

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

December 20, 2023

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

Absent:

Others attending: J. Filipi, J. Sarcione

Brenna called the December 20, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:02 PM.

● Brenna reported that the street sign bid will be honored through Town Meeting 2024.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for December 13, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for December 20, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve an intent to cut for A. Haims as proposed.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

3:34 PM

● Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

Personnel and Harm to Reputation and to invite J. Filipi and J. Sarcione to attend.

Mike seconded.

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

3:50 PM

● Upon returning to Public session, Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Mike seconded.

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

● J. Sarcione reported that the standby ambulance cost for 2024 is expected to be approximately \$29,601. As this number is subject to change \$34,000 is requested to be entered into the budget.

● J. Sarcione proposed a multi-layer payroll scale for the Fire department. He included many factors such as time on the department, level of training and certification, officer status, combination of services such as Fire/EMS.

Edie noted that these additions would not only change the QuickBooks reporting for the Fire department but all summary reports in the system and for just a small amount of payroll for the

department. Edie also noted that it has already been difficult just to get the simple payroll turned in and often has required multiple calls or emails each week. In addition, any changes within the individual's status, if not reported in a timely manner, would create even further issues. Following a few suggestions, the matter remained undecided.

J. Sarcione reported that it is now final that Cheshire County EMS will be the backup ambulance for Keene for Nelson calls.

4:30 PM Sarcione exited the meeting.

- J. Filipi continued discussion with the Board regarding the number and types of police calls being logged per year as well as the development of a plan for scheduling on-call time to maximize the number of calls handled by a Nelson officer rather than the State Police.

Call numbers and types are also being gathered for Stoddard.

It was suggested that Sullivan be contacted to see if they have any interest in sharing a Police Department as they already share the school and are closer in size to Nelson than Stoddard.

Generally, it was agreed that the best coverage for Nelson would be to develop the full-time department by itself, but discussion should continue with both Sullivan and Stoddard to see if a viable partnership can be realized in an effort to save costs for each town.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:40 PM

Next regular meeting December 27, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for December 20, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman