

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

MINUTES of June 2, 2014

Board of Selectmen: Fred Cummings, Chairman; Donald J. Crate, Sr.; John W. Kluge

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

Others: Dan Kiley, Marcia Herrin, Alan Strickland, James Bonner, Donald Plante and Pauline, Lead Wood, David Stewart

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kluge moved to approve the regular session minutes of May 19, 2014 as printed, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge moved to approve the non-public session minutes of May 19, 2014 as printed, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Barton Mayer, Upton & Hatfield, Opinion re: Enfield Outing Club:

The Planning Board requested an opinion to determine if the Enfield Outing Club (EOC) would be considered a commercial or non-commercial. Attorney Mayer's opinion is that the Enfield Outing Club would be considered a non-commercial, recreational use so expansion of the EOC does not have to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Plante requested a copy of the opinion. The Board approved the release of the opinion and a copy was provided to Mr. Plante.

Grafton County Commissioners' Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget:

The Board was provided with the cover letter and summary pages of the proposed budget. The complete copy was available for viewing.

NHDES Notice to State Street Realty re: Stony Brook:

Notice was sent to State Street Realty about a possible violation in the form of re-routing of Stony Brook without a permit. The Conservation Commission had a couple of comments about this. The Commission was unable to confirm any violation because it's located on private land and could not be viewed from public land.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

None.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**Business Summit:**

A Business Summit was held last Thursday night and was attended by about 30 people, primarily to talk about marketing – marketing themselves and the Town marketing the community. This event was sponsored by the Enfield Village Association.

At the Business Summit it was announced that LaSalette is planning on closing. There is no word on specifics as to time and process. It will have an impact on the community.

Mr. Kluge noted that the marketing brochure for the Town of Enfield is nicely done. He also noted that the Enfield Village Association is looking for a formal contact. Scott Osgood is interested in economic development; perhaps he'd be interested in taking on this role.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**Leah Wood – LaSalette:**

Mrs. Wood asked about LaSalette being closed.

Mr. Schneider explained the Shrine is planning to close in 2015.

Mr. Kluge said there's no guarantee there will be lights this Christmas season.

Dan Kiley – Eastman Property:

Mr. Kiley asked about the status of the Town-owned property in Eastman.

Mr. Schneider spoke with a realtor. The values of the property are fairly small.

Mr. Kiley asked if anyone knows if there are liens on them aside from the Town.

Mr. Schneider believes the other Eastman property owners pick up the shortfall.

Mr. Cummings asked about the status of the NH Route 4A and Grafton Pond Road properties. Have we gone to a realtor about those?

Mr. Schneider does not believe so, but will do so.

VII. BUSINESS**Smith Pond:**

No business for this meeting. The Town is waiting to hear back from Greg Baker.

Dog Park:

The Board received a new proposed site plan from the dog park supporters. The Selectmen received a copy of the draft agreement at their last meeting.

Ms. Herrin explained that the supporters will be paying for a certified wetlands scientist to look at the site before a final proposal is made.

The new plan moves the park closer to the ball fields and extends the existing parking area. The reason for this was to move the dog park further from Sloan Road residences. It was mentioned that the Sloan Road residents had expressed concern for the parking lot being parallel to Sloan Road behind their homes, but there had been no objection voiced to parking parallel to NH Route 4A.

The Selectmen discussed parking at their last meeting and did not want to maintain the existing parking lot during the winter months and did not want gravel plowed into the grass. The Selectmen want the dog park parking lot to be a separate lot. The dog park supporters could maintain this lot in the winter.

Ms. Herrin said that if they end up using the existing parking and no winter parking is allowed, that certainly is not a huge thing. Hartford closes their dog park during bad weather.

Mr. Cummings has heard concerns about it being harder to keep up with the waste in the winter.

He was informed that it is not OK to leave your own dog's waste and people will pick up the waste of other dogs. The waste goes in a trash can that is picked up for disposal.

Mr. Crate suggested waiting for the wetlands scientist's determination.

Ms. Herrin reported that they are continuing to work on fundraising. They'll take one step at a time. They were asked to do an event for Old Home Days to include a walk around the park. Alan Strickland offered to weed-whack a path. The Board voiced no objections.

The Dog Park Agreement will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

Enfield Center Town House:

Mr. Schneider reported that quotes were received for painting of the Enfield Center Town House. Bruce Monmaney will be doing the work. He hopes to start in July. He will do all of the windows and one side will get intensive work, plus some painting at the top.

Ms. Herrin & Mr. Strickland mentioned to the Board problems with stream bank erosion between the Enfield Center Town Hall and their property. When it floods it wants to take out the foundation of the Enfield Center Town House.

Jim Taylor and Mike Sousa will take a look at it to see if anything can be done.

Enfield Community Building Acoustics:

The engineer will be here on Wednesday to do their testing and give recommendations.

Department of Labor Inspection:

The Board was informed that the NH Department of Labor conducted an inspection of all Town facilities in which employees work. Safety issues included the need for installation of illuminated exits signs in some buildings, securing of ladders, proper storage of gas cans that contain fuel, the need to keep 3' clear in front of electric panels, a recommendation for CO² detectors, general housekeeping, etc. Some of the fixes will be worked on immediately. Other fixes will wait until the formal inspection report is received in 2 – 3 weeks.

There was also discussion by the inspector of employee safety in relation to potentially violent individuals. Chief Crate pointed out that this issue isn't a code violation. Ms. Bonnette agreed, it was instead recommendations made by the inspector.

One issue that was identified was the bathroom at the Enfield Center Fire Station which had an "Out of Order" sign on the door. The Town is required to provide bathroom facilities to employees. Discussion identified the problem as freezing of the system in the winter, which can occur from inadequate snow cover or insufficient use. It is currently working so the signs should come down. A fix needs to be identified so this doesn't recur.

Administrative Items:

The Board reviewed the following documents: Yield Tax Warrants, Chase & Sons Junkyard License Renewal, Intent to Excavate, Dog Warrant, Service Connected Total & Permanent Disability Veterans Exemption, and Elderly Exemption.

Mr. Kluge asked the Board if they had a problem with him signing the Timber Tax form for his sister and brother-in-law. Mr. Cummings and Mr. Crate had no objections.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 7, 2014, 6:00 PM. Whitney Hall Conference Room, 23 Main St.

Various Road & Grounds Items:

Mr. Crate asked if anyone has contacted the State about the piece of Street by George Seiler's. If someone hits it with a motorcycle they could have an accident.

The road has settled at the culvert at the end of Bog Road. Mr. Taylor reported they had filled it 3 or 4 times. The culvert needs to be redone.

Mr. Kluge has heard from a number of people regarding cemeteries. There's some praise for the cemeteries downtown, but not those that are not downtown. He wonders if there could be plans in the future to have these maintained prior to Memorial Day. Mr. Taylor responded that the one at the end of George Hill is one the Cemetery Trustees asked them not to mow until the wildflowers are done blooming. Also, we've just scheduled our eleventh or twelfth burial, which is six times more than usual in the spring.

Mr. Crate noted that stone wall at the cemeteries on Lockhaven Road is torn apart. Mr. Taylor explained that bears are searching for ants that are living in the stone wall.

Mr. Crate has received complaints about someone tapping trees in the cemeteries on Lockhaven Road. Was anyone given permission to do this? Mr. Taylor does not know who did this.

The gate at Shaker Field has been wide open for the past 5 days now. We need to keep that gate closed.

Enfield Outing Club (EOC):

David Stewart requested a copy of the legal opinion. Mr. Schneider will email a copy to him. He apologized that no one from the EOC was present at the last meeting when the Board discussed and acted upon the charitable exemption application. They will look at changing their membership requirements and reapply.

Mr. Plante wished to speak to the attorney's opinion which he disagrees with. He has expressed strong opinions about what information should be provided to the attorney so he could make an informed decision. Mr. Plante said it's obvious to him that the attorney wasn't provided with a lot of the information that he should have.

Mr. Schneider explained the attorney was provided everything that's distributed by the EOC.

Mr. Plante said he told the Board instructors are profiting and it seems that is why they're doing the expansion. He knows someone who bought a gun from an instructor. The EOC says the money goes to costs and expenses, but we have no proof of that.

Mr. Cummings explained that the Selectboard has read the opinion, but the Selectmen can't control what the club does. If an outside instructor comes in and charges, the Selectmen have no control over that. The Town's attorney isn't going to care if an instructor is teaching there.

Mr. Plante contends that ammo and guns are sold there. The EOC doesn't fit that definition. Checks are not made out to the EOC. Mr. Plante feels the attorney opinion is sketchy and doesn't think we got our money's worth.

Dan Kiley addressed the Chairman of the Selectboard stating, "Mr. Chairman, it's not your party. It's an opinion to the Planning Board and not the Board of Selectmen."

Mr. Plante asked if this could be revisited with more information.

Mr. Cummings responded that the only thing in the Selectboard's purview was to grant a charitable exemption or not. Mr. Plante needs to go to the Planning Board to ask them to revisit it. The Selectboard can't tell the Planning Board to revisit it. The Selectmen have done the only thing they can do – deal with the exemption.

Mr. Plante questioned who asked for the opinion. He was informed by Mr. Schneider the Planning Board asked for the opinion.

CONFERENCE

I. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Crate moved to enter non-public session at 6:50 PM, Mr. Kluge seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Crate – aye, Mr. Kluge – aye, Mr. Cummings – aye, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Crate move to come out of non-public session at 6:53 PM, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kluge moved to adjourn at 6:53 PM, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion, meeting adjourned.

B. Fred Cummings, Chairman

Donald J. Crate, Sr.

John W. Kluge
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