

Nottingham Select Board Meeting

5/3/21

Official Minutes as of 6/22/21

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: Chris Sterndale, Matt Kouchoukos, Bridget Hart, Kortney Dorow

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

7 Mr. Bartlett acknowledged Officer Ed Myers for assisting a motorist on the side of the road.

8 Approve Manifests

9 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of 5/3/21 and payroll**
10 **manifest of 5/4/21. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

11 Approve Minutes

12 **Ms. Danis made a motion to approve the public minutes from 4/5/21 and the public and**
13 **non-public minutes from 4/7/21 as written. Mr. Morin seconded. Unanimously approved by**
14 **a vote of 5-0.**

15 BOS Reports from Assigned Boards/Committees

16 *Budget Committee*

17 Not in season

18 *Planning Board*

19 Mr. Eaton said there were 2 cases. There is a site walk on Wed. at the water crossing. He asked
20 Mr. Sterndale asked about the intersection of 152 and Rte. 4. Mr. Sterndale said it is in the
21 document that lists the regional priorities and he hasn't heard anything about when. He said it is
22 a signaling change that will occur.

23 *CIP*

24 No update

25 *300th Celebration Committee*

26 Letters were sent out to see if people would like to sponsor the group and festivities.

27 *Marston Property*

28 It will come up in the meeting.

29 Town Administrator Report

30 The first special event license was issued to Liars for their Cruise Night.

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An application was received for the watercross event. It will begin the process in the town office however if the application is still in the Planning Board, the BOS will unlikely approve the application if it comes to them.

Mr. Sterndale relayed kudos to Officer Kyle Kochanowicz for finishing the police academy. Officer Brian DeFranzo will now be attending the academy. The police academy is no longer a live-in academy; they go for the day now.

There is an approval of a part-time police officer named Noah Tougas that the BOS will sign tonight as well. This officer has already gone through the academy.

The state park has asked for detail help for weekends. The crowds will be smaller due to their reservation system. It is limited capacity there.

Larry Ellison is retiring from the recycling center after 10 years.

Action Items from Last Meetings

Marston name, update recycling fees

Assessing

Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the intent to cut or excavate for those listed on the agenda. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the veteran's credit for those listed on the agenda. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the elderly/disabled credit for those listed on the agenda. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the abatement application for FAIR. Mr. Morin seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Appointments

Matt Kouchoukos and Kortney Dorow: Marston Property

Mr. Kouchoukos commended Ms. Dorow as the recreation director and the rec. dept. for a great job.

Mr. Kouchoukos said they had to oversee the grass on the property. There is a \$9k left from the town money and \$23k in additional donations. They are going to get the backstop and put in the well and pump and irrigation system now. There was \$2K spent for electrical costs with labor donated, backstop prices have doubled from a few years ago because of COVID.

Ms. Dorow said they were hoping to have baseball played there this but were unable to. A trail is flagged out to use by the fall. Earthfest will be at Marston this year and flag football with 5 towns will be played there as well this year.

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64 The rec. had their first rec. clean up with 10 volunteers. There are two cleanups on May 22 and
65 June 12. There is trash on the trail; Ms. Dorow is coming to the BOS tonight to ask for a
66 dumpster and porto-potties on the site. They didn't budget for this.

67 Mr. Dumas asked how much scrap metal is out there. They said there is a good amount; there is a
68 ½ of car and other items. These areas are back far in the woods. The trail will be routed around
69 these areas for now. Mr. Dumas suggested filling the dumpster with scrap metal and they will get
70 some money for that. Mr. Kouchoukos said the trail is along the river and it's a nice site.

71 The cost for the dumpster is a couple thousand dollars as well as the porto-potty. It was
72 determined that this project would need about \$5k.

73 Mr. Dumas suggested the CBNA kids help with this and it would count for their community
74 service hours. Mr. Dumas and his son are picking up the trash at the recycling center as well.

75 **Mr. Dumas made a motion for the BOS to approve the purchase of two dumpsters and a**
76 **porto-potty for the Marston park cleanup. Ms. Danis seconded. Unanimously approved by**
77 **a vote of 5-0.**

78 Mr. Kouchoukos said this is the beginning of the next phase. Ms. Danis said there is a lot of
79 activity going on for fundraising. Jo Porter is working sponsorships. \$27k has been raised. There
80 is a lot of guerilla activity going on. There is an optional spot as kids sign up for sports for
81 parents to donate and that is working out extremely well. The group is about 8 people and they
82 meet every few weeks. Mr. Kouchoukos said IBEW has been volunteering and providing the
83 electrical work and 2 scoreboards. Ms. Danis said someone reached out to her recently for
84 donations as well.

85 Ms. Dorow said she wants to have Earthfest at Marston this year. The 5K proceeds will donate to
86 Marston this year. They are looking to put disk golf on the property.

87 Mr. Sterndale said that they are looking to deal with Marston as a town asset and not a volunteer
88 project anymore.

89 Mr. Bartlett said a name change for the property would be a good idea for a variety of reasons
90 including Deerfield has a Marston Field already. He said that Mr. Dumas had suggested
91 Minuteman Field and that would tie nicely in with Nottingham's history.

92 Ms. Danis said the town is more than the generals who went to war. Ms. Danis said that Rhoda
93 Capron from the historical society pointed said the Marston property has had a rich history as
94 well. She suggested working with the historical society to education people from Nottingham
95 about what the property was. She supports the military but would like to think a bit broader than
96 the four generals. Mr. Dumas said the Marstons were one of the root families of Nottingham. Mr.
97 Eaton said they could name something different. He said that Wayne Travis has done more for
98 this baseball program in our town and he would like to see something named after him. He said
99 most fields are named after people who helped out. Mr. Bartlett said he envisioned naming the

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100 field other than Marston but naming the building that will eventually be put there Marston. In
101 that building there could be something to talk about the rich history about the Marstons.

102 Ms. Danis said that people are used to calling it Marston.

103 Mr. Kouchoukos suggested Marston Farm. Different fields could be named after individuals in
104 town. The trails also could be named after historical person or volunteer. Mr. Dumas suggested
105 Marston Common.

106 Mr. Bartlett said that the consensus of the BOS is that they want to keep Marston as part of the
107 name.

108 **Ms. Danis made a motion to name Marston Farm Recreational Area. Mr. Dumas seconded.**
109 **Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

110 Mr. Morin asked if they are limiting people's dogs. Ms. Dorow said they put out a sign to remind
111 people to pick up after their dog and keep them on leashes.

112 Mr. Kouchoukos said they would like to keep people off the area where the ball fields are but
113 there are other areas that people can use now.

114 Ms. Dorow and Ms. Hart are seeking BOS approval for a third recreation employee. They would
115 like that person to start immediately. They will have over 100 kids at rec camp this summer.
116 They expect to do after care in the fall. They are adding flag football with 5 teams with 300 kids
117 in the fall! The Legacy Leaders would like programs as well. They hope this person will be the
118 point of contact for the Legacy Leader programming and low-key maintenance issues like raking
119 at the town beach. They are still looking for lifeguards for the summer. They have gotten a lot of
120 phone calls for things to do for 6th-8th graders as well. CIT program has been a big hit. Dodgeball
121 was introduced and was a success. They did a survey of community members to see what they
122 would like the rec. dept. to do and they received 60 responses back.

123 Ms. Dorow would like to hire someone for \$15 an hour for a full-time position eligible for
124 benefits.

125 Mr. Morin asked if they have room in the rec. dept office. Ms. Dorow said they have room in the
126 office but it will be tight. Ms. Hart said they are used to housing interns. They also have two
127 interns for the summer. Mr. Morin said the building is outgrowing itself. He wanted to make sure
128 that there was enough room. Ms. Danis said there is room in the front office as well.

129 Mr. Dumas asked when they are looking for an answer. Ms. Dorow said they would like an
130 answer asap.

131 There is a paddle board idea for teens that the rec dept is looking into for the teens.

132 Ms. Danis asked if the rec. revolving fund can cover the position but does it include insurance as
133 well. Ms. Dorow said yes.

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Mr. Morin made a motion to approve Ms. Dorow's request to hire an additional staff for the rec dept. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Danis said that Ms. Dorow is a gem and that she loves that the rec. dept. is thinking of every age segment.

General Business

Sale of Town Property

Mr. Sterndale announced that the BOS has entered a purchase and sales agreement for the big property of Rte. 4. They made that decision before the deliberative session. All three parcels including the cell tower are sold. The buyer is Tom Moulton from Hampton. There was other interest but decided to enter into agreement with Mr. Moulton. It was sold for \$900k. It will be general construction use.

Mr. Moulton would like to pre-market the property and seek out potential tenants.

There was a consensus of the BOS that he would be allowed to do this.

The Smoke and Freeman Hall properties will be put on the market.

The 170R parcel across from Rte. 4 was sold and the buyer is Shea Concrete.

Review Action Items for Next Meeting

None.

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

Adjourn

Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:55pm and go into non-public RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Mr. Dumas seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms. Danis-yay and Mr. Dumas-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

The non-public meeting ended at 8:05pm.

Ms. Danis made a motion to seal minutes of non-public session. Mr. Dumas seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms. Danis-yay and Mr. Dumas-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:05pm. Mr. Eaton seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms. Danis-yay, and Mr. Dumas-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

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