

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

October 25, 2023

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

Absent:

Others attending: J. Filipi

Brenna called the October 25, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Police Chief, J. Filipi came before the Board to review the status of the current budget and to discuss the future of Police service in Nelson and other small communities in the area. With very limited assistance available from the NH State Police and Sheriff's department the burden to provide in-town Police coverage is weighing heavily on all small municipalities. Having a part-time Police Chief and several part-time officers would be the most cost-effective manner to cover the greatest amount of time. However, the lack of part-time certified Police Officers has made it nearly impossible to build a department in this manner. Small towns are competing with larger communities and cities as all are seeking to fill multiple positions. For some time now, neighboring communities have already gone to full-time in-town Police departments. Harrisville, Dublin, and Marlborough, while larger, are the closest comparisons. Further research and community discussion will continue as the 2024 budget is developed.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for October 18, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for October 25, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● In an effort to improve the temperature comfort of the Library Lower Level meeting room, Mike made a motion to approve the installation of baseboard heating units by Hamblet Electric at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a letter to the Trustees of Trust Funds requesting the transfer of \$100,000 from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve fund in accordance with the approval of Article #18 of the 2023 Town Warrant. (Repairs to Library structure)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board agreed to send a letter to P. Kallman with instructions to immediately comply with the Town's Building Permit requirements for a deck and stairs that she has already added without a permit.

● Following a full review, Mike made a motion to approve and reconfirm the Nelson Welfare Policy detailing procedure and limits of distribution of funds.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board is working on a letter of appeal to the Nelson Conservation Commission for financial assistance toward mitigation efforts for the protection of Granite Lake from extreme amounts of runoff damage during severe storms.
- Brenna will call the NH State Fire Marshal's office regarding a pending personnel matter.
- Brenna offered to take pictures of potential sign locations to submit to the sign companies who will be submitting design plans.
- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:04 PM

Next meeting November 1, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for October 25, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman