

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

May 15, 2024

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

*Absent:*

Others attending: J. Filipi, J. Sarcione, B. Roeder

Brenna called the May 15, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:10 PM.

● Police Chief J. Filipi stopped in for a department briefing of current activities and concerns across town. Calls since May 1<sup>st</sup> are trending up, in part, due to the visible Police presence.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2024 Selectmen's meeting as recorded. Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for May 08 and 15, 2024 as presented. Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the 2024 First Issue Tax Warrant dated May 8, 2024 Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans and confirmation of setbacks, Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for S. & B Kucinski for the addition of a deck on their rental house at 379 Old Stoddard Rd. Don seconded.  
The motion carried 2-0. Brenna abstained.

● Following a request from the Agricultural Commission, Mike made a motion to approve the transfer of any unexpended funds from the Agricultural Commission 2024 budget to the Ag. Com. checking account with the transfer to take place no earlier than the close of the 2024 fiscal year (December 31, 2024). Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a brief discussion of a recent Public Hearing of the Zoning Board regarding the Cermak Trust property, the Board agreed that a meeting with the Zoning Board and the Select Board should be scheduled to discuss the lack of clarity in the language of some of the Zoning Ordinances which has led to controversy when trying to apply the regulations.

● Fire Chief J. Sarcione and B. Roeder (Granite Lake Dam Commissioner) came before the Board to discuss suggested options for the placement of a dry hydrant at Granite Lake. Option #1 (Considered by the Select Board) would be to attach the dry hydrant directly to the dam with the pipe extending down and outward into the water. This option would less costly. Sarcione and Roeder voiced concerns regarding the esthetics, limited access for responding trucks, and further hindering of access in the winter with snow and ice buildup.

Option #2 is the original site that was considered, located on the Pepin Property at Granite Lake. This would require a trench from the property with piping to the water. This plan would require DES permitting and more detailed installation and cost but would be more esthetically pleasing, offer better access and is recommended by the Fire Chief and Dam Commissioners with reported support of the land owner. Sarcione and Roeder will meet with the fabricator and report back to the Selectmen.

● At the request of the Select Board, Sarcione came before the Board to explain and review current Purchase Requests for Uniforms and Gear. These requests include both Fire and EMT uniforms and gear. Sarcione reported that multiple companies were contacted for pricing as well as style and material choices. One company stood out for its pricing discount as well as the quality and they offered exactly what the department was seeking.

- Sarcione went on to report that Engine #1 was leaking foam due to a check-valve failure. It was replaced and Sarcione noted that this truck is 25 years old and on the list for replacement. He estimated that this could run upwards of \$800,000 for complete replacement.
- The Tanker is having a problem with the lights on the cab. All lights are out and it is believed to be a problem from the manufacturer (Fouts Brothers). Sarcione is in touch with the company regarding this problem.
- Department members are working on plumbing air lines to the new compressor in the Highway garage. The cost will be for parts only as department members will be doing the work.
- Training is continuing: Mass Casualty and another CPR training will be considered.
- Fire, Police, and Emergency Management will begin to work on a resident listing for contact in the event of an emergency leaving some people stranded or in need of assistance.
- Currently the Emergency Headquarters is the Safety Building. The Town Hall is being considered for an additional heating or comfort station during emergencies.
- Brenna made a motion to approve the Purchase Requests for uniforms and gear as discussed. Mike seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
- The Fire Department will be fund raising by catering a number of events in Stoddard during their 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration: The first is this weekend at the kickoff, another event in June, and another in July.

● Brenna reported that G. Peery would like to do an article for the Black Fly regarding the Solar Panel installation on the Town Hall. Greg Blake will be contacted for technical information as well as projected cost offset once in operation.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:46 PM

Next regular meeting May 29, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for May 15, 2024

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman