

Town of Nelson Selectmen's Meeting

April 5, 2017

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

Others attending: Bart Cushing, Donna Kidd, Judi Lang, Barbara Michelson, State Senator, Jay Kahn

At 3:10 PM David Upton opened the April 5, 2017 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Bart Cushing, from Cushing Well, presented a proposal for the installation of a new Town well. He gave a detailed overview of the process from site prep and drilling to completion. Donna Kidd brought concerns from neighbors regarding how the drilling of a new well in the vicinity may impact existing wells.

Bart explained that the risk was not likely from a new well but did caution that the poor quality of the existing well does pose potential issues with contamination if it is not completely sealed for proper abandonment.

Bart agreed to send specs and language that the Town can use when formulating its bid package.

● "Plumbob" will be contacted regarding the interior plumbing that needs to be coordinated with the well drilling project.

● Judi Lang and Barbara Michelson came before the Board to discuss "Freedom Cities" or "Sanctuary Cities". Judi stated her belief and intent that Nelson is and should be a "welcoming" community. Judi indicated that she had spoken with Richard Pratt regarding how he handles situations that may come up involving immigrants.

Judi asked the Board how policy is set for employees to handle situations involving immigrants.

It was stated that the Police Department handles the protocol for dealing with immigrants (or any individual) as the particular circumstances may dictate.

It was further stated that anyone applying for welfare assistance is not questioned regarding their immigration status.

● Gary will draft a letter to the DOT to thank them for the research done on their storage property located on Nelson Road and for stating their intentions to maintain ownership and use of the property as is.

● David made a motion to approve the minutes for March 28, 2017.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve the manifest as presented for April 5, 2017.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● State Senator, Jay Kahn accepted an invitation from Gary Robinson to come for a visit with the Nelson Select Board.

He reviewed his first term involvement with the presentation of 9 bills this term. They cover a broad range of topics including alcohol and drug treatment and prevention, lead testing for children, Kindergarten, and Broadband service to name a few.

David Upton requested that future bills include support of renewable energy, rail transportation, property tax relief, and State funded education.

Senator Kahn delivered promising news regarding an increase in the Highway Block grant funds to help offset local road maintenance.

Senator Kahn will be returning to Nelson to take part in the 250th celebration.

● David made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Administrative office and the Town Clerk for general office supplies in the amount of \$400.00.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. PR # 17451

● David made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Fire Chief for membership in the Monadnock Fire Chiefs Association.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. PR # 17452

● The Board acknowledged notice of Certification of Tax Bills from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

● David made a motion to deny tax abatement to Eversource (PSNH) at the recommendation of Avitar.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve an amended Purchase Policy as of April 5, 2017.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a Timber Tax Warrant for Harris Center

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a letter of violation to Keith Martin and Dawn Amer for their property located on Granite Lake Road.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Health Officer, Richard Pratt is further investigation the matter and will report to the Board next week.

● David made a motion to approve a policy for the manner of asset depreciation to remain as has been previously established with the approval of the Town Auditor.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. 6:59 PM

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman