

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

March 8, 2023

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

Absent: Don Carlisle

Others attending: J. Sarcione, L. Sieverts

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

● Fire Chief, J. Sarcione came before the Board for the monthly department status report. He reported on the following:

- Reported no heat from the Rescue Vehicle. Upon further investigation it was discovered that mice had eaten through the wires. All agreed to contact a pest service to address this ongoing problem.
- The repair parts for the Rescue Vehicle awning have arrived and are pending installation by members of the department.
- The Forest Fire truck acquired from Hinsdale has proven not to work well for Nelson. The Department would like it returned to the State. This was an acquisition between a previous Fire Warden and the State Forestry department. The current Warden should contact the state and arrange for its return. Edie will try to track any documentation for the vehicle.
- The Utility truck is having problems running. This needs to be investigated further to find the cause and cost to repair.
- Sarcione questioned who hold the authority for the Center Pond Boat landing. The Town or the State. This will require further research to determine the history and ownership.
- The existing dry hydrants are due to be tested. One at the school and one near the safety building that may need replacement due to its poor function.
- Sarcione reported that the Granite Lake Fire Station is being checked regularly for heat.
- Training for Fire and Rescue responders that addresses response to school hostage/shooting events is being considered for scheduling. This will cover the role of Fire/Rescue responders when called to this type of situation.
- Prompted by a call from a Harrisville Selectperson, Sarcione was asked to contact the Harrisville Fire Chief to discuss call coverage due to lack of personnel on both departments. A discussion and mutual agreement should be made between the Chiefs before assigning any task to another town to cover Nelson.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for February 28, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● The Selectmen asked L. Sieverts to come before the Board to discuss the Petition Warrant Article for a solar project on the Town Hall roof. Brenna reported that the Selectmen have met with Greg Blake and have gained a better understanding of production/use savings as well as understanding the greater value of the original "Grandfathered" agreement with Eversource if new panels are tied into this system. Blake did however, state that before a new solar array is considered that there should be a structural engineer's sign-off of the building's capacity to withstand the weight of the panels and there should also be a full replacement of the 21-year old shingles currently on the building.

The article, as written, failed to address these elements of the project being requested. The Selectmen have requested that this project be considered for next year in a complete presentation to the voters, following

thorough investigation of the building's structural capacity as well as the cost of roof replacement and any additional support as may be needed as well as having received responses to a fully developed RFP that will give a clearer picture of the real cost of the project. The Selectmen would like to invite Sieverts and one or two others to work with the Selectmen to develop a complete package that could be fully supported by all. Lisa agreed to present the Selectmen's proposal to the article petitioners and indicated that she would contact the engineer who previously worked on the Town Hall renovation.

- On another matter, Lisa inquired about the status of the Town Hall cabinets. This remains in the final planning stage as the contractor has further measurements and details to work out. Brenna will contact the builder for an update. When complete, cabinets on one side of the stage will be used to store Monadnock Folklore equipment and the other side will be for the Town Clerk's election supplies and equipment.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for March 8, 2023 as presented.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

- Brenna made a motion to approve a letter to Eversource requesting information to be submitted to Avitar for assessing purposes.
Mike seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

- An email from T. Newcombe was reviewed regarding his research on the cost of clearing up a milfoil infestation. His findings indicate that a substantial amount of funding would come from the State. The article Newcombe presented suggests that towns have at least \$5,000 in reserve for ongoing and follow-up mitigation. This news relieves a lot of the financial burden previously thought to fall on the town.

- Following a brief discussion, Brenna made a motion to approve hiring Attorney J. Ratigan to handle a current legal matter that has come before the Town.
Mike seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn.
Mike seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:40 PM

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

Minutes for March 8, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Absent

Don Carlisle, Selectman