

Minutes
Nottingham Selectmen's Meeting
August 11, 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

MANIFEST SIGNATURE:

Motion: by Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to approve the manifest for invoices dated July 28, 2014 for payment on August 4, 2014 manifest.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the date question regarding prior manifest at the July 28, 2014 meeting and determined another vote would not be needed.

The Selectmen asked about the manifest and invoice payment dates, with a request to receive the manifest prior to paying invoices. Mr. Sterndale would talk with the Bookkeeper for details regarding the process.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES: Chair Carpenter postponed approval of the July 28th minutes to the next meeting.

Town Administrator/Department Reports, Mail/Correspondence and Signature Items:

Recreation: A host family is needed for Theater Camp Staff; the home should be smoke free and cat free. Please contact the Recreation Department if you are available to help.

Fire Department: Bids will continue to be accepted for the used department boat until Monday, August 18th. Interested parties can schedule an appointment to view the boat by calling the department.

Candidates Night: The Selectmen made the decision to eliminate the live television Candidates Night. However, candidates have been invited to submit informational slides that will be on Channel 22 starting August 26th.

Ms. Wirkkala stated candidates are asking if they will also have the same opportunity for the general election and the Selectmen stated they would provide the same opportunity to candidates.

Police: The department is still accepting applications for both the part-time and full-time open officer positions.

Town Administration: Mr. Sterndale and Ms. Warrington met with the Auditor last week and changes are being made to fully utilize the accounting software and eliminate deficiencies noted in the audit report.

Board of Selectmen Department/Board/Committee Reports:

Recycle Center: Chair Carpenter stated he will volunteer at the Recycle Center Saturday, August 16th and will report back on how the new signs and other changes are working.

Planning Board: Ms. Bonser stated she is requesting an opinion from all the Selectmen regarding the Steep Slope Ordinance proposal, which will be reviewed later during the meeting, and Troy Osgood has resigned from the Planning Board. An Alternate Member will be moved from the alternate position to a full member position.

MPEC: The next meeting will be on August 18th at 6:30 pm with NH Listens working on the specific plan for community input gathering.

Newsletter: Chair Carpenter stated the Selectmen submission will be sent to the Library soon. Ms. Bonser and Ms. Danis supported the article from Chair Carpenter.

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Fire Department: Ms. Bonser reported two long-time volunteer Officers are retiring their Officers positions. Chair Carpenter stated they are retiring as Officers but will remain regular volunteer members of the department at this time and are considering when to retire. The Selectmen agreed to acknowledge their years of service.

APPOINTMENTS: There were no scheduled appointments.

General Business:

Chair Carpenter stated the Selectmen received a request from Deborah Stevens to use the Town road through the South Side Cemetery to access her own timber lot for a timber harvest during the late summer and fall of 2014.

Motion: by Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to allow Deborah Stevens to access her wood lot property over the road through South Side Cemetery for a timber harvest.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Steep Slope Ordinance: Ms. Bonser reviewed her concerns about the proposed Steep Slope Ordinance changes recommended by the Planning Board

Chair Carpenter stated he has concerns about the proposal, including the number and types of properties that would actually be affected by the ordinance changes, the possibility of making driveways steeper with the proposed changes, preventing or even limiting owner access to a house lot, and requested clarification regarding specific sections of the ordinance.

Ms. Danis stated she has questions about the information presented, including the steepness of the slope being considered, the number and types of properties that would be affected by the ordinance, and whether or not other ordinances or laws such as the Shoreline Protection Act already provide the protection we need .

The Selectmen agreed they were concerned about spending money on an ordinance that might not be needed, as well as restricting what people can do with their own property.

Ms. Bonser stated the answer to her concern regarding when construction would be allowed on a slope was that the Town Engineer would resolve the issue; the Town doesn't have an engineer and will that now be an additional expense?

The Selectmen requested answers to their questions, stating the Planning Board should be able to provide detailed answer.

NHMA Policy Conference: The Selectmen reviewed that the purpose of the NHMA Policy meeting was to determine the NHMA action on proposed municipal legislation; acting as a lobbyist for the Towns. Each town has one vote at the meeting, and the majority vote will determine if the NHMA will provide support for or against potential legislation. The Selectmen reviewed their current responses to the listed topics, which included General Administration and Governance; Finance and Revenue; and Infrastructure, Development and Land Use policy recommendations. Discussion took place between the Selectmen and Mr. Sterndale about the overall value of attending and voting at the Policy Recommendation meeting and Mr. Sterndale representing/voting for the Selectmen at the meeting.

After discussion the Selectmen requested additional information about the value of attending the Policy meeting and they will continue to review and refine their answers to the recommended policies presented.

Ms. Bonser discussed her concerns regarding licensing requirements for privately owned day care and camps versus municipal and state recreation programs, causing an extra burden for the privately

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owned facilities. Chair Carpenter and Ms. Danis requested information about the differences between public and private facilities before coming to a final decision on the policy topic.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: The Board entered non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II(a)

7:38 PM Motion: Chair Carpenter, second by Ms. Danis to enter non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II(a).

Roll Call Vote: Bonser – Yea, Carpenter – Yea, Danis – Yea. 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to exit the non-public session at 8:03 pm.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Motion: by Ms. Bonser, second by Ms. Danis to seal the non-public minutes of August 11, 2014.

Roll Call Vote: Bonser – Yea, Carpenter – Yea, Danis – Yea. 3 – 0 in favor.

The Selectmen did not make any decision during the non-public session.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

8:04 PM Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Ms. Bonser to adjourn.

Vote: 3 – 0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Wirkkala