



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2026
7:00 PM - Town Hall - Council Chambers
<https://youtube.com/live/szinB6srZTQ>**

1. PRAYER - Zach Zannoni

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall (remotely), Cynthia Mangini (remotely), Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar (remotely until 9:25pm), John Santanella (remotely), Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni (remotely)

Absent: None

Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Town Attorney, Cindy Cieslak; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

4. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

5. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Special Meeting - March 30, 2026

MOTION #7448 by: Robert Cressotti seconded: Aaron Thomas to accept the minutes. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7448** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: Lori Unghire.

- Special Meeting - April 7, 2026

MOTION #7449 by: Robert Cressotti seconded: Linda Allegro to accept the minutes. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7449** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

- Regular Meeting - April 7, 2026

MOTION #7450 by: Robert Cressotti seconded: Cynthia Mangini to accept the minutes. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7450** adopted.

Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

- Special Meeting - April 13, 2026

MOTION #7451 by: Linda Allegro seconded: Robert Cressotti to accept the minutes. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7451** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

6. SPECIAL GUESTS

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

Wendy Osada, 8 Windmill Road

Ms. Osada, Chair of Enfield Community Fund, works alongside twenty-eight other community funds to help provide support to local organizations to help strengthen and enhance the quality of life for residents. They provide grants to non-profits who benefit the residents of Enfield. The last time she appeared in front of the Council, she looked to recruit new committee volunteers to award grants. She said that was a huge success, and they now have over the minimum number of volunteers required to begin another grant cycle. Since their inception in 2023, they have awarded over \$111,000, through thirty grants to non-profits. Some of those include providing food and energy assistance, shelter, and youth and senior programs. The next grant cycle begins Friday, April 24th, and closes Monday, June 15th. Anyone looking to submit an application or learn more can visit www.greaterhartfordgives.org/enfieldcf.

Nicholas Hopkins, 2 Varno Lane

Mr. Hopkins addressed HB 5468, which proposes regulations for homeschooling. Mr. Hopkins stated that this bill would primarily create basic requirements and safeguards for parents or guardians who are homeschooling to provide proof that the children are being educated. It also prevents parents who have open abuse cases with DCF from homeschooling. He said there were conservative democrats who were looking to remove the basic education requirement, and that amendment has been tabled. He asked State Representative Santanella to vote for the full bill and stand for the children who do not have a voice. Mr. Hopkins works in the field and, oftentimes, with abuse cases, he sees educational neglect. He said that CT has lost several children over the last few years who were also homeschooled. He said it was imperative that what occurred in Enfield never recurs, and the proposed amendment would not have been helpful in that case either. Although her family did not have an open abuse case, there are many in CT who do. He quoted CT Representative Leeper, whose committee created the bill and reiterated the

importance of passing the bill without the amendment.

Pam Townsend, 54 Kimberly Drive

Ms. Townsend asked for clarification about the upcoming budget deliberations due to information she saw on Facebook. The post said that they would not be viewable on ETV, and if that was true, she would be disappointed. She supported the budget process being televised because it provides transparency but, more importantly, it educates the public about the cost of services. It allows for the justification of every dollar the town spends. She was surprised to learn how much grant money Enfield receives, and how it was applied for. Televising the process also mentors the next generation of public servants. She asked them to reconsider broadcasting the budget meeting.

Douglas Finger, 44 Buchanan Road

Mr. Finger said that in November 1986 he started working for the Town of Enfield riding on the back of rubbish trucks. This past November he celebrated 39 years with the town, and on March 31st, he retired. He wanted to thank past councils and taxpayers because without them, he would not have been able to support his family. He expressed the importance of being involved in town. He said that while taxpayers will thank them for plowing or picking up trash, it is really the taxpayers who we should be thanking. He was in agreement about televising the budget meetings.

Lucien LeFevre, 54 Kimberly Drive

Mr. LeFevre also wanted to discuss the budget process not being televised. Mr. LeFevre has watched the budget process and deliberations for many years on ETV and understands that it is not an easy process. He stated that the councilors were elected to work for the benefit of the residents and believed that a televised process would be important. It would show how decisions are made, what factors were considered, and what discussions took place during deliberations. He thanked the Council for their hard work and dedication.

Randy Daigle, 55 Cottage Road

Mr. Daigle, resident and President of Shaker Pines Lake Association, approached the Council looking for support for a unique situation in the lake neighborhood. Mr. Daigle said that a number of years ago, the old Shaker Pines firehouse was purchased by Brian and Megan Wanczyk. The building had previously been a civil service defense building in 1942. During that time, it stored fire trucks and became known as the Shaker Pines Lake Fire Station. In 1964, it was changed to Shaker Pines Fire Department and serviced the lake area. The department moved into their new home, and the old firehouse fell into disrepair. The Wanczyk's have restored the firehouse to its original state, including the fire alarm, which goes off every day. He explained that the Thompsonville fire alarm goes off every day

at noon to ensure it works. He explained that the restored alarm has brought joy to three generations of residents and generated one complaint in the week after it started going off.

Since they are a private community, they were advised to speak to the Wanczyk's directly. They also contacted the police department, who could do nothing but cite them, and would fine them every day if they continued to do it. He asked the Council to help reinstate the alarm. He said that a few years ago their spillway overflowed and flooded Cottage Road, which is a single access road. The fire department had to go knocking door-to-door to check on people. Reinstating the alarm would allow them to alert neighboring residents of potential issues. He believed a designated time of 6pm and lowered decibel would be beneficial and reminded residents that it is only 30 seconds long. He asked for Council support to restore the alarm.

Kelly Hemmeler, 10 Hartford Avenue

Ms. Hemmeler said that she watches all the town meetings but also has a full-time job and depends on ETV to watch those meetings. She respectfully asked the Council to televise the budget deliberation meetings.

Wendy Osada, 8 Windmill Road

Ms. Osada thanked Randy and Doug Finger for all the hours both gentlemen had volunteered for the Town of Enfield. Mr. Finger coached soccer for two of her three children, and Randy has worked hard on the school committees as well.

Nicholas Hopkins, 2 Varno Lane

Mr. Hopkins read an article on the patch by Ms. Brown, an Enfield parent who recently requested information on the Gifted and Talented program through an FOIA request. He stated she received her information, and a bill was included for an hourly rate for research. He said that the invoice is clearly prohibited by FOIA and would like it looked into.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Councilor Mangini wanted more information about the Shaker Pines firehouse bell and said she was unaware that North Thompsonville Fire Department rang their bell every day at noon. She questioned why Shaker Pines would be excluded from doing the same. Mr. Coppler explained that the former Shaker Pines firehouse alarm was privately owned and not owned by the Shaker Pines Fire Department. Mr. Coppler said that the Town Attorney is looking into seeing exactly what the town can and cannot do in this situation.

Councilor Unghire reminded residents that the Art Festival at Enfield High School will start on Friday from 7pm to 9pm, and Saturday from 12pm to 3pm. They hoped for a good turnout.

Councilor Hall said that when she was a resident of Shaker Pines the alarm would go off and that it was a great tradition. Ms. Hall was glad to hear the attorney would look into it and hoped to have a resolution at the next Council meeting. Ms. Hall also wanted to know how much the resident was charged for her FOIA request. She thanked Doug Finger for his years of service and said he was a dedicated employee who gave a lot of time to the town. She clarified that the 2015 referendum had 2,556 yes votes and 3,651 no votes. The referendum was to address the Senior Day Care, the libraries, Headstart and Resource Centers, Lamagna Center, Public Works and Public Safety Complexes, as well as all the schools and Town Hall. At that time, \$35M was proposed for all the elementary schools and would have been reimbursable up to a certain percentage. She said there was also a school security piece for \$5M. It was important that she put that on the record.

Ms. Hall asked the Town Manager to distribute the list he sent containing the mill rate breakdown to allow for a more comprehensive look at the figures to determine the impact of the schools. Mr. Coppler stated that he had already distributed the breakdown to all councilors. He explained that the FOIA request was to the schools and not the town, so they do not have anything to do with it.

Councilor Zannoni agreed with Mr. Hopkins that there are not enough safeguards for homeschooled students. Mr. Zannoni said that daycare centers have random checks from DCF, public schools have mandated reporters, but homeschooling does not give students that same protection. Superintendent Moccio stated that it would be an unfunded mandate by the state of CT, and with current staffing, it would not be feasible. Mr. Zannoni said that it cannot be a financial burden that is taken on by the town, and that well-intentioned decisions are often not reasonable. He would prefer that these mandates be funded by the state. He appreciated the feedback regarding televised budget meetings, and said that accessibility is important, as is ensuring closed captioning is available. He hoped Mr. Finger was enjoying retirement and thanked him for his service to the town. He explained that the firehouse alarm is of interest to him and other councilors, and Councilor Thomas was working on a solution to the issue.

Councilor Cressotti agreed with Mr. Hopkins regarding protecting the rights of children and supported basic requirements for homeschooling, including reporting of abuse and education guidelines. He thanked Mr. Finger for his service and dedication to the town and looked forward to continuing their lifelong friendship. Mr. Cressotti said he had some good conversations with residents of the Shaker Pines neighborhood and supported their group. He urged them to bring forward their petition. He said that the alarm was nostalgic, and thirty seconds would not cause anyone harm, especially if they could decrease the volume. He

has received complaints from residents of Bigelow Commons regarding mold issues, and he would like that looked into. Little League and Girls Softball opening day was this weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, for each group respectively. He congratulated Joyce Bolanos for receiving CT 2026 Immigrant of the Year and for her work with Enfield Culture and Arts. She is in charge of the Art Squash exhibit. Earth Day is April 22nd, and he encouraged residents to participate. The theme this year is "Our River, Our Planet." It will promote clean energy and environmental accountability. The Enfield Community Poetry Festival is this Saturday, and the Enfield Together Coalition Drug Take back Day is also on Saturday from 10am to 2pm at the Town Hall. He explained that he believed the yellow flags up and down Route 5 marked where the gas company was going to put in new lines and was curious to know if residents had received notification. There will also be a construction project on I91 between exits 45 and 49 starting tonight until May 29th from 8 to 5, and he said to expect lane closures. He also supported televising budget deliberations.

Deputy Mayor Santanella stated that they are currently working on a solution for the Shaker Pines area. He said the new homeschool bill has particular relevance in Enfield because of recent events, and he fully expected to support the amended bill. The earlier bill had numerous unfunded mandates, and the superintendent had many concerns about the administration of the requirements. Many of those requirements have been scaled back, and the bill is now focused on child safety. He clarified that homeschool parents are some of the most genuine people, and that they have the right to educate their children how they see fit. In CT, there is no oversight, and it can sometimes serve as a guise to cause harm to children. He believed that the Mayor indicated during the Community Conversation that budget deliberations should be televised, but no formal decision had been made. This has caused some to assume that it was not a consideration. He was not opposed to televising the meetings.

Councilor Matthews explained that the post on Facebook was false, and the Council had not made any decision regarding the televised budget hearings. She supported broadcasting them. She thanked Councilor Cressotti for bringing up Little League opening day at which she would be singing the National Anthem. Ms. Matthews is the District 4 and Shaker Pines Representative, and she has been busy speaking with residents and believed that they could come to a compromise.

Councilor Pyznar appreciated all the residents who came out to share their ideas and concerns. Ms. Pyznar likened the Shaker Pines alarm to the one in North Thompsonville and said she didn't mind it because it reminded her of what time it was and hoped they could come to agreement on what to do about the alarm. As a wife of a retired town laborer, she was proud of the work he did and wished Mr. Finger well in his retirement. Mt. Carmel will

host their Spring Fling, and tickets are still available. It helps the Women's Auxiliary raise money for refurbishments to the Mt. Carmel chapel. Contact Mary Lou Romano at the Somers Village Shop to request a \$25 ticket. She congratulated Joyce, whom she got to know well on the Enfield Culture and Arts Commission.

Councilor Hall asked the Town Manager if he needed a consensus in order to televise the deliberations, since it appeared most councilors were supportive of the idea. Mr. Coppler said it would be a Council decision, so they would need at least six Council members to agree through either consensus or motion. Mayor Cekala said that they will discuss it during Leadership and that no one has been opposed to televising the meetings.

Councilor Thomas thanked Doug Finger for everything he had done for the town.

Mayor Cekala announced that the budget deliberation Public Hearing will be on Wednesday the 22nd at 7pm and will be televised. She hoped residents would come out and share their thoughts about the budget. Ms. Cekala said that the individual who made the Facebook post knew what they were doing, and that they were lying. She confirmed that no one on the dais made a decision about not televising the meetings. The only comment she made was at the Community Conversation that it had not been decided.

Ms. Cekala explained that most times the Council agenda does not contain twenty-three consent items. Earlier in the special meeting, they had a roughly forty-minute presentation with slides from the PreK Referendum Committee and were given a Q&A opportunity. The Committee was not on the regular agenda because special guests are only given fifteen minutes, and they didn't believe it was enough time. The Consent Agenda has four items for five schools, which are basically the same. Information regarding the work the Pre-Referendum Committee has completed, and their proposed plan can be found in multiple places for anyone interested in learning more about what they have worked on the last year. The other resolutions refer to applying for the grants, since that is something that is required to meet the June 30th submission deadline, and setting the referendum dates.

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Coppler explained that agenda Item F refers to setting a public hearing date for the disposition of a parcel of land to the State of Connecticut, but the date needs to be amended from May 4th to May 18th. The town received a letter from the CT DOT regarding the resurfacing project on Hazard Avenue, which said they are looking to install centerline rumble strips in three different areas along the strip in front of the Johnson Memorial condos, before Oldefield Farms, from Glen Arden Lane to before Westerly Drive, and then from the other side of Westerly Drive to the town line. It appears that they are trying to avoid heavily populated areas. The CT DOT will provide an opportunity for a Public Hearing to gather

input, but a response is due in two days. There was consensus from the dais to request a CT DOT-sponsored Public Hearing, and Mr. Coppler would submit that request.

Deputy Mayor Santanella asked for guidance on alerting residents in the area of the proposed rumble strips, possibly with a letter. He said the rumble strips can be loud, and he wanted the residents to have the opportunity to attend a Public Hearing. Mr. Coppler said that if the Council wanted that, they could mail out letters to residents. Mr. Santanella asked for an update on the mold situation at Bigelow Commons. Mr. Coppler stated that it needs to be turned over to the Department of Health.

Councilor Hall asked if the rumble strips were temporary or not, and Mr. Coppler explained that they would be a permanent installation.

10. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

11. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Santanella said that the DPW Subcommittee met last Monday, and he encouraged interested residents to attend to hear what is being discussed. There is no public participation, but it allows the opportunity to hear what challenges they are facing, such as the track at the Annex. Tonight, they are looking to appropriate funds for the track surface to address that challenge. It leads to questions about the integrity of the surrounding fields. The condition of the Annex building was also discussed, and it was determined that it was in dire need of rehabilitation or improvements. He realized that sometimes the full story is not provided on Facebook, and it leads to questions and frustration. He said that General Government and Finance also met and there would be some things coming to the Council for a vote. Some of the discussion have been around out-of-state license plates and suggestions on how to address it.

Councilor Cressotti expressed that it was a good idea for people affected by the use of the Annex to go to DPW Subcommittee meetings to hear the information being presented. Mr. Cressotti had a good conversation with the track coach, who utilizes portions of the Annex field and track, and that starting today they could no longer use it. He asked what accommodation was going to be made for the athletic teams who typically use the space, and if it would be possible to start the construction after their season has ended. Mr. Coppler said they spoke with the schools prior to starting the project, reiterating the unsafe condition of the track. He explained that their liability increases if something were to happen and even stated that it should have been closed last year. While the Annex track is closed, the schools have come up with a plan to utilize the fields at JFK and the high school. He said that once the rubberized topper is removed, the asphalt surface can be utilized. They were unsure of the timing or cost because they didn't have a plan in place. He was unsure they'd be able

to complete it before the season ended.

Councilor Matthews noted that the Public Safety Subcommittee meets monthly, and she mentioned that the Hazard/ Jefferson/ Middle Road intersection has been the subject of discussions. They are considering solutions for that area. Ms. Matthews said the Scantic River Park and Powder Hollow parking lot are well-equipped to handle the upcoming season. Councilors Cressotti, Pyznar and herself have been meeting with Town Clerk Bailey, Town Manager Coppler, and occasionally Assistant Town Manager Bielenda in the Policy and Procedure Subcommittee, where they specifically addressed the workings of Town Council meetings. Councilor Mangini added that during Public Safety they discussed being invited to Powder Hollow to observe the safety issues in the area. She believed they would do their walk in May. Councilor Hall further clarified that the meeting with DEEP at Powder Hollow was on Friday, April 24th at 10am.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

Councilor Pyznar asked to remove Items 13. A4 through 13. A23 from the consent agenda to 15 - Any Other Business.

MOTION #7452 by: Maya Matthews, seconded: Linda Allegro to approve Consent Agenda Items 13. A1 through 13.A3. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7452** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None. The full texts of resolutions 1 - 3 are as follows:

1. Request for Transfer of Funds for Public Safety-Click it or Ticket Enforcement Grant - \$9,224

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

FROM: General Fund Revenue

Grants-Other State	10040000-460001	\$9,224
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TO: Police Services

Overtime	10200500-514000	\$9,224
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I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 9, 2026, by John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance.

2. Transfer for Building Department Overtime - \$1,615

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

FROM: PURCHASED PROF & TECHNICAL

Professional Development	10620000-532200	\$1615.00
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TO: PERSONAL SERVICES-SALARIES

Overtime	10620000-514000	\$1500.00
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**TO: PERSONAL SERVICES-
EMPL BENEFITS**

Social Security (FICA)	10620000-522000	\$93.00
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Medicare	10620000-522100	\$22.00
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I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 10, 2026, by John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance.

3. Transfer Funds for Part-Time Accounting Assistance - \$9,689

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

FROM: FINANCE - GENERAL SERVICES

Salaries	101840000 - 511000	\$9,689
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TO: FINANCE - TREASURY

Salaries - Part-time	10181000 - 512000	\$9,000
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Social Security	10181000 - 522000	\$ 558
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Medicare	10181000 - 522100	\$ 131
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I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 10, 2026, by John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance.

Councilor Mangini believed it was futile to remove those twenty resolutions because they had already been discussed, and while Mayor Cekala agreed, since a request was made to remove the items from the Consent Agenda, which is the procedure and needs to be adhered

to. Councilor Zannoni asked if motions could be made to waive the individual readings, and it was stated that they could.

MOTION by: Aaron Thomas, seconded: Cynthia Mangini to suspend the rules and move Items #15. A1d through 15. A20 up on the agenda to be addressed next. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING

A. Resolution to Authorize the Enfield Board of Education to Apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the New Construction at the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School

RESOLUTION #7453 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town of Enfield Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the New Construction at the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7453** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

B. Resolution to Establish the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee with regard to the New Construction at the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School

RESOLUTION #7454 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Maya Matthews.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the New Construction at the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School.

Councilor Hall said that the establishment of the Building Committee is part of the application process. She explained that the Building Committee is established by the Council. The Pre-Referendum Committee who did the work until this point will disband, and a new committee will take its place. She said that anyone looking to join the building committee should apply, because they are looking for individuals with experience. The link should be available on the town website soon.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7454** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Preparation of Schematic Drawings and Outline Specification for the New Construction at the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School

RESOLUTION #7455 by: Linda Allegro, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the New Construction at the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School.

Councilor Hall stated that the four elementary schools would be torn down and built to be brand new, and the town would receive 70% reimbursement from the state. Eagle Academy would be different. Councilor Cressotti said that the resolutions they are going through are regarding a process to allow the town to continue to move forward in a thoughtful and responsible way. He stated that the resolutions do not lock them into a final decision. The resolutions were to prevent wasting taxpayer money and keep them moving forward. He did not agree with moving the resolutions off the consent agenda.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7455** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

D. Resolution Scheduling a Referendum for the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School New Construction Project

RESOLUTION #7456 by: Maya Matthews, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to item No. 10 on the Office of Grants Administration Grant Application Submission Checklist, Documentation of locally authorized funding, the Town of Enfield is hereby scheduling a referendum to take place on Tuesday November 3, 2026 for the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School New Construction project.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7456** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

E. Resolution to Authorize the Enfield Board of Education to Apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the New Construction at the Prudence Crandall Elementary School

MOTION by: Zach Zannoni, seconded: Aaron Thomas to waive the reading of the full resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: Carol Hall Abstain: None.

RESOLUTION #7457 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the The Town of Enfield Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the New Construction at the Prudence Crandall Elementary School.

Councilor Hall said that if they were going to waive the readings, they just needed to provide a quick description of the resolution subject. Mayor Cekala explained that she was reading the title of the resolutions. Deputy Mayor Santanella clarified for the public that the Board of Education just passed all the resolutions they were discussing tonight. The town has had numerous meetings and hearings regarding the resolutions, and the process has been explained many times. He felt it was insulting to act as though they were trying to "pull a fast one" over on the public. He would also continue to make motions to waive the readings of the resolutions.

Councilor Hall disagreed that it was performative and stated that it was the Council's responsibility to read through all the resolutions as part of the process. She said that she was good with them reading the titles if they choose to waive the resolutions but explained the importance of letting the public know what was being voted on. She would speak again when they got to the resolutions about Eagle Academy.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7457** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

F. Resolution to Establish the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee with regard to the New Construction at the Prudence Crandall Elementary School

MOTION by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Maya Matthews to waive the reading of the full resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar Abstain: None.

RESOLUTION #7458 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Maya Matthews.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the New Construction at the Prudence Crandall Elementary School.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7458** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

G. Resolution Authorizing the Preparation of Schematic Drawings and Outline Specification for the New Construction at the Prudence Crandall Elementary School

RESOLUTION #7459 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the New Construction at the Prudence Crandall Elementary School.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7459** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

H. Resolution Scheduling a Referendum for the Prudence Crandall Elementary School New Construction Project

MOTION by: Aaron Thomas, seconded: Cynthia Mangini to waive the reading of the full resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar Abstain: None.

RESOLUTION #7460 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Linda Allegro.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to item No. 10 on the Office of Grants Administration Grant Application Submission Checklist, Documentation of locally authorized funding, the Town of Enfield is hereby scheduling a referendum to take place on Tuesday November 3, 2026 for the Prudence Crandall Elementary School New Construction project.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **RESOLUTION #7460** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya

Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No:
None Abstain: None.

**I. Resolution to Authorize the Enfield Board of Education to Apply to the
Commissioner of Administrative Services for the New Construction at the Edgar
H. Parkman Elementary School**

RESOLUTION #7461 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town of Enfield Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the New Construction at the Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7461** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

**J. Resolution to Establish the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee
with regard to the New Construction at the Edgar H. Parkman Elementary
School**

RESOLUTION #7462 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the New Construction at the Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7462** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

**K. Resolution Authorizing the Preparation of Schematic Drawings and Outline
Specification for the New Construction at the Edgar H. Parkman Elementary
School**

RESOLUTION #7463 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the New Construction at the Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7463** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

L. Resolution Scheduling a Referendum for the Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School New Construction Project

MOTION by: Maya Matthews, seconded: Cynthia Mangini to waive the full reading of the resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar Abstain: None.

RESOLUTION #7464 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Linda Allegro.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to item No. 10 on the Office of Grants Administration Grant Application Submission Checklist, Documentation of locally authorized funding, the Town of Enfield is hereby scheduling a referendum to take place on Tuesday November 3, 2026 for the Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School New Construction project.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **RESOLUTION #7464** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

M. Resolution to Authorize the Enfield Board of Education to Apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the New Construction at the Henry Barnard Elementary School

RESOLUTION #7465 by: Maya Matthews, seconded: Linda Allegro.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town of Enfield Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the New Construction at the Henry Barnard Elementary School.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7465** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

N. Resolution to Establish the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee with regard to the New Construction at the Henry Barnard Elementary School
RESOLUTION #7466 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the New Construction at the Henry Barnard Elementary School.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7466** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

O. Resolution Authorizing the Preparation of Schematic Drawings and Outline Specification for the New Construction at the Henry Barnard Elementary School
RESOLUTION #7467 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the New Construction at the Henry Barnard Elementary School.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7467** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

P. Resolution Scheduling a Referendum for the Henry Barnard Elementary School New Construction Project

MOTION by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Aaron Thomas to waive the reading of the full resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar Abstain: None.

RESOLUTION #7468 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to item No. 10 on the Office of Grants Administration Grant Application Submission Checklist, Documentation of locally authorized funding, the Town of Enfield is hereby scheduling a referendum to take place on Tuesday November 3, 2026 for the Henry Barnard Elementary School New Construction project.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **RESOLUTION #7468** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

Q. Resolution to Authorize the Enfield Board of Education to Apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the Renovation at the Eagle Academy at Eli Whitney Elementary School

RESOLUTION #7469 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town of Enfield Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Renovation at the Eli Whitney Elementary School.

Councilor Hall stated that this is a renovation and the reimbursement for renovations is at a lower rate, but the costs are lower as well.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

R. Resolution to Establish the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee with regard to the Renovation of the Eagle Academy at Eli Whitney Elementary School

RESOLUTION #7470 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Elementary Schools Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the renovation of the Eagle Academy at the Eli Whitney Elementary School.

Councilor Pyznar clarified that they would be establishing a building committee for Eagle Academy.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7470** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

S. Resolution Authorizing the Preparation of Schematic Drawings and Outline Specification for the Renovation of the Eagle Academy at Eli Whitney Elementary School

RESOLUTION #7471 by: Maya Matthews, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the renovation of the Eagle Academy at the Eli Whitney Elementary School.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7471** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

T. Resolution Scheduling a Referendum for the Eagle Academy at Eli Whitney Elementary School Renovation Project

RESOLUTION #7472 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Maya Matthews.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to item No. 10 on the Office of Grants Administration Grant Application Submission Checklist, Documentation of locally authorized funding, the Town of Enfield is hereby scheduling a referendum to take place on Tuesday November 3, 2026 for the Eagle Academy at Eli Whitney Elementary School Renovation project.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7472** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

B. Appointment(s)–Town Council Appointed

1. **Blight Review Committee** - The Term of Office of Mary Ann Turner (R) Expired 3/31/26. Recommendation is Jennifer Bakowski (D) Unitl 3/31/28.

NOMINATION #7473 by: Linda Allegro

Councilor Zannoni explained that the State of CT and the Town of Enfield only require qualifications for Building Committees as set by state statute. He believed it was beneficial to have committee members who have experience relevant to the committee they are on. He said that of the four applicants, three have experience in the role, including one who is currently on the Blight Review Committee. Another previously served on the Council, PZC and Blight Review, while also being involved in real estate development. There was another

candidate who has been on Economic Development and is a landlord in Enfield with landscape experience. He said that we should be thankful to have so many interested candidates but, at the same time, it makes it harder to fill open positions. He did not believe that the recommended candidate had enough experience and would be voting "no" for any other candidate. He encouraged residents to apply to committees they are interested in and said that he had applied to three separate committees years back and didn't get selected for one. He took a positive spin on it and appreciated all the knowledgeable candidates who filled those positions.

Councilor Hall said it was important to choose candidates who have some experience for these committees. She explained that some committees require some pertinent experience, and that Blight Review was one of those committees. She said that there were many experienced candidates who would be a better fit. She would be voting "no" for this person.

Councilor Pyznar stated that as a member of many other committees before being on the Council, she felt honored to be chosen but sought positions she had experience in. When she sat in Leadership, they discussed the importance of qualified applicants. She thanked everyone who applied and did not want to deter people from applying to committees, but she would also be voting "no".

Councilor Matthews recounted how she had no previous Town Council experience but had worked for the Town Manager's office for ten years and was still given the opportunity to become a councilor. She has a plethora of skills that were transferable to the position. She said that Jennifer also has critical thinking skills and is a smart candidate. She highlighted parts of her resume that included skills that would be beneficial on the Blight Review Committee. She said it was important to provide experience opportunities when individuals are interested and saw no reason why Jennifer should not be given a chance.

Councilor Pyznar said she did not have a copy of Jennifer's resume, only the application, and if additional information was provided, she did not receive it. Mayor Cekala said that they called Jennifer from the number provided on her application. Ms. Pyznar said she did not have the opportunity to call, as she had for other applicants in the past.

Mayor Cekala stated that she knows Jennifer on a personal level and knows how smart she is. She said that Jennifer has volunteered her time many times over the years to many organizations. It was mentioned that she also has over twenty years' experience in compliance and implementation of programs and protocol. She recounted a story from years ago, where a BOE member was put forward by the Republican Party, and Mary Ann Turner said that, "when a resident has a willingness to serve, they should be given a chance." Ms.

Cekala said that in this instance, the Council should take her advice. She would vote "yes."

Councilor Cressotti commented that the decision was not personal against anyone. It was important to note that Ms. Turner had reapplied for her seat on the committee and was curious as to why she was not reconsidered for her seat. He was confused at the reasoning and of the process. He received many calls and wanted to know why people knew about the vacancy before the agenda was published. He would not be voting in support of Jennifer or any other candidate tonight.

Mayor Cekala explained that Mary Ann's application came before Leadership, and she did not have enough support from either party, so the application did not go any further.

Councilor Unghire believed that if someone has a position and seat and would like to move forward, then the Council should consider that.

MOTION by: Aaron Thomas, seconded: Maya Matthews to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the MOTION adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

By a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7473** failed. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas No: Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment failed.

C. Resolution to Amend the Town of Enfield Tax Increment Financing Midtown Enfield Master Plan

RESOLUTION #7474 by: Maya Matthews, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council hereby modifies the Town of Enfield Tax Increment Financing Midtown Enfield Master Plan, Section IV, under "Capital Costs," to add a ninth bullet, reading: "Any proceeds from the sale of property or properties referenced in the first and/or second bullet points herein shall be returned to the TIF Fund for re-use."

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7474** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

D. Resolution to Designate an Independent Auditor to Audit the Books and Accounts of the Town of Enfield

RESOLUTION #7475 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Aaron Thomas.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council hereby designates the audit firm CBIZ CPAs P.C. to audit the books and accounts of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, in accordance with the above recommendation.

Mr. Coppler said that this is for the third year of the contract where they will be going out to RFP for their next audit.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7475** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

E. Resolution Referring the Disposition of Lot 29 Main Street to the Planning and Zoning Commission

RESOLUTION #7476 by: Maya Matthews, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed disposition of Lot 29 Main Street is referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission in conformance with the requirements of Connecticut General Statute §8-24.

Mr. Coppler said that as part of the train station project, the CT DOT was looking to acquire this property where they would be placing a parking lot. As part of the sale of town-owned property over a certain amount, they are required to refer it to PZC for an 8-24 review, and then it must go to a Public Hearing. As part of the acquisition, the state did an appraisal that was valued at \$90,500. When the town sells property valued over \$10,000, they follow a procedure that submits it to PZC for review. A referral is then sent back to the Council to make a determination to hold a Public Hearing and then subsequently to sell the property. He said that the state is not exempt from this process.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7476** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

F. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for the Disposition of Lot 29 Main Street

RESOLUTION #7477 by: Maya Matthews, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield is the owner of real property known as Lot 29 Main Street, Enfield, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has determined that

acquisition of this property is necessary to complete the Enfield Railroad Station project;
and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has offered to acquire the property for the amount of Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$90,500); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 7-163e, a public hearing is required prior to final approval of the sale or transfer of municipally owned real property in order to provide the public with an opportunity to comment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby schedule a Public Hearing to be held on May 4, 2026, at 6:55 p.m. in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut, in order to allow public comment on the proposed disposition of Lot 29 Main Street by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

AMENDMENT #1 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Linda Allegro to amend the Resolution to read May 18th instead of May 4th. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #1** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7477** adopted *as amended*. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

G. Resolution to Transfer Funds for the Purchase of American Flags and Poles - \$14,250

RESOLUTION #7478 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

FROM: GENERAL FUND - REVENUE

Appropriated	Fund 10040000 - 499000	\$14,250
Balance		

TO: HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Other Supplies and 10300370 - 561900 \$14,250
Materials

I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 14, 2026, by John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance.

Mayor Cekala stated that these poles will be installed up and down Route 5 and other areas in town. The poles themselves are \$7,200, and the flags are a little over \$7,000.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7478** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

H. Resolution to Transfer Funds for Lift Training for Building and Grounds, DPW Garage Exhaust Fan Replacements, Town-wide Playground Repairs, Annex Sprinkler Head Replacements, Alcorn Gym Floor Replacement, Stowe School Server Room A/C Replacement and Disposal Costs for the Annex Track Surface - \$145,500

RESOLUTION #7479 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

FROM: Capital Non-Recurring Fund

School Facilities - Building 31008167 - 543100 \$62,375.36
Repairs/Maintenance
Town Mgt Study - Other Prof Services 31008875 - 533900 \$32,691.99
Alden Avenue Gym - Buildings 31008203 - 572000 \$ 2,000.00
Annex - B&G Remodel - Construction 31008205 - 545000 \$21,240.00
Services
Town Hall Ext Maint - Building 31008126 - 543100 \$22,192.65
Repairs/Maintenance

TO: Capital Non-Recurring Fund

Municipal Facilities - Other Equipment 31008110 - 573900 \$40,000.00
(Exhaust Fans)
Town Playgrounds - Equipment 31008814 - 543200 \$37,500.00
Repairs/Maint (Playground Repairs)
Annex Refurbish - Building 31008138 - 543100 \$30,000.00
Repairs/Maint (Sprinklers)
Municipal Facilities - Building 31008110 - 543100 \$10,000.00
Repairs/Maint (Alcorn Gym Floor)

Stowe Air Conditioning - Construction 31008193 - 545000 \$10,000.00
Services (Stowe A/C)
FHS Field Rehab - Other Repairs & 31008804 - 543900 \$13,000.00
Maintenance (Annex Track)

FROM: General Fund - Revenue

Appropriated Fund Balance (B&G Lift 10040000 - 499000 \$ 5,000.00
Training)

TO: General Fund - Buildings & Grounds

***"I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 14, 2026, by
John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance.***

Mayor Cekala explained that these are allocations that the town needs because they have failed to maintain their buildings over the years. Many of the replacements and upgrades should have been made a long time ago. She believed that it would have cost less to maintain these infrastructures over time, versus doing it now. The sprinkler head replacements at the Annex need to be done throughout the school, even though only a portion is utilized because that is what statute dictates. She stressed the importance of regular upkeep and maintenance plans to avoid costly transfers like this one.

Councilor Mangini said that it was important for residents to understand that this did not happen overnight and was caused by a lack of maintenance and attention. It was indicative of their current budget and will have impact going forward.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7479** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

Professional Development (B&G Lift 10300340 - 532200 \$ 5,000.00
Training)

I. Resolution to Transfer Funds for National League of Cities Conference - \$17,354

RESOLUTION #7480 by: John Santanella, seconded: Cynthia Mangini to table this item.

Mayor Cekala asked if they needed to have account descriptions and numbers for the transfer and Town Clerk Sheila Bailey confirmed that they did. Deputy Mayor Santanella asked if the item could be tabled until a later meeting, and Mr. Coppler confirmed it could.

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Cynthia Mangini to table this item. Upon a **SHOW**

OF HANDS vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted, and the item was tabled. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

J. Resolution to Transfer Funds for Restroom Improvements at the Pearl Street Library - \$27,000

RESOLUTION #7481 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

FROM: CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND - 2026 REVENUE

Donation Revenue	31042026 - 417050	\$10,000
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FROM: CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND - SCHOOL FACILITIES

Building	31008167 - 543100	\$17,000
Repairs/Maintenance		

TO: CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND - LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

Construction Services	31008119-545000	\$27,000
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I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 9, 2026, by John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance.

Mr. Coppler provided current pictures of the Pearl Street Library bathrooms, which the Councilors also had. They would be receiving a grant from the Carnegie Institute for \$10,000. They are asking to move money that was put in last year for the alarm systems at Stowe and Parkman. The town spent less than what was originally budgeted for, and out of the \$150,000, they only spent around \$66,000. With the leftover money, it was important to prioritize the bathrooms for guests and employees.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7481** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

14. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING

16. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS/APPLIES ONLY IF PRIOR TO 11:00 p.m.

None.

17. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Aaron Thomas, seconded: Robert Cressotti to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Lindsay Petrucci, Assistant Town Clerk
Secretary of the Council

Pearl Street Library Restrooms

Town of
Enfield
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SCOPE OF WORK:

Employee Bathroom

- 1. Remove fixtures demo floor
- 2. Repair walls
- 3. Paint room, door and window
- 4. Replace floor with tile
- 5. Replace fixtures with new low-profile fixtures
- 6. Reroute lighting electrical in wire mold to occupancy sensor at the ceiling

Public Bathroom

- 1. Remove fixtures
- 2. Remove door
- 3. Repair and paint walls
- 4. Epoxy floor bottom landing of stairs including the bathroom floor and up walls in the bathroom
- 5. Install custom vanity to fill the space between the wall and chase wall with solid surface counter with
 - under mount sink
- 6. Install new toilet
- 7. Install 50 CFM, Ceiling Mounted, Polymeric Intake Grille, Light Duty Exhaust Fan.