

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

January 4, 2023

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

Others attending: Patsy Beffa-Negrini

Brenna called the January 4, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the minutes as amended (by time of adjourn) for December 28, 2022.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0. Mike was absent.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for December 31st and January 4, 2022 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve and sign a letter to G. Peery (NIC) responding to his inquiries along with the Board's reasoning.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Patsy Beffa-Negrini came before the Board with an update on the vote by Cheshire County Commissioners to move forward with the County Community Power program. The plan went to the PUC following the vote and is awaiting their response.

The County plan will offer options for private individuals to join as well as an option for Select Boards to opt in for the entire Town. If the entire town is placed in by the Select Board individuals still have the option to opt back out. Many questions and concerns are anticipated so multiple public meetings will be planned prior to any final commitment by the town. All information presented to date indicates only positive options for reducing electric bills as well as choices for consumers wanting more green energy sources. For this plan to be viable, the County will need to sign on several towns. Patsy will keep the Board informed as plans progress so that meeting can be scheduled as soon as possible.

● Brenna made a motion to approve an amendment to a previously approved Building Permit for S. Silverstein to increase the number of solar panels for the project and further to approve their application for solar exemption.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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● Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c) Personnel and Harm to reputation.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Mike - yes, Don – yes, Brenna - yes

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● Upon returning to public session, Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna - yes

● Mike made a motion to approve budget funding in 2023 in the amount of \$500 for CASA and \$350 for red cross. (The same as last year)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a lengthy budget discussion, Mike made a motion to approve 3 merit raises in the amount of \$1.50 per hour for the Highway department and the Administrative Assistant.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:15 PM

Next meeting: January 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for January 4, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman