

# Enfield Budget Committee (EBC)

## *Minutes of a meeting held*

6:00 PM on Thursday, April 2nd 2015 at the  
DPW Building, Lockehaven Road

### Members Present

Annabelle Bamforth, James Buffington, Fred Cummings (Ex-officio), Mike Diehn,  
Samuel Eaton (Vice Chair), Shirley Green, Janet Shepard, Holly West

### Others Present

Steve Schneider (Town Manager)

### Absent

David L. Stewart

## **Opening**

The meeting opened at 6:06 PM and Steve Schneider passed out to each member present summaries of expenses to date with the explanation that we'd discuss it shortly.

The members briefly discussed who should take minutes and Mike Diehn volunteered to keep them. Mike will submit the draft minutes to Steve who will have them posted on the town website.

## **Election of Officers**

Steve suggested that next we elect our officers. He informed us that in the past, the EBC has elected a chair and a vice chair but not a secretary as the secretary has been a paid position. Sam Eaton, Shirley Green and Fred Cummings all agreed with that statement.

Janet Shepard moved that we nominate Sam Eaton to serve as Chair.

Fred Cummings seconded Janet's motion.

Steve Schneider asked if there were any other nominations for Chair.

Hearing none, Steve called for a vote.

VOTE: Unanimous vote in favor of Sam for Chair.

Fred Cummings made a motion that we nominate Shirley Green to serve as our Vice Chair.

Janet Shepard seconded the motion.

Sam Eaton, now the Chair, asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Sam called for a vote.

VOTE: Unanimous vote in favor of Shirley for Vice Chair

## **Appointment to Fill Vacant Seat**

Steve Schneider had also suggested during the opening of the meeting that we appoint someone to fill the vacancy left when Mike Lorrey was removed from the board by the Chair last year, per RSA, for excessive absenteeism.

The committee briefly discussed the matter and members wanted to know how long this person would be serving. Steve explained that persons so appointed serve only until the next public election.

Fred Cummings reminded us that Mark Eisner received a sizable number of votes and in Fred's opinion is well qualified to serve with us. Other members spoke in agreement and support of Fred's opinion and Mark's suitability.

Janet Shepard moved that we appoint Mark Eisner to fill the vacant seat.

Shirley Green seconded the motion.

There were no other nominations.

VOTE: Unanimous vote in favor of appointing Mark Eisner to fill the vacant seat.

## **The Expense Report**

Steve Schneider explained his handout. It's a modified expense report he's volunteered to supply us with periodically to keep us apprised of the pace of spending during the year so that we may be better prepared for our work during the budgeting season. For each town department, the report shows year-to-date spending, spending in the report period and percent of budget remaining for each expense code in the department.

The committee perused the report and discussed it generally for a few minutes. All agreed it will be a useful report and thanked Steve. Mike asked if we could have it monthly via e-mail. Steve said that we could and he'd do it.

Specific questions for Steve about items in the report:

Shirley Green asked what 611 in Hwy Streets is and why is it down to 20% already?

Steve says that's for road salt and it's normal to be there at the start of April. Fred spoke up to reassure us new members that this is so.

Someone mentioned that we're likely to use a bit more salt before the summer, citing the forecast which calls for a blizzard next week. Pause for a solid minute of moaning and groaning. Also, Fred still has four feet of snow at home.

Holly West asked where electricity for government buildings is shown on the report.

Steve said it's 410 in Govt. Bldgs.

## **Next and Future Meetings**

Next meeting will be a quarterly update meeting, June 4th, 6p.m. in the DPW Conf Room for one hour.

We expect to meet at 6:00 p.m. at the DPW Building every Thursday evening during December, January and February, but also expect a few meetings to be canceled and possibly some added, especially as we prepare for town meeting next year.

### **Closing**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.