

**Nottingham Select Board Meeting**

**12/3/20**

**Official Minutes as of 12/14/2020**

**1 Call to Order**

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

4 Absent: Lorraine Petrini

5 Others: Chris Sterndale, Shawn McLean

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

7 **This is a continuation of 11/30/20 meeting recessed from 11/30/20 due to communication**  
8 **issues from town-wide power outages**

**9 Town Administrator Report**

10 There was discussion on waste management removal from the school and the town. The town  
11 hall has dumpsters that they use to get rid of their trash. The school contract for waste  
12 management is up now and they are discussing renewal. There is a price spike for the school.  
13 Perhaps there can be a collaboration between town and school next year when the town is up for  
14 renewal. Mr. Dumas suggested, while he was on the BC years ago, that the school could get a  
15 truck and move the trash to the recycling center themselves. Mr. Bartlett said that the recycling  
16 center is closed Mon.-Wed. now which may make this more difficult since they would have to  
17 store trash.

18 Mr. Sterndale said if the BOS wants to make a systemic change, they need to talk about large  
19 scale composting or pay as you throw for the recycling center. Mr. Bartlett asked about the  
20 compost being outside and if that would attract animals. The other alternative is different color  
21 trash bags and do a pay as you throw or weigh the trash per person. Mr. Sterndale said it's not  
22 viable for pick up trash in this town.

**23 General Business**

**24 *Bridge Projects-Berry Road bridge/FY21 Budget***

25 Mr. McLean said the 2<sup>nd</sup> culvert on Berry Road is developing sink holes. Large stones will have  
26 to be tugged back in the water and fill it in to minimize the erosion. This road has not flooded  
27 across the road. They have put more dirt on the road in the past. Mr. Sterndale does not have a  
28 road count for that road. Mr. Morin asked if the highway dept. can fix the road's problems  
29 themselves. Mr. McLean said they cannot; it will require significant wetland permits. Mr. Morin  
30 asked if the highway dept. can replace the 2 culverts. Mr. McLean said they cannot do that  
31 themselves. Mr. Sterndale said this spot on Berry Road has been on the CIP list for a culvert or  
32 bridge job for a while now. Mr. Bartlett asked if this road needs to be fixed immediately. Mr.  
33 McLean said they need to have engineering look at this but they can make it safe for now but it  
34 will need to be fixed long-term. Kelsey Road and Cooper Hill Road also has sink holes that need  
35 to be taken care of. These roads are too big for the typical money that is set aside in the budget  
36 each year for smaller road projects. Mr. McLean said these repairs on Kelsey Road and Cooper  
37 Hill Road will likely cost \$700K. Ms. Danis asked when they would like to get this done. Mr.

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38 McLean said they are writing a grant to get some of this work done however that grant process  
39 could take 5 years. Dump trucks are no longer allowed on Kelsey Road. Mr. Sterndale said that  
40 these 3 projects may be bonded projects.

41 Ms. Danis asked about the contract grader. Mr. McLean said that they are putting the dump truck  
42 and plow in the budget. They can use the money from the capital reserve fund after they deposit  
43 \$100k more into that fund. Then they will lease purchase the loader and not use capital reserve  
44 funds for that.

45 Ms. Danis asked about the recreation dept. requests. Mr. Sterndale said they could put the  
46 kitchen renovation at the community center as a warrant article or in the budget. Some work can  
47 be done on the town beach which will be in the rec. operating budget. The rec. dept. would like a  
48 new gym floor but they may not have the pricing for that. Ms. Danis asked about taking the  
49 island out of the middle for the kitchen. Mr. Sterndale they would put some rolling tables  
50 instead.

51 Mr. Morin confirmed that it is a 2% increase for the town budget. Ms. Danis said this is pretty  
52 conservative. The first draft will go to the BC next week, Mr. Sterndale said.

53 Ms. Danis went over the budget. Mr. McLean would like to mow the sides of the roads in the  
54 whole town next year. Mr. Bartlett asked if the mowing causes the spread of the Japanese  
55 knotweed. Mr. McLean said they have identified that and they don't touch that while mowing.  
56 The vegetation has encroached onto the road and mowing will help with this.

57 Road signs will be created. Mr. McLean said they are working on this.

58 Internet and phone is being combined in the budget.

59 *Road Standards*

60 The road standards document was distributed to the BOS. They can adopt this standard anytime.  
61 Mr. Dumas said that the comments from Barton Mayer may need Mr. McLean's input. Mr.  
62 McLean addressed the comments from Mr. Mayer.

63 Mr. Dumas reiterated that the town does not have the authority to impose these standards on a  
64 private road or an emergency lane. Mr. Bartlett asked if this is going to interfere with the current  
65 legal dispute. Mr. Sterndale said no.

66 Mr. Morin is not in favor of this road standards. He asked how many roads need these standards.  
67 He said there are some roads that won't meet these standards like Poor Farm Road. He asked  
68 what roads is this standard for? Mr. Sterndale said this is for new roads or reconstructed roads.  
69 Mr. Sterndale said that the new parts of Ledge Farm Road meet these standards. Mr. Morin  
70 asked what about an emergency lane. Mr. Sterndale said that the town meeting can wave this  
71 standard. Mr. Dumas said that the final decision is now made on the ballot.

72 Changes will be made to the document and they will discuss the road standards at the next  
73 meeting.

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Engineers were hired to tell the town what was left in the gravel pit. Mr. McLean said the sand meets the state standards. The value of the gravel pit is \$750-800K in materials. They would like to lease the gravel pit out to a contractor. Then the town would make money on the materials that the company takes out of there. The town will never use all of the material in the gravel pit. There are approximately 18-20 acres. Mr. Eaton noted that we should have a mechanism for what the company is taking out of the gravel pit in order to get paid adequately.

**Appointments**

*Gary Anderson*

Mr. Anderson said perhaps we can work together with other towns for recycling and it will benefit all. He suggested putting up information at the recycling center to show people what the recycling center is earning for recycling and what it costs to run the center.

**Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

Road standards

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

**Adjourn**

**Mr. Dumas made a motion to go into non-public at 8pm under RSA 91-A:3, II, B and D. Ms. Danis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Dumas-yay and Ms. Danis-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

**The meeting returned to public at pm.**

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

**Adjourn**

**made a motion to adjourn at pm. seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

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