

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

MINUTES of July 15, 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: Kris Eddy, Valley News; Pastor Elmer Murray; Celie Aufiero, Conservation Commission Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Crate called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the minutes of June 17, 2002 as prepared; Mr. Crate seconded. Mr. Oppenneer and Mr. Crate in favor, Mrs. Reed abstained, motion carried.

Mrs. Reed commented on the section of the June 17 minutes relating to the hours of the Town Clerk. The Town & City Clerk's Association does not advise going back to an appointed town clerk. Mrs. Reed feels the Enfield Town Clerk's offices gives the town's residents 100%. The hours of her office were changed on Thursday nights to allow residents to stop to do registrations on their way home from work. Then requests for mail-in registrations resulted in the new mail-in registration program that began in 2000. While the clerk's office does not receive a lot of mail-in registrations, many people have the mail-in form and their checks completed when they arrive at the office. Many other clerks don't provide registration quotes over the phone; the Enfield clerk's office does. Mrs. Reed restated that the Enfield Town Clerk's Office gives the town's residents 100%.

BUSINESS

Public Nudity Ordinance:

Pastor Elmer Murray came before the Board to propose the adoption of a public nudity ordinance. He is concerned about this issue and there has been a lot of controversy in White River Junction. Who's to say this won't happen in Enfield? Pastor Murray would hate to see this happen. He recommended that the Town tackle this before it's too late.

Mr. Oppenneer wondered is there's a New Hampshire law that prohibits public nudity.

Chief Giese stated that it would probably have to go through town meeting. He does not believe the Selectmen have the authority to enact such an ordinance.

Pastor Murray understands this. Can the Board of Selectmen come up with something to present?

Mr. Crate thinks there's a state law that covers this. There was a law to stop strip shows at fairs. That law should cover this. Chief Giese was asked to investigate.

Chief Giese noted that there are other considerations. If there are alcoholic beverages served the State Liquor Commission has broad powers. In the case of dancers at carnivals, the police must be notified and 2 officers are put on the event. Police make sure of the safety of those attending and perform crowd control duties. This is all on a collision course with the first amendment.

Chief Giese will look at what we have internally, as well as the rules and regulations of the State Liquor Commission and State laws. He will also contact other town's that have had to deal with this issue.

Sale of Property:

The Board of Selectmen received the results of the bidding on the sale of municipal property.

Mr. Oppeneer moved to approve the sale of lots 10A-12, 25-22A and 27-18 for the highest bid, as indicated on the bid results sheet; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous. No bids were received for 25-7.

Latham Property Conservation Easement Deed Amendment:

In 1988 Elizabeth Latham conveyed to the Town of Enfield a conservation easement for their property on Follensbee Road. The Conservation Commission has monitored this property with the assistance of the Upper Valley Land Trust. The Upper Valley Land Trust is updating the language of the easement with the approval of Edward Latham (surviving joint tenant) and the Conservation Commission. The amendment will clarify and enhance the conservation values and public benefits of the previous deed. In addition, the Upper Valley Land Trust will further serve to improve the oversight and enforcement abilities of the land trust by being the holder of the easement.

Mr. Oppeneer moved to issue a quitclaim deed on the Latham property; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

Commuter Parking:

The Board discussed the possibility of allowing commuter parking in the Community Building lot. Mrs. Reed noted that there are cars at Huse Park sometimes during the winter months. Mr. Oppeneer doesn't expect a huge number of cars. Mr. Crate feels the Board might want to think about this before setting a precedent. What's going to happen when they have the Anne's Place buildings up.

Chief Giese stated that the Town has not had a problem or complaints at Huse Park until the summer months. We should also talk to the Lions Club. There is the potential that this could become a parking lot for Grantham and Canaan residents. We may want to have permit-parking

only. We do let people use the Whitney Hall parking lot occasionally, with permission. Chief Giese may prepare a draft policy. He would like to encourage people to use Advance Transit.

Mr. Oppeneer stated that it is too early to commit any parking until the new parking lot and Community Building are completed.

Lindopp Lane Upgrade:

S.R. Kovacs requested permission to upgrade Lindopp Lane, a Class VI road, in order to allow access to his property (Map 15 Lot 10-1) with farm equipment and motor vehicles. The improvements would entail bulldozer work and several loads of bank run gravel and final hard pack as required, all at owner's expense.

The Selectmen agreed to refer this request to the Planning Board for review prior to a decision.

Coalition of "Receiver" Towns:

The Danville Board of Selectmen is soliciting the Board's interest in being part of a political coalition of State Education Grant "Receiver" Towns to offset the political influence of the "Donor" Town coalition lead by Portsmouth.

Mr. Oppeneer stated that Enfield can add its name to the list but this could later lead to being drawn into sharing legal expenses. Mrs. Reed is also concerned about that. The Board took no action on this request.

Other Business:

Mrs. Reed moved to grant a veteran's exemption as presented; Mr. Oppeneer seconded, vote unanimous.

The Board reviewed and approved the Emergency Management Plan Annual Concurrence.

CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens wished to speak.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Dan Burden Report:

The Selectmen received a report from Dan Burden on the walk down Main Street on June 28th & 29th. Chief Giese reported on Mr. Burden's comments on how fortunate Enfield is with the river, trail, etc. Enfield has a lot of natural assets. About two dozen people attended the Friday night presentation.

Recreation Concerns:

Trash pickup at the parks has increased from once/week to 3 times/week. Our parks are being used all the time. Volunteers run the parks, all of who have different interests. Some problems may be volunteers not getting together, not looking at the overall picture. The Public Works Department can't do all of the maintenance. It is time to give strong consideration to a

Recreation Director on a regular part-time basis. Marcia Cornell is interested and she does a great job at Huse Park. Some of the issues at the parks have spilled over to monetary concerns. The parks are still the property of the town; any changes need to go before the Board of Selectmen. Chief Giese has a meeting at 6:30pm. to discuss these issues.

911 Drill:

The 911 drill went well. Chief Giese hopes to have a Fire Department parade through Eastman during Fire Prevention Week during the first week of October. This will give firefighters the opportunity to learn the roads. There will probably be a guest speaker and breakfast for firefighters. Mr. Oppeneer questioned the driving time from the Village to Eastman. Chief Giese replied that it's about 12 to 15 minutes. The Fast Squad response time was 20 minutes, but a lot of that is driving time. We have police mutual aid and the Fast Squad has agreements with Grafton & New London.

Economic Development Resources Conference:

Commissioner Mike Cryans wants to bring people together, including EVA and the Shaker Museum, to inform us as to what economic resources are available and how we should go about obtaining assistance. A tentative date has been set for 17 October 2002.

Notices will be sent as soon as reasonable to EVA, the Shaker Museum, local businesses, etc.

Shaker Hill Road Detour:

The Board had approved work on both Shaker Hill Road bridges simultaneously as long as emergency vehicles are accommodated. A letter was sent to Miller Construction informing them of the Board's decision. The entrance by Janet's Restaurant is unsatisfactory. There is some money in their budget for traffic officers.

Mr. Oppeneer thought the detour was going to use the east end of Baltic Street. Mrs. Reed wondered if a traffic light would be helpful. Chief Giese has to get back with NHDOT and Miller Construction on the Baltic Street access.

Mr. Crate asked if Ken Daniels had found out how wide the temporary Main Street Bridge was going to be and the load capacity. He also wondered how the concrete from the bridge project was going to be crushed with the steel mixed in. Concerns were also voiced about traffic in the area, especially school buses.

Town Manager Search:

The Board discussed the procedure for the Town Manager search, including who should be interviewed, and interview schedule, and the need to prepare a contract. Chief Giese suggested the chosen applicant bring a contract to the town for review by the Board of Selectmen and Town Attorney.

Mr. Oppeneer moved to enter non-public session at 6:40 pm. to discuss employment issues and a pending legal case, RSA 91-A:3 (II) b & e; Mrs. Reed seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Oppeneer – aye, Mrs. Reed – aye, Mr. Crate – aye. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Oppeneer moved to come out of non-public session at 7:10 pm.; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

Mrs. Reed moved to seal the minutes until 30 days after hire of the new town manager; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Oppenneer moved to concur with Chief Giese's memo, dated 28 June 2002, regarding legal negotiations in the case Mascoma Parks, LLC v Town of Enfield; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oppenneer moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm.; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.