

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

February 19, 2020

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

Others attending:

At 3:04 PM David Upton opened the February 19, 2020 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Gary made a motion to approve the minutes for February 5, 2020 as recorded.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve the minutes for February 10, 2020 as recorded.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve the minutes for February 12, 2020 as recorded.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to extend thanks to Edie for the early completion of the Town Report.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve the manifest for February 19, 2020 as presented.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans and referencing article 10 of the zoning regulation, David made a motion to approve the Building Permit for N. McKnight (142/145 RHR, LLC)

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following review and discussion of the engineers report for the Highway Garage/Safety Building, David made a motion that no further engineering analysis be done for that building.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board reviewed a second legal opinion, from Drummond Woodsum law firm, regarding the use of Town Building Capital Reserve Funds for the proposed solar array. Attorney Shawn Tanguay agreed with Attorney Stephen Buckley of NHMA that this project is a proper and qualified use of the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund.

● The Board agreed that future Selectmen's reports will be posted on the Town website rather than through a bulk email. This way anyone may access these reports.

● David expressed concern that the Board's goal of 50% reduction of use of diesel fuel by 2025 may not be reasonable given the time it will likely take for good and affordable technology to be readily available in the marketplace.

Therefore, David made a motion to adjust the goal to a reduction of 30% by 2025.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary reported that the Senate Bill which would have allowed towns to appoint a Town Clerk has failed. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that a letter should be drafted questioning the vote and the reasoning behind it and to encourage further consideration of such a Bill in the future.

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

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

5:11 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For February 19, 2020

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins, Selectman

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Gary Robinson, Selectman