

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

MINUTES of April 16, 2001

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

Administrative Staff: Stephen B. Griffin, Assistant Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Secretary

Others: Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Oppenneer moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 9 and 11, 2001 as presented; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

BUSINESS

MRI Review Follow-up:

The Board agreed that Gordon Bristol and Chuck Bagley would both be excellent candidates for the Assistant Town Manager position, with Gordon Bristol being preferred. Mr. Griffin will contact Don Jutton, MRI President, so arrangements can be made.

Community Center – Lions Agreement:

Mr. Oppenneer concurs with the changes made to the agreement, which include the rights to use and elevator requirements. Mr. Oppenneer moved to sign the agreement but to hold it until the Lions Club provides proof of insurance; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

DPW Facility Loan:

Mr. Oppenneer provided information from three area banks regarding a \$1,000,000 loan with a 10-year term. A bank loan provides more flexibility than financing through the Bond Bank. This information will be held for later reference. No decisions were made at this time.

Quarterly Budget Review:

The Board received a quarterly budget report. Mr. Oppenneer wondered when is an appropriate time to put money into Capital Reserve. Mr. Griffin replied that the funds are usually transferred at year's end, thereby providing the town more flexibility with money management.

Canaan Public Health Grant Request:

Mr. Oppeneer acquired additional information from Steve Iacuzzi regarding the request for support of this grant application. Support of the application does not commit the town indefinitely. Mr. Oppeneer moved to support Canaan's application for a public health grant and to authorize the Town Manager to prepare and sign a response; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

Water/Sewer Allocation – Enfield United Methodist Church:

Mr. Crate moved to approve the allocation of one water unit to the Enfield Methodist Church as requested; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

New 911 Road Names:

The Board received a recommendation for two new road names from Jim Taylor, Planning/Zoning Administrator: Conant Lane – a new street off Nichols Drive, and Simple Gift Lane – a new street off Chosen Vale Lane. Mrs. Reed moved to adopt the two new road names as recommended; Mr. Oppeneer seconded, vote unanimous.

Abatement:

Carolee Higbee, Tax Collector, recommended granting a hardship abatement in the amount of \$8555.38. The Board also received a letter from a resident in support of the proposed hardship abatement. Mr. Crate moved to grant the hardship abatement for \$8555.38 as recommended; Mr. Oppeneer seconded, vote unanimous.

2001 Loader:

Three quotes were received from Caterpillar, John Deere and Volvo with prices of \$107,365, \$105,716 and \$99,400 respectively. All of the quotes are within budget. Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works, spoke with Mike Sousa, Highway Superintendent, and they feel that the Caterpillar will meet the town's needs best. They were dissatisfied with the John Deere during the demo and they were unable to see a Volvo machine. Mr. Crate moved to accept the quote for the Caterpillar loader in the amount of \$107,365; Mr. Oppeneer seconded, vote unanimous.

Other Business:

The Board reviewed and approved the following documents: Yield Tax Warrants, 2000 Property Tax Refunds, Excavation Yield Tax Warrant.

Mr. Oppeneer moved to deny property tax abatements for Finsterbush and Underwood as recommended; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**Old Business:**

Mr. Griffin reported that an ad has been placed for volunteers on the Heritage Commission. The proposed investment policy has been forwarded to the town Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds for comment.

Joining the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement was recommended to the Town of Canaan, as discussed at the April 2, 2001 meeting of the Enfield Board of Selectmen. Steve Iacuzzi will follow up with the Canaan Board.

Other Items:

Howard Adams, Building Inspector/Health Officer has closed the apartment building on Flanders Street that is owned by Richard Colt due to building violations. Mr. Colt will have 30 days to repair the building.

The disposition of the town's building on High Street will wait until after Main Street improvements are completed, at which time the Enfield Village Association will be asked their opinion.

It was unanimously agreed by the Selectmen that Keith Oppeneer would continue as the Selectmen's representative on the Budget Committee and Ilene Reed would continue as the Selectmen's representative on the Planning Board.

The NH Dept. of Transportation has sent notification to the residents of three state-owned parcels of land on Johnston Drive that the proposed transfer of ownership to the Town of Enfield will go before Governor and Council in May. The state-owned parcel on the corner of US Route 4, opposite High Street, should also be taken care of this year.

The NH Dept. of Environmental Services has approved a restoration plan for Richard Dow's riverfront property on Baltic Street.

Selectmen's Concerns:

Mr. Oppeneer was asked if the Selectmen, after the town returns the May Street garage to a level building lot, would be interested in supporting a Habitat for Humanity project on the lot. No decisions were made.

Mr. Oppeneer asked if propane tanks are accepted at the Enfield Transfer Station. Mr. Daniels replied that they are accepted if the tanks are empty and the valves removed.

Mr. Oppeneer would like any minutes that are currently non-public be reviewed for possible release. This issue will be added to the Old Business List and addressed at the earliest opportunity.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE

NHDOT Public Officials Meeting April 19, Whitney Hall, re: Shaker Bridge

Grafton County Notice: National County Government Week activities on 4/28/01

UVLSRPC Notice: ISO Fire Supression Rating System Workshop.

Dominic Albanese e-mail of 4/8/01, RE: Joint Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Crate moved to adjourn at 6:40pm.; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.