

Minutes
Nottingham Select Board Meeting
June 13, 2016

6:30 PM Chair Danis opened the meeting and asked all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Donna Danis, Tiler Eaton, Charlene Andersen

Others: Town Administrator Chris Sterndale, Edward Viel, Cheryl Smith, Richard Wolf – Lucas Pond Road Northwood, Jim Hadley – Old Mountain Road Northwood, Jim Fernald, Mike Russo, Bonnie Winona

Approval of Manifest:

Motion: by Ms. Andersen, second by Mr. Eaton to approve the June 6, 2016 accounts payable and June 7, 2016 payroll manifests.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Andersen, second by Mr. Eaton to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 and June 1, 2016 meetings as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Select Board Department/Board/Committee Reports:

Planning Board: Ms. Andersen reported three cases were continued: for Flutter Street, Smoke Street, and a sub-division on Gile Road. The board also held further discussion about a sub-division off Sachs Road, relating to curb cuts and the sub-division regulations for the number of house lots and access driveways. Possible solutions were offered that are being reviewed by the Planning Board, which includes asking for a legal opinion regarding the sub-division regulations.

The Planning Board also will submit final recommendations and proposed changes of their review to the Site Plan Regulations, which should be completed by July.

Budget Committee: Mr. Eaton stated the Budget Committee would meet on July 14, 2016.

Town Administrator Reports, Mail, Signature Items:

Highway: There is a lot of paving taking place and work will continue over the next couple of weeks as well.

Recreation: The concerns regarding the soccer programs appear to have been solved. Interviews for the vacant Recreation Assistant position will be taking place in the next week. Chair Danis asked if the 3rd part-time office position was eliminated with the change over to the new electronic registration option. Mr. Sterndale reported the 3rd position has been eliminated and the change to e-registration permits the assistant to still cover the office, but also have time to help during Summer Camp. Summer Camp begins on June 27th, with staff training taking place on June 22nd and 23rd, the lifeguard positions have been filled, as well as the swim instructor.

Fire: A new fire fighter has been hired, Tobey O'Brien; he has been working in the position for six weeks on a per-diem basis. A few additional steps need to be completed for his final hire, but he is working in the regular department staff work rotation.

Town Admin: Mr. Sterndale reported he is working with residents on Seaman's Point Road relating to an abandoned and vacant house. Additional information will be presented to the Select Board as it is received and needed action determined.

CIP Program: Mr. Sterndale stated the CIP process should start soon if the Select Board would like a finished product to the Budget Committee earlier in the budget preparation season.

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There was agreement that it was the decision to rejuvenate the committee to work separately from the Select Board and Chair Danis was the Select Board representative. Mr. Viel, Vice-Chair of the Planning Board, reported John Morin would be the Planning Board representative.

Mr. Sterndale would request the 2016 CIP worksheets from department heads prior to the first meeting of the CIP Committee, which would be scheduled for the end of July.

WWII Monument: Mr. Sterndale reported Mr. Charlie Brown and other volunteers cleaned up the area and repainted the monument, making it look a lot better.

Moment of Silence: The Select Board and those present held a moment of silence in respect of the victims and for families and community of Orlando Florida.

Appointments:

7:00 pm – No Through Trucking Ordinance Public Hearing: Mr. Sterndale read the proposed ordinance which was intended to prohibit through trucking on Lucas Pond Road, Michela Way, Garland Road, Halls Way, Kelsey Road, Lincoln Drive, Francesca Way, and McCrillis Road.

Chair Danis opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jim Fernald of Fernald Lumber asked if the dump road (Freeman Hall) was included in the list of prohibited roads and asked for clarification of the type of trucks that would be prohibited. It was stated it was not, trucking was allowed on Freeman Hall and the type of truck according to RSA 259:115-b was clarified as being “every motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property” and “Light Trucks” are exempt per RSA 259:50 “any motor truck having no more than 2 axles.”

Jim Hadley, Old Mountain Road in the town of Northwood, spoke about the no through trucking voted by the Northwood Selectmen, and stated he submitted a petition to Nottingham from Nottingham residents of Lucas Pond Road for no through trucking. Mr. Hadley reviewed information about community policing and suggested that a way to help enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Ed Viel expressed his support of the ordinance as written, stating it is a positive balance between commercial vehicle use on the listed roads and citizen use of those roads.

Mr. Mike Russo of Garland Road expressed his thanks to the Select Board, Town Administrator and Chief Gunnar Foss for the thoughtful process of implementing a no through trucking ordinance.

Chair Danis Closed the public hearing and thanked those who attended and commented.

Ms. Andersen asked to have the Select Board vote on the ordinance separately and hold a second vote on the list of roads included in the ordinance; she would recuse herself from voting on the list of roads to prevent any possible implication of conflict of interest, as a resident of Garland Road.

Motion: by Ms. Andersen, second by Mr. Eaton to discuss and approve the language of ordinance #16-001 to prohibit through trucking on public ways.

Chair Danis stated the Select Board had discussed the ordinance thoroughly at a previous meeting and felt the Town Administrator captured what the Select Board intends with the language written for the ordinance.

Ms. Andersen appreciated the input from Chief Foss on the language and list of roads.

Mr. Eaton stated he believed just having the ordinance will help eliminate some of the problems.

Chair Danis called a vote on the motion to accept and adopt the language of ordinance #16-001, minus the roads listed in the ordinance.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

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Ms. Andersen recused herself from the Board.

Motion: by Chair Danis, second by Mr. Eaton to accept the list of road recommended as the roads to be covered by the ordinance.

Chair Danis reviewed that a prior Select Board reviewed this issue and decided they would not take action on a similar request, feeling they did not want to create more regulation and/or restrictions. However, given the support and comments from Chief Foss she is now in favor of the new ordinance and the roads they cover.

Mr. Eaton agreed with the comments by Chair Danis.

Chair Danis called the vote to support the roads listed in the ordinance, which included Lucas Pond Road, Halls Way, Francesca Way, Michela Way, Kelsey Road, McCrillis Road, Garland Road, and Lincoln Drive.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

General Business:

Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC): Mr. Russo reported Nottingham does not have a representative who sits on the LRAC and the town may be missing out on information, activities, and actions being completed by the committee, which could affect the town watershed. Mr. Russo asked the Select Board to actively seek a representative for the committee, and he will also ask the same of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Russo stated the LRAC is currently seeking support from the town in their request for federal money to create recreation maps.

The Select Board agreed to both requests and asked Mr. Russo to publish notice on the All Nottingham Facebook page, the Nottingham email blast and it would be posted on the town website. Interested parties can contact Mr. Russo with any questions.

Solar RFQ: Mr. Sterndale reported the town previously discussed the issue of placing solar panels on the roof of the town office building, but will have some restrictions with the current electricity supply contract in place. However, work can move forward for a plan for future installation of solar panels, sometime in the spring of 2017; also with a need for a town meeting warrant article seeking project approval. Seeking an RFQ will provide the town with the information they will need to seek the best partner and eventually a future system, eventually leading to a final contract.

Chair Danis asked how the town will determine if the eventual contract would be the best pricing option. Mr. Sterndale stated the town won't necessarily know if it would be the cheapest, but is choosing a vendor based on the terms and options, especially with the length of the contract and future fluctuation in the electricity market.

Ms. Andersen asked about including other town buildings in the process. Mr. Sterndale reported there isn't a hard decision about including other buildings, but they can be. The initial survey was primarily the town office building, which is an ideal structure and could provide the best results given the roof area and sun exposure. The school could be a good site and they can be included in the discussion, but they would have a separate contract.

Mr. Sterndale reported if the initial project is successful the town could look at future installations of ground systems in locations like the old landfill. Ms. Andersen stated the town does have a couple of potential lots that could be considered for a solar farm and asked to have those considered at the same time, which might provide a better deal.

Mr. Sterndale reported there should be minimal work needed, if any, to install panels on the town office building.

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Mr. Sterndale reported he would modify the RFQ to include additional lots for possible ground installations and would review the other lots that might be considered for that type of system and contact the school regarding their plans for solar if any.

Chair Danis stated she wanted to be kept informed of the process but did not want to be involved in the initial interviews. Ms. Andersen stated she would like to be involved in the interviews, when she was available.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: The Board entered non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II(d).

7:29 PM Motion: Motion by Chair Danis, second by Mr. Eaton to enter non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II(d).

Vote: Danis – Yea, Eaton – Yea, Andersen – Yea. 3 – 0 in favor.

7:58 PM Motion: Chair Danis, second by Mr. Eaton to exit the non-public session.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: Chair Danis, second by Mr. Eaton to seal the non-public minutes of June 13, 2016.

Roll Call Vote: Danis – Yea, Eaton – Yea, Andersen – Yea. 3 – 0 in favor.

The Selectmen made no decisions during their nonpublic session.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

7:59 PM Motion: by Mr. Eaton, second by Ms. Andersen to adjourn.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Calley-Murdough