

**Town of Nelson**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**3:00 PM**

November 15, 2023

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

*Absent:*

Others attending: J. Sarcione

Brenna called the November 15, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for November 7, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for November 15, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Final 2023 Tax Warrant for submission to the Tax Collector.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Fire Chief, J. Sarcione came before the Board to present a department update and report on several pending items.

- A cost projection has been received from the Wetland Scientist regarding two dry hydrant installations. The cost for Permits and plan development of two sites will be \$3,800. J. Sarcione agreed to develop a cost estimate for the installation work to be included in the Warrant Article in March 2024.
- Due to some needed repair, the Board wondered if the Granite Lake Fire Station was still needed by the Fire Department. Sarcione indicated that a new building would be needed to house the two vehicles kept there at this time. The Board agreed to keep the building for now and make some needed repairs.
- Edie noted that the \$1082 discrepancy between the insurance payment and the actual cost of repairs to the Utility Fire Truck has still not been addressed with the insurance company. Sarcione suggested that the cost could just come out of the Fire Dept. budget. Edie objected stating that the cost should be covered by the insurance but it requires the Fire Chief to arrange a supplemental consultation between the repair company and the insurance adjuster as Edie previously reported to Sarcione.
- Pump testing has been completed and passed. (Cost \$662.50) But, Engine #1 needs a relief valve at a cost of approximately \$3448.60. Mike then made a motion to approve the purchase of the Relief Valve repair for Engine #1 in the amount of \$3448.60.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

- Gear is needed for a new member of the department at a cost of approximately \$400. Mike made a motion to approve the purchase of new gear in the amount of \$400. Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
  - New Helmet is needed for one new department member. Mike made a motion to approve the purchase of a new helmet at a cost of \$325. Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
  - Tanker needs new Air lines/upgrade  
Mike made a motion to approve the purchase of new air lines for the Tanker in the amount of \$4,844.63  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  - Sarcione presented a Purchase Request for new Rescue Jack stands. Mike made a motion to approve the purchase of new Rescue Jack Stands in the amount of \$5,250. Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
  - Sarcione presented a Purchase Request for 2 mobile radios, one for the Brush Truck and one for the personal vehicle of the new Rescue Captain. Mike made a motion to approve the purchase of the two radios as requested. Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0. Following further discussion of this item, the Fire Chief and the Select Board agreed to hold off on this purchase for now.
  - The Rescue license is due for renewal and updating. It is yet to be determined if the license will remain as basic life support or advanced service.
  - Rescue Certification training for Police Chief J. Filipi will be added to the Fire Department Budget.
  - A pending personnel matter concerning a Fire Department member has been resolved by the State Fire Marshal's office without any further action required.
  - The Rescue Squad has been found in violation of State required reporting that may include errors, omissions, or lack of training and reporting. Sarcione and the department are working on correction this matter and staying in full compliance.
  - J. Sarcione's request to view a background check kept in locked personnel files will be accommodated in a Non-Public session at a later date.
- A pre-review of a Building Permit Application brought concern over a plan modification that further reduces an already non-conforming setback to the road. The Board will await further plan details from the applicant. (L Ryder)
  - The remainder of the meeting focused on planning the Board's Informational Public Forum regarding changing the position of Police Chief to full-time.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:00 PM

Next meeting November 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM Public Informational Forum

Next regular meeting November 29, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for November 15, 2023

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman