

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

June 8, 2022

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.
Al Guida was absent.

Others attending: L. Sieverts, Lucius Parshall, State Rep.

At 3:00 PM Brenna Kucinski opened the June 8, 2022 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

- Lisa Sieverts came before the Board as the representative for the Town Buildings Committee. She presented thoughts, concerns, and proposed future projects under consideration by TBC.
 - Noted for the record that insulation has been added to the Town Hall, Town Office and Library Brenna acknowledged that while some insulation has been added there are still areas lacking and the windows in the Town Office are not efficient.
 - The TBC took exception to the Select Board's statement that no heating system is 100% efficient. Following a very brief discussion both Lisa and the SB stand by their interpretation of what is 100% efficiency. All agreed that a wide variety of efficiency statement can be found on the internet.
 - Lisa reported that the TBC feels that the SB believes they don't pay attention to cost when developing a project. Lisa defended the costs if it produces the best possible outcome for the Town.
 - Lisa assured the SB that she had not come to change their mind about the heating/cooling systems they have already chosen for the Town Office, Town Hall, and Library but hopes to include ASHPs for future projects.
 - The #1 Future project from the TBC is for additional Solar. Brenna noted that B. Dunn had suggested the new cemetery area as a possible location. This requires much more research. "Turtle Hill" would also be a location for reconsideration for a much larger system
 - Project #2 would be ASHPs for the Safety Building
 - Project #3 would be an Electric Vehicle charging station. This project was met with less enthusiasm from the SB and Lisa agreed it was the lowest on the wish list.
 - Lisa will be researching new Solar grants that may become available.
 - Lisa requested that the letter from the SB to the TBC and their reply letter be attached to these minutes.

- Brenna reported that Zajac HVAC LLC will begin the preliminary heating/cooling project, starting with the cement pad for the new equipment.

- Maury made a motion to approve both Public and Non-Public minutes for June 1, 2022.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

- Maury made a motion to approve the manifest for June 8, 2022 as presented.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

- Maury made a motion to approve a Purchase Request form the Highway Department for reclamation of a portion of Granite Lake Road toward Sullivan. (\$4,920)
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

- The Board, having considered a letter of complaint from D. Upton regarding the disappearance of a stone wall along his property, agreed to contact Upton to set up a meeting to view the area.

- State Representative, Lucius Parshall came to meet with the Board to discuss any goals or issues in the Town where he might be able to offer support. He is a retired teacher and musician. He is married with 2 children and currently lives in Marlborough. He lived for a time in Munsonville at the Landfair property. He helped sponsor bills for flood relief and a cost burden bill for waste producers. Brenna reviewed areas of interest and concerns for the Town: Interest - Conservation, Solar energy, Concerns - Parts of town are without fiber, and the lack of grants and the difficulty in receiving funding assistance, Property tax relief.

Parshall acknowledged that telecommunication is poor in many areas of Nelson.

He then remarked on the efforts of other towns who are researching or have already signed onto Community Power.

Brenna reported that Nelson has formed a Community Power Committee to research all possibilities and report to the Town.

- Maury made a motion to approve a Contribution Assurance Program agreement with Primex with a guaranteed cap on annual increases.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Maury made a motion to approve a Building Permit for Daniel Lyon to replace a small barn destroyed when a tree fell splitting the building in half. The building is to be replaced on the existing footprint only.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:25 PM

Next meeting June 15, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

For June 8, 2022

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Absent

Alexander Guida, Selectman