

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 11, 2012

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: Susan Hansel, Edith Notman, Brian Lord, Richard Pratt, Rick Lothrop, Steve Buffum with wife and son, David Bower, Jeff Schillemat, Duane Schillemat

At 6:05 PM David Upton, with approval from Maury, opened the July 11, 2012 meeting of the Nelson Board of Selectmen.

The first order of business was a nomination to fill the vacancy on the Board of Selectmen that was created as a result of the Warren Hammack's resignation. This appointment will expire in 2013.

Several qualified people had been considered for this appointment.

David thanked those who allowed the Board to consider them for the position. The list of candidates included John Cucchi, Susan Hansel, Charlie Lang, Margaret Schillemat, and Duane Schillemat.

David then placed into nomination, Susan Hansel. He said that her enthusiasm and love of the Town has moved her to be an active member of the Town Planning Board, the Municipal Records Board, The Town Buildings Committee, Friends of the Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, and the Grant writing group. This knowledge and experience would well serve the Board and the Town.

Maury approved the nomination by offering a second. A vote of 2-0 then carried the nomination. Susan Hansel was in the audience and accepted. The Town Clerk was present and she was asked to swear in the new Selectman. After Susan was sworn into office she was asked to join The Board immediately and the meeting continued.

The next item was to review the progress on a complaint from Priscilla Williams of speeding cars near her home.

David reported on his contact with the Dept. of Safety and future site visits with someone from the local district as well as Mike Tarr.

It was also suggested to David that there may be some Federal funds available and perhaps Southwest Regional Planning could offer help in this area.

Several sign options are being considered including a sharp curve sign and cautionary speed limit. Discussion continued on the dangers of this area of the road.

David then made a motion to use the \$500.00 in the Highway Department's line items to purchase signs for this area. Maury seconded. The motion then carried by a vote of **3-0**. As the new board member is now voting.

Next, David began a review from a list of goals and tasks that the Select board will be working to complete by the close of this fiscal year. (The list is attached to these minutes)

Within the review David mentioned a recent administrative meeting he and Edie had with John and Anne Cucchi to gather information on matters of grievances and resolutions previously filed

by the Cucchis'. The meeting was productive, positive, and pleasant. Another meeting will be scheduled to receive more information.

Another item on the list is the development of a Request for Proposal for assessing services for the Town. Several companies will be asked to present a proposal. These will then be evaluated and an assessing company will be chosen.

The list review was set aside when Jeff Schillemat came to report on the completion of an Eagle Scout Project he has been working on.

His project was the creation of a bulletin board posting area for the public landing at Center Pond.

He built the board, reproduced all Alert and informational signage that had been previously posted in the area. This has a locking door and Jeff presented the keys to the Board of Selectmen.

There was a brief discussion of the use of Center Pond and it was determined that motors on boats seem to be banned on Center Pond. The exact RSA was not known but a previous posting was upheld and Jeff will work to reproduce the "No Motor" signage.

The Board thanked Jeff for all his work on this project.

Next, David Bower came before the Board for approval of a building permit to construct a garage 18'x24' on his property located at 75 Murdough Hill Road. He explained all measurements which met the setbacks and all other requirements. The board found no problems and the permit was approved by unanimous vote. 3-0 The fee was paid and David will return to pick up the permit.

Next, Steve Buffum came before the Board for approval of a building permit to construct a garage 28'x28' on his property located at 418 Old Stoddard Road. After a thorough review the board again found no problem and the permit was approved by unanimous vote of 3-0. The fee was paid and Edie completed the permit copy right away.

The board returned to discussion of goals.

David suggested an increase, in the asset limit for elderly exemptions, be considered. This would help people with very low income to hold onto their property. This would require a Town vote for approval. An article on the 2013 Warrant will be considered.

More training for a better understanding of the abatement process and a clearly outlined explanation when an abatement is denied or approved.

Appoint the Grant writing group.

Susan indicated that she has written grants, Bert Wingerson is also knowledgeable in this area and Lisa Sieverts is also working on this important skill for the Town. Susan noted that Kathy Blaudschun also has experience in grant writing.

Susan offered to organize a group and expand efforts to search for grants that could help the town.

Early organization of the Town Report with firm deadlines for the departments and boards to submit their reports. Early budget talks with all departments will be crucial to preparing the Warrant early.

Every effort will be made to support the work of the Town Buildings committee with as much involvement by the board and the committee would like.

Susan reported that she has agreed to be the recording secretary for the Town Buildings Committee.

Lisa Sieverts had suggested that possibly 2 more members be added. It was noted that Eric Sandberg had been added along with Susan on April 24, 2012 by the Selectmen .

It was decided that the Select Board will Prior Post their attendance at the Town Buildings Committee meetings so that more than one member is able to attend.

Next item on the list would be a Forum on the financial viability of the Nelson School. A sharing of ideas from the residents and the school board.

The next item on the agenda required a non-public session.

David made a motion to go into Non-Public session to discuss a personnel/legal issue in accordance with RSA 9s-A:3 II (a&c)

Maury seconded the motion.

A roll call vote followed, Susan – yes, Maury – yes, David – yes, which carried the motion.

At 8:00 PM the Board entered Non-Public Session.

At 9:18 PM the Board reconvened the public meeting.

Upon their return the result of the Non-Public session was announced and is attached as follows.

Town of Nelson [Board of Selectmen, Planning Board , ZBA etc. (choose one)]

Minutes of Non-Public Session

Date: July 11, 2012

Present: David Upton Yes

Maury Collins Yes

Susan Hansel Yes

Motion to enter Non-Public Session made by David

and Seconded by Maury.

SPECIFIC EXEMPTION RELIED UPON AS FOUNDATION FOR THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION.

X **RSA 91-A:3 II (a)** – The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee or the investigation of any charges against him unless The employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

 RSA 91-A:3 II (b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee.

X **RSA 91-A:3 II (c)** – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the Reputation of any person, other than a member of the board itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.

 RSA 91-A:3 II (d) – Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

 RSA 91-A:3 II (e) – Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the Town or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his membership in such body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

Roll call vote: Susan Hansel Yes
 Maury Collins Yes
 David Upton Yes

THE BOARD ENTERED NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:00 PM

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT DURING THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Edie Drinkwater, Administrative Assistant, Rick Lothrop, Richard Pratt,
Brian Lord _____

Town of Nelson

Minutes of Non-Public Session

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND FINAL DECISIONS:

Personnel matters concerning Town Employees RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)
This session concerned personnel matters with sensitive information being discussed.

NOTE: RSA 91-A:3 (III) Minutes of proceedings in non-public session shall be kept and the Record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this Section. Minutes and decisions reached in non-public session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours

Of the meeting, unless by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than the member of the Board, or render the proposed action ineffective. In the event of such circumstances, information shall be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed? **No**
If No, the following motion is required:

**MOTION MADE BY Maury, SECONDED BY David
TO NOT PUBLICLY DISCLOSE THE MINUTES BECAUSE IT IS DETERMINED THAT
DIVULGENCE OF THE INFORMATION LIKELY WOULD:**

Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board, or
 Render the proposed action ineffective.

Cause harm to the Town through Possible litigation

ROLL CALL VOTE Susan - Yes
Maury - Yes
David - Yes

**MOTION TO RECONVENE THE PUBLIC SESSION MADE BY David
AND SECONDED BY Maury**

ROLL CALL VOTE Susan - Yes
Maury - Yes
David - Yes

The Board Reconvened the Public Session at 9:18 PM

Minutes recorded by: Edie Drinkwater

Legal matters concerning Town Employees RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

Next item on the agenda was a discussion of an invitation from the Town of Roxbury to attend their Bicentennial Celebration. 200 years ago several towns, including Nelson, gave up land which is now the Town of Roxbury. Their celebration will include thanking those towns and presenting all the Selectmen with a piece of Roxbury Granite.

There was some discussion and Susan noted that she would not be available. David and Maury will check their schedules.

The next item included two requests from the Farmers' Market. They would like to be known as the Nelson Farmers' Market and have asked the Board of Selectmen for their approval to use the name NELSON.

With very little discussion Maury made a motion to approve the use of the name Nelson Farmer's Market.

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0

The next request brought about more discussion. This concerned waiving the requirement that all vendors who sell at the market carry a certificate of insurance to cover their product liability. David made a motion to deny use of the Town property by the Farmers' Market until they show proof of general liability as well as product liability for all vendors and meet any licensing requirements by the State.

This brought much discussion and resulted in the motion not moving forward for lack of a second.

Maury then made a motion to allow the Farmers' Market to use the Town Property subject to the Market's general liability/Product certificate of coverage as well as individual vendor product liability and any required State License. Copies of all licenses and insurance certificates to be on file with the Town Office.

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by roll call vote Susan – yes, Maury – yes, David – yes 3-0

David made a motion to approve the manifest as presented.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0

With a significant amount of paperwork still remaining the Board decided they would like to recess until after the Bid opening tomorrow.

Maury made a motion to recess until after the Bid opening meeting tomorrow, July 12, 2012. David seconded and the motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

At 10:33 PM the meeting recessed.

July 11, 2012

David Upton, Acting Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel

