

## Enfield Town Boards

Meetings are held in the  
Community Building, 1st floor

### Town Board: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm

Town Supervisor  
Frank Podufalski 277-0838

Deputy Supervisor  
Jean Owens 273-5682

### Town Council Members

Roy Barriere 277-3843  
Stephanie Gaynor 272-8384  
Robert Harvey 277-7656  
Herb Masser, Jr. 387-8213

### Planning Board: 1st Wednesday, 7pm

Virginia Bryant, co-chair 387-9376  
Jim McConkey, co-chair 387-9830  
Ann Chaffee 387-8405  
Steve Givin 273-7434  
Calvin Rothermich 272-5930  
Keith Smith 272-5304  
Debbie Teeter 277-4547

## Town Offices

### Town Clerk 273-8256

Alice Laue, Town Clerk  
Pat Dougherty, Deputy Town Clerk  
Town Office/Clerk Hours:  
Tuesday: 8-11 am, 3-8 pm  
Wednesday: 4-7 pm  
Thursday: 2-5 pm

### Highway Department 272-6490

Barry Rollins, Highway Superintendent  
Town Highway Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday: 6 am - 2:30 pm

### Town Court 273-0363

Justice Poole: Monday, 5:00 pm  
Justice Varricchio: Thursday, 5:00 pm

### Code Enforcement Office

Community Building, 2nd floor  
Code Enforcement 277-0266  
Alan Teeter, Code Enforcement Officer  
Carl Staley, Code Enforcement Officer  
Code Enforcement Office Hours:  
Monday, Thursday & Saturday 8:30-11 am  
Wednesday 8:30-12 pm & 5-7 pm

### Town Historian

Sue Thompson 272-6412

### Enfield Volunteer Fire Company

Ron Switzer, Chief 272-8757  
Art Howser, Deputy Chief  
Roger Lauper, 1st Assistant Chief  
Ben Giles, 2nd Assistant Chief  
Kirk VanDee, Captain

## County Legislators

**Greg Stevenson**      **Jim Dennis**  
Enfield/Newfield      Enfield/Ulysses  
273-2439                      387-4058

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# Town of Enfield

168 Enfield Main Road

<http://townofenfield.org>

## Fall 2009 Newsletter

### Report from the Supervisor

This is my last report to the Enfield community, as I leave office at the end of the year. It has been my pleasure to serve such a great community, and I thank you for the opportunity to do so. As I look back over the last two years, I'm proud of what the Town Board accomplished:

- A Wind Energy Law that other municipalities are requesting to use as a template for their own laws
- Commitment to the Tompkins County Council of Governments Health Care Consortium
- Completion of improvements to the Community Building
- Negotiated 5-year contracts with both the Enfield Community Council and Enfield Volunteer Fire Company
- Diligently worked to maintain affordable, quality dog control
- Restored order and civility to Town Board meetings
- Selected and hired an attorney to represent the Town in the now-underway process for installation of utility scale wind production
- Solid progress towards a new highway facility
- Adopted a prudent, fiscally sound budget;
- Updated the Town's Employee Handbook and increased employee benefits

It is with complete confidence that I turn the reins over to Supervisor-elect Roy Barriere, with whom I am working closely to ensure a smooth transition in a few weeks. After the first of the year, your Town Officials will be:

Roy Barriere, Supervisor  
Stephanie Gaynor, Councilperson  
Chris Hern, Councilperson  
Debbie Teeter, Councilperson  
To be named, Councilperson

Alice Linton, Clerk  
Barry Rollins, Highway Superintendent  
Betty Poole, Justice  
Jim Varricchio, Justice

County Legislators:  
Dave McKenna, Enfield/Newfield  
Jim Dennis, Enfield/Ulysses

There will be two openings after the first of the year on the Town's Planning Board, one to fill the remaining 6 year's on Councilperson-elect Teeter's term and one term ending at the end of this year. Interested community members should contact Supervisor-elect Barriere with questions or to express interest.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve and congratulations and best wishes to the new Town Board.

Respectfully,

Frank Podufalski  
Town Supervisor

## Notes from the Supervisor-elect, Roy Barriere

I would like to take this time to thank those of you who supported me in my campaign for Town Supervisor. I was truly honored when asked to run for the position, and even more so when I was voted in. When I think of some of my predecessors, I think of some pretty big shoes to fill.

I would also like to take this time to say a BIG thank you to Alice Laue, for her 16 years of community service she dedicated as Town Clerk; and thanks to Frank Podufalski for his service to Enfield and for being a mentor and providing the support for a smooth transition.

The next few months should be exciting and quite challenging. First of all, we'll be welcoming in a couple new Board members - Debbie Teeter and Chris Hern. One of the first major orders of business to deal with is to appoint a new Board member; filling the vacancy I created by moving into the Supervisor position. Hopefully we'll be able to appoint someone in January. If you are qualified and interested in filling the position, please send me a letter of interest, along with a list of your qualifications. I will be accepting applications until December 15, 2009. If you have any questions about the position, please contact me by email or phone.

Some of the other major issues we may be dealing with over the next few months are: continue planning for a new highway facility, reviewing plans for a wind farm, and dealing with the concerns of the Marcellus Shale gas drilling. One of my main focuses for the next few weeks is to select individuals for the various committees. If you have an interest in any of these areas, please let me know. The committees or areas we're always seeking volunteers for are: Beautification Committee, Cemetery Committee, Planning Board, Intermunicipal Partnership, and Tompkins County Youth Board.

Town Board meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings; the more input we can get from the community, the better we can represent you. If you are unable to attend, please visit the Town's website, and if you have any questions or concerns about issues the Board will be dealing with, please contact me or any of the Board members.

Roy Barriere, Town Supervisor-elect

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## A Message from the Town Clerk-elect, Alice Linton

As your newly elected Town Clerk, I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I've received over the past few weeks. As most of you know, Alice Laue is retiring after 16 years of service to the Town. Pat Dougherty, Deputy Clerk for the past few years, has agreed to temporarily stay on and help through the busy tax season.

During January the Clerk's office will be open the following hours:

Monday 3-6  
Tuesday, 8-11 and 3-6  
Wednesday, 3-6  
Thursday, 8-11 and 3-6  
Saturday 9-12

Due to a change in funding for the Deputy Clerk, hours for the rest of the year are tentatively set as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 3-6

Please let me know if you feel different hours would be helpful - I'll try to be as flexible as possible.

If you have internet access, be sure to check the Town of Enfield website at [www.townofenfield.org](http://www.townofenfield.org). Minutes of board meetings will be posted to this site and, hopefully in the near future, some forms will be available here also. The Town clerk e-mail will remain the same: [enfieldclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:enfieldclerk@hotmail.com), and the telephone number is 273-8256.

## Enfield Planning Board Update

The Town Planning Board recently welcomed two new members: Keith Smith and Steve Givin. Both Keith and Steve have jumped right in as productive, contributing members of the Board—welcome to them both!

After a lull in activity for much of the year, the Board recently reviewed an apartment building project and began work on a subdivision application. During the first part of 2010 the Board will be reviewing the Town's Site Plan Law, which does not currently comply with New York State Law. A new draft Site Plan Law will be forwarded to the Town Board for action following completion of this work.

## Enfield Volunteer Fire Company

Town Residents may not be aware that the Fire Company maintains a web site that provides much useful information, including fire and life safety tips presented by *Rescue Ray*, the station mascot. You can also find:

- Response calls for the year
- Current training programs for members
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Current and past apparatus and what resources they provide
- A history of the Fire Company going back to 1947
- The officers and membership
- How to join the Fire Company
- How to donate to the Fire Company, what donations have been used for in the past and what the Company is currently raising funds for
- A frequently updated newsletter page

The web site address is:

[www.enfieldfirecompany.com](http://www.enfieldfirecompany.com)

**Highway Report: November 16, 2009**

**From Code Enforcement**

As the year comes to an end, Fish Road and Bostwick Road have been completed. Please remember to watch your speed on Town roads as winter approaches; and to be respectful of the residents that live on the roads you use to travel to work and home again.

We have wood chips available at the Highway barns and you can still call the Highway (272-6490) to put your name on the list for wood chips or fill dirt. If we are working in your area we will be glad to deliver to your home if anyone is interested.

December, January and February are no doubt going to be cold and the weather will be giving us a challenge as always. I would like to take time to recognize our crew for their work during the summer months, but also ask you to remember them during the winter months, as they will be up early and staying late, working on your roads, to help ensure your safe travel:

Ray Poole	Brandon McGee
Chuck Sinclair	Scott George
Dave Owens	Bill Eisenhardt

Lastly I want to thank all the residents of Enfield for their patience and help, as well as the Town of Ithaca, Ulysses, Newfield Highway departments and Tompkins County Highway Department.

It has been a great year and I look forward to serving you in 2010.

Buddy Rollins Sr.  
 Enfield Highway Superintendent  
 Rollins4enfield@juno.com

**Historian's Report – November 2009**

Sue Thompson, Enfield Town Historian  
 sdt1@cornell.edu/272-6412

The Municipal Historians (MH) group book "Work and Play in Tompkins County" has been released. This book contains photos (200+) of people around Tompkins County from the early 1900's to 1960's. We had a book signing at the History Center in Ithaca on October 31st and will have another one December 5th at Barnes and Nobles in Ithaca. You may purchase the book through the History Center, Barnes and Nobles, Borders, or Amazon. com.

Our Region 10 Association for Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) meeting was held on October 10th in Ithaca. Speakers for the meeting were:

Jon Parmenter, Associate Professor of History, Cornell University

Topic: *Concerning the Iroquois*

Laura Johnson-Kelly, Archaeologist and Historian for the Town of Ithaca

Topic: *A Historian's Guide to Archaeological Ethics*

In 2010 the MH group will be working on a project collecting local stories regarding the use of the land in Tompkins County (farming). Our group is also working on a project to teach community residents about the history of their homes.

I set up an Historical Scavenger Hunt at the Harvest Festival on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Elementary School. I think next year we won't have people walk so far to learn Enfield History. I also have joined the committee to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> plus birthday of Enfield School. There is a lot of history there so I hope the whole community will join in on this endeavor.

Last, but not least, in regard to the Civil War Commemorative events in 2011: we are looking for diaries and letters from the Civil War period (1861-65) from those who went off to fight or those who remained at home. If you have any of this information and would like to share, please let me know. Thanks.

It's been another busy building season here in Enfield, even with the poor economy. As of November 15th we've issued 86 permits, which is 10 more than last year at this time. We had a total of 9 new homes last year and already have issued 10 permits for new homes this year. Looks like Enfield is continuing to grow. Current residents are also improving their homes; permits have been issued for the following:

New home	9
Apartment house	1
Garage/pole barn	14
Deck	7
Remodel	8
Pool	7
Addition	10
Electrical work	3
Solid fuel appliance	7
Demolition	1
Permit renewal	19

We also completed Fire Inspections:

Public assembly	10
Multiple housing	19
General Occupancy	15

With the cost of fuel still uncertain many people are installing new wood, coal, or pellet stoves as an alternative heat source. These are an excellent source of heat but need to be installed correctly. The Town requires permits for new installations, and we can also inspect existing appliances if requested for a fee of twenty five dollars. It's also a good idea to let your homeowners insurance company know what you have installed so you can confirm coverage.

We will be keeping our current office hours for the winter:

Mon, Thu, Sat: 8:30-11 a.m.

Wed: 8:30 a.m.-12 pm, 5-7 p.m.

If the weather is bad we may not always be here. It's always a good idea to call ahead and make sure someone is around before dropping by. Sometimes we get called out for an unexpected inspection or may be over at the Town Hall briefly.

Our office phone is 277-0266. If we were not in or closed when you call, please leave a message. We check messages frequently and return calls as soon as possible.

### Group Wishes to Form Committee

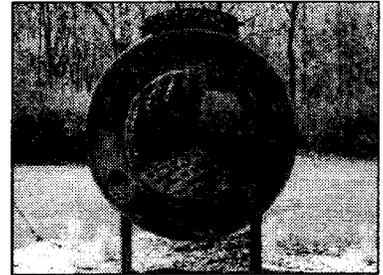
Have you ever needed information or needed answers from a local, state, or federal government office or department and been frustrated trying to get your questions answered? A local group (RFABE) is looking for persons interested in forming a local BI-PARTISAN advisory group that would be able to point you in the right direction. We are looking for people that like to work with other people, have some computer skills, interest in the internet, interest in our government, or just enjoy researching. Any or all of the above! The purpose is to compile a resources list of contacts, government offices (local, county, state and federal) with names, addressees, and telephone numbers and/or web addresses.

There are resources out there to help, but some people are not comfortable with, or do not have the skills to find them and a local group of familiar faces from our community might make a difference in helping them get started on the right path. It might be as simple as a letter or telephone call to a county or state representative and some residents may have no idea where to begin.

We are looking for residents that would be interested in forming such an advisory group. Implementation would not occur until early 2010, but we need to know who might be interested in planning and initiating such an undertaking - YOUR perspective and ideas would be appreciated!

We are compiling a list of persons interested, then a meeting will be scheduled to brainstorm the idea. Please call Herb Masser (R) at 273-9278 or Roy Barriere (D) at 277-3843 and leave your name and number if you think you would like to help!

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
<b><u>December</u></b>	
2	Planning Board Meeting Community Building, 7 pm
9	Town Board Meeting Community Building, 7 pm
<b><u>January</u></b>	
6	Planning Board Meeting Community Building, 7 pm
13	Town Board Meeting Community Building, 7 pm
<b><u>February</u></b>	
3	Planning Board Meeting Community Building, 7 pm
10	Town Board Meeting Community Building, 7 pm



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