

**Minutes
Nottingham Selectmen's Meeting
September 23, 2013**

6:35 PM Chair Rafter opened the meeting and asked all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Hal Rafter & Mark Carpenter. Excused; Mary Bonser

Others: Charles A. Brown – Town Administrator, Chris Albert, Jim Hadley, Gary Anderson, Bob Carlson and Tom Sweeney.

MANIFEST SIGNATURE:

Motion: by Mr. Carpenter, second by Mr. Rafter to approve the 09/23/2013 manifest.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES:

Postponed action until there is a full Board.

Town Administrator Reports, General Business/Review Items, Signature Items:

Highway Department: Mr. Brown stated Work on the gravel pit bridge is complete but we are waiting for the final invoices. **Police Department:** The Police Chief has requested that the department parking area in the rear be expanded if possible, the Highway Department is working on that this week.

Fire Department: Again, the new ambulance is expected next week but will take a couple of days to transfer necessary equipment and be inspected for State certification.

Board of Selectmen Department/Board/Committee Reports:

Mr. Carpenter went over the Budget Committee schedule as it now stands. He will not be available for the October 17th meeting and requested that either of the other two Selectmen sit in for him that evening. Mr. Carpenter is still hoping for feedback on how recycling savings are actually panning out. Regarding next year at Nottingham Day, will the selectmen consider participating in the use of a dunking booth?

Mr. Rafter asked a question about the Single Stream Recycling process as an option for Nottingham. Mr. Brown responded that the Town has already considered this option and determined it would not be cost effective.

Chair Rafter recognized Chris Albert. Mr. Albert spoke to the matter of the ARM Grant process that he has been working on, on behalf of the Town. He had hoped for the possibility of procuring funds to complete additional wetlands restoration in the area around the new bridge at the Town gravel pit. Mr. Albert and Mr. Brown met with a NHDES representative last Thursday and came to the conclusion that our chances of success were low at best. Where the existing restoration work meets the Wetlands Permit requirements, it was decided to not pursue the grant which will only add cost to the project. Mr. Albert will contact Ms. Sommers to ask her to withdraw us from the process. The Board thanked Mr. Albert for his efforts and moved to the next order of business.

Chair Rafter recognized Bob Carlson and Gary Anderson from the Building Committee. Mr. Anderson passed out a handout that helped explain what has taken place to date regarding the 1972 addition at the rear of the Community Center. Mr. Carlson stated that he has spoken to an engineer that is familiar with this type of building. The engineer is willing to inspect and evaluate the building for a fee which should help the Town to decide if the building can be renovated or upgraded in a cost effective manner. The initial report maybe \$2,000 - \$3,000. If the building is determined to be usable then a number of questions must be answered.

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What will be the specific uses of the building? Is the accessibility of the building (which is poor), reasonable enough for the targeted use? Heating, Air Conditioning and Humidity Control will all be considerations depending on the target uses of the building.

The Selectmen feel the building should be evaluated. The funding for this work may have to wait until 2014 but Mr. Brown will monitor the overall budget closely to determine if any funds are available from the 2013 budget.

Chair Rafter recognized Jim Hadley. Mr. Hadley is proposing new legislation to regulate the existing Large Ground Water Permitting statute. The Board had been given the wording of the proposed statute and they will support the effort. State Representative Maureen Mann has also seen the proposed legislation and is attempting to find Co-Sponsors for the Bill. Mr. Brown will try to contact other State Legislators and ask for their support.

Regarding Nottingham's State Legislators and Senators, The Board wishes to invite them all to the Selectmen's meeting on October 21, 2013 @ 7:00 PM for discussion of active issues and to find out what should be priority issues to support or oppose in the fall session.

General Business:

Mr. Brown informed the Board of the 2013 - 2014 Fuel Bid results. Mr. Brown's recommendation is to stay with Irving as their fixed pricing is the same or lower than the other bidders. Their rack plus pricing for Diesel is \$.0895 per gallon lower. The Board agreed with Mr. Brown's recommendation.

Mr. Carpenter asked if Mr. Brown has considered or looked into the Our Town Energy Alliance. He has not but will look into it next year.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

7:51 PM **Motion:** by, Mr. Carpenter second by Mr. Rafter to adjourn.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles A. Brown