

Town of Nelson Selectmen's Meeting

October 01, 2015

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: Steve Liakos, Anne Ames, Mike Tarr,

At 10:00 AM the meeting was opened by Chair David Upton.

The meeting was turned over to Steve Liakos, Bridge Engineer for the NH Department of Transportation. Mr. Liakos reviewed the status of the Bailey Brook Bridge and the close order issued by the State DOT following their recent inspection. It has been determined by the NH DOT that the rapid deterioration since the last inspection has caused the bridge to become unsafe for any passage.

The plan that has been approved by the NH DES was reviewed in detail and met with a positive response from Mr. Liakos.

Mr. Liakos then reviewed the State Aid Bridge Program which assists in bridge replacement at 80% with the Town investing 20% of the cost. Funding will not be available until 2024 but a good repair done at this time could gain the time necessary to apply for the grant and allow the Town to be placed on a waiting list for the funding to become available.

It was recommended that a Bridge Capital Reserve Fund be started now so that when the State funds are available the Town will also be ready with the required 20%.

Mr. Liakos emphasized that all rules of the grant must be followed precisely as directed by the State.

David offered to take Mr. Liakos to the Bridge for a viewing and with nothing further; David made a motion to adjourn.

Susan seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Susan Hansel, Selectman