



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 2025
7:00 PM - Town Hall - Council Chambers
<https://youtube.com/live/vZZUsrhbmew>**

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:45 - Proposed IWWA Violations Ordinance

Chair Nelson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:47pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini (remotely), Jim Nasuta (remotely), Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire

Absent: John Santanella

Also Present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Interim Town Attorney, Tom Tyler; Assistant Town Planner, Steve Hiney; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

The following Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Journal Inquirer on Friday, April 11, 2025.

The Enfield Town Council will hold a public hearing in the Enfield Town Hall, Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield CT on April 22, 2025, at 6:45pm for all interested citizens to comment on the proposed Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency Violations Ordinance.

Copies of proposed ordinance revisions are on www.enfield-ct.gov and in the town clerk's office free of charge.

Dated the 8th day of April 2025

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk

Chair Nelson announced the ground rules.

Stephen Hiney, Assistant Town Planner, Inland wetlands Agent

Mr. Hiney explained that the fines in the proposed ordinance do not represent every violation Inland Wetlands may have. They prefer to work with residents to resolve this issue(s) through informal means. However, this ordinance will give them another tool to

use when they are unable to bring a resident into compliance.

Kelly Hemmeler, 10 Hartford Avenue, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Commissioner.

Ms. Hemmeler stated that she is in support of this ordinance. Most people work with the commission to come into compliance. However, this ordinance would give the Agency some additional enforcement authority.

Donna Corbin Sobinski, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Chair.

Ms. Sobinski stated that she has been on the commission since 2011 and the chair since 2015. She thanked the Council for considering this ordinance, and the Town Attorney's office for helping them prepare it. On behalf of the commission, she hoped the Council would support its passage.

There being no other members of the public who wished to speak, the Chair closed the hearing at 6:52pm.

The Chair called the regular meeting of the Enfield Town Council to order at 7:05pm.

2. PRAYER - Ken Nelson

The prayer was made by Chair Nelson.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini (remotely), Jim Nasuta (remotely), Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire

Absent: John Santanella

Also Present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Interim Town Attorney, Tom Tyler; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

5. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The fire evacuation was announced.

6. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Special Meeting - April 7, 2025

MOTION #7198 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Bob Hendrickson to accept the minutes. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7198** adopted.

Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau No: None Abstain: Lori Unghire.

- Regular Meeting - April 7, 2025

MOTION #7199 by: Cynthia Mangini seconded: Marie Pyznar to accept the minutes.

AMENDMENT #1 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Ken Nelson Jr. to amend the minutes to correct the attendees of the meeting with the descendant of Thomas Abbey regarding the restoration of the monument on page 20 of the minutes. The minutes should read "Mr. Bromson, Mr. Bielenda, members of the Town Council, and others met with a descendant of Thomas Abbey to discuss the restoration of the monument."

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION #7199** adopted as amended. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau No: None Abstain: Lori Unghire.

- Special Meeting - April 16, 2025

MOTION #7200 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Marie Pyznar to accept the minutes. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7200** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: Jeff Rousseau

7. SPECIAL GUESTS

None.

8. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

Rebecca Green, 152 Sheridan Road

Ms. Green and her five-year-old daughter came before the Council as an example of the types of students that receive specialized educational services at Enfield schools. Ms. Green's daughter will be entering Kindergarten in the fall, where the class size is expected to be around eighteen students. Over the next few years, the class sizes will increase drastically if changes to the budget are not made. She said she was willing to pay a tax increase if it meant that the schools would be properly budgeted. She believed that some Council members were against tax increases because it would affect the support of their constituents, and didn't think that was a proper reason to be a Council member. She said if she was considering buying a home today, Enfield would not be her choice since they are in an Alliance district. She asked the Council to consider what the students would be missing out on if the proposed budget was not adopted in full.

Sheree Winans, 1227 Enfield Street

Ms. Winans asked the Council to fund the budget as the Superintendent had presented it, because the last year had been difficult educating thirty students in a class. Ms. Winans

read a letter from a colleague in regard to the "Go the Extra Mile" Campaign. In the letter, the teacher stated that a lot of what they do on a daily basis would be considered extra, and teachers felt what they do should be done at the bare minimum. The teachers make their lesson plans creative and engaging to ensure student participation. They also purchase additional yearbooks as an incentive to keep the students engaged, and they earn tickets to enter into a drawing. They explained that doing those things does not feel like extra, and they heeded the advice used when running marathons: "start slow and taper off". They said the finish line keeps changing, and the number of extra miles they go is increasing. They urged the Council to return the favor by going the extra mile by approving in full the proposed budget.

Gerald Calnen, 74 Spruceland Road

Dr. Calnen is a pediatrician and Board of Education member. Dr. Calnen spoke before the Council primarily as a pediatrician and said it was important to approve the school budget as it had been presented by the Superintendent. He was concerned about the number of students who had been packed into classrooms, stating that it was not a conducive environment to learn in. He said that in Enfield, 20-25% of students are high-needs students, which, by volume, could fill Enfield High School. These students require intense management, and the number of school counselors is not adequate. He stated that there needs to be more counselors, psychologists, and therapists. He did not feel that even if the budget was supported there would be enough support staff. Dr. Calnen said that school years are the most fundamental for development and asked the Council not to deprive students of that.

Maureen Griffin, 98 Abbe Road

Ms. Griffin reminded the Council that there are legal ramifications for not meeting the guidelines established under the IEP and 504 plans. She said that when times are tight, her family budgets and decides what is important to them now and in the long run, weighing options to see what cuts would have the largest negative impact. It was important that the town did not cut the school budget because the cuts from last year's budget were extremely damaging. She said that the new proposed budget does not come close to getting them into the position they were in prior to last year. If the Council doesn't support the proposed budget in full, they will fall even further behind.

Jessica Soule, 10 Brook Road

Ms. Soule is a special education teacher within Enfield schools who works with students on the autism spectrum. Ms. Soule said that she goes above and beyond in her duties every day as a teacher. She creates unique and individualized learning plans for every student based on their learning style and abilities. It could include adapting to sensory needs,

communication differences, and organizational challenges. This requires adaptation and changes on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. The use of different tools, support, and consistent routines helps students feel secure and reduces anxiety. The time spent creating these plans extends well beyond in-school hours and often goes into personal time. A lot of work, data collection, and recording goes into creating progress reports, which cannot be completed during the prep period. She advocates for students in IEP meetings with specialists and service providers and keeps detailed records to comply with the requirements. She also empowers families and parents to be active in their students' education. From late August until today, Ms. Soule has spent several hundred dollars of her own money purchasing supplies from Amazon. Emotionally, she also invests in her students by celebrating and supporting their achievements. She stays current on best practices and continually develops a better understanding of her students. Ms. Soule is working on her second master's degree to make herself a better educator. She urged the Council to fully fund the proposed education budget.

Kelsey McGuire Bruce, 63 Neelands Road

Ms. McGuire Bruce is a parent, resident, and educator in Enfield. Ms. McGuire Bruce came before the Council last year saying they could not "do more with less" regarding the school budget, and said that, surprisingly, they were able to. She said that the larger class sizes were not acceptable. Teachers have been going above and beyond all year, stretching resources to their max. She explained that going the extra mile with less is not sustainable, and the stress is becoming unbearable. It is important to have the support, resources, and well-being to provide students with a quality education. They are losing qualified teachers and staff every day, forty to date. She explained it was rare in the past to see a teacher leave halfway through the school year. It's a reflection of the toll this last school year had on teachers. The loss of teachers affects stability, consistency, and expertise, all of which impact students. Failure to invest in education is failure to invest in Enfield. She said she understands the importance of budgets and how difficult the rising costs are affecting everyone. They cannot continue to ask teachers to go the extra mile without providing the resources to do so. It's important to rebuild to ensure students get the quality education they deserve and provide adequate support, supplies, staff, and counselors. She reminded the Council that she goes the extra mile every day and urged the Council to do the same by funding the school budget in full.

9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Councilor Cressotti thanked the speakers for coming forward and said it was very powerful. Mr. Cressotti said he was a proud supporter of education and would be fighting for the teachers, students, and parents of Enfield. He stated that this Saturday, April 26th, there is a Unified special event being held at Enfield High School. The volleyball event involves police, EMS, fire departments, Best Buddies, Allied, and Unified Program. Saturday and

Sunday are also Little League and softball opening days and hoped for good weather.

Councilor Rousseau said that residents of the Green Manor area are looking for extra police attention, including speed enforcement.

Deputy Mayor Pyznar received a picture from an Abbe Road resident regarding the sign that was installed on the sidewalks. The resident did not find the sign to be family-friendly and wanted it to be addressed. Ms. Pyznar thanked the residents who came out to speak. She addressed Dr. Calnen's comment about schools forming children and agreed to an extent. She said it was not the responsibility of the teacher to teach children manners or how to behave, it's the responsibility of the parents. She reiterated that all the teachers and parents who spoke tonight said the same thing, that even if the budget was passed in full, it would still not be enough. She asked what the number would be to ensure good mental health and a budget that would encourage students to learn. She said there was no definitive number. She explained that she was in support of education and had been torn apart by others who felt differently. She and her husband had struggled to ensure their daughters had the best education, and now she is doing the same for her grandchildren. She said money is not the problem, that even with a concrete number, it would not be enough.

Mayor Nelson said a number of residents had been asking why the sidewalk from Steele Road does not go all the way to Ann Street. It is about five feet short and forces residents to step into the street. The installation of five feet of sidewalk would resolve the issue. Mr. Nelson sent a number of disturbing photos to the Town Manager regarding graffiti at Wallop School Park. He said that the town has spent millions of dollars over the last few years trying to improve the parks and recreation in town, and he was upset that people are defacing town property with graffiti. He recommended a camera be installed at Wallop School Park. He said that the entrance gates have been ripped down to allow quads and four-wheelers to access the park and tear up the grass and tennis courts. He would like the concerns addressed.

Mr. Nelson asked if DPW Director Donald Nunes could do a presentation at the next meeting that would include the current roads progress and remaining roads. He believed they would soon be discussing the Roads 2026 Referendum, and he asked how a road could be added to the road list and what determines the criteria. He thanked Spazzarini Construction for repairing some roads from the end of last year into December and seeding the edges. He believed they went above and beyond.

Mr. Nelson asked that when residents come forward during Public Communications to

speaking about the budget, that they would clarify whether they supported the Superintendent's budget or the BOE budget. He said that there were two completely different budgets funded in different ways. The Superintendent presented his budget to the Council, and then the BOE held a special meeting where they discussed their budget. He noted that one budget was riskier than the other, and he asked residents to provide clarification about which one they choose.

10. TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant Town Manager Bielenda stated that DPW Director Nunes would look into the graffiti issue at Wallop School Park. Mr. Bielenda was excited to announce that the flyer for the Enfield Summer Concert Series would be posted on social media outlets, and he urged residents to support their sponsors. There will be thirteen concerts that will start in June and run through August. He expects attendees to have a great time. Local area band Johnny Six Gun will open the series on June 3rd, starting at 7pm. They hoped to live stream the event so those unable to attend are still able to watch from home.

11. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

12. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

None.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda- None

None.

B. Appointment(s)–Town Council Appointed

1. Charter Revision Commission – A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Robert Anderson(R). Recommendation is Carl Sferrazza (R) Until 11/4/2025.

NOMINATION #7201 by: Marie Pyznar

MOTION by: Gina Cekala, seconded: Robert Cressotti to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None.

By a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7201** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr.,

Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: Michael Ludwick, Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment made.

2. **Loan Review Committee** – A Vacancy Exists for a Member. Recommendation is James Byrne (U) Until 12/31/2025.

NOMINATION #7202 by: Marie Pyznar

MOTION by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Bob Hendrickson to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None.

By a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7202** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment made.

3. **North Central District Health Department Board of Directors Enfield**

Representatives – A Vacancy Exists for a Member. Recommendation is Kevin Peritz (R) Until 6/30/2027.

NOMINATION #7203 by: Marie Pyznar

MOTION by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Bob Hendrickson to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None.

By a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7203** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment made.

4. **Zoning Board of Appeals** – A Vacancy Exists for an Alternative Member. Recommendation is James Byrne (U) Until 1/1/2028.

NOMINATION #7204 by: Marie Pyznar

MOTION by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Gina Cekala to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None.

By a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7204** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta,

Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment made.

C. Resolution to Adopt a Fines Ordinance for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Violations

RESOLUTION #7205 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Gina Cekala.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby adopt an ordinance for the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency to impose fines on violations within their jurisdiction.

Councilor Hendrickson questioned who the Citation Officer would be since the wording in the ordinance for 107 Citation Appeal B said it could not be a police officer, town employee, or any other person who has authority to issue citations. The item was referred to the Town Attorney to determine who would fit the criteria. It was clarified that they did have hearing officers who were paid a small stipend since they did not have any volunteers. Community Development Specialist Kristy Koistinen said that they are actively looking for hearing officers and said the Blight Committee pays \$50 per property maintenance hearing and \$25 per file review. Interested residents can contact the Town Manager's office to apply.

Mayor Nelson asked who is currently issuing the citations. Assistant Town Planner Stephen Hiney said that in his capacity as an Inland Wetlands Agent he currently issues violations, and Zoning Enforcement Officer Rick Rachele, in his Inland Wetlands Agent capacity, would also have the authority to issue violations. As it stands, they have not been able to issue citations as Inland Wetland Agents because they did not have an ordinance. Any outstanding violations have been issued through a zoning enforcement perspective and not as citations through Inland Wetlands. Mr. Hiney said the reason for the ordinance is that there are numerous properties in Enfield which have been in violation for several years, and the town has tried to work with them to reach a resolution. Some cases come to an agreement, but others do not, and it continues to impact wetlands' siltation, functionality, and the ecosystem. The citations would come from Inland Wetlands, and zoning citations would come from Zoning Enforcement.

Town Manager Bromson said that a number of years ago they lobbied for legislation, and he believed they should do it again. While the changes are good for the town, they are also good for the residents. Mr. Bromson said that Town of Enfield officials are always looking to work with residents, and ticketing and citations are a last-ditch effort. He thought this was a great addition to the Wetlands Commission. Mayor Nelson said this would be a great tool for ensuring people follow the rules and maintain their properties for themselves and for their neighbors. He would be in support of the ordinance.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7205** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None. ***A copy of the Ordinance is appended to these minutes.***

D. Resolution to Authorize the Foreclosure of Property Maintenance Fines for 3 Pearl Street Extension

RESOLUTION #7206 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

MOTION by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Gina Cekala to waive the reading of the full resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council does hereby authorize the foreclosure of 3 Pearl Street Extension for the property maintenance fines associated with the property maintenance liens recorded November 7, 2019 at Volume 2739, Page 54, and February 21, 2025 at Volume 2931, Page 701.

Mayor Nelson said that this property has been on their radar for years under "troubled properties." Mr. Nelson said that the homeowner had met with the Blight Review Committee and could not remedy the situation. It was decided in Blight Review that if the owner does have a resolution, such as selling the property, they would seek to possibly stop the foreclosure and work with him on a fine reduction.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7206** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None.

E. Resolution to Reduce the Collector of Revenue's Annual Salary

RESOLUTION #7207 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Michael Ludwick.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VII Section II of the Town Charter, the Enfield Town Council does hereby adopt the wage adjustment to reduce the annual salary of the Collector of Revenue down to \$105,000.

Mayor Nelson said the reduction in salary comes from splitting the positions back into Assessor and Collector of Revenue from their combined role. Previously, they had one person doing both positions, and last year they made them two separate positions. The

individual was placed in the role of Collector of Revenue, but the salary remained the same. The other role of Assessor was filled internally. The position of Collector of Revenue has since been vacated, and they are looking for a reduction to meet the appropriate wage marker for the position so that they can seek to fill the role. The reduction has been discussed with the union, and it falls within an appropriate range.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7207** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None.

15. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Community Development Block Grant Program Income Reuse**

The Chair announced this item would remain on the table at the recommendation of the Town Manager.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING

None.

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

Maureen Griffin 98 Abbe Road

Ms. Griffin said that the Superintendent submitted a budget and the BOE asked him to rework the budget. The Superintendent then submitted an updated budget, which the BOE voted on and approved. Ms. Griffin said the budgets are now the same. She referred to the mental health issue brought up by Dr. Calnen. She said that the issue is not children being impolite, but that they are struggling. There has been an increase in 211 and 911 calls according to discussions in the BOE meetings. Oftentimes, these children are taken to hospitals to be evaluated. It is not a result of children being rude or nasty because parents are not "doing their job."

Kelsey McGuire Bruce, 63 Neelands Road

Ms. McGuire Bruce explained that the Superintendent's original proposed budget was a little over a 4% increase; the document she was referred to stated 4.11%. She said that the BOE, across party lines, asked him to revise the proposal to include a tiered approach with increased support because the proposal did not come close to reaching their needs. The revision led to the updated proposal of a 5.57% increase, which was passed with bipartisan support. She said that as teachers, they are in support of the 5.57% budget increase.

Marjorie Gandossy, 31 Frew Terrace

Ms. Gandossy stated she would like to see Enfield become a speed trap town. She believed that if people speed, they should get a ticket to discourage them from doing it again. She

would also like to have cameras used for catching people who are littering. She asked why the Democrats were in opposition to the new Town Manager and what their hesitation in hiring him back was. She felt it was important that the candidate was liked across party lines.

18. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Michael Ludwick to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Lindsay Petrucci, Assistant Town Clerk
Secretary of the Council

INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT

Sec. XX-101. Purpose

The purpose of this article is to encourage compliance with the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town and to establish a means by which the Town may more effectively enforce its Regulations by implementing fines for violations.

Sec. XX-102. Statutory authority

This article is adopted pursuant to C.G.S §§ 22a-42g and 7-152c, as may be amended. Pursuant to C.G.S. § 22a-42g, the Wetland Official is hereby authorized to issue citations for any violation of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town to the extent and in the manner provided herein.

Sec. XX-103. Definitions

The following terms shall have the meanings set forth herein unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Citation Hearing Officer (“*Hearing Officer*”) means any individual appointed pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-152c and Section XX-107 of this ordinance.

Person means any individual, corporation, or other legal entity capable of occupying, owning or possessing real property.

Wetland Official means the Inland Wetlands Agent, or any other person designated by the Town Manager, to enforce the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

Violation means any activity, condition or event that does not conform to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

Sec. XX-104. Issuance of citation

- (a) In addition to any and all remedies as set forth in C.G.S. § 22a-44, as may be amended, and the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Enfield (“IWWR”), the Wetland Official is authorized to issue citations when the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (“IWWA”) has determined, after a show cause hearing held per IWWR §14.4.a, as may be amended, that a violation(s) exists.
- (b) The citation shall include a description of the violation and the fine(s) for each violation as set forth herein.
- (c) Any citation issued hereunder shall be sent to any person who commits a violation by certified mail, return receipt requested and simultaneously by regular United States Postal Service mail.

Sec. XX-105. Amount of fine

The fine for each citation shall be as set forth in the table below.

Nature of Violation	Amount of Fine
For activities that occur within the established upland review area of an inland wetland or watercourse, but not within its related inland wetland or watercourse	\$500
For activities that occur within an inland wetland or watercourse.	\$1,000

Section XX-106 Payment of fine

Payment of fines is due the first business day after receipt of the citation. All amounts shall be made payable to the Town of Enfield.

Sec. XX-107. Citation appeal

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. § 7-152c, any person issued a citation shall be entitled to a hearing to contest the citation by delivering in person or by mail within ten days of the date of the citation a written demand for a hearing to the Town Manager. If any person so cited chooses not to timely request a hearing, he shall be deemed to have admitted liability. If he does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall be entered against him and that such judgment may issue without further notice.
- (b) The Town Manager shall appoint Citation Hearing Officers. Citation Hearing Officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years. No Citation Hearing Officer shall be a police officer, Town employee or any person who has the authority to issue citations.

Sec. XX-108. Exemptions

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no fine shall be levied against the Town or any of its employees while acting within the scope of their employment.

Section XX-109. Liability

No officer, agent or employee of the Town of Enfield charged with the enforcement of this ordinance shall render himself personally liable for any damages that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his or her duties under this ordinance