

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 31, 2014

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: Rick Church

Rick Church came before the Board to discuss the grant application being completed by the Nelson Conservation Commission and the Harris Center in anticipation of a land acquisition intended to become a "Town Forest" recreation area. This was Rick's second visit with the Board regarding this project.

Rick updated the Board on the status of the grant application and reviewed the information to be contained in a cover letter which will accompany the application.

He noted that at some point Town Counsel Gary Kinyon will need to be consulted regarding the easement from the Harris Center.

The Partridge fund will be used by the Conservation Commission to cover all costs involved in acquiring the Town's interest.

Susan had questions regarding parking lots as Rick explained in detail the plans and possible issues in creating multiple parking areas.

David voiced concern over obligating the Town to winter as well as general maintenance by the Highway department.

Rick indicated that \$15,000 has been planned in the budget to create parking lots and that the Town would be paid for any Highway department work performed. Rick went on to explain that the parking lots would only be built if the grant is awarded.

Susan suggested that the Audubon Society should be contacted for support of this project. Rick said that had not been thought of before but agreed it was a good idea.

A Forester will be consulted for the possible harvest of timber from the site.

The easement terms will allow for forestry and agriculture but will not include solar and wind power.

The grant application is due on or before January 9, 2015. All agreed to meet on January 7, 2015 at 2:00 PM for a final review of the grant application and signing of the cover letter. Edie will post a brief meeting.

With all payments complete on the warrant article for an "Extractor" and drying rack for the Fire Department, a letter of request for a transfer of funds was issued to the Trustees of Trust Funds.

David made a motion to approve both the Public and Non-Public minutes for December 17, 2014.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

David made a motion to approve tax abatement for Michael and Hayley Warner due to a land transfer error.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

David made a motion to approve a veteran's exemption for Jean Pearce based on the documentation presented.

Susan seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

David made a motion to approve an Intent to Cut application for Winston O. French.
Susan seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

David made a motion to approve a letter to the commissioner of the Department of Transportation supporting the return of easements along Granite Lake Road to John and Anne Cucchi, The United Methodist Church, and the Shirley D.Stefanik revocable trust. The letter confirmed that the Town of Nelson has no desire to accept these easements from the State.
Susan seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

Susan noted that the manifest was complete and moved acceptance as presented for the manifests for December 24, 2014 and December 31, 2014
David seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Selectmen's report for the annual report as well as the addition of a memorial page.

With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.
Susan seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel