

**Town of Nelson**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**3:00 PM**

January 3, 2024

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Mike Blaudschun, Don Carlisle, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

*Absent:*

Others attending: Hamblet Electric Rep.

Brenna called the January 3, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

3:00 PM

● A representative from Hamblet Electric came before the Board to review their bid for the 2024 Generator project that would service the Library, Town Hall, and Town Office in the event of a power outage. This review was requested due to a \$10,000 difference in the submitted bids so the Select Board wanted to be sure each bidder had provided the required equipment, hookup, and service needed to fully complete the project.

Following the review, it was determined that the low bidder was, in fact, offering a larger unit with more incidental costs included in their bid. (Powers Generator)

● The Board also discussed lighting replacement for the Highway Garage with Hamblet's rep. Older, dim lighting, and areas in shadow, makes it difficult to work on equipment. Hamblet's rep. reviewed some updated options that would offer a broader area of lighting with improved light intensity and would be available with motion detection shut-off. Eversource has been offering some grants for this type of energy efficient lighting and Hamblet would complete all applications needed if these grants are still available.

● Following Hamblet's exit from the meeting, Mike made a motion to award the Generator contract to Powers Generator if the project is approved at the March Town meeting.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes for December 27, 2023 as recorded.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0. Mike was absent.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for December 30, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for January 3, 2024 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board agreed to hold the second forum for discussion of a full-time police chief on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

● All three Selectmen will attend the public forum in Stoddard on Monday January 8, 2024. Their attendance will be posted.

● Following a review of street sign samples for NH Correctional Industries, Mike made a motion to approve the plain green signs without a border and no county seal and to draft a warrant article with the appropriate cost amounts.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● After reviewing bids and submitted designs for two “Entering Nelson” signs (one for Nelson Road entering the Village and the other approaching the Village from the Harrisville side) Mike made a motion to approve the bid from Sign Works for their designated sign #1 and to develop an appropriate warrant article for the March 2024 Warrant.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board approved additions and corrections to their annual Selectmen’s Report for submission into the Town Report.

● Mike made a motion to approve 4 Purchase Requests from the Fire Department for the purchase of medical supplies and equipment totaling \$1866.34.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve 4 individual performance review wage increases as well as cost of living increases for all other employees.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● With nothing further, Mike made a motion to adjourn.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:50 PM

Next regular meeting January 10, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for January 3, 2024

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman