

**Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
1:00 PM**

October 6, 2021

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

Others attending: D. Upton, D. Brachman, P. Beffa-Negrini, A. Wilson, S. Mackenzie, V. Van Meier, T. Buttrick, R. Pratt, D. Dellagrecia, M. Tarr, L. Murphy

At 1:00 PM Brenna Kucinski opened the October 6, 2021 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

The meeting opened with a Presentation by Dori Brachman regarding "Community Power". This is a type of program for Governments or communities to leverage better control of pricing and type of power used through bulk purchasing. Homeowners who do not have solar arrays can still receive the benefit of lower pricing and the option to choose renewable energy over fossil fuel produced power. Before a community is ready to make a commitment, a research process is begun by the Selectmen creating a committee of appointed members to explore Community Power and how it can benefit the Town as well as individual residents. There are groups as well as individuals who specialize in assisting communities with this research.

Following the research, the committee presents a recommendation to the Select Board.

Public hearings are held to present the information to the community.

A Warrant Article is then developed to present for a town vote. Nothing is binding on the Town until after an affirmative vote.

If passed the Nelson Community Power will be launched.

Several area towns are already involved and many more have begun the exploration process.

The Board agreed to consider further opportunities for continued discussion of such a project and thanked Ms. Brachman for the presentation.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the minutes for September 28, 2021 as recorded.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the manifest for October 6, 2021 as presented.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a request from CASA for 2022 budget funding at the same level as 2021. (\$500)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a request from the Friends of the Library to hold a book sale outside of the Library lower level on Saturday October 16, 2021.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Edie reported that an abutter was interested in purchasing the former H. Ingalls property on Granite Lake Road. This property had been taken by tax deed approximately 9 years ago. The Board will wait for further inquiry.

● Four residents of Nelson village came before the Board with concerns that the Selectmen had voted to install a low watt light on the bulletin board to light the small, building mount, US flag at night. Brenna explained considerations taken when selecting a light and the very low impact it would have. The residents continued and asserted that no additional light anywhere in the village would be acceptable. The Board agreed to revisit some of their concerns regarding the motion lights that were ordered by the Fire Marshal for all town buildings.

● Discussion continued briefly following the residents' exit from the meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed that the chosen light, which is far below Dark Sky guidelines, remains a reasonable option to honor the veteran's request and follow the minimal guidelines of the Federal Flag code for display of any US flag at night. Bill then made a motion to proceed with the light installation on the bulletin board and to display the US flag, properly lit, at night by a low watt bulb.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

The Board agreed to draft a letter advising the four residents of their decision and their reasons.

● An offer from Martha Collins to do the grass mowing for the 2022 season was put on hold until applications are received for the position of interior and exterior sexton.

● Bill was not present for the vote on the minutes and manifest but upon entering the meeting offered his vote of approval for the meeting minutes for September 28, 2021 as recorded and approval for the manifest of October 6, 2021 as presented. The vote for both now stands unanimous.

● Maury made a motion to approve a follow-up letter to the Town Buildings Committee to clarify their current scope of work.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0

● Maury made a motion to approve a one-year renewal of the Building Permit for John Taylor-Maule as originally approved.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Bill made a motion to approve submission to the Blackfly newsletter and website of the Boards notice of encouragement to all residents of Nelson to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

3:05 PM

● Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c) Personnel and Harm to Reputation

Maury seconded

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Bill – yes, Brenna – yes

3:30 PM

● Upon returning to public session, Bill made a motion to seal the minutes.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Bill – yes, Brenna – yes

The Board of Selectmen then moved directly into a work session with the SWRPC representative and department heads to continue updating the Nelson Emergency Operation Plan.

Upon completion of the section review and recommended amendments, and approval of the next meeting date of November 3, 2021 at 3:30 PM,

Maury made a motion to adjourn.

Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

5:05 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For October 6, 2021

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

William Dunn, Selectman