

Town of Nelson

Selectmen's Meeting 11:00 AM

May 06, 2020

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

Special Note: David Upton, Chair was present in the Town Office, Maury Collins and Gary Robinson were present by phone (On Speaker). Each acknowledged the ability to clearly hear all participants. The meeting was broadcast into the lobby and entrance of the Town Office where all discussions, motions, and votes were clearly heard.

Others attending:

At 11:01 AM David Upton opened the May 06, 2020 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Maury began by voicing concern that, following an approval vote for Head Gasket repairs to the town grader, David contacted a local service vendor to consult on the need for the repairs as well as offer an opinion of the overall condition of the grader and its possible future repair needs. Maury opined that the other Board members were not informed or consulted regarding the action. David noted that this grader may need to provide service for some time to come and therefore more details should be known about the potential for breakdowns and part replacements.

● David made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 22, 2020 as recorded.
Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David - yes

● Maury made a motion to approve the manifests for April 29 and May 6, 2020 as presented.
Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David - yes

● David read a request from Mike Blaudschun regarding his thoughts on the 2020 Town meeting and possible budget. David noted that the Select Board also held that same position. Following the reading Maury made a motion that the email request be attached to these minutes.
David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

Edith Drinkwater

From: Mike Blaudschun <blaudschuns@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:43 PM
To: admin@townofnelson.com, John Bunce
Subject: Town Meeting

Hi Eddy,

I'm not sure of the process to get an e-mail to the select board so I thought I would try this route. I would like this read into the minutes as an opinion of one Nelson resident.

To the Select Board

In the light of the postponed town meeting caused by the Corona virus and the possibility that it could be postponed again, I would like to suggest that the town operate on last years budget for the remainder of this year, 2020. I suggest this as there are some very important articles on the warrant that should be discussed fully with as many Nelson residents that want to be part of that process. With the Corona virus still posing a threat to much of the population my fear is that people will not attend town meeting. This would not be a good situation for any of us. On top of that there may be residents who are out of work and may have reservations of raising their taxes in support of some of the articles.

Therefore it is my request that the board figure out a way to pass the same amount as last year to run the town and wait until next year to bring forth the new 2020 proposed budget .

Thank you,

Mike Blaudschun

● Following a review, Maury made a motion to approve a Building Permit for N. Barrett for a pole barn.
Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David - yes

● Gary made a motion to approve a Building Permit for K. Finnegan for a shed.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● Following a review of Article #10, (Non-conforming lot/structure) David made a motion to a Building Permit for T. and J. Faulkner for an above ground swimming pool with deck. Further that approval is conditioned on the filing of a Waiver of Municipal Liability at the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● Following a brief discussion, David made a motion to cancel all Memorial Day and Old Home week events due to the likely ongoing threat from COVID-19

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● In response to a potential grant reimbursement, Gary made a motion to develop a letter directing Edie as signing authority for the Select Board.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● After everyone had acknowledged review of an Energy Conservation Policy as developed by the Chair, and following a brief discussion, David made a motion to adopt the policy as written.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● Following a brief discussion, David made a motion to adopt the Fuel consumption report forms for each of the three Town Highway trucks and the grader subject to improvements as needed.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

11:53 AM

● David made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c&e) Harm to reputation and Litigation.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

12:23 PM Exit Non-Public Session

12:23 PM – Public Session

● Upon returning to Public Session, David made a motion to seal the minutes.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

12:24 PM

● David made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c) Personnel and Harm to reputation.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

12:40 PM Exit Non-Public Session

12:40 PM – Public Session

● Upon returning to Public Session, David made a motion to seal the minutes.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

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

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

12:42 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For May 6, 2020

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman