

**Minutes
Nottingham Selectmen's Meeting
June 2, 2014**

6:30 PM Chair Carpenter opened the meeting and asked all those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mark Carpenter, Mary Bonser and Donna Danis

Others: Chris Sterndale – Town Administrator, Dawn Wirkkala – Secretary, Howard Pearl, William Pearl, Charlene Andersen, Amy Papineau, Teresa Troy, Kristen Lamb, Susan P. Mooney, April Bacon, Elaine Schmottlach, Carl Schmottlach, Samuel Demeritt, Cheryl Smith

MANIFEST SIGNATURE:

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the June 2, 2014 manifest.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES:

Motion: Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to approve the non-public minutes from March 17, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the public minutes from April 15, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to approve the non-public minutes from April 15, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the public minutes from the 8:00 am April 16, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the public minutes from the 3:30 pm April 16, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the non-public minutes from the 3:30 pm April 16, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the public minutes from the 8:00 am April 18, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the non-public minutes from the April 18, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the non-public minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting as written.

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Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the public minutes from April 22, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to approve the non-public minutes from April 22, 2014 meeting as amended.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 pm Howard Pearl – NH State Senate Candidate Introduction: Mr. Howard Pearl introduced himself as a candidate for NH State Senate, reviewing his work, personal and municipal activities and experiences, explaining why he felt he was qualified to be a state Senator. Mr. Howard stated his opinion regarding how state government should run and the things he would work on changing if he won.

Ms. Bonser asked how Mr. Pearl felt about the suggestion of licensing of Building Inspectors. Mr. Pearl stated he wasn't familiar with the specific bill but the government does not necessarily understand all the affects of the increasing levels of government.

Mr. Carpenter asked if there were any specific initiatives Mr. Pearl would be considering regarding encouraging business investments in NH. Mr. Pearl stated he would request a review of the business taxes in an effort to keep businesses in New Hampshire.

Ms. Danis asked what areas Mr. Pearl would consider to try and reduce state spending. Mr. Pearl stated he has not had an opportunity to review the entire state budget but believes because it is very complex there are areas and methods that can be reviewed to decrease the state budget. Mr. Pearl stated the major part of his first term would be significant consideration in trying to bring businesses back to New Hampshire, which he knows will take time.

Mr. Pearl answered questions from the audience, reviewed how he could be reached, and thanked the Selectmen for the opportunity to visit. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Pearl for coming.

7:30 pm Conservation Commission: The Selectmen met with members of the Conservation Commission to review recent activities of the Conservation Commission and to continue discussions from prior joint meetings. Members of the Commission provided documents and reviewed several topics, including: benefits of the Conservation program, a list of defined terms used by the Commission, easements the Commission is responsible for monitoring, a list of currently known Nottingham easements, and pending easements they are working towards implementing. The Conservation Commission provided a copy of their recently written Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. Mr. Carpenter thanked the commission for providing the detailed information, which he said the board had been seeking. It was agreed that the commission and the board would continue to meet together quarterly, next in September 2014.

Commission members stated that they utilize a list of specific criteria to determine whether or not an easement is worth consideration for Conservation Fund use; larger tracts of land and connectivity to the Four General's Greenway initiative are part of the considerations reviewed.

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Extended discussion ensued about any other strategy or targeting used by the Commission, which generally responds to inquiries rather than targeting specific properties.

Discussion took place about the actions completed by the Conservation Commission members to monitor easements and deed restricted properties.

Mr. Demeritt stated the Conservation Commission has been contacted about consideration of possible easement on additional properties, but there are no current funds available to add them to the list. Mr. Carpenter asked to have the additional properties added to the list. Discussion included the amount of funds the Conservation Commission was committing as well as other possible sources of funding.

Mr. Sterndale asked if monitoring of easements could be completed by another entity, removing it from the responsibility of the Conservation Commission and members from the Conservation Commission answered it could be considered.

Chair Carpenter asked if an estimate can be made to determine what land can't be developed, what land is currently in an easement or being considered for an easement, which could then provide an estimate of land that might be available for planning for future easements. Having this information can help match the size of the Conservation Fund to the anticipated needs.

Discussion took place about membership and re-appointment of members. Cheryl Smith asked about her requested reappointment to the Commission. Mr. Sterndale stated the office will continue searching for supporting documents and will provide the information to the Selectmen at the next meeting. There was discussion about issues raised during the prior municipal election.

It was stated the strategic plan has been provided to the public for review, comments and input, in order to help the Conservation Commission move forward in completing their statutory tasks; it will let volunteers know the areas where the Conservation Commission will need help in completing necessary tasks.

Mr. Demeritt thanked the group of people who cleaned up the litter on Freeman Hall Road.

The Selectmen thanked the Conservation members for attending and providing them with the information.

Department Reports/General Business:

Police: Ms. Bonser asked to send a letter recognizing the dedicated service of Officer Drake for his heroic action during a recent police call. The Selectmen requested Mr. Sterndale to draft a letter to Officer Drake.

Marston Property Exploratory Committee (MPEC): Ms. Danis reported that a group of committee members walked the Marston property, and it is a very beautiful property.

Planning Board: The Planning Board members made the decision to continue consideration of new ordinance regulating land disturbance for 2014. Ms. Bonser reviewed that it is possible the Marston Property proposal will become the test subject of some of the new ordinances, which will document the Zoning Board and Planning Board processes in a similar manner as the Selectmen requested.

Ms. Bonser stated the Planning Board agreed to draft an answer to the Selectmen's letter.

Budget Committee Meeting: Ms. Danis stated the committee will meet on June 12, 2014 and Mr. Sterndale will attend. Ms. Danis asked to meet with Mr. Sterndale and Ms. Warrington

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during the next week to prepare the budget information that will be presented to the Budget Committee.

Recycle Center: Mr. Carpenter asked about the new signs, stating they need to be put up as soon as possible as people are putting things in the wrong areas. Ms. Wirkkala stated the signs are ready and will be picked up soon. Mr. Carpenter stated the new trailers have been delivered and will be used soon.

Fire Department: Mr. Carpenter stated the interview process for the vacant third fire fighter position has started.

Marston Farm Demolition: The demolition bids have been received and information will be provided to the Selectmen for review and decision at the next meeting.

Road Closure: Liars Paradise has requested closure of Church Street on July 1st from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm for their cruise night. The Selectmen approved of the closing.

Video/Audio/Projector Installation: Mr. Carpenter reviewed the activity taking place to move forward with the new equipment installation. The new equipment will include a new camera and audio/microphone system installed on a mobile cart, secondary recording capabilities in Conference Room #2 and the Gym, a new projector and screen and the capability to see the projected presentation on Channel 22. The Selectmen requested references of the company and time to review the proposal before making a decision. The funds to pay for the equipment will come from the cable franchise fee account and not from taxation.

Conservation Commission: Ms. Bonser stated the Local Government Center attorney confirmed it is the responsibility of the Selectmen to appoint members to the Conservation Commission and also indicated it is accepted practice to have a Selectman liaison on the commission. Ms. Danis and Chair Carpenter agreed that having quarterly meetings opens the communication between the two boards and a liaison might not be needed.

Discussion took place about commission membership and opening communication between the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission. The Selectmen indicated they wanted to make sure they treated appointment and membership of all boards, committees, and commission the same.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

9:45 PM **Motion:** by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to adjourn.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Wirkkala