

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

February 8, 2023

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

Others attending: M. Tarr, E. Giacomo, L. Smith, A. Struthers

Brenna called the February 8, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● A petition warrant article was presented by a prescribed number of voters for the purchase and installation of a dry hydrant to be located on the north shore of Tolman Pond. The Board accepted the petition article for inclusion on the 2023 Town Warrant.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of details presented to the Select Board for consideration of their recommendation on the article. Concern was expressed as this article had been presented in the past but, although approved by voters, the site requirements were not met, no easement was ever granted for installation and use on private property, DES permits were not applied for and approved funding included only the estimated cost of the hydrant and installation with no funding for the additional costs as mentioned above. Brenna agreed to contact S. Giffin, the author of the article, to see if the missing details have been researched and if a thorough plan has been developed including other costs associated with such a project as the article only includes purchase and installation of the equipment.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for February 1, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for February 8, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Based on the lack of information on the dry hydrant petition article, Brenna made a motion not to recommend the article.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of a cabinet proposal for the Town Hall, (submitted by Monadnock Folklore Society)

Brenna agreed to contact S. Peery who had previously developed a draft proposal for Town Hall storage cabinets. The Board will finalize the details and placement of the cabinets and move forward with a contract for construction.

● The Board reviewed various procedural protocols for Caucus and Town meeting.

● Members of the Cemetery Board came before the Selectmen to discuss the illusive details of ownership of the Munsonville Cemetery property and the monies previously accepted and thought to be for its maintenance and care. Thus far no documentation can be found indicating any property transfer from the Munsonville Cemetery Association (or any other name it may have been known by) to the Town of Nelson. A lot of the monies received appear to have been individual perpetual care accounts for specific people or families interred in the cemetery many years ago. Town counsel has been asked on numerous occasions to get to the bottom of this mystery so the Town may legally begin to care for the Cemetery. No progress has been made at this time.

Eddie will contact an advisor at DRA for contact information for the Charitable Trust division of the NHDOJ to trace the status of Munsonville Cemetery Association as a 501 (C) 3 entity and who may still be able to legally transfer the property and the funds.

- M. Tarr came to report that the Backhoe part has arrived and repairs are expected to begin next week. He anticipates just a day or two for the repair.

He also reports that the, accident damaged, windshield gasket for the Freightliner is in so the windshield can now be replaced. Eddie indicated that the insurance claim is approved and the check has been issued. Should the costs be more than approved the insurance company will be notified for further review and consideration.

- There was a brief discussion of petition articles on the 2023 Warrant that are not recommended by the Selectmen. Board members will further develop their reasoning on each article.

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- Brenna made a motion to enter Non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c) Personnel and Harm to Reputation.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna – yes

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna – yes

- Following a brief discussion on the recommendation from Zajac HVAC, Brenna made a motion to purchase 3 awnings for protection from ice and snow to be installed over the HVAC units. (approx. \$210 each)

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:42 PM

Next meeting: February 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for February 8, 2023

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman