

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

April 27, 2022

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Maury Collins, Al Guida, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending:

At 3:00 PM Brenna Kucinski opened the April 27, 2022 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● The Board discussed various ideas for honoring the two young men who were involved in a Heroic rescue on Route 9 in Nelson on April 15, 2022. The Fire Chief is preparing a ceremony and the Select Board will offer their assistance with site organization or sound equipment as may be needed. Brenna will discuss the details with the Fire Chief in advance of the event which is scheduled for May 4, 2022.

● Edie reported that multiple grant awards have now been approved and are pending final documentation reporting. They include radios, pagers, and gear for the Fire Department as well as Emergency Management needs. Several other large grants are being finalized at the time and are also very promising.

● Maury made a motion to approve the minutes for April 13, 2022 as recorded.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Al made a motion to approve the minutes for April 20, 2022 as recorded.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the manifests for April 20 and 27, 2022 as presented.
Al seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve three Purchase Requests for the Highway Department: 1-month roller rental @ \$4,200, magnesium Chloride @ \$10,000, Sand blasting for the Peterbilt dump body @ \$2,900.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve an Intent to Cut for property located on Nubanusit Road, owned by WELP, LLC.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of the plans and a brief discussion, Maury made a motion to approve a Building Permit for S. Silverstein for a new house on property located on Tolan Pond Road.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following multiple site visits, plans were finally submitted by A. Hebert Irrevocable Trust to construct a new dwelling on property located off of Old Stoddard Road. The owner requests to reside in a mobile home on the property during site clearing and construction of the house. This property was created as

an approved building lot with private access but no road frontage. The lot contains 25.5 acres with a 50 ft. right-of-way from Old Stoddard Road.

The Board had multiple issues to consider. This building lot was approved by the Nelson Planning Board although it lacks road frontage. The Selectmen support the owner's plans but are referring to the ZBA for a variance from the road frontage requirement for a dwelling. They are also referring to the ZBA for a Special Exception, for a period not to exceed 3 years, for the temporary mobile home to be placed, with proper setbacks, on the property as a dwelling unit during the clearing and construction of the final dwelling. The Board would request that such exception be contingent upon removal of the mobile home within 90 days following completion of the new house.

With all in agreement, Brenna made a motion to deny the building permit for the mobile home and to refer to the ZBA to seek a special exception for temporary placement of the mobile home on the property.

Al seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Brenna then made a motion to deny the Building Permit for the new house and to refer to the ZBA to seek a variance from the Road frontage requirement.

Al seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a brief review of submitted plans, Brenna made a motion to approve a Building Permit for T. Pearson to construct a 12'x12' deck on the back side of the Barn/Apartment located at 1 Lead Mine Road.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- After reading yet another request from G. Peery to change the Town's accounting protocol and to give funds directly to Nelson in Common from the Town budget, Maury made a motion to send a final letter to G. Peery stating that there is no change in the Board's previous decision not to transfer town funds to Nelson in Common.

Al seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Brenna made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Fire Department for protective gear for the new Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. (\$5060.)

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- After reading a letter from Sandy Mackenzie, Brenna made a motion to accept, with regret, her resignation as a member of the Town Buildings Committee.

Al seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board continued discussion of an increasing parking problem along Old Stoddard Road as visitors seek to use the Partridge Woods Trails. Developing and locating signage is a first step toward mitigating the parking abuse. All agreed this would then allow for some enforcement of violations. They further agreed that more consideration needs to be given to private property owners when developing trails that may intrude upon their property or their privacy.

- Having received a complaint from K. Finnegan regarding replacement of the Wattle Fence behind the Library that is allowing for leaves, snow and excessive moisture to gather and remain against the building, the Board agreed that a new location should be sought for the new fence that is away from the building. K. Schillemat and V. Van Meier will be notified.

● Memorial Day events will be held as in the past. Police and Fire will be asked to attend. Brenna will open the Town Hall ahead of the parade. She will notify the organizers.

● Old Home Day will be held on August 6, 2022. The Police and Fire Department will be participating and work with organizers as plans develop for their assistance. The committee would like to use the ball field for a game so Brenna has contacted the Fire Warden and the Fire Chief as they were considering a controlled training burn to freshen and reclaim the field. If this doesn't happen then other arrangement will be made for clearing with mowing equipment.

● Al has agreed to represent the Select Board at the "Hero's" award ceremony to be held on May 4, 2022 and to present certificates and gifts from the Town.

● The Board agreed that the Black Fly could announce the availability of the Safety Building meeting room for meetings of Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions as well as qualified, Town affiliated, Non-profit organizations. It will not be rented for private events.

● The Board is considering commissioning someone to make a "Town Cane" to be awarded to the oldest Town resident. More research will be done over the next few weeks.

● A request has come to the Board from E. Aldrich of Hancock to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the possibility of a partial road closure of a section of Nubanusit Road. He will bring his proposal before the Board on May 4, 2022 for further consideration.

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

Meeting Adjourned 4:56 PM

Next meeting May 4, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

For April 27, 2022

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Alexander Guida, Selectman