

Town of Nelson Selectmen's Meeting

November 30, 2016

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

Others attending: Allison Aldrich-Smith

At 3:00 PM David Upton opened the November 30, 2016 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Allison Aldrich-Smith came before the Board to present a request from the 250th Committee to hold a Historic reenactment during the 2017 celebration. This would be presented by a professional group of reenactors. This is often done as an overnight event which would include digging trenches, fire for cooking etc. The location requested is the Town Common.

Questions arose regarding some of the activities and the need for Police and Fire Department oversight. Bathroom facilities overnight, shooting of firearms, and open fire all brought up some concern. Allison agreed to supply a list of all activities for the Board to consider for approval at their next scheduled meeting.

● David made a motion to approve the minutes for November 16, 2016.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the manifest for November 30, 2016 as presented.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve a letter to Bob Lenox clarifying the Board's intentions in appointing CENAC. **Reference: excerpt from November 16, 2016 SB minutes**

David advised the Board that there remains some confusion about the Selectmen's intention when they appointed CENAC. Following a brief discussion, all agreed that the committee's focus should primarily concern Fire Vehicles and the amount of space needed to house them. If the need should arise for alterations to current buildings or construction of new buildings the Town Buildings Committee would be an integral part of that planning. The Board further agreed to clarify their intent to Bob Lenox, CENAC Chair.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve three Purchase Requests from the Highway Department.

1. \$483 for a metal Saw, \$700 drum of oil, \$300 work light parts.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. PR #1611301, PR #31611302, PR #1611303

● Following a very lengthy discussion of the ramifications due to the passage of SB 146, and a full review of proposed changes to the zoning ordinances, Gary made a motion to present the proposed amended changes to the Planning Board for further review and final drafting.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● A group of volunteers is considering donating new exterior benches to the library. They had requested any known information regarding the existing benches or any possible fund for their repair or replacement.

David recalled that at least one of the benches was given as a memorial but no exact details could be recalled. The Board has no knowledge of any fund concerning the benches.

Gary made a motion to inform the volunteer group that these were a gift to the Library and they should be contacted for the disposition of the old benches and possible acceptance of new benches.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the Cemetery Budget as requested in the amount of \$17,650

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● After consideration of a request from "Samaritans" for funding in the upcoming 2017 Warrant, David made a motion not to approve their inclusion in the Social Services Warrant article for 2017.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following the review and discussion of a letter from M. DeMartelly regarding his property assessment, David made a motion to support the assessment as developed by the Avitar assessor and further noted that the landowner does retain his rights to formally file an abatement application and provide supporting documentation for further consideration.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve an authorization letter to Allan Treadwell for the control and service of the Town office domain name for emails.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board began a review of the first draft of the Select Board's annual report. Omissions, additions and amendments will be considered at the next meeting.

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

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. 6:48 PM

November 30, 2016

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman