

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

November 20, 2019

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

Others attending: Mike Tarr

At 3:10 PM David Upton opened the November 20, 2019 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

- Only one bid was submitted in response to the RFB for the air sourced heat pump project. The single bid was sent in from Swift Energy, out of Biddeford, Maine. The Board will take some time to review the details of the bid before voting to award a contract. The contractor included a bid on each building individually with options for savings if all buildings are converted at one time.
- David reported that the Town Buildings Committee recommends not purchasing the entire project at once but rather consider one building at a time. They further recommend downsizing the solar array to a size large enough to cover all electrical needs of the Town buildings and an air sourced heat pump for one building. They recommend that the Town office receive the air handler installation in the first year. David will forward the bid to the TBC for their review and schedule a meeting if there are questions or concerns.
- David made a motion to approve the minutes for November 6, 2019.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Gary made a motion to approve the manifests for November 13 and 20, 2019
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- David made a motion to approve a 2020 Budget funding request from Southwestern Community Services in the amount of \$500.00 (Down slightly from last year)
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- David made a motion to accept the 2018 audit as presented by Roberts & Green LLC.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- The Board acknowledged that they are aware of the Public Hearing to be held in Antrim regarding the installation of a telecommunications facility.
- Following a brief discussion, Maury made a motion not to approve the purchase of a "Consumption Meter" at the Library/Town Hall.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Mike Tarr came before the Board to present 3 Purchase Requests:
1. Road Salt at \$3000

2. Tires for the Loader at \$4800

3. New Brakes for the Loader at \$2500

Following a brief discussion, David made a motion to approve all three Purchase Requests as presented. Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. 1. PR # 1911201 2. PR # 1911202 3. PR # 1911203

● Mike reported that he would like to submit 2 warrants articles for the 2020 Town Meeting.

1. A new Grader \$313,000

2. Reclaiming and prep for paving of Center Pond West \$55,000

● Discussion opened regarding energy conservation of the Highway vehicles to reduce the amount of diesel fuel used.

David suggested two options: 1. Conservation – use the vehicles less 2. Use Bio Diesel during the warmer months.

Mike voiced concern about the problems that may occur to new vehicles when using Bio Diesel. Further research and discussion with others now using the alternative fuel should prove useful before committing.

● Mike requested permission to move Gary's mail box to a safer location than its present spot that the Highway trucks need to try to avoid. Gary agreed.

● Several budgets were reviewed with minor changes from last year: Fire, Zoning, Health Officer, Emergency Management, Police.

● David made a motion to appoint Morgan Urquia as Special Assistant to the Nelson Town Buildings Committee for Nelson Municipal Renewable Energy Projects.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

5:46 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For November 20, 2019

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman