

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER** **JANUARY 2018**



## **TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE**

Greetings!

Municipal officials and staff in the Town of Enfield are dedicated to promoting a high-functioning and close-knit community that appeals to all our residents and visitors. To this end, we are committed to providing accurate information and quality services to members of our community at all times. In the interest of helping to keep residents informed of important “goings on” in town, we have begun producing a town-wide newsletter that is disseminated by email on a monthly basis to all individuals who subscribe to the mailing list. Our hope is that the number of recipients on this list will continue to grow over time to ensure that most households receive these important updates.

If you have friends or family that may be interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them.

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:

- Go to the below page on the town’s website:  
<http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Subscriber>
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News” under the News & Announcements sub-section
- Click the “Send My Request” navigation button at the bottom of the page

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable. Please don’t hesitate to contact Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us), if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Notice of Water and Sewer Rate Changes**

On December 18, 2017, the Enfield Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen) voted to adjust water and sewer rates in accordance with the formal recommendations offered by the Town Manager and Public Works Director. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2018 and will appear in the 2018 first quarter bills arriving in your mailbox the first week in April 2018.

The updated rate charge chart is included on the reverse side of this letter. Water consumption rates have been split into two separate rate classifications. The first category is customers consuming up to 9,999 gallons per quarter. Users in this classification will be charged \$2.00/1000 gallons. The second category is customers consuming 10,000 gallons or more per quarter. Users that fall within this classification will be charged \$2.50/1000 gallons (although it should be noted that the higher consumption charge will only apply to those gallons consumed over and above the 9,999 gallons/quarter billed at the \$2.00 rate). There is no change to the fixed rates with respect to water. The sewer consumption rate has been increased 10% on both classifications of consumption (the first class being up 23,999 gallons/quarter and the second class being 24,000/quarter or greater). In addition, the fixed rates have been increased for the first time since 2007. Please consult the detailed rate charge chart being mailed to your home for a breakdown of these changes.

You will notice a column on the rate chart labeled “deficit reduction charge.” This is a **temporary** 40% charge based on consumption that is designed to eliminate the existing operating deficit in the Sewer Fund (this is presently estimated to be approximately \$700,000) within a period of five years. Once the deficit is eliminated, the corresponding deficit reduction charge will be removed from sewer bills. The deficit has been growing steadily for nearly a decade due to revenues not keeping pace with expenses. The primary growth of expense is wastewater treatment at the Lebanon wastewater treatment plant which accounts for nearly 70% of the total Sewer Department’s yearly expenses.

The Water & Sewer Commissioners, Town Manager, and Department of Public Works are committed to keeping the Water and Sewer Departments financially sustainable while delivering quality water and sewer services for the future. Several new projects are underway that will help to control future costs, and this includes a thorough evaluation of alternative methods of treating Enfield’s wastewater.

We thank you for your understanding, and please do not hesitate to contact the Town Manager's Office (603-632-5026 | [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us)) or Department of Public Works (603-632-4605 | [jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us)) with any questions.

### **Route 4A Sewer Extension Project Update**

Kingsbury has completed a preliminary startup of the Lakeview pump station with the Town. The pump station is currently functioning as intended with minor electrical work remaining. Additional work is expected in the Route 4A sewer manholes over the next few weeks. Kingsbury has completed the majority of the on-site Lakeview main sewer lines and structures and has begun hookup of services. They believe that they will complete the service work by mid-January, at which point in time the project will go into a winter shutdown. Decommissioning of the existing wastewater systems at Lakeview, final restoration of Lakeview and Shaker Landing roadways, final restoration of lawns and grasses, and installation of the remaining finishes around the pump station will be completed in May, 2018.

Conkey Enterprises has started work on the Shaker Landing Pump Station replacement portion of this project under a separate contract. The majority of the force main line has been installed as well as 50% of the gravity sewer lines. The pump station structures have been delayed slightly by the manufacturer and are expected to arrive around January 8<sup>th</sup> for installation. At that point Conkey and their subcontractors will complete the pump station components, which is expected to take 3-5 weeks depending on weather and receipt of materials. A winter shutdown will occur for this work once the new pump station is up and running. The natural access drive, restoration of lawns and grasses and decommissioning of the existing pump station is expected in May, 2018.

### **Changes to the Transfer Station Hours of Operation – Effective Jan. 1**

The Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, department heads and other local officials are committed to identifying ways to minimize or reduce Town spending while at the same time sustaining the quality of municipal services offered to our residents and visitors.

As was reported in more detail in the December issue of the town newsletter, the Board of Selectmen recently voted to adjust the Transfer Station hours of operation. More specifically, the new hours will be as follows beginning January 1, 2018:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed

- Wednesday: 11:00AM-6:00PM
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: Closed
- Saturday: 8:00AM-4:00PM
- Sunday: 8:00AM-4:00PM

Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Manager (603-632-5026 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us)) with any questions.

### **Driveway Sand**

Driveway sand is available at the DPW during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and is located at the top of the driveway in the bin on the right. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station Stickers. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt and ledge sand is NOT available.

### **Winter Parking Ban**

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1. No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders the maintenance of the way. We thank you for your help and cooperation in keeping our roads and parking areas safe for passage! If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-7301.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Happy New Year from the Enfield Police Department. Now that winter has arrived in full force we want to remind you of a few concerns. Please clear the snow off your vehicles before traveling. We have seen people snow blowing and plowing across the road. This is very dangerous and against the law.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to public safety in our community, please don't hesitate to contact the Police Chief at 603-632-7501 or [rcrate@enfield.nh.us](mailto:rcrate@enfield.nh.us).

### **ENFIELD TOWN LIBRARY**

We had a wonderful holiday break with friends and family and hope you did, too. Thank you to everyone who shared their baked goods with us, it really made us feel appreciated!

### Happening in January:

- Simon Brooks will be at EVS on **January 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30**. Simon is a storyteller and Miss Patti won a free event in a raffle at a conference and we're so glad to work with the School to bring Simon to Enfield!
- Make It Take It Monday: **January 8<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be making sock snowmen, drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:00pm. All ages welcome!
- Saturday My First Story Time: **January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. Babies to age 2½ on a caregiver's lap will enjoy books, songs, and rhymes supporting early literacy, lots of movement, and socializing.
- Our book group will start meeting again. The book for January is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. The library has a few copies on hand, so stop in and pick one up. The meeting will be **January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**.
- Our knitting group continues to meet every Wednesday morning from 10:00am-noon.

### What Happened in December:

- 26 programs with a total of 312 participants
- Circulated 1,814 items
- Had 760 people use our services

Have questions about the public library? If so, please visit the library's website (<http://www.enfieldtownlibrary.org/>) or contact the Library Director at 603-632-7145 or [mhutson@enfield.nh.us](mailto:mhutson@enfield.nh.us) for assistance.

### **MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN – NEW UPDATES!**

In December, an official subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen was formed to spearhead fundraising efforts to help the Town of Enfield acquire two shorefront lots on Mascoma Lake that were recently declared as surplus by NH DOT. Mascoma Lake is a treasured resource



*Photo by Jim Bonner*

that should be available to all members of the Enfield area, not just lake front property owners. The Town is pursuing acquisition of these parcels to further the objective of enhanced public access

and enjoyment of the lake.

The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing on December 4 to officially establish of a new temporarily restricted purpose trust fund where donations made in support of land acquisition and improvements for the Mascoma Lakeside Park property will be deposited. All donations will be tax deductible. The Board of Selectmen also officially established the fundraising committee and laid out its mission.

The fundraising committee is about to officially kick off a campaign to begin raising funds from private foundations, businesses, and individuals to (1) purchase the two lakefront lots, (2) offset the costs associated with various planned capital improvements (i.e., construction of new facilities to enhance public use of the property), and (3) offset future operating and maintenance costs associated with the property. When the cost of the land and the immediate planned capital improvements are all factored in, it is anticipated that approximately \$500,000 will need to be raised.

NH DOT is in the process of commissioning its own staff appraisal of the property. Once that is completed, the matter will be referred to a legislative committee to determine who will be the next owner of the parcels. The Town has received indications from NH DOT that Enfield will be offered the opportunity to purchase the land at fair market value. It should be noted that in anticipation of a possible purchase of the land, the Town retained the services of an independent appraiser to appraise the properties in 2016. The findings of this appraisal will inform future negotiations on sale price.

Stay tuned for more information and important updates on this front! Please don't hesitate to contact Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us), if you have related questions or interest in this important project.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

If you have not already created an account with us, please check out our new site and make an account for you and your family!

*New site:* <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

### **Ice Skating at Huse Park!**

The Enfield Recreation Commission would like to thank Will Shoemaker from the Department of Public Works for his effort to make the ice for the skating rink on at Huse Park. Will has been out there in the cold, spraying water and building the ice layer by layer. We ask that you respect Will's efforts and help

keep our rink in top condition – please avoid walking on the rink if temperatures warm up. One of the quickest ways to ruin the ice rink for everyone else is to walk on it when it is soft and leave big footprint holes. We hope to see community members enjoying the skating rink as long as possible this winter!

### **Chair Yoga**

Enfield Recreation continues to offer Chair Yoga on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building for the low price of \$3/class.

### **Enfield Market - Save the Date!**

The \*NEW\* Enfield Market will be held on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Enfield Community Building from 10am-1pm, and then continue on the second Saturday of each month. Stop by to shop for items and services for your home, family and lifestyle. So far, vendors include Scentsy, Norwex, Denz Chic Boutique and more! This event is sponsored by the Enfield Recreation Commission.

### **Upcoming Events and Activities**

The Enfield Recreation Commission and Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation have some great events and activities coming up this winter! Below is a short list of our current and upcoming programs. For more details and online registration for some of our programs, please go to our new site

<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

You can also find out more about upcoming activities and community events in the Fall/Winter edition of *Play Mascoma Valley! Active Living, Recreation and Community Resource Guide*. Hard copies are now available at the Enfield Town Office, and have been distributed to the students at Enfield Village School and Canaan Elementary School. Copies are available for pick-up at Indian River and Mascoma High School as well. Get your copy today!

*Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:*

- Chair Yoga, Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9:30-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building
- Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:00pm
- Adult Volleyball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 5-8pm
- Adult Basketball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 10am-12:00pm

- Elementary Cross Country Skiing (January – February 2018)
  - For children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Ski & Ride Program at Whaleback (January – February 2018 )
  - For children in K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## **PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES**

### **Planning Board Activity**

- The Planning Board had one meeting in December.
- The Planning Board continued the hearing on allowing two additional housing units at 60 Main Street. Due to a lack of access to necessary parking lots, the approval was not given. There is discussion on leasing land to the building owner.
- The Planning Board also heard a request for a boundary line adjustment from the Upper Valley Land Trust and a neighbor on the large lot recently acquired. The property bisects a small pond, and the Trust agreed to relocate the boundary line to have the pond all on its neighbor's land.
- The Board also heard from Upper Valley Automotive on Route 4A on a site plan requesting an accessory use to provide U-Haul rental vehicles on the land at Route 4A. The Board approved the request with the condition they do not exceed five vehicles on the site.
- The Town Planner reported to the Board that the remaining condition for final acceptance of the Evenchance Subdivision has been settled. The condition was assurance that any damage done to properties from water running off the site while under construction would be properly settled. The Contract has agreed to provide insurance coverage for any damages to the abutting properties. The attorneys for the Town and the Town's insurance company have agreed the coverage provided is appropriate. The final acceptance will be at the next Planning Board meeting (scheduled for January 24).
- The Topic of monthly meetings of the Planning Board came up. There was a consensus that the Board schedule one meeting per month to hear cases brought forward. The current schedule calls for two meetings. The Board agreed to the one meeting, but would accept a second hearing if an applicant has a pressing need.

### **Zoning Board Activity**

- The Zoning Board had one meeting in December.
- The Zoning Board heard a request for a variance to install a 100 sq ft sign to a building located off Exit 14 on I-89. The request was approved, with the fact that the sign would be allowed if it was free standing and



that with heavy traffic on I-89, the large sign makes it much easier to read.

- The Zoning Board also denied a request to have a second housing unit on a property. The updated Zoning Regulations allow for two residential units in all zones that allow single family homes, but not as separate or detached buildings. The board did not find sufficient cause to grant the variance to the Zoning Regulations.
- The New Hampshire Supreme Court held a hearing on the Foley Case – This case involves a new lakefront building to replace an old cottage on a lot that does not have the required setbacks. Pertinent points debated were the ex- parte communication, which had information that was not available to the opposing attorney, and the question of allowing incremental zoning violations. The final decision and the date the final decision will be released are not yet known.

### **Other Meetings of Interest**

- The Scenic Byway Committee held a meeting to review the responses from the Department of Transportation on the responsibilities of the Scenic Byway and the recently developed Corridor Management Plan. They are required to write long and short term plans for up keep of the Scenic Byway. There was a consensus for the committee on how to meet the DOT requests.
- The Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Committee met to discuss any projects they will recommend for funding in the 2018 budget. The committee decided to not suggest any new spending and only continue the yearly payment on the note for the Route 4 water and sewer system extension.

### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

Town Offices and Library will be closed:

Monday, January 15 – Civil Rights Day / Martin Luther King Jr. Day

# BUILDING AND FIRE INSPECTOR



## PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER FIRES

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

**Half of all home heating fires** occur in the months of



Heating equipment is involved in **1** in every **7** reported **home fires** and **1** in every **5** home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn at least **3** feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your home.**

**Install and test** carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10** feet from your home and any nearby buildings.



Plug only **1** heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).



=====RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES=====

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Longtime Enfield Highway Supervisor Has Retired**

In 1982, a young man named Mike Sousa came to work for the Enfield Highway Department. After 36 years of dedicated service, including more than a decade as the Highway Supervisor, Mike has retired last month. During his employment with the Town Mike was a truck driver, grader operator, laborer, flagman, assistant supervisor, loader operator, snowplow driver, roadside mower operator, supervisor, stonemason, fixed waterlines, mowed lawns and completed thousands of other tasks. Mike was always known as motivated, hardworking and conscientious. He always showed a great deal of pride in the maintenance of the Enfield Town roads, which have been recognized as some of the best around the Upper Valley. If you see Mike around town please thank him for his many years of service and wish him well. The new Highway Supervisor is Scott Johnston who has been with the Town for 17 years.

**Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services**

Trash and Zero Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station cost the Town of Enfield significantly more per ton than trash and recycling collected curbside due to extra hauling charges. Trash collected at the Transfer Station costs approximately \$30 per ton more than material collected curbside (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included). Zero-Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station costs the Town over \$80 per ton more than recycling collected at curbside due to the extra hauling fees (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included).

**Please Recycle to the Fullest Extent Possible**

The Town's current contracted solid waste hauler, Casella, has produced a brochure that outlines the materials that can be recycled via the Zero-Sort program. This brochure can be accessed here:

<https://www.casella.com/sites/default/files/2017-02/BROCHURE-TriFold-ZeroSort-2017.pdf>

Remember, recycling is not only socially and environmentally responsible, but it dramatically reduces the hauling fees incurred by the Town. At present, the Town pays Casella \$68.68 per ton for trash disposal and \$35 per ton for recyclables collected at the curb. That's a significant cost difference. Please do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax

rates as low as possible in the process)!

## **GENERAL INTEREST**

### **Did you know?**

Property assessment records and GIS maps with various layers, including wetlands, topography, etc., are available on our website? Simply go to the Assessing Department page at [http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Assessing/index](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Assessing/index) and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

## **ENFIELD LAUNCHES OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!**

The Town of Enfield has launched an official Facebook page (“Town of Enfield, New Hampshire”) that can be accessed at the following web link: [www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH](http://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH)

This page will be maintained by town officials and be used to help disseminate important updates about community affairs and alert residents when new/detailed information is available on the Town’s website ([www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us)). We hope you will “Like” this page and start receiving regular updates on your Facebook news feed!

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Narcotics Investigations**

The Enfield Police Department conducted several narcotic investigations in recent months. The cases focused on individuals selling heroin. These investigations are very complex and require a coordinated and regional response; we applied for a state grant to work with the Lebanon and Canaan Police Departments over the next year in an effort to reduce the flow of these deadly drugs into our communities. We continue to maintain a visible presence on the streets to prevent thefts. Most addicts spend anywhere from \$500-\$1000 per week on their drugs. Thefts are one of multiple ways they are able to support their habit. We also need your help. If you see someone or something suspicious please call us immediately.

### **Speeding**

Complaints of speeding vehicles continue to be an issue. We have deployed our

radar trailer as well as patrols to help bring attention to motorists speed. Most of the complaints take place on our neighborhood streets. Please be mindful of your speed and respect your neighbors concerns.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to public safety in our community, please don't hesitate to contact the Police Chief at 603-632-7501 or [rcrate@enfield.nh.us](mailto:rcrate@enfield.nh.us).

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

[http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Manager/MiscDocs/MembershipApp.pdf](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/MiscDocs/MembershipApp.pdf)

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have one opening. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director, Katherine Lary Jopek, to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices. Check our Town Calendar for meeting times as they are trying out a new earlier time – 6 PM! You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/RecCom/index](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/RecCom/index)

Kati Jopek also serves as the Mascoma Valley Regional Recreation Coordinator. You can check out the publication of regional events in the 2017-2018 Fall/Winter issue of *Play Mascoma Valley!* Here:

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/RecCom/mvalleyrec/Fall%20Winter%202017-2018%20for%20web.pdf](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/RecCom/mvalleyrec/Fall%20Winter%202017-2018%20for%20web.pdf). Printed copies are available.

Also, be sure to check out the following web page for the recreation programs we now have with ONLINE REGISTRATION:

<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has two openings for a five member committee. Applicants for this committee must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis, generally less than once a month, at the convenience of its members.

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning and Zoning. They are both judicial bodies that have the responsibility to judge if new Subdivisions and business Site Plans meet the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have one opening for a **Planning Board alternate** and two openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment alternates**. The Planning Board's regular meeting schedule is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, however they'll meet just once a month if there is not enough business to warrant two meetings. Meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment are the second Tuesday of each month if there is business.

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from January – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities. Check out the wide array of entertaining events held in 2017:

[http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/Oldhomedays/OHDFlyer2017.pdf](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/Oldhomedays/OHDFlyer2017.pdf)

Is the preservation of our natural resources a cause that is near and dear to your heart? Then perhaps you'd like to join the **Conservation Commission!** The Commission has one opening. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Help make plans to preserve open space for wildlife, protect our watersheds, or provide education to others. A recent project of this commission was the development of the Harris Brook Scenic Area. Check it out!

[http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/ConCom/HarrisBrook](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/ConCom/HarrisBrook)

## **BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR**

One of the more frequently asked questions of the Building Inspector is “how do we maintain our private septic system?” and “how often do we do it?” The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has compiled a useful fact sheet which is available at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/ssb/documents/ssb-13.pdf>

This helpful resource provides details on the workings and maintenance needs of your system. Included is a sheet to record the maintenance that has been performed. As always, if you have further questions do not hesitate to contact the Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) for assistance.

With the current beautiful weather we are experiencing no one wants to think about the upcoming winter months, but now is the time to plan for the needed

yearly maintenance that our heating equipment requires. The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) "Heating Safety" fact sheet explains what is necessary to help prevent fires and safely operate our heating equipment. This is accessible at:

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/heating/heating-safety-tips>

Please don't hesitate to contact the Fire Inspector at 603-632-4343 or [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) with any questions.

===== **MEETINGS & EVENTS** =====

**UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- January 2 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Fundraising Committee
- January 2 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- January 4 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- January 4 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- January 8 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- January 8 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Library Board of Trustees
- January 9 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- January 10 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- January 11 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – CIP Committee
- January 16 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Recreation Commission
- January 16 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- January 22 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- January 23 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- January 27 @ 9:30 AM (DPW Building) – Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee
- February 1 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- February 1 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- February 6 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- February 7 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – 2018 Budget Hearing

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- Every Tuesday (Enfield Community Building) – Bingo hosted by Firefighter's Association. Doors open at 4:00 PM, games begin at 6:30 PM. Cards begin at \$20. Optional dinner (a wonderfully homemade meal) is served at 5:00 PM at a cost of \$6 (dinner includes an entrée, beverage and dessert).



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