

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

MINUTES of February 17, 2015

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

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager; Jim Taylor, Director of Public Works; Richard A. Crate, Jr., Chief of Police

Others: Dan Kiley, Charlie Deputy, Holly West, Carl Pellerin

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 minutes of February 3, 2015 as printed, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

None.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VII. BUSINESS

Charlie DePuy – Enfield Volunteer Solarize Committee:

Mr. DePuy and Mrs. West are part of a team of four volunteers hoping for the Selectmen's endorsement for a program run by Vital Communities. The Selectmen were provided with a

Program Summary of the Solarize Upper Valley program which teams up local communities with competitively chosen solar photovoltaic (PV) installers to make residential-scale solar energy more accessible and affordable for residents across our region. Enfield volunteers would like to partner with Lebanon volunteers and participate in Round Three of the Solarize Upper Valley program. Once selected, communities will work with Vital Communities to choose their own solar PV installer partner(s) through a Request for Proposals process. The selected PV installer(s) will provide competitive tiered pricing. Prices drop for everyone as more residents sign up.

The volunteer committee would run several events to advertise the benefits of rooftop solar. If an Enfield/Lebanon partnership is formed there would likely be events at the Lebanon junior high and at the Enfield Community Building. This program is at no cost to the Town.

A letter of support for the project from the Town was requested, as well as a Quick Link and use of the announcements feature on the Town's website. The promotion part of the scheme would start in June with a deadline to sign up of September 30th. Installations may not be finished before this winter, being finished in the spring, but the link and announcements would take place from April to September.

The Selectmen were unanimously in favor of the program. Mr. Schneider will sign the letter of support and any other documentation required.

Community Building/Bingo Board:

Carl Pellerin came before the Board to discuss the possibility of having the Firefighter Association's bingo board mounted in the Community Building. Bingo is held at the Community Building every Tuesday night and they currently are carrying the board in and out of the building each time. The Board is 12' long by 3' high by 9" deep and weighs between 100 and 120 lbs. The Lions Club has no problem with the bingo board being mounted as long as it's presentable. The wiring would be hidden and the board covered with a fiberglass or vinyl cover.

Vinyl covers are only available in black or brown and a cover that blends with the light wall color would need to be custom made.

A fiberglass cover could be made in white or painted and would fold up on pistons. This type of cover would be mounted on the bingo board.

Mr. Schneider expressed concern for more formal and solemn events held at the Community Building if a box is there and looks out of place. We would want it to be respectful.

Mr. Cummings said there had been a lot of discussion about the aesthetics of the mounted bingo board and cover. His concern is for safety – the board must be well secured.

Brief discussion ensued regarding possible alternatives such as a projector or use of flat screen TVs or a wood cover vs. vinyl or fiberglass.

Mr. Pellerin assured the Board they won't put something up unless it looks presentable.

Mr. Kluge requested samples or photos of what is proposed so the Board has a better sense of what it will look like. He is also concerned about more formal events. He'd like to see something before we get it.

The Board was in general approval of the concept provided it is not an eyesore, that it looks nice.

School Notification System:

Mr. Cummings asked Chief Crate to check on a rumor relative to the school notification grant and that it's free the first year but the school won't put money into future budgets to continue it.

Chief Crate said if it's not feasible we won't continue it.

Town Meeting/Warrant:

Mr. Schneider said there will be two different budgets before Town Meeting. Doug Pettibone will make the presentation about the Budget Committee's budget. Is a presentation of the Selectmen's budget something the Board wants him to prepare? Mr. Kluge would like to say something. Further discussion will take place at the next Selectboard meeting.

Radar Trailer:

Chief Crate was approached by a local businessman who wanted to give back to the community. Chief Crate provided some ideas and the businessman is interested in a radar trailer. The price given the Town was just under \$8,000 and includes a speed limit sign and a display of the driver's speed. This one is more secure and more substantial than the one the Town used in the past. The businessman, Stearns Septic, would give the money to the Town to buy it. Signage stating who it was donated by would be used.

Mr. Cummings assumes a hitch would be installed on at least 1 car; all of Hanover's cars have hitches. Chief Crate responded, yes, one car would get a hitch.

Mr. Schneider stated that as soon as a dollar amount is known we can schedule a public hearing to accept the funds.

Main Street/Rail Trail Crossing:

In answer to questions posed by the Selectboard at a previous meeting, Mr. Schneider reported there is a time limit on the Main Street/Rail Trail Crossing project. The project started in 2010 and it's a 10-year window. They need 2 years in the pipeline before anything happens so we, conservatively, have 2 years to come up with something.

As for Main Street improvements, the State would do "basic drainage and repave".

Mr. Cummings wants to personally reach out to the Governor and Executive Councilor to speak with them. He asked the other Board members if they were OK with him doing so. There were no objections.

HeartSafe Community:

The Town of Enfield has been designated a HeartSafe Community. Members of the FAST Squad will attend the next Selectboard meeting at the Public Works Facility for a presentation. To make a community HeartSafe there are several things that must be done, including installation of AED units in public buildings, AED training for employees, which has been done, and more. It's a nice achievement spearheaded by the Enfield FAST Squad.

Administrative Items:

The Board signed a warranty deed for the sale of property located on Meadow Lane.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS**Next Meeting:**

Monday, March 2, 2015, 6:00 PM, Public Works Facility, 74 Lockehaven Road

PUBLIC HEARINGS**Acceptance of Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000 in support of the position of Recreation Coordinator for the towns of Enfield/Canaan, year 3:**

Mr. Cummings read the public hearing notice.

Mr. Crate moved to open the hearing at 6:40 PM, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

This grant is the third year of the regional recreation program and runs through March 2016. They are very pleased with how this program is going and we believe we'll be able to get additional grant funds to continue the program beyond March 2016.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Kluge moved to close the hearing at 6:41 PM, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge moved to accept the \$5,000, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Acceptance of Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the Indian River Ski or Ride Program:

Mr. Cummings read the public hearing notice. These grant funds are from The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation.

Mr. Crate moved to open the hearing at 6:42 PM, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Schneider explained that the Indian River Ski or Ride Program is run through the middle school. The ultimate goal is to include Whaleback as a physical education component for all students. These funds will go toward equipment rentals, lift tickets and lessons. The Byrne Foundation has been very supportive of the community. The Foundation also supports the local school and the new auditorium will be the Jack & Dorothy Byrne Auditorium

Mr. Schneider added that we also received a generous donation of 25 ski helmets from Artech for this program.

There were no further comments.

Mr. Kluge moved to close the hearing at 6:43 PM, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge moved to accept the \$5,000 donation from the Byrne Foundation, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

CONFERENCE

I. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Crate moved to enter non-public session at 6:44 PM, RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Mr. Kluge seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Crate – aye, Mr. Kluge – aye, Mr. Cummings – aye, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Crate moved to come out of non-public session at 6:50 PM, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kluge moved to adjourn at 6:51 PM, Mr. Crate 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