

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

MINUTES of September 4, 2001

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

Administrative Staff: Chuck Bagley, Assistant Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Secretary

Others: Alex Vogt, NH Dept. of Transportation; Lloyd Hackeman

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Reed moved to approve the minutes of August 6 and August 20, 2001, as presented; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

BUSINESS

Main Street Improvements:

Representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT) arrived unexpectedly, so residents along Main Street could not be notified.

Alex Vogt presented plans for Main Street from High Street to US Route 4. He also presented plans for a parking lot between the Laundromat and the river.

The State plan included an 8' parallel parking lane from the Whitney Hall toward Shaker Hill Road to the fire hydrant. Mr. Vogt explained that Virginia Campbell's lilac bush might need to be removed. The proposed plan would provide room for Mrs. Campbell to park two cars in front of her home.

Mr. Crate and Mrs. Reed stated they do not want Virginia Campbell to lose any of her lawn. As a compromise, the State will pave only in front of Whitney Hall, the apartment building next door and driveway to the homes behind the apartment building. The area in front of Mrs. Campbell's home will remain graveled. The curbing in front of Whitney Hall will be even with the curbing in front of the police station and the slope improved.

Because there was some confusion about meeting dates, residents along Main Street were not notified of this meeting. The property owners directly affected by issues discussed at this meeting will be notified directly.

Mr. Crate expressed concern about the turning radius from Main Street to US Route 4 west. He does not think tractor-trailers will be able to negotiate the turn without driving over the raised island that the State has planned to install. Mr. Crate asked that the island be spray painted on the road so a tractor-trailer can be used to test the design. Mr. Vogt agreed to do this.

Mr. Crate also expressed concern about the turn from Shaker Hill Road, right onto Main Street. This has been tested and large trucks cannot make the corner without driving on the sidewalk. Mr. Vogt replied that a live test couldn't be conducted on this corner because the stone wall is 4 feet nearer the roadway than it will be when construction is complete. Mr. Vogt understands that trucks will have to cross into the opposing lane, but that the intersection will improve from its current state.

A parking lot is planned for construction between the Laundromat and the river. The town must obtain a permanent easement of 452 square feet from the Laundromat in order to complete the parking area as planned.

Underground Utilities on Main Street:

A meeting will be held on site with utility companies on Wednesday, September 6 to discuss underground utilities on Main Street.

CITIZENS FORUM

Lloyd Hackeman Building Lot Development:

Mr. Hackeman explained that he bought land in March in Enfield Center. He obtained a building permit and then spoke to Jim Taylor, Planning/Zoning Administrator, about material on a slope that he wants to use on this house lot and move some to another lot. Three weeks after he obtained his permit from the Planning Board the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) rescinded it. Mr. Hackeman feels that if he is not allowed to remove the material in order to prepare his building lot, then no one will have the right to remove material from their building lot—including any material excavated when they dig a cellar hole. The material in question is part of a steep bank created when material was excavated in the fifties. Mr. Hackeman wants to make a three to one slope and seed it before winter.

The Selectmen disagree with the ZBA decision and will contact the town's attorney regarding the town's options. Mr. Oppenheimer requested, and was granted, permission to enter onto Mr. Hackeman's property to view the site.

Mr. Crate asked if board and committee members have a right to enter onto property without prior permission. It seems, at one time, that a member of a town commission was locked behind a gate because no one knew she was on the property.

Operational Impacts of Development:

The Board rejected a proposed policy to assess fees for disproportionate levels of service. The proposed policy applied to multi-unit dwellings of 10 units or more and charged a fee of \$100 for every call that exceeds a predetermined standard level of service. The Board feels that these are taxpayers that should not be treated differently from other taxpayers. Should there be an abuse of services, then the Selectmen will approach the property owner to negotiate a solution.

Mr. Crate mentioned that during its development an agreement was made with Eastman that no children would be in the local school system and the development would only consist of seasonal homes. Mr. Crate would like Marjorie Carr, Town Historian, the research this issue and find the original agreement, if possible.

Town Fees:

Mr. Oppeneer compiled a list of fees charged by the town, including planning and zoning hearings, building permit, and administrative. Mr. Oppeneer feels the fees are reasonable and does not recommend a change.

North Village Community Association Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from North Village Community Association in support of the Main Street Village Program, but in opposition to removal of the underpass located on Main Street near the Shaker Bridge Motel. The Association has strong concerns “for the future implications of truck and trailer traffic which may well impact negatively on the pedestrian and village design that is envisioned.” Mr. Crate moved to send a letter stating that the Board of Selectmen still support removal of the underpass; this letter being sent to all parties that received the original letter sent by the North Village Community Association; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

Other Business:

The Board approved a request for reimbursement for State owned forestland.

Mr. Oppeneer moved to approve an elderly exemption for Carol Keating; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Bagley reported that he is currently working on the budget and the CDBG feasibility study.

The prime wetlands permit for the DPW site is in and construction should begin September 17.

Other Items:

Some direction was requested regarding Shedd Street water line easements. Mr. Crate recommended approaching the property owners with a scope of work. The Board also agreed to start with the lowest possible offer to provide some leeway for negotiations.

Selectmen’s Concerns:

Mr. Crate has noticed that the Shaker Cemetery is in terrible shape. Many years ago the town maintained the cemetery. Mr. Crate noted that Richard Henderson and Fred Altwater, Cemetery Trustees, do not believe it is a town cemetery. Mr. Crate also does not feel the Countryside Cemetery on Kluge Road is being properly maintained and wondered why lots are not being sold in this cemetery. Mr. Crate was informed that the Cemetery Trustees want to sell all of the available lots in Lakeview Cemetery before they begin selling lots in Countryside Cemetery.

Mr. Crate asked for further information on a Planning Board public hearing. Mrs. Reed explained that it’s for a minor subdivision. Mr. Crate expressed concern that conditions placed on the subdivision are met, unlike conditions granted on some previous subdivisions. Mr. Crate

also expressed concern about the possibility of a large housing development in the area and the impacts this type of development would have on the municipal water and sewer system and the school system. Mr. Oppenneer suggested that the Planning Board could require a bond to be posted, allowing lots to be sold prior to all improvements being completed.

Mr. Crate is aware that a notice was sent to all water users regarding water conservation and would like the Board of Selectmen to be notified in the future.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE

Free Pay-As-You-Throw interactive workshop: Wednesday, September 26, 8:30am-12:00pm, Holiday Inn, Concord NH. Mr. Oppenneer will attend.

Environmental Management Series for Public Works & Municipal Officials: October 11 or October 25, Concord NH.

Thomas Huntley letter, dated 8/6/01 re: Day Cemetery

Minimum Impact Expedited Application: Upper Valley Humane Society parking area

Minimum Impact Expedited Application: Victoria & Rick Mauer driveway

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oppenneer moved to adjourn at 7:06pm; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.