

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

October 27, 2021

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Maury Collins, Bill Dunn, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: J. Walter

At 3:07 PM Brenna Kucinski opened the October 27, 2021 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

- Maury made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes for October 20, 2021 as recorded.
Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Brenna made a motion to approve the manifest for October 27, 2021 as presented.
Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Maury made a motion to approve the 2021 Final Tax Warrant.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Following a review of submitted plans and application checklist, Maury made a motion to approve a Building Permit for N. Barrett to construct a 2-story addition to his existing house.
Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Maury made a motion to approve Purchase Requests for the Highway Department for Carbide plow edges (3,900), Hydraulic limb saw (1,999.99), Road Salt (15,000), asphalt crack filling equipment (2,099), rental of roadside mower (8,000).
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- The Board briefly discussed possible appointments to the newly formed Community Power Committee.
They will work on a list to discuss with P. Beffa-Negrini.
- Brenna made a motion to approve a response letter to D. Patek regarding his opposition to the Select Board supporting COVID-19 vaccinations for anyone wishing to receive it.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- The Board reviewed two notices from DES, Birchenough Violation, and The Glass Hammer property for a suspected violation.
The Board was not satisfied with the DES response regarding the Glass Hammer property and will request that DES conduct a further investigation by visiting the site instead of relying on photos submitted by the land owner's agent.

- Upon receiving notice of the ZBA decision to grant a variance to E. Schillemat which would allow for a fifth dwelling unit on his private access, 10.22-acre lot, the Select Board unanimously agreed that the decision should be re-examined and further agreed to consider an appeal of the ZBA decision.

- Maury then made a motion to table the Schillemat Building Permit application until the appeal process is addressed.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Maury made a motion to approve 2022 annual dues to SWRPC in the amount of \$692.00.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Maury made a motion to approve a request from Monadnock Family Services for 2022 budget funding in the amount of \$786.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board unanimously approved a Select Board News Release for October to be published in the Blackfly newsletter.

- Bill suggested a “door prize” drawing to be held at the vaccination clinic on November 13, 2021 in the Nelson Town Hall. The Board agreed on three gift card drawings as well as a small gift to all who receive the vaccination that day.

- Fire Chief J. Walter, came before the Board to review the current status of the Fire Department and to discuss the 2022 budget. Walter reported on a number of department matters:

1. Problem with the lights on one of the trucks

2. The new Brush truck needs fittings and nozzles

3. Proposed warrant article for 2022 for SCBA units

4. Proposed replacement of all gear in 2023

5. Would like to purchase “Jaws of Life” equipment

6. Would like a new large cascade unit – (They have received a small used unit from a neighboring town)

Walter was reminded that the Rescue vehicle has still not been repaired from the accident on March 13, 2020 and insurance company updates have not been completed that were due in May 2021.

Brenna noted the urgency for the Fire Department’s participation in the Emergency Operations Plan update meeting. The Fire Department is a critical element of the plan and to date no member of the department has attended any of the meetings. Walter was also reminded that the 1994 E-ONE fire truck has been sold and the department’s radio is still in the truck and should have been removed months ago.

- Following a bid review and discussion, Bill made a motion to approve ServePro to do a deep cleaning of the Town Office, Town Hall, Library, and Library Lower Level meeting room but to ask that they limit their proposed service to 2 days at \$1100 each day, the duct cleaning, but not to include the rug cleaning.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following months of advertising and having received much smaller bids, Brenna made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,500 from Asian Auto for the purchase of the 1994 E-ONE Sentry Fire Truck.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- A message will be sent to Chief Pratt with a reminder to move the speed trailer from the center of town and to return both fire trucks back to Nelson. (The fire trucks were being shown at a car dealership in Winchester)

- Bill had to leave the meeting at this time.

- Next meeting November 3, 2021 at 2:00 PM

- With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

5:50 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For October 27, 2021

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

William Dunn, Selectman