

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

February 1, 2023

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

Others attending: J. Sarcione, J. Filipi, M. Tarr

Brenna called the February 1, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Fire Chief, J. Sarcione came before the Board to present a Fire Department status report and to discuss any questions or concerns. Two Fire Department warrant articles were discussed. The first article is for repairs to the 2001 International identified as Engine #1. The vehicle has at least two stress cracks, blistering paint on the doors and fender wells as well as rear bumper damage. The warrant article covers the body work in order to preserve the truck as long as possible. Sarcione noted that the pump will be tested on this vehicle as well. The second article is for replacement of a portion of fire hose. Hose testing will determine the extent of replacement needed.

Brenna inquired about the status of repairs to the canopy on the rescue truck. Sarcione reported that this matter has not been dealt with.

Sarcione went on to report that the new Fire reporting system is in place and the department's office administrator has been working. Don instructed Sarcione to delegate the administrative work and make certain it is done to avoid any further missteps. Brenna noted that once everyone is sufficiently trained on the new system the primary person should be the department's office administrator.

Sarcione reported that he is working on the department's bylaws and would like to consult with town counsel. The Board saw no need for such a legal review at this time and the request was denied. Other items discussed included retrieval of gear from previous department members and consideration of the purchase of a new, larger, air compressor and new fittings for the trucks to attach. Further consideration of the compressor will take place after town meeting.

● Police Chief, J. Filipi came before the Board for the monthly department update.

An annual Road Race permit submitted by R. Lakin of the Monadnock Regional Milers was approved by the Selectmen and the Police Chief.

Filipi remains actively in search of a second officer and for now he will continue to do at least two shifts weekly. He is also considering signing on with a regional prosecutor since the retirement of the department's long-time prosecutor M. Jacques.

Filipi suggested the addition of accident software to the Crimestar program.

Brenna made a motion to approve the addition of the accident software to the department's current reporting program.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Road Agent, Mike Tarr arrived to update several items concerning the Highway department.

He reported that the Insurance adjuster had come to inspect the damage to the Freightliner following the accident on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Granite State Glass couldn't install a new windshield yet because they need to order a special gasket.

The tractor needs a new injector pump at a cost of approximately \$1,200 from P B & H that would come with a 1-year warranty. Other parts may be available on eBay for less but a warranty is not available.

The tractor still has remaining uses such as an attachment to a brush hog, etc.

After considerable discussion, Brenna made a motion to order the part from P B & H at approximately \$1,200 to repair the tractor.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for January 25, and February 1, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the annual contract for Drug Testing of the Highway department with Onsite Drug Testing of New England, LLC. (The previous company closed)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit renewal for one year for J. LaQuerre to complete the addition on their house as originally approved in February 2022.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a Certification of Timber Cut and Timber Tax Warrant for M. Batis on Granite Lake Road.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board then reviewed all proposed warrant articles to date and voted their recommendation on each. The Board voted 3-0 to recommend all articles except two petition articles. 1. \$1,000 donation to Nelson in Common – Not recommended 3-0 and 2. Solar array on roof of Town Hall \$65,000 – Not recommended 3-0. On each article Brenna moved the motion, Mike seconded each and the motions for or against carried 3-0.

● Edie reported that the 5-year Nelson Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is due by 2024. Edie has begun the grant processing through FEMA. Southwest Region Planning Commission will be working with town officials and employees to complete this project.

● The Cemetery Board will come before the Selectmen on February 8, 2023 to discuss the deed documentation research for the Munsonville Cemetery. The goal is to agree on the next steps to resolving each of the legal issues surrounding acceptance of this property. Edie will gather all research to date.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 6:04 PM

Next meeting: February 8, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for February 1, 2023

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman