

Town of Nelson Selectmen's Meeting

November 15, 2017

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

Others attending: Richard Pratt, Mike Tarr, Karen Castelli, Jason Walter

At 3:00 PM David opened the November 15th meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

- David opened the meeting with a discussion of the Select Board's commitment (Along with the Town Buildings Committee) to conserving energy, reducing the use of fossil fuel, and eventually functioning "Off the Grid". With that in mind David brought forward details of some electric vehicles that are available today that could be considered for use as a police cruiser. Richard Pratt voiced concerns regarding the lack of 4 Wheel drive and low vehicle clearance that would pose a problem on Nelson's rural roads. He also wondered what impact the use of the vehicle's emergency lights and radios would have on the charge time. It may drastically reduce the travel distance between recharging. All agreed that Chief Pratt would get more information and seek out a dealer that could offer a demo drive. David offered to accompany Richie on a test drive.
- R. Pratt presented a request from Mary Cornog and the Share the Road Committee that funding be provided to purchase a new self-contained road monitoring unit. (for vehicle count& speed etc.) The Board agreed to hold off for now and to readdress the matter in the Spring. For now all agreed that SWRP should be notified to see if they will schedule the studies.
- The Board reviewed a request from Michael and Mary Cornog regarding replacement of their driveway culvert that was damaged during the "2017 Wind Storm". Mike Tarr was in attendance and joined the discussion. Mike indicated that the culvert was on private property and, as in all such cases, the landowner is responsible for the repair or replacement. He went on to state that the ground is relatively flat in that area and he considers it not a danger to the Town road. The Board agreed, therefore, that this request would be using public funds for private good and should not be considered. David made a motion to deny the request for Town funding to replace/repair the culvert located on the Cornog property on Nubanusit Road. Gary seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
- Mike Tarr presented 6 Purchase Requests for the Highway Department:
Grader Tires.....\$2,000
Truck Tires.....\$1,800
Oil/Grease supply.....\$1,500
Culverts.....\$5,000
Road Salt.....\$10,000
Emergency repair for the Peterbilt truck.....amount to be determined.
David made a motion to approve all six Purchase Requests.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Jason Walter came before the Board to the Fire Department Budget for 2018. The budget was reviewed in line item detail with modest changes from the previous year.

Jason advised that there were some issues with items he had ordered and problems with invoicing from the company. Invoice reconciliation is still incomplete but is being worked on with the vendor.

Jason requested that he receive authorization to order servicing for the Fire Department's portable generators in amount not to exceed \$1,000.

Gary made a motion to approve the request for servicing of the generators not to exceed \$1,000.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

David made a motion to approve the Budget request as amended.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Richard Pratt presented a Purchase Request for a Pepper Ball tactical weapons package for approximately \$1000.
Following Chief Pratt's explanation of the equipment, David made a motion to approve the request for the specialized weaponry.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- David made a motion to approve the minutes for November 1, 2017.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- David made a motion to approve the manifests for November 8th and 15th, 2017.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

At 4:09 PM

- David made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c&e) Personnel, Harm to reputation, litigation
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding several aspects of an ongoing legal matter. Further actions remain on hold pending additional research.

David made a motion to return to Public session.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

At 5:01 PM

- Upon returning to Public session, David made a motion to seal the minutes.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Health Officer, R. Pratt, was informed that J. Hamilton will be doing a site map of the new well location and all septic and water lines within the immediate area. This is being done due to concerns over the location of the new well not meeting all DES setback regulation.

- David made a motion to approve and sign the 2017 second issue Tax Warrant.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- David made a motion to approve an estimate from Tom Tolman in the amount of \$1500.00 for the installation of an exit door at the Granite Lake Fire Station.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
This was followed by a brief discussion of the driveway problem at the Granite Lake Station.
Gary agreed to go to the site and review the situation and bring back a recommendation.
- David made a motion to approve a request for funding in the 2018 budget from Monadnock Child Advocacy Center.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- David made a motion to approve a Petition for Pole License from Eversource.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Following a full review, Gary made a motion to approve the 2018 Town Clerk/Tax Collector budget as amended.
David seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- David submitted the Planning Board budget for review.
Following a full review, Gary made a motion to approve the 2018 Planning Board Budget as amended.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- David asked Edie to schedule a JLMC meeting within the next few weeks.
- Gary reported that he has spoken with Troy Tucker and is hoping to complete the handrail at the Library very soon.
- With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman