

Minutes
Nottingham Select Board Meeting
April 8, 2019

6:33 PM Chair Dumas opened the meeting and asked all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Donna Danis, John Morin, Anthony Dumas, Benjamin Bartlett

Absent: Tiler Eaton

Approximately 40 guests in attendance.

Approval of Manifest:

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Bartlett to approve the April 8, 2019 accounts payable and April 9, 2019 payroll manifests.

Vote: 4 – 0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Bartlett to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting

Vote: 4 – 0 in favor.

Select Board Department/Board/Committee Reports:

Budget: The committee is done for the season.

Marston: Ms. Danis reported that a meeting will take place later this week.

Town Administrator Reports, Mail, Signature Items:

Sterndale reported on the power outage affecting the Recycling Center. Summer camp registration material is available. The Veteran's Tax Credit deadline is 4/15. A cleanup of the back building at the Community Center is planned for next month.

General Business:

BOS Procedure: One amendment has been made as discussed at prior meeting.

Motion: Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Barlett, to adopt amended Rules of Procedure. **Vote:** 4-0.

Playground Fund: Sterndale proposed spending \$5,700 from the Playground Fund for wood chips. In the long run, proposes phasing out of the Playground Fund and maintain the playground through the operating budget.

Motion: By Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Bartlett, to authorize expenditure of \$5,700 from the Playrgound Fund for wood chips. **Vote:** 4-0.

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Appointments:

7:00 pm: Steve Welch reported on 300th committee fundraising and provided samples of some commemorative items that would be purchase for resale. Various ideas were discussed, and plans for resale of new items.

The board agreed to allow the expenditure of \$5,300, Sterndale will keep the board up to date on progress, and the committee will return if additional funds are needed.

General Business:

Emergency Lane Designation Policy:

Sterndale recapped the board's previous discussions and identified three major areas that can still be addressed: the public benefit criteria; the level of maintenance to be performed; and the road standards/procedure.

He provided a proposed revision to the road conditions policy,

Ms. Danis asked what standards were in place for other roads. Sterndale reported that the only regulation in town were in the subdivision regulations, for construction of new roads.

Mr. Morin and Ms. Danis questioned if any existing EL would meet these conditions. Implications for fire equipment were discussed. Mr. Morin asked if the standards were being revised as a way to get out of maintaining ELs.

Mr. Dumas spoke to the importance of setting a standard, and stated that with a variety of road conditions there could be a wide variety of solutions and outcomes.

Mr. Morin and Ms. Danis asked if we could evaluate the roads as they are today, in order to understand the implications of change in policy. Mr. Bartlett asked what it would cost to hire an independent firm to survey and evaluate the current conditions.

Ms. Danis asked what town roads that are not emergency lanes that roads don't meet similar safety standards. Sterndale reported a handful of Class V spots that likely don't.

After extended discussion amongst the board, it was agreed that the staff would evaluate existing ELs and identify spots that do not meet the proposed standards. Sterndale will report back to the board at next meeting with an estimate of how long the evaluation will take.

Public comments:

Pat Farrington spoke to how Lamprey Drive's Emergency Lane designation covers most of the road, but not the portion in front of her home.

Dave Dearborn believes there are hidden agendas and suggested that neighbors be invited to participate in the surveys.

Nan? Vigars asked for goodwill from the board and for the board to start with problem areas.

Ed Minyard asked how a determination could be made without a formal survey, and agreed that someone from the road be present during the evaluation.

Don Morel believes that the discussion is heading on the right track and that residents are willing to work the town.

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Nancy Smart asked for additional information about where ELs are, and agreed that residents would be willing to help. She also asked about the process for town acceptance of roads.

Kip Ballaigeron asked for the related laws to be posted on the town web site.

Garrett Stubb encouraged the standards to be as simple as possible and to consider current conditions before establishing a standard.

Tina Jennings was concerned about the potential widening of roads, and the impact of trouble spots upon residences further down the road.

Joan Tulc was concerned about setting a standard that no one can meet.

Bill Scimone spoke to the impact of changes on the tax base.

Chair Dumas asked residents to communicate with the board via email, and recessed the meeting for five minutes.

Police cruiser trade-in: Sterndale raised the possibility of retaining, rather than trading in, the oldest police cruiser when its replacement is purchased. This concept had been raised last year by Mr. Bartlett. The new public works director does not have a vehicle regularly available for moving around town, and is currently using his private vehicle. Occasional other uses may arise. The \$7,000 trade-in value would have to be recovered elsewhere in the budget, along with additional maintenance and conversion costs. The board consented to keeping the old Explorer.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: The Board entered non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (b).

8:55 PM Motion: Motion by Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Bartlett to enter non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) and (b).

Roll Call Vote: Danis – Yea, Morin– Yea, Dumas – Yea, Bartlett – Yea. 4 – 0 in favor.

9:00 PM Motion: Mr. Dumas, second by Mr. Bartlett to exit the non-public session.

Roll Call Vote: Danis – Yea, Andersen – Yea, Dumas – Yea, Bartlett – Yea. 4 – 0 in favor.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion: Mr. Dumas, second by Mr. Bartlett to seal the non-public minutes of April 8, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Danis – Yea, Andersen – Yea, Dumas – Yea, Bartlett – Yea. 4 – 0 in favor.

The Selectmen made no decisions during their nonpublic session.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

9:02 PM Motion: by Mr. Morin, second by Mr. Bartlett to adjourn.

Vote: 4 – 0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Sterndale