

**TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM  
Selectmen's Meeting  
February 27, 2012**

6:32 PM, Chair Anderson asked all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Gary Anderson, Mary Bonser, Hal Rafter

Members Absent:

Guest:

Others: Charles Brown, Town Administrator; Traci Chauvey, Recording Secretary;

**MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 13, 2012 (Meeting)

**Motion:** Rafter, second Bonser to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting as written.

**Discussion:** Chair Anderson and Ms. Bonser attended Chester's Regional Selectmen's Meeting. They found it very interesting. They opened discussions regarding issues surrounding Moderators and generated a plethora of complaints from all communities. Plans are in the works to invite the Secretary of State and the Attorney General's office to the next meeting.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passed: 3-0

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Due to the mild weather, the highway department has been cutting brush.

Mr. Brown has received a copy of a letter from Rymes Heating to the Planning Board requesting continuance of their case. The letter references possible legal action. Nottingham Fire Chief, Jaye Vilchok, has requested representation. Mr. Brown thinks this is premature. Chair Anderson reported the Planning Board case has been continued to some date in April. Mr. Brown will contact LGC, if needed.

**APPOINTMENTS** - None

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Brown informed the selectmen the public hearing for recycling fees will be held on April 9, 2012.

The selectmen divided the moves and seconds for Town Meeting amongst themselves. Ms. Bonser raised the issue of taking some of the latter numbered articles prior to others on the day Town Meeting. She feels Articles 13, 16 and 18 should come after the operating budget. There was discussion around placement of articles on the warrant. The selectmen agreed to request to have Articles 13, 16, and 18 taken out of order and be heard following the operating budget. Chair Anderson informed all he had spoken with Sarah Nichols regarding the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) presentation scheduled for Town Meeting. She will be giving a PowerPoint presentation. She will bring the laptop but is in need of projection equipment. Mr. Brown will contact Brian McClelland. Portable Pantry will be present, with an assortment of food, at Town Meeting.

Mr. Brown reported someone had requested a breakdown of new homes over the past ten years. The list is available. There have been 478 new homes since 2000.

Ms. Bonser reported the she and Mr. Rafter had both attended the Conservation Commission's meeting last Friday with Mr. Falzone. This is an interesting proposal. This 154-acre property has unique environmental features, including an unusual amount of vernal pools. Ms. Bonser has asked the Commission to consider options other than town ownership of the property should this move forward, and feels they were receptive.

The selectmen discussed the tax impact of the warrant articles. Ms. Bonser listed the following impacts:

Article #8	Operating Budget	+ .16¢
Article #9	Road Construction / Reconstruction	.00 level
Article #10	CRF Highway Trucks	.00 level
Article #11	CRF Fire/Rescue	.00 level
Article #12	Ambulance Operation & Maintenance	.00 off setting revenue
Article #13	Retention of 229 Mill Pond Road	.00 off setting revenue
Article #14	CRF Assessing Update	+ .02¢
Article #15	Social Service Agencies	nominal
Article #16	50% LUCT Change	.00 potential to decrease
Article #17	Lake Host Program	.00 level
Article #18	Polling times	.00

Mr. Rafter inquired as to whether the impacts take into account any change in assessed value. Ms. Bonser stated it is based on the worksheet from DRA. Mr. Brown inquired about the assessed value figure used by Ms. Bonser to generate the above tax impact information. After a brief discussion it was determined that Mr. Brown had calculated his tax impact numbers on the whole value, while Ms. Bonser did not carry it out all the way causing her numbers to be slightly lower than Mr. Brown's. The total tax impact according to Mr. Brown's calculations is approximately +.23¢ per thousand. There was a brief discussion around assessed value and how these calculations will change based on that change.

There was a brief discussion about the economy leading to a discussion on fuel. Mr. Brown is watching fuel prices. These budget lines may need to be adjusted at town meeting.

Having no further business,

**Motion:** Bonser, second Rafter to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Chauvey  
Recording Secretary

Approved as written  
3/12/12