

**Minutes**  
**Nottingham Selectmen's Meeting**  
**February 13, 2012**

6:33 PM Chair Anderson opened the meeting and asked all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Gary Anderson, Hal Rafter and Mary Bonser.

Others: Town Administrator Charles Brown, Mark Carpenter, Brian Stucker and Heidi Seaverns.

Regarding outstanding minutes,

**Motion:** Rafter, second Bonser to approve the minutes of the January 30 meeting as amended. Members made a couple minor changes.

**Vote:** 3-0 in favor.

Mr. Brown reported that overall everything was pretty quiet. He had spoken with the Fire Chief today and he is planning training at the School (involving the elevator) in the near future. The Department will also be addressing several items in the safety review with the School. At this time, they are awaiting a response from the School.

Members reviewed bills & signed the manifests.

After the Budget Committee's public hearing on the budget, the BOS concurred with their recommendations, which reduces the operating budget for 2012 to the amount of \$3,371,804.

Mr. Brown asked that the members vote to approve this amount for the warrant & MS 7.

**Motion:** Bonser, second Anderson to approve the amount of \$ 3,371,804 for the 2012 Operating Budget.

**Vote:** 3-0 in favor.

Members signed the signature pages for the 2012 warrant. Ms. Seaverns will post the warrant & MS-7 tomorrow.

Members then considered a request from the Planning Board to release the remaining funds in the escrow account for Gerrior Lane Trust in the amount of \$ 760.00. All third party invoices have been paid.

**Motion:** Bonser, second Rafter to release the remaining funds in the escrow account to Gerrior Lane Trust, based on the Planning Board's recommendation.

**Vote:** 3-0 in favor.

Members then reviewed a recommendation from the Planning Board to appoint Dirk Grotenhuis as one of Nottingham's representatives to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

**Motion:** Rafter, second Bonser to appoint Dirk Grotenhuis as one of Nottingham's Commissioners to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission based on the recommendation from the Planning Board.

**Vote:** 3-0 in favor. Members signed the appointment form.

Mr. Brown asked the members to sign the Selectmen's report for the Town Report. Ms. Bonser asked how the production of the Town Report was going. Mr. Brown stated it was going well and would be sent to the printer this week.

Brian Stucker stepped forward to address the Board (6:50PM). He informed the members that Candidates Night was set for March 3, 2012. The event will be held in the Nottingham School

54 Cafeteria from 5-7PM. Mr. Stucker's plan is to broadcast the event live and record for future  
55 broadcast. Brian McClelland will be operating the cameras for the event. There will be 1  
56 dedicated camera and 4 Closed Circuit Cameras (CCD) located around the room. The hope is  
57 that they will be able to get connectivity throughout all the cameras and be able to record from  
58 all of them as well. These smaller cameras will not interfere with the view for audience members  
59 as they are much less obtrusive than the older cameras. Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to  
60 introduce themselves and talk about why they are running for office. The time allotted to each  
61 candidate may be increased depending on how many candidates actually participate. Mr. Stucker  
62 is going to try to prevent the question & answer portion of the event from turning into an attack  
63 on any one candidate. Candidates will be permitted to display campaign signage in the room  
64 where the event is being held. Ms. Bonser asked if Mr. Stucker needed any help with set up. He  
65 asked that everyone just try to get the word out about the event. Anyone interested in  
66 participating should contact Mr. Stucker at [bkstucker@comcast.net](mailto:bkstucker@comcast.net) or by phone at 603-686-  
67 9058. Email is the fastest way to reach him. Mr. Stucker would like any candidate that is going  
68 to participate to be at the School by 4:30PM. They will be testing equipment at about 4:45pm.  
69 They plan to have 2 recording devices set up as well as the 5 cameras. Mr. Stucker stressed to the  
70 members that he is not sure that they will be able to use all the cameras as they have planned. It  
71 will depend on whether or not they can establish connectivity within the system he & Mr.  
72 McClelland set up. There will be the 1 dedicated camera that can be used as the default if they  
73 cannot get the multiple camera system to work. Mr. Stucker then took the opportunity to publicly  
74 thank the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Ballot Clerks and the Town Clerk for their hard work  
75 on the Primary Election (1/10/12). There is a lot of work that must be done and many rules that  
76 have to be followed before, during and after an election. There are 2927 registered voters in  
77 Nottingham. There are 1074 undeclared, 1054 Republican and 799 Democrats. These are the  
78 numbers after the Primary. Chair Anderson thanked Mr. Stucker for volunteering to make the  
79 Candidates Night event happen this year. Mr. Stucker stayed at the front table.  
80 At this point, the conversation turned to the upgrade of the meeting broadcasts. Mr. Brown is  
81 waiting to hear back from Access AV. He had asked if it was feasible to get 1 channel up and  
82 running, then address the second channel at a later date. It is Mr. Brown's understanding that the  
83 second channel would be for the School. They would have their own bulletin board. There was  
84 some discussion about how other towns handle this issue such as monies appropriated and staff  
85 used to run these community access channels. Mr. Carpenter asked if there was a bid spec  
86 available for the equipment being considered. It was stated that this had not been done as of yet.  
87 Mr. Stucker gave some background information as to the work that the Cable Franchise Renewal  
88 Committee had done in regard to equipment needed to upgrade the broadcast of meetings. The  
89 committee had conducted a survey which indicated that townspeople wanted a second  
90 Community Access Channel (among other things). The Committee then got quotes from a couple  
91 vendors for equipment-such as a 2 x 2 video server, cameras and microphones, and software that  
92 would enable recording of meeting as well as future playback. Mr. Stucker and Mr. Carpenter  
93 discussed the current equipment as well as what type of equipment would work to increase the  
94 quality of video & audio during the meetings. Ms. Bonser wants to try any new microphones  
95 before the final purchase is made. As has been stated at many previous meetings, the audio  
96 portion of the broadcast is the biggest issue everywhere. Mr. Carpenter is not familiar with the  
97 current equipment so he volunteered to come into the office and look at it. After that, he & Mr.  
98 Stucker will get together and put their recommendations together for the Board.  
99 Chair Anderson asked Mr. Stucker about scheduling a presentation on the Pay As You Throw  
100 (PAYT) program on Town Meeting day. He explained that this program is not being voted on  
101 this year but is being considered for 2013. The Board wants to take advantage of the opportunity  
102 to get this information out to the townspeople. Chair Anderson just needs to let the speaker know

when her presentation is scheduled for. Mr. Stucker thought 9:15AM would be the best time. Ms. Bonser asked if Mr. Stucker had any one lined up to provide lunch at Town Meeting or on Election Day. Mr. Stucker stated he is not going to pursue finding anyone to provide food. If any organization or individual is interested in doing this, they can contact him. Members asked if Mr. Stucker would come to their meeting on March 12 to discuss Town Meeting. He said that he would be happy to. At this time, Mr. Stucker thanked the Board and left the meeting (7:45PM).

Chair Anderson announced that there would be a regional Selectmen's meeting in Chester on February 16 at 7:00PM. He stated that he & Ms. Bonser would be attending.

Mr. Carpenter stepped forward to address the members. He told the members that he had recently spent some time on two separate occasions at the Recycling Center. He asked if the Board would consider closing the Recycling Center on Town Meeting Day so the employees could attend the meeting. Chair Anderson stated that this issue had been discussed with the employees and they were going to swap off to allow those that wanted to attend the meeting the opportunity to do so. Mr. Carpenter thanked the members and left the meeting at 7:50PM. The members next reviewed the fee schedule for the Recycling Center. Mr. Rafter asked if the fees were in line with what the surrounding towns collect. Chair Anderson stated that the Recycling Center employees had done the research with other towns to develop these fees. There has to be a public hearing before the Board can enact the new fees. After some discussion, it was decided to have the public hearing on April 9, 2012 and to have the notice with the new fees available at Town Meeting.

Mr. Rafter informed members that he had been in contact with Selectmen Steve Barry from Deerfield about the redistricting plan. It appears that the Senate will approve the plan, and then Governor Lynch has said he would veto it. Most likely it will end up in Supreme Court. He will keep the Board apprised of the situation. Mr. Brown then gave the members a brief legislative update. Bills of interest before the House include reinstatement of the property tax exemption for Fairpoint, a right to work bill, a bill that provides the same benefits to part time employees that are offered to full time employees as well as a bill that does not allow employers to withhold union dues from paychecks.

Having no further business,  
8:09 PM **Motion:** Bonser, second Rafter to adjourn.  
**Vote:** 3-0 in favor.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Seaverns

**Approved as written at the February 27, 2012 meeting**