

**Minutes
Nottingham Selectmen's Meeting
January 18, 2016**

6:30 PM Chair Bonser opened the meeting and asked all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mary Bonser, Donna Danis, Mark Carpenter,

Others: Town Administrator Chris Sterndale, Secretary Dawn Calley-Murdough, John Morin, Chet Batchelder, Miska Hadik, Fred Schaaff

Motion: by Mr. Carpenter, second by Ms. Danis to recess the Board of Selectmen meeting until the end of the CIP Meeting.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Mr. Carpenter, second by Ms. Danis to open the CIP Meeting.

Vote: 4 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Carpenter to recess the CIP meeting to enable the Selectmen to discuss the Marston property.

Vote: 4 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Carpenter to open the Board of Selectmen meeting.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Marston Property: Ms. Danis introduced the attending MPEC members. MPEC had decided and requested at one of their prior meetings to have Ironwood establish a phased plan, with the first phase work total estimate of \$200,000.00.

The proposed first phase would include the multipurpose ball fields, walking trails and community gardens in an effort to provide activities for a large portion of residents. There are four proposed work options available, trying to minimize the cost needed to complete the work. The proposed first phase of phase 1 would be an approximate \$287,000.00.

Ms. Danis reviewed the four recommended options, which included alternative funding options which included warrant articles, bonding, and expendable trust fund and the recreation revolving fund. Discussion also took place about the meeting between the Planning Board, MPEC and the School Board for possible use of impact fee money from the school in regards to the need for ball fields. It was suggested the Town would be able to offer some of the work, to be completed by the Highway Department.

After discussion the Selectmen determined they would create a new expendable trust fund (ETF) to raise funds for the Marston Property physical work, including a possible amount of \$100,000.00 to be raised by taxation. The decision was also made to withdraw/transfer an additional \$100,000.00 from the Recreation Revolving Fund to be placed into the new Marston ETF. Additional funding for the remaining \$87,000.00 would be sought by grants, donations, and loans.

Discussion took place about using other revenue funding, such as cable franchise funds for a specific project, such as Marston Property. There was concern about needing to make a future decision about using cable franchise funds for new video equipment instead of using the money for the Marston Property development.

Ms. Danis asked if donations can be included into the ETF. Mr. Sterndale reported he would research that information; the ETF will allow the Selectmen to make the decision to contract for work without having to go to town meeting each and every time an opportunity is presented to complete needed work.

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It was decided the Selectmen would vote on the decision when the warrant articles were presented for their recommendation.

Ms. Danis thanked the members of MPEC for all their hard work and the other Selectmen for their agreement to support the project.

The Selectmen determined their recommendation to the CIP Committee would be for the multipurpose athletic field and two ball fields by year 2017 in the amount of \$287,000.00. The walking trails and community garden by year 2018 in the amount of \$100,000.00. The next portion would be in the year 2020 for the pavilion and possible irrigation. The Selectmen recommended their CIP priority levels.

The Board of Selectmen meeting was recessed.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Carpenter to recess the Board of Selectmen meeting and open the CIP Committee.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

General Business: The Selectmen reviewed and signed needed documents.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Carpenter to appoint Dirk Grotenhuis as the Commissioner for the SRPC for the term ending February 1, 2020.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Selectmen Board and Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Mr. Carpenter reported the school public hearing was held with an approximate 2% budget increase. Mr. Carpenter stated he made some mistakes in trying to point out the increase in the dollar amount change in the budget, acknowledging the animosity between board members in an attempt to offer an olive branch, stating that information provided about the change in tax rates over the prior several years was misleading as it did not account for the significant change in property valuation in 2015, was confronted about a decision regarding the purchase of the Highway Mack Truck in 2015 made by the Board of Selectmen, and was accused of changing minutes when discussing support of the Fire Department Quint. Mr. Carpenter stated he left the meeting prior to its ending and in an effort to prevent possible future conflict resigned as the Budget Committee Selectmen Representative.

Board of Selectmen: Chair Bonser and Ms. Danis reviewed and discussed the resignations submitted by Mr. Carpenter for his position of Selectmen and Budget Committee representative. Ms. Danis stated she was concerned about bringing in a new person to the Board of Selectmen for only two months.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Chair Bonser to accept the resignation of Mark Carpenter and declare the seat vacant. The position shall be posted for the election on the March 9 2016 Town Meeting for the remainder of the term ending in 2018.

Vote: 2 in favor. 1 abstained.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Chair Danis to appoint Mark Carpenter to the position of Selectmen for a term ending upon the election and qualification of his successor.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

It was agreed that Ms. Danis would become the Budget Committee Selectman Representative

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

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8:07 PM Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Mr. Carpenter to adjourn.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Calley-Murdough