

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

November 7, 2023

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

*Absent:*

Others attending: J. Filipi

Brenna called the November 7, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for November 1, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for November 8, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● J. Filipi came before the Board to review the proposed Police Department Budget for 2024. The budget has been developed to include a full-time Police Chief for a total budget of \$174,800. Filipi then reported that there may be a retired police officer interested in some part-time work. This possibility could open up more options for police service to Nelson. Choices may include Full-time Police Chief, limited service from the Sheriff's department, or further attempts to try to hire multiple part-time officers. The extreme shortage of police officers is making all choices difficult and costly. A public informational forum is being planned for discussion with residents.

● Following further discussion, the Board scheduled the Public Forum for Tuesday November 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Nelson Town Hall. Edie will post the forum and Brenna will request space in the "Blackfly" with further details.

● Following a brief discussion, Mike made a motion to approve the letter (as amended by Brenna) to J. & V. Pepin requesting removal of rocks placed in the Town Right-of-Way.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the annual Solid/Hazardous Waste agreement with the City of Keene in the amount of \$1,284 for the 2024-2025 service period.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board briefly reviewed one bid that has come in for a full-service generator for the Town Office, Town Hall, and Library as well as bids for the Town Hall roof re-shingling. Bids are still being sought and will be fully reviewed when all have been submitted and the warrants articles are being developed.

- In response to a request for funding from The Keene Community Kitchen for 2024 budget funding, Mike made a motion to approve \$382 to be included in the Social Services Article for 2024. This represents a decrease in the amount requested in 2023.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a bid from S. Monahan of SITE SUCCOR DESIGN LLC for Dry Hydrant permit development in the amount of \$3,800 for two sites.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the final RFPs and Cover letters to be sent to 5 designers for the Town Hall Solar Array project to be presented at the 2024 Town Meeting.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following denial of a Building Permit application for C. Spindler requesting expansion of a Non-confirming structure with portions of the original footprint not meeting setbacks, Edie requested a reconsideration following re-examination and clarification of the submitted plans. Upon further review it was agreed that the rebuilding of the existing room on the same footprint and the addition of a small porch would, in fact, not change the setbacks that were already exceeding the proper distance. Brenna then made a motion to rescind the previous denial and approve the Building Permit as requested.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following review of submitted plans, Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for S. Peery for the construction of a 12' X 24' storage shed.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- After hearing a concern from J. Bunce regarding erosion issues at the Munsonville Cemetery and his offer to help with a solution, Mike made a motion to ask the Road agent to assist Bunce with his suggested solution.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The final Tax rate for 2023 has been received and Tax bills will be mailed next week. The rate is \$14.92 per thousand dollars of assessment.

- A notice arrived from the NH Dept of Corrections regarding a list of products produced by inmates that are available for purchase. The list included signs. Brenna agreed to contact them to see if the, much needed, road signs could be designed and purchased from them.

- Mike made a motion to approve the Assessment Data Collection form for 2023 for reporting to DRA.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:08 PM

Next meeting November 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for November 7, 2023

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman