

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM
&
Public Hearing at 4:00 PM

May 22, 2019

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

Others attending: Chris Salmon, Richard Pratt

At 3:15 PM In the absence of Chair David Upton, Selectman Gary Robinson opened the May 22, 2019 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Gary made a motion to approve a Road Race Permit submitted by R. Larkin for June 14, 2019 around Granite Lake.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a request from the Old Home Day Committee for use of outside space on the common and outside the Town Hall and Ball field on August 17, 2019 for OHD activities.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a form requesting Primex to make direct payment to the vendor for windshield repairs to the 2014 Police cruiser. (Damage due to falling tree branch)

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a payment request from Bert Wingerson, Archivist for expenditure of funds from the Nelson History Fund to cover fees associated with printing of historic postcards that will be presented for sale. (Bert is the Agent to expend with SB approval)

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve participation in the 2020 Federal Census on New Construction.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0

● Maury made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Highway department for Calcium Chloride in the amount of \$7000. (Per "State Bid" pricing)

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0. PR #195221

● Maury made a motion to approve the manifests for May 15, and 22, 2019 as presented.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve the minutes for May 8, 2019 as recorded.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve a letter to Primex requesting that they send “evidence of insurance” to the Town’s auditors.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a letter to Treasurer, John Shea instructing him to issue a check from the Nelson History Fund in accordance with the previously approved request from Bert Wingerson to cover the cost of printing Nelson history postcards.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a letter to the Nelson History Committee advising them that care of the Nelson History Fund will transfer from the Town Treasurer to the Trustees of Trust Funds as recommended by the Town’s auditors.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve a letter to Treasurer, John Shea instructing him to begin the process of transferring care of the Nelson History Fund to the Trustees of Trust Funds.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve a letter to Tom Newcombe, Chair of Trustees of Trust Funds informing him of the transfer of care of the Nelson History Fund from the Town’s Treasurer to the Trustees of Trust Funds.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve the 2019 First issue tax Warrant for presentation to the Tax Collector.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● The Board began review and discussion of the contract from Chris Salmon Flooring for the new floor in the Town Hall.

● At 4:00 PM Maury made a motion to recess the regular SB meeting and to move into the Public Hearing to consider the acceptance of a gift of \$10,000 to offset the cost of the new floor in the Town Hall.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

4:01 PM Gary opened the Public Hearing and read aloud the Public Hearing Notice as posted.

**Public Notice
Town of Nelson, NH**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in accordance with RSA 31:95-b by order of the Select Board of the Town of Nelson.

Date: Wednesday May 22, 2019

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Nelson Town Office – Old Brick Schoolhouse

The purpose of the hearing is to give notice to the public and interested parties of the intention of the Nelson Selectmen to consider acceptance of unanticipated funds in the amount of \$10,000 to be donated by the Monadnock Folklore Society. The funds may only be used to offset the cost of purchase and installation of a new floor for the Nelson Town Hall as approved at the 2019 Town meeting.

All persons interested in the proposed action and wishing to be heard concerning the matter will be recognized at the above place and time.

The Nelson Board of Selectmen

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Gary Robinson

● Gary called for public comment and hearing none the Board discussed the project while awaiting any public attendance.

● At 4:14 PM Gary checked outside the Town Office seeking anyone who may wish to make comment. Hearing none, Gary made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0. Public Hearing Closed at 4:16 PM

● Gary immediately made a motion to reconvene the regular SB meeting.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Maury made a motion to accept the gift of \$10,000 from the Monadnock Folklore Society to be used to offset the cost of the new floor for the Town Hall.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Discussion was picked up on the Town Hall Flooring contract. Of primary concern was the payment schedule. The Board considered contract options of two payments prior to the project start date totaling 87%, 73%, and 64% of the total cost of the project. The 87% as first requested by the contractor was rejected. Upon further discussion the Board agreed that 64% is closer to the usual and customary and believed it to be reasonable. A counter request from the contractor of 73% was discussed but it was agreed that 64 % remains in the Town's best interest. The Board further agreed that the Town's history for prompt payment of invoices should allow the contractor to meet his payment obligations in a timely manner.

● Maury then made a motion to accept and approve the contract with the following fee schedule: First payment of \$3,850 on next week's manifest, Second payment on September 11, 2019 of \$10,000 and the final payment of \$7,777.95 on the next manifest following the satisfactory completion of the work. It was noted also that the Town will pay for the cost of the Performance Bond and any Board approved change orders in addition to the final payment as bid.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● David arrived at the meeting late due to an all-day training in Concord for Health Officers and their deputies. As he was being briefed on the meeting Chris Salmon arrived to review and sign the flooring contract. Chris Salmon looked over the fee schedule and stated his dissatisfaction with the amount approved by the Board. Attempts at discussion ended as Chris declined to accept the contract and stated he would not take the job.

● A full review of the meeting thus far was presented per topic along with motions and seconds and David was asked to vote on each item. Following each item presented and further discussion he voted in the affirmative on all items of discussion prior to his arrival and signed forms and letters as needed. This brought the vote total to 3-0 on every topic of discussion.

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● David made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Harm to Reputation and potential litigation. R. Pratt was invited to attend.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● Following a review and plan for dealing with the matter, David made a motion to adjourn the Non-Public session and move into public session.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

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● David made a motion to seal the minutes.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● Maury made a motion to approve a request from J. Lennon to attend the annual TC/TC conference.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

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

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

6:11 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For May 22, 2019

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman