

Nottingham Select Board Meeting

5-18-20

Official Minutes as of 6-1-20

1 Call to Order

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

3 Absent: Chair Ben Bartlett

4 Others: Steve Soreff

5 Vice Chair Morin opened the meeting at 6:31pm. Mr. Bartlett could not attend.

6 Approve Manifests

7 The BOS will hold off on accounts payable manifest of 5-18-20 and payroll manifest of 5-19-20.

8 Approve Minutes

9 **Ms. Danis made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes from 5-4-20 as**
10 **amended. Mr. Dumas seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimously approved by a**
11 **vote of 4-0.**

12 BOS Reports from Assigned Boards/Committees

13 Budget Committee

14 It is not in season at the time.

15 Planning Board

16 Mr. Eaton went to the meeting on Wed. There were 3 cases. The applications have been
17 approved. There will be a public hearing on June 10. There is a subdivision on Mitchell Road
18 with 14 houses.

19 CIP

20 It is not in season.

21 300th Celebration

22 Mr. Eaton said they are looking for approval to get their cookbook published. It will be \$1200 to
23 spend. Mr. Morin asked how much they are selling the cookbooks. Mr. Eaton said he did not
24 know. It was determined by the Board that the 300th Celebration members will discuss money
25 costs with Mr. Sterndale.

26 Marston Property

27 Ms. Danis said Marston is in great shape. Matt Kouchoukos did a great job. Highway dept.
28 moved dirt where it needs to be and Ms. Danis commended them. Ms. Danis will work with Mr.
29 Sterndale for signs for people to stay off the dirt. Mr. Soreff is putting an article in the Forum
30 about Marston property.

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32 **Town Administrator Report**

33 Everyone is functioning well. Police and fire had a busy weekend. One officer was in quarantine
34 and is now at home. June 1 is the next possible for a change in Governor's Order. They may be
35 able to open things up on June 1 with appointments for people coming to the community center.
36 They will do as much business online as possible. Typically, the beach is open Memorial Day
37 weekend; the town is nervous about opening if they are the only beach on the lake open. They
38 are inclined to hold off opening till the state park is open. The state park is open but the beach is
39 not. They are unsure how to enforce social distancing at the beach. Lifeguards are not there on
40 the weekend. They are reluctant to ask lifeguards to enforce social distancing. There may be
41 guidelines put on a sign and the town will take a hands-off approach. Ms. Danis agreed it should
42 be use at your own risk. Mr. Dumas suggested a larger sign that says residents only.

43 Mr. Morin said the Lori Anderson was getting behind in work because of the time it takes to talk
44 to people over the phone. Mr. Sterndale said the scheduling appointment will assist her; there is
45 also no deputy clerk right now.

46 Mr. Dumas said there are 3 Select Board meetings in June. He asked if they wanted to continue
47 to have meetings via Zoom. Mr. Dumas leans toward yes. Mr. Sterndale said if we are under a
48 ten person limit still per Governor's order, it would be best to continue to do Zoom meetings.

49 Mr. Sterndale said that he has spoken to recreation department. Given the state regulations, it
50 may not be feasible with the typical number of kids that enroll in recreation camp to have camp
51 like usual. He is recommending that they do not launch rec. camp this summer with a full day,
52 every day program. Ms. Danis commended Kortney and the recreation dept.

53 **Action Items from Last Meetings**

54 Evans abatement request. All Board members to review and send questions to Mr. Sterndale by
55 EOD Monday, May 11. Mr. Sterndale will get updated appraisal, updated zoning information,
56 impact of trying to lease the land, merging of the lots. Drone purchase to find lost hikers.

57 The fire chief does not want to purchase a drone.

58 **General Business**

59 *1st Issues Tax Billing and Cash Flow*

60 *Abatement*

61 Mr. Dumas and Ms. Danis are inclined to accept Avitar's recommendation for Evans abatement
62 as are Mr. Eaton and Mr. Morin.

63 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to deny the two abatement requests for Evans: Map 70, Lots 30**
64 **& 31 and Map 70 Lot 33. Ms. Danis seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimously**
65 **approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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66 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the Veteran's credits and intent to cut documents as**
67 **listed on agenda. Ms. Dumas seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimously approved**
68 **by a vote of 4-0.**

69 Mr. Sterndale said tax bills will be issued soon. Most are paid through escrow. Current rate of
70 collection is 80% of 2019 for non-property tax revenues. There are a couple of BOS meetings
71 before they are supposed to have the town meeting. Mr. Dumas said they suspended the capital
72 reserve funds for a year. He asked if they should rethink the CIP appropriations. Mr. Sterndale
73 asked for feedback before the town meeting. The was discussion about using fund balance to
74 offset taxes. It could be used to offset revenue shortfall. If SB2 passes, the budget for this year
75 becomes the default budget for next year. Mr. Sterndale suggests not taking anything out of the
76 budget this year as the default budget will be too low next year.

77 *Rte. 4 Property Disposition*

78 Mr. Sterndale said the spirit of the law is to not take a person's property away for not paying
79 taxes. The last choice is to take and sell the property. Leasing a property seized would be
80 complicated because there is value at the end of the lease. Mr. Morin suggested waiting till there
81 is a full Board to make a decision. Mr. Morin is in favor of selling. Mr. Eaton and Ms. Danis are
82 also in favor of selling. Mr. Dumas said there could be a covenant put on the land forever. Mr.
83 Dumas said it is a commercial property.

84 **Mr. Dumas made a motion that the Select Board hereby waives all tax collector's deeds**
85 **through the expiration or rescission of Governor's Executive Order #4 related to the**
86 **COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Danis seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimously**
87 **approved by a vote of 4-0.**

88 *Grants*

89 **Mr. Dumas made a motion pursuant to NH RSA31:95-b and 21-P:43, the Select Board**
90 **authorizes the acceptance of any and all federal or state grant funds related to the COVID-**
91 **19 emergency response, including but not limited to the CARES Act and Family Medical**
92 **Leave Act. Ms. Danis seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimously approved by a**
93 **vote of 4-0.**

94 **Mr. Dumas made a motion that the Select Board authorizes distribution of First Responder**
95 **Stipend Program funds to all eligible employees and call firefighters on a monthly basis for**
96 **the duration of the grant program. Mr. Eaton seconded. A roll call vote was taken.**
97 **Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

98 **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

99 Town beach opening

100 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to enter into non-Public per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 7:43pm. Ms.**
101 **Danis seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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102 The non-public meeting ended at 7:58pm.

103 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Mr. Eaton seconded. A roll call**
104 **vote was taken. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

105 **Adjourn**

106 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to adjourn at 7:59pm. Mr. Eaton seconded. A roll call vote was**
107 **taken. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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