

## 2018 Town Meeting Minutes

At 9:00 AM on March 17, 2018, The Moderator, Bonnie Winona MacKinnon, welcomed everyone. She asked that all cell phones be turned off and that voters register to vote with the ballot clerks and receive their green voter cards. She reminded everyone that they must be seated in order for their vote to be counted and that the rules of procedure could be found on the inside cover of the Annual Report.

This being March 17th, the Moderator related the history of St. Patrick's Day with comments regarding Irish traditions and history common to our own.

The Moderator called on members of Cub Scout Pack 167 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Olivia Roach, a junior at Coe-Brown Academy, sang the National Anthem and received a round of applause.

The Moderator asked that all veterans stand and be recognized with applause and quiet gratitude. She further paid tribute to Gail Powell, who passed away on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018. Gail had served on several town boards over many years. She also thanked the election officials for their contributions to the town election process on March 13, 2018 (in spite of a Nor'easter, the second year in a row.)

Donna Danis recognized Charles (Charlie) Brown, retiring Selectman, and John (Johnny) Fernald, retiring Road Agent, for their many years of service to the Town.

Announcements: Chelli Tennis, Pat Desrosiers and their support team were providing lunch in the cafeteria for a monetary donation, the proceeds of which would be used to fund scholarships to enable children to participate in the recreation program:

Non-residents Cristian Sterndale, Town Administrator, Gunnar Foss, Nottingham Police Chief, and Michael Courtney, Town Attorney, would be allowed to speak at the meeting: and introduction of the persons seated at the head table took place.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM, having allowed extra time for all voters to check in with the ballot clerks.

The Moderator then read the results of Article #1 of the Town elections held on March 13, 2018.

Budget Committee (1 year)	Nicole E. Gruet-Matthews
Budget Committee (1 year)	Christian S. Matthews
Budget Committee (3 years)	Jennifer A Biron
Budget Committee (3 years)	Lee Lederer (write-in)
Budget Committee (3 years)	Carrie Lee (write-in)
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Peter J. Corriveau
Library Trustee (3 years)	Allison L. Friend-Gray

Moderator (2 years)	Bonnie Winona MacKinnon
Planning Board (3 years)	Gary A. Anderson
Planning Board (3 years)	Susan P. Mooney
Board of Selectmen (3 years)	Benjamin T. Bartlett, IV
Board of Selectmen (3 years)	Tiler F. Eaton
Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years)	Ruth Anne Fuller
Town Clerk (3 years)	Sandra W. Weston
Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years)	Gail A. Mills
Zoning Board (3 years)	Teresa L. Bascom
Zoning Board (3 years)	Peter A. White

Article #02: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 (Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the engineering, design and highway construction and reconstruction on Ledge Farm Road, or other roads in Nottingham if a priority arises and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$650,000 (Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The estimated tax impact is \$0.12 per \$1,000 of property valuation, starting in 2019. (2/3 ballot vote required)

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (7-1; 1 abstention).

Article #02 was moved by Charlene Andersen and seconded by Anthony Dumas:

Eugene Reed made a motion seconded by Mark Wendt to amend Article #02 by striking the words "or other roads in Nottingham if a priority arises".

After discussion, the motion to amend Article #02 passed by card vote.

Kirsten Lamb made a motion seconded by Pam Kelly to amend Article #02 by adding the words "This engineering, design, construction, and reconstruction to fix all issues will be accomplished without paving."

After discussion, this motion to further amend Article #02 failed to pass by card vote.

The Moderator read amended Article #02: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 (Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the engineering, design and highway construction and reconstruction on Ledge Farm Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$650,000 (Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The estimated tax impact is \$0.12 per \$1,000 of property valuation, starting in 2019. (2/3 ballot vote required)

The Moderator opened the polls at 10:43 AM and stated that they would remain open until 11:43 AM.

A motion was made by Christian Matthews and seconded by Nicole Matthews to move Article #18 prior to Article #03.

After discussion, the motion failed by card vote.

Article #03: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,743,642.00 (Three Million Seven Hundred Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two Dollars) for the 2018 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 \$3.361 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (8-1).

Article #03 was moved by Donna Danis and seconded by Charlene Andersen.

Article #03 was presented by Michael Hadik.

A motion was made by Eugene Reed and seconded by Pam Kelly to amend Line 28 by increasing the amount from \$4,595 to \$14,595.

Mr. Reed stated that the funds were to be used to install security improvements to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office.

After discussion, the motion to amend passed by card vote.

A Motion was made by Benjamin Bartlett and seconded by Eugene Reed to amend line 263 (Highway Miscellaneous) from \$65,200 to \$85,200.00.

Mr. Bartlett stated that the funds were to be used to purchase a two-ton truck with plow instead of a one-ton truck with plow.

After discussion, the motion to amend passed by card vote. Yes 94 NO 60

The Moderator read amended Article #03: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,773,642.00 (Three Million Seven Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two Dollars) for the 2018 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 \$3.361 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

Article #03 as amended passed by card vote.

DeeAnn Decker made a motion seconded by Heidi Seaverns to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #03. The motion passed by card vote.

At 11:43 AM, the Moderator declared the polls closed as to Article #02 and announced the results of the secret ballot:

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Article #02 failed by secret ballot, not having a 2/3 majority vote.

Article #04: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) for engineering, design and highway construction and reconstruction on Cooper Hill 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 2018, whichever occurs earlier. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.327 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (8-1).

Article #04 was moved by Anthony Dumas and seconded by Donna Danis.

The Article was presented by Anthony Dumas.

After discussion, Article #04 passed by card vote.

Anthony Dumas made a motion seconded by Donna Danis to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #04. The motion passed by card vote.

At 12:15 PM, the Moderator announced that the meeting would adjourn for lunch, to reconvene at 1:00 PM.

At 1:00 PM, the Moderator reconvened the meeting.

Article #05: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$525,000.00 (Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Engine and to authorize the withdrawal of \$525,000.00 (Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) from the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve 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 (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).

Article #05 was moved by Donna Danis and seconded by Stephen Soreff.

Fire Chief Jaye Vilchuck explained the Article.

After discussion, Article #05 passed by card vote.

Donna Danis made a motion seconded by Pam Kelly to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #05. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #06: To see if the Town will vote to amend the purposes of the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund to add as purposes of expenditure the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment, and to now be named the Fire Vehicle/SCBA Capital Reserve Fund. (2/3 majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

Article #06 was moved by Tiler Eaton and seconded by Anthony Dumas.

After discussion, Article #06 passed by card vote. YES 106 NO 1

Sandra Weston made a motion seconded by Pam Kelly to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #06. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #07: 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 Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.163 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).

Article #07 was moved by Charlene Andersen and seconded by Donna Danis.

Article #07 was explained by Charlene Andersen.

David Lancaster made a motion seconded by Pam Kelly to amend Article #07 from \$100,000.00 to \$120,000.00 to help offset the increased costs to the fund added with SCBA equipment.

The Moderator read amended Article #07: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.163 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

After discussion, the motion to amend was approved by card vote. YES 54 NO 36

After discussion, Article #07, as amended, passed by card vote.

Charlene Andersen made a motion seconded by Pam Kelly to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #07. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #08: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,700.00 (Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing the necessary fuel, supplies, equipment, and maintenance to run the ambulance and billing services for 2018; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$23,700.00 (Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred 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 (5-0).  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).

Article #08 was moved by Anthony Dumas and seconded by Tiler Eaton.

After discussion, Article #08 passed by card vote.

Anthony Dumas made a motion seconded by Tiler Eaton to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #08. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #09: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five 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. The next revaluation will take place in 2020. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.041 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).

Article #09 was moved by Tiler Eaton and seconded by Donna Danis.

After discussion, Article #09 passed by card vote.

Charlene Andersen made a motion seconded by Donna Danis to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #09. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.123 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (8-1).

Article #10 was moved by Charlene Andersen and seconded by Pam Kelly.

After discussion, Article #10 passed by card vote.

Charlene Andersen made a motion seconded by Donna Danis to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #10. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance and Repair 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 (5-0).  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).

Article #11 was moved by Donna Danis and seconded by Tiler Eaton.

After discussion, Article #11 passed by card vote.

Donna Danis made a motion seconded by Tiler Eaton to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #11. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Tri-Centennial Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of funding the celebration of the Town of Nottingham's 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2022. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.008 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).

Article #12 was moved by Anthony Dumas and seconded by Stephen Soreff.

After discussion, Article #12 passed by card vote.

Anthony Dumas made a motion seconded by Donna Danis to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #12. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #13: 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 (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).

Article #13 was moved by Donna Danis and seconded by Tom Kelly.

After discussion, Article #13 passed by card vote.

Donna Danis made a motion seconded by Charlene Andersen to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #13. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800.00 (Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of conducting courtesy inspections of boats using the State Boat Launch at Fundy Boat Ramp and the Pawtuckaway State Park Boat Ramps on Pawtuckaway Lake to remove fragments of exotic invasive aquatic species and to educate the public on how to prevent the spread of exotic species from water body to water body. (By citizen petition) Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.008 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board does not recommend this appropriation (0-5).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (3-2: 4 abstentions).

John Decker made a motion seconded by DeeAnn Decker to Table Article #14.

After discussion, the Motion passed by card vote.

Donna Danis made a motion seconded by Charlene Andersen to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #14. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #15: To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to place a conservation easement on the town-owned, 34.20 acre parcel, identified as Tax Map 11 Lot 6 located on Kennard Road, and to convey such conservation easement deed to a qualified land trust organization. A conservation easement will permanently protect the parcel by restricting its use for open space purposes only, including natural resource protection, wildlife habitat conservation, forestry and non-motorized recreation. Majority Vote Required.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

Article #15 was moved by Charlene Andersen and seconded by Anthony Dumas.

After discussion, Article #15 passed by card vote.

Charlene Andersen made a motion seconded by Tiler Eaton to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Article #15. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #16: To see if the Town of Nottingham will vote to have New Hampshire join ongoing efforts in Massachusetts and Maine to develop offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine and to urge Governor Sununu to make a formal request to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to form an intergovernmental task force to plan for regional offshore wind farm development to increase sources of renewable power. Further, to ask the Board of Selectmen to send written notice to Governor Sununu of Nottingham's support for this effort to expand our supply of alternative energy. (By citizen petition) Majority Vote Required. (By citizen petition)

Article #16 was moved by Stephen Soreff and seconded by Peter White.

After discussion, Article #16 passed by card vote.

Article #17: We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Nottingham, NH request that the following article be placed on the 2018 Town Warrant.

On the petition of Christian S. Matthews and other registered voters of Nottingham, in an effort to equip voters with a greater understanding of the tax impacts of proposed warrant articles, to see if the Town will vote the following:

In accordance with RSA 32:5, V-b, the Town shall, for all future annual budgets and special warrant articles, having a tax impact, include an additional estimate of the tax impact for each appropriation in nominal dollar amounts corresponding to the median single-family home assessment in Town for the most recent year available. For a warrant article that will result in a bond issue, the tax estimate shall assume a bond of specified length at prevailing interest rates.



The estimates will be provided separately as part of each respective warrant article in the form of:

The estimated tax impact is \$A for \$B, which is the median single-family home assessment in Town.”, where A is the nominal dollar amount corresponding the to the median single-family home assessment in Town and B is the median single-family home assessment in Town.

The Board of Selectmen shall, by majority vote and in compliance with the requirements set forth above, approve the estimation methodology utilized and the exact language included on the Town Warrant.”

Majority Vote Required. (By citizen petition)

Article #17 was moved by Christian Matthews and seconded by Nicole Matthews.

After discussion, Article #17 failed by card vote. YES 42 NO 55

Article #18: We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Nottingham, NH request that the following article be placed on the 2018 Town Warrant.

On the petition of Christian S. Matthews and other registered voters of Nottingham, in an effort to equip voters with a greater understanding of the tax impacts of proposed warrant articles, to see if the Town will vote the following:

Before reading any warrant article and before reading any subsequent warrant article, the Town Moderator will state the estimated cumulative tax impact per \$1000 of all previously passed warrant articles and the estimated cumulative nominal dollar amount corresponding to the median single-family home assessment in Town of all previously passed warrant articles. These cumulative values will be updated and displayed using visual/multimedia technology so all residents in attendance can clearly observe and read these values from their seats.

The Board of Selectmen shall, by majority vote and in compliance with the requirements set forth above, approve the exact language included on the Town Warrant.

Majority Vote Required. (By citizen petition)

Article #18 was moved by Christian Matthews and seconded by Nicole Mathews.

After discussion, Article #17 failed by card vote.

Charlene Andersen made a motion seconded by Sandra Weston to invoke the provisions of RSA 40:10 as to Articles #16, #17 and #18. The motion passed by card vote.

Article #19: Shall the Town of Nottingham adopt the “Nottingham Community Bill of Rights Ordinance” to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and ecosystems of Nottingham, New Hampshire, by prohibiting water extraction and toxic waste disposal, making it unlawful within the town to engage in land acquisition for use as defined by the ordinance, unlawful for any corporation or government to violate the rights asserted in this ordinance and

holding persons using corporations to engage in water extraction or toxic waste disposal in a neighboring municipality liable for harm caused to residents and ecosystems of the town of Nottingham? (By citizen petition)

Article #19 was moved by Chris Mills and seconded by Peter White.

After discussion, a motion was made by Charles Brown and seconded by Heidi Seaverns to move the question on Article #19. The motion failed by card vote.

A motion was made by Chris Mills and seconded by Alexandra Neff to allow non-resident, Michelle Sanborn of the NH Community Rights Network to speak.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by card vote.

After further discussion, Benjamin Bartlett made a motion seconded by Pam Kelly to "table Article #19 until there is a clear understanding of the Article." The Motion passed by card vote.  
YES 43 NO 33

Peter White made a motion seconded by Chris Mills to reconsider the Motion to Table Article #19. The motion failed by card vote. YES 32 NO 51

Article #20: Lou Sera, President of Arcus Homes, Inc. & Jason White, Manager of J.P. Ventures, LLC formally request through this petition (per RSA 674:40-a), the Town of Nottingham's acceptance of "Strawberry Lane" of the Merry Hill Subdivision. With this acceptance, the ownership of this road will be transferred to the Town of Nottingham. (By citizen petition)

Article #20 was moved by Andrew Davidson and seconded by Marie Slovak.

After discussion, Article #20 passed by card vote.

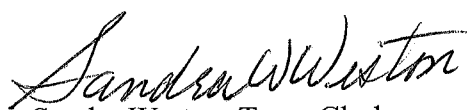
Article #21: To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

Christian Matthews asked interested persons to sign a petition for a special meeting.

David Lancaster asked the Town to approach the State for reimbursement for Nottingham police and fire protection services at Pawtuckaway State Park.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 4:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sandra Weston, Town Clerk  
5/1/18