Enfield Board of Selectmen Whitney Hall Enfield, New Hampshire

MINUTES of April 21, 2014

Board of Selectmen: Fred Cummings, Chairman; John W. Kluge

Absent/Excused: Donald J. Crate, Sr.

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Executive Assistant; Jim Taylor, Director of Public Works

Others: Dan Kiley, Scott Osgood

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 7, 2014:

Mr. Kluge noted a typo on page 4 where "being" should have been "begin."

Mr. Kluge moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 as corrected, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board:

Mr. Kluge reported that the Planning Board talked with the Enfield Outing Club about plans to expand their facility. The Outing Club will be going back to the Planning Board on Wednesday with documentation about their plans which will double the size of the facility so two sets of people can be shooting at the same time.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schneider informed the Board that he had a non-public issue to discuss that is personnel related, but that can wait until the end of the meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Kiley – Sewer Rates:

Mr. Kiley read the local newspaper and was trying to figure out how Enfield's sewer rates work. Does construction of Lebanon sewer improvements, such as those on Seminary Hill, result in us paying for their capital improvements, yet they don't pay for Enfield's capital improvements?

Mr. Schneider believes it is due to how Enfield's agreement with Lebanon is structured.

Mr. Cummings asked why we would pay to upgrade their lines.

Mr. Schneider explained that just like any other customer on the Lebanon system who is not benefitting from an upgrade, Enfield is a customer and may not benefit. It's the way the agreement is structured, thought that is not necessarily how it will always be structured.

Jim Taylor pointed out that the agreement was much worse for the Town of Enfield before being redone in 2003 or 2004.

Dan Kiley – Wescott Road:

Mr. Kiley said the horse farm on Wescott Road has leased Dr. Brown's land and what was a field is now all mud. They also cleared 2 to 4 acres and now that is all mud as well and it's going onto other people's land. At the Capron's house the volume of water in the stream has increased because it's not soaking into the land.

Mr. Cummings asked what was going on with the culvert on Wescott Rd.

Mr. Taylor reported that the culvert got undermined with water. A new headwall with headwall both above and below the pipe had to be ordered but is now ready for pick up and will be installed Wednesday or Thursday.

Discussion ensued regarding responsibility for run-off and the leeway given to agricultural purposes. This particular change of use may or may not require Planning Board review.

Mr. Taylor noted that Steve Patten did some of the ditch work on the subject property and he said he had spoken to the downstream neighbor.

VII. BUSINESS

Streetlight – Shaker Hill Road:

A resident who lives on Shaker Hill Road with property that is adjacent to the Rail Trail has an issue with a streetlight that shines directly into his bedroom window. He has asked the Town to ask the power company to either shade the light or rotate it. The Board has no objections to this request.

Naming Rights – Dog Park:

The folks supporting the dog park are looking into a grant from PetSafe from \$25,000 up to \$50,000. As part of the conditions of the grant "PetSafe" would have to be part of the name of the dog park. This was done in the Town of Derby that has the "Kingdom PetSafe Dog Park"

Mr. Kluge said it would have to be a significant sum for him to agree to this condition.

The grant is for \$25,000 and up to \$50,000. If the Town accepts the grant funds "PetSafe" would have to be in the name. The Board had no objections.

Board & Committee Appointments:

The Board received a list of the following appointments recommended by their respective committees:

Energy Committee: Larry Battis – alternate member, Kurt Gotthardt – regular member, Wendell Smith – alternate member, David Levesque – alternate member.

TIF Committee: Holly Plumley West – regular member

Mr. Kluge moved to approve the appointees as submitted, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Administrative Items:

An Elderly Exemption Application was reviewed and approved.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 5, 2014, 6:00 PM, Whitney Hall Conference Room

Community Building:

Mr. Schneider was asked about the status of the Community Building A/C and acoustics. The Board was informed they will be presented with A/C options at their next meeting and the acoustics issue is moving forward.

Town-wide Revaluation:

Mr. Kluge inquired about the town-wide revaluation and when that would begin. He was informed that it is happening now. Staff met with the State a couple of weeks ago. The State

audits the revaluation process to make sure it meets their standards. The revaluation will take place this spring through early summer. We hope to have values in October.

Mr. Kluge asked if people have been sufficiently notified.

Mr. Schneider said he can do a press release. We expect a 7% to 10% reduction in overall value. We've accounted for that in our budgeting.

CONFERENCE

I. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Kluge moved to enter non-public session at 6:16 PM, RSA 91-A:3 (a) & (c), Mr. Cummings seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Kluge – aye, Mr. Cummings – aye. Vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge moved to come out of non-public session at 6:26 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kluge moved to adjourn at 6:29 PM, Mr. Cummings seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion, meeting adjourned.

B. Fred Cummings, Chairman

Donald J. Crate, Sr.

John W. Kluge Enfield Board of Selectmen