

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 22, 2014

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

Others Attending: Bud French, Jason Walter, Alex Lange, Maureen Lord, Owen Iselin, Julia Lennon, Richard Pratt, Dennis Dellagrecia, Mike Tarr

The meeting was opened promptly at 6:00 PM by Chair David Upton.

At 6:01 PM David made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

Personnel matters and harm to reputation.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a roll call vote Susan – yes, Maury – yes, David – yes.

Non-Public Session of Nelson Board of Selectmen January 22, 2014

Town of Nelson [Board of **Selectmen**, Planning Board, ZBA etc. (choose one)]
Personnel, and Harm to reputation
RSA 91-A: 3 II (a&c)
Minutes of Non-Public Session

Date: January 22, 2014

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.

Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board, or
 Hinder an ongoing Police Investigation
 Render the proposed action ineffective.

Cause harm to the Town through Possible litigation

ROLL CALL VOTE Maury - Aye
David - Aye
Susan - Aye

MOTION TO CLOSE THE NON-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 6:25 PM

Minutes recorded by: Edie Drinkwater

6:26 PM

The Board returned to public session.

Several members of the Fire Department came forward to present budgetary and Warrant Article requests.

Bud French spoke to a request for the installation of automatic door openers at the Granite Lake Fire Station. He submitted two price options. #1 - \$3700 (high end commercial quality) and #2 \$1700 (considered sufficient for the type of doors being used). This does not include the cost for electrical services needed for the installation. No estimate was submitted for that element of the project.

Bud noted that the Center Station on Old Stoddard Road is in need of painting and general maintenance of some areas of decay on the exterior wood siding.

There was a brief discussion regarding some undefined electrical issues at the safety building. Causes discussed included insufficient power from PSNH to the building, generator capacity, usage and wiring concerns. Maury and Jason Walter agreed to investigate all aspects of the problem and to compile a list of all costs for the development of a Warrant Article.

Bud presented a proposal to purchase an "Extractor" unit used to safely launder Fire and Rescue garments. The approximate cost of the unit is \$7500 and would also require plumbing and electrical services to install. The Fire Department will be gathering quotes for the development of a Warrant Article.

Bud requested that \$25,000 be requested in the Warrant Article for the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve on this year's Town Warrant.

Bud then brought up the ongoing disagreement of diesel and gasoline allocations for all departments using the fuels.

After a very brief discussion, Edie suggested that the entire fuel allocations be moved to the Town's general budget much like the heating fuels for Town buildings. This seemed to be received with favor from all concerned.

With all in agreement, Maury made a motion to move the diesel and gasoline allocations to the Town's general operating budget. In the euphoria of finally being in agreement over this issue, no second or vote followed the motion although agreement seemed clear.

David returned the discussion to the automatic door openers for the Granite Lake Fire Station and the painting of the Nelson Center Fire Station. After further discussion it was agreed that a Warrant Article would be appropriate for the door openers as this was not a priority or a necessary part of ongoing maintenance but that painting should be part of routine care. The Board agreed that painting the Nelson Center Fire Station will be added to the list of general ongoing maintenance projects and be addressed as time and budget allows. Susan suggested that the Town Sexton be consulted to see if he could take on this project.

Dennis Dellagrecia came before the Board to report that the Town's Emergency Preparedness Plan will be due for updating in 2014.

While grants are available to assist in the cost of completing this update with SWRP, the Town of Nelson does not meet all of the grant requirements.

Dennis will contact SWRP for a cost estimate for their assistance in the update and report back to the Selectmen before moving forward.

The Board briefly discussed Warrant Articles that are in the development stages for this year's Warrant including an Emergency Expendable Trust as previously suggested by the DRA and options for the Town Hall and Library projects.

Mike Tarr suggested that options for the current overflow parking and the septic tank be considered while excavation is underway for the projects. He suggested gravel to replace the sod where cars are parking now and moving or replacing the septic tank with one that can be driven over safely.

Next, Richard Pratt reported to the Board that Officer Rob O'Connor has resigned from the Nelson Police Department.

Chief Pratt presented a request for appointment of Dana Hennessy. Dana has retired from full-time police work and is available for part-time work.

Dana arrived to meet the Selectmen for an informal interview.

Chief Pratt informed the Board that he will be developing a Warrant Article for the purchase of a Speed indicator trailer.

Chief Pratt also reported that, under an unwritten Mutual Aid pact, area officers will continue to respond and offer aid to Sullivan at times of emergency calls.

Sullivan's long time Police Chief retired this past year and at this time the Town has chosen to pay only for part-time day time services from the Sheriff's department.

Edie reminded the Board that if Sullivan continues this type of coverage long term then other towns including Nelson will, in effect, be subsidizing Sullivan.

Chief Pratt also reported that some changes may be coming regarding court prosecutions. If for any reason the current prosecuting Attorney is unable to continue then Dana Hennessy can take on this responsibility as he has previous experience in this area.

David made a motion to approve the appointment of Dana Hennessy to the Nelson Police Department as a part-time officer.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Next, the Board reviewed an application for a building permit submitted by Mark Bean. The project proposes increasing the size of a non-conforming building on a non-conforming lot. David made a motion to deny the permit and refer Mr. Bean to the ZBA for consideration of a variance.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Susan reported the manifest to be complete and moved approval as presented.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 Selectmen's meeting.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David made a motion to approve a letter to Terry Mednick regarding an abatement he was issued.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

January 22, 2014

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel