

**Town of Nelson**  
**Selectmen's Meeting 1:00 PM**

June 29, 2020

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

Special Note: Meeting was held outside in front of the Town Office

Others attending:

At 1:00 PM David Upton opened the June 29, 2020 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● David made a motion to approve the minutes for June 17, 2020 as recorded.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the manifest for July 1, 2020 as presented.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve the issuance of the 2020 Dog Warrant for all remaining unlicensed dogs.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a request from Eversource to remove a dead tree on Town Property within the Eversource right-of-way.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a Certification of Cut for a report of cut from W. Dunn.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a Building Permit for D. and J. Wilson on Tolman Pond Road.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● A complaint about the unpleasant noise created when large trucks are using their "Jake Brakes" when traveling on the Nelson Road and a request for restrictive signage was briefly discussed. Following the discussion David made a motion to refer M. French (complainant) to the NH DOT as restrictive signage along a State Road is under their control and jurisdiction.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● After reviewing and considering a request that credit cards be accepted for tax and registration payments, Maury made a motion not to approve their use due to the overall cost to the Town for processing that could not be recovered by from the user.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● After reading a complaint regarding the poor maintenance on the Stoddard end of Old Stoddard Road, David made a motion to refer the complainant to the Stoddard Selectmen as Nelson's Highway

Department is not responsible for that portion of the road and the Nelson Selectmen have no authority to direct the road maintenance in another Town.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a discussion regarding a request for “No Parking” signs on Nubanusit Road, David made a motion to refer the Police Department to the complainant to determine if there is a safety problem or a private property issue, and further, if it is not a safety issue, then to allow the land owner to purchase and install signage on her land and at her expense.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to allow Bert Wingerson to have access to the archives on the condition that works there alone, wears a mask and that all surfaces are wiped down and the area disinfected following her visits.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● An email request from M. Blaudschun was then read into the minutes as follows:

*Hi Eddie,*

*Could you please read the following into the next selectmens meeting. Thank you.*

*Dear Selectboard,*

*I have heard talk in town about the selectboard not allowing the Police Department to put a warrant article on the town meeting warrant to purchase a new cruiser. I was told this is because it would be gasoline powered and not an electric vehicle as the board wants. I hope this is not true. If it is true I want to express my disagreement with this decision. I would think we have department heads that are in their particular positions because they know how to do their job and that they ultimately are looking out for the best interest of the town. It is fine that our current board is pro electric vehicles but the decision which way we should go, gas or electric is ultimately up to the townspeople and not just the selectboard. The department head should be able to present his/her case to the townspeople at town meeting and let the voting body decide. The selectboard can obviously note on the article that the selectmen do not support the article and they can state their case. This would be the same as you did on the new grader article. I am not talking about this years town meeting, should we have one but next years town meeting. I understand our older cruiser needs to be replaced as it is beginning to need expensive maintenance. I appreciate your review.*

*Sincerely*

*Mike Blaudschun*

● David made a motion to approve a reply letter to Mike Blaudschun and attach it to the minutes.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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Town of Nelson  
7 Nelson Common Road  
Nelson, NH 03457

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Michael Blaudschun  
86 Old Stoddard Road  
Nelson, NH 03457

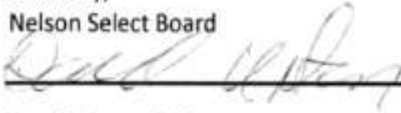
Dear Mike,

As we are sure you know, the Warrant, specifying the actions to be taken at the business portion of our Town meeting, is drafted by the Select Board in consultation with our department heads and our advisory committees. The Select Board brings our financial and environmental policies and concerns to that discussion. We listen to input from those involved, but in the final analysis develop Articles that, for a variety of reasons, represent our best judgment at the time.

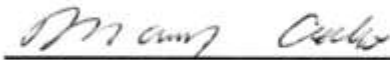
As we are sure you also know, that in the world of politics, having everyone agree with everything, all the time, is not an achievable goal. So, there is a mechanism for those who are not happy with any Article, drafted by the Board, to draft and to have included on the Warrant an Article by Petition that is written in ways that they find satisfactory.

Finally, we would consider the discussion of any Article, on any topic for our 2021 Warrant to be premature at this time. We will begin discussions relative to budget and Warrant development for 2021 in October/November of this year. At the present time, we are waiting for direction from the State of New Hampshire on whether or not we must conduct the business portion of our 2020 Town Meeting prior to September of this year. We are focusing our energy on developing plans for that activity if, in fact, it must take place.

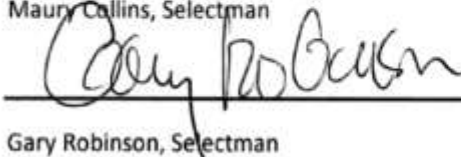
Sincerely,  
Nelson Select Board



David Upton, Chair



Maury Collins, Selectman



Gary Robinson, Selectman

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1:35 PM

● David made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c) Personnel and Harm to Reputation.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David - yes

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1:40 PM

● Upon returning to Public session, David made a motion to seal the minutes.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David - yes

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

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

1:42 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For June 29, 2020

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins, Selectman

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Gary Robinson, Selectman