

Nottingham Select Board Meeting

2/22/21

Official Minutes as of 3/8/21

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, Steven Welch, Angela Vaillancourt,
5 Emily-NECAN, Jeff Silva, Lynn Soucie, RonZ, Sandi Dow, Mike Spagna

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

7 Approve Manifests

8 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of 2/22/21 and payroll**
9 **manifest of 2/23/21. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

10 Approve Minutes

11 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes from 2/8/21 as**
12 **written. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 3-1 with Ms. Danis**
13 **abstaining.**

14 BOS Reports from Assigned Boards/Committees

15 Budget Committee

16 There is no update.

17 Planning Board

18 For the development off Smoke St and Kennard Rd; there was a site visit. There was a hearing for
19 Tami DiFrancesco event.

20 CIP

21 This is done for the year.

22 300th Celebration Committee

23 The ad booklet is being worked on. Mr. Welch said they are looking to buy at least 6 Welcome
24 to Nottingham banners. Ms. Danis said the BOS had authorized Mr. Sterndale to handle the
25 expenditures for 300th Celebration Committee.

26 Marston Property

27 They have been meeting bi-weekly. NYA is registering kids for spring sports and they added a
28 check box for making a voluntary contribution. They have raised \$500 from this. The fundraising
29 team has been asking for business sponsorships. They are finalizing commitments that may bring
30 in \$22k. NYA is finalizing an MOU. They would like to send a thank you for anyone who makes
31 a donation. Ms. Danis asked who the note should be sent out from: from Ms. Danis as a rep for
32 BOS or BOS in general. Mr. Morin asked if the NYA/rec should be thanking them. They

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33 concurred it would be from Ms. Danis on behalf of BOS. Carl Edin is putting plans for golf
34 tournament in the fall for fundraiser. He is reaching out to Mr. Eaton to add electrical to the
35 fields.

36 **Town Administrator Report**

37 There was a lawsuit that was recently dropped against the town regarding a resident's
38 foundation. There will be an abatement. ADP completed first payroll. Internet installation is
39 complete at recycling center. On Maple Ridge development, the last certificate of occupancy was
40 issued. This development was also the last development that didn't have impact fees.

41 **Action Items from Last Meetings**

42 *None.*

43 **Assessing**

44 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve Map 24 Lot 135, Map 3 lot 12-3, Map 5 Lot 11-3 and**
45 **Map 17 Lot 33 for Veteran's Credit. Mr. Eaton seconded. It was approved by a vote of 4-0.**

46 Mr. Morin said after doing more research on the abatement from the last meeting, he said that all
47 residents on the particular development that as being discussed are listed as 'rolling.' He
48 recommends staying with the recommendation from the accessor. Ms. Danis asked if the vote
49 will stand from last meeting. Mr. Sterndale said yes.

50 **General Business**

51 *Special Event Licensing*

52 Ms. Danis asked if this special event policy impacts school or just town events only. Mr.
53 Sterndale said anything sponsored by the town could be exempt. He said the school doesn't have
54 events but they could exempt the school as well.

55 There was discussion about whether to rewrite the policy to allow the car events at Liar's
56 Paradise. Mr. Dumas suggested not having the policy get too detailed. Ms. Danis said she isn't
57 sure how to reconcile her feelings on an event that would not impact neighbors vs. an event that
58 would be loud and affect many neighbors. There are some policies that have different rules for
59 those events who are for profit vs. not. Mr. Dumas asked about Deerfield and the fair. Mr.
60 Sterndale said those events are exempt and the town regulates in a different way. Mr. Morin said
61 he would like to keep the policy as vague as possible. Mr. Morin said if someone wants to have
62 an event on town property, they should be insured, etc.

63 *Town Meeting Prep*

64 There was discussion about town meeting prep.

65 **Appointments**

66 *Mike Spagna*

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67 Mr. Spagna said he had spoke to Mr. Sterndale recently about a concern he has been having. He
68 lives on Steven Hill Road and is an avid gun-owner himself. He wants to discuss target shooting
69 and possible noise ordinance with the BOS. Over the last several years, the problem has been
70 getting worse. The shooting he hears during the day is surprising but now it's happening at night
71 now. It's been a real problem on Stevens Hill Road now. It's a scenic road and many people are
72 walking along the road. They sit outside and enjoy their yards however there are people shooting
73 close to the road. As a gun-owner, he would never consider shooting out his back door because
74 he respects people around him. There are many ranges around that people can go to. This will
75 continue to be an issue if something is not done about it. There will be a stray bullet at some
76 point that ricochets and hits someone/something. Many people work from home and some kids
77 are in remote learning. It's about the amount of noise. He is asking for a noise ordinance for
78 target shooting in town. It's gotten progressively gotten worse over the past few years.

79 Mr. Morin said they may have to go through Planning Board and maybe a warrant article. He
80 said shooting should be 300 feet away from residences. Mr. Spagna hopes to resolve this. He
81 said he is the voice for many people on his road. He said other towns have noise ordinances.

82 Mr. Morin said a citizen petition is needed to create a warrant article. Mr. Morin said he doesn't
83 feel comfortable telling people they can't shoot guns. He thinks it should be a town vote not a
84 BOS decision.

85 Ms. Danis asked Mr. Sterndale if it is as simple as a citizen warrant article. Mr. Sterndale said
86 there is a state law that allows the BOS to ordain something in regards to noise. They could put it
87 before the town as a town article. There could be a zoning ordinance as well.

88 Mr. Dumas said any article could not specifically target gun owners; it would have to be general.

89 Ms. Danis said Mr. Spagna could put a citizen warrant article forward but it would be 'advisory'
90 and it would come back to BOS how to go forward. Another avenue is for Mr. Spagna to speak
91 to the Planning Board. Mr. Sterndale said the better option is town meeting or BOS. The zoning
92 ordinance angle is more difficult to enforce.

93 Mr. Spagna said he wants to pursue this and do it the right way. Mr. Dumas said he recognizes
94 the problem and is a gun-owner as well. He continued that it is a matter of courtesy to your
95 neighbor. He detailed examples of shooting in his neighborhood and how issues were handled.

96 Ms. Danis said noise is one thing however if someone puts a bullet through your window, it's
97 another. Ms. Danis said she doesn't like hearing the guns however where do they draw the line
98 on noise. There could be a noisy snow machine or fireworks.

99 Mr. Spagna asked if they could or could not put an ordinance specifically regarding target
100 shooting. The BOS said it could not be. Ms. Danis said most noise ordinances around a specific
101 time.

102 Ms. Soucie said she is in agreement with Mr. Spagna. The level of shooting is extreme and she
103 also lives on Stevens Hill Road. The duration is long and the time of the shooting is around 1am.

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104 Ms. Danis asked how the person is shooting at 1am. Ms. Soucie said she does not know. Mr.
105 Spagna said they are not using a light for the nighttime shooting. There are several people
106 shooting but one is the worst. He doesn't know where the bullets are going. Mr. Spagna has
107 property damage from the bullets during the day. These people are using automatic weapons
108 during the night.

109 Mr. Morin thanked Mr. Spagna for bringing this up.

110 Mr. Morin asked if they want to put the letter from the fire chief into the minutes.

111 **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

112 Town meeting prep

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

114 **Adjourn**

115 **Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn at 7:53pm. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously**
116 **approved by a vote of 5-0.**

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