

**Minutes
Nottingham Selectmen's Meeting
February 23, 2015**

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

Members Present: Mark Carpenter, Mary Bonser and Donna Danis

Others: Chris Sterndale – Town Administrator, Dawn Wirkkala – Secretary, Susan Mooney, Debra Kimball

MANIFEST SIGNATURE:

Motion: by Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to approve the February 23, 2015 manifest.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES:

Motion: Ms. Bonser, second Chair Carpenter is to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: Ms. Bonser, second Ms. Danis to approve the non-public minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: Ms. Bonser, second Ms. Danis to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Town Administrator/Department Reports, Mail/Correspondence and Signature Items:

Highway: Mr. Sterndale stated he wanted to review the Highway budget with the Selectmen at their next meeting to determine if budget changes would be requested at Town meeting. By waiting until the next meeting the information will contain an additional payroll, vehicle repair expenses, and other needed purchases to better determine what is needed.

Town Admin: Snow was removed from the roofs of both the Town Offices and the Fire Department. The Police Department, Food Pantry, Fire Department had roof leaks but are better with the snow removal. The Recycle Center has also had a few leaks because of ice dams, but it doesn't appear to be causing issues with work operations. These leaks are not normal, only caused by the extreme snow that has been received continuously over the last six weeks.

The Town Report is complete and available for the public to pickup.

The Nottingham Women's Club is hosting a Candidates night on Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 pm at the elementary school.

Mr. Sterndale reported he is going to start the process of requesting bids for property liability insurance and asked the Selectmen for any concerns they might have.

Board of Selectmen Department/Board/Committee Reports:

Recycle Center: Chair Carpenter asked about the process and need for the pay to throw item stickers, are they really needed. Ms. Calley-Murdough stated she believed they were used to help track and audit the amount of money being received, as the town office keeps track of how many numbered stickers are used. Chair Carpenter asked to provide an explanation to Mr. Cinfo about the sticker use.

Budget Committee: Ms. Bonser was asked to review questions and concerns brought up during committee meetings and hearings at a Selectmen's meeting and the others agreed.

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Ms. Danis stated a question was asked during the Town Budget public hearing about the funds to support Social Services, specifically Ready Rides. When the program first requested operating funds they indicated support was needed to help with initial start up costs and funds shouldn't be needed in the future; support for future years will come from private donations and not from the town. Ms. Danis asked what actions has Ready Rides taken to become self sufficient and why was it looked at differently than the other social service agencies.

Chair Carpenter stated he suggested the idea to have private donations support social services, hoping it would generate private donations to support the programs and the suggestion was made because it was a new request. Ms. Bonser stated Ready Rides had the plan to become self sufficient, but it didn't happen; it is a very valuable service.

Ms. Danis asked to receive documentation about the amount of services Nottingham receives and the actions they have taken to receive private and funding from other sources.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 pm County Commissioner Kevin Coyle: Cancelled

General Business:

Motion: by Chair Carpenter, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the acceptance of the Town of Nottingham, acting through its Conservation Commission pursuant to NH RSA 36-A:4, from Helen E. Fernald, as Trustee of the Helen E. Fernald 1992 Trust, of an executory interest in a Conservation Easement Deed on the 95.5-ac. Nottingham Tax Map 52, Lot 41, said Deed dated 28 Jan 2015. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests ("Forest Society") will hold the grantee interest in the Conservation Easement. Acceptance of this deed is in direct association with the Town's preceding contribution of \$250,000 from its Conservation Fund to the Forest Society for covering the Society's full purchase price of the Conservation Easement, as voted by the Nottingham Conservation Commission.

Ms. Bonser stated the easement was very well done, mostly boiler plate, but questioned the Use Limitation section, which does not specifically eliminate the extraction of water. Ms. Mooney stated it isn't anything she has ever heard about in easements before and isn't concerned, although it is a good point. Ms. Kimball stated a (water) well would require additional supporting structures and equipment that would constitute development, and development isn't allowed.

Ms. Bonser asked if clarification regarding the issue would hold up processing the easement and it was stated it could. Ms. Danis requested to have the concern addressed and taken into consideration for future easements and those in attendance agreed.

Ms. Danis asked about the type of response received during the public hearing. Chair Carpenter and Ms. Mooney stated only positive support for the easement was received.

Chair Carpenter called the vote on the motion.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Chair Carpenter stated he has learned a lot about the Conservation process and appreciates the time Commission members have helped in that education and looks forward to a positive and collaborative working relationship in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

7:15 PM Motion: by Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to adjourn.

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Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Wirkkala