

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

November 1, 2023

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

Absent:

Others attending: P. Beffa-Negrini

Brenna called the November 1, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for October 25, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for November 1, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a brief discussion, Mike made a motion to approve the original draft letter to the Conservation Commission requesting consideration to help fund mitigation efforts to protect Granite Lake from detrimental storm runoff.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● In response to a request for funding from Monadnock Family Services for 2024 budget funding, Mike made a motion to approve \$786 to be included in the Social Services Article for 2024. This represents the same amount as 2023.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● P. Beffa-Negrini came before the Board to advise that she will begin a Grant Writing class and asked the Board to suggest what type of grant they would like to focus on. Discussion included Air-sourced heat pumps for the Safety building or Solar battery backup for the Town Office, Town Hall, and Library. The Board agreed she should develop an application for Solar Battery Backup storage.

● Following a full review of submitted plans and photos, Mike made a motion to deny a Building Permit Application for P. Kallman due to inadequate boundary line setback and to refer the applicant to the ZBA. A small addition was added to an existing non-conforming structure without a permit and the Board has concerns that a change of use is also occurring to this shed appearing to be used as a dwelling.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans, Mike made a motion to deny a Building Permit application for C. Spindler requesting expansion of a Non-conforming structure whose original footprint does not meet setbacks.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve SWRPC dues in the 2024 budget in the amount of \$697.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a report from the Road Agent that large rocks have been placed in the Town's ROW in the Mill Pond area, and creating a safety hazard during plowing, Brenna agreed to draft a letter to the property owner for removal of the rocks.

● Following a review of the Preliminary Tax Rate, Mike made a motion to approve the use of \$200,000 of unassigned fund balance to reduce the tax rate. This amount to be reported to the DRA for final tax rate setting.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna reported that she called the NH State Fire Marshal's office regarding a pending personnel matter and at this time the matter is still unresolved. A resolution from the Fire Marshal may arrive in the next few weeks.

● M. Tarr reported that the condition of Town road signs is poor and most signs need repair or replacement. Brenna will take some photos and contact sign companies regarding options for replacement.

● The Board continued review of the Police budget with the goal of a full-time Police Chief in 2024. Discussion will continue and a public forum will be planned before Thanksgiving.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:20 PM

Next meeting November 8, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for November 1, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman