

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

**MINUTES of June 3, 2002**

**Board of Selectmen:** Donald J. Crate, Sr., Chairman; Ilene P. Reed; Keith Oppenneer

**Administrative Staff:** Peter H. Giese, Interim Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Secretary

**Others:** Capt./Interim Chief of Police Richard A. Crate, Jr.; Lt. Scott Thompson; Det./Sgt. Ken May; Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works; Wendy Euler; Margaret Levesque.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Reed called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board discussed the minutes of 20 May 2002. Mrs. Reed would like it noted on page 5, Town Manager Search, that she was not in favor of allotting \$5,000 to the Town Manager Search Committee for expenses.

Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the minutes of 20 May 2002 as amended; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

**BUSINESS**

**Town Manager Search:**

The Board discussed the amount of money that was allotted to the Town Manager Search Committee at the last meeting. Advertising costs were reduced from just over \$3,600 down to \$1,242. Mr. Oppenneer moved to amend the amount allotted to Town Manager Search Committee expenses from \$5,000 to \$3,000; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

According to the NH Municipal Association, 33 applications have been received and of these, 3 or 4 look very good.

**Denton Homicide Case:**

Chief Giese reported on the excellent work done by the Police Department during the Denton homicide case; from Det./Sgt. May's observation skills at the scene, to the many hours put into the investigation by Capt. Crate and the exceptional job done by Lt. Thompson running the department while it was understaffed due to the investigation. The Board of Selectmen

commended the officers and presented them with certificates of appreciation for an outstanding job.

**Other Business:**

The Board reviewed and approved the following documents: letter of support for prospective sewer extension, property tax abatements, and tax year 2001 questionnaire.

Mr. Oppenneer moved to deny the Granite State Electric application for property tax abatement; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

**CITIZENS FORUM**

No citizens wished to speak.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT****Board Appointment:**

Mr. Oppenneer moved to reappoint Tim Taylor to the Planning Board as a regular member for a three year term to expire 5/1/05; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

**Student Intern:**

Chief Giese would like to hire a high school intern for the Town Offices on a part-time basis for the summer to provide the student with insight into the working world. The intern would have a change to file, answer the phone and see the real world. The Board agreed on a position for 5 days per week, 4 hours per day for 10 weeks. Mrs. Reed moved to hire an intern as discussed; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

**Junk Yards:**

Chief Giese reported that he is moving along on junkyards. He hasn't prosecuted anyone. He has seen some progress and stated that the town's goal is not to punish people, but to get them to comply.

**Prosecutor:**

Chief Giese reported to the Board that the town's prosecutor resigned effective 6/28/02.

**Recycling:**

Chief Giese believes that recycling is an important undertaking. He has advertised for committee volunteers. Chief Giese has also sent correspondence to local scout leaders to encourage the scouts to become involved in recycling. The Boy Scouts have considered placing containers for cans at Exit 16.

Keith has talked with other individuals regarding a pay-as-you-thrown (PAYT) program. Curbside recycling could cost up to \$60,000 but there would be a savings if the town did not have to pay the additional \$5/ton to Lebanon. Mr. Daniels also noted that the town would save on the solid waste tonnage going to the landfill.

Mr. Crate stated that you couldn't have the residents pay for their rubbish and tax them too. He believes the town would then find trash dumped on the Bog Road and other outlying areas of town.

Chief Giese stated there are a lot of people that put the time and effort into recycling. He would like to find some way to reward them.

**Rubbish Collection:**

On Memorial Day there was no rubbish collection. Many people were confused by the change in schedule. Chief Giese will work with All Waste Services to work out a fixed schedule for holidays that can then be published in the Town Report and newsletter and on the Town's website.

**Other Items:**

One cruiser that was left at Gateway in White River Jct. for repairs was vandalized. We'll be submitting this to our insurance company.

Chief Giese will be performing another test of the 911 system from Enfield as a follow-up to the previous test. The previous test had mixed results.

Chief Giese feels the budget looks pretty good so far, but he needs to keep an eye on a few lines, such as legal expenses and overtime.

Chief Giese informed the Board that he would be attending the Chief's Association Meeting during the coming week.

On October 3, 2000, the NH Department of Environmental Services did an inspection of George Pond Dam. A letter of deficiency, dated May 2002, was received. Because Ken Daniels was present at the October 2000 inspection, the deficiencies have already been addressed. Mr. Daniels needs only to submit a procedural plan for the dam maintenance.

Last week the Town was accepting applications for a new Light Equipment Operator. Seven or eight applications were received. Mr. Crate moved to enter non-public session at 6:35pm., RSA 91-A:3 II (b); Mr. Oppenneer seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Crate – Aye, Mrs. Reed – Aye, Mr. Oppenneer – Aye. Mr. Oppenneer moved to close the non-public session at 6:40pm.; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

A public meeting was held at the Lutheran Church regarding the new bridge construction on Main Street. Mr. Oppenneer understands that the town could have received some grant money for lights if the town had a street lighting policy in place. It is believed that Concord has one. Office staff will obtain a copy of Concord's policy for review.

Pastor Murray of Living Waters Bible Church asked if anything had come of the suit Living Waters Bible Church v Town of Enfield. The Town Attorney will need to be consulted.

The Board discussed the installation of a sewer extension and the resulting mess left by the contractor. Mr. Daniels will see to this issue.

Chief Giese is looking into solutions to the town offices, and while he recognizes that it's not going to happen this year or next, he does want the project to continue to move forward. He feels problems may arise trying to put an addition on Whitney Hall, due to the age of the building. It might be beneficial to move the town offices further downtown on Main Street to draw people to the area. He has even thought that a building with municipal offices on the ground floor and elderly housing on upper floors might benefit the town. While these are just ideas, this existing building is not a very good place to work in.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE**

FY 2002 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Approved

Enfield Post #44 Challenge Weekend 2002

Expense Report: 1 January – 31 May 2002

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Oppenheer moved to adjourn at 7:05pm; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.