



The E 9-1-1 Public Hearing's Panel Left to right Kenny-Lynn Dempsey, Dale Silva, Jaye Vilchock, Fawn Woodman, Tony Dumas, Donna Danis, John Morin, and Chris Sterndale.

Nottingham Board of Selectmen Meeting June 6, 2022
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After a hot, sunny day, the Nottingham Board of Selectmen (BOS) met Monday at 6:30 PM on June 6, 2022, in the Community Center for the 12th time this year. For the record, here is the [COVID -19 report](#) for Nottingham: 11 active; 1073 total (0 new) as of June 1, 2022. None of the BOS wore masks. Present were three members of the Board, John Morin, Tony Dumas, and Donna Danis as well as Town Administrator, Chris Sterndale. The BOS focused on its Assessing duties, the E-9/11 a public hearing for E-9/11, policies for purchasing and the fund balance, and Internet Technology(IT).

After the Pledge of Alliance, Chair Danis began the meeting with a tribute and remembrance that today is the 78th anniversary of D-Day. The BOS approved manifests, May 30 and 31, and minutes from May 23. After brief committee reports, Chris Sterndale reviewed recent events. The state has had a large surplus of revenue. It can benefit the town in several ways such as for road work and highway equipment. Twice a year tax bills went out. The Fire Department hired 2 new firefighters. Police chief Woodman told the BOS about a new officer, Austin Wragg. He is highly trained and has worked at Merrimac College in Massachusetts. The Administrator talked about the [Community Yard Sale and Plant Sale](#) this Saturday, June 11. There will be a new committee just formed to study the use and future of all the town buildings. In a future meeting, the BOS will explore options for the Recycling Center. The state's Senate district for Nottingham has been redrawn which will now include Loudon and Epsom, In the NH House, there will be 2 representatives for Northwood and Nottingham. In Assessing the BOS approved 2 Intent to Cut and 3 Timber Billing. The BOS then recessed in order to host a public hearing for E 9-1-1 changes held in the gymnasium.



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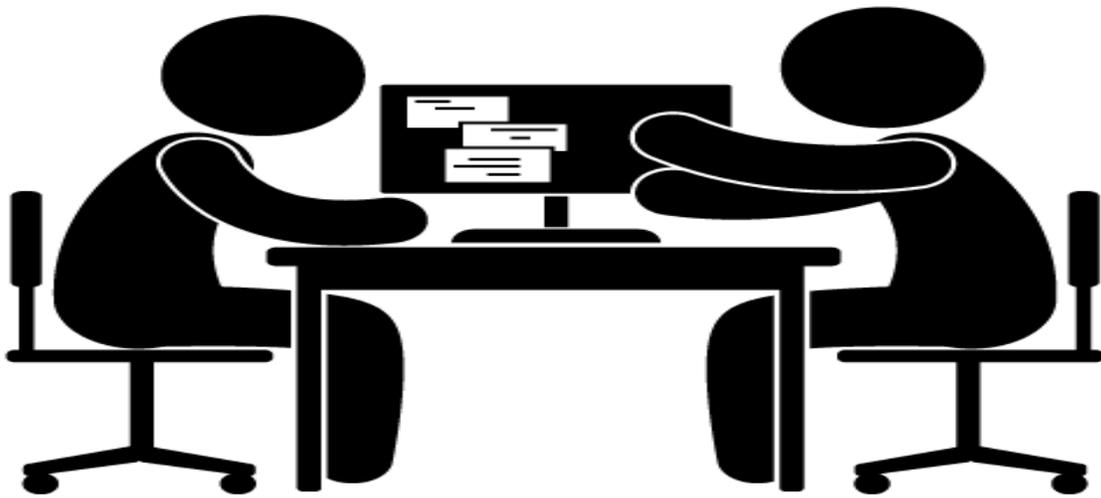
At 7 PM the BOS held a public hearing entitled [E-911 Addressing Project 2022 Renaming and Renumbering^{\[ss1\]}](#). Many of the residents on the 9 affected roads were there to ask questions and offer comments. Chris Sterndale led the discussion. He noted that initially, E 9-1-1 would have involved the entire town. However, both the Fire and Police chiefs indicated it would be best to just change these areas where there were the greatest communication confusion and concerns. The whole concept of E 9-1-1 was to have a standardized swift response system where out-of-town first responders could immediately locate and reach the crisis. He reviewed the 9 roads where there would be changes. These were Highland Avenue, Lamprey Drive, Union Street, Meindl Road East, White's Grove Road, Tuckaway Shores Road, Barderry Lane, Pine Street, and North River Lake Road East.

He presented the E 9-1-1 timetable with the BOS the ultimate authority in the process. All questions, new names for roads, and comments must be provided to the BOS by July 5. Then BOS at its July 11 meeting will make the changes. In August, the state will work with the alternations. By August and September, letters of the changes will go out. Kenny-Lynn Dempsey, the State of NH E 9-1-1 Field Representative indicated the state would inform the Post Office, Google earth, and the utilities of the changes. Individuals will have to inform others of their new number and/or street names. Guidelines for the new street names included no family or politician's name, no extensive in the title, no duplicate of any existing in the town's road name, and no sing-song cute names. The panel wants local participation in the development of a new road name. The Fire Chief urged folks to have their house number on their driveways in 3" reflective letters. There were many displeasures and concerns voiced at the meeting. They voiced the difficulty for them with the changes.

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The BOS at 8:30 PM resumed its meeting. It first dealt with two news policies for Purchasing and the Fund Balance. Lacks in both areas had been cited by town auditing authorities. Sterndale presented drafts on both to BOS. In purchasing, the BOS wanted to be informed of unanticipated, unusual expenses of over \$5,000 before payments were accurately made. Sterndale noted that there be 5 credit cards with \$5,000 limits for the heads of fire, police, recreation, administration, and highway. He presented a draft policy based generally accepted definitions for the Fund Balance. This included a Fund Balance in the range of it being within 8 to 17% of the Operating Budget. BOS will soon revisit these new policies once revised.

Danis proposed the BOS develop its own Code of Ethics. It was approved.



IT

Then Sterndale reviewed the IT situation. For years the town had worked with 2 individuals doing its IT work. One recently has left. In looking for a consultant, it was found the IT support world has changed. Companies are asking for \$60,000 annually for this type of work. The Administrator has found one company at \$1,000/ month that would with and work for Nottingham. It offered strong security protection, 24-hour-a-day monitoring, and 5 hours a month of actual consulting. Dumas echoed the need for this type of support. It is [Back Bay Networks](#) out of Dover. The BOS approved working with that company.

The BOS then went into Non-Public Session.