

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

February 10, 2020

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Maury Collins, Gary Robinson, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: Mike Tarr, Dennis Dellagrecia, John Bunce, Bob Jones, Nick Barrett

At 3:00 PM David Upton opened the February 10, 2020 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● David reviewed the Board's goals for reducing the use of Gasoline and Diesel fuel and future vehicle acquisition that can help to meet those goals.

● Maury made a motion to approve the manifests for February 12, 2020 as presented.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Highway Department for road salt. (\$10,000.00)

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike Tarr and Nick Barrett came before the Board along with the members of the Road Equipment Committee.

● Bob Jones reviewed options that had been considered for replacement of the Town Grader:

1. New
2. Refurbished – Still old equipment with higher rate of pollution
3. Used – Noting that newer than 2012 would best address "Level 4" Emissions
4. Leased

● Discussion ensued on size and horse power noting that the new grader being considered would increase both weight and horse power to handle all work loads.

● Several options, scenarios, ideas, preferences and time lines fueled a lengthy discussion with all participating.

● All agreed that the timing of technology using batteries or fuel cells for such heavy equipment is still unknown. Gary will seek projections from various companies but nothing viable appears, from what is now known, to be ready to market for some time yet.

● Following Gary's question of whether the current grader could make it through the year, David reviewed a plan that included additional funding for repairs and or machine rental if necessary to get by for the year.

● Nick voiced his concern over the threat of possible harm to the workers using old equipment that could have any number of failures while in operation.

● The group was polled to see if they still want the article left on the Warrant as drafted.

B. Jones – yes, D. Dellagrecia – yes, M. Tarr – yes, N. Barrett – yes.

David stated that the article would remain.

- The point was made that a broken grader will lose trade-in or resale value.
- David asked if a specific oil seal “stop leak” product was ever used or considered. Bob Jones agreed to research the product and the type of seal in the current grader to see if this would be of any value for prolonging useful life.
- The committee then left the meeting.
- Edie asked if the Board was ready to finalize the Warrant with DRA so that the Town Report can be finished for the printer.
The Board agreed to submit right away as final.
- With nothing further, Gary made a motion to adjourn.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

5:08 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For February 10, 2020

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman