

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

January 4, 2024

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

*Absent:*

Others attending: J. Filipi, W. Kassotis, Z. Byam

Brenna called the January 4, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

- The Board presented an overview of their progress in the development of a possible plan to share a Full-time Police chief with Stoddard.

Brenna reported that she had spoken with Sullivan and they were in the first year of a 3-year contract with the Sheriff's department and were happy with the service thus far.

Wayne voiced concern for the development of a balanced relationship with two distinctly different Town Boards.

Wayne agreed to committee to 1 day a week for Police administrative work for Nelson. This could include seeking police equipment grants, assisting the Chief with paperwork, ordering supplies or equipment, dealing with matters from the Town Clerk's office such as dog registration issues, VIN and boat checks, etc. as well as zoning code enforcement or violation reporting.

The various pros and cons were discussed with all agreeing there will be many details to be worked out. Stoddard is much larger in area and population than Nelson so finding a balance of service for both communities will take time, and likely, many adjustments along the way.

It was agreed that the first year should be a trial with Nelson offering to contract services to Stoddard similar to the Sheriff's department's method except that when the Chief is on duty he is covering both towns not just one.

Legal costs will need to be added for contract development for the Police Chief as well as an agreement with Stoddard.

Z. Byam and W. Kassotis both agreed to attend the next public forum in Nelson to help answer any questions that may come up.

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- Mike made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Certificate 2023 for inclusion in the 2023 Town Report.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board reviewed and approved a news release for the Black Fly announcing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Forum for further discussion of a Full-time Police Chief and possible Sharing with another Town.

- With nothing further, Mike made a motion to adjourn.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:31 PM  
Next regular meeting January 10, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for January 4, 2024

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman