

Nottingham Select Board Meeting

12-05-22

Official Minutes as of 12-12-22

1 Call to Order

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

4 Others: John Scruton, Betsy Warrington, Steve Soreff

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

6 The Board reviewed an updated copy of the proposed budget to reflect
7 expenditures through 11/30/22 and minor changes made in salaries and other lines.

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9 CAP: The consensus of the Board was that the Town Meeting Article for \$225,000
10 for firefighters had to be included in the cap number, which is \$4,817,866 for the
11 operating budget.

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13 The Board worked by consensus, listing agreed upon suggestions, with a vote
14 planned at the meeting 12/12/22 Select Board meeting. The Board is
15 recommending the following items for adoption at that meeting:

- 16 • Executive Department line 2, Town Administrator salary, suggested
17 adjusted up \$5,000 to \$105,000 to reflect the job posting.
- 18 • Executive Department line 6 Printing suggested reduction of \$1900 to \$2500
19 to reflect reduced number of Town Reports.
- 20 • Town Clerk line 26 Salary line was discussed. The question was the actual
21 reflected \$3,000 over budget and the Board wanted more information on
22 those extra hours. There was concern with the requested increase in rate,
23 although a recognition there should be two working when they are the only
24 office open.
- 25 • Election workers and Supervisors salaries. The Board questioned why the
26 workers went down and supervisors went up. Board would like the Chair of
27 the Supervisors to attend the next meeting.
- 28 • Legal line 83 suggested reduction of \$10,000 to \$30,000 based on actual and
29 pending cases.
- 30 • Planning Board line 109 Mileage suggested reduction of \$150 to \$100.
- 31 • Planning Board line 110 Master Plan suggested reduction of \$999 to \$1
32 given the Board is so busy and this would be a lot of extra time which the
33 Board may not have now.
- 34 • Planning Board line 113 Misc. (SRPC) suggested reduction of \$6499 to \$1.

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- Town Hall Buildings line 124 Maintenance Salary suggested addition to \$8,500. This was related to suggested cutting of the requested extra position out of recreation, but a recognition that a position town-wide is needed.
- Highway line 261 mowing suggested reduction of \$10,000 to \$20,000 based off 2022 usage.
- Highway Line 263 equipment parts suggested reduction of \$5,000 to \$45,000 based on 2022 usage and that the new truck should require less maintenance than the old one.
- Highway line 264 contracted grader suggested reduction of \$5,000 to \$20,000 based on 2022 usage and noting the roads are substantially improved under the Public Works Direction improvement plans.
- Highway line 280 Shim and Seal line suggestion to move \$100,000 from this line and add to the \$300,000 Road Maintenance warrant article. The Board agreed the work needed to be done so recommend an increase of the warrant article to \$400,000 and a reduction here of \$100,000.
- There was discussion on a variety of other budgets between lines 283 and 331.
- Recreation. Line 333 Salaries: The Board suggested moving various position from this line to the Recreation Revolving Fund. These included: \$800 gate keeper, \$7,000 lifeguards, and \$23,000 assistant recreation director with a total of 30,800 moving to the Revolving Recreation Fund.
- Recreation Line 333 Salaries: Maintenance person: The discussion was that this should be a town-wide position. The board suggested reducing this line 333 by an additional \$17,000.
- Recreation line 338 suggested a reduction of \$5,000 for the band stand and seeking donations to do the repair.
- Recreation Line 341 Scholarship-Hardship. The Board suggested removing the entire line of \$11,000, and allowing the revolving fund to deal with these.

Total changes suggested to the operating budget is a reduction of \$189,848 leaving a balance to get to the tax cap of \$74,650 in cuts or projected revenue increases.

Meeting ended 8:50