

## Supervisor Highlights October 2018

The following is a summary report of highlights for the Town of Enfield prepared by Beth McGee, Town Supervisor. These are not meeting minutes, such as those provided by the Town Clerk. Drafts of meeting minutes may be available at [TownOfEnfield.org](http://TownOfEnfield.org) one week prior to the regular monthly meeting and are subject to corrections upon discussion of the Town Board before approval.

### **Budget:**

The Town Board has had three meetings to discuss the budget in October. We have been actively working to cut costs on insurances and other expenditures, while attempting to maintain buildings and equipment to the best of our ability. We've had many useful discussions about priorities and necessities, costs that are out of our control, and basic philosophy of municipal support and budgeting. Our Final Budget must be adopted no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to see a copy of the Preliminary Budget, email the Town Clerk at [townclerk@townofenfield.org](mailto:townclerk@townofenfield.org) or stop in to the Town Hall for a copy. The Final Budget will be available after November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Town Board notes:**

The Renewable Energy Advisory Committee is still actively working on the upcoming Solar Law. Recent work has included comparing the Draft Law with the Unified Solar Permit used by the Town for solar installations. Once Budget season is over, the full Town Board will begin working to finalize the law and the policies that accompany it.

The Draft Comprehensive Plan review has been done by Planner, Matt Johnston, and work has continued to determine final formatting and data updates.

The Town Clerk would like to remind folks that Hunting and Fishing licenses may be obtained at the Town Hall. Revenue from licenses sold by the Town of Enfield offsets our expenditures, while licenses purchased at stores downtown don't.

The Community Building updates (painting of walls and floors, etc...) are well underway. A great number of terrific volunteers came out on October 6<sup>th</sup> to help paint, assemble cabinets, clean furniture, scrape floors, and much more. I'm so grateful for all they were able to accomplish! There are still some odds and ends to finish that we hope to have complete before the end of the year. If you would be interested in helping with some final odds and ends in the space, please be in touch.

It's looking much brighter and inviting in the downstairs space! The Highway Department has helped with furniture moving and drainage on the outside of the building that looks terrific and seems to be working well to keep water away from foundation. We are hoping to find some new tables and chairs for the space. If you know of a resource for surplus items such as these or a funding source/grant opportunity for such things, please reach out to me or the Town Board at [townboard@townofenfield.org](mailto:townboard@townofenfield.org). We thank Home Depot for the funds granted us for the renovation and the Ithaca Bakery for providing treats to sustain all who volunteered that day!

Committee appointments will be renewed at the beginning of the year. If you are interested in serving in your community in some way in 2019, please reach out to me or another board member and let us know. There are many varied tasks from youth concerns to beautification, town finances, renewable

energy, environmental concerns, insurances, and much more. Reach out and let us know your interests. There may other opportunities to share your talents aside from committee appointments for short term projects and gatherings.

Councilperson Mehaffey and I met with the Enfield youth recently and appreciated learning their concerns and hearing their perspective on their town. We hope to continue discussions with them so we can better understand their needs and work with them to make Enfield a great place to grow up in.

### **Highway:**

The Highway Department has been busy finishing up the warm season work and preparing for the Winter. The Highway Superintendent, Buddy Rollins, reports that they have been working the new excavator a lot to catch up on long delayed projects. It will soon be snowy and sometimes slick outside. Please be mindful of road crews trying to clear the way.

We have been working together with our insurance agent to find ways to save money on insurance coverage for equipment and property, while maintaining appropriate coverage. This has been a thorough process, which netted some good savings for the coming year. The Highway Superintendent's help with this process has been very helpful.

There has also been a recent break-in at the Highway Department, with equipment damage and loss of property. If you know anything about this incident, please call local law enforcement.

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See you in Enfield!

Beth McGee, Supervisor