

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

**MINUTES of July 17, 2000**

**Board of Selectmen:** Keith Oppenneer, Donald J. Crate, Sr.  
Ilene P. Reed, Chairman, absent due to illness.

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

**Others:** Henry Cross

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Oppenneer called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Oppenneer moved to accept the minutes of July 5, 2000 as prepared; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.

**CITIZENS FORUM**

Henry Cross is seeking help and support from the Board of Selectmen for the establishment of a veterans' memorial park. Mr. Cross wondered if he could work with the town and get a committee going to develop a small park to honor Enfield veterans. He hopes to do this project with little or not cost to the Town. Pictures of the Goffstown memorial were passed around for the Board to view. The Goffstown memorial is larger than Enfield needs.

Mr. Griffin explained that the property in question is owned by the State. The Town has asked for the property. It is expected that no curb cuts will be allowed. The Town's interest in the parcel is to be sure it is maintained.

Mr. Oppenneer stated that absent any active interest on the part of the school he would fully support a veteran's memorial park.

The Board encouraged Mr. Cross to proceed with the proposed project.

Mr. Cross noted that there might be some state funding available. It might also be able to raise money by selling bricks for a brick walk. He might be able to work a deal where we can get names sandblasted into each brick.

**BUSINESS****Community Center Site Plan Committee:**

Mr. Griffin reported that representatives of the Methodist Church have been found to serve on this committee. Meetings are scheduled for August 23 at 5:30 pm. at the site on US Route 4 and then on August 30 at 5:30 pm. at Whitney Hall.

**Highway Superintendent:**

The deadline for submission of applications has been extended to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Griffin asked how the Selectmen want to be involved. Mr. Crate replied that he would like to meet the applicants and have a part in the decision-making.

Mr. Griffin proposed reviewing applications with the Board of Selectmen on August 7<sup>th</sup> and deciding at that time whom to interview. Recommendations as to who to consider will be made at that time. Interviews can be held within 1 to 2 weeks.

**Petition and Pole License:**

Bell Atlantic submitted a Petition and Pole License form that did not include the wording the Selectmen voted to require on all new licenses. A new form was prepared that included the required wording and was presented to the Board for signatures. The original form will be returned unsigned.

**Transportation Improvement Program:**

Mr. Griffin prepared a list of projects for the Transportation Improvement Program as requested by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Griffin did not prioritize bridge replacements, but only the local items that aren't already in the State's ten-year plan.

Mr. Crate noted that there is a problem with drainage on Shaker Hill Road from the bridge to the intersection of Shaker Hill & Livingstone Lodge Road. There is no reconstruction listed from the bridge to Pillsbury Street. Mr. Griffin will add reconstruction drainage work from the bridge to Pillsbury Street on Shaker Hill to the list of projects.

**Property Tax Refunds, Yield Tax Warrant:**

The Board reviewed and approved property tax refunds and a yield tax warrant.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT****Surplus NH Department of Transportation Properties:**

Mr. Griffin met with the State to discuss the NH DOT properties located east of the Shaker Bridge Motel property. NH DOT will propose to the Governor and Council to give these properties to the town at no cost with the condition that we not dig on the property without first having an archeological study performed in accordance with State standards. NH DOT will also propose giving the town the Johnston Drive properties at the same time.

**Pillsbury Street Utility Construction:**

Advanced Excavating and Paving came in with the low bid. The town needs NH DOT approval to award the bid. Advanced Excavating and Paving will do the valving, water line replacements and storm drains from the top to the bottom of Pillsbury Street and removal of the railroad bridge. The contract will be let as soon as the town receives approval from the State and the project should be completed before winter.

**Water Department Trailer:**

Mr. Griffin requested authorization to transfer a trailer from the Water Department to the Highway Department. The Water Department would be credited with the value of the trailer and the Highway Department will use the trailer for the grounds tractor. Highway currently has two trailers; one has a single axle and the other is in poor shape.

Mr. Crate asked if this was something Highway wanted. Mr. Crate feels the Water Department should keep it and other departments should be allowed to borrow it. There was a brief discussion of the handling of the Highway Department budget.

**Home Rule:**

The NH Municipal Association has requested \$420 to support an education campaign for the Home Rule vote in November. Mr. Griffin does not feel that the issue is critical to the Town of Enfield and recommends providing no funding to this campaign. The Board concurred with Mr. Griffin's recommendation.

**Fuel Bid:**

Lebanon, Hanover, Hartford & Enfield will be requesting a joint bid for heating fuel for the 2000-2001 heating season. Mr. Oppeneer supplied the school district fuel usage figures to Ken Daniels and would like the school district added to this bid request.

**Selectmen's Minutes:**

The Selectmen were informed that while the minutes have not been printed recently, the town has regularly provided the meeting minutes to the Country Chronicle for publication.

**Acquisition of Property:**

The town has just been informed that it can proceed with the taking of a property for non-payment of taxes. The town was prevented from taking the property due to bankruptcy proceedings on the part of the owner of the property.

Mr. Crate wants to be kept informed of the sale of property in town. He was informed the Selectmen would be consulted before any action is taken, as has been the practice in the past.

The Board briefly discussed the recent acquisition of property by the Conservation Commission. No action was taken.

**Selectmen's Concerns:**

Mr. Oppeneer will not be able to attend the July 20<sup>th</sup> Budget Committee meeting and would like to go over the revenues and expenses incurred during 2000. The current year budget was discussed briefly.

The Board requested a report of taxes collected to date, a status report of the build-out study budgeted for this year, a report of the building permits issued over the past 5 years, a detailed report of Whitney Hall special projects expenses during the current year, and an explanation of the expenses paid to date on wastewater treatment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Oppenheer moved to adjourn at 6:45pm; Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous.