

**Nottingham Select Board Meeting**

**8-23-21**

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**1 Call to Order**

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

3 Absent: Tiler Eaton

4 Others: Lorraine Petrini, Chris Sterndale, Steve Soreff, Kathy Mayo, Bob Goudreau, Peter  
5 Lamprey, Jen Phillips & Liz Bolton

6 The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bartlett commented  
7 that the highway dept. was very prepared for the storm.

**8 Approve Manifests**

9 **Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of 8-23-21 and**  
10 **payroll manifest of 8-24-21. Mr. Morin seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

**11 Approve Minutes**

12 **Mr. Morin made a motion to approve the public minutes from 8-9-21 as amended. Mr.**  
13 **Dumas seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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

15 *Budget Committee*

16 It has not started yet.

17 *Planning Board*

18 There is a meeting on Wednesday.

19 *CIP*

20 Mr. Dumas said they have not met yet.

21 *300<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee*

22 Mr. Soreff said they will meet this Thursday.

23 *Marston Property*

24 Ms. Danis said the fundraising committee met last week. They would like to get a sign at the  
25 area. If the Board concurs, Ms. Danis will look into this for pricing. She would like to use funds  
26 from the town. Mr. Dumas asked if the sign would look like the community center fields sign.  
27 Ms. Danis said yes.

**28 Town Administrator Report**

29 There was no significant damage from the storm. Officer Defranzo is back from the academy.  
30 There may be a need for an extra BOS meeting. Mr. Sterndale said he met with the SAU

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31 Transition team to go over where they could have offices for the SAU at the town offices. The  
32 census determined there are 5300-5400 people in Nottingham.

33 **Action Items from Last Meetings**

34 Road Standards Policy and Practice

35 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Old Town Hall

36 NCC at December meeting

37 **Assessing**

38 Items were being signed by the BOS.

39 **General Business**

40 *Recycled Percussion Event*

41 Mr. Bartlett said Recycling Percussion will be putting a performance on August 29. Proceeds  
42 will go to the town and also to Nottingham kids for back-to-school supplies. Mr. Bartlett said all  
43 department heads that he spoke to have been very supportive of this. He reached out to the BOS  
44 via phone or text. It will take place in the front field of the school.

45 Ms. Danis asked if they will be able to fit 350 people in the front field. Mr. Bartlett said they  
46 capped it at 300-350 people. The parking will be at the school and the side of the school. There  
47 will be no parking on Priest Road or Route 152. Recycling Percussion plans on managing  
48 parking. Mr. Morin, Mr. Bartlett and Ms. Petrini will be there for the day.

49 Mr. Bartlett said ambulance service, portable toilets and 5 police officers are the costs to the  
50 town. Mr. Sterndale said the police chief said it will be Nottingham officers. Ms. Danis  
51 confirmed this will cost \$5k to the town.

52 Mr. Morin asked about the parking lot in the back of the school field. Mr. Bartlett said there may  
53 be parking there as well. There may be other parking in Nottingham.

54 Mr. Sterndale said an event like this would normally have to get licensing however police and  
55 fire have looked over this event.

56 Ms. Danis asked what percentage comes to the town. Mr. Bartlett said 10% of the proceeds goes  
57 back to town and 10% goes towards back-to-school shopping for Nottingham kids.

58 Ms. Danis said she is not accustomed to approving things without a budget however there is no  
59 choice at this point because of how far they were down the road promoting it. Mr. Bartlett  
60 understands that concern.

61 **Mr. Dumas made a motion for Ben Bartlett to expend an amount up to \$5K for the**  
62 **Recycled Percussion event and enter into any contracts. Mr. Morin seconded. Unanimously**  
63 **approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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64 Mr. Bartlett said thank you to the BOS, fire, police, etc. for their support to make sure this event  
65 happens.

66 **Appointments**

67 *Bob Goudreau*

68 Mr. Goudreau lives at 4 Lavoie Drive. He would like to discuss a noise ordinance for  
69 Nottingham. This would relate to ATV, snowmobiles, firing guns and fireworks. He said this  
70 past July 4 and the previous one, he was run out of his house because the noise was so bad. He  
71 spent 2 tours in Vietnam. He said this noise is similar. He said that cars were pulling over on  
72 Kelsey Road in the dark and causing a road hazard. This is a problem that is getting worse. The  
73 residents have friends come over to do the fireworks. No one wants to say anything because of  
74 repercussions; he is the spokesperson for several from his neighborhood. He said other people  
75 have had problems with other noise issues: ATV, snowmobiles, firing guns. He asked if  
76 Manchester can have noise ordinance, why can't Nottingham? He said he is in favor of the  
77 smaller fireworks like bottle rockets. He said one neighbor had kids woken up and couldn't fall  
78 back asleep. He asked the BOS to start discussion about noise ordinance. He would like  
79 reasonable hours for the noise ordinance. He said he has talked to neighbors about making the  
80 noise, and he said the neighbors don't care. He was run out of his house.

81 Mr. Bartlett thanked Mr. Goudreau for his service. Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Dumas, as members of  
82 the military, can relate to his feelings. Mr. Bartlett said they can take this under advisement.

83 Mr. Goudreau said things change over time. Peace and quiet draw people to Nottingham. He is  
84 worried about the new ballpark. He is concerned about people having fireworks at the new field.  
85 He said he sometimes have to leave his house because of the fireworks at the Lee Speedway but  
86 he knows when they are. He was a nurse practitioner and he spoke about fireworks injuries.

87 Mr. Bartlett said if they ever have fireworks at the ball field, they will have a license professional  
88 doing them.

89 Mr. Dumas asked if Mr. Goudreau considered doing a citizen petition article. He explained the  
90 process.

91 Ms. Danis said that Manchester allows fireworks with a permit. She said a noise ordinance could  
92 be fireworks specific.

93 Mr. Bartlett said that fines can incur if people are using ATV and snowmachines across areas  
94 that they should not be.

95 *Blaisdell Library: Jen Phillips & Liz Bolton*

96 Ms. Phillips is the chair of the Nottingham Library Trustees, and Ms. Bolton is the librarian.  
97 They are here to ask for a 2<sup>nd</sup> full time person at the library. Operating hours have been reduced  
98 due to personnel. Hours used to be longer but now they have lost staff members so they cannot  
99 open. Most former employees and current employees want full-time positions. The library can't  
100 have outreach and send people to parks and rec due to personnel issues. They may be forced to

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101 closed for a day if someone calls out sick. The library has come in under budget for the past  
102 several years. Ms. Phillips went over the amazing work at the library during COVID. Ms. Bolton  
103 provided curbside pickup well ahead of other towns. Ms. Phillips said the Board of Trustees are  
104 very proud of Ms. Bolton and would like to grant more hours to library staff.

105 Mr. Bartlett commended Ms. Bolton.

106 Ms. Phillips said they don't have qualified people applying. There are 200 children's positions  
107 open across the state. There are 8 employees at Blaisdell Memorial Library. Most people are  
108 working 8-10 hours per week. Mr. Bartlett asked if they have a person who will work full time.  
109 Ms. Bolton said they do have someone who will work full-time. Ms. Bolton said they have plans  
110 to work with rec dept. for outreach and do other programs if this person can work full-time.

111 Mr. Sterndale said with benefits for a full-time person, it will be a five-figure amount. The  
112 library is consistently under budget. Ms. Phillips said they have returned large chunks of money  
113 in the past few years. They would be able to increase their library hours if they had a second full-  
114 time person.

115 Mr. Morin asked if 4 hours would fix these problems. Ms. Bolton said that more staff would be  
116 working hours in addition to the full-time person.

117 There are 80-100 people coming in daily for the summer with reading programs.

118 Mr. Bartlett commended the library for making it viable. He wasn't expecting that many people  
119 coming to the library daily. Ms. Phillips said they have been very lucky to have had great  
120 librarians.

121 Ms. Danis echoed that they are doing a great job. She would like to see numbers; she would like  
122 to see the cost and how much they will come under budget. Mr. Morin said add the hours of the  
123 full-time person and the hours they will give others. Ms. Danis asked if they would do this now  
124 or next budget.

125 Ms. Petrini suggested giving more hours to other employees while holding off hours to make  
126 person full time and give benefits until the next budget cycle if there is hesitation with giving  
127 benefits and full-time hours now. Mr. Sterndale said they may have the flexibility of paying  
128 more on Sundays.

129 Mr. Bartlett asked if the full-time person declined the benefits, could he work full-time now. Ms.  
130 Danis said use your budget now to provide more hours and come back to present what they want  
131 for the budget season. Mr. Morin said they will get support for what they want.

132 Mr. Goudreau commented on what a great job Ms. Bolton does.

133 *Other*

134 Ms. Mayo is asking if there is interest in looking at 2020 elections and whether there were  
135 discrepancies. She said many towns move away from using machines and used hand counting.  
136 Mr. Morin said how professional they are at the elections. He will never recommend going to

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137 hand counting. Ms. Mayo said even towns that have no problems have found problems. Ms.  
138 Danis said she encourages Ms. Mayo to work the elections. No one has approached the BOS  
139 about the elections. Ms. Mayo asked if anyone has compared the numbers and if the machine is  
140 tagged as one of the ones that is controversial. She is wondering if it is hooked up to the internet.  
141 Mr. Bartlett said he defers these questions to Bonnie Winona-MacKinnon, town moderator or  
142 Dee-Ann Decker, Supervisor of Checklist. Mr. Dumas said they make sure the hand count  
143 matches the tape count.

144 Ms. Soreff thanked Ms. Mayo for her concern. They check the machine before the election; and  
145 he invited Ms. Mayo to join in that as public is invited.

**146 Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

147 Road Standards Policy and Practice

148 9-20-21: 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee

149 10-4-21: Old town hall

150 SAU transition team

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

**152 Adjourn**

153 **Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:43pm and go into non-public**  
154 **RSA 91-A:3 II (L). Mr. Dumas seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Morin-yay,**  
155 **Ms. Danis-yay and Mr. Dumas-yay. Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

156 The non-public meeting ended at 8pm.

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158 **Ms. Danis made a motion to seal minutes of non-public session. Mr. Dumas seconded. Roll**  
159 **call vote: Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Morin-yay, Ms. Danis-yay and Mr. Dumas-yay.**  
160 **Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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162 **Ms. Danis made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8pm. Mr. Dumas seconded.**  
163 **Roll call vote: Mr. Bartlett-yay, Mr. Morin-yay, Ms. Danis-yay, and Mr. Dumas-yay.**  
164 **Unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.**

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