

Minutes
Nottingham Selectmen's Meeting
August 10, 2015

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

Members Present: Mark Carpenter, Mary Bonser

Members Absent: Donna Danis

Others: Chris Sterndale – Town Administrator, James Gallagher, RH Snow, Eugene Leonard, John Reagan, and others

MANIFEST SIGNATURE:

Motion: by Mr. Carpenter, second by Chair Bonser to approve the August 3, 2015 accounts payable and August 4, 2015 payroll manifests.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES: Chair Bonser postponed approval of the July 27, 2015 minutes to the next meeting.

Board of Selectmen Department/Board/Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: The Committee discussed the answers to questions and tasks asked at the May 2015 meeting and Mr. Eugene Reed was appointed the CIP Representative for the Budget Committee. The next meeting will be September 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Carpenter stated he may not be able to attend the September meeting as will need another Selectman to attend.

Town Administrator Reports, Mail, Signature Items:

Highway: Separate bids are being received for the old International Dump Truck, Plow, and/or Sander – information regarding the sale is available on the Town website. All bids are due on August 13, 2015.

Fire: The older command vehicle will go up for sale soon, information about submitting a bid will be on the Town website when the paperwork is complete; the new truck replaced the old car.

Congratulations to James Calderone who was promoted to Lieutenant.

Town Beach: There has been some recent vandalism, the port-a-potty was tipped over, and the lifeguard chair was put into the lake. If anyone saw anything that appears suspicious, please report it to the Police Department.

Mr. Carpenter stated previous discussion had been held about putting a camera or cameras at the beach to help deter and/or catch the vandals.

Recycling Center: The Nottingham Elementary School completed their recycling and Recycling Center video and it is airing on both Channel 13 (the school channel) and Channel 22 (the Town channel).

The Selectmen and Town Administrator thanked the Student Council, Principal Souza, Kevin Smith, Lorraine Ferland, and Dawn Fernald for working hard to put everything in motion.

BOS Meeting Schedule: The Selectmen have had discussion about changed meeting dates, as regular meeting dates have been cancelled and others dates selected. The Schedule will be posted on the town website.

Police: Reports were received about multiple vehicle break-ins taking place on Smoke Street and citizens were advised to lock their vehicles. Recent changes were also process with vandalized mail boxes, in multiple towns. The Selectmen agreed they would write letters of commendation when employees go above and beyond their regular duties.

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General Business:

Legislative Request Letter to Representatives: Chair Bonser reviewed the letter being mailed to Nottingham NH Representatives and Senator regarding the possibility of proposing new legislation allowing Undeclared Registered Voters to be Ballot Clerks as it is getting harder and harder to find registered Democrats or Republicans. The Selectmen also want to meet with the local Representatives to discuss the merit of introducing legislation preventing language changes to submitted citizen petition warrant articles.

Motion: by Chair Bonser, second by Mr. Carpenter to mail the requested legislation and meeting letters to the Nottingham NH Representatives and Senator.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

Chair Bonser would sign the letters and they would be mailed later in the week.

Senator Reagan: Senator Reagan stated he was in attendance for the NHDES Mendums Pond issue. Chair Bonser reviewed the letter (as mentioned above) that would be mailed to the legislators.

Mr. Carpenter stated he didn't want to discuss the matter in detail because not all the Selectmen were present.

Senator Reagan recommended sending the letter to Representative Kathleen Hoelzel, Chair of the Election Law Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

7:02 PM **Motion:** by Mr. Carpenter, second by Chair Bonser to adjourn.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

7:00 pm: **NHDES Review of Mendums Pond Drawdown and Dam Repairs:** Chair Carpenter stated the Selectmen would adjourn the official Selectmen's Meeting and continue with the NHDES Mendums Ponds information.

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the reasons for the drawdown and repairs, stating there is a specific web page on the NHDES website detailing all the information. Letters were mailed to those property owners who might be affected by the drawdown and/or dam repairs. Anyone who has additional questions should contact NHDES.

The citizens in attendance and Mr. Gallagher discussed the matter and questions were answered.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Calley-Murdough