

**Nottingham Select Board Meeting
January 16, 2023, Meeting
Approved as written 2/6/2023**

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Benjamin Bartlett arrived during nonpublic at 7:15 PM.

Others present: Interim Town Administrator John Scruton, Steve Soreff, Gary Anderson

Mr. Anderson explained the intent of the petitioned article “ to contract with a property management firm to make repairs to facilities”. He asked the Board to reconsider its vote to recommend 3-2. He explained the intent was to have a resource/contractor to oversee maintenance projects in consultation with the Town Administrator and Board along the lines of a company that does maintenance oversight on apartment buildings. He indicated also that the \$40,000 would be pay as time is used, not a lump sum. He plans to offer an amend to the article at the deliberative session.

Mr. Dumas moved to enter Nonpublic 91-A:3 ii b Second Mr. Eaton. Chair Donna Danis-Aye, Tiler Eaton-aye, Tony Dumas-aye. Passed 4-0 Roll Call.

Mr. Bartlett arrived during the nonpublic.

Mr. Dumas moved to exit and seal at 7:42, Mr. Bartlett Seconded. Chair Donna Danis-Aye, Mr. Morin-aye, Tiler Eaton-aye, Tony Dumas-aye, Ben Bartlett-aye Passed 5-0 Roll Call Vote

Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the minutes January 3, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Eaton. Passed 5-0.

Mr. Scruton discussed the warrant. The Consensus was not to add the Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust balances to the warrant articles, but include that information as part of the CIP report and a voter information document that would be online.

The leader of the two petitions that did not have enough signatures (Poor Farm engineering, Ledge Farm paving) had asked I the Board would put these on the warrant. The Board discussed and did not add them to the warrant.

Mr. Dumas moved, Mr. Eaton seconded to recommend the operating budget article: “Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 4,842,866 (Four million, eight hundred forty-two thousand eight hundred sixty-six dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,541,263 (Four million five hundred forty-one thousand, two hundred and sixty-three dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The estimated tax impact is \$3.08 per \$1,000 of property valuation.” Motion to recommend approved 5-0

The Board revisited the petitioned article Mr. Anderson discussed “ to contract with a property management firm to make repairs to facilities” in light of explanation and anticipation of amendment.

Mr. Dumas moved, Mr. Bartlett moved to reconsider the article. Passed 5-0.

Mr. Dumas moved, Mr. Bartlett moved to recommend the article:’ “Shall the Town of Nottingham raise and appropriate \$40,000 for the calendar year of 2023 in order to contract with a property management firm to make repairs to facilities as needed according to priority as determined by the Select Board and to provide maintenance of facility grounds?” By Petition, majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.05 per \$1,000 of property valuation.” Motion to recommend passed 5-0.

The order of warrant articles was discussed and the following decided by consensus. The first article is election of officers, the next 4 are expected to be zoning. Then the order will be

6 Main Budget	Proposed title for article
7 Town Buildings (fund balance)	Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust
8 Engineering (fund balance)	Engineering Culverts & Library Parking

9 Revaluation (fund balance)	Revaluation Capital Reserve
10 Ambulance Operating (Ambulance fund)	Ambulance Operations
11 Roads \$400,000	Road Reconstruction/Paving
12 Highway Truck \$100,000	Highway Truck Capital Reserve
13 Fire/SCBA \$100,000	Fire Vehicle/SCBA Capital Reserve
14 Police Tech fund, \$10,000	Police Technology Expendable Trust
15 Invasive Species \$10,000	Invasive Species ETF
16 Library door \$6,000	Library Entrance
17 Veterans Tax Credit	Update Veteran's credit
18 Maintenance firm \$40,000 Petitioned	Maintenance-Petitioned
19. Revoke Tax Cap Petitioned	Rescind Tax Cap-Petitioned

Mr. Scruton brought up the furnace at the library. He also wanted to proceed with Beaudette who has the HVAC contract instead of going out to bid. The statement was made that it was better to proceed with Beaudette and have it done right the first time.

Mr. Dumas moved, Mr. Bartlett seconded to authorize proceeding with Beaudette Plumbing with replacement of the library furnace at approximately \$7,000 to come from the Town Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund. Passed 5-0.

Mr. Scruton recommended that the water pressure tanks be replaced using the Town Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund instead of ARPA

Mr. Dumas moved and Mr. Bartlett seconded to reconsider the replacement of the Town Office-Community Center water pressure tanks and to use the Town Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund instead of ARPA. Passed 5-0.

Ms. Danis distributed a draft of the Selectmen's Annual Report for the Town Report for review and comment.

Mr. Bartlett offered to help write the memorial statement

It was suggested that Steve Soreff and Steve Welch write the dedication to the Town Report to honor the 300th Anniversary Committee and include those who did the work by name.

Mr. Dumas moved, Mr. Eaton seconded to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 8:25 PM. Passed 5-0.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Scruton, interim Town Administrator*