

**Nottingham Select Board Meeting**

**1/25/21**

**Official Minutes as of 2/8/21**

**1 Call to Order**

2 Members Present: Vice Chair John Morin, Tiler Eaton, Tony Dumas, Donna Danis

3 Absent: Chair Ben Bartlett,

4 Others: Lorraine Petrini, Chris Sterndale, Steve Soreff, Kip & Judy Baillargeon, Therese  
5 Thompson, Bonnie Winona MacKinnon, Dee-Ann Decker, Jennifer, Kevin, Dave Dearborn,  
6 Kevin, Kim, Lori Anderson

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

**8 Approve Manifests**

9 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of 1/25/21 and payroll**  
10 **manifest of 1/26/21. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

**11 Approve Minutes**

12 **Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes from 1/11/21 as**  
13 **written. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

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

*15 Budget Committee*

16 The last budget meeting was held. Deliberative session is next. Mr. Morin said that town meeting  
17 with the BC went smoothly and was shorter than the school meeting with the BC. Mr. Morin  
18 thanked Mr. Sterndale for his help.

*19 Planning Board*

20 There was a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There is an warrant article for wetland conservation. There was  
21 a case as well for lot line adjustment and it was approved with exceptions.

*22 CIP*

23 Mr. Dumas said they met last week. The school material was reviewed. Mr. Dumas has been  
24 drafting material for the town report. That will conclude the CIP season.

*25 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee*

26 The committee is creating a calendar for 2022. There may be zoom lectures about history about  
27 Nottingham, loons, etc. Mr. Morin asked about the expenditure of money for the 300<sup>th</sup>  
28 celebration: will the town get any money back if the money is not all spent, will the committee  
29 be short money, etc. Mr. Soreff asked how much money has been raised. They are in the process  
30 of planning the budget for the event for 2022.

*31 Marston Property*

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32 They are revamping the volunteer team. They are meeting tomorrow night to discuss side  
33 fencing and back stops.

34 **Town Administrator Report**

35 Deadline to file for elected office is Friday. The town clerk is changing her office hours next  
36 week.

37 **Action Items from Last Meetings**

38 *Tax Deeding Properties*

39 **Assessing**

40 **Ms. Danis made a motion to approve the report for timber cut for Map 45, Lot 8-6. Mr.**  
41 **Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

42 **Ms. Danis made a motion for the BOS to deny abatement requests for Map 17, Lot 25 and**  
43 **for Map 43, Lot 1. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

44 **General Business**

45 *Appointment of Emergency Management Director*

46 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to appoint Fire Chief Jaye Vilchock as the Emergency**  
47 **Management Director. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

48 *Tax Deed Waivers*

49 Mr. Sterndale said this is the last step in the process. These are the deeds to waive if the BOS  
50 chooses and it will stop the tax collector from taking the properties. If the residents paid their  
51 taxes through 2017, they are no longer on this list. Anything not on this list will be deeded; there  
52 is one left on that list which is Map 1, Lot 1.

53 **Mr. Eaton made a motion for the BOS to waive the deeds and notify the tax collector that**  
54 **they will not accept the tax collector's deeds on the following properties, pursuant to NH**  
55 **RSA 80:38:**

56	Map	Lot	Map	Lot
57	1	2	23	2-105
58	1	3	23	2-112
59	1	12	23	2-143
60	20	7-8	24	103
61	23	2-18	37	25-4
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64 **Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

65 *Town Meeting Plan*

66 Ms. Danis said there has been some discussions between the school and Mr. Sterndale to figure  
67 how the timing of the two deliberative sessions and voting. There is flexibility to delay the  
68 meetings but there are guidelines for how much time can be between deliberative sessions and  
69 voting. They are thinking about indoor/outdoor seating, safety, weather, how to accommodate  
70 voters with one or two deliberative session. Ms. Danis said this is the greatest collaboration  
71 between BOS and SB she had been a part of to make this easier for the voters. They have tried to  
72 come up with the best possible solution given the pandemic. Mr. Sterndale said the guiding  
73 principles are to have an in-person session, delay the current deliberative session/s and try to  
74 have the meeting and voting the same as the school board. The plan that seems to work with both  
75 boards is having the deliberative session on April 17, Saturday with the school first and then the  
76 town at the school with indoor and outdoor meeting space. Voting day will be June 8, Tuesday.  
77 The SB did not want to do the deliberative session on the school vacation week so April 17 is the  
78 date that work. Ms. Danis said there is no ideal situation, but this works out well. Having both  
79 deliberative sessions on one day seems to work and she supports this idea fully. Mr. Sterndale  
80 said it may be challenging to get indoor and outdoor seating because of the weather. Mr. Dumas  
81 said none of the options were ideal; this option will be workable. Mr. Sterndale said this will  
82 work for the SB. Ms. Danis said they are delaying the voting. Mr. Morin said they could get a  
83 good turnout because of items on the school ballot. Ms. Danis said mail-in ballots can be used by  
84 voters as well who don't want to do in-person voting. Mr. Dumas said this option is one of the  
85 last options that would work and he recommends going with this. Ms. Danis said this does not  
86 set a precedence; they are just trying to deal with this year.

87 Ms. MacKinnon thanked the BOS for moving the election from the town hall to the school gym  
88 which has more room. She thinks April 17 is too early for the meeting. She has concerns about  
89 the safety of staff. She hopes that the air can be blown out of the gym between the two meetings.  
90 Mr. Morin said perhaps they can open the doors. She said it's more dangerous to have a meeting  
91 than the election because people are there longer for the meeting. Ms. MacKinnon suggested  
92 changing the ballot crew group for each deliberative session. Voters will have to check in again  
93 for the second meeting. Ms. Danis said she will commit to being there for the SB meeting if she  
94 can help out and said the BOS will commit to making it as safe as possible for everyone.

95 Ms. Decker said thank you to the school board for allowing them to use the school gym for both  
96 elections. The current state mask policy runs out in March. She hopes there will be another mask  
97 policy from the state. She requests the SB and BOS have a mask policy for election and  
98 deliberative session. The purge of the voter list is required in June; she is not sure how this will  
99 work but she will work this out with the state.

100 **Mr. Dumas made a motion pursuant to NH Governor's Executive Order #83 that the Select**  
101 **Board hereby postpones the official ballot voting day and the deliberative session of Town**

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102 **Meeting 2021. This action is taken due to the concerns for conducting meetings during the**  
103 **Covid-19 pandemic. The deliberative session shall be held April 17, 2021; and the official**  
104 **voting day shall be held June 8, 2021. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a**  
105 **vote of 4-0.**

106 Ms. MacKinnon asked for a break between the two deliberative sessions. The board concurred  
107 that this can happen. Ms. Danis said this is an unusual circumstance and the boards and elected  
108 officials have worked hard together to come up with the best solution. Ms. Danis and Mr. Morin  
109 thanked Mr. Sterndale as well.

110 Ms. Decker said anyone who is currently in office will stay in office longer.

111 *Finalize and Post Warrant*

112 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant as presented and**  
113 **authorizes its posting with electronic signatures today, January 25, 2021. Mr. Eaton**  
114 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

115 **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

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

117 **Adjourn**

118 **Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously**  
119 **approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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