

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

December 29, 2021

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Maury Collins, Bill Dunn, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: Jason Walter

At 3:02 PM Brenna Kucinski opened the December 29, 2021 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

Note: *With only one bid presented for the ASHP project, the Board agreed to extend an extra week to a second bidder who had been unable to meet the deadline due to COVID quarantine for himself and his family. The Board agreed that having more than one bid better meets the interest of the Town.*

- Maury made a motion to approve the minutes for December 15, 2021 as recorded.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Maury made a motion to approve the manifests for December 22 and 29, 2021 as presented.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board discussed sending a letter to the ZBA detailing their concerns regarding the lack of research and understanding of the process for approval of a request for variance. ZBA members can only conduct an informed deliberation when they take the time to fully understand the ordinances as well as all factors and conditions unique to a particular property. Maury made a motion to hold off on sending a letter at this time.

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a review of recommendations for the 2022 annual generator service, Bill made a motion to follow the recommendations and to replace the battery at the next service date.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Bill made a motion to approve the Hazardous Waste contract with the City of Keene for the next fiscal year.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Jason Walter came before the Board and was offered a Non-public session for his personnel matter. He declined and stated that open session was fine with him.

The Fire department budget was reviewed with questions from the Selectmen regarding the need for some items and amounts. Jason agreed to seek further clarification regarding gear replacement and its end of code usage.

He apologized for the lack of communication with the Select Board and committed to regular meetings going forward. The Board requested regular reports or logs of department activity and agreed to reconsider the annual pay to the Fire Chief.

- With the retirement of Police Chief Richard Pratt effective on December 31, 2021, the Board agreed on a parting gift for his many years of service to Nelson.

With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn.
Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
Meeting Adjourned 5:40 PM.

Next meeting January 5, 2022 at 3:00 PM

For December 29, 2021

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

William Dunn, Selectman