

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

April 12, 2023

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

Others attending: J. Wengler, J. Sarcione, W. Derosia, Harrisville Selectmen -K. Scott, A. Maneval

Brenna called the April 12, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for April 5, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for April 12, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans and mapping of buildings located on the property, Mike made a motion to approve Demo and Building Permits for Apple Hill to demo and replace an existing cabin of the same size and location and the addition of new stairs and small deck on another existing building.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to replace the railroad ties around the Town Common with all new timbers and to smooth a central access opening for foot traffic and large enough for the lawn mowing tractor to enter without dragging or catching the blade.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● J. Wengler came before the Board to discuss proposed plans to resurrect annual Softball games for Memorial Day and Old Home Day as well as possibly adding more games through the year. Notice will be published in the Blackfly and signs will be posted at various locations. The rope on the flagpole needs to be replaced and J. Wengler will provide a flag. The bases may need to be replaced next year if the games become a regular event. All agreed that game time should be some time after 1:00 PM or when it best fits in with other events occurring the same day. Food would be allowed and the Fire and Rescue personnel may want to sponsor a BBQ as a fund raiser for the department. It was also noted that a porta-potty will be located at the ballfield from May to September.

● Notice was received from Primex alerting that all "Fine Arts" listed as an exposure will require an updated appraisal.

The Library has a few items that will require appraisals.

● The Board agreed to hire an engineer to examine the Town Hall roof structure following the renovations of 2014 to determine its capacity for carrying the weight of the proposed solar array project for 2024.

● The shortage of Rescue personnel on the Nelson and Harrisville Fire departments has led to concern from the Town of Harrisville that they may be carrying an excess burden from the Mutual Aid assistance they have been providing to Nelson. Typically, the bordering town closest to a call location is likely the first in line to be toned after the initial call for the town of residence. The Harrisville Selectmen and their Fire Chief feel that they were not given an opportunity to discuss this potential burden and are concerned that the cost is having an effect on their budget and they are currently not receiving an equal level of aid from Nelson.

Nelson Fire Chief J. Sarcione took responsibility for not communicating with the Harrisville Fire Chief so that an equitable arrangement could be made. He did state that he discussed the issue with Sullivan and Stoddard (other bordering towns) and they have offered their full mutual aid assistance without question or concern. For now, the two Select Boards agreed to turn this issue back to the Fire Chiefs to resolve. It was suggested that all bordering town Fire Chiefs get together to address the personnel shortage that is a problem for all departments, both large and small, and brain storm solutions to help each of these communities.

- The Board is moving forward with an application for potential grant funding for the proposed 2024 solar Project for the Town Hall roof. Final details needed to complete the initial Letter of Interest will be gathered and assembled for application presentation during the next week as the submission deadline is April 21, 2023.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:15 PM

Next meeting: April 19, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for April 12, 2023



Brenna Kucinski, Chair



Michael Blaudschun, Selectman



Don Carlisle, Selectman