Enfield Board of Selectmen Public Works Facility Enfield, New Hampshire

**MINUTES of June 8, 2015** 

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

**Absent/Excused:** B. Fred Cummings

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

**Others:** Jim Bonner; Dan Kiley; Lindsay Smith; Philip and Beverly Vermeer; Bob Cusick; Kristin Harrington; Charlie DuPuy; and other members of the public

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kluge called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

# II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Crate moved to approve the regular and nonpublic session minutes from May 4, 2015. Mr. Kluge seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Approval of the regular session minutes from May 18, 2015 was tabled.

# III. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### IV. BOARD REPORTS

# **Enfield Village Association:**

Scott Osgood's EVA report was read by Mr. Kluge.

# **Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

The ZBA will be meeting tomorrow evening, June 9, 2015, to discuss a proposed commercial solar farm variance.

#### V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

#### VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Cusick of the Planning Board spoke about the bridge/underpass on Main Street. He proposed the selectmen come to an agreement that the bridge is here to stay and try to work with the State to get repairs done. Mr. Cusick stated there is a signed agreement with the DOT turning over the extra parcel to the Town and outlined plans for the ad hoc committee to obtain 501(c)3 status with donor funding to obtain a development plan to improve the site. He also raised the possibility of installing a gate on the access road. Mr. Crate stated gating would not be appropriate as the route is used by emergency vehicles, school buses and oil trucks. Mr. Crate stated the underpass is unsafe and should be closed off, and the road should be straightened out and made wider. The Board is in agreement with the State that the bridge will stay as it is considered a historic structure and Main Street needs to be improved to be made safer. Mr. Cusick and the ad hoc committee can proceed accordingly.

#### VII. BUSINESS

#### **Solarize Lebanon-Enfield:**

Charlie DuPuy invited the Selectboard to the Solarize Lebanon-Enfield launch tomorrow. The launch signifies that towns are open for people to sign up for the program. The program is geared for a 5 kW average installation. The program begins at 5:30 PM at the Lebanon Opera House and includes refreshments and an explanation from Kim Quirk, the chosen installer. Small solar installations are important as having local power produced on a small scale benefits the community in many ways. Mr. DuPuy passed out bookmarks as a reminder of the launch. The program ends at the end of September.

## **Old Home Days:**

Kristin Harrington brought a program for the Selectboard's review. She voiced concerns over possible police costs for the parade, dance and car show. The dance is BYOB. Mr. Crate will touch base with the police. Ms. Harrington issued an invitation to the Selectmen to participate in the parade, and there will be a police car in the parade. The area in front of the "old motel" will be brush-hogged in preparation for the parade and picnicking. Mr. Schneider has spoken with the Governor's Office about a potential visit, but has received no commitment yet.

## **Farmers Market:**

Mr. Schneider stated Enfield has lost major produce vendors at the market. Attendance has dwindled. Lindsay Smith proposed a 'Growers and Producers Market,' opening the market to anyone with 'self-grown' or 'self-produced' merchandise on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month for a \$5 fee in hopes of increasing interest in the Enfield Farmers Market. She would like to put a notice about the new plan on the Enfield Listserv. The Board is in agreement with the plan.

# **Shaker Bridge Theatre:**

Alisa Bonnette stated their lease is expiring at the end of this month and the group is requesting 3-phase power, which may allow for improved elevator service. Jim Taylor will check with the electrician. The Town will extend the lease for 30 days until a full board is available for the vote.

# **Transfer Station Hours of Operation:**

Jim Taylor has kept track of evening users and stated there is still single digit usage after 5 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. He will continue tracking into the summer.

## **Expense Reports:**

Mr. Schneider states with 40% of the year over, the Town is in good shape. He has no concerns.

## **Dustin Road - "The Common":**

Discussion tabled until all Board members are present.

### **Other Business:**

Bob Cusick asked about Enfield's policy on the allowance for abatement for elderly taxes, particularly in the event of death of the homeowner and sale of the home. Mr. Schneider stated when property transfers the Town does collect taxes but abated taxes are not collectable.

## **Administrative Items:**

Ms. Bonnette reported a property taken by tax deed was redeemed today. The Selectmen approved the deed to the prior owner of the property.

The State Inventory Penalty form will not be used.

Certification of yield taxes assessed was signed.

The Selectmen alerted Jim Taylor that lights are out on the bridge on Main Street. Mr. Taylor stated a photocell is out and an electrician is coming to take care of it. The streetlight is out at the corner of Lockehaven and Shaker Blvd.

### VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

**Next Meeting:** Monday, July 6, 2015, 6 PM at the Whitney Hall Conference Room

## **CONFERENCE**

## I. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Kluge moved to enter non-public session at 6:53 PM, RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kluge moved to come out of non-public session at 7:32 PM, Mr. Crate seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

# II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Crate moved to adjourn at 7:33 PM, Mr. Kluge seconded, vote unanimous in favor of the motion, meeting adjourned.

Donald J. Crate, Sr., Chairman

John W. Kluge

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