

TOWN OF ENFIELD

2007 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Moderator David Beaufait called the meeting to order at 9:08 am on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the Enfield Elementary School. He led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Selectmen presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing board members, and to the Community Building Board of Directors and the Shaker Recreation Park Development Committee. Selectman Payne presented outgoing Selectmen Dominic Albanese and Nancy Scovner with presents. The Moderator introduced the head table: Selectmen Albanese, Scovner and Payne, Town Manager Steven Schneider, Chairman of the Budget Committee Lee Carrier, budget committee members, Alisa Bonnette, executive assistant, Town Clerk Carolee Higbee and deputy Town Clerk Sandy Romano. He announced that a birth had been inadvertently omitted from the Town Report, Catherine Ann Saladino, daughter of J. David and Lori Saladino, born February 1st. He explained the rules of order and asked the audience to allow up to fifteen minutes for presentation of Articles 11, 12, 13, and 14. Bart Thurber made the motion to allow fifteen minutes for the presentation of Articles 11,12,13, and 14, D. Albanese seconded the motion. A hand vote passed the motion. K. Oppenneer made the motion to allow two minutes to present the remaining warrant articles, N. Scovner seconded the motion. P. Mirski stated that he didn't agree with the time limits and K. Plumley said that we have enough provision for presentation and have the ability to suspend the rules to allow for more if needed. D. Stewart made a motion to amend the motion for two minutes to five minutes, B. Thurber seconded the motion. A hand vote was taken on the amendment; passed. A voice vote was taken on the motion as amended; passed. P. Mirski made the motion to set no time limit for subsequent speakers, J. Mandell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unclear, a hand vote was taken; passed. K. Withrow noted that we'd wasted time dealing with this issue. The moderator asked that non-residents be allowed to speak and the audience assented.

Articles 1-9 were voted on by ballot on March 13, 2007.

Article 1. To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

For Two Years:	One Selectman	Rebecca S. Stewart	311
		Sandra D. Akacem	248
		Jeffery C. Densmore	96
For Three Years:	One Selectman	Donald J. Crate Sr.	573
	One Trustee of Trust Funds	Ellen Hackeman (by write-in)	49
	One Cemetery Trustee	Richard M. Henderson	597
	One Fire Ward	Paul "Alan" Gove	338
		David J. Crate	332
	One Library Trustee	Francine Lozeau	566
		Anastasia Seyer	76
	Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members	John W. Kluge	264
		Timothy D. Lenihan	129
		Ed Scovner	203
		David L. Stewart	205
		Cecilia Aufiero	124
		David Dow	246
	Three Budget Committee Members	Shirley A. Green	486
		Roberta C. Morse	416
		Gail Malz (by write-in)	120

James Raymond, town attorney arrived and said that Enfield had the best roads in the state.

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #1**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

In order to maintain a list of definitions that are consistent among all of Enfield's Land Use Regulation replace the existing Appendix A with the new definitions provided.

Article 2 passed. 481 For, 175 Against.

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the flood plain ordinance as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Article 3 passed. 547 For, 121 Against.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #3**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To regulate outdoor lighting on residential and non-residential uses to prevent inappropriate and poorly designed or installed outdoor lighting that causes unsafe and unpleasant conditions, limiting residents ability to enjoy the nighttime sky and results in unnecessary use of electric power.

Article 4 passed. 403 For, 275 Against.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #4**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

In order to restore parking requirements to the Enfield "Downtown" area remove the following from Article IV, Section 401.5-V:

"and parking requirements"

Article 5 failed. 181 For, 501 Against.

Article 6: (By Petition) Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #5**, as proposed by petition, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town will amend the Enfield Zoning Ordinance and adopt all of the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 674:21, VI which provides for implementation of the innovative land use control procedure referred to under 674:21, I (n) as "The Village Plan Alternative"

The Planning Board does not recommend passage of this Article.

Article 6 failed. 293 For, 373 Against.

Article 7: (By Petition) Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #6**, as proposed by petition, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town of Enfield will vote to establish an objective threshold limit of ALL of Enfield's protected wetlands.

Identified wetlands will be ranked according to one or more objective measurable functions, such as size and complexity. A threshold limit or performance standard will be established to identify those wetlands with significant wetland performance. Wetlands that do not meet or exceed the established threshold limit will be removed from the protected wetland jurisdiction. Rankings and objective criteria to be established using the New Hampshire method for evaluating non-tidal wetlands. [Extrapolated from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Rules Wt 701.02 (b) and (c).]

The Planning Board does not recommend passage of this Article.

Article 7 failed. 260 For, 408 Against.

Article 8: (By Petition) Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #7**, as proposed by petition, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the Enfield Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Section 403.1 R1 District as follows?

As a Special Exception in the Residential (R1) District add "Artisan Workshop".

The Planning Board recommends passage of this Article

Article 8 passed. 482 For, 171 Against.

Article 9: (By Petition) Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #8**, as proposed by petition, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town of Enfield will vote for wetland decision accountability.

When an owner of private, taxed property in Enfield is denied his/her requested use of said property based on wetlands, the denying body (local or state) will, upon request, provide the property owner objective evidence as to the significant measurable benefit of said property to the Town of Enfield or State of New Hampshire.

The Planning Board does not recommend passage of this Article.

Article 9 passed. 347 For, 321 Against.

Article 10. Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

Article 10 passed. 610 For, 81 Against.

Article 11. (Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million eight hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (**\$3,834,000**) (gross budget) for construction and original equipping of an addition to the Whitney Hall building and the renovation of the existing Whitney Hall building; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; to authorize the withdrawal of \$77,584 from the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,246 from the Whitney Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; and to authorize the use of \$282,170 of the December 31, 2006 fund balance. The remaining \$1,434,000 will be raised through fundraising, donations and any grants that may become available, and not through taxation. The authority to issue the bond shall be contingent upon raising \$1,000,000 of the funds raised through fundraising, donations and any grants that may become available within 12 months of the adoption of this article. (This article has no impact on the proposed 2007 Tax Rate.)

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as written. C. Payne seconded. S. Schneider spoke to the article, explaining that the addition should take care of library and town office space requirements for twenty years and went over layouts detailing the proposed floor plans, costs,

and financing. B. Thurber spoke to the article for the Building Facility Committee, explaining that this represented four years of work by thirty committee members. Public hearings were held and the Facilities Committee met with the Budget Committee, Enfield Village Association, PTA, and school administrators. The State tied our hands by insisting we present the full cost of the project in the article, even though fund raising would lower that amount. The committee looked at different designs, sites, and funding and felt that the present site was the best. Phil Cronenwett spoke and said that he, Mark Johnson, and Jennifer Seiler-Clough, as professional fund raisers would work with library trustees, Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to raise \$1,000,000 by April of 2008. The funds would come from corporations, government and private donations. Lee Carrier spoke to the article for the Budget Committee, stating that the Committee believes that the town needs new library and town office space but not at this cost. He showed tax rates of comparable towns, with Enfield being the highest. He questioned the risk of whether or not the fund raising monies would actually come through, and felt that combining the library and town offices might jeopardize some donations. He also questioned Trumbull-Nelson's probable cost, and pointed out that it could be more. He also stated that there is no guarantee that Verizon/Fair Point would sell the town the needed adjacent land. The majority of the budget committee members feel it is too risky and that the counter proposals cost less. D. Stewart stated that as a budget committee member he could not recommend this. R. Stewart made a motion to table further discussion on Article 11 until presentations and discussion on Articles 13 & 14 were heard, P. Mirski seconded. A voice vote was unclear; motion failed by a hand vote. S. Green spoke as a resident and budget committee member in favor of the article. She stated that the longer we wait the higher the costs will be. S. Beaufait agreed with S. Green. T. Finsterbush disagreed, citing higher taxes. K. Plumley spoke in favor of the article, pointing out that the library was an asset for the elementary school and education. R. Stewart spoke against the article, citing that it utilized a 30 year bond for a twenty year solution and that the donations were not in hand, just promises, and that we had no letter of intent from Verizon. F. Lozeau, library trustee, spoke in favor of the article, citing that it would provide the solution to library, town offices, and Whitney Hall itself. J. Patten made the motion to move the question, S. Carr seconded. D. Carr asked if the commitment to raise funds for the library was still there if the article didn't pass, to which D. Albanese answered no. J. Mandell stated that he thought Whitney Hall was one of the most beautiful buildings in New England and asked the audience to think with their hearts and vote for the article. C. Aufiero noted that there was no money included to fix the stage, which made no sense, and that the whole proposal was too expensive and that we are still paying for the new public works facility. L. Saladino spoke against it, citing it as too expensive and too risky. S. Carr, manager for the Enfield Village Association, said that EVA does not endorse one project over the other but does feel that the library and Town Offices should remain on Main Street. D. Saladino stated that he didn't think Whitney Hall was one of the most beautiful buildings in New England, and that there must be other uses for it besides the library and town offices. M. Haagan thanked everyone for the four years of work spent on this and would like to see us continue to explore other options if this didn't pass. S. Goldsmith spoke in favor of the article, stating that using 78 Main Street for town offices would remove it for commercial use and from the tax rolls. C. Payne pointed out that other proposals may cost less but we would still have to deal with Whitney Hall itself. This proposal solves three things: library, town offices and Whitney Hall. A motion was made to end discussion, J. Martel seconded. Voice vote passed motion. J. Huntley made the motion to table Article 11 until the vote results are in, W. Madore seconded. Voice vote passed motion. At 11:35 am the Moderator declared the polls open for one hour for a paper ballot vote on Article 11.

89 Yes, 103 No. Article 11 failed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of four million, seven hundred forty-seven thousand, six hundred fifty-two dollars, (\$4,747,652), for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$4,751,592. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (Estimated tax impact \$6.4331per \$1,000 valuation.)

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept article 12 as printed, C. Payne seconded. N. Scovner explained that the difference between the Selectmen's budget amount and the Budget Committee's was in the regional associations amounts; the BOS recommend higher contributions. She made a motion to amend the article to: **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, seven hundred fifty-one thousand, five hundred ninety-two dollars, (\$4,751,592), for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed,** S. Beaufait seconded. L. Carrier stated that the Budget Committee thought their amounts were sufficient and represented a 14% increase. A voice vote on the amendment was unclear; passed by hand vote. L. Carrier explained the 2007 increases to the budget, including salaries, benefits, ambulance, road repair, and stump dump closing. C. Aufiero stated that the Town cannot pave the drive in to the DPW building per conditions set by the DES when it was built, and made the amendment to subtract the \$25,000 designated for the paving of the DPW driveway from the budget, **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, seven hundred twenty-six thousand, five hundred ninety-two dollars, (\$4,726,592), for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.** P. Mirski seconded. S. Schneider explained that the original site permit limits the impermeable surface on the site but the Town has applied for an exception because not as much of the site is designated wetland as originally thought. He said that it makes sense for the stump dump to be located at the site, and also eventually the transfer station. R. Cusick questioned why it needed to be paved with heavy trucks going in and out all the time and only affected by mud season a couple of months of the year. J. Patten moved the question, K. Withrow seconded. Voice vote in favor. A voice vote was taken on the amendment; passed. **A voice vote was taken on the article as amended twice; passed.**

Article 13. (By Petition) If Warrant Article 11 passes this article become null and void. Otherwise, shall the Town vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$630,000) (ii) to renovate 78 Main Street to be the Town Office (iii) to authorize the use of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) of the December 31, 2006 Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (iv) with the balance of two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000) coming from taxation.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed, N. Scovner seconded. R. Cusick spoke as the originator of the petition for this article. He proposed it when he saw the cost of the proposed Whitney Hall project and thought he could come up with something cheaper. He presented pictures of the building and lot and floor plans of the proposed renovation with cost sheets and quote sheets to back up the cost total. He stated that the building as town offices would be an anchor for the area. D. Albanese stated that the Board of Selectmen had had no requests for information for this proposal. He pointed out that taxes are now paid on the property and would be on any commercial use of the property. The park on the property would add more costs to the town in maintenance, police, and insurance costs. S. Hagerman thanked Mr. Cusick for all his work but believes that we need to take a step back and look at all our options and vote no on this. B. Thurber and C. DePuy spoke against the article. S. Beaufait made the motion to table a vote on this article until presentation and discussion of article 15, K. Oppenneer seconded. A voice vote passed the motion. After Article 15, discussion returned to Article 13. S. Carr pointed out that the Enfield Village Association does pay taxes on the 78 Main Street property. K. Plumley asked about floodplain risks and the square foot costs of the renovation. L. Carrier replied that the site was not in the floodplain except the very back parking area, and that the square foot cost of \$153 includes both the renovation and addition. K. Plumley made the motion to amend Article 13 that if Article 14 does not pass then Article 13 shall be null and void. S. Hagerman seconded. A voice vote passed the amendment. S. Goldsmith said this was using money from the undesignated fund balance and once it's gone it's gone. Also, we just voted down money for moving the town offices (Article 15) so why are we buying a building if we just said they're not moving. S. Plumley said that he used to own the Copeland Block and that had two feet of water in the basement and that could happen again here. M. Wilson asked if it was correct to assume that the Board of Selectmen was not in favor of this article, to which they all agreed that they were not, so M. Wilson said let's not cram this down their throats, vote it down. J. Kluge spoke in favor of the article with looking to the future. R. Stewart said that she thought it was a viable option, and D. Stewart reminded the audience that the budget committee was in favor of it. J. Patten asked if the town offices moved there would they have to stay. R. Cusick said they could decide not to purchase the building. J. Raymond stated that case law sets the precedent that the vote of Town Meeting is in fact a directive to the Board of Selectmen so they would have to follow the article. J. Patten moved the question, M. Wilson seconded. S. Green, as budget committee member, said that not all the committee members approved of this, including herself. C. Payne made the motion to require a paper ballot vote, D. Albanese seconded. The Moderator received a hand vote to approve paper ballot voting. J. Patten made the motion to bring Article 14 off the table, K. Oppenneer seconded. A voice vote passed the motion. The Moderator declared the polls open for paper ballot voting. **44 Yes, 112 No. Article 13 failed.**

Article 14. (By Petition) If Warrant Article 13 passes shall the Town vote to (i) authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate a contract and enter into an agreement to purchase 78 Main Street in Enfield not to exceed one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to be paid in five (5) yearly payments of thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000) effective 1-7-08 with the Town having the right to cancel the agreement at any time during the contract period of 1-7-08 to 1-7-12.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed, C. Payne seconded. R. Cusick stated that as long as a property was owned by a non-profit company and not used for commercial purposes it was not taxed. He read an email sent in November by L. Carrier to the Board of Selectmen saying that the property should be used as an office building and asking for their consideration for using it as town offices. N. Scovner asked for clarification of non-profit status and J. Raymond explained that RSA 72:23 states that property owned, used and occupied by a charity, or rented for charitable purposes, is non-taxable. There can be non-profit groups that are not charitable. K. Gotthardt spoke against the article. G. Malz made the motion to table the article, J. Mandell seconded. **A voice vote tabled the article. The article was never removed from the table.**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand seven hundred sixty-two dollars (**\$40,762**) to lease office space for the Enfield Town Offices for a period of not less than 9 months. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the lease is completed or by December 31, 2009, whichever is sooner. (Estimated tax impact is 9.5107 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

C. Payne made the motion to accept the article as printed, D. Albanese seconded. C. Payne explained that this article was to make sure that the Town had other options if the other proposals for town office space failed. R. Cusick stated that this article had no merit whatsoever and that the town offices could stay where they were for a year or two. M. Dudley asked if this was originally put on the warrant because of potential health issues in the present town offices. S. Schneider stated that the health issues are mold and odors caused by dampness and that the issues need to be addressed. This article protects us if the dampness forces us to move. S. Beaufait commended the Selectmen for putting this article on to give us a fall back plan. R. Stewart stated that the dollar amount of the article was derived from the Selectmen planning to rent the Shaker building at Dana Robes. There is no current need to move the town offices and the money would be better spent to fix the foundation at Whitney Hall to alleviate the dampness issue. P. Mirski asked the audience to vote no on this article and that the foundation issue should have been taken care of a long time ago and this article was put in just to confuse us. D. Carr stated that this article has nothing to do with anything and that we have two factions proposing what they think is best but we don't need this. J. Patten moved the question, M. Wilson seconded. K. Gotthardt asked if these monies included the cost of moving the town offices, and what about the vault the town clerk needs? S. Schneider replied that the move would be carried out by town employees, and J. Raymond said that it is not mandated that the clerk have a vault. L. O'Keefe said that he did not want to put our public officials at health risks and that we won't use this money if we don't need to. **A voice vote was taken, article 15 failed.**

Article 16. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to allow the Heritage Commission to assume the duties of a historic district commission, while continuing its responsibility to act as a heritage commission, (in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674, and with Chapter 32, Laws of 1993 and Chapter 138, Laws of 1995) or take any other action relating thereto, and to expand the current five (5) member Heritage Commission to seven (7) members.

C. Payne made the motion to accept the article as printed, D. Albanese seconded the motion. M. Smith, as chairman of the Heritage Commission, explained that a Historic District Commission was needed for the Heritage Commission to have greater flexibility and to allow the Enfield Village Association and the Town to apply for grants open only for historic districts.

P. Mirski encouraged a positive vote for the article as good for the community. **A voice vote was taken, Article 16 passed unanimously.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a capital improvement program committee, which shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, the Budget Committee or the Board of Selectmen, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years, as provided in RSA 674:5-8.

A vote in favor of this article will rescind the 1990 vote authorizing the Enfield Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of Municipal Capital Improvement and will transfer that responsibility to the Capital Improvement Program Committee.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed, C. Payne seconded.

D. Albanese explained that the principal reason for the article was to provide more structure to the Capital Improvement Program. C. Aufiero made the motion to amend the article to: **To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a capital improvement program committee, which shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, the Budget Committee or the Board of Selectmen, or other boards as deemed appropriate to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years, as provided in RSA 674:5-8.** , H. Shaffer seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken on the amendment, passed. **A voice vote was taken on the article as amended, Article 17 passed as amended.**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the mailing of the Taxpayers List of Properties & Assessments.

C. Payne made the motion to accept the article as printed, D. Albanese seconded. N. Scovner explained that this information was available at the town offices and on the Town website and could save the money by not printing it. P. Mirski said that he thought it was important to have this in your hands to look at and that not everyone had a computer or the ability to stop by the town offices. D. Saladino suggested that we cut out publishing the Town calendar to pay for this. **A voice vote was taken, Article 18 passed.**

Article 19. Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 II, The Optional Veterans' Tax Credit whose procedure for modification is authorized by RSA 72:27-a, III to increase the optional veterans' tax credit from its current amount of one hundred dollars (**\$100.00**) to two hundred dollars (**\$200.00**), such amount to be subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran's residential property?

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed, N. Scovner seconded. N. Scovner said that this was an increase to keep up with inflation and a good way to honor our veterans. P. Mirski asked if a paper ballot could be requested on this and was told no. W. Madore asked what amount other towns had for this exemption and N. Scovner listed surrounding towns' amounts. W. Madore made the motion to amend the article to read \$500.00 dollars, J. Cattabriga seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken on the amendment, failed. R. Cusick spoke against the article and A. Nicodemus spoke in favor of it. **A voice vote was taken, Article 19 passed.**

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provision of RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed, C. Payne seconded. S. Carr spoke as manager of Enfield Village Association and explained that this law had passed at the state level last July and now each community had the option of adoption. It represents another tool for the Board of Selectmen to encourage reinvestment in the village area. D. Albanese said that this made him nervous as it gives the Board of Selectmen the ability to reduce property taxes. R. Cusick stated that tax credits are usually very restrictive, and it doesn't take properties off the tax rolls. L. Carrier said that it gives people an incentive to invest in the town. S. Carr stated that it does not negate the property tax, it abates the increase in tax for up to five years. P. Mirski stated that he was against this as two similar businesses might apply for this and if only one gets it they have an advantage over the other. S. Carr pointed out that the area this applied to was very small, A. Farewell said that she keeps hearing about Main Street, what about Enfield Center and the town owned building there. D. Kiley stated he was against this as it only affects a small area and is putting in a special exception for only a few in an area that we all ready say is revitalized. M. Smith said that Main Street is not a big area and that there are buildings there that need to be renovated. The Heritage Commission hasn't forgotten about Enfield Center and would love to hear suggestions for the Town Hall building there. A voice vote was unclear. **Article 20 passed by a hand vote.**

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds, as follows:

Capital Reserve Account	Appropriation	Estimated Tax Impact Per \$1,000 Valuation
Technology Services ⁽²⁾	15,000	3.5029 cents
Bridge Construction ⁽²⁾	5,000	1.1676 cents
Ambulance ⁽²⁾	10,000	2.3353 cents
Library Technology ⁽³⁾	5,000	1.1676 cents
Fire Vehicle/Equipment ⁽¹⁾	30,000	7.0059 cents
Emergency Services & Equipment ⁽²⁾	10,000	2.3353 cents
Public Works Vehicle/Equipment ⁽²⁾	20,000	4.6706 cents
Total	\$95,000	22.1852 cents

Authorization to expend: ⁽¹⁾ Town Meeting, ⁽²⁾ Board of Selectmen, ⁽³⁾ Library Board of Trustees.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

C. Payne made the motion to accept the article as printed, D. Albanese seconded the motion. J. Petersson made the motion to table the article, P. Mirski seconded. A voice vote passed the motion. J. Petersson made the motion to move to Article 24, P. Mirski seconded. A voice vote passed the motion. After Article 24 was concluded D. Albanese made the motion to take Article 21 off the table, C. Payne seconded. Voice vote in favor. C. Payne made the motion to accept the article as printed, D. Albanese seconded the motion. L. Carrier explained that capital reserves are important to keep the tax rate stable. **A voice vote was taken, Article 21 passed.**

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to (i) establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Sand/Salt Facility construction, (ii) raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in said fund, and (iii) name the Board of Selectmen as agent to expend. (Estimated tax impact is 3.5029 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed, N. Scovner seconded the motion. S. Schneider explained that this was the start of funding needed to move the sand and salt to the DPW site on Lockhaven Road and off the Shedd Street site, freeing the Shedd Street site for other uses or for sale. **A voice vote was taken, Article 22 passed unanimously.**

Article 23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100) from the undesignated fund balance, for deposit into the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, an expendable general trust fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintaining cemeteries? This money represents 2006 revenue from the sale of cemetery lots in 2006 and is available to offset the appropriation. (This article has no impact on the proposed 2007 Tax Rate.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed, C. Payne seconded the motion. C. Payne explained that this was to comply with the Municipal Cemetery Rules and Regulations. There was no discussion. **A voice vote was taken, Article 23 passed unanimously.**

Article 24. (By Petition) Shall the Town raise and appropriate five thousand, two hundred eighty dollars (\$5,280) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health? This money will be used for uninsured and underinsured ENFIELD residents who use West Central Behavioral Health's psychological, psychiatrist, case management, and emergency services. Last fiscal year, one hundred and ninety-eight (198) unduplicated residents were served by West Central Behavioral Health. This request, if approved, would raise the tax rate by One and 23/100 cents per thousand evaluation.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

J. Petersson explained that West Central Behavioral Health is a comprehensive mental health center and ranges from individual to family counseling. The fees are charged on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. Taxes pay for fire and police departments and hopefully you don't have to use them but they are there if you need them, and the same should be true for mental health services. S. Carr asked the audience to support this as it costs more not to do so. K. May, Enfield resident and police officer, encouraged support as he's seen the positive aspects West Central has provided. A. Nicodemus spoke against it. R. Cusick said that the Budget Committee did look at this and personally he thinks it's needed as it provides a last resort for many people. M. Haagan, G. Malz, C. Payne and S. Hagerman all spoke in favor of the article. R. Stewart asked if this was in addition to the monies listed for West Central in Article 12? There was some confusion here as the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager checked the amounts in Article 12 against that in Article 21. Motions were made to table the article, then remove from the table but this recorder did not note any voice votes on these motions. J. Petersson made the motion to amend the article to: **Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount not to exceed five thousand, two hundred eighty dollars (\$5,280) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health? This money will be used for uninsured and underinsured ENFIELD residents who use West Central Behavioral Health's psychological, psychiatrist, case management, and**

emergency services. Last fiscal year, one hundred and ninety-eight (198) unduplicated residents were served by West Central Behavioral Health. This request, if approved, would raise the tax rate by One and 23/100 cents per thousand evaluation. D. Stewart seconded the motion. L. Carrier spoke in favor of the article. D. Kiley stated that we shouldn't be changing this for one regional association because then next year they will all request more funding. J. Petersson noted that this was a petitioned article. J. Patten made the motion to move the article, M. Wilson seconded. A voice vote was taken on the amendment, passed. **A voice vote was taken on the article as amended, Article 24 passed as amended.**

Article 25. (By Petition) To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change, which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Enfield.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Enfield encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

D. Albanese made the motion to accept the article as printed, N. Scovner seconded the motion. C. DePuy spoke in favor of the article, citing scientific findings. R. Cusick stated that he didn't think we should be sending anything to our president or congress. P. Mirski said that the government will gamble away money to fund energy initiatives that will go no where. He made a motion to amend the article to: **To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change. The Town of Enfield encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.** S. Hagerman seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken on the amendment, failed. J. Martel spoke in favor for the article, noting the recession of the glaciers in Alaska. M. High spoke in favor of the article, saying that the question is what can we do about global warming, from individuals to capital investment firms. Using florescent light bulbs and driving hybrid cars are individual aids. S. Hagerman stated that she would support this globally but need to act locally, and would suggest that we limit articles to things we can do something about. P. Carrier moved the question, N. Scovner seconded. The audience agreed. **A voice vote was unclear, Article 25 passed by a hand vote.**

Article 26. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

N. Scovner made the motion to accept the article as printed, C. Payne seconded the motion. D. Beaufait explained the Grafton County discount prescription drug program. K. Plumley urged people to see what the School District Board was working on. K. Withrow made the motion to adjourn, K. Oppenheimer seconded. Voice vote in favor.

The moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolee T. Higbee
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

* On March 21, 2007, at the request of David J. Crate, a ballot recount was held at Whitney Hall for the position of Fire Ward. Present as the board of recount were Selectmen Payne, Crate (recused himself due to conflict of interest) and Stewart, Moderator Beaufait, Town Clerk Carolee T. Higbee and deputy Clerk Sandy Romano. Also present were Paul "Alan" Gove and Timothy N. Taylor. The final count was Gove 338, Crate 332.