

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 26, 2012

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

Others Attending: Dennis Dellagrecia, Susan Hansel, Priscilla Williams, Maureen Lord, Wally Francis, Brian Lord, Richard Pratt

The Selectmen's meeting for 6/26/12 opened at 6:04 PM in response to a motion to open by Maury, seconded by David, followed by a unanimous vote.

Susan Hansel came in to report on a meeting she attended with Lisa Sieverts and Val Van Meier

on grant writing. The woman making the presentation writes grants of all types for Cheshire County. Susan reviewed a list of various grants that are available with differing criteria. Susan indicated that Lisa Sieverts has made arrangements to receive information on any grant that may be of interest to Nelson. Susan said that the Town Buildings Committee will be in search of grants that could help with future projects. She stated that many grants require a projected budget and goal. As work continues with Rick Monahan this type of information will be developed.

The Board thanked Susan for the report and encouraged the continuation of education in the area of grant writing as this could be a great asset to the Town.

Wally Francis came in next to report that he will be rebuilding the chimney on the Old Library Building. He brought in a photo and indicated that the appearance of the chimney would not be altered during the rebuild.

The Board thanked him for the notice and no further action was necessary.

There was then discussion of an incident of loud and hostile behavior in the Town Office. This follows a few other episodes of poor conduct by the same individual. The Board agreed that a verbal warning will be issued by Maury and documentation placed on file.

The next topic was the letter of resignation from Warren Hammack.

With regret, David moved to accept Warren's resignation. Maury seconded, and the motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

David and Maury expressed gratitude for Warren's service to the Town and said they will take some time to consider a replacement.

The audience was then shown the final detailed plan for the Town Office renovation. The response seemed positive as Maury made a motion to accept as final this plan called "F" and to go to bid as soon as possible.

David seconded the motion which then carried by a vote of 2-0.

Priscilla Williams then came forward with a complaint of speeding cars by her home on Lead Mine Road. (This is a dirt Road) She presented a history of this problem and reviewed stops she has taken in an attempt to mitigate the problem. This includes putting up signs and contacting Apple Hill as their van was involved in several occasions.

Discussion then included a variety of suggestions from additional warning signs to speed bumps.

Any measure that would increase risk such as a speed bump was dismissed by the Board. Priscilla agreed to call the police with License numbers and to file a written complaint if it continues and the Board agreed to take action to place additional warning signage on the road.

Next Maury made a motion to approve the release of next week's manifest checks with just David's signature in addition to the Treasurer's review.

David seconded and the motion then carried by a vote of 2-0

Eddie suggested that Maury review the manifest upon his return and sign his approval at that time. The Board agreed.

Next David suggested that he and Eddie meet with John and Anne Cucchi to get a complete outline of their grievances and expectations for resolve. The information gathered will then be reviewed by the LGC legal department.

Dennis Dellagrecia reviewed some of the bad treatment John has received over the years by people with official positions in the Town.

The Board agreed this was unfortunate and should not be the case going forward.

Eddie will call to set up an appointment with John and Anne.

Richard Pratt then reported that he will be available on July 11th to supervise the inmates for the cleanup of the Ingalls property. Richie agreed to donate the use of his excavator to the Town.

David moved to accept this offer from Richie and to have the Town supply the fuel.

Maury seconded and the motion then carried by vote of 2-0.

Mike Tarr will be contacted for his assistance in removing any scrap wood from the site.

Richie reported that a new officer will be hired as was approved by the previous board. This will not alter the budget as the officers will share the allocated time.

Richie also reported that the State is now charging for background checks and this is handled in a different manner than before. Richie will bring in all the information for Eddie to process any new background checks.

The next topic was the need for some parking restrictions at the bridge near the Dave Birchenough property.

Maury made a motion to approve "Parking this side only" signs for the road opposite the water.

David seconded the motion which then carried by a vote of 2-0

Eddie reminded the Board that the Hazard Mitigation plan must be updated. This is overdue and Southwest Regional Planning has called several times to set this up.

The Board asked Eddie to have Rick Lothrop make the arrangements for the class time and the other members will be notified. This will include Richie Pratt, Mike Tarr, David Upton, Ed Schillemat, Rick Lothrop, and an EMT.

Eddie reported on a donation for the emergency use of the Town Hall for the Ice Cream Social. A thank you note will be sent for their thoughtfulness.

Paperwork was then presented for signing.

David made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 19, 2012.

Maury seconded the motion which then carried by a vote of 2-0

David then made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 21, 2012.

Maury seconded the motion which also carried by a vote of 2-0

Notice from the State DOT indicating the removal of 4 of the 6 street lights at the Rt. 9 exit into Nelson was reviewed.

The Board decided to send a formal complaint to the Commissioner of the DOT regarding this effort to cut costs by forfeiting safety.

Maury reported on a private complaint about a boulder wall on the Cabot Road at the David Patek property. Mike Tarr met with the landowner and Bud French and they come to some agreement over any safety concerns over wall of stone.

David then made a motion to approve the manifest.
Maury seconded and the motion then carried by a vote of 2-0

David reported on some interesting data he received on the demographics of the Town of Nelson. He will be forwarding this information to the Town Boards for their thoughts on how this data can be used in the Town's future planning.

With all paperwork complete, Maury made a motion to adjourn. David seconded and the motion then carried by a vote of 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

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David Upton, Acting Chair

Maury Collins