

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

February 7, 2024

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

Absent: Mike Blaudschun

Others attending: J. Sarcione, V. Pepin, B. Roeder

Brenna called the February 7, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● J. Sarcione came before the Board to discuss the cost estimate for a Dry Hydrant to be located near Granite Lake Dam. There were questions about how much of the estimate could be done by the Highway department to reduce the overall cost to be included in a warrant article. An alternative option was discussed and its impact, if possible to accomplish, on the dollar amount entered into a warrant article for this year. The Warrant was to be sent to DRA in the morning for Pre-review so the final figures needed to be confirmed for entry into the article.

The new plan under consideration would require bolt attachment into the Dam to secure the hydrant pipe. B. Roeder, Chair Dam Commissioner, was invited to attend the meeting just to ask him if such attachment would be possible.

V. Pepin, another dam commissioner, was notified by Roeder of the request.

Pepin jumped to the conclusion that his property was being discussed and he had not been notified.

This was inaccurate as the agenda item was intended only to review the potential costs for the warrant article.

Pepin entered the meeting in a heightened level of anger and directed a loud verbal attack toward the Administrative Assistant. He had convinced himself that the agenda item was about his property and he had not been personally invited. This was a false assumption that he continued, for some time, to argue. He ignored all efforts to assure him his conclusion was not accurate. After several minutes of angry exchange, he was informed that no plans could even be finalized until approval from town meeting and an engineer's study and design plan. This was just warrant article cost planning.

He vented other grievances he had with the Board before finally gaining control and sitting down for calmer discussion, after which he left the meeting.

● Brenna and Don encouraged J. Sarcione to work more closely with the Road Agent and the Police Chief as there seems to be an unwillingness to do so. Sarcione agreed to make the effort.

● J. Sarcione reported that a State sponsored class on school shootings will be taking place on Saturday February 10, 2024 and he needed two volunteers who would be willing to play victims for the training. Brenna and Don volunteered to attend from Noon to about 5:00 PM.

Sarcione further reported that Cheshire EMS will offer a free CPR class in Nelson for anyone wishing to sign up. This is anticipated to be held some time in April.

Once the date is set Brenna will submit a notice to be published in the Blackfly.

● B. Roeder arrived and was briefed on the visit from V. Pepin. He was then asked about the possibility of anchor bolts being placed in the dam to secure a hydrant pipe. He indicated that there was no time because it would require a warrant article for the Village District this year and approval from the State Division of Dams. He discouraged the idea sighting the aging condition of the dam structure.

The Board then agreed to table the idea at this time.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the minutes for January 31, 2024 as recorded.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the Notes from the Public Forum of January 30, 2024.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the manifest for February 7, 2024 as presented.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans, Brenna made a motion to approve a Building Permit for a ground mounted solar array for J. Zurich.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● The Board then reviewed the completed Caucus books and details of each of the articles.

4:45 PM

● Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Litigation.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0 by roll call vote. Don – yes, Brenna – yes

5:02 PM

● Upon returning to Public session, Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0 by roll call vote. Don – yes, Brenna – yes

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

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:03 PM

Town Caucus February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Next regular meeting February 14, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for February 7, 2024

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Absent

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman