

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

October 2, 2024

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

*Absent:*

Others attending: J. Filipi, M. Tarr, L. Sieverts

Brenna called the October 2, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Police Chief J. Filipi came before the Board to present a purchase request and deliver his regular department update:

- Purchase request for 4 new tires and rims for 2022 cruiser (State Bid)

Following some question from Don as to the need for new rims, and with the assurance that this would be purchased at "State Bid", Mike made a motion to approve the Purchase Request for \$1356.20.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Chief Filipi reported receiving a Complaint on Spaeth Road regarding blowing leaves and dust from a Highway Department vehicle when clearing leaves.  
This will be discussed with the Road Agent.

● M. Tarr came before the Board with several items to present.

- Repair bill for complete rebuild of rear suspension for Peterbilt Truck

- Address concerns over leaf blowing of Roads

Don suggested that this task did not offer significant benefit to justify the time.

Tarr argued that keeping the ditches and culverts clear of leaves is critical to help prevent overflow of ditches and plugging of culverts that leads to washouts.

The Board agreed that this effort should continue.

- J. Pepin submitted photos of the culvert deterioration at West Shore Road.

Mike assured that this is the same condition it has been in and was the reason the slab was installed over the top.

- The Dry Hydrant project is pending a bit more lowering of the water. The parts are available and some sections will be welded partially before they are transported. Tarr to contact B. Roeder to determine the final water level low point.

- The Boat Ramp is also exposed at this time and repairs can be started

- The Highway Equipment Committee was scheduled to meet this week but only one member attended. The meeting is rescheduled. (Loader needed for 2025)

● L. Sieverts came before the Board representing MFS and the Nelson Clean Energy Group with multiple requests and suggestions:

- ❖ The Clean Energy Group is requesting a Warrant Article to install HVAC units in the Fire and Police Stations.

Brenna informed Sieverts that a new heat pump AC unit had been installed this year in the Police Station and for now the Community room is on hold.

Mike stated that the Board would like to wait a year to see how much energy will be generated by the new Solar array on the Town Hall. The heating units are working well at this time. He further noted that G. Blake, of South Pack Solar, praised Nelson for being well ahead of all other area towns and an energy project break is reasonable at this time to address other needs of the town.

Brenna added that the Highway and Fire Department are both in need of Equipment.

- ❖ Sieverts requested that the Board consider joining CENH at a cost of \$300 per year.

Brenna questioned the value of membership.

Lisa suggested that their help on grants alone would be a worthwhile membership. Edie agreed that this would be a great help.

Brenna then made a motion to approve joining CENH.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- ❖ MFS wants the Town Hall floor refinished this fall.

Don, whose area of professional expertise is wood floors, recommends waiting till 2025.

Lisa reminded that in 2020 the Select Board, at the time, raised the rent \$20 to offset the cost of finishing the floor each year. After receiving argument from MFS, the Board agreed to a \$12 increase however that amount did not cover the cost of refinishing the floor. MFS agreed to split the cost with the Town for the refinishing in 2022. In August of 2023 this Board revisited the increased costs for Town Hall rental. The Sexton spends an average of 2 hours each day following the MFS dances, in addition the cost of soap, paper towels, and toilet paper. (Including rolls of TP that walk away). The Board, on August 9, 2023, increased the rental from \$87 to the current \$95. The Board will discuss the floor refinishing further as such a frequent requirement is primarily due to MFS usage.

- ❖ Sieverts requests that appropriate Fire Code "Clear Area" taping be done in the area of the new electrical boxes in the Town Hall storage room.

The Sexton will inquire about instructions from the Fire Chief.

- ❖ Sieverts suggests acknowledging a "Citizen of the Year" each year at Town Meeting.

The Board will take her suggestion under advisement.

- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2024 Selectmen's meeting as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for September 25 and October 2, 2024 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the Election Warrant for Posting of the General Election on November 5, 2024.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a Purchase Request for the Fire Department for the relocation of the Base radio in the amount of \$955.60

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for L. Derby for the removal of a deck to be replaced by a smaller stair landing entry with overhang.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans, Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for J. Perry for the addition of a 3-car garage with attached walk to the house.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a LUCT penalty for A. Hebert Irrevocable Trust due to additional disturbed land that had been under Current Use assessment.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a LUCT penalty for D. & K. Schillemat due to cleared or disturbed land that had been under Current Use assessment. (access driveway and parking area)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a LUCT penalty for The Glass Hammer due to cleared or disturbed land for a dwelling and supporting access, well, septic, etc. as this land was under Current Use assessment.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board briefly reviewed the ZBA Public Hearing regarding the request for a variance of setback regulations. (Cermak Trust case)

The ZBA denied the variance citing other reasonable options for the requested project that would not require a variance. The Select Board supported this decision while still expressing concern over the future intended use of the building in question.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:58 PM

Next regular meeting October 9, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for October 2, 2024

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman