

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

Rich Neno, Sr. 273-9464

Calvin Rothermich 272-5930

Debbie Teeter 277-4547

Doug Willis 272-2072

Town Offices

168 Enfield Main Road

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

David Miller, 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

James Mead, Code Enforcement Officer

Alan Teeter, Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Office Hours:

Monday & Thursday 9-12 & 5-7/8

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

Town Website: <http://townofenfield.org>

County Legislators

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Enfield/Newfield

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Jim Dennis

Enfield/Ulysses

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Town of Enfield

Summer 2008 Newsletter

Report from the Supervisor

We had another successful Spring Cleanup Week this year. Many thanks go out to our Highway Superintendent, Dave Miller, and his crew for all their work spent in loading the dumpsters. Thanks also to Jack Hubbell who donates his time to this effort every year. It made for a long day for all, but we sure did get a lot of junk cleared out.

As many may have heard, we are currently working on a new facilities project. This project would replace the existing Highway Facility and Town Hall and also add a Community Center as well as a Safety Building housing our Town Court. The long range goal would be to also provide playgrounds and ball fields and a nature park for our citizens to use.

We will be holding a Public Hearing on a site plan review of the proposed facilities at the next Town Board meeting on Wednesday, July 9th, 2008. In the meantime the Facilities Committee will be putting together an informational brochure to send out to the public regarding what we are planning to build, the costs involved and how we will eventually pay for it all. This should be coming to you within the next month.

On a sad note, it was very disappointing to find that one of our wooden carved town signs was stolen. If anyone has any information regarding the signs whereabouts, or who may have taken it, please notify the Tompkins County Sheriffs office.

Frank Podufalski

Town Supervisor

News Details - Legislature Sets Fiscal Targets for 2009 Budget From the Tompkins County Government Website

By a vote of 8-5, the Legislature established guidelines for preparation of 2009 County budget by county departments and agencies. (Legislators Martha Robertson, Will Burbank, Pam Mackesey, Dooley Kiefer and Carol Chock voted no: Legislators Tyke Randall and Leslyn McBean-Clairborne were absent.)

The guidelines keep fiscal targets for not-for-profit agencies and for county municipalities and agencies receiving reimbursement under the Sales Tax Agreement with the City of Ithaca at the level approved in the 2008 adopted budget, and set the target for county departments at the 2008-approved level, plus 2009 negotiated salary increases.

An amendment unsuccessfully proposed by Robertson would also have provided a 3 percent target adjustment for agencies, in recognition of the need to provide increases for staff salaries and benefits. That proposed amendment failed by an identical 5-8 vote.

Supporters of the amendment had maintained that agency needs must be recognized in a practical and meaningful fashion, in light of the important work agencies do for the County, and that failing to do so sends a clear and negative message. But others, among them Legislators Frank Proto and Mike Hattery, countered that it is still early in the budget process, and the process should be allowed to work, and the County Administrator provided the latitude needed to craft a budget that meets the Legislature's 3 percent tax levy increase goal.

The action authorizes County Administrator Steve Whicher to reduce department targets, as needed, to achieve the Legislature's goal. The administrator again expressed appreciation to department representatives for their cooperation in ongoing consultations with Administration regarding preparation of the 2009 budget.

Code Enforcement Update

With the warm weather finally here and the building season upon us, we'd like to remind people to check with our office before starting that summer project to see if a permit is required. Some projects requiring permits are:

- New pools deeper than two feet
- Sheds bigger than 144 square feet
- Foundation work
- New decks
- New stairs
- Remodeling that involves structural changes
- Additions to existing homes
- New homes

One of the reasons it's important to get permits, even if you're "doing it yourself", is that homeowners insurance companies are much more unlikely to pay claims if work was done without permits or when certificates of completion or occupancy are not issued.

Another important code requirement is for all homes to have a property number visible from the road. This is essential in case of emergency. In the case of a fire, the fire company might be able to see the fire from the road, but valuable time can be lost in an emergency if an ambulance or fire truck has to search for the right address. The town offers house number signs to local residents free of charge and will install them. If you would like one, just call our office to request one. If you are putting up your own numbers they need to be at least 4 inches high with a 1/2 inch stroke, in a contrasting color.

Now that pool season is here, please note that the NYS Division of Codes requires that any type of pool holding 2' of water MUST have a 4' high fence around it. Exceptions are the metal walled pools with sides 4' high. Also, all new pools and older pools that have had substantial work done on them, must have a Pool Alarm.

Finally, we also have changed our office hours for the summer. With more building going on we're in the field doing inspections a lot more often. We will try to always be in the office Mondays and Thursdays from 9-12 and also 5-7/8 in the evenings. We are also in the office most Wednesdays, but it's always good to call first in case we have had to run out to do an unexpected inspection.

Town of Enfield Dog Enumeration

The Town of Enfield presently has quite a few unlicensed dogs. It is being suggested that the town include money for dog enumeration in the 2009 or 2010 budget. There are several reasons to license your dog; keeping rabies shots up-to-date is the most important.

If you know of someone who would be interested in going house to house to conduct a dog enumeration, please contact the Town of Enfield Supervisor, Frank Podufalski, at 272-0838.

If you own a dog and do not have it licensed we ask that you do so at the Town Hall, 168 Enfield Main Road. The telephone number for the Town Clerk is 273-8256 if you have any questions.

The cost for an unspayed or unneutered dog is \$20.50. All others are \$7.50. You must have proof of rabies and proof of spaying or neutering when you apply for a license. If the Town does conduct an enumeration and finds unlicensed dogs on your premises, there will be an extra \$5 fee for licensing each dog.



Some Thank You's from the Town Board

... to **Wayne and Tucker Snyder, Gary Laue, Peggy Hubbell, and Dave & Jean Owens** for placing the flags in the Town's cemeteries for Memorial Day.

... to **Jack Hubbell** who volunteered his time to help with the annual Spring Clean-up.

... to **Ed Hetherington** for putting up the banners on the street lights, and to **Rich Neno, Sr.** for fabricating brackets to stabilize them and keep them in place—we've got some very resourceful folks in town, and their efforts make the banners look great.

... to **Helen Hetherington** for weeding and mulching around and the planter barrels and shrubs under each town street light, and planting flowers in the barrels—they are lovely

... to **Alice Laue**, Town Clerk, and **Pat Daugherty**, Deputy Town Clerk, for planting and maintaining the planter barrel outside the Town Hall.

... to **Ann Rider** for taking on the task of coordinating a REWARD to help catch the culprits who cut down and stole the Welcome to Enfield sign on Route 327 near Trumbull Corners Road. You can contribute any sum you desire to this reward by picking up Pledge Forms at the Town Clerks Office. The sign is about 6' in diameter, made of wood and carved with the Town of Enfield logo. It is an expensive sign and was paid for by a grant. If anybody has any knowledge as to who committed this deed, or knows the location of the sign, please contact either the New York State Police or the Tompkins County Sheriffs Department.

... to the **members of the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company** who responded to an amazing number of calls during the ice storm earlier this year. They helped cut up and remove downed trees, re-route traffic where wires were down, pumped out cellars and responded to a large number of emergency calls. The number of calls they responded to so far this year is extremely high this year—188 calls from January through the end of May 29. Thanks also for placing the Firemen's Memorial flag at the surrounding cemeteries in Tompkin's County.

AND, a big CONGRATULATIONS to our own **Bill Eisenhardt**, recipient of the 2008 Tompkins County Senior Citizen of the Year Award!!!

Enfield 100 Years Ago
Sue Thompson, Enfield Historian

1908 was a year of organization:

The Women's Christian Temperance Union – Enfield Union organized in 1908.

Kennedy's Corners Church Ladies Aid Society was organized May 1st, and that same year they held a fundraising Bazaar. Among the craft items, goods, and services raffled was a 70" x 84" white quilt in 12 squares, each divided by red borders. Each square contains 33 names embroidered in red, forming the spokes and rim of a wheel. There are a total of 399 names on the quilt, which are the church members and their families. Two names, plus the name of President William H. Taft, fall outside the squares. Also, two names are duplicated in separate squares 11 & 12. You can see a picture of the quilt and review the names at the following website:

http://www.nytopmki.org/scrap/kennedy_corners_1908_quilt.htm

Many of the family names listed are still found in our community.

From the Ithaca Journal, pertaining to Enfield Falls

May and June 1908:

S.M. Updyke has had a portion of his house reshingled. Harry Colegrove who was injured in Ithaca last week is recovering. The result of the shadow sociable held at George Tyler's was \$12 net. There will be a strawberry social in Charles Fish's new barn Friday evening June 26. Ladies are requested to bring biscuit and cake. A large attendance is desired. School will close in district No. 9 (ROLLISON) (ENFIELD-HECTOR) located southeast corner of Route 79 and Black Oak Road, June 22 for summer vacation. Miss Teeter has taught a very successful school and all hope for her return another year. Much sympathy is expressed here for Mrs. Howard Church and her little ones in their sorrow. Mrs. Church was formerly Miss Elizabeth Spencer of this place. Her husband died this week.

Mrs. Halsey has been helping Mrs. Adam Gray, as Mr. Gray is very ill. Fleas destroyed about an acre of strawberry vines this spring for Harvey Gray, who has an acre now ready for the pickers. Cream, cake and strawberries will served at the church social at Nelson Brown's, June 19, and a short program will be rendered.

The Ladies Aid of Kennedy's Corners elected the following officers for this year: Mrs. E.W. Newman, president; Mrs. R.V. Egbert; vice president; Mrs. John Rockwell secretary; Mrs. H.A. VanGorder, assistant secretary; Mrs. Charles Fish, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Tilton, Chaplain, Mrs. Van Bureau, assistant Chaplain. The Juniors of Christian Hill and Trumansburg played a game of baseball at Christian Hill last Saturday. The score was 8 to 7 in favor of Christian Hill.

The stork left a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis last week. Charles Hedglin with a party spent Saturday at the Inlet and brought home some large suckers.

July 1908:

Harry Duell is working for Hail Bailey. Morris Gray of Ithaca is visiting at Dewitt Fowler's. Fellowship meeting at the Christian Church Saturday. Mrs. Levi Rumsey is entertaining a friend from Syracuse. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Rockwell returned Sunday from Millport. L.D. Rumsey started for Kansas Sunday, to visit relatives. Harvey Gray has a larger call for strawberries than he can supply. The M.E. church people will hold a cream and cake social on the school house lawn, July 3rd in the evening. Able Harvey's horse cut its foot badly on a barbed wire fence, and Jerome Russell has a horse badly cut on the upper part of its leg.

From the Town Historian: I would like to hear from anyone whose family was involved in the WCTU of Enfield. Some of the people who played a big role in the Unions in Enfield were: Mary Bundy, Alice Sheldon, Elsie Baker, Mary Bennett, Edith Fish, Ella Freese, Elva and Isabell Legge, Jennie Leonard, Nellie Mitchell, Libbie Newman, Pearl Rockwell, and Lillian Sheffield.

**Enfield Volunteer Fire Company
Emergency Medical Services**

The Enfield Volunteer Fire Company is having a busy year. We will have responded to over 200 fire and emergency medical services calls by July of this year. This is much higher than the number of calls we have responded to by this date in the past few years. Each year you never know how many or what type of calls we will be responding to. One thing that is for certain is that a majority of the calls are emergency medical service related. These calls require certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) or Certified First Responders (CFR's) to respond. We are always looking for new members to help support us in the area of fire fighting, emergency medical services, or fire police.

Once a member, there are a variety of locations where you can train for certification as an emergency medical services responder. Some locations are Elmira, Watkins Glen, Groton, and Tompkins Cortland Community College. We welcome you to stop by any Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. and check out the fire station. Learn the different ways in which you can help support the Enfield Community by volunteering your time here at the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company.

Also, mark you calendars for Saturday, October 4th. This is the scheduled date for the 2008 Enfield Volunteer Fire Company Open House. More details to come in a future newsletter.

Town of Enfield Planning Board Report

The Town Planning Board continues to work on a draft Town Law for Wind Energy oversight. They have found the Hartsville, New York law to be one of the best and are working their way through that document with modifications as needed.

The Planning Board has also been working through the Site Plan Review process on two projects: a new MET tower on Connecticut Hill and a new AT&T cell tower on VanDorn Road. A cell tower at this location was previously approved, but a new proposal has been received for a taller tower. The service coverage maps for this tower project an expectation for improved service in the Town, most notably in the center of Town where cell service is negligible.

Helpful Tompkins County Web Sites:

Government: <http://www.co.tompkins.ny.us>

Legislature: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/legislature>

Assessment: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/assessment>

Board of Elections: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/boe>

Clerk: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/cclerk>

Health Department: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/health>

Highway Department: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/highway/>

Solid Waste: <http://www.recycletompkins.org/>

Dates to Remember

July

- 2 Planning Board Meeting
Community Building, 7 pm
- 9 Town Board Meeting
Community Building, 7 pm

August

- 6 Planning Board Meeting
Community Building, 7 pm
- 13 Town Board Meeting
Community Building, 7 pm

September

- 3 Planning Board Meeting
Community Building, 7 pm
- 10 Town Board Meeting
Community Building, 7 pm



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