

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

October 10, 2023

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

*Absent: Don Carlisle*

Others attending:

Brenna called the October 10, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for October 4, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for October 11, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● The Board reviewed a letter of thanks to J. Curtin and, following some minor changes, agreed to move to the final draft for sending.

● With several issues pending with the Fire Department, the Board requested that the Fire Chief attend the next meeting on October 18, 2023.

● Following a review and discussion of estimates for new portable radios for the Police Department and Emergency Management, Brenna made a motion to approve the purchase of two Motorola portable radios for the Police Department at \$3,987.08 each and 1 Kenwood portable radio for Emergency Management \$2,656.01 to be purchased from their current budgets.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Edie reported that the Sexton has followed up on a "Dirty Windows" complaint from the librarian. He found, as was reported, that the smudges and hand prints are inside the newly installed windows and that in some areas the windows are sealed by paint. This will be added to the "punch" list to discuss with the contractor.

● The Board reviewed a monthly spreadsheet showing consumption and energy "sales" from all Eversource bills. The seasonal effects on use and production were easy to spot. Watching these numbers will help in evaluating the current best distribution of the net metering and is helpful to determine how much more production is needed to truly cover all electric usage throughout the year. A new solar array for the Town Hall roof should cover this with energy to spare. It is expected that electric usage will still increase further as future heating/cooling systems are proposed for the Safety Building that houses the Fire, Police, and Highway departments. The Board is nearly finished its review of the Request for Proposal for the new solar array on the Town Hall roof and it is expected to be sent out in the next few weeks. Contractors for the Town Hall roof repair will be contacted for bids as this will be needed before a new solar array can be installed.

● Nelson "Welcome" signs was the next topic. The Board is considering designing and purchasing two welcome signs, one for the Harrisville side of the Village and the other to replace the well-worn sign coming up the hill into Village. A sign designating the newly named "Nelson Community Park" is

also being considered. Research on the design and cost of the project will begin and sign companies will be contacted for advice on size, materials, colors etc.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:15 PM

Next meeting October 18, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for October 10, 2023

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

*absent*

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Don Carlisle, Selectman