

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

October 30, 2024

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

Absent:

Others attending: J. Sarcione, J. Filipi, M. Tarr

Brenna called the October 30, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:09 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes for October 23, 2024 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Manifest for October 30, 2024 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a full review of submitted plans, Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for Dan Schillemat for the construction of a Pole Barn for storage.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Upon receiving a request for 2025 Budget funding from The Community Kitchen, Mike made a motion to approve \$903 to be added to the 2025 Social Services Warrant article and noting that this is up from the 2024 request of \$500 due to an increase in need of Nelson residents.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board discussed a request from Johanna McKenzie and K. Finnegan to allow the School children to use the Town Hall as a play room following story hour on Monday afternoons.

The Board agreed to allow this on a trial basis. They further agreed to limit the time period to one hour (3:00 PM to 4:00 PM) and this may not interfere with the Folklore Society's weekly dances.

● M. Tarr came before the Board to discuss the equipment needs of the Highway Department for 2025. He is seeking to replace the aging Backhoe and loader as the cost of a major repair for either piece would out-weight the value and may not increase their reliability long term. The Board agreed with a plan to seek estimates and trade-in offers, and to determine how best to apply the Equipment Capital Reserve funds and tax dollars in the most cost-effective manner based on other likely expenditures in 2025.

● J. Sarcione came before the Board with updates for the Fire Department:

1. The uniform dryer is not working. Sarcione suggests a new machine. The Board feels that repairs should be sought as this equipment has been rarely used.
2. Options for replacing the old Brush Truck are being considered. A new 1-ton flat bed with skid tank and boxes would be about \$60,000, while a used vehicle could run under \$20,000 equipped in a similar fashion.
3. The Fire Dept. radio has been moved to a new location in the Fire Dept. office area.
4. Sarcione suggests that the Emergency Management Department should have 2 radios for next year. The Board will discuss this with the Emergency Management Director.

- J. Filipi came before the board with current updates for the Police Department:
 1. The department audit by Police Standards and Training has been completed with just a few minor issues to be addressed from previous department administration
 2. The 2014 cruiser has been using a higher than usual amount of antifreeze. This is being watched closely for any sign of a serious problem.
 3. The Police Department is currently addressing a matter on private property that should be discussed in a Non-Public session as the need for legal action may be discussed or considered.

4:14 PM

- Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c&e) Litigation and Harm to Reputation.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna - yes

4:55 PM

- Upon returning to Public Session, Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna – yes

- Mike made a motion to approve the cover letter for the Eversource Grant application through CENH.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:20 PM

Next regular meeting November 6, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for October 30, 2024

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman