

**Nottingham Select Board Meeting**

**3/8/21**

**Official Minutes as of 3/22/21**

**1 Call to Order**

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

4 Absent:

5 Others: Lorraine Petrini, Chris Sterndale, Steve Soreff, Impax-Suepy, Kip and Judy Baillargeon,  
6 Sandi Dow, Brian O'Brien, Chris Norwood

7 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 3/7/21 and payroll**  
10 **manifest of 3/8/21. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

**11 Approve Minutes**

12 **Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the public minutes from 2/22/21 as written. Mr.**  
13 **Morin seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Bartlett abstaining.**

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

15 *Budget Committee*

16 No update.

17 *Planning Board*

18 Mr. Eaton did not make the meeting.

19 *CIP*

20 No update.

21 *300<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee*

22 Mr. Eaton said there has not been another meeting. They are still working on their advertisement  
23 book.

24 *Marston Property*

25 The fundraising team has been doing a great job. Mr. Eaton said he spoke with Carl Edin. Ms.  
26 Danis said they are looking for donations in kind. Mr. Bartlett asked if they have thought about a  
27 name change for the site. Ms. Danis said they have asked people but nothing has been finalized.  
28 She said it would likely be chosen by the BOS and thinks they should do fairly quickly if they  
29 want to change the name. Mr. Dumas said he'd like to stick with the theme of the town like  
30 Minuteman Field, etc. Ms. Danis said they discussed the four generals' names for the fields. Mr.  
31 Bartlett said he liked Minuteman Field. They will think about it and bring it back up at a future  
32 meeting. Mr. Morin asked if they feel comfortable naming it themselves. Ms. Danis said the

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BOS can name the property. Mr. Sterndale concurred. Mr. Dumas asked if they could come up with suitable names, could the kids decide on the name. Ms. Danis said she would prefer gathering input and then having the BOS decide.

**Town Administrator Report**

The orange weight limit signs were put up on the roads. Waivers will be given by Shawn McLean if a larger truck needs to travel on any of these roads. The international dump truck will finish out this season limping along; they may not get the new truck in time for plow season even if the warrant article for the truck passes. Nate Eaton has been promoted in the police dept. The Rte. 4 property will be spoken about in non-public meeting tonight. There has been a good amount of interest for all parts of the property. Mr. Bartlett asked when the road signs come down. Mr. Sterndale said they are not sure how long they will be up; it could be up for 4-6 weeks. It's intentionally not dated as it's weather driven. There could be roads that keep the signs up longer if needed. There will be a waiver process as well.

**Action Items from Last Meetings**

*Town Meeting Prep*

**Assessing**

**Mr. Dumas made a motion for the BOS to approve the Map 14 Lot 4 and Map 44 Lot 12 for Cut or Excavation. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

*Map 19 Lot 10 Abatement on Gebig Road*

Mr. Morin does not believe it's being over-assessed. Mr. Bartlett said taxes are going up and we're in a economic downturn. He doesn't want to see people losing their homes because taxes are putting them out of their town but he is having a tough time agreeing with some of these abatements. He defers to Mr. Morin since he has the most experience with this as he was on the assessing board prior to the BOS taking it over. Mr. Morin said if they put this house on the market, it will be sold for what it is assessed at. That says that the assessment is correct. John from Avitar made a minor adjustment for \$6400 for this property.

**Ms. Danis made a motion to approve an abatement for Map 19 Lot 10 with an adjustment for \$6400 as recommended by Avitar. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

*Map 38 Lot 28 Abatement on McCrillis Road*

Mr. Bartlett asked for the history on this property and asked if it was on a slab. Mr. Bartlett said it is a manufactured home. It does not have a cellar.

**Ms. Danis made a motion to deny the abatement request for Map 38 Lot 28. Mr. Dumas seconded. It was approved by a vote 4-1 with Mr. Bartlett opposed.**

**General Business**

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68 *Town Meeting Prep*

69 Mr. Sterndale would like the BOS thoughts on voter guide. There is a 10-page voter guide. Mr.  
70 Bartlett said it is pretty straight forward. Mr. Sterndale asked if they want to say anything about  
71 the articles 19-21. Mr. Dumas said he doesn't want to be perceived as steering people on articles  
72 19-21. Mr. Dumas said they should say they will modify Article 19 to make sure the roads are up  
73 to standards before accepting them. He said they could say that in the voter guide. Mr. Morin  
74 said they don't have to say anything at all. Ms. Danis said they were saying why they voted a  
75 certain way for the other articles but for these articles, they did not discuss. Mr. Dumas said  
76 when he put forward a citizen warrant article, he came before the Board and no one did that with  
77 these warrant articles.

78 Ms. Dow asked does the town have a formal written standard that roads must meet before they  
79 can be accepted as town roads, not new roads or those in subdivisions, but 'roads' of any sort  
80 that have been existence for more than a couple of years. Mr. Dumas said yes.

81 Mr. Morin said he will not agree with the Board if they write something for Article 19. Ms.  
82 Danis said all the articles need to be treated equally and the BOS didn't vote on these articles.  
83 Mr. Eaton said the citizen warrant articles are citizen warrant articles and the petitioners didn't  
84 ask the BOS to vote on them. Mr. Bartlett concurred. Mr. Dumas said he would be okay about  
85 leaving the articles alone. Mr. Sterndale said that he will get a legal opinion for Article 20. It was  
86 decided to leave Article 21 alone. Mr. Dumas said they will leave the articles alone and speak to  
87 them at deliberative session. There was a consensus of the Board.

88 Ms. Danis asked how they were going to make this information available. Mr. Sterndale it would  
89 be at deliberative session and on website. Ms. Danis suggested putting the info at the library. Mr.  
90 Bartlett asked about a bulk mailing. Mr. Sterndale said it would be expensive. The Forum was  
91 also suggested. Ms. Danis suggested a postcard that drives people to the website. Mr. Sterndale  
92 said yes and they could put info about when deliberative session is. He will pursue that.

93 *Community Center*

94 Mr. Sterndale said they would like to use the community center with posted office hours and  
95 allow people in the building with masks and social distancing. Town clerk will remain on  
96 appointment basis. The health inspector is fine with this plan. There was a consensus of the  
97 Board.

98 Ms. Danis asked about the BOS meeting in person. Mr. Bartlett said he is ready. Mr. Dumas said  
99 yes as well and he said they can do zoom meeting as well. Ms. Danis said she is comfortable  
100 meeting in person. Mr. Sterndale said the community center was going to open at the end of the  
101 month. Ms. Danis suggested that all the members reach out to Mr. Sterndale to see if they are  
102 comfortable with meeting in person. She said if one member is not comfortable, they should  
103 continue to do zoom meetings. Mr. Bartlett asked if the town will resume renting out the  
104 community center. Mr. Morin suggested May 1. The Board concurred. Mr. Sterndale will run  
105 that by Kortney.

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106 *Special Event Licensing*

107 There are 2 options that Mr. Sterndale presented. The size of the event was the distinction  
108 between the two options.

109 Mr. Morin said he will be at the Planning Board meeting along with Mr. Eaton to discuss the  
110 snowmobile event.

111 Mr. Dumas said it would be better to have the town staff determine if the event can be granted  
112 instead of the BOS. Ms. Danis said she would like a notification if an event was approved.

113 Option 2 with a summary will be created.

114 *NYA Agreement*

115 Mr. Sterndale said this document is an agreement between the town and the NYA. NYA is a  
116 501c and can collect donations. Ms. Danis said there are 2 members of NYA that are also in the  
117 fundraising group for Marston property.

118 **Mr. Eaton made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into the**  
119 **Memorandum of Understanding with the Nottingham Youth Associate regarding the**  
120 **Marston property and use of athletic fields. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved**  
121 **by a vote of 5-0.**

122 **Appointments**

123 **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

124 Marston property name

125 **Other**

126 Mr. Eaton asked if the state reps give updates to the town. Mr. Sterndale said no. Ms. Danis said  
127 when they run, they come visit.

128 Mr. Bartlett said they will be discussing the Rte. 4 in non-public and he will recuse himself from  
129 the portion that is southern portion of Rte. 4.

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

131 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:39pm and go into non-public**  
132 **RSA 91-A:3 II (d). Mr. Eaton seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Mr.**  
133 **Bartlett-yay, Ms. Danis-yay and Mr. Dumas-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

134 The non-public meeting ended at 8:30pm.

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136 **Ms. Danis made a motion to seal minutes of non-public session. Mr. Dumas seconded. Roll**  
137 **call vote: Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms. Danis-yay, and Mr. Dumas-yay.**  
138 **Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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140 **Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:31pm. Mr. Dumas seconded.**  
141 **Roll call vote: Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms. Danis-yay, and Mr. Dumas-yay.**  
142 **Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**  
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