

Enfield Fire District No. 1  
Special Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:38p.m. by President Vincent Grady.

Attendees for the Board:

Paul Meunier	Paul Benis
Gary Castle	Vincent Grady
Christopher Foley	Sean McGuire
Maureen Brennan	Patrick Droney
William Moran	

President Vincent Grady called for a moment of silence in memory of Deputy Chief Higgins' father's passing.

Commissioner Paul Meunier read aloud the resolution (Attachment A) and made a motion to discuss said resolution and a second by William Moran. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Vice President Droney inquired if the consultant that performed the study, Shoreline, was at any consolidation meetings and they have not been recently. President Grady and Vice President Droney advised that there are clauses referring to the consolidation study completed for SPFD and HFD in the resolution that do not apply to the EFD and only pertain to SPFD and HFD. For example, "Throughout the report we will use the term consolidation, with the intent of it being perceived as a coming together of two (2) equals to create a new fire district." Furthermore, field work was done for these studies specific to SPFD and HFD but no detailed "field study" was done for EFD only an overview. President Grady expressed a desire to explore administratively consolidating with all districts but not a complete financial consolidation. Vice President Droney noted the difficulty in the districts getting together on tax collection and this is concerning about the ability of the districts to work in unison. Commissioner McGuire pointed out clauses that mention signing the resolution means agreeing to develop a consolidation plan and that it mentions five equal districts will be consolidated, however there are not five equal districts in size, budget, debt, staffing, etc. Commissioner Brennan expressed concern about moving forward without a meeting for public input and mentioned perhaps the district should hire their own consultant to learn the impact of consolidation and to continue attending consolidation meetings. Commissioner Foley advised that since he joined the Commission, he has been pleased to learn how well run the dept is.

Paul Meunier made a motion to vote to accept the consolidation resolution and Vice President Patrick Droney made a second to support the resolution and the motion fails 9-0.

Motion by Maureen Brennan to go into executive session at 7:06pm second by Paul Meunier.  
Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Out of executive session at 7:47pm with no votes taken.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm by Paul Meunier second by Maureen Brennan. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

# ENFIELD FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## RESOLUTION

### APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CONSOLIDATION

**Whereas**, in 2022, the Hazardville, Shaker Pines, North Thompsonville, Thompsonville, and Enfield Fire Districts funded a consolidation study to determine if the five fire districts could be consolidated and, if so, what steps needed to be completed to affect that consolidation. Shoreline Associates, Inc. (“Shoreline”) was selected to complete that consulting project; and

**Whereas**, thereafter, on January 6, 2022, Shoreline Associates, Inc. issued its Final Report; and

**Whereas**, the Report provides an overview of the procedures performed, the results of those procedures, Shoreline’s recommendations to consolidate the five fire districts, a plan of consolidation and a post-consolidation financial projection; and

**Whereas**, throughout the Report Shoreline uses the term consolidation, with the intent of it being perceived as a coming together of five (5) equals to create a new fire district. The overriding intent of the Report is to integrate the fire districts to enhance service delivery without increasing costs; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the procedures performed, results obtained and research conducted, Shoreline recommends that Hazardville, Shaker Pines, North Thompsonville, Thompsonville, and Enfield Fire Districts undergo a full consolidation; and

**Whereas**, the proposed consolidation plan provides for a phased approach to achieve full consolidation over time; and

**Whereas**, the Enfield Fire District needs to establish a committee to consider the implementation of the Shoreline recommendations and to develop a proposed Consolidation Plan and to report its recommendations to the Board of Commissioners; and

**Whereas**, after receiving the Committee Report and recommendations, the Enfield Fire District Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of a proposal to consolidate with the Shaker Pines, North Thompsonville, Thompsonville, and Hazardville Fire Districts.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved:**

1. That the Enfield Fire District hereby appoints a consolidation study committee of two (2) members to consider consolidation with Shaker Pines, North Thompsonville, Thompsonville, and Hazardville Fire Districts as recommended in the Shoreline Report; and

2. To charge the Committee with the task of making a recommendation to the Enfield Fire District Board of Commissioners regarding a proposed plan of consolidation; and

3. To inform the Shaker Pines, North Thompsonville, Thompsonville, and Hazardville Fire Districts Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners of the formation of the consolidation study committee.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202 .

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Enfield Fire District  
Vincent Grady, President