

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
9:00 AM

November 7, 2024

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

Absent: Don Carlisle

Others attending: M. Tarr

Brenna called the November 7, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 9:00 AM.

● Introductions were made all around to Guest speaker, Kevin Russell from the NH DOT. K. Russell came before the Board to present information on the State Aid Bridge Project program that the Bailey Brook Bridge is in line to receive. This is an eighty/twenty match project with the Town paying 20% of the total cost. It is anticipated that the bridge replacement will likely be in the one to one and a half million-dollar price range. Stages of the project will include items such as choosing an engineering firm, an engineering study, consideration of options, right-of-way research, and finally the construction. The State has a list available of pre-vetted engineers who are familiar with the State Aid process and requirements. Once a final plan is in place the engineering firm can develop and send out the RFP to qualifying contractors for consideration. Interviews will be conducted prior to final selection as well as consultation with the engineer. Plans for funding will be developed along with a Non-lapsing Warrant article for 2026 through 2027. K. Russell will forward the preliminary project agreement for the Board's vote and signature and will be available to assist with all phases as the project moves forward.

● With concern mounting over this late date without a tax rate, Brenna made a motion to reconfirm the commitment of \$200,000 of unassigned fund to pay down the tax rate.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

Therefore, if the DRA revenue review occurs between the next Select Board meeting Edie can move quickly to finalize the paperwork in preparation for the Tax Warrant.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned 10:48 M

Minutes for November 7, 2024

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Absent

Don Carlisle, Selectman