

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

January 31, 2024

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

Absent:

Others attending: J. Filipi, M. Tarr

Brenna called the January 31, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● The Board reviewed, with M. Tarr, the history of the dry hydrant located behind the Safety Building. Tarr indicated that the hydrant is still functioning and has been used regularly.

The Board has currently been considering locations for dry hydrants at various locations in town. One potential location was at the Ballfield, but given its close proximity to the working hydrant behind the Safety Building the Board decided to drop it from consideration at this time. A second location being considered for this year is at the Granite Lake Dam. The Board agreed to present this location in a warrant article for this year.

● M. Tarr reported what could potentially be a serious (costly) problem with the Loader. It is currently being evaluated to determine the extent and cost of repairs.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for January 23, 2024 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for January 31, 2024 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve an Intent to Excavate at the Gilsum Gravel Bank for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans for the addition of a deck to an existing Non-conforming lot/structure, the Board then referenced the Zoning regulation and reviewed all designated setbacks Shown on the plans. As all setback met more that the required distances and did not make the structure more non-conforming, Mike made a motion to approve the Building Permit for the Haak-Frendscho property on McIntire Road.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a Report of Cut and Certification for D. Patek for no cut for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to accept a Petition Warrant Article for the Game of Village to be included in the 2024 Town Warrant.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

The Board agreed that they will make no recommendation for or against for Petition Articles.

● Following a full review of the second Public Forum regarding a Full-time Police Chief, and noting the overwhelming support expressed by a show of hands at the meeting's close for keeping a chief Full-time for Nelson only, Mike made a motion to approve the Police Budget as presented to include a Full-time Chief and associated benefit costs.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

All agreed that the extensive research into resource sharing was well worth the effort. It did however highlight some concerns and potential reduction in benefit to Nelson, especially if contracting with a town that is larger in area, greater in population, and is likely to have a greater number of calls for service.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:00 PM

Next regular meeting February 7, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for January 31, 2024

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman