

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

**MINUTES of June 5, 2000**

**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

**Others:** Ken Hill & Ken Wheeler, Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the minutes of May 15, 2000 as prepared; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

**BUSINESS**

**Community Center**

The Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club voted to allow the town until May 1, 2001 to have the Community Center site plan prepared according to a conversation that Mrs. Reed had with Jim Martel.

Mr. Oppenneer noted that Ken Hill was right, that the Selectmen encouraged the Lions to do a larger project with a basement and an elevator. Mr. Griffin suggested that the Selectmen could offer to pay for the elevator. Mr. Oppenneer thinks that maybe any funds left at the end of the year can go toward the Community Center project. Mrs. Reed wants to be sure that the first priority is keeping the tax rate stable.

Mr. Hill understands the Lions Club wants a functional plan, 9 to 20 parking spaces is insufficient. Adequate parking will be needed for senior dinners that the Lions Club hopes will be held at the Community Center sometime in the future.

The Board considered a letter to the Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club stating the town's understanding that a site plan is required by May 1, 2001. It is also suggested in the letter that the Selectboard form a committee to develop a community consensus. It is suggested that the committee be composed of the selectmen, three Lions Club members of the Club's choosing, a

member of the Methodist Church, Don Roberts and Dave McIntire, and that Dave McIntire might facilitate the group's meetings. It is believed that two meetings of this committee would be sufficient to reach consensus. An engineered site plan by the Town would then follow.

Ken Wheeler feels that the old Chouinard building looking the way it does now and the grass not mowed, reflects on the Lions Club whose sign is posted out front.

Mr. Griffin noted that the building contains asbestos floor tiles that need to be removed by a professional.

Mr. Oppeneer would like the first meeting of the committee to be scheduled within 10 days.

Mr. Oppeneer moved to accept the letter to the Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club as written; and to ask the committee to meet within 10 days; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

### **State Surplus Property**

The State of New Hampshire owns four parcels located at the end of Johnston Drive, between the Rail Trail and Mascoma Lake. The State informed Mr. Griffin that the people on the land were provided life tenancy in 1840 and those individuals would no longer be alive today.

At some point buildings were constructed on two of the lots. The owners of these buildings are taxed for the structures, but not the land. It is not known if they were leasing the land from the Northern Railroad.

The State has offered its title to the land in question. These lots have beachfront, though it's not known how steep the bottom is. Mr. Crate believes it drops off quickly.

Mr. Griffin explained that if the town owns the land it could lease to the building owners OR life tenancy can be given to the current residents. The State will give the land to the Town at no cost.

Mr. Crate moved to accept the State's offer of surplus property; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

### **Soda Can Collection Bin**

The Cub Scouts of Enfield's Pack 44 requested permission to build and maintain a collection bin for soda cans to be placed at the Transfer Station on Lockehaven Road. The project would take place in the fall, possibly in October, with the boy's help. The Scouts would like to maintain the bin for one year with the hopes that each new group of cub scouts will re-up their commitment to recycling and to raising money for their school.

Mr. Griffin suggested limiting this project to one year.

Mr. Crate moved to allow the Cub Scouts to build and maintain a collection bin at the Transfer Station for a period of one year and see how it works out; Mr. Oppeneer seconded, vote unanimous.

**Shaker Bridge Environmental Issues**

The Board reviewed a draft letter outlining issues that the Town wants the State to address when the Shaker Bridge is replaced. Mr. Crate wondered if the State was going to enlarge the boat launch area. Mr. Griffin replied that the NH Dept. of Fish & Game builds boat ramps and has a backlog. The Town might work with them and the Dept. of Transportation on this project. Mr. Oppenneer moved to send the letter as written; Mrs. Reed seconded, vote unanimous.

**Committee Appointments**

The Board considered appointments to the Conservation Commission. The Board received a letter of interest for appointment to the Conservation Commission from Pamela Hunt.

Mr. Crate moved to accept the resignation of Paul Richmond from the Conservation Commission with regret; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Crate moved to appoint Pamela Hunt to fill the vacancy formed by Paul Richmond's resignation; Mr. Oppenneer seconded, vote unanimous.

**Other Business**

The Board reviewed and approved property tax abatements and refunds, and the 2000 dog warrant.

By a consensus of the Board, Primary voting will take place in the Whitney Hall Auditorium.

Consideration of a tax deed for the Farewell property was tabled until the next meeting.

The Board agreed unanimously that the old Chouinard/Perkins house should be taken down as soon as possible and the fire training exercise cancelled. The property will be mowed and made presentable.

The Board received the resignation of Joe Lashua from the position of Highway Superintendent, effective July 14, 2000. The Town Manager, according to NH RSAs has the responsibility for hiring and firing employees. Mr. Crate wants the Board of Selectmen involved in the interviewing of any department heads. A copy of the Highway Superintendent's job description will be provided to the Selectmen at the next meeting.

**Non-Public Session**

Mr. Oppenneer asked to enter non-public session to discuss a personnel issue. Mrs. Reed moved to enter non-public session at 7:05 pm., RSA 91A:3 II (b); Mr. Crate seconded. Roll call vote: Reed, yes; Crate, yes; Oppenneer, yes.

Mrs. Reed moved to come out of non-public session at 7:17 pm.; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

Mrs. Reed moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE**

NH Main Street letter of 5/25/00, RE: Small Community Revitalization

NH DOT letter of 5/25/00, RE: 6/19/00 Main/Shaker Hill Sidewalks Public Hearing

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Oppenneer moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm.; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.