

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

Regular Meeting

Date: 17 April 2000

Time: 5:30 pm.

MINUTES

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

Administrative Staff: Stephen B. Griffin, Assistant Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Secretary; Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works

Others: Don Daniels, Kurt Gotthardt, and other members of the public.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the minutes of March 20, 2000 as printed; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

B. Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the minutes of April 3, 2000 as printed; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

III. Business

A. The Board discussed the Community Center site plan. Various ideas were discussed. A representative of the Methodist church submitted a letter that states the church's concerns that the current staked footprint of the building, just 5' from the property line, is too close to the church.

Mr. Crate prefers the plan that includes a two-way entry off of Main Street, but with the Community Center building located 20' from the property line that borders the Methodist church property. Mr. Crate feels that the entrance onto Main Street is a safer choice than an entrance off of Route 4. Mr. Oppenneer agreed with this site plan proposal. Mrs. Reed expressed concerns about the safety of a two-way entrance off Main Street and feels an entrance off Route 4 is a better plan. She disagrees that a Route 4 entrance would be more dangerous than one on Main St.

Locating the Community Center 20' from the property line that borders the church property will necessitate the relocation of a sewer line. Mr. Daniels estimated the cost for relocation at \$16,000.

There was some discussion of the church's plans for an addition to the church that would raise the elevation of the building. The elevation of the Community Center should be harmonious with the elevation of the church building.

A revised plan, with the building moved 20' from the property line, will be prepared for the Selectmen's consideration.

The Planning Board will consider the site plan at their May 10th meeting.

Mr. Oppeneer moved to accept the site plan that includes a two-way entrance from Main St. and the Community Center located 20' from the church property line, for submission to the Planning Board for site plan review, and also to fund up to \$16,000 to relocate the sewer line; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous. Mrs. Reed noted her reluctance in voting in favor of this motion as she still has concerns about safety.

- B. The Board considered a draft Community Center Agreement between the Town of Enfield and Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club.

Section 4 should include a statement that the building will be used as a community building and not as a town hall or office building.

Section 4.3 referring to a lockable storage area for the Lions Club can be deleted. There is already reference to a "club room" for the Lions.

Throughout the agreement the Lions Club should be referred to as the "Club" rather than the "Lions" to eliminate conflicts with the singular vs. the plural.

These changes will be made and the revised agreement forwarded to the Lions Club for consideration.

- C. The Board considered a policy, proposed by Planning/Zoning Administrator James Taylor, for handling Enhanced 911 address change requests. Mr. Oppeneer moved to adopt the policy as proposed; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

The policy was adopted as follows:

"Address number changes should be made only if there is an error in the sequence of numbers, or if locations were assigned the wrong number from the 911 maps. Enfield's ordinance is based on fifty-foot increments and the property's driveways, and all address numbers have been developed using this standard. The State of NH has developed accurate data placing every structure in the town at its

proper address. Anyone who thinks that there has been an error made in the numbering of his or her home should submit a letter describing the believed error.

Street name changes are not as critical. As long as the suggested name works with our system, it can be used. Anyone, therefore, desiring a street name change should offer three suitable names on a petition signed by all of the residents addressed on that street. The Selectmen's Office will be pleased to review potential street names as to their fit within the system. The Selectmen, with resident notification, will then hold a public hearing. Following the Selectmen's street name selection, the new name will then be forwarded to the Town's assessing office, the State of NH Mapping Bureau, the Enfield Postmaster and Bell Atlantic."

- D. The Board discussed the purchase of emergency generators.

A fixed generator will be purchased and installed at the Police Station. The Police Station will act as the command center in the event of a community emergency. This generator will be financed with 1999 encumbered funds.

If funds are available, one portable 3-phase generator is to be purchased at an estimated cost of \$12,700 for running the town's wells, or if funds are not available it will be budgeted for in 2001.

The following locations will require manual transfer switches at an estimated cost of \$5,500 each: Union Street fire station, Enfield Center fire station, Depot St. Ambulance building and Whitney Hall. A request for funding will be included in the 2001 budget.

The State will be notified of the town's desire to borrow a generator to power the school in the event it is needed as an emergency shelter.

- E. The Board considered a resolution in support of Home Rule:

"Whereas, the only existing home rule in New Hampshire is the ability to choose the form of government at the local level; and

Whereas, municipal home rule is needed to avoid the lengthy and costly process of requesting state permission for action which is truly "local" in nature; and

Whereas, true municipal home rule may increase the timeliness within which a municipality can act in tending to its affairs; and

Whereas, a home rule amendment to the New Hampshire constitution would create greater flexibility by town meeting voters to determine their own affairs;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the town of Enfield, by its board of selectmen does hereby support a home rule amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution and encourages its citizens to vote yes on Ballot Question #1 in November 2000."

Mr. Oppeneer moved to adopt the resolution in support of Home Rule; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

- F. By consensus of the Board, positions on the Conservation Commission and Planning Board that expire May 1 will be advertised to alert residents to this opportunity to participate.
- G. The Board considered the appointment of ex-officio members. Mrs. Reed will serve as the ex-officio member to the Planning Board. Mr. Oppeneer will serve as the ex-officio member of the Budget Committee with the understanding that he must attend School Board budget meetings. Mrs. Reed or Mr. Crate will be asked to attend any Town Budget meetings that conflict with the School Budget meetings.
- H. The Board reviewed and approved the following documents: Yield tax warrants, excavation tax warrant.

IV. Citizens Forum

- A. Mr. Gotthardt asked about the final status of his recreation booklet. He was informed that office staff will proof the booklet for him and that this has not been done yet.

V. Town Manager's Report

- A. Four defibrillators will be purchased for the cruisers. The Town is doing a quantity purchase and training will be done with a group in Vermont in order to reduce costs.
- B. Requests for comments were sent to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Recreation Commission regarding two properties on Wescott Road that are available for purchase. No comments were received. Kurt Gotthardt has walked the properties and reported to Mr. Griffin that these lots are very wet and of marginal value. By consensus, the Board will decline Bill Warren's offer.
- C. Mr. Oppeneer asked about the status of the budget. Mr. Griffin replied that the budget is fine so far. There has been a problem with getting billed in a timely manner by one local business. Police overtime is an issue that needs to be looked at. Special Officers used to take up the slack in the Police Department, but there are fewer available Special Officers than there used to be.
- D. The Board approved a Highway Safety Project grant application.
- E. Ken Daniels requested permission to take a town truck home at night. The Board agreed that this would be allowed as Mr. Daniels is always "on call." The town truck should be used for official business only.

- F. The Board discussed the upcoming tax deeding on April 19. The Selectmen will accept deeds at the next meeting on May 1.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Mr. Crate moved to adjourn at 7:34 pm.; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.