

Nottingham Select Board Meeting

2-28-22

Official Minutes as of 3-14-22

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: Lorraine Petrini, Chris Sterndale, Gene Reed, Susan Mooney. Celia Abrams, Sam
6 Demeritt, Cheryl Smith, Frank Gonsalves, Mary Gonsalves, Debra Kimball

7 The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bartlett recognized
8 Bonnie Winona MacKinnon as the town moderator for the past 11 years. It will be her last
9 election on March 8. He thanked her on behalf of the BOS. Mr. Morin said Dirk Grotenhuis is
10 leaving the Planning Board member; he has been the chair for the past several years. Mr. Morin
11 thanked Dirk for his service.

12 **Approve Manifests**

13 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of 2-21-22 and**
14 **payroll manifest of 2-22-22. Mr. Eaton seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

15 **Approve Minutes**

16 **Mr. Morin made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes from 2-7-22 and**
17 **2-17-22 as written. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

18 **BOS Reports from Assigned Boards/Committees**

19 *Budget Committee*

20 No Meeting

21 *Planning Board*

22 They went over some subdivisions and conceptual reviews. The Rte. 4 property owner came in
23 to go over his concept.

24 *CIP*

25 No meeting

26 *300th Celebration Committee*

27 Mr. Eaton said they had a basketball tournament recently as a fundraiser for the 300th
28 Celebration Committee. There was a hike around Marston property as well.

29 *Marston Property*

30 No update

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32 **Town Administrator Report**

33 The town report has arrived! This is the last meeting before the election. Mr. Sterndale said the
34 moderator would like to know when the BOS will be at the election helping out. Voting at the
35 election will be mask optional. The ballot machine testing will be on Wednesday.

36 **Action Items from Last Meetings**

37 Recycling center fees, Conservation Commission letter

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39 **Assessing**

Assessing					
Map	Lot	Subject	Map	Lot	Subject
	6	22-1 Land Use Change Tax		6	22-2 Land Use Change Tax
	24	141-2D Land Use Change Tax		24	140-3 Veteran Credit
	40	1-1 Land Use Change Tax		40	1-2 Land Use Change Tax
	40	1-4 Land Use Change Tax		40	1-5 Land Use Change Tax
	40	1-6 Land Use Change Tax			
	7	2n-7 Veteran Credit			

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41 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the Veteran credit for the above. Mr. Eaton**
42 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

43 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the land use change tax for the above. Mr. Morin**
44 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

45 **General Business**

46 *Special Event License Application-Watercross*

47 Mr. Sterndale said they first saw this application in 2019. The law gives the BOS to license
48 competitive events like this. A special event license policy was developed at that time. For future
49 events in 2021, the watercross event had to get license. The Zoning Board case has been
50 appealed to Superior Court by abutters and people within earshot of the event. After the court
51 case is heard, it will determine if the first event can be held as planned.

52 **Ms. Danis made a motion that the BOS approve the application for the special event license**
53 **for the watercross event pending the denial of the Superior Court appeal case as well as**
54 **proof of insurance and a plan of police detail sufficient to the police chief. Mr. Eaton**
55 **seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

56 *Recycling Center Fees and Policies*

57 Mr. Sterndale finished the tabulation of recycling center information and discussed. The cost and
58 volume have both increased. Mr. Bartlett asked if Mr. Sterndale puts this out to bid. Mr.
59 Sterndale said the trucking aspect is tough because there are very few options. They looked a few

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60 years ago and stayed put with the current vendor. They will look around again. Mr. Sterndale
61 said they get a little of money for paper recycling but they are now paying more to process the
62 paper instead of putting it in the compactor. It is now more expensive to recycle paper than what
63 the town receives back. They are exceeding the capacity of the dumpsters occasionally. There are
64 some increases to the fee schedule at the recycling center.

65 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the revised fee schedule. Mr. Eaton seconded. It was**
66 **approved by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Bartlett nay.**

67 Mr. Sterndale said there is nothing they can do to prevent people from going into the dumpster if
68 the citizen warrant article passes. Mr. Bartlett said that is opening up the town to lawsuits and
69 problems. Mr. Bartlett said is it possible to leave things on the ledge instead of putting in the
70 dumpster. Mr. Dumas said it would be the same problems as the swap shop and no one manages
71 it. Ms. Danis asked if there is a way that the Board make a statement on this. Mr. Dumas said
72 that materials that the town gets money for could be lost as well. Ms. Danis said there could be
73 safety issues. Mr. Bartlett asked if they are providing a ladder inside the dumpster. Mr. Sterndale
74 said no. Mr. Eaton said people should not be in the dumpsters while people are trying to get rid
75 of their trash. Mr. Eaton said taking copper is a federal offense and it's stealing. He thinks people
76 should stay out of the dumpsters. Ms. Danis said the concerns of the BOS should be distributed
77 to townspeople. Mr. Morin said he hopes people would take things out of the dumpsters in a
78 responsible manner. Ms. Danis said there was someone in the dumpsters a few weeks ago. Mr.
79 Morin said they could put up signs for now. Ms. Danis suggested the BOS write something up
80 regarding their stance and put it on website.

81 **Appointments**

82 *Frank Gonsalves*

83 Mr. Gonsalves would like to make a request for his road to be a salt free road. They have wells
84 close to the road and there is salt dumped from the town trucks that causes harm to the wells. Mr.
85 Gonsalves said that John Fernald didn't put salt down previously and he only put down sand. Mr.
86 Bartlett said they will take it under advisement. Mr. Eaton asked where it would be a no salt
87 zone. Mr. Gonsalves said he would like it to be a no salt road on West Lane. Mr. Sterndale said
88 it's a class V road and they need to maintain it like all Class V roads. Mr. Gonsalves said it is
89 more salted than other roads.

90 *Conservation Commission*

91 Mr. Demeritt opened the public hearing at 7:15pm pursuant to RSA 675:7 for the two properties
92 owned by John Terninko. They are looking to draw \$4k from the Conservation Fund to assist in
93 the development of the one stewardship plan for easement properties that the Town of
94 Nottingham holds the primary easement deeds.

95 The public hearing was closed at 7:29pm.

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96 Mr. Bartlett asked what happened if they didn't approve this. Mr. Demeritt said there would be no
97 plan. The plan would be done by August 1. Mr. Morin asked if it's a one-time thing. Mr.
98 Demeritt said yes. Ms. Danis said the plan goes with the land. Ms. Abrams said the stewardship
99 plan should be done every 10 years.

100 **Ms. Danis made a motion to approve the expenditure from the Conservation Commission**
101 **for \$4k for one stewardship plan for easement properties on Map 9 Lot 11 and a portion of**
102 **Map 9 Lot 10. Mr. Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

103 **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

104 Recycling Center warrant article BOS statement, election for officers

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

106 **Adjourn**

107 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:34pm and go into non-public**
108 **RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Ms. Danis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Morin-yay,**
109 **Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms. Danis-yay and Mr. Dumas-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-**
110 **0.**

111 The non-public meeting ended at 8:31pm.

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

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117 **Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:31pm. Mr. Dumas seconded.**
118 **Roll call vote: Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Morin-yay, Mr. Eaton-yay, Ms. Danis-yay, and Mr.**
119 **Dumas-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.**

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