

**Enfield Board of Selectmen
Public Works Facility
Enfield, New Hampshire**

MINUTES of February 27, 2014

Board of Selectmen: Fred Cummings; Donald J. Crate, Sr.

Absent/Excused: John W. Kluge, Chairman

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Executive Assistant

Others: James Bonner, videographer, Sam Eaton, Robert Cavalieri

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cummings called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Cummings read the public hearing notice. The Board of Selectmen schedule a public hearing for this evening at 6:00 PM, in accordance with RSA 33:8-a, regarding a bond or note over \$100,000 for the proposed capital lease of Public Works vehicles.

Mr. Crate moved to open the public hearing at 6:01 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Schneider explained that because the total cost for the three Public Works vehicles exceeds \$100,000 the Selectmen were required to hold a public hearing.

Mr. Bonner was the only member of the public in attendance at this time.

Mr. Cummings invited comments or questions; there were none.

Mr. Crate moved to close the public hearing at 6:02 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 4, 2014 were tabled until the next meeting.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

DRA 2013 Equalization Ratio:

The NH Department of Revenue Administration has determined the overall equalized assessment – sales ratio for the Town of Enfield Tax Year 2013 to be 105.1%.

Mr. Schneider explained that this means the Town is over-assessed by 5.1% but we're in a revaluation year. When preparing the budget for 2014 it was expected that the property values in Town would drop between 5% and 8%.

Public Hearing Comments:

Sam Eaton arrived at this time to attend the public hearing which had been closed. Mr. Cummings invited him to share his comments.

Mr. Eaton explained that he was one of the Budget Committee members who voted not to recommend the article on the warrant. He didn't think the Budget Committee was given enough information on the truck that was being replaced.

Mr. Schneider explained that the truck being replaced was the Sterling dump truck.

Mr. Eaton asked why the truck was used to the point of breaking. And while it was out of commission it seemed the department was able to use the other trucks.

Mr. Schneider explained that the Public Works Department was able to make do for the short term, but over the long term it would have impacted the rest of the fleet.

Mr. Crate added that all of the routes are stretched with the Sterling dump out of commission. If another truck were to break down it would impact all routes and result in more overtime expense.

Mr. Eaton responded that this explanation changed his mind on the vote.

Mr. Schneider will present this information to the Town Meeting on March 15th.

Town of Hanover Notice of Public Hearing for Wireless Communications Facility**NH DOT Interim Inspection of Municipally Owned Bridges:**

The NH Department of Transportation provided information on two Town bridges: Shaker Boulevard Bridge and Boys Camp Road Bridge. According to their report they gave the Boys Camp Road Bridge a higher sufficiency rating than the new bridge on Shaker Boulevard. They identify the deck, superstructure and substructure of the Shaker Boulevard Bridge as "Failed – Closed."

Mr. Crate wondered if they got the bridges reversed. He feels the Boys Camp Road Bridge is in far greater need of attention.

Town Clerk's Report – January 2014:

January 2014 Town Clerk revenues are up about \$2,000 over January 2013 revenues.

Tax Collector's Report – January 2014:

2013 2nd issue taxes are at 95% collected, which is comparable to previous years.

V. BOARD REPORTS

None.

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**Town Meeting Warrant Revision:**

Mr. Schneider reported that the revision consists of the reordering of the warrant articles. Because it's a bond or not over \$100,000 the DPW vehicle capital lease article had to be moved up to the first article discussed at the deliberative session. All other articles will appear in their original order thereafter.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. BUSINESS**Trapping Permit:**

The Board considered a trapping permit requested by Randy Loftus for Town-owned property at the Enfield reservoir and around the island in the river behind the bank and Town Offices. The Board unanimously approved the request and the permit was signed by Mr. Cummings.

Ambulance Billing Rates:

The Board reviewed the ambulance billing rates which the Board has the opportunity to increase. Information was provided to the Board regarding the 2014 Medicare allowed amounts, the average bundled Comstar top 50 and Current Rates. Current rates fall between the Medicare allowed amounts and the top 50. We can keep the rates the same or bring them up a little. The Board unanimously agreed that the rates should be increased to what Mr. Schneider thinks the Town needs.

Mascoma River Local Area Commission – Request for Appointment:

Don MacMeekin has been serving on this Commission as a Lebanon representative. Mr. MacMeekin recently moved to Enfield and would like to continue to serve on this Commission as an Enfield representative. The Town currently has a vacancy on this Commission.

Mr. Cummings move to appoint Mr. MacMeekin to the Mascoma River Local Area Commission, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Administrative Items:

The Board signed a Certificate of Posting for the 2014 Town Meeting Warrant.

IX. OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 17, 2014, 6:00 PM, Whitney Hall Conference Room, 23 Main Street.

CONFERENCE

I. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Crate moved to enter non-public session at 6:15 PM to review a hardship abatement application, RSA 91-A:II(c), Mr. Cummings seconded, the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Crate – aye, Mr. Cummings – aye, vote unanimous if favor of the motion.

Mr. Crate moved to come out of non-public session at 6:18 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

II. OTHER

Mr. Cavalieri arrived at the meeting at this time and was given a brief updated as to what had transpired before his arrival.

The Board agreed to cancel the regular meeting of the Selectboard on Monday, March 3, 2014 due to lack of business. The Board was reminded of the need to be present at the polls on the day of voting, specifically for certification of the vote. A good turnout is expected due to the school renovation question.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Crate moved to adjourn at 6:22 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion, meeting adjourned.

John W. Kluge, Chairman

B. Fred Cummings

Donald J. Crate, Sr.
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