



Retiring Chair, Donna Danis and Vice-Chair, Tony Dumas wearing their Thank You 300th Hats.
Nottingham Board of Selectmen Meeting March 20, 2023

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Following a sunny but cold first day of Spring, the Nottingham Board of Selectmen (BOS) met Monday at 6:30 PM on March 20, 2023, in the Community Center. The COVID Nottingham: 1-4 new cases last 14 days; 1252 total as of March 20, 2023. Present were 3 members of the Board, Ben Bartlett, Donna Danis, John Morin, and Tony Dumas as well as the new Town Administrator (TA) Ellen White, and the soon-leaving Interim Town Administrator (ITA), John Scruton. The BOS covered a long range of subjects at that meeting.

After the Pledge and the approval of the manifest, and the Minutes, the BOS checked in on committee assignments. Planning met recently and swiftly approved up to 20 possible meal events at the Capron Easement now Dandelion Forest Farm. Morin marveled at the rapid acceptance and extent of that approval. Marston had 2 areas of note. First, the dugouts are being constructed. Second, there is a delay in certifying its community well. There is an engineering study required due to its proximity to the irrigation system which uses herbicides.

Danis introduced the new (TA), Ellen White. However, ITA Scruton provided the Administrator's report. His last day working here is March 24, 2023. He asked the BOS to officially move the postponed election to March 28 to the Town Hall, which it did. He cited that some of LED lights were out in the gym and the need to rent a lift to reach and replace them, Bartlett noted the ceiling title issue there, too. It will be explored how to do both at the same time. The next BOS meeting after the election took center stage. Scruton pointed out the potential recount period ends on March 31. With that new finding, which challenges how the town has historically sworn in new officers, the BOS then scheduled it meeting to be on April 3, 2023. However, later that night, based on new information the BOS set its next meeting on March 22, 2023. There was good news about finally obtaining a new Ford F 350 Truck. The BOS accepted a town mission statement for a Department of Public Works acid management application.

The BOS approved the donation of \$100 to the Conservation Commission's Trail Fund and enjoyed maintaining its position of accepting those requests to that fund. It also approved only the authorized use of the Town Seal.



The seal could only be used for governmental and town purposes. This followed the discovery of an organization using the town seal and a bill was sent to the Town Hall. In the same area, it also approved that the town's website could only be linked to government subjects.

Next, the BOS approved a Nottingham Resident, Nathaniel LoVecchio's Pollinator garden request at Marston for his Eagle Scout project. The plan is to build a low-maintenance [pollinator garden](#), "a pollinator garden is one that attracts bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds or other beneficial creatures that transfer pollen from flower to flower, or in some cases, within flowers" with benches off to the side. The garden will be connected to the trails out behind it. This will be done on April 15, 2023, as part of the Nottingham Parks & Recreation Department's Community Wide [Clean-up Day](#) and is to be coordinated with Parks & Recreation.

Scruton continued. Due to vehicle issues, the Recycling Center (RC) may be closed this Thursday, March 23. On RC, he cited two major issues. The storage tanks needed to be protected and the walls needed to be insulated. More on his concerns about the RC can be found in his leaving the position as [ITA Reflections article](#). There is a new value assessment of the old copier machine. The legal cost from the NH State suit against the PFAS manufacturer is on hold as several towns as suing the State.

In its Assessing Duties, the BOS approved 5 Timber Yield Tax and 3 Veteran's Tax Credit.

Before going into the Non-Public session, Ben Bartlett presented the retiring Chair, Donna Danis, and Vice-Chair, Tony Dumas with a 300th Hat and 300th Ornament as thank-you gifts from the citizens of Nottingham, the 300th Committee, and this reporter as well as the TA and ITA offering them plants from the Town Hall administrator staff to say "thanks", Both Danis and Dumas have served Nottingham well not only on the BOS but also many committees over the years. Thank you, Donna and Tony,

The next BOS will be on March 22, 2023, at 7:15 PM focusing on Marston and the Recycling Center,

It was a busy evening.

