

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

Regular Meeting

Date: 6 March 2000

Time: 5:30 pm.

MINUTES

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

Administrative Staff: Mitch Manseau, Assistant Town Manager;
Alisa D. Bonnette, Secretary

Others: Kurt Gotthardt and other members of the public.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the minutes of 7 February 2000 with typographical errors corrected; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

III. Business

A. Five bids were received for the surplus 1978 International truck from Cheryl Allen, \$1201.00; Mike Campbell, \$1100.00; John S. Bentley, \$655.00; Steven Albrecht, \$1001.00 and Donald A. Crate, \$695.00.

Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the high bid from Cheryl Allen for \$1201.00 for the 1978 International truck and plow; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

B. The NH Municipal Association (NHMA) is beginning its Home Rule 2000 Campaign in anticipation of the November election where the home rule constitutional amendment will be on the ballot. NHMA asked the Board of Selectmen to pass a resolution in support of home rule. Mrs. Reed would like more information before taking any action. NHMA is holding a dinner on April 11th for elected officials at which Home Rule will be discussed. The Board tabled this issue until the first meeting after the NHMA dinner.

C. The Board discussed the recreational land publication proposed by Kurt Gotthardt.

Mrs. Reed is opposed to publishing this information. Mr. Oppeneer feels that, at a minimum, a list of properties with the Current Use recreational adjustment should be available at the Town Offices and posted on the bulletin board. Mr. Crate believes making the information more readily available to the public is a good idea, in part because some people that have taken advantage of the recreational adjustment have posted their land. Posting of land that receives a recreational adjustment is restricted under the Current Use Program.

Following a brief discussion it was unanimously decided that a list of properties receiving the Current Use recreational adjustment will be available at the Enfield Town Office, Enfield Public Library and posted on the Town Office bulletin board. The list of properties will not be included in the recreational handbook proposed by Kurt Gotthardt because this publication is expected to be widely distributed.

Mr. Oppeneer recommended a disclaimer be included that recommends that the current status of each parcel be verified due to the possibility of changes in the Current Use designation.

A list of maps will be prepared with the recreational lots highlighted for review by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Gotthardt explained that the other section of the booklet he is proposing has a listing of Class VI roads, including those that extend into neighboring towns. Mr. Gotthardt has a listing of 15 to 20 Class VI roads and trails, including the Bicknell Brook Trail, Cole Pond Trail and Rail Trail. Mr. Gotthardt will provide a copy of the booklet to the Board of Selectmen for their next meeting.

- D. The Assistant Town Manager recommended that the Town of Enfield and City of Lebanon jointly request the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, in coordination with their respective planning boards, undertake investigations and report on several issues relating to park and ride facilities. These issues include demand for such a facility, potential location, potential users, destinations, and most appropriate are for one or more park and ride facilities. This issue was tabled pending further action by the State.
- E. The Board reviewed and approved a yield tax warrant.
- F. The Court has ruled against the Electric Coop and will allow the taxing of utility pole locations. A public hearing is required before April 1 in order for this tax to be levied. A public hearing was set for March 20, 2000. If this tax is levied the cost would be passed on to the consumers. The Selectmen would like to know what the Town can expect to receive in taxes.

IV. Citizens Forum

- A. No citizens were present.

V. Town Manager's Report

- A. The Town received a response from the State regarding a request to acquire State owned land. Following some preliminary research in the Bureau of Right-of-Way, a Department Review will be initiated according to State property disposal procedures.
- B. On December 10, 1999 the Public Utilities Commission directed Bell Atlantic to conduct a traffic study pursuant to the NH Code of Administrative Rule, PUC 410.03 (b). Two specific criteria must be met in order to require a hearing. The results of the traffic study indicate that neither criteria was met, therefore, 298 will not become a local exchange for Enfield (632) telephone customers.
- C. Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works, and Steve Griffin and Mitch Manseau, Assistant Town Managers, had a planning session regarding the Chouinard property. The wording of the warrant article approving the purchase of the property and demolition of the building was reviewed. It does not limit the location of the community building.

Mr. Crate feels that if this project gets postponed another year the Lions Club will lose interest in the project.

The Board will be presented with a site proposal in two weeks.

Mr. Crate asked if anyone has talked to the NH Dept. of Transportation about a driveway access permit. The sight distance could be a problem because of the hill and church.

Mr. Crate asked who hired the surveyor seen working at the property. Mr. Manseau explained that the Assistant Town Manager had the survey done to ascertain the property lines and topography.

Mr. Crate stated that the existing entrance to Huse Park has been there for 100 years and he is not for doing away with the existing Huse Park parking.

Since no proposed plan has been presented to the Selectmen, Mr. Crate will look into what the Lions Club may have prepared.

- D. The Board approved a letter to landlords of multi-family dwellings introducing the Town's new multi-family dwelling inspection program.
- E. Mr. Crate asked about the status of emergency generators. When Mr. Crate brought up this subject 2 years ago it was for the highway, police, fire and town office. The school has been worked into the picture, but we have to keep our offices—ambulance, police, fire (Union St. and Enfield Center) and highway—functioning. Mr. Crate is opposed to purchasing a welder generator that will be transported from place to place. Ken Daniels will be asked to look into this further.

Discussion followed regarding the need for power for wells and whether the Water Department has money to buy a generator.

- E. It was noted that the Whitney Hall parking lot needs re-striping this year.

VI. Informational Items/Correspondence

- A. Chief Giese letter of 2/7/00, RE: Granite State Electric Assistance
- B. Bart Mayer letter of 2/25/00, RE: Grant of Motion
- C. Steven Epstein letter of 2/29/00, RE: GCEDC
- D. Enfield Land Co., LLC re: Dredge and Fill Application for an 18-hole golf course
- E. Letter to J. David Fitzgerald, RE: Requirements for road acceptance
- F. Letter to Office of Emergency Management, RE: emergency generation needs

VII. Adjournment

- A. Mr. Oppenneer moved to adjourn at 7:02 pm.; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.