

**Official Minutes
Nottingham Select Board Meeting
August 26, 2019**

1 Call to Order

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

3 Absent: Tiler Eaton

4 The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was not
5 recorded due to recording problems.

6 Approve Manifests

7 **Ms. Danis made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of 8/27/19 and payroll**
8 **manifest of 8/26/19. Mr. Bartlett seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

9 Approve Minutes

10 **Mr. Morin made a motion to approve the public minutes from 7-29-19 as written. Mr.**
11 **Bartlett seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 3-1 with Ms. Danis abstaining.**

12 Minutes from 8/12/19 will be approved at the next meeting after members add more information
13 to them.

14 Action Items from Last Meetings

15 July 29 minutes, tax deed policy, September 23 meeting for EL.

16 BOS Reports from Assigned Boards/Committees

17 Planning Board

18 Planning Board has not met.

19 Budget Committee

20 Budget meets soon.

21 CIP

22 Ms. Danis shared the CIP sheets with school board. The other department heads have received
23 theirs.

24 Marston Property

25 Ms. Danis said there was an archeological dig. Phase 1 and Phase 2 testing was done and they
26 found nothing concerning from the dig. The Marston property group will move forward with
27 grant writing. They will have a groundbreaking ceremony in a few weeks; BOS will plan on
28 attending.

29 Town Administrator Report

30 Mr. Sterndale is absent and no notes from him were passed to BOS.

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31 **General Business**

32 *Tax Deed Policy*

33 Mr. Dumas distributed the draft to the BOS. Ms. Danis asked about section 3 and if the
34 comments were part of the document and/or changes were made. There were questions about
35 whether this was the most current copy of the tax deed policy raised by several members. Ms.
36 Danis said she is not prepared to make a vote on this tonight as she is not sure if this the most
37 current policy. Mr. Bartlett does not believe any changes have been made and he does not feel
38 comfortable voting on this tonight. Mr. Dumas asked if there were any changes they wanted to
39 make on the policy if they were not going to vote on it tonight. Mr. Bartlett said it will take more
40 time to go over this and thinks they should table this to the next meeting; Ms. Danis concurred.
41 Mr. Morin said he feels comfortable with what it says on the policy as does Mr. Dumas but both
42 were comfortable tabling it. Mr. Sterndale will be back in a couple of weeks and the policy will
43 be revisited.

44 Gene Reed (tax collector and resident) asked if there were questions about the list of people who
45 are behind in taxes that the BOS had. He does not want to wait till tax deed policy is approved.
46 He has to give intent to deed to people this week. He wants a time schedule from BOS. The law
47 says after 2 years (which would be September 29) he needs to give intent of deed. He needs 30
48 days or more before they are notified to prepare documents. He noted that some people on the
49 list are trying to make payments. Mr. Reed detailed some of the individual cases without giving
50 any names. Ms. Danis said that Mr. Sterndale brings his recommendations to the BOS regarding
51 what to do with this list. Ms. Danis said the policy is almost complete and at the next meeting, it
52 will be approved. Mr. Reed asked when they will have a decision. Mr. Dumas said they can act
53 on the list in the next 2-3 meetings. Ms. Danis said they should be able to vote on it at the next
54 meeting. Mr. Morin suggested telling Mr. Sterndale the policy needs to be approved at the next
55 meeting so they can decide what to tell Mr. Reed. Mr. Reed will hold off on sending the intent of
56 deed and deed searches for now. He will act on the ones that the BOS does not waive at the next
57 meeting. Mr. Dumas said there are 31 properties on the list. Ms. Danis said this is not a huge list
58 of properties and there are reasons for each one. Mr. Morin said there are really 5-7 properties
59 that will likely be deeded.

60 Mr. Bartlett said someone from town brought up the hours for the election to him. He asked if
61 the BOS is going to lengthen the hours of the election. Mr. Morin said if the town voted for it, he
62 believes they should do it. Mr. Bartlett said there is a good chance at losing some election
63 workers if the hours are changed. Mr. Bartlett said he sees both sides of this and that absentee
64 ballots are easy to get, and it is a long day for the ballot workers. Mr. Bartlett said the town did
65 vote for it and Ms. Danis said she is inclined to agree with Mr. Bartlett on this although it's not a
66 binding vote. Ms. Danis suggested the town moderator speak to the BOS about this at a future
67 meeting. Mr. Bartlett asked if they should invite the supervisor of checklist as well but they
68 believe they know her position on this topic.

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69 Mr. Bartlett said he spoke to the highway employees and they are doing a lot of excavator/ditch
70 work. They seemed to be in good spirits despite Shawn's departure. He applauded them.

71 **Appointments**

72 **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

73 Tax Deed Policy, Town Moderator meeting to speak about election

74 **Adjourn**

75 **Mr. Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:16pm. Ms. Danis seconded.**

76 **Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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