenneer to support No Public Parking signs following construction and approval of the parking area by the Director of Public Works, vote 2 - 0. Mrs. Whittaker will contact Mr. Morgan with the decision in order to facilitate the construction, and advise of the posting of signs.

The Board invited comments and questions from the press prior to entering into non-public session.

Motion Oppenneer, second Albanese to enter into Non Public Session under the terms and conditions of RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 7:02 PM, vote 2 - 0.

Roll Call: Oppenneer ~ yes, Albanese ~ yes

At this juncture the Firewards appeared and the board rescinded the prior motion. Motion Albanese, second Oppenneer to enter into Non Public session under the terms and conditions of RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 7:05 PM, vote 2 - 0.

Roll Call: Oppenneer ~ yes, Albanese ~ yes.

The board returned to public session at 8:43 PM. There being no further business, motion Oppenneer, second Albanese to adjourn, vote 2 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Whittaker