

## 2020 NOTTINGHAM TOWN MEETING MINUTES

At approximately 9:20 AM on June 27, 2020, Moderator, Bonnie Winona MacKinnon welcomed all the attendees and called the Annual Town Meeting to order.

Moderator MacKinnon stated that the Town Meeting had been postponed from March 14, 2020 due to the covid-19 Pandemic and that social distancing criteria had been put in place for the meeting. She asked everyone to silence their cell phones. She stated that this was not a usual Town Meeting due to the pandemic and that special seating and procedures were in place. There was to be no Pledge of Allegiance said out loud to avoid everyone speaking at once, and that there would also be no breaks or lunch served. The Moderator then called for a moment of silence in lieu of the Pledge.

She proceeded to announce the people seated at the head table in the front of the Room, they were, Lori Anderson, Town clerk, Mike Courtney, Town Attorney, Chris Sterndale, Town Administration, Ben Bartlett, Chair of the Nottingham Board of Selectmen, Donna Danis, Board of Selectmen member, Tony Dumas, Board of Selectmen member, and John Morin, Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

She then thanked Kevin Smith who was overseeing the sound system for the day and the Police Officers on duty. She noted that several people were in attendance that do not live in town and that they may get a chance to speak.

Ben Bartlett then recognized two people who had retired. Cheryl Travis, who had been Treasurer of the town since the 1970s, and Gene Reed, who had served on several Boards in town, and most recently held the position of Tax Collector.

The Moderator then read the results of Article #1 of the Town Elections held on March 10, 2020.

Budget Committee (2 years)	Michael Koester
Budget Committee (3 years)	Thomas Butkiewicz Shawn Green Thomas Leveille
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Michael J. Bascom
Library Trustee (3 years)	Thomas Butkiewicz Jim Kelly Lorraine Petrini
Moderator (2 years)	Bonnie Winona MacKinnon

Planning Board (3 years)	Joseph Clough Ian MacKinnon
Board of Selectmen (3 years)	Donna Danis Anthony Dumas
Supervisor of the Checklist	Dee-Ann Decker
Tax Collector (3 years)	Tracey L. Black
Treasurer (3 years)	Susan Bascomb
Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years)	John Murphy
Zoning Board (3 years)	Terry Bonser Bonnie Winona MacKinnon

The moderator then announced the attendees would now take up the Articles 5-18.

The Moderator then read the text of Article #5.

**Article #05:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,143,326.00 (Four Million One Hundred Forty Three Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Six Dollars) for the 2020 Operating Budget. This article does not include appropriations voted in other special or individual warrant articles addressed in this warrant. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$6.632 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 – 0 – 0).**

Article #5 was moved by John Morin and seconded by Ben Bartlett.

Selectman Morin gave an overview of the several points in the budget. He stated that the pandemic would have an impact on Town finances with additional expenses. Grants were available and that non-essential expenses would be reduced. He then stated that the Board would be asking for some of the upcoming warrant articles amended to reduce expenditures, ex. Ledge Farm Road, and that they would be asking that Article #11 be tabled.

Chris Sterndale gave a review of the budget. Of interest were:

- Line 4, Merit Raises
- Collection of Town Clerk fees being reduced
- Elections, there were to be four elections in 2020
- Financial Audits

- Assessing re-evaluation year in 2020
- Legal expenses – two lawsuits are currently being brought against the Town
- Personnel Administration costs, health benefit increase of approximately 7%. A second health plan has been added as an option with a higher deductible and lower premium.
- Police Retirement System, part time Officers are being transitioned to full time. An Investigator will be hired.
- Benefits are comparable to neighboring towns at this point
- Planning Board has contracted through the Stafford Regional Planning Commission for a Professional Planner and this is working quite well.
- Mobile data terminal
- Fire Department is utilizing a per diem system and has added weekends and evenings. Sundays will be added.
- Highway staffing changes as well as seasonal changes
- Full time Director position added to the Road Department
- Algae found in the diesel tank. The situation has been corrected
- Contractors have been hired for road maintenance and repair around Nottingham Lake
- Waste disposal costs have gone up
- Testing and monitoring of the old landfill for PFOAs. The town will be working with the DRA for oversight
- Salt shed in the gravel pit has been retired

Chris Albert asked if additional compensation had been available the Police and Fire Departments due to the pandemic. Chris Sterndale stated that First Responders had received additional compensation for 12 weeks and that the state would be reimbursing the Town.

Romeo Danaïs brought up Line 82 regarding lawsuits. He asked what they were.

Sterndale noted that there are two cases. The first being the Chemical Trespassing order's constitutionality and the second being a class action lawsuit regarding emergency lanes.

Bill Netishen asked about the estimated tax impact and if the amount stated was accurate. Sterndale noted the number does not reflect nontax revenue.

Tom Butkiewicz asked about a default budget number. Sterndale noted that there was none yet and if SB2 passes, next year there would be a default budget.

Dave Dearborn asked what the percentage of increase to the tax rate would be. Donna Danis stated approximately 6%. Dearborn then asked if the tax base would absorb any costs from the

pandemic, and what the Board believed. Danis stated that the budget was quite conservative and there were few warrant articles to be considered. The budget will decrease if all articles were passed.

Article #5 passed by card vote. The budget passed overwhelmingly.

Danis asked to invoke RSA 40:10 regarding the vote on Article #5. Dumas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Moderator then read Article #6 aloud.

**Article #06:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$30,500.00) for costs related to the development of a storm water asset management program, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a loan agreement of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for this purpose. Further, to authorize the Select Board to negotiate such loan and determine the conditions and rate of interest thereon; and, further, to raise and appropriate one-year interest payment of \$500.00 to come from unassigned fund balance. It is expected that repayment of the loan will include 100% principal forgiveness, per agreement with the CWSRF, to eliminate the need for payment of loan principal through tax dollars. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the completion of the project. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 (2/3 ballot vote required).

Tony Dumas motioned to move Article, Donna Danis seconded the motion.

Dumas spoke about article 6 and noted it would end in 2021.

Thomas Butkiewicz stated that if the town received no money from the state, taxes will be increased next year.

Chris Albert noted that a mapping system is available through UNH already. Sterndale stated that conditions, materials, or size are not included. Albert disagreed. He stated that EPA money should be spent, not state money, and he does not want this article to pass.

Kristen Lamb thanked the Board for a grant that would be used for the road crew, and that it would offset the General Fund.

Diane Hardy spoke. She is a Land Use Planner. She stated the big issue is storm water management and that this is good money spent and would lay the foundation for future water quality.

A secret ballot vote for Article #6 then commenced and the results would be later reported.

The Moderator Then read Article #7 aloud.

**Article #07:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,152.00 (Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing the necessary fuel, supplies, equipment and maintenance to run the ambulance and billing services for 2020; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$23,152.00 (Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Dollars) from the Ambulance and Equipment Replacement Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 – 0 – 0).**

Tony Dumas motioned to move the Article, and Steve Soreff seconded the motion.

Chief Jaye Vilchok spoke about the recurrent article adjustment annually since 2009. He explained that the funds are used to run EMS services.

A vote of Article #8 was taken by card vote and passed.

Dumas asked to invoke RSA 40:10, Heidi Seaverns seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Moderator MacKinnon then read Article #8 as follows:

**Article #08:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Vehicle /SCBA Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.160 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 – 0 – 0).**

Patricia Farrington asked if the amount was changed. Ben Bartlett noted that \$100,000.00 had been reduced to \$50,000.00. The article was then submitted as amended.

It read,

**Article #08:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Vehicle /SCBA Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.160 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 – 0 – 0).**

It was noted that this was a one time reduction and that the sum would be increased in future years.

Chief Vilchok then asked John Fernald to come up and be recognized for his 55 years as a Volunteer on the Nottingham Fire Department and was given a 55 Year Award.

Chief Vilchok then agreed with adjusting the amount short time. This would be needed to increase in the future to catch up and thanked the Board for its consideration.

Romeo Danis asked for the dollar amount in the fund presently. Donna Danis stated that on page 43 of the Town report it was stated at \$57,000.

Marguerite Tucker asked a procedure question if a motion should be made to accept the amendment, as it had not yet been done. Attorney Courtney stated that it was acceptable as is.

Gene Reed asked if the Capital Improvement Committee recommended the reduction. Danis state no, but that the Board of Selectmen was trying to reduce expenses.

A motion was made to amend the amount in Article #8 from \$100,000 to \$50,000. The motion carried.

A vote was then taken on Article #8 by card vote as amended and passed.

Tony Dumas asked to invoke RSA 40:10, Ben Bartlett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Moderator MacKinnon then read Article #9 as written.

**Article #09:** Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Nottingham on the second Tuesday in March? By citizen petition. (3/5 ballot vote required)

Charlene Andersen motioned to table Article #9, citing the effects of the pandemic on the budget and that this was not the year to do it.

Rhoda Capron seconded the motion.

Teresa Bascomb asked not to delay as people have had months to review and consider the article.

Tom Butkiewicz noted the merits of SB2 stating the pandemic.

Rhoda Capron reconsidered her opinion.

Jon Biron noted the number at Town Meeting stating it doesn't work as he is pro SB2 because the town has grown.

John Terninko stated he is against the article.

Tom Baillargeon stated a small number of people determine the budget and SB2 prevents this.

Gene Reed asked to modify for clarification the motion to table. He explained we need to know the subject before tabling. He stated that there was no need to table as all voters would have a say if SB2 passes.

Raelene Shippee-Rice mentioned the numbers at Town Meeting are low due to the pandemic.

Tom Butkiewicz noted that 2-3% of the town's population shows up for Town Meeting and that people may request an absentee ballot if necessary.

Gene Reed then motioned to vote on the motion to table Article #9 vs not tabling. Lori Anderson seconded the motion. The motion to table Article #9 failed.

Moderator MacKinnon then announced the vote count for Article #6 regarding storm water management and that a 2/3 vote was required. She stated Article #6 did not pass. The vote count was 79 YES, 51 NO.

Tom Butkiewicz then motioned to invoke RSA 40:10 on Article #6. The motion carried.

Article #9 was then read again by the Moderator and asked that it be out for discussion.

Tom Butkiewicz then motioned for continued discussion.

Kristen Lamb mentioned discussion would be done at the Deliberative Session.

Gene Reed optioned to vote on Article #9. Heidi Seaverns seconded the motion.

The Moderator stated a secret ballot vote with 3/5 vote necessary is needed. The vote would be open for one hour by statute.

After several people spoke, Heidi Seaverns requested that it be moved to vote.

Attorney Courtney suggested that a vote be taken to end discussion and move to the ballot vote. The motion passed and a one-hour timed vote began. The results would be mentioned later in the meeting.

The Moderator moved to resume the meeting and on to the next article. She then read Article #10 regarding road work on Ledge Farm Road

**Article #10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) for engineering, design and highway construction and reconstruction on Ledge Farm Road, or other roads in Nottingham if a priority arises. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or not later than one year after the end of fiscal year 2020, whichever occurs earlier. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.48 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 – 0 – 0).**

Ben Bartlett motioned to table this article and Tony Dumas seconded the motion. Bartlett stated that costs have increased and the S curve on the road had issues. He asked that it be re-addressed next year.

Robert Claxton who is a resident of Ledge Farm Road stated that the worst parts have been repaired and completed. He stated the road is in the best condition in years and would like to pursue the issue later. He stated it is okay with him to table the Article and that he uses the road daily.

Romeo Danais was against tabling as costs won't be going down over time.

Mr. Baillargeon asked to table the issue for one year for economic reasons.

A card vote was taken in favor of tabling Article #10. The vote passed to table Article #10 for one year.

Ben Bartlett motioned to invoke RSA 40:10, Tony Dumas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Moderator then read Article #11 regarding Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The article read as follows:

**Article #11:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.160 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 – 0 – 0).**

Ben Bartlett motioned to accept the article as written, Tony Dumas seconded the motion.

No discussion ensued and a card vote was taken to accept the motion as written. The motion carried, and Article #11 passed.

Tony Dumas motioned to invoke RSA 40:10, Ben Bartlett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Moderator then read Article #12 as follows:

**Article #12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of performing a statutory revaluation of property every five years. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.032 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 – 0 – 0).**

John Morin motioned to accept the article as read, Ben Bartlett seconded the motion.

John Morin then presented the article and noted that the fund balance could be found on page 43.

Tom Duffy asked why there was a balance of the fund and Morin answered that the current balance was \$80,000.

A hand card vote was taken, and the Article passed.

Romeo Danais moved to reconsider Article #12.

Chris Sterndale stated the balance was to fund a full re-evaluation and that the process was being done this year. The fund would be rebuilt over 5 years' time when the re-evaluation would be done again.

Dumas asked to invoke RSA 40:10, Bartlett seconded the requested and the motion passed.

Moderator MacKinnon then read Article #13 as follows:

**Article #13:** In order to reduce taxes by directing all revenue the town receives through Land Use Change Taxes toward the general fund, Shall the Town rescind the provisions of RSA79-A:25-a which account for the revenues received from the land use change tax in a fund separate from the general fund? Any unappropriated surplus remaining in the land use change tax fund, and any future land use change tax revenues received shall immediately be deemed general fund revenue. By citizen petition. Majority vote required, by ballot vote.

Tom Butkiewicz motioned to accept the article stating the language was mandated. Teresa Bascomb seconded the motion.

Mr. Butkiewicz noted that the sale of any property in Current Use is taxed a 10% of fair market value. He noted that developers pay the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) and the funds are now diverted to the Conservation Committee. He calculated that property taxes could be reduced up to 3% if the Article passed.

Cheryl Smith presented an opposing view with a slideshow. She stated that the LUCT is an unreliable source of revenue and that it is paid to the state with a portion of it going to the town. She stated the amount varies year to year.

Doug Cummings stated that if it reduced property taxes, he was in favor of it.

At this point in the meeting the Moderator announced that voting was now closed on Article #9.

Gene Reed asked who receives the money and who determines how it is spent. The answer from the Board of Selectmen was that the Conservation Committee receives the funds and they decide how it is spent.

Teresa Bascomb moved to vote on Article #13. It was seconded by Paul Carr. The motion carried. A secret ballot vote would be taken, and a majority would be needed.

The Moderator then announced the results of the vote on Article #9 regarding SB2. She announced that the Article passed with 3/5 in the affirmative needed. The results were 103 YES, and 55 NO. 95 voted were needed to pass.

The moderator Then read Article #14 as follows:

**Article #14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise the appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Tri-Centennial Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.008 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (8 – 1 – 0).**

Tony Dumas motioned to accept the article as written, Donna Danis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Teresa Bascom invoked RSA 40:10 on Article #9. Chelli Tennis seconded the motion and the motion passed by card vote.

The moderator requested that discussion begin regarding Article #14.

Rhoda Capron stated that she is a member of the Tri-centennial Committee and noted planned activities are banners, a parade, fireworks, additional fundraiser from tee shirt and hat sales will be done.

A hand card vote was taken, and the Article passed.

Tony Dumas motioned RSA 40:10 and seconded by Rhoda Capron. The motion carried.

Moderator MacKinnon Then read Article #15.

**Article #15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Invasive Species Prevention and Eradication Removal Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.016 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4 – 0 – 0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 – 0 – 0).**

Donna Danis motioned to accept the article as written, seconded by Steve Soreff. The motion passed.

Dee-Ann Decker spoke to Article #15. She outlined the efforts that the PLIA and Lake Host program are doing to avoid invasive species of plants such as milfoil, and the fundraising efforts of the organization

Tom Duffy noted that the grant is used to avoid the spread of milfoil in the lakes within Nottingham and the spread can extend downstream. He mentioned that Sonar is being used on a boat. If suspected invasive species is spotted by anyone on a lake, it can be used to mitigate the situation.

Tom Butkiewicz motioned to stop discussion. This was seconded by Dee-Ann Decker. The motion carried.

The Moderator read Article #15 again and asked for a hand card vote. The vote passed.

Tony Dumas invoked RSA 40:10, Donna Danis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Moderator then announced the results of the secret ballot vote on Article #13. The article failed. The results were 59 YES, and 77 NO, A simple majority was necessary.

Tony Dumas invoked RSA 40:10 on Article #15, Ben Bartlett seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The moderator then read Article #16 as follows:

**Article #16:** To see if the voters of Nottingham will vote to accept the existing road known as "North River Lake Road" as a town road. Majority Vote Required. By citizen petition.

Hal Rafter moved to accept the Article as written, this was seconded by Teresa Bascomb.

Mr. Rafter then spoke about the article and issues that will be resolved. He noted that the residents of the road have removed 19 trees and various rocks, and applied gravel to alleviate drainage issues. The road is at least 16' wide the entire length of the road and the canopy has been trimmed. The residents have spent \$4,300 to improve the road.

Tony Dumas proposed an amendment to the article by inserting the wording: *"Acceptance is subject to the road satisfying the standards prescribed by the Board of Selectmen, as it may determine to be in the best interests of the town, with all improvements and testing to be at the expense of the road owners."*

Chris Albert spoke to Article #16 and suggested that engineers and surveyors are necessary as residents of the road should pay for the expenses and that the funds not come from Town funds.

Tom Duffy spoke against the amended wording of the article.

Gene Reed asked the Board about the current court case and its effect on our vote, be it yes or no on Article #17.

Ben Bartlett stated that the court case does not bind Town Meeting decisions made today.

Teresa Bascom stated she is a member of the Zoning Board and we are bound by ordinances. She stated that is the reason why the amended wording has been added to the article.

Tom Duffy noted that Class 5 roads are not defined.

Hal Rafter raised the question as to whether the Town has standards regarding approved roads. Tony Dumas referred to the subdivision standards.

Ronnie Morse asked the Board what standards are used by the Board to determine whether a road can be accepted by the Town.

Ben Bartlett said the Town would have to adopt standards and this has been halted due to the pending class action lawsuit.

Ed Viel noted that the amended verbiage protects the Town.

Chris Albert stated that standards have been put in place to protect the Town from liability in the event those standards are not met.

Teresa Bascom moved to motion a vote on the Article 16 Amendment. Romeo Danais seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Moderator called a vote on the amendment to Article #16. The results were YES – 46, NO – 50. The amendment failed.

Teresa Bascomb motioned to Table Article #16 as originally written. Romeo Danais seconded the motion. The results were 46- YES, 54 – NO. The motion to table failed.

Romeo Danais motioned to reconsider voting on the motion to amend because as Mr. Rafter stated, the road is 16' at its narrowest point, and fire trucks need 12' in each direction for a total of 24'. Alan Bernstein seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Bill Sciammone stated he walked the road with Chris Sterndale and the head of the Highway Department. The road was measured, and a punch list of items was determined.

Tony Dumas wants to validate the status of the road before it is accepted. He stated the walkthrough was standard as an emergency lane standard, but not as a Town road standard. The amendment the Board of Selectmen suggested would validate the standards.

Hal Rafter moved to vote on Article #16. Leslie Dionne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Moderator read the Article #16 as originally written and it passed by hand card vote. The vote count was 60 – YES, and 47- NO.

The Moderator then read Article #17 as follows:

**Article #17:** To see if the voters of Nottingham will vote to accept Highland Ave in the Town of Nottingham as a town road. With this acceptance, Highland Ave will be transferred to the Town of Nottingham, NH. Majority Vote Required. By citizen petition.

Amanda Desrosiers moved to vote on the article as written. This was seconded by Fred Jackson.

Tony Dumas motioned to amend the Article as follows by inserting the following: :

***“Acceptance is subject to the road satisfying the standards prescribed by the Board of Selectmen, as it may determine to be in the best interests of the town, with all improvements and testing to be at the expense of the road owners.”***Romeo Danais seconded the motion. Mr. Dumas then explained that knowledge of the town standards has not been made.

Mr. Sciammone moved to invoke RSA 40:10 on Article 16. This was seconded by Cheryl Fogg. The motion passed.

Steve Soreff commended the Moderator for running a civil meeting. He then asked for Mr. Dumas's motion to amend the article with changes and asked him to articulate the specifics as to that standards that will apply.

Mr. Dumas said that a set of standards will be made within 90 days regarding Highland Avenue. These standards would apply to this road and future warrant articles regarding road acceptance by the Town.

Mr. Dumas motioned to accept the proposed verbiage to be added to Article #17. He asked that the original wording be withdrawn and resubmitted. Ben Bartlett seconded the motion.

The Moderator read the newly amended Article #16 adding the words : ***"The Board will work to have applicable road standards within 90 days."***

Ms. Morse asked for a more definitive wording to the amendment.

John Morse suggested a change to amend to be determined by the Board of Selectmen prior to September 30, 2020 or Highland Avenue would be accepted as a Town road.

Ed Viel stated that Highland Avenue has issues and to not blindly accept it without standards. He suggested not to take ownership until this has been done and a plan has been made.

Charlene Andersen required standards necessary as access to the road and the beach on the road with now be accessible to the entire town.

Amanda Desrosiers asked to motion to stop debate and hold a vote on the amended wording. Leslie Dionne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A hand card vote was then taken on the Board of Selectmen's amended Article #17 which included that ***"the Board will work toward having applicable road standards within 90 days."***

The motion to amend failed.

The Moderator asked for discussion to the original version of Article #17.

Gene Reed noted that if the road was transferred to the Town, who owns the road? The complexity and expense to do so have not been discussed and no money has been appropriated.

Romeo Danis stated that Article #16 was voted on as a Town road with 16' at its narrowest area. The Town will be liable . He wanted to know if the Town can enforce widening the road to 24'.

Amanda Desrosiers motioned to close comments. Eileen Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article #17 was read as originally written and voted upon by hand card. The results were 51 – YES, 38- NO. The article passed.

Amanda Desrosiers asked to invoke RSA 40:10. Terry Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Moderator then read Article #18 as follows:

**Article #18:** To see if the Town will vote to urge the NH General Court to carry out the 2020 redistricting by the appointment of an independent commission chartered to map districts which are not intended to favor a particular political party, and which minimize multi-seat districts.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the Town of Nottingham's state legislators and the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents within thirty (30) days of the vote. By Citizens Petition.

Hal Rafter moved to vote on Article #18 as written. He stated that legislation may be completed for this year, but it may be taken up next year and Nottingham should get their own Representative.

The Article passed by hand card vote.

The Moderator then read Article #19 as follows:

**Article #19:** To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

Steve Soreff asked now that that SB2 passed, is this the last Town Meeting? The Town Attorney stated that next year is SB2. This is the last Town Meeting in Nottingham.

Romeo Danais asked to discuss the status of land formerly owned by USA Springs. He stated that he has offered to purchase the property and has received no response. Donna Danis stated the best path forward and several options are being considered. The Town is not yet ready to decide.

Tom Butkiewicz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dee-Ann Decker seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18PM on June 27, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lorraine Anderson, Town Clerk

Town of Nottingham