

**Minutes
Nottingham Selectmen's Meeting
May 4, 2015**

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

Members Present: Mary Bonser, Donna Danis Absent: Mark Carpenter

Others: Town Administrator Chris Sterndale, Secretary Dawn Calley-Murdough, Maureen Mann, Gail Powell, Yvonne Dean-Bailey, Jaye Vilchock, Matt Curry, Sandy Vilchock

MANIFEST SIGNATURE:

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Chair Bonser to approve the April 27, 2015 accounts payable and April 28, 2015 payroll manifests.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES: Chair Bonser postponed the approval of all non-public minutes.

Motion: Ms. Danis, second Chair Bonser to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting as amended.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

The Selectmen and Mr. Sterndale reviewed the progress on actions requested during the previous meeting.

SELECTMEN BOARD/COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS: NONE

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT REPORTS, MAIL & SIGN ITEMS:

Highway: The RFP for 2015 paving work was sent out and posted on the Town website last Friday. A correction to road length was needed and was resent today.

There will be three or four interviews for the vacant full-time highway maintenance position. Information will be provided to the Selectmen before an offer is made.

Town Office: The RFP for a new gym roof was sent out last Friday and is also posted on the Town website.

Mr. Sterndale will attend a seminar to learn about ways to find cost savings with electric rates. Information regarding solar options will also be presented, which is a method the Town has already started researching with the help of Jamie Burley. Mr. Sterndale stated the Selectmen would receive a presentation and information later in the year.

Recreation: Registration is taking place for the Fishing Derby that will take place on May 16, 2015.

Fire Department: Mr. Sterndale reported the Fire Department found a leak in dry hydrant located on Route 152, across the street from the elementary school. The school administration has been notified and preliminary work will take place to try and determine the location of the leak. The State of NH will also be notified, and all effort will take place to make the repair without closing down the road and expending minimal funds. The dry hydrant and pipes under the road allow the Fire Department to get water to the school, when needed, without having to run hoses across the road.

There has been a lot of activity at the Fire Department; approximately nine emergency calls over the prior weekend.

Recycling Center: Mr. Sousa was contacted about the recycling video and has reached out to some of the school teachers to determine student participation and curriculum coordination.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 pm: Gail Powell/Yvonne Dean-Bailey NH Representative Candidate: Ms. Powell introduced Ms. Dean-Bailey and reviewed the work that has taken place for her candidacy. Ms.

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Powell stated a meet and greet is planned with Ms. Dean-Bailey on Wednesday, May 6th from 6 to 7 pm in Conference Room #2. The special election will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Ms. Dean-Bailey reviewed her background and political stances and the issues she would like to support if she is elected as the NH Representative. Ms. Dean-Bailey stated despite her young age, she isn't inexperienced but she will bring different experiences and she is looking forward to participating in the process.

General discussion took place between the Selectmen and Ms. Dean-Bailey about what she would support and the issues she has heard about from the people she has already spoken too.

Ms. Dean-Bailey stated she would try to very accessible to her constituents; she supports trying to bring back more local municipal control, government transparency, and providing fresh young voices and ideas to the legislative process.

The Selectmen thanked Ms. Dean-Bailey for coming.

7:30 pm: Maureen Mann NH Representative Candidate: Ms. Mann reviewed her prior experience as a NH Representative, including a review of legislation she submitted and sought approval for and requested continued support from Nottingham residents again.

General discussion took place between the Selectmen and Ms. Mann regarding ways to bring new businesses into NH, local municipal control, the growing NH elderly population and possible solutions.

Ms. Mann stated she believes the legislature should not be allowed to take funds allocated for services, such as the elderly and infirmed, and Fish and Game Department. The funds that are needed to support necessary services should be the amount that is raised, and budget cuts shouldn't include just cutting services.

Ms. Mann stated she wants to introduce local legislation requests, she will not vote for things that will eliminate the rights of any group of people or citizens as a support of the 2nd Amendment, and will support transparency and the right to know process for any and all state government.

The Selectmen thanked Ms. Mann for coming.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Fire Truck Bids: Chief Vilchok reviewed the bids received for the new utility truck and recommended the lowest bid from Foss Motors Inc to be the winning bid.

Ms. Danis asked if the needed modifications would keep the cost below the budgeted amount. Chief Vilchok stated the total cost would not exceed the amount requested in the warrant article.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Chair Bonser to approve the Nottingham Fire Department entering into a purchase and sale agreement with Foss Motors Inc. for the total of \$37,645.00 at the recommendation of Chief Vilchok.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

Ms. Danis asked about the work activity taking place to identify individual properties on some of the roads around the lake. Chief Vilchok reported he took a tour of some of the roads with E-911 representatives and the Assessing Coordinator Sue Serino to further clarify the 911 maps. This will provide better identification of where homes are actually located on certain roads, the roads that did not have through and/or limited access to eliminate wasted time responding to emergency calls.

Chief Vilchok reported one of the problems for homes around the lake is the lack of actual address identification; signs identify it is a named camp but no identification of the house number and street

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address. Updating the information will continue to be a group effort between the Assessing Department, Fire Department and citizens to correctly identify houses.

Public Notice Publication: Mr. Sterndale reported a significant cost increase has been seen in posting hearing notices in Fosters Daily Democrat. A typical hearing post through Fosters can cost an approximate \$122.76, versus a new quote from NH Union Leader which was \$77.22.

The Selectmen reviewed the coverage area of available newspapers for Nottingham and asked to determine if Foster's specifically mentions coverage of Nottingham and if the paper would be willing to negotiate posting prices before a change is made. If it does not, then there was support to change which paper hearing notices were posted. The Selectmen also requested a lot of public notice regarding the change in paper, if it will take place.

Property Liability Insurance:

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Chair Bonser to accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex) in the Property Liability Program as outlined in this letter as part of a Loss Mitigation agreement, and to be contractually bound to all the terms and conditions risk management pool membership during the term of the program.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

Contract Authorization: The Selectmen reviewed the contracts for Police coverage at Pawtuckaway State Park and a Moose Plate Grant contract for a proposed conservation easement the Conservation Commission applied for.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Chair Bonser to authorize Gunnar Foss, Chief of Police, as Agent to sign agreements with the State of New Hampshire regarding police detail coverage at Pawtuckaway State Park for the period ending June 30, 2016.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

Ms. Danis stated she was not in support of the wording of the motion, as it is not specific about which Conservation Commission property the funds would.

Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Chair Bonser to authorize Samuel Demeritt, Chair of the Conservation Commission to enter into a contract with the State of NH to accept a grant of \$10,000.00 from the state conservation committee Moose Plate Grant program with the funds to be used to support a conservation easement on the P2 property.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

The Selectmen expressed concern about the specific dates listed in the contract. Mr. Sterndale reviewed the contract requirements, stating all the pieces are considered part of the contract.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business,

7:53 PM Motion: by Ms. Danis, second by Chair Bonser to adjourn.

Vote: 2 – 0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Calley-Murdough