

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

November 30, 2022

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

Others attending: J. Filipi, M. Tarr

Brenna called the November 30, 2022 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Police Chief, J. Filipi came before the Board to update the department's activity and pending matters. Snow tires are pending mounting and installation, the department now has a base station radio and is pending antennae wiring which the Chief will complete. Filipi presented a Purchase Request for ammo. Mike made a motion to approve the Purchase Request for ammo in the amount of \$655.00. Don seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve both the public and non-public minutes for November 16, 2022 as recorded. Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for November 23, 2022 as presented. Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for November 30, 2022 as presented. Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

● Don suggested someone who may be interested in the Sexton's position. He will reach out and suggest they call the Town office for full details of the job.

● M. Tarr reviewed the report from Eckman Engineering regarding Bailey Brook Bridge. All agreed that there is no eminent danger but the bridge should be monitored regularly and some work should be done on the guardrails as soon as possible. Grant funds are pending for Bridge work and some is expected to be used for the guardrail repair.

● M. Tarr reminded the Board that 2023 will be a general paving year as 2022 crushing gravel was included in his budget. \$25,000 will be included in the Highway Budget under general paving in 2023.

● In response to a request for 2023 budget funding from Home Health Care Hospice and Community Service, Mike made a motion to approve \$550 to be added to the Social Services warrant article for 2023. This is the same amount approved in 2022. Don seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

- Brenna reported that there was further discussion with the Conservation Commission regarding amending the percentage of LUCT to 50% to the Conservation Commission and 50% to offset the tax loss while the land was in current use. With all Selectmen in agreement that this was a fair and reasonable amendment, Brenna made a motion to develop a warrant article for 2023 for the Town to vote on this change.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a recommendation from the Conservation Commission, Mike made a motion to appoint Nina Iselin as a new member of the Conservation Commission.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- J. Yardley made a request on behalf of the Conservation Commission to increase the Milfoil warrant article by \$500 for 2023. Following a lengthy discussion, and with the Board in agreement, Mike made a motion to keep the Milfoil warrant article at \$5,000 for 2023.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the alarm testing agreement with BK systems for 2023.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board reviewed a Petition Warrant Article submitted by G. Peery requesting \$1,000 in support of Nelson in Common. Peery suggested that with this funding Old Home day and the History website would be under the direction of Nelson in Common and no longer in the Town's operating budget. All members of the Select Board voiced concern that the Town would not have any accounting of how or if the money is spent. All agreed, at this time, not to support the Petition Warrant Article to fund Nelson in Common.

- The Board then considered another request from G. Peery for broader use of the Town Building's assembly areas for private functions that may benefit residents. Currently the Library Lower Level meeting room is busy with government function meetings, archival research, and is under the direction of the Librarian for public benefit uses. The Emergency management meeting room is used for government function meetings, Police, Fire, and Emergency management training, and the Town Hall is available for rent to the public. The librarian plans several public events through the year, in the Town Hall, covering a wide range of interests. The Folklore Society has begun holding its' regular Monday night dances as well as concerts. At this time the Board believes the uses are already ample. Over burdening the use schedule creates maintenance cost and may create conflicts for Town required functions or meetings to take place. The Board agreed not to expand the uses at this time but to consider requests on an individual basis.

- After further discussion of the Board's various concerns over placing Solar panels on the Town Hall, Brenna made a motion that the Select Board not place a Solar article on the Warrant for 2023.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Edie was instructed not to send out the RFP submitted to her from the Energy Committee.

- After reading the annual reports of the Nelson Municipal Records Committee and the Archivist, the Board agreed that it was clear from the start of the library lower level renovation that the archives would house the permanent municipal records along with other archival materials. The Board believes there is enough room if some of the unnecessary tables are removed and shelves installed. The Board

will not interfere with the Library's use of their book storage room. Edie was instructed to send B. Wingerson copies of those two documents that were published in the Town report showing the intent to combine both storage functions in the Archives room.

- 3 Purchase Requests were submitted by the Fire Chief that drew questions from the Board as to the need and exactly what they were. The Fire Chief was not available so the requests were tabled until the next meeting so the Fire Chief could be present to answer questions.

- The Board reviewed the final cleanup bill for the cemetery and asked that the E. Giacomo be contacted for clarification of the fee charged.

5:34 PM

- At 5:34 PM Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 (a&c) Personnel and Harm to Reputation.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna – yes

6:11 PM

- Upon returning to public session, Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna – yes

- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 6:12 PM

Next meeting: Dec. 7, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Minutes for November 30, 2022

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman