

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

March 22, 2023

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

Others attending: E. Giacomo

Brenna called the March 22, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for March 8, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0. (Don was absent)

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for March 15, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for March 15 and 22, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the appointments of J. Bunce and R. Patterson to the Agricultural Commission for a 3-year term to begin immediately following the 2023 Town Election and expiring in 2026.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Appointments to the Conservation Commission will be held until confirmation of current membership status.

● Mike made a motion to approve the appointment of Laurie Redfern-Smith to the position of Town Treasurer to begin immediately following the 2023 Town Election. This appointment has no expiration date.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Purchase and Sales agreement for the Police Cruiser as approved on March 18, 2023 at the Annual Town Meeting.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Standby Ambulance Service agreement with the City of Keene.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● E. Giacomo came before the Board with a request to use the ballfield on May 13, 2023 for an event sponsored by the local Cub Scout troop. ("Chuck Wagon Derby") The troop will provide the Town with a Certificate of Liability insurance for the event.

Brenna made a motion to approve this request for May 13, 2023.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● With an increased use of the ballfield anticipated, the Board agreed to place one porta-potty at the ballfield during the same dates as the Granite Lake Fire Station unit is in place.

- E. Giacomo presented a Purchase Request from the Cemetery Board in the amount of \$4,000 for survey services for the new section of the Nelson Cemetery. One bid was submitted by Jon Bushbaum of Envirespect Land Services, LLC.

Following a brief discussion, Brenna made a motion to waive the requirement for multiple bids and to accept the bid from Jon Bushbaum and approve the expenditure for survey services of the new section of the Nelson Cemetery.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- E. Giacomo reviewed the, still uncertain, status of the Munsonville Cemetery regarding legal ownership of the property as well as multiple funds currently being held by the Town. G. Kinyon will be asked, again, to try to sort this out. In the mean time the Munsonville Cemetery has been mowed regularly and this limited care will continue.

- Mike made a motion to approve Letters along with payments to the Trustees of Trust Funds for all deposits to the Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds as approve at the Annual Town Meeting on March 18, 2023.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board agreed to sponsor a free mobile vaccine clinic for COVID-19 shot or boosters. This service is provided by On-site medical services, is free to the public, and no appointment is necessary. Edie will contact the providers to set up a time.

- Notice from the State of New Hampshire DOT places the Bailey Brook Bridge on the priority list of “Red List” Bridges for possible funding of the replacement of the bridge. Final funding would be 80% grant funds and 20% Town funding. There will be a detailed and lengthy process to qualify.

Brenna made a motion to approve the notice of interest to place Nelson on the list for further consideration of this grant opportunity. (Note – This will not commit the town at this time)

- Brenna reported that S. Peery is currently too busy to take on the Town Hall cabinet project.

Don will contact a couple builders that he knows to see if that could look at the project.

- JP Pest service will be contacted to evaluate the mouse problem at the Safety building. Damage has occurred to the rescue vehicle wiring. This is an ongoing problem as previous damage had occurred to the 2004 police cruiser from mice nesting throughout the vehicle.

- The Fire Chief will be asked to evaluate the current dry hydrants, make recommendations for new locations, and investigate draft equipment as an alternative.

- Mike will record monthly readings of the electric meter to determine the value of the direct use power being generated by the solar arrays and used before going out to the grid.

- The Board will discuss reorganization of the Energy Committee to include just a couple members to work directly with the Select Board on upcoming solar projects. A structural engineer will be sought to evaluate the Town Hall’s ability to support a new solar array once a full plan is determined.

- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn.
Mike seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:16 PM

Next meeting: March 29, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for March 22, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman