

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

March 4, 2020

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

Others attending: Jason Walter

At 3:04 PM David Upton opened the March 4, 2020 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Fire Chief, Jason Walter, came before the Board with several matters to present for discussion.

1. The arrival of the new Fire Truck will be within the next few days.
2. Recommendation that the Old Tank Truck be kept by the Town for use by the Highway Department to water roads during dry season.
3. Modifying the Granite Lake Fire Station by increasing the size of the door opening.
4. Sale of Engine #2 that was purchased from Keene several years ago.

● David made a motion to accept the Fire Chief's recommendation to sell Engine #2 less any equipment able to be used on other Nelson Fire Vehicles.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Jason suggested that the Firemen supply volunteer labor to modify the door at the Granite Lake Fire Station. Jason will bring specs and material costs to the Selectmen and David will discuss the project with the Town Buildings Committee prior to any approval.

● Jason reported that the Town of Marlow won a Grant for a new Cascade system and has offered to donate their old Cascade unit to Nelson. Jason will get all of the details as well as a formal donation offer to present to the Select Board

● The status of the long considered "Dry Hydrant" project remains incomplete. Suitable locations are still being sought and will require detailed engineering and permitting. Repairing one existing dry hydrant on Old Stoddard Road may be the best place to start on this project at this time.

● David made a motion to approve the minutes for February 19, 2019.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve the manifests for February 26th and March 3rd, 2020 as presented.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve and submit an Intent to Excavate for the Gravel Pit in Gilsum.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to submit a Report of Excavation of Materials for the 2019-2020 tax year ending on March 31, 2020.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a Building Permit Renewal for a 1 year extension for William Warner.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Highway Department for a Tree service to remove several hazardous trees, contingent that all property owners are notified and do not object.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a Pole License request from Eversource.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve replacement of old lighting units at the Highway Garage with LED fixtures following review of a cost estimate to be sought from Harvey Tolman.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board approved and signed a letter to NH DOT – Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance providing an update of all Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions.

● The Board reviewed the latest Solar proposals with various location considerations. This opened discussion of the Board's energy goals and future expansion projects for increased solar production to accommodate heating upgrades for Town Buildings.

● The Board Discussed the Diesel consumption by the Highway Department over the last five years. David proposed a spreadsheet to include details as to which truck or equipment, the job, mileage at start and finish, how many fill-ups for the job etc. This is to better define how consumption relates to each vehicle and assigned tasks to help develop a plan for conservation.

● The Board agreed to meet again next week prior to Town Meeting. (Wed. March 11, 2020)

5:25 PM

● Maury made a motion to go into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a & c) Personnel and Harm to reputation.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

5:30 PM

● Upon returning to Public Session, David made a motion to seal the minutes.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● David reviewed a list of questions to be addressed by the Road Agent regarding grader repairs, the current condition for safe use, and how the roads would be maintained in the event of a complete breakdown.

● With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to wish Maury a Happy Birthday
David seconded.
The motion carried 2-0. (Plus 1 from Edie)

5:42 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For March 4, 2020

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman