

Town of Nelson Selectmen's Meeting

February 17, 2016

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

Others attending: Kathy Schillemat

At 3:06 PM the meeting was opened by Chair David Upton.

● David made a motion to approve the minutes for February 10, 2016.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● David made a motion to approve the manifest for February 10, 2016
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve the manifest for February 17, 2016
David seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve the minutes of the joint meeting with the Town Buildings Committee on February 1, 2016.
David seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● David made a motion to approve a purchase request from the Highway department for road salt.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 2-0. PR # 162171

● David made a motion to approve and post the 2016 Warrant and Budget on February 18, 2016
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● The Board reviewed the latest Supreme Court decision regarding Select Board recommendations for monetary and non-monetary Warrant Articles.

● David made a motion to approve a letter to the NH Fire Marshal requesting clarification of some issues noted in the Notice of violations letter from their office. The main question concerned the building classification of the Nelson Town Hall.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● The Board discussed an ongoing problem noted by the Sexton and Fire Chief in the storage closet at the Town Hall. An open pathway to the electrical panel, although cleared several times, continues to be

blocked following use of the Town Hall. The Board agreed to inspect the area later in the meeting and to discuss the storage issues with Lisa Sieverts of the Monadnock Folklore Society.

●● At 3:46 PM David made a motion to move into Non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c) Personnel and Harm to reputation.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried by a roll call vote 2-0. Maury – yes, David – yes

The Board reviewed and discussed a complaint that had been filed by a resident involving a Town employee.

Due to the sensitive nature of the complaint which is still unresolved, David made a motion to seal the minutes.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried by a roll call vote 2-0. Maury – yes, David – yes

David made a motion to return to public session.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried by a roll call vote 2-0. Maury – yes, David - yes

●● Returned to Public session at 4:15 PM.

Maury presented a request that he be approved to sponsor a free to the public “Coffee House” and music event as part of the Old Home Days activities and that the rental fee for the Town Hall be waived. David made a motion to approve the activity and to waive the rental fee.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

At 4:22 PM the Board recessed to inspect the Town Hall Storage room.

At 4:30 PM the Board reconvened

Kathy Schillemat presented before the Board with an update on progress of the Conservation Commission to finalize the easement language for the Osgood Hill Project.

The pending State vote regarding a Bobcat Hunt was a concern to all and David encouraged consideration of restricting Bobcat hunting regardless of the State vote.

Kathy indicated that the issue has been discussed and could be considered further but cautioned that enforcement, if the State approves a hunt, would be difficult.

Kathy agreed to forward the final easement draft when it is complete.

Kathy indicated that the anticipated expenditures and available funds for the Osgood Hill purchase are still being reviewed and a final accounting will be presented to the Board as it becomes available.

It was noted that only funds already in the Towns position can be considered available for expenditure. At the time of closing commitments for services already received and payable must be covered in addition to the closing costs because the Board cannot commit tax payer’s funds for this project.

Edie recommended that the Conservation Commission meet all terms for any pending grants in order to receive the grant funds prior to the closing. Grant funds promised or awarded are not considered expendable until the grant terms have been met and the funds actually received.

The Board thanked Kathy for all the work on the project and for the update.

With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0

Meeting adjourned 5: 18 PM.

February 17, 2016

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Absent

Susan Hansel, Selectman