

**Nottingham Select Board Meeting**

**1-11-21**

**Official Minutes as of 1/25/21**

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2 **Call to Order**

3 Members Present: Chair Ben Bartlett, Vice Chair John Morin, Tiler Eaton, Tony Dumas, Donna  
4 Danis

5 Absent:

6 Others: Lorraine Petrini, Chris Sterndale, Steve Soreff, Gregg, Ruth Anne Fuller, Dave  
7 Dearborn, Bonnie Winona MacKinnon, Ann O'Keefe, Marguerite, Kim, Susan Levenson,  
8 Therese Thompson, Sandi Dow, Kip and Judy Baillargeon, Jennifer, Shawn McLean, John  
9 Jannotti, JoAnna Arendarczyk, June Proko, Karyl Martin, Kathryne Brosnan, Chelli Tennis

10 Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

11 **Approve Manifests**

12 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of 1/11/21 and payroll**  
13 **manifest of 1/12/21. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

14 **Approve Minutes**

15 **Mr. Morin made a motion to approve the public from 12/28/20 as written. Mr. Eaton**  
16 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

17 **BOS Reports from Assigned Boards/Committees**

18 *Budget Committee*

19 Meeting is coming up this week. Mr. Morin said that Mr. Sterndale did a nice job going over the  
20 warrant articles. Shawn McLean was there to go over highway items. Chief Woodman came to  
21 the meeting as well.

22 *Planning Board*

23 On Wed. night, they are meeting.

24 *CIP*

25 There is a meeting tomorrow. The SB will present.

26 *300<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee*

27 No update

28 *Marston Property*

29 Ms. Danis reached out to Kortney in rec. dept. to get in touch with fundraising group.

30 **Town Administrator Report**

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31 No update.

32 **Action Items from Last Meetings**

33 *Town meeting preparation, 2021 Budget and Warrant Articles*

34 **General Business**

35 *Town Meeting Plan*

36 HB1129 gives the town the authority to have a zoom session but there are deadlines that need to  
37 be met in order for this type of meeting to occur. Ms. Danis said there was an agreement amongst  
38 the BOS at the last meeting to postpone the deliberative session in order to have a in-person  
39 deliberative session and in-person voting.

40 Ms. MacKinnon said there wasn't any new information that she has from the presentation she  
41 went to on Saturday. Today is the last day the BOS can make the decision to do a virtual meeting  
42 to allow time to send information to townspeople. There was a consensus among the BOS to  
43 postpone the meeting.

44 Mr. Sterndale said there have been conversations with the SB about the meetings. Mr. Sterndale  
45 said there is a bill that states that school and town can push off the meeting and voting. The  
46 voting must be on a Tuesday. The SB is waiting for info on their bond and what date would work  
47 best for them: either 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in May or June.

48 Ms. Martin said on the advice of the SB counsel the SB does not believe they can do the 72-hour  
49 postponements. They are keeping the in-person deliberative on Feb. 2 as of right now, pending  
50 the bill outcome. Ms. Danis said they don't have to have to do the 72-hour postponements if the  
51 SB can announce a specific date in the future. Ms. Martin said their counsel advised them  
52 differently than what the BOS was told. Ms. MacKinnon said the SB has a bond issue; if they  
53 have deliberative session on Feb. 2, they will have to have their meeting.

54 Ms. Danis strongly suggests not to have 2 separate days for voting. Ms. Levenson said it is not  
55 the SB intention to have a double election. She said if they can postpone, they would prefer a  
56 May vote. Ms. Danis said they should do whatever they can to avoid 2 voting days. Mr.  
57 Sterndale said they can wait to hear from SB and make a later decision or do a in person  
58 deliberative for BOS later this month. Ms. Martin said she believes there will be a lower turnout  
59 for SB however Mr. Sterndale said the SB has a higher ticket item in presenting a bond. Ms.  
60 Martin said she doesn't think they will hear anything until the bill goes through the Senate. Ms.  
61 Martin said the SB is not doing the virtual option. They want to postpone the meeting but they  
62 don't know when they can postpone to right now. Ms. MacKinnon said the town could postpone  
63 30 days and the 28-60 day window to do voting can still be met. Ms. MacKinnon said the last  
64 deliberative session when they were discussing an addition, the meeting was very well attended.  
65 Ms. MacKinnon asked the SB to let her know if there will be a mask mandate and how the room  
66 will be set up for the school in-person deliberative session. She said if there are people who are  
67 not wearing masks, she suggested that they are in a different room.

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Mr. Sterndale said three takeaways are: the BOS wants to have an in-person meeting, they are not ready to have in person meeting at this time and they want to hold the same voting day as the school district. Ms. Danis is adamant that the BOS and SB have the same voting day. Ms. MacKinnon said that there are towns that have two voting days. Ms. Decker said there are statutory requirements for the supervisors. They have to hold new sessions and posted times for people to register to vote. They can't have things too last minute because the supervisors have to prepare for the voters. The supervisors need to have a time to add people to checklist 7-10 days before deliberative session.

Mr. Morin confirmed that the goal is to have in-person deliberative and voting.

*2021 Budget and Warrant*

There was discussion on budget and if they would like to use some of the unassigned fund balance for purchases now instead of warrant articles for front end loader purchase for \$200K and kitchen renovations for \$22k.

The recommended range for undesignated fund balance is 8-17% of appropriations.

Mr. Bartlett has objections to the truck and front loader.

Mr. Morin has no objections.

*Article 5: budget*

**Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 5 on the warrant as written subject to the final dollar amount. Mr. Morin seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

*Article 6: \$30,500 for storm water asset management program*

**Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 6 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

*Article 7: \$25,953 for ambulance operation*

**Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 7 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

*Article 8: \$100,000 for fire vehicle capital reserve fund*

**Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 8 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

*Article 9: \$22,000 for fire station renovations*

**Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 9 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

*Article 10: \$300,000 for highway road reconstruction and maintenance*

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100 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 10 on the warrant as written. Mr. Eaton**  
101 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

102 *Article 11: \$100,000 for highway vehicle capital reserve fund*

103 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 11 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis**  
104 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

105 *Article 12: \$240,000 for highway dump truck purchase*

106 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 12 on the warrant as written. Mr. Morin**  
107 **seconded.**

108 Mr. Bartlett doesn't think it's the appropriate time to purchase a new truck. When there are  
109 abatements being discussed, he doesn't think it's the appropriate time to shell out money at this  
110 time. It's irresponsible and they don't have enough employees to use these trucks. There are 6-7  
111 vehicles and 4-5 employees.

112 Ms. Danis said the article is contingent on Article 11. Mr. Sterndale said they are replacing a  
113 truck; it's not increasing the fleet.

114 **It was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Bartlett nay.**

115 *Article 13: \$20,000 for revaluation capital reserve fund*

116 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 13 on the warrant as written. Mr. Eaton**  
117 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

118 *Article 14: \$23,400 for renovation of community center kitchen*

119 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 14 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis**  
120 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

121 *Article 15: \$181,000 for highway front-end loader purchase*

122 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 15 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis**  
123 **seconded. It was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Bartlett nay.**

124 *Article 16: \$10,000 for E-911 addressing compliance*

125 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 16 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis**  
126 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

127 *Article 17: \$13,000 for cemetery road repair and repaving south side*

128 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 17 on the warrant as written. Mr. Morin**  
129 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

130 *Article 18: \$5000 for tri-centennial expendable trust fund*

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131 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 18 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis**  
132 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

133 *Article 19: \$10,000 for invasive species expendable trust fund*

134 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to recommend Article 19 on the warrant as written. Ms. Danis**  
135 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

136 *Tax Deeding Properties*

137 Mr. Sterndale referred to the update in the meeting package titled Tax Deed Waivers. The town  
138 usually doesn't want to own properties. There is one property that owes more than \$20k in back  
139 taxes but the owner has been making regular payments.

140 Mr. Bartlett would like to get more information on this property before making a decision such  
141 as are they eligible for exemptions.

142 The BOS concurred.

143 *Elderly Exemption*

144 Mr. Morin asked if the non-public meeting was to discuss individual properties. Ms. Danis and  
145 Mr. Dumas confirmed it was to discuss specific cases. Mr. Bartlett asked what the impact would  
146 be. Mr. Sterndale said that the abatements are from those who get elderly exemptions and the  
147 elderly exemptions did not increase.

148 Ms. Danis said these should be discussed in non-public. Mr. Bartlett concurred. Mr. Dumas  
149 concurred. Mr. Sterndale said the elderly exemption policy should be discussed in public.  
150 Individual abatement requests should be discussed in non-public. Mr. Sterndale noted that the  
151 agenda item should have been listed as Abatement Request, no Elderly Exemptions.

152 **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

153 *Tax Deeding Properties*

154 **Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3 II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and/or (l) if required.**

155 **Adjourn**

156 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to enter non-public session RSA 91-A:3 II b and c at 7:37pm.**  
157 **Mr. Morin seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr.**  
158 **Dumas-yay and Ms. Danis-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

159 The public meeting resumed at 8:37pm.

160 **Ms. Danis made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of 1/11/21. Mr. Dumas seconded.**  
161 **Roll call vote: Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Dumas-yay and Ms.**  
162 **Danis-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

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163 **Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously**  
164 **approved by a vote of 5-0.**

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