

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

May 3, 2023

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

Others attending: J. Filipi, P. Beffa-Nigrini

Brenna called the May 3, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for April 26, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for May 3, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the amended manifests for April 5 and April 19, 2023. Checks lost in the mail were reprinted with new check numbers.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Police Chief J. Filipi came before the Board with an update on the search for a second officer. One officer that was expected to join the department has now declined following a family crisis requiring his attention. Another individual is in discussions with the Chief and may consider the position.

Chief Filipi informed the Board of the need to purchase a few uniform items (Jacket, patches, summer shirts, and pants). The Board offered unanimous approval for these planned budgetary purchases.

- Mike made a motion to approve the 2023 first issue Tax Warrant.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Patsy Beffa-Negrini came before the Board to update the current status of Cheshire Community Power. Cheshire County is the first NH County to receive local and state approvals for a power program that towns can join. There are plans to present a forum for Select Boards to receive the latest information on how their towns may elect to join. This will occur on or about May 24, 2023 and will be available in person or through Zoom. Keene, Marlborough, Swanzey and Wilton already have their own Community Power Program that is ready to launch. Brenna and Patsy will plan to attend the May meeting either in person or on Zoom. Following that meeting the Town will plan a Public Hearing and Informational presentation (early to mid-June) before committing to the County Program. It will be stressed that even if the Town opts in any resident may opt out at any time and the only change they should notice is a lower electric bill.

- Mike made a motion to approve two Building Permits for K. French for ground mount solar arrays, one at 102 Center Pond Road and one at 122 Center Pond Road.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a review of the file and a previously approved special exception, Brenna made a motion to approve a Building Permit for a temporary mobile home for A. Hebert Irrevocable Trust off Old Stoddard Road.

Mike seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike then made a motion to approve a Building Permit for the construction of a new house at the same property for A. Hebert Irrevocable Trust off Old Stoddard Road. It being understood that upon completion of the new house the mobile home is to be removed according to the conditions of the Special Exception.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a contract for the survey of Spaeth Road in the amount of \$4,130.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● After reviewing two bids for the Library repairs, Mike made a motion to award the contract to Mike Wilber Contracting in the amount of \$101,371.14.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0. The second bid was submitted by Bergeron Construction in the amount of \$110,062.50.

● Following a brief update regarding new cabinets for the Town Hall, Mike made a motion to approve a bid from Mike Wilber in the amount of \$4,300.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.  
The type of storage needed will be reviewed once again with the contractor as well as the Board's preference for the doors.

● Mike made a motion to approve 3 Purchase Requests from the Fire Department, Scott Air Pack bottles-\$8,442.00, Helmets – \$975, and wiring evaluation of the Rescue Truck (mouse damage)-\$400.  
Brenna seconded  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve an amended Solar Exemption application due to the owner's transfer to a Trust. (Trust documentation was submitted)  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a gift from Nelson-In-Common to create a "Ballfield" sign to be placed on Old Stoddard Road near the Town Barn driveway.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board reviewed options for a Building Permit extension that is about to expire for property owned by J. Cucchi. This will be the third year that no action has been taken to replace the building that was an existing Non-conforming building on a Non-conforming lot. The Board agreed to allow for his amended plans for a smaller footprint but it must still be under construction by the expiration in July 2023. If this can't happen then either a Variance or Special Exception of the 3-year limit should be sought from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.  
Eddie will review the options with J. Cucchi and impress upon him the urgency of taking some action very soon.

● Notice of a new grant arrived for the purpose of repairs to Municipal Boat Ramps and associated parking improvements.  
Eddie will investigate the requirement and deadline for filing.

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

Meeting Adjourned 4:53 PM

Next meeting: May 17, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for May 3, 2023

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman