

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

July 17, 2019

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

Others attending: Karen Castelli, John Allen, Jason Walter

At 3:05 PM David Upton opened the July 17, 2019 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Mr. John Allen came before the Board to request abatement of interest charged on a late tax payment. He insisted that he mailed his check on June 28<sup>th</sup> but the Tax Collector did not post the payment until July 9, 2019, resulting in interest.

The Board explained that while there was mechanism in place for forgiving interest, the Tax Collector must show evidence (by a postmark) that the bill was paid on time. In this case the Tax Collector noted that there was no postmark on the envelope but she had discarded the envelope so neither version of the facts could be verified. The Board considered destruction of the envelope an error by the Tax Collector therefore; Maury made a motion to approve abatement of the interest as charged.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mr. Allen then voiced concern over erosion that is occurring at the Granite Lake Fire Station which is causing silt and other material to run into Granite Lake. All were in agreement that this problem should be examined. Before leaving Mr. Allen extended an invitation to the Board to attend the meeting of the Granite Lake Association and another reception event being held over the weekend at the Church in Munsonville.

● The Board then reviewed a request from Judi Lang regarding a reservation for the Nelson Congregational Church to use the Town Hall for a Farewell reception for their minister. The Church would like to reserve the Town Hall as a backup location only in the event of rain.

J. Lang made two requests:

1. That there is no charge to the Church to use the Town Hall.
2. Or that there is no charge if the Town Hall is not used.

Following a brief discussion David made a motion to reserve the Town Hall for the Church event with payment due only if the building is used, and further, if another request for the date presents then the Church will have first option to either give up their reservation or pay the full fee without refund used or not.

Maury seconded and offered to conduct crowd management at no charge if needed.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve the manifests for July 10 and July 17, 2019 as presented.  
David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve the Public and 2 Non-Public minutes for July 17, 2019.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Maury made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Highway Department for tires in the amount of \$1400.  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0. PR #197171
  
- In response to a request for 2020 budget funding, David made a motion to approve a request from Monadnock Region Child Advocacy to be included in the 2020 budget.(\$1,500 which is the same as 2019)  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  
- Jason came before the Board to review the final recommendation from the Nelson Fire & Rescue Equipment Committee. They and the Fire Chief all recommend awarding the bid to Fouts Bros. The Committee presented this recommendation in a letter to the Select Board.  
Following a review of info to send to Fouts regarding the addition of fire hose and wheel chocks, David made a motion to send a "Bid Award" letter to Fouts following receipt of a new bid that includes the additional items.  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  
- Jason then presented a Purchase Request for 4 new sets of fire gear to outfit new members of the Department in the amount of \$9,791.00. David suggested that the Fire & Rescue Committee may want to consider review of this purchase.  
Edie was instructed to contact the committee to see if they wish to be involved in the gear purchase.
  
- Maury made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from the Fire Department for service to the portable pumps and portable generators.  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  
- David made a motion Not to use Form PA-28 in 2020. This is the inventory form used many years ago and the DRA requires a Board vote each year indicating use or no use of the form.  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  
- David made a motion to approve a Financial Policy concerning the registering of Agriculture and Farm Plates and to approve a letter to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector advising her of the policy and why it was put in place.  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  
- After reviewing a recommendation for upgraded floor grates for the Town Hall submitted by Chris Salmon Flooring, David made a motion to decline the upgrade and stay with the grates as presented in The original bid total.  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  
- David reviewed the Renewable Energy Project presentation to be given on August 8, 2019 in the Nelson Town Hall at 7:00 PM. This will be the first in a series of three public presentations giving people information about the project that will be planned for public vote in 2020.

● Following a request from Gary, Edie reviewed the three “Sam.gov” numbers required for completion of FEMA related grants. The original DUNS number is used when registering the entity in Sam.gov, Sam.gov then assigns a CAGE number to the entity, and finally Sam.gov provides the approved authority contact with a personal Pin number which serves as the authorized signature code. The personal Pin number can only be used by the person identified in the notarized letter submitted to Sam.gov by the Governing authority.

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4:55 PM

David made a motion to move into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending litigation

Gary seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

6:15 PM

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

Maury seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes

● There was a brief discussion about nuisance shooting of firearms late at night between Nelson Road and Holt Farm Road. The matter will be referred to R. Pratt for further investigation.

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

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

6:25 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For July 17, 2019

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins, Selectman

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Gary Robinson, Selectman