

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

December 18, 2024

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

Others attending: J. Filipi,

*Absent: Rick Popovic cancelled his scheduled attendance*

Brenna called the December 18, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● J. Filipi came before the Board to review the full scope of the numbers and types of calls received by the Police Department from May 1, 2024 to date. This information will be included by the Police Chief in his 2024 annual report. There was further discussion of the use of parking tickets and how best to design the tickets to include an option for a warning versus a fine or immediate towing.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Public minutes for December 11, 2024 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike then made a motion to approve the Non-Public minutes for December 11, 2024 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Manifest for December 18, 2024 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following the Planning Board's review at their last meeting, Mike made a motion to approve the 2025 Planning Board Budget at \$5,395.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● A bid for surveillance cameras at the Safety Building has been submitted by Twin Bridge Services. Two more bids will be sought.

● Following a lengthy discussion, Brenna made a motion to approve a Warrant Article in 2025 for the purchase of a Backhoe with funding to come from trade-in and the Road Equipment capital reserve fund, and further to approve a Warrant Article in 2025 for the lease-to-purchase of a Loader on a 5-yr payment plan (with an "arrears" payment structure).

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the signing of a Letter of Intent for the Backhoe purchase from "Cat" in the amount of \$143,000 net, to be contingent on Town Meeting approval.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

The Board then considered a list of requests from J. Sarcione:

- *what is the chance of putting down a base coat of hot top next year in front of the fire station to keep dirt, mud out also to make washing the equipment and trucks easier without being in the mud?*

The Board denied the request for a Warrant Article to pave the front of the Safety Building.

- *can we get rid of the cascade system that was donated that needs a lot of money put into it? We had a vendor look at it and says it's not worth the money.*

The Board agreed that the Fire Department can let go of the cascade system.

- *the new mud sucker pump that Rich had given to the department that just sets there can we get rid of it or see if Mike can make use of it we don't use mud suckers.*

The Board agreed that M. Tarr should be asked if he can use this equipment.

- *would like to have more outlets installed in the office as there are only two and both are full need them for operations during emergency operations etc.*

The Board agreed to seek bids for additional outlets at the Fire Department.

- The Board picked up discussion of a replacement for the current Brush Truck for the Fire Department. After lengthy consideration of the possibility to maintain the current truck, Brenna made a motion not to support a Warrant Article in 2025 for a Brush truck replacement.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:50 PM

Next regular meeting January 8, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for December 18, 2024

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman