

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

October 3, 2018

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Gary Robinson, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: B. Lenox, J. Bunce, B. Roland, R. Church

At 3:00 PM David Upton opened the October 3, 2018 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Gary made a motion to approve the manifest for October 3, 2018 as presented.

David seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

● David made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Administrative office for supplies. (\$640.00)

Gary seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous vote. PR # 181031

● David made a motion to form the "Nelson History Committee".

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to appoint 5 members to the Committee as follows: Susan Hansel, Bert Wingerson, Karen Tolman, Susan Peery, and Gordon Peery.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to accept a donation from the "History Calendar Committee" in the amount of \$1373.80 to be used for history projects.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to request that the Town Treasurer open a new bank account for the \$1373.80 gift and that it be titled "Town of Nelson History Fund"

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the minutes for September 18, 2018.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the minutes for September 26, 2018.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board reviewed a culvert replacement concern on Nubanusit Road that was submitted by D. Johnson. The Road agent will be addressing Mr. Johnson's concerns.

● The Board considered a request from D. Birchenough regarding programming of the Solar equipment at the Library. Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed to talk this over with the Buildings Committee and also to speak with G. Blake (the installer) before taking any action.

● Bob Lenox came before the Board requesting time to discuss two topics. 1. The Zoning Board 2. The Fire Equipment Committee.

David reviewed the rules of public and Non-public discussion and Mr. Lenox stated that he understood. The Board then agreed to proceed with the presentation.

● Mr. Lenox voiced his concern over some actions by members of the Zoning Board and suggested that a Selectman should attend the meetings. He mentioned negative comments being made about the Police Chief. At that point David alerted everyone that this was opening discussion that should be held in Non-Public session. Discussion did not proceed further.

Mr. Lenox also raised concerns that the Fire and Rescue Equipment Committee is having a problem with meeting attendance and is often unable to achieve a quorum. He suggested that perhaps changing the membership to 4 members would help. David reminded everyone that the Town meeting set up the committee and its membership and therefore the Town meeting would need to change it.

Only 3 members were clearly elected with substantial votes. The other open positions received only 1 or very few votes but the committee has not been notified by the Town Clerk as to the final outcome of the other positions. Mr. Lenox agreed to reach out to the Town Clerk for information.

Mr. Lenox stated that the committee was informed by the Fire Department that the Tanker will not pass inspection however this has not been confirmed with the vendor providing service to the vehicles. Following the loss of a grant last year for a new, well equipped tanker, the committee began examining the real need for a tanker with all the “bells and whistles”. While not making any final decisions or votes (due to lack of a quorum) the committee has been able to do research in order to try to move forward. The committee will continue to seek out and apply for grants that could fill some of the needs of the Fire Department.

● Rich Church came before the Board to discuss a possible donation of land to the Conservation Commission from Jack Bradshaw. Rick informed the Board that the Conservation Commission has offered to accept the land and to pay any costs for easement protections. Rick noted that the Town’s septic system is on a corner of that land and it would be prudent to protect that area for the current and future needs of the town.

● David made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Fire Department for repairs to the primer pump on engine #2.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a Demo Permit for Richard and Bea McIntyre to remove a barn on 608 Granite Lake Road.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a request from Eversource for a new Pole License.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

David made a motion to approve a letter to J. Lennon denying a reimbursement request until either an addition correction is made or documentation to match the request is provided.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following the signing of paperwork and with nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

4:51 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For October 3, 2018

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman