

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

April 19, 2023

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

Others attending: G. Blake, J. Buschbaum, J. Sarcione

Brenna called the April 19, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Greg Blake of South Pack Solar came before the Board to assist in planning for a proposed solar project to be presented in 2024. The project would be to cover one side of the Town Hall roof with a Solar array and would include roof repairs and re-shingling the entire roof. Since the early stages of this project development, a possible grant has become available for application. As there is potential of being awarded 80% toward the cost of a project, the Board has considered expanding the project to include battery storage that could run all critical needs of the Town Office, Town Hall, and Library during a power outage. Greg presented the Board with some cost projections that could be used to apply for the grant. \$65,000 for the Solar panels and electrical modifications to maximize direct use consumption, and \$100,000 for batteries, and new switch over service station to take over during a power outage. The duration of the project from lead-up to finish should be approximately one month.

Another contractor has presented an estimate for the roof repair and re-shingling. These figures along with calculations for administrative costs and recommended contingencies provide enough cost information to proceed with completion of the initial grant application.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for April 12, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for April 19, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Board members completed signing the Building Permit for Apple Hill that was approved at the last meeting.

● Mike made a motion to approve an Intent to Cut submitted by M. Collins.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a Report of Cut, Certification, and Tax Warrant for a Timber cut as submitted by A. Armstrong.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of a bid for Cemetery maintenance, Brenna made a motion to approve the bid as submitted from Pathways Landscaping and had been recommended by the Cemetery Board.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Letter of Support for the 2024 Solar project and to submit the letter with the "Letter of Interest" and other required application documents to the Northern Border Regional Commission Grant as the first step in the application process.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Surveyor, Jon Buschbaum came before the Board to discuss surveying a section of Town road known as Spaeth Road from Center Pond Road up to the “turnaround” at the end of Spaeth Road. It was agreed that notices will be sent to abutters alerting them of the surveying activity. Rick Church will be contacted to provide access to road research and documentation to help Buschbaum complete the survey.

● J. Sarcione, Fire Chief came before the Board with updates on department concerns, Fire Equipment, AEDs, and uniforms for members.

- The Tanker is currently out of service due to a pump issue, a repair person will come to Nelson to provide evaluation and repairs to the vehicle
- Engine #1 paint job is being scheduled
- AEDs need pads updated...\$2750
- New pants for all members to attend “Dress” Events such as a Funeral
- The Chief is Currently developing incentive programs for members similar to what other departments now offer

● At 5:23 PM Brenna made a motion to move in Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c&e) Harm to reputation and Pending Litigation.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna – yes

● At 5:29 PM, The Board returned to Public Session.

Upon returning Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna - yes

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:33 PM

Next meeting: April 26, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for April 19, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman