

Nottingham Select Board Meeting

4-5-21

Official Minutes as of 5/3/21

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, Bonnie Winona-MacKinnon, Jason Spearin, Karyl
5 Martin. Susan Levenson

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

7 Approve Manifests

8 **Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of 4/5/21 and payroll**
9 **manifest of 4/6/21. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

10 Approve Minutes

11 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the public minutes from 3/22/21 as written. Mr.**
12 **Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

13 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the non-public minutes from 3/22/21 as written. Mr.**
14 **Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

15 BOS Reports from Assigned Boards/Committees

16 *Budget Committee*

17 No update

18 *Planning Board*

19 There was a meeting on 3/24. There was a case on a subdivision for 2 single homes. The
20 application was accepted. One case was continued. There was a lot line adjustment case. The
21 application was accepted. There was a subdivided case; pine trees need to be cut. It will be
22 continued. There was an application for 3 watercross events and this case was continued.

23 *CIP*

24 No update

25 *300th Celebration Committee*

26 No update

27 *Marston Property*

28 Ms. Danis said there is nothing new. There has been success with parents donating extra dollars
29 while registering their kids. Ms. Danis said they should wait until Mr. Bartlett is at the meeting to
30 discuss new name for the ball field. Mr. Sterndale said there is progress getting power at the
31 fields as well.

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32 Town Administrator Report

33 Mr. Sterndale welcomed back the board for the first in person meeting in quite a while. Pickle
34 ball starts tomorrow. A political party group will have a meeting. Tomorrow is deadline to
35 register to vote for the deliberative session. Karate started back tonight. Rte. 156 will be paved
36 this summer. Mr. Dumas said that the paving company should not drag the knot weed like they
37 did with Rte. 152.

38 Mr. Sterndale suggested selling the Freeman Hall property. He suggested not selling the 2
39 properties on Rte. 4 as they will not get their true value right now. There is also a property on
40 Smoke Street. He suggested not listing it publicly. Mr. Morin asked if they are clean titles. Mr.
41 Sterndale said they are not clean; it may be a cash buyer. Mr. Morin suggested listing both
42 properties. Mr. Sterndale said there has been some interest in Smoke Street property. Mr. Dumas
43 suggested selling both.

44 Action Items from Last Meetings

45 *Marston name, properties to sell, update recycling fees (future meeting)*

46 Assessing

47 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the Intent to Cut or Excavate from Map 69 Lot 10,**
48 **Map 10 Lot 12 and Report of Cut or excavation Map 53 Lot 6-2 and Map 40 Lot 8. Ms.**
49 **Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

50 **Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the Abatement request for Map 57 Lot 2-B as per**
51 **Avitar. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

52 **Ms. Danis made a motion to deny the Abatement request for Map 58 Lot 6-2. Mr. Dumas**
53 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

54 General Business

55 Town Meeting Prep

56 Ms. Winona-MacKinnon came to the meeting and said she cannot require everyone to wear
57 masks. Those who will not wear masks will be in the cafeteria and they will have to be registered
58 in a different manner. Last year people who wore masks and people who did not wear masks
59 were in the same room together and were segregated. More staff will be needed this year.
60 Moderators will be needed for the cafeteria as well. Audio will be available outside. Ms.
61 Winona-MacKinnon is not asking people to work the whole day. She said it's the most
62 dangerous type of meeting because people are not voting and leaving; they are staying. Officers
63 like supervisors of the checklist, moderator, and any members of their crew will have to stay the
64 day. There was discussion about time limits for people to speak. Non-registered voters will likely
65 not be able to speak because of the COVID conditions they are operating under. Ms. Danis said
66 if someone asked could someone who is not a voter speak. Ms. Winona-MacKinnon said there
67 would have to be a motion and it would have to be approved.

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Ms. Danis asked what type of changes could be made for the warrant articles. Mr. Winona-MacKinnon said changes could be voted on to the article. Some articles cannot be amended. Ms. Danis asked if there is a 10% cap on the budget. Winona-MacKinnon said yes. Mr. Sterndale said they cannot change the subject matter of the warrant article. Mr. Morin said he believes it will go smoothly.

Ms. Winona-MacKinnon suggested Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for the recycling center days to be open. Mr. Morin said the staff may have a second job and it will make it difficult for the recycling staff.

Water Management article will be read by Mr. Dumas and seconded by Ms. Danis.

Articles 6-8 will be put forward by Ms. Danis and Mr. Dumas will second.

Article 9, 10 and 11 will be put forward by Mr. Morin and Mr. Eaton will second.

Community kitchen article and reevaluation will be put forward by Mr. Bartlett. Mr. Morin will be the second.

Mr. Dumas will do the E-911 and Mr. Bartlett will be second.

Mr. Eaton will do Article 17 and Mr. Dumas will be second.

Article 18 will be done by Ms. Danis.

Article 19 will be done by Mr. Dumas.

State Legislation

Mr. Sterndale went over the state legislation. People could be named in a lawsuit. There was a tax cap for certain residents. A town would have no authority to limit or prohibit people from shooting at town athletic fields or cemeteries. Mr. Sterndale suggested calling the state reps to discuss.

Appointments

School Planning Committee

The School Planning Committee came to the BOS to see if they had any questions. The committee is comfortable if the article passes for the town to secede from the SAU. Ms. Danis asked when they are looking for a decision. Mr. Spearin said if the article passes, then they will be looking for a decision for space in town building. There will have to be renovations done at the community center if this becomes a superintendent's office. The rec dept. will need storage and that will be built in and that will have its own access. Ms. Levenson said there would be a superintendent, admin person, finance/HR person and bookkeeper. The student services would be in the school. The superintendent would be part-time. Ms. Danis asked what the cost of the renovation. Mr. Spearin said they have put aside \$40k. Ms. Levenson said it was more than that; it would be \$70-80k in the SAU fund balance for this. She said Strafford has had good luck with applicants for their town after they left the SAU.

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103 Mr. Sterndale said they are looking for different places for groups that would use that space like
104 scouts and they will solve the rec. dept. storage issues. He said it's cold in that area and would
105 need to have heating. Electrical system is not ready for an expansion. Ms. Danis asked if the
106 unknowns will be paid by the school admin. Ms. Levenson said they are financially prepared.
107 Mr. Dumas asked about commercial grade networking. Ms. Danis asked if there are spaces
108 available that are more ready than this. Ms. Martin said there is one other space in town. Mr.
109 Morin said he doesn't see a problem with it as long as the school and the town expenses are
110 separate.

111 **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

112 *Marston name, update recycling fees (future meeting)*

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 the public meeting at 7:57pm and go into non-public**
116 **RSA 91-A:3 II (d). Mr. Eaton seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms.**
117 **Danis-yay and Mr. Dumas-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

118 The non-public meeting ended at 8:21pm.

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

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124 **Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:22pm. Mr. Eaton seconded.**
125 **Roll call vote: Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms. Danis-yay, and Mr. Dumas-yay.**
126 **Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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