

**Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
5:00 PM**

March 1, 2022

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Maury Collins, Bill Dunn, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: L. Sieverts, K. Rich, A. Guida

At 5:00 PM Brenna Kucinski opened the March 1, 2022 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Bill made a motion to approve the minutes for February 16, 2022, as recorded.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Bill made a motion to approve the manifest for February 23 and March 2, 2022 as presented.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board considered a request from Monadnock Folklore Society to begin using the Town Hall for their weekly Contra dances. After some discussion, Maury made a motion to allow the use of the Town Hall beginning May 1, 2022, provided that the health risk from COVID-19 continues to decline and noting that further risk increases may again close the building to public use.
Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● After reviewing and discussing the latest guidelines regarding public spaces and mask requirements, Bill made a motion to make masks optional but encouraged for Town elections and for Town meeting.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board discussed the order of business for Town Meeting including article presentation and introductions of new employees, etc.

● Bill made a motion to approve an Intent to Cut for Silverstein/Belden on Tolman Pond Rd.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a brief discussion, Brenna made a motion to recommend Andrew Ward as Fire Warden and Joseph Sarcione as Deputy Fire Warden and to forward each recommendation to the State of New Hampshire, Division of Forests and Lands for final appointment.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Upon receiving a request from the Library Trustees' Chair, Bill made a motion to appoint Judith Putzel, Jen Pepin, and Karen Hersey as alternate trustees for 2022.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to deny abatement for C. Barrett, on Granite Lake Road, following the recommendation submitted by Avitar assessors.

Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Bill made a motion to file an Intent to Excavate for the Gilsum gravel pit processing for 2022-2023 tax year.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Bill made a motion to approve submission of the Report of Excavated Material for the Gilsum gravel pit for the 2021-2022 tax year.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Fire Chief for a radio installation in the Fire Chief's personal vehicle. (\$585.00)
Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans, Bill made a motion to approve a Building Permit for M. Davenson for an overhang extension to an existing workshop with a chicken coop.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Bill made a motion to submit the MS-60A (Audit Option and Schedule) to the DRA for the 2021 financial audit naming Roberts and Greene PLLC as auditors.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Bill made a motion to approve a letter of request to Primex to submit confirmation of insurance to Roberts & Green PLLC for audit purposes.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted amended plans, Brenna made a motion to approve an Amended Building Permit for M. Sharrock adding 20 Square feet to the original plans.
Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve an application from the Harris Center to add remaining acreage to current use for parcel # 007-003-001 off of Bailey Brook Road.
Bill seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Having considered gas card options for the Fire and Police Departments, the Board agreed to hold off on any changes and to revisit the options in the future if usage determines a need.

● Dale Zajac of Zajac HVAC was expected to review a plan for new heating systems for the Town office and the Library/Town Hall at this meeting but due to a family emergency he could not attend and will reschedule.

● Lisa Sieverts and Kim Rich, representing the TBC, attended the meeting and agreed to stay to discuss their concerns, suggestions, and differences between their project recommendations and those being considered by the Select Board.

Points of discussion:

- ❖ Failure of one of the furnaces in the Town Hall
- ❖ Extreme age and reduced reliability and efficiency of the other two units
- ❖ If replaced should consider the most energy efficient available
- ❖ TBC does not want dual fuel system
- ❖ TBC recommends the most "Green" possible for this project
- ❖ SB concerned that TBC solution leaves some areas of the buildings not heated sufficiently
- ❖ TBC has Concerns over efficiency ratings of some systems such a Bosch
- ❖ TBC recommends primary systems be electric and anticipate the need for additional Solar array
- ❖ SB questions the hidden (or unmentioned) environmental impacts that exist even with a "Green" project
- ❖ SB must also consider cost and goal to heat and cool all areas of the buildings as well as efficiency and environment
- ❖ SB may need to consider new fuel systems for now and later add to the system
- ❖ TBC wants Heat pumps Now
- ❖ Will reschedule with Zajac HVAC and bring up all questions and additional options

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

Bill seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 7:25 PM

Next meeting March 9, 2022 at 3:00 PM

For March 1, 2022

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

William Dunn, Selectman