

Town of Nelson Selectmen's Meeting

June 22, 2016

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

Others attending: Lisa Sieverts, Tom Tolman

At 3:00 PM David Upton opened the June 22, 2016 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Lisa Sieverts came before the Board representing Monadnock Folklore Society. She presented details of a partnership with the Library Trustees to provide the gift of a new projector and Screen for the Town Hall. The projector and screen will be permanently mounted. Care and maintenance have been carefully considered especially concerning dust that is typically created during contra dances.

● Lisa also voiced concerns that drinking water be available during contra dances until action can be taken to restore the water supply from a well.

● Following Lisa's presentation, David made a motion to accept the projector and screen and approve the installation (to be arranged by MFS) at the Town Hall.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury then made a motion to purchase a water cooler for the Town Hall/Library entry and to provide a supply of water. (5 gal)

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Next, Lisa informed the Board about a "Broadband internet" committee that she is part of in Harrisville.

She encouraged the Board to research "First Net" a high speed broadband system dedicated to public safety emergency services. Another high speed system "e-rate" provides service for schools and libraries and within the next year is expected to be available to a limited number of locations nearby. It is hoped that increased understanding, involvement and funding will produce a broader scope of service area that would include several Towns.

● Tom Tolman presented, on behalf of M. Ezell, multiple building permit applications. This landowner would like to remove an existing house and replace it with a new building, construct a garage, and a guest house. The lot offers ample acreage and the plans meet all setback requirements but the lot was created through a subdivision that allowed for 180 feet of road frontage because the lot size exceeded 5 acres. Concern arose because a second dwelling on the site would require an increase in road frontage that is not available. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the existing use of the property that had

included 5-6 small cabins being used as sleeping quarters for family and guests. This use has been continuous for generations but the plans include removal of these structures and construction of a single new guest house as a second dwelling on the property.

David made a motion to approve the building permit for the main house and the Garage as presented. Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

David then made a motion to deny the permit for an additional dwelling and to refer the applicant to the ZBA due to concerns over road frontage (Zoning article 3:5) and stipulations for creating a subdivision lot allowing for only 180 feet of road frontage (Zoning article 3:7).

Maury seconded.

The motion to deny carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the minutes for June 15, 2016.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the manifest for June 22, 2016 as presented.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve a letter to the Old Home Day Committee requesting a report of their proposed activities and any spending request they would like the Board to consider.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to file notice with the NH DRA that the Town of Nelson will not be using PA-28 for reporting of inventory in 2016.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a building permit submitted by Sunrun Solar on behalf of Maurice and Simone Lagase at no permit cost but the site/project inspection fee will be charged.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board reviewed the change in a Court Hearing date for a pending zoning violation case.

● Following a brief review, the Board agreed that Fire Code Consultant, Jerry Tepe (representing the Town) will meet with a representative from the Fire Marshal's office to discuss any outstanding issues.

● David made a motion to approve the report to the Fire Marshal's office on matters to be addressed within the Town Office.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the report to the Fire Marshal's office on matters to be addressed within the Town Hall and Library as amended.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a brief discussion all agreed that David will continue working on reports for the Safety Building, Highway Garage, and Granite Lake Fire Station.

● David encouraged attendance on Saturday June 25th at a presentation by the Nelson Sustainability Group that will be held at the Library.

● Due to an ongoing pattern of violations of the Town Purchasing Policy the Board had given written notice to a Town employee ordering the immediate return of a Town issued credit card. As of this date the card has not been returned and no response has come from the employee. It was intended that the card would remain active but only available for use when proper purchasing procedure has been followed and approval finalized.

Since the card has not been returned as ordered, Maury made a motion to cancel the credit card at once.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 6: 17 PM.

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman