



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

June 16, 2025

7:00 PM - Town Hall - Council Chambers

<https://youtube.com/live/GrkRDMI9fy0>

1. PRAYER - John Santanella

A prayer was made by Councilor Santanella.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella

Absent: Gina Cekala, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Lori Unghire

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

4. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The fire evacuation was announced.

5. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Special Meeting - June 2, 2025

MOTION #7266 by: Marie Pyznar seconded: Bob Hendrickson to accept the minutes.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7266** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

- Regular Meeting - June 2, 2025

MOTION #7267 by: Marie Pyznar seconded: Robert Cressotti to accept the minutes. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7267** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau No: None Abstain: John Santanella.

6. SPECIAL GUESTS (Maximum 15 Minutes)

- ERFC - Summer Program

Mayor Nelson and Deputy Mayor Pyznar were in attendance for the 30-year anniversary of Educational Resources for Children at their new location. Board of Directors President Tracy Joseph, alongside Administrators Taylor Gosselin and Jordan Chase explained that

their program helps to enrich the lives of Enfield and area children by providing unique methods to help them succeed in and outside of school. They stated that they offer seven weeks of summer care in addition to year-round support with before and after-school care. Currently, they have two hundred students enrolled and are looking to expand. They worked to create a program geared specifically towards middle school students. During school breaks, the ERfC offers themselves to students to help working parents between the hours of 7am to 5pm.

The ERfC Summer Escape program begins June 30th and will be a memorable day camp experience for students entering K-8 and will run Monday through Friday, 8am to 3pm. There are options for extended hours as well. Kids can explore new interests through hands-on activities like theater, STEM, sports, life skills, arts & crafts, and literacy. This summer they will host a basketball clinic and field trips. The ERfC was awarded a grant through Open Choice and will bring back spelling bees, science fairs, and parent engagement opportunities. Since food for the program is covered under the grant, they will give roughly \$45,000 back to the community by supporting local businesses such as Lulu's, Anthony's, and Benson's Bagels. The children will receive fresh food for breakfast and lunch. Finalists in the spelling bee and science fair will participate in a block party during which they will be recognized. They host an annual backpack drive, and this year they will have food trucks, car seat inspections, and other community partners. The success of non-profits is thanks to Enfield partnerships and sponsors. Their hope is to support the life skills that so many children lose over the summer.

The program is on a first-come, first-served basis, ensuring that they maintain the ratios set forth by OEC. If there is an influx of interest, they will seek to hire additional personnel. 95% of their staff are Enfield residents, and their retention rate is 91.7%, with most of their team being employed five plus years. Most of the staff consist of CITs (Councilors in Training), college students, and Enfield teachers. It is a great opportunity for young people looking for a summer job. Interested students are encouraged to apply for the Summer Escape program. Residents can sign up at www.erfcinc.org or visit to find out more information on the program. Volunteers are subject to background checks. The ERfC has partnered with Care for Kids, which takes into account parents' income. The grants help to pay for enhancements to the program and to maintain the program cost. Donors are also able to donate a week to a particular child, as each session lasts one week. They recognize when they need to step in and try other avenues to help maintain their program, by partnering with Open Choice. They seek to obtain other grants as well.

Deputy Mayor Pyznar had the opportunity to meet with Tracy over lunch and gave a shout-out to the Housing Authority for donating the land at Mark Twain for the gardening portion

of the program. She was excited to hear that they would be focusing on life skills. She was impressed that they were taking the grant they received and putting it back into their program and the community instead of waiting for other organizations to help out.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

- Shops at Elm Street Square, LLC - Frank Troiano

For the purpose of transparency, the Council decided this public forum was the best for discussion regarding the TIF money and the Shops at Elm Street Square LLC.

Frank Troiano, member and manager of The Shops at Elm Street Square LLC, explained that the property being discussed is across the street from Town Fair Tire and Lia Volkswagen at the intersection of Palomba Drive and Route 220. The location is fully approved and has the required OSTA (Office of the State Traffic Administration) permits. He explained that his application for TIF funding would more than likely be different from other applications they may receive.

Attorney Michael Adreana of Pullman & Comley joined the discussion as one of the drafters of the original TIF regulations for the State of Connecticut. He explained that TIF is the process of obtaining incremental increases in real property taxes from new developments and using those funds to support public improvement. In most cases, the incremental taxes are shared with the town and the developer. The application in front of the Council is different from most because the town's TIF policy states a ten-year term for the credit enhancement agreement, but they are seeking approval of the credit enhancement as well as a waiver of the ten-year term and an extension to twenty-years. The justification for the extension is that the TIF money is going strictly to public improvement of the intersection of Palomba and Elm Streets, which the state is not willing to do. It also requires a donation of land from Mr. Troiano to create another turn lane. The public improvements will cost approximately \$2.3-2.4M. They asked that the TIF funds go to the developer for the costs associated with the public improvements be capped at \$2.4M. Finance Director John Wilcox made projections for the revenues of which 50% go to the town and the other 50% go toward the project. Mr. Wilcox was doubtful that they would reach \$2.4M in twenty years but would come close. Since this is a retail project, a tax abatement did not make sense. The retailers would enter into triple net agreements, where they would be responsible for the property taxes on their portion and a tax abatement would only benefit the tenants. He believed that this project fits the criteria for the town's TIF policy. They worked closely with the TIF Advisory Committee, Finance Director, and Economic Development Director, and concluded that a twenty-year credit enhancement would be more beneficial.

Mr. Troiano explained that the TIF program is unique because it doesn't cost the taxpayer

anything, and this application included a cap and a public improvement project. The funds from this agreement would go 100% towards the improvement of the intersection. The approved OSTA permit allows for the addition of another lane from donated land for the project. It would help alleviate traffic all the way to the Asnuntuck intersection. The addition of a lane would improve traffic flow going in both directions. If they finish the project before fifteen years and have received enough money to be reimbursed, then they will end their benefit. Currently, the vacant lot is being taxed at around \$56,000 at the assessed value of \$1.7M. The projection made by the Finance Director for the plaza after it's completed would be \$250,000. The incremental increase that would be eligible in the TIF would be the difference of \$196,000, split 50/50. The TIF only affects the increase and not the original taxed amount.

Mayor Nelson insisted on seeing the OSTA permits for the lot and what they required, because he knew that a light could be installed at that intersection. He said it was important that residents knew there would be no financial impact on them, and the town would see tax revenue starting in year one. Mr. Troiano stated that his goal was to get the project started as soon as possible so that the intersection would be completed right away. The application must be started by next summer, and they are currently shovel-ready. He believes this project is a benefit to the town and is surprised the state does not see it the same way. He said it was a great experience working with the TIF Committee. The project will help improve not only the immediate area, but the other streets off of Elm Street that get blocked by traffic. There would be the installation of a new lane and pedestrian crosswalks, and they would seek to improve traffic light timing to prevent bottlenecks. This area of Elm Street is not on the state's project list for at least the next five years, which is why it's important to start the project now.

Councilor Santanella asked if there was a way to mitigate the tumbleweed (purple grass) issue that happens in the summer in the neighborhood behind the 6 acres of land reserved for open space usage. Mr. Troiano explained that they are required to cut it three times a year per Enfield zoning requirements. They had a landscape architect at FA Hesketh & Associates who visited the site and provided recommendations for the proper timing for cutting the grass. It is a concern they are currently working on to maintain the property.

Councilor Cressotti thanked Mr. Troiano for coming before the Council and explaining the difference between a tax abatement and a credit enhancement with the ten additional years. He believed the public would understand why the extension to twenty years would be necessary.

7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Mr. Young wished Town Manager Bromson good luck on his retirement. Mr. Young participated in a golf tournament at Cedar Knob Country Club to raise money for the Enfield High football team. He believed the sponsored Summer Concert Series on Tuesday nights was well attended. He asked for an update on the Senior Volunteer Tax Credit, including the number of volunteers and amount of money they decided on for a budget. He said that they should consider a tax freeze for Seniors after a certain age and residency.

Mr. Young was glad to see that the water main was being replaced on Ridge Road and Holly Lane but was disappointed that newer portions of Ridge Road were being dug up after being replaced not long ago. He originally thought construction had started on the Roads 2021 project. He believed the town and the water company were not working together to coordinate projects. He wanted to know when the road replacement for Holly Lane would take place because the information was not on the PAR report or the DPW project tracker. He also wanted to know when to expect the completed FY24 Town Financial Report.

Mr. Young questioned a transfer on the agenda for the new Town Manager. He believed that it should be on the FY26 budget since he would be starting effective July 1, 2025. He said that no one would remember a miscellaneous charge in the Council budget and questioned where the money was coming from. He wanted to know what the projected balance would be for the money saved on the Hernandez lawsuit come June 30, 2025. The money should be in an account titled Judgments/Settlements, and not in an expense account as it is currently. He wanted to know if the town had appropriated the money for the lawsuit and what they would do with the remaining funds.

Wendy Osada, 8 Windmill Road

Ms. Osada, member of Enfield Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee, spoke in March and said that the mission of the group is to improve the lives of Enfield residents through grant making. They started the next grant-making cycle. The maximum amount they will grant is \$5,000, and the deadline to apply is July 7th. Interested parties need to have a 501(c)(3) classification and if they are not, they must be sponsored by one. The funding needed to be used to benefit Enfield residents. They are actively looking for committee members as well, with meetings held the second Thursday of each month. Enfield residents who do not hold a town-elected position are eligible to apply, including young adults and students 14 years and older. Whether you are looking to apply for a grant or a position on the committee, visit www.hfpg.org.

Gary Young, 320 Abbe Road

Mr. Young said he had come before the Council many times to discuss traffic-calming,

especially on Abbe Road. Currently, it is being used as a cut through and there are many broken sections of sidewalk. A large portion of the broken sidewalk is in front of the homes of families with small children and the elderly. He has noticed that the 30mph zones have turned into people speeding at 60mph, especially during the morning commute, lunch window, and evening commute. He said that the traffic safety issues have increased during the eighteen years he has lived there. While some individuals maintain the proper speed and some 10mph above, the road is double yellow-lined, and people are now passing around them. Now that school is out, there has been an influx of middle schoolers riding electric bikes and scooters in the street, and he is concerned about their safety. He requested action on the issue. Unfortunately, the speed monitoring equipment is old and failing and needs to be updated. Mr. Young also recommended that two links be added to the Enfield website, one to help individuals calculate what their car tax would be with the new valuations, and another to help calculate property taxes with the new mill rate.

Marjorie Gandossy, 31 Frew Terrace

Ms. Gandossy asked for clarification on what a deduct water meter was. Ms. Gandossy said that the ACLU reported that eight cities within CT were sharing DMV records with ICE, and Enfield was one of them. This information was used to apprehend individuals regardless of whether they have committed a crime. She quoted Pope Francis, and said that in many cases, immigrants have come to the US to better themselves and to have a better life. She said the borders are now closed, and a majority of the immigrants here are hardworking and contribute to society. She wished they were able to stay in the US, and not be deported, detained, or sent to El Salvador. She quoted JFK, stating that immigrants enrich the fabric of the US. Ms. Gandossy also asked why the taxpayers were paying \$9,000 for the new Town Manager to move to Enfield.

Lucien LeFevre, 54 Kimberly Drive

Mr. LeFevre, Chair of Enfield Veteran's Council, expressed his gratitude to the residents of Enfield who took their time to attend the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. Mr. LeFevre also thanked everyone who helped put the event together, from members of the Veterans Council, Police, and Town of Enfield employees.

Randy Daigle, 55 Cottage Road

Mr. Daigle said he was in support of what Mr. Troiano wanted to do with the parcel and intersection on Elm Street. He said the town was partially responsible for the flow of traffic when they approved the Winstanley project. Now with the purchase of land by Amazon to construct a new warehouse, the town can expect even more traffic. He hoped the Council would keep this in mind when Amazon comes before them to present their plans for their warehouse.

Walter Kruzel, 21 Charnley Road

Mr. Kruzel wished Mr. Bromson well and thanked him for all his years of service to Enfield in his many roles. Mr. Kruzel said that back in the 80s, the state was supposed to have widened Elm Street running all the way to the prisons. This failure caused him to have to create a bypass lane for Peerless Way at the cost of \$200,000, which he had to pay for himself.

Mr. Kruzel thanked Town Attorney Tyler for saving the town \$300,000 in the Hernandez case, but stated the attorneys were supposed to work on the defendant's case pro bono. He believed that if she had been awarded \$10, then 60% of that should have gone to cover lawyers' fees. He said that the case stemmed from her wanting a whiteboard which was accommodated, and documents were prepared for an executive session for which she never attended.

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Mr. Young said that the transfer discussed in Resolution 13C was coming from an income account and going to an expense account. The money would be used to cover additional charges for the billing agent's fee. He didn't think the town should reduce the transfer to EMS, since they have the additional income to offset the transfer. For the last two years, EMS has estimated their income at \$3M, when it's actually been over. He believed they needed a better estimate to help reduce the towns' contributions and taxes. He thinks that the 3.5% fee could be negotiated, as the Fire District did.

Mr. Young was concerned about the projected fire district tax and property assessments over the next ten years for property owners. He estimated an increase of 22.9%, while the savings on the Woodsonia Project for the same ten-year period would be \$3M just by deferring their payment for one year. He said the Council needs to reconsider what it will do to homeowners.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Nelson said the account which holds the money for the Hernandez case is next year's budget, so it has not been established yet. Mr. Nelson explained that the \$9,000 transfer for moving expenses has been in the contract for the Town Manager position since before 2005. He explained that the deduct meter is when your plumber splits the line to run a separate line to sprinklers and outside faucets to meter water usage. The rest of the home is connected to the regular water meter. At the end of the billing cycle, residents call the town and provide the number on the deduct meter, to reduce that amount off their regular sewer bill since that water never makes it into the sewer.

Mr. Nelson explained that Abbe Road has been the topic of conversation at Public Safety meetings, and they are researching multiple traffic-calming solutions. They have been working to put up new traffic signs and install speed bumps on newer roads. They have been looking into the option of having temporary speed bumps that could be moved around town, but the option is dependent on the speed limit in a particular area. He had noticed that people were not stopping at intersections such as Neelans Road like they used to. Last week, Enfield Police issued over 150 citations during a major traffic enforcement event. He would share more information as it becomes available.

Mayor Nelson said that this meeting would have been Town Manager Bromson's last meeting. Mr. Bromson has been a part of Enfield's history for over 40 years and has taken many roles and stepped up every time. Words escaped him in finding an adequate way to thank him for all he had done for Enfield. He was saddened Mr. Bromson was not in attendance tonight, but he understood because Mr. Bromson is a humble man. He believed the Council's success this term was in part due to the hard work of Mr. Bromson. The mall project, riverfront development, Troiano project, and multiple grants were because of Mr. Bromson's involvement and dedication to Enfield. He thanked Mr. Bromson for everything he has done for Enfield.

Councilor Cressotti empathized with Gary Young regarding Abbe Road and said the Public Safety Subcommittee is working to determine which roads would benefit from a speed bump. He also saw that the speed trap off of Broad Brook Road was not working, and people were flying through the area. He agreed with the Mayor that the moving stipend has been included in the Town Manager's contract for a number of years. He congratulated the Enfield High and Adult Education graduating Class of 2025 and wished them luck going forward. Saturday, June 21st, there will be a Juneteenth Festival on the Town Green put on by the Ujima Alliance Group from 11am to 5pm. He congratulated Amy Santanella for being Enfield's Teacher of the Year. She is a dedicated special education teacher at JFK who has turned the Best Buddies program into a statewide program.

Councilor Nasuta had the chance to attend this past Sunday's Farmers Market from 9am-12pm behind the Town Hall. He encouraged residents to attend and see the vendors and products.

Councilor Rousseau said that the stories Gary shared are similar to stories of other residents in town. Mr. Rousseau said that his job consists of him visiting fatal car crashes all across the state, so he is familiar with the tragedy that can come from speeding. He reminded residents that once you start driving 60mph in a 30mph zone and you are crossing double yellow lines, it becomes an arrestable, criminal offense. These offenders will receive

summons and court dates, and if convicted of reckless driving, they can face loss of license. He prefers enforcement to warnings. He congratulated the Enfield High Class of 2025 and will be in attendance at the ceremony on Wednesday.

Councilor Hendrickson asked to set a special meeting date for the non-profits to give their presentations with a seven-minute limit before the July meeting. An email would be sent to the Council to choose their date and time. Mr. Hendrickson asked for an update on the BOE audit. He told George Young that the Senior Tax Credit Program had more problems than just income limitations, and he had asked for a senior tax freeze in the past. Unfortunately, the state will not allow that.

Deputy Mayor Marie Pyznar congratulated the Class of 2025, and wished all students, staff, and faculty a happy and healthy summer. Ms. Pyznar congratulated Ms. Santanella and all the runners-up. She will be in attendance at the Juneteenth celebration Saturday on the Town Green and encouraged everyone to attend.

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Finance Director John Wilcox gave an update on the BOE audit. Mr. Wilcox said they had an introductory Zoom meeting between the Superintendent, the business manager, auditors of CL&A, and himself, where he was sent a Statement of Work agreement. The Council will receive a copy of the agreement to review. A report is expected by the end of the summer. He said they appropriated funds for the budget at the beginning of the calendar year, which was in the middle of the budget season, and this caused the delay.

Assistant Town Manager Bielenda said Mr. Bromson provided leadership, stability, and calm during a tumultuous time. He explained that Mr. Bromson hit the ground running from day one, taking calls from Woodsonia, which will now be his legacy. He also improved town buildings and brought back the school security officers, which has been a success. He was grateful that Mr. Bromson decided to stay past his original retirement date of March 1st to help with the budget. He was thankful for everything he did during his brief time back in Enfield for directors and employees as well.

10. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Interim Town Attorney Tyler said that Congressman Courtney's office has been keeping up with the issue regarding the sewage spilling into the CT River from a Massachusetts waste treatment plant. Mr. Courtney has made inquiries through the EPA and is still monitoring the issue. According to an email that Mr. Tyler received, the EPA is overseeing the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's efforts to eliminate the combined rain and sewer water overflow. It is a three-phase project that is expected to take some time. The email will be forwarded to the Town Manager and Council members for review.

Mr. Tyler said that the proposed Deer Park Recycling Facility on the state line is expected to impact over 110 residents in the Shaker Pines area. Over time, there will be water supply contamination from freshwater into the CT river by the Donald Barnes boat launch. He attended the Public Hearing last Friday night in East Longmeadow. He was able to sign up to speak at the public hearing and asked for intervenor status, explaining how Enfield would be directly impacted by the facility. The Judge and Board of Health members at the meeting found that Enfield would be directly impacted, and he was granted intervenor status. A signed and dated letter by the Mayor and the Council was presented on April 8th and, unbeknownst to them, a reply was made on April 22nd. Unfortunately, the response from the EPA and the applicant was never forwarded to the Mayor. They are proposing a train, and the use of 150 trucks a day. Another concern was the DEEP Natural Diversity Database Area map, which showed what areas would be impacted. He believed the area should be investigated by DEEP. He reiterated to the audience the direct impact this facility would have on Enfield, Connecticut, and Shaker Pines Lake. Public deliberations will be on July 10th with a final decision by July 28th.

Mayor Nelson said that he would be willing to hold an executive session if one was needed, and Mr. Tyler believed he had pertinent items that could be discussed. Councilor Hendrickson didn't have faith that MA would ask for a DEEP wildlife report and believed it a good idea to secure one on our own.

11. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilor Cressotti said that the PK-5 Eagle Academy Pre-referendum Committee met last Wednesday and reviewed two presentations from JCJ Architecture and Tecton Architects. There were five major criteria to select from their presentations:

- 1) Project size and scope
- 2) Team experience with pre-referendum and support to educate the public
- 3) Proposed teams experience with school facilities and the relationship with the state
- 4) Proposed teams approach to work required
- 5) Proposed teams approach with organizations and those with sub-consultants to work with the state for requirements of the project

Councilor Cressotti was pleased with the presentations by both companies, and after discussions, they unanimously decided on Tecton Architects. He said they were thorough, professional, and stood out on a majority of the criteria. Tecton is ready to start moving with the project.

Deputy Mayor Pyznar said that at the last TIF meeting, they discussed the new Black Crow Coffee Shop, which went to the Economic Development office to inquire about the possibility of doing yoga on the Town Green. They also wished to have movie nights on the Green as

well. A consensus was achieved to move the yoga and movie nights idea to the Culture and Arts Subcommittee for review.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

1. Resolution to Transfer Funds for Moving Expenses - \$9,000.00

MOTION #7268 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Bob Hendrickson to accept the Consent Agenda. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7268** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None. ***A copy of the full resolution follows.***

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 - TOWN ATTORNEY

Judgement/Settlements	10130000	582000	\$9,000
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TO: GENERAL FUND - COUNCIL

Miscellaneous Expenses	10110000	589000	\$9,000
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I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of June 12, 2025, by John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance

B. Appointment(s)–Town Council Appointed

1. **Enfield Culture and Arts Commission** – The Term of Office of Emily Clifford (L) Expired 6/1/2025. Reappointment Would be Until 6/1/2027.

NOMINATION #7269 by: John Santanella

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Robert Cressotti to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

By a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7269** adopted. Yes:

Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment made.

2. **Enfield Culture and Arts Commission** – The Term of Office of Donna Hamre (D) Expired 6/1/2025. Reappointment Would be Until 6/1/2027.

NOMINATION #7270 by: John Santanella

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Bob Hendrickson to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

By a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7270** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment made.

3. **Fair Rent Commission** – The Term of Office of Walter LeBeau, Jr. (R) Expires 6/30/2025. Reappointment Would be Until 6/30/2027.

NOMINATION #7271 by: John Santanella

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Bob Hendrickson to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

By a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7271** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment made.

4. **Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency - Alternate** The Term of Office of Robert Gillespie (R) Expires 6/30/25. Reappointment Would be Until 6/30/2029.

NOMINATION #7272 by: John Santanella

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Marie Pyznar to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

By a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7272** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff

Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None. The Chair declared the appointment made.

C. Request to Transfer Funds For EMS Billing Fee - \$12,500

RESOLUTION #7273 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: John Santanella.

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

FROM: EMS FUND

EMS	EMS Revenue- Fees	Client 25240000-414400	\$12,500.00
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TO: EMS FUND

EMS	Other Services	Professional 25222000-533900	\$12,500.00
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I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of June 12, 2025, by John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7273** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

D. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter Into an Agreement for Architectural Services for the PK-5 Elementary Schools and Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School Pre-Referendum Project

RESOLUTION #7274 by: Robert Cressotti, seconded: Marie Pyznar.

WHEREAS, the PK-5 Elementary Schools and Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School Pre-Referendum Committee (Committee), as charged by the Enfield Town Council, has completed its review process for architectural services for renovations to the PK-5 Elementary Schools and Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended Tecton Architects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to

enter into and amend the agreement for architectural services for the PK-5 Elementary Schools and Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School renovation project, which agreement and any amendments thereto are subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Councilor Rousseau echoed the sentiments of Councilor Cressotti, stating that Tecton Architects gave an impressive, strong presentation. They are skilled architects who are well-versed in CT law, requirements, and referendums, and have had much success. He said the other group did a great presentation as well, but Tecton stood out. They look forward to moving ahead with the project.

Mayor Nelson said it was a great committee and one of his best ideas was inviting Randy Daigle to join as Chair. Mr. Daigle spent countless days responding to emails and ensuring that this project would thrive. He believed it was possible to get this completed in time for a November referendum. He's excited to see the final plans and thanked the committee and Mr. Daigle.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7274** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

E. Resolution to Accept Donation of Benches

RESOLUTION #7275 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts the donation of two (2) benches from Gil Vasseur.

Mayor Nelson previously spoke with Gil Vasseur who asked to make the donations and requested that the town also install a port-a-potty along the path. Under the direction of Mr. Bromson and DPW Director Donald Nunes, it was decided to move the existing one at the dog park closer to the sign by the transfer station. He also thanked Little John at the Sign Factory for creating plaques for the benches.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **MOTION #7275** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

F. Resolution Accepting the Charter Revision Commission's Final Report

RESOLUTION #7276 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Robert Cressotti to waive the reading of the full resolution. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff

Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

Mayor Nelson said the Charter Revision Commission had their final meeting, and decided on the 5%, which is what the Commission asked for.

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission submitted its Draft Report to the Town Council on April 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council conducted a public hearing on May 12, 2025, to hear public opinion regarding the Charter Revision Commission's Draft Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council on May 20, 2025, and as a result of its official action on May 19, 2025, forwarded recommendations to the Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission reviewed and responded to the Town Council's recommendation on June 12, 2025;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby accept the Charter Revision Commission's Final Report dated June 13, 2025.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7276** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

G. Request for Transfer of Funds to the Town Attorney Legal Account - \$60,000

RESOLUTION #7277 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: John Santanella.

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 - Town Attorney

Judgments/Settlements	10130000-582000	\$60,000.00
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TO: General Fund - Town Attorney

Legal	10130000-533200	\$60,000.00
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I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of June 12, 2025, by John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7277** adopted. Yes: Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella No: None Abstain: None.

14. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING

None.

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

Randy Daigle, 55 Cottage Road

Mr. Daigle, President of Shaker Pines Lake Association, said that portions of Shaker Lake had been interfered with when Winstanley was approved years back. The land they had clear-cut had been leased to a farmer, and when they had heavy rains two years ago, the lake got flooded with fertilizer. It turned their lake brown and took over a month to clear up, all while growing vegetation they never had before, which is a problem to this day. The Association used to budget \$7,000 to cover three annual lake treatments, and that number has increased to \$21,000 for five treatments and it is still an issue. The town also allowed Mayfield Place to clear-cut land for additional luxury apartments, and now their Inland Wetland approvals have allowed them to clear right up to their lake. Since the town never followed up, Mayfield Place didn't know there was a silt fence requirement until they were clearing the land, causing debris and wood chips to slide into their lake. The Association had to hire again for remediation and treatments. He reached out to DEEP and the town for help with this issue. The town provided a grant for the spillway, but the spillway is actually the responsibility of the town. Enfield owns the lake also, but residents of Shaker Lake pay tax to the Association as well as to the town. The storm water catch basins along the streets do not have protective cages to prevent extra debris from entering their lake. He is concerned about the recycling center going in at Deer Park and possible sediment and run-off going into Shaker Lake. He pleaded with the Council for help, saying the lake is costing them thousands upon thousands of dollars a year. He appreciated that Attorney Tyler spoke on their behalf and was disappointed they weren't able to attend. He would like to know the next time there is a meeting that they could attend. Mr. Tyler said they were calling in a lot of favors and were hoping the work could be done pro bono.

17. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Marie Pyznar to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted

unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Lindsay Petrucci, Assistant Town Clerk
Secretary of the Council



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ERfC

Educational Resources for Children, Inc. (ERfC) is a private, nonprofit organization *founded in 1994*, dedicated to providing high-quality, accessible, academic-based programs for children and families in Enfield, Connecticut, and surrounding towns.

Our team is passionately committed to fostering academic success, personal growth, and enrichment opportunities through a diverse range of educational, recreational, and support programs—tailored to meet the unique needs of every child.

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ERfC's Mission

ERfC is committed to providing high-quality, accessible, and enriching programs that help children thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Through innovative learning experiences and strong partnerships, we empower every child to succeed in school and beyond.

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ERfC's Vision

“A future where every child has access to quality education, enriching experiences, and the support needed to thrive—regardless of background or circumstance.”

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ERfC Edge

Empowering Students Beyond the School Day

ERfC EDGE (Enrichment, Development, Growth & Engagement) is our high-quality Before & After School program!

Designed to provide academic support, enrichment activities, and recreation in a safe, structured, and engaging environment.



**School Year
2024-2024:
199 Children
Enrolled**

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ERfC Teen Edge

Empowering Students Beyond the School Day

The ERfC Teen EDGE Program is designed with these needs in mind. It provides a safe, structured, and engaging environment where students can:

- Spend time with friends in a productive setting
- Explore new skills and interests
- Receive academic support
- Grow socially and emotionally



**2024-2025
School Year:
30 Children
Enrolled**

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Price Scale

ERfC Edge & Teen Edge

Program Schedule	3 Days A Week	5 Days A Week
Before School Only	\$55	\$75
After School Only	\$94	\$140
Before & After School	\$109	\$165
After School Only * CCLC Grant	N/A	Free

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ERfC Flex

Childcare When Enfield Public Schools are CLOSED!

ERfC FLEX is our Vacation Day Program, a safe, engaging and enriching experience for children in grades K-8 from Enfield and surrounding towns!

Each day features hands-on activities, including:

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- SPORTS & RECREATION
- STEAM EXPLORATION
- INTERACTIVE GAMES & MORE!



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Price Scale

ERfC Flex

Daily Rate	\$55
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Financial Aid

Care 4 Kids

Care 4 Kids is a financial assistance program in Connecticut that helps low- to moderate-income families pay for child care. The program is designed to support working parents or those in education and training by covering a significant portion of child care costs, making quality care more accessible and affordable.

At Educational Resources for Children (ERfC), we are proud to partner with Care 4 Kids to help families get the support they need. In fact, 80% of the children enrolled in ERfC programs receive some form of financial assistance, including Care 4 Kids. This allows us to serve a wide range of families and ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe, supportive environment—regardless of their financial situation.

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ERfC Summer Escape

Where Fun, Learning, and Adventure Meet!

ERfC Summer Escape offers a safe, exciting, and memorable day camp experience for students entering Grades K–8!

- Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Eli Whitney School
- Extended hours available before and after camp.

Our program focuses on building self-confidence, creativity, independence, and friendships — all while having a blast every single day!

Current Enrollment: 140!



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ERfC Summer Escape

Where Fun, Learning, and Adventure Meet!

ERfC Summer Escape is a fun, enriching day camp where kids explore new interests and build skills through hands-on activities:

- Theater – Skits and games that build confidence and creativity. We host a family showcase every Friday to show off the skits and routines that the children worked on!
- STEM – Fun science and engineering challenges that spark curiosity. During this summer we are introducing our first ever ERfC Science Fair!
- Sports – Team games and physical activities that promote teamwork and health.
- Life Skills – Activities that teach communication, decision-making, and independence.
- Arts & Crafts – Creative projects that encourage self-expression.
- Literacy – Reading and writing activities that build strong language skills in a fun way.



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Price Scale

ERfC Summer Escape

Program Schedule	Weekly Rate
Before Camp (7:00 AM-8:00 AM)	\$20
Camp Day (8:00 AM-3:00 PM)	\$245
Extended Day (3:00 PM-6:00 PM)	\$60

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Summer Escape Field Trips



Lake Congamond

Springfield Museums

Shaker Bowl

New England Air Museum

Forest Park Zoo

Sonny's Place



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In My Summer Era Basketball Clinic

Featuring Special Guest Marvin Owens Sr

Step into your Summer Era with a basketball experience designed to elevate your game!

Join Marvin Owens Sr, former semi-professional basketball player and renowned youth coach every Tuesday & Wednesday from July 8th to August 6th!

Focus on shooting, conditioning and basketball IQ

Perfect for a beginner looking to learn fundamentals or an experienced player looking to prepare for the next level.



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ERfC Science Fair

Sunday August 24th - Enfield Town Green

🔬 Big ideas are coming to life at the ERfC Science Fair!
 🚀 From exploding volcanoes to wild inventions, our young scientists are ready to wow you. Don't miss the creativity, curiosity, and cool experiments on display! 🧪🌟



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ERfC Spelling Bee

Sunday August 24th - Enfield Town Green



Get ready to cheer on our brilliant young spellers as they take the stage to showcase their vocabulary skills, confidence and hard work.

Let the fun begin!

Every word counts, and every effort shines!

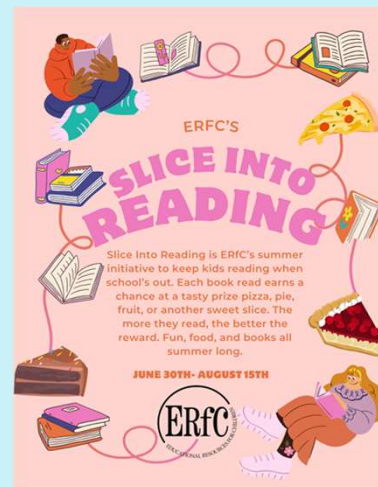
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ERfC Slice into Reading

Join our "Read & Feed" Challenge!

Every page potentially pays off! Readers will compete to rack up the most reading hours, and the top bookworms each week are rewarded with delicious slices of their favorite pie, pizza, cake or even a slice of adventure!

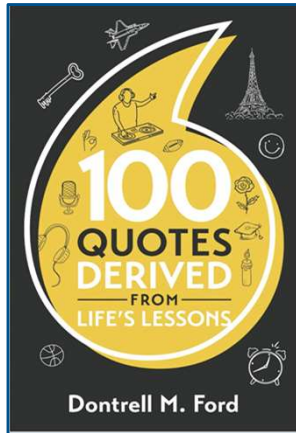
Reading has never been more rewarding!



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Special Events at Summer Escape

**Chief Master Sergeant
Dontrell M. Ford**



Ice Cream Trucks!



Kona Ice!



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ERfC Sun & Soil Society

Get Ready to Dig In and Grow Big!

Join us for fun-filled days in the dirt - Located at Mark Twain

- 🍓 Plant fruits veggies, flowers & herbs
- 🐛 Discover bugs, butterflies & garden creatures
- 🌿 Create cool nature crafts
- 🌻 Play garden games & explore the outdoors
- 🥕 Learn where food comes from - and taste what you grow!

Let's grow something together!



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Bookbag Drive Block Party

Sunday August 24th- Enfield Town Green 11:00am-6:00pm

Help us kick off the school year by supporting local students with backpacks and school supplies — and enjoy a community celebration you won't want to miss!

Stay tuned for more details — you're invited to make a difference and have a blast!



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ERfC PBIS Model

What is PBIS & How Do We Use It?

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive, evidence-based framework that focuses on promoting and reinforcing positive behavior in all environments of each of our programs. Rather than reacting to negative behavior with punishment, PBIS emphasizes prevention, consistent expectations, and positive reinforcement.

E	Empathy - Kind to others - Helping others in need - Being kind when others are feeling down or sad
R	Respectful - Always be kind to staff and friends - Respectful of our equipment and school surroundings - Keeping our hands to ourselves and being safe at all times
f	Friendly - Greeting friends and staff with kindness - Being a role model - Play fair with all friends
C	Collaboration - Take pride in the program and have fun - Work together as a team to achieve goals - Include everyone

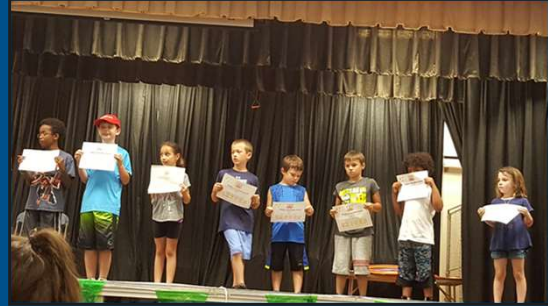
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PBIS Continued

Why is PBIS Important in our Program?

PBIS is important because:

- Creates a Safe, Predictable Environment
- Improves Behavior and Promotes Equity
- Supports Social-Emotional Learning
- Builds Stronger Relationships
- Prevents Burnout and Disruption



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ERfC Health & Safety Guidelines

ERfC consistently goes above and beyond the requirements set by the Office of Early Childhood to ensure that every child in its care is safe, nurtured, and thriving. While meeting all regulatory standards, ERfC implements additional safety protocols, staff training, and wellness initiatives designed to provide an exceptional level of care. From enhanced background checks to proactive communication with families and individualized support plans, ERfC demonstrates an unwavering commitment to creating a secure and supportive environment. Their dedication reflects not just compliance, but a deep-rooted mission to protect and uplift every child, making their well-being the highest priority.

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ERfC Safety Guidelines

OEC Requirement

The OEC requires 1 person on site to be trained in CPR & First Aid.

The OEC requires only one emergency contact for children.

ERfC

ERfC has all 24 center staff trained plus our office staff as well.

ERfC requires two to ensure that all children are safe and supported in case of an emergency. Even for our students in DCF, we have an open communication.

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The Heart

The Community

ERfC like many non-profit organizations fuel the economic growth by supporting families and enabling workforce development.

95% of our employees are based in Enfield, CT

Long term retention rate of 91.7% for employees over 5 years.

Thanks to the Open Choice Grant awarded in partnership with Enfield Public Schools, we have put almost \$46,000 back in to the local economy by having local restaurants cater our Campers' Breakfast and Lunch



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Thank You

Our Community Partners

None of this would be possible without YOU:

Town of Enfield

Executive HR Consulting Services

Enfield Food Shelf

Enfield Public Schools

DCF

Enfield Residents

CCLC

The ERfC Staff

Care4Kids

Open Choice
of the Directors

Office of Early Childhood

Board

Cox

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