

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

January 8, 2020

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Maury Collins, Gary Robinson, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: Mike Tarr, John Bunce, Anne Ames

At 3:15 PM David Upton opened the January 8, 2020 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Gary made a motion to approve the minutes for December 18, 2019 as recorded.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the manifests for December 25, 31, 2019 and January 8, 2020 as presented.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve three Purchase Requests from the Highway Department

1. Tires for the Peterbilt truck PR # 20181 2. Road Salt PR # 20182 3. Small 10HP Engine PR # 20183

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. PR # 20184

● David made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Police Department for office supplies for the printer

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike Tarr came before the Board to review the Proposed Highway Budget and Warrant Articles for 2020. Following a review and discussion of several budget items, the Board added an additional \$10,000 to the Grader line item. Due to the age and condition of the present Grader repairs can be expected and all agreed that the budget should reflect that likelihood.

● Mike reported that he and Nick visited the Keene Public Works Department to discuss Keene's experience using Bio-Diesel in their trucks and equipment. Keene presented an overall positive experience in their use of this fuel and shared information on performance, suppliers and costs. Mike and the Board agreed that the 2020 Highway budget should include a reduction in regular diesel to be offset with Bio-diesel. It was further agreed that Manufacturers of any new equipment for the department should be consulted regarding warranty specifications when Bio-diesel is used.

● The Highway Department has suggested a Warrant Article to "Reclaim" and then repave the Center Pond Road. The project is in two parts, "Reclaiming" by removing the pavement to the road bed would be done in 2020. The road would then rest and settle until the following year when the final paving would take place.

There was concern that the Warrant Article must reflect clearly that this project spans over two fiscal years. (2020 and 2021).

David made a motion that the Warrant Article include the full cost of the project at \$115,000 and that the Article be Non-Lapsing until 12/31/2021.

Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Discussion then opened regarding a proposed Warrant Article for the purchase of a new grader. While David opposes this purchase due to the type of fuel, he suggested that the manufacturer be contacted to see if Bio-Diesel could be used to mitigate the environmental harm. Mike Tarr and John Bunce both offered opinion that the hours of actual usage are relatively low compared to trucks and therefore so is the harm. Gary suggested, in that case, that future replacement of the trucks with electric vehicles, before grader conversion, may make more sense. As discussion concluded, David made a motion to include the Purchase of a new Grader on the 2020 Warrant.

Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Anne Ames came before the Board with concerns regarding the Bailey Brook Bridge. She requests that more money be considered for the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund as the anticipated costs if the Bridge fails could run as much as half a million dollars. A current logging operation near her home will be using the bridge regularly. Anne would like to know the load limit for the bridge and wonders if it should be posted. It was agreed that the State Bridge engineering department will be contacted for the information. Anne will be notified of their response.

● David made a motion to approve the 2020 Standby Ambulance Service Agreement with the City of Keene.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to appoint Ag. Com. Members for 2020 as recommended. John Bunce for 3 years, Barbara Fraser to become an alternate, and Rachael Patterson as a three year member.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the 2020 Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement with the City of Keene.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a letter to Primex authorizing them to provide the Auditor with proof of the Town's insurance coverage.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a policy amendment allowing the Town Clerk/Tax Collector discretionary authority to forgive interest on taxes up to, but not to exceed \$2.00.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Based on the rigid election law requirements; the Board has been advised that all three Selectmen must be present at the polls throughout the day and throughout the counting of ballots at all elections. David made a motion that an election stipend be paid to each Selectman in the amount of \$150.00 per election and that the moderator receive a \$200.00 stipend per election.
Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve two Purchase Requests from the Fire Department for 1. Service supplies 2. Training
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board reviewed and agreed with the proposed Fire Department budget.

5:24 PM

David made a motion to enter into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c&e) Harm to Reputation and Litigation.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

5:30 PM

Upon returning to Public session, David made a motion to seal the minutes.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

5:31 PM

David made a motion to enter into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel
Gary seconded.
The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

5:41 PM

Upon returning to Public session, David made a motion to seal the minutes.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David - yes

● David went through his power point presentation on the solar project that is slated to be on the 2020 Warrant.

● With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn.
David seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

6:25 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For January 8, 2020

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman