TOWN OF ENFIELD

2009 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Moderator David Beaufait called the meeting to order at 9:20 am on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the Enfield Elementary School. He led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Selectmen presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing board members. The Moderator introduced the head table: Selectmen Stewart, Crate and Kluge, Town Manager Steven Schneider, Town Attorney James Raymond, Chairman of the Budget Committee Lee Carrier, budget committee members, Alisa Bonnette, executive assistant, Town Clerk Carolee Higbee. He explained the rules of order and asked that non-residents be allowed to speak and the audience assented.

Article 1 was voted on by ballot on March 10, 2009.

For Two Years:	One Cemetery Trustee Fred Altvater	404
For Three Years:	One Selectman	
	B. Fred Cummings	251
	Rebecca Stewart	175
	One Trustee of Trust Funds	
	John Carr (write-in)	28
	One Cemetery Trustee	
	David L. Stewart	347
	One Fire Ward	
		200
	Timothy N. Taylor	398
	One Library Trustee	
	Judith Kmon	418
	Two Zoning Board of Adjustr	nent Members
	Terry Finsterbusch	337
	Cecilia Aufiero	247
	Three Budget Committee Members	
	Douglas J. Pettibone	338
	David L. Stewart	275
	Paul Mirski (write-in)	6

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's and Selectmen's recommended sum of four million, six hundred ninety-five thousand, four hundred forty-eight dollars, (**\$4,695,448**), for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (Estimated tax impact \$6.81 per \$1,000 valuation.)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

R. Stewart made the motion to accept the article as printed, J. Kluge seconded the motion. L. Carrier, S. Schneider and J. Kluge discussed revenues and cuts that have been made to the budget, and all the work put in on the budget. A voice vote was taken and was unanimous to pass the article. Article 2 passed as printed.

Article 3: (*By Petition*) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (**\$6,000**) to fund a **SOLID WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM**. Program will begin on a date determined by the Selectboard. . (Estimated tax impact \$.0136 per \$1,000 valuation.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

J. Kluge made the motion to accept the article as printed, D. Crate seconded the motion. D. Stewart spoke for the petitioners and stressed that this would encourage voluntary recycling, which would reduce the amount of waste sent to Lebanon Landfill, and so the tipping fees we pay to Lebanon. Each household would receive 104 bags a year, with additional bags available for purchase. J. Patten asked why the Board of Selectmen is opposed to the article and the Budget Committee is in support of it. J. Kluge stated that the Board felt that the economic climate was not right for this and that time was needed to better educate people about recycling. S. Hagarman, D. Smith, J. Martel and L. Saladino all spoke in favor of the article. D. Tatham, E. Palmer, R. Cusick, P. Rock and R. Dontonville all spoke against the article. Many people stated that more public education needs to be implemented about recycling, and that curbside recycling should be investigated. S. Goldsmith moved the question. A voice vote was taken, which was unclear. A hand vote was taken; 84 No, 64 Yes. Article 4 failed to pass.

Article 4: Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a II whereby the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28, shall receive a tax credit in the amount of \$1,400 for the taxes due upon the surviving spouse's real and personal property, whether residential or not, in the same municipality where the surviving spouse is a resident?

D. Crate made the motion to accept the article as printed, **R**. Stewart seconded the motion. J. Huntley explained that this was a housekeeping article to correctly adopt the provisions of RDA 72:29-a II. A voice vote was taken on the article. Article 4 was passed as printed.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds, with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Date Established	Capital Reserve Fund	Balance
1967	Municipal Building	\$ 83,537.08
1998	Land Acquisition	113,413.53
2004	Sidewalk Construction	14,855.47

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

R. Stewart made the motion to accept the article as printed, J. Kluge seconded the motion. L. Carrier explained that this basically represented moving savings from one account to another. T. Jennings stated that he didn't think reducing savings was a good idea, and made the motion to table Article 5 until after discussion was heard on Article 5a, S. Hagarman seconded the motion, and the audience voted in assent.

When discussion was returned to the article P. Mirski made the motion to amend the article to remove the land acquisition line from the article, C. Aufiero seconded the motion. A voice vote passed the motion to amend the article. P. Mirski, R. Godfrey, C. Aufiero, J. McNab, and D. Stewart all spoke in favor of keeping the land acquisition account with the thought that in the past the Town had the opportunity to purchase property but had no monies to do so. R. Cusick and P. Carrier spoke in favor of the original article, both pointing out that we know we have ongoing Public Works expenses. A voice vote was taken on Article 5 as amended, which failed. D. Saladino and R. Godfrey spoke in favor of keeping these capital reserve accounts. S. Schneider pointed out that this was for future Public Works expenses and would not be spent in 2009. A voice vote was taken on the article, which was unclear. A hand vote was taken, 74 No, 52 Yes. Article 5 Failed.

Article 5a: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred eleven thousand, eight hundred six dollars and eight cents (\$211,806.08) for deposit into the Public Works Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and authorize the use/transfer of two hundred eleven thousand, eight hundred six dollars and eight cents (\$211,806.08) of the December 31, 2008 fund balance for this purpose. (Majority vote required) (This article has no impact on the proposed 2009 Tax Rate.)

Special Warrant Article The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

J. Kluge made the motion to accept the article as printed, J. Finsterbush seconded the motion. L. Carrier explained that this represented taking monies from accounts which have been untouched for some length of time, and putting them in to an account specifically for Public Works, which we realize has future expenses. Even in a Public Works account it would still need a town meeting vote to be spent. P. Mirski made the motion to table discussion on Article 5a and return to Article 5, K. Oppenneer seconded, and the audience voted in assent.

After discussion and vote ended Article 5 K. Oppenneer made the motion to return to Article 5a, J. Patten seconded. The Board of Selectmen each asked the audience to vote no on Article 5a, since Article 5 had failed to pass A voice vote was taken and Article 5a failed by a unanimous vote. **Article 6:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand one hundred dollars (**\$2,100**) from the 12/31/2008 unreserved fund balance, for deposit into the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust 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 2008 revenue from the sale of cemetery lots in 2008 and is available to offset the appropriation. (This article has no impact on the proposed 2009 Tax Rate.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

D. Crate made the motion to accept the article as printed, **R**. Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 6 passed by a unanimous vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand, two hundred dollars (\$19,200) for the acquisition of technology equipment and services. Said sum to be defrayed by use nineteen thousand, two hundred dollars (\$19,200) from the Technology Capital Reserve. (This article has no impact on the proposed 2009 Tax Rate.)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

R. Stewart made the motion to accept the article as printed, J. Kluge seconded. S. Schneider explained that this article was included on the warrant so the audience would know what capital reserves were being spent on. A voice vote was taken. Article 7 passed.

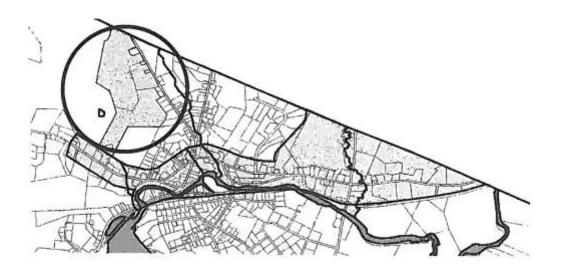
Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a intermunicipal agreement by and among the towns of Orford, Lyme, Hanover, Enfield, Springfield, Newbury, New London, and Sunapee, to create a non-profit corporation to develop a broadband communications network, in accordance with RSA 53-A.

J. Kluge made the motion to accept the article as printed, J. Finsterbusch seconded. S. Schneider explained that he had been working on this since 2005 and that the only monies spent would be for the town facilities to actually hook on to the system. It would be a positive asset for the community and the town infrastructure. This would provide people with a choice besides Comcast and provide more services. S. Stancek and R. Cusick spoke in favor of it, citing need and increased property values. A voice vote was taken; Article 8 passed.

Article 9: (*By Petition*) To see if the Town will vote to modify the boundaries of the Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District by excluding the portion of land known as "The Laramie Farms" project described as:

The parcel of land that runs along Route 4 and Maple Street as seen in the circled area in the map below.

Also identified on the Town Tax Maps as Map 14A, Lots 1-62.



D. Crate made the motion to accept the article, R. Stewart seconded. D. Truman explained the article and the TIF district. N. Kirk, School Board member, spoke in favor of it. N. Smith, D. Kiley and D. Stewart spoke against the article. Points mentioned were that the town does need the monies from the TIF district for improvement projects and that the Laramie Farms project was specifically included to raise monies. Commercial development is very important to the town and the sewer extension is important for both ecological and economic reasons. R. Godfrey, L. Jones and B. Hettleman spoke in favor of the article, citing that Laramie Farms should not have been included in the TIF district in the first place. A voice vote was taken; Article 9 passed.

Article 10: (*By Petition*) In an effort to explore the exact costs associated with redistricting the Mascoma Valley Regional School District to include only Orange, Dorchester, Grafton and Canaan without Enfield; and to figure out the costs involved for all towns if Enfield chooses to leave the Mascoma Valley Regional School District and create an Enfield School District: The Town of Enfield directs the Mascoma Valley Regional School Board to conduct an official study of all of the costs as well as the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of the Town of Enfield, from the Cooperative School District, Mascoma Valley Regional School District. This study should be done in such a fashion that it meets all the state requirements for this type of Study.

R. Stewart made the motion to accept the article as printed, J. Kluge seconded. S. Sweet spoke as the primary petitioner and explained that the article was required by the State to move forward with the study. The concerns of over-crowding in the classrooms and the lack of school funding make this a timely study. E. Kirk, P. Mirski, K. May, C. Peck and L. O'Keeffe all spoke in favor of the article, citing that it was time to move forward in supporting education and this study was needed to explore costs. R. Godfrey and R. Cusick spoke against the article, citing that now is not the time to spend extra money. When queried, S. Sweet explained that the School Board would carry out the study within a time frame of 180 days. J. Gerding, School Budget Committee member, explained that the study committee would be made up of the school board members and selectmen from each town in the district. He didn't know where the money to fund the study would come from. A voice vote was taken which passed the article. A request for a hand vote was called for. 84 Yes, 37 No. Article 10 passed.

Article 11. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

J. Kluge made the motion to accept the article as printed, D. Crate seconded. There was no discussion. R. Stewart made the motion the adjourn the meeting, D. Crate seconded. The audience assented. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolee T. Higbee Town Clerk/Tax Collector

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

March 2, 2009

We hereby certify that on February 18, 2009, we posted an attested copy of the within Town Warrant at the Place of Meeting within named, and posted a like copy at:

Enfield Post Office Enfield Center Post Office Enfield Village School Enfield Library Enfield Town Office http://www.enfield.nh.us

Being public places in said town on February 18, 2009.

A true copy of Warrant:

Rebecca S. Stewart

Donald J. Crate, Sr.

John W. Kluge BOARD OF SELECTMEN ENFIELD NH