

# SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 31, 2013

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

Others Attending: Bob Lenox, Paul Hemmerich and Mrs. Hemmerich, Maureen Lord, Elaine Giacomo, Richie Pratt, Elizabeth Williams, Diane Halter

The meeting was opened by Chair David Upton at 6:04 PM.

Mr. Paul Hemmerich came before the Board this evening as the Town Buildings Committee's recommendation to be approved as Architect for the Nelson Town Hall and Library projects. Bob Lenox presented Paul to the Board and reported most favorably on the calls he made to check references. The reports were glowing from those he has worked with in the past.

Paul described the plans for renovation as a "nuts and Bolts" project but with an opportunity to use innovative ideas to improve the final result.

Paul explained that he will be away in September but has someone to assist during that time.

The lengthy discussion touched on questions about the foundation, the possibility of working with others who have done some work on the building in the past, fee structure, and contract.

Paul indicated that he will produce the contract which will include the engineering. He noted that mileage will be charged and may be substantial. He recommends multiple public meetings throughout the project.

David said he would like to schedule an initial public meeting to introduce Paul to the General Public.

As discussion wound down Maury made a motion to approve Paul Hemmerich as Architect for the Nelson Town Hall and Library projects.

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Next, Diane Halter (Representative from Chapel by the Lake) came before the Board to discuss the parking problems during events at the Church in Munsonville.

The Cucchi parking plan was discussed and Diane indicated that David Abbott (from the Church) is very interested in hearing more about the plan that could potentially solve several issues for the Church.

David and Maury both voiced support for looking closely at this plan for the potential solutions it could hold for that area.

For now Maury recommended that permission be sought from the owners of the old pottery shop to allow temporary parking on their land.

Richie Pratt recommends having someone outside to instruct people not to park illegally as they may be ticketed.

Julia Lennon came before the Board to announce that she was awarded a scholarship to attend a Joint Certification Conference for Town Clerks on August 12-16, 2013.

Julia reported that the link to Invoice Cloud will be going on the Town Website. This will allow people to look up their tax information at any time.

Julia also reported on 3 letters she received from the New Hampshire Attorney General's office. The letters were in regard to complaints of improper handling of absentee ballots during an election. The complaints were filed by Margaret Schillemat, Kelly French, and Bob Jones. A full investigation took place by the Attorney General's office and in all three cases the Town Clerk and her staff were completely cleared of any improper action. In each case the complainants were informed of the regulations and that the proper action had been taken by the Town Clerk. All three letters are on file at the Town Office.

Elizabeth Williams was in the audience and requested time to speak to the Board. David granted her time but reviewed the process for placement on the meeting agenda. He reminded everyone to call the Town office if they wish to have time on the Selectmen's agenda.

Elizabeth came forward and presented a draft survey that she would like to have people complete during or after Old Home Days. She requested that the Select Board approve the survey and circulate it in various ways and represent it as a document from the Selectmen. There was a brief discussion during which Susan voiced her objection to the survey being represented as originating from the Selectmen.

After further discussion, David made a motion to allow the survey and to give Elizabeth a location during Old Home Days to explain and present the survey.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 2-1

Maury made a motion to approve the Manifest for July 10, 2013 and July 24, 2013

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

The next topic was signage for various locations around Town to warn of risks or directional signs.

Susan reported that the "NO SWIM" sign is now very visible at the Granite Lake Boat Ramp.

David reported that the sign should be a danger sign of white, black and red in color. It should identify the hazard. In this case it is car and boat traffic and No Life Guard on Duty. The sign should state "Swim at your own Risk".

After a brief discussion David made a motion to approve the purchase of two "Swim at your own Risk" signs with the appropriate warning language and one Bathroom directional notice sign.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Susan reported on her conversation with Bud French regarding his progress to gather information on the Firefighter I class. He is working with a contact from the State Fire Training division to try to bring the class to Nelson.

Susan reported that Bud will be discussing the stipend rate with the NFD members at their meeting tomorrow evening.

Bud has requested a time on the August 14, 2013 agenda of the Select Board.

Bud French was not available to meet with the Board this evening but it was reported that he will present the DES application for the Granite Lake Boat ramp to the Conservation Commission at their next meeting.

David Upton presented a request for a Building Permit to build a Sunroom addition on his home at 256 Center Pond Road.

After a review of the plans and noting all setbacks and lot requirements were in order, Maury made a motion to approve the Building Permit for a Sunroom addition.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 2-0 David recused himself from the vote.

Dan Prawdzick requested renewal of a Building Permit as he was not able to begin his project when anticipated. There were no changes in his plan to build a barn at 59 Long Pond Road.

The old permit number is 12-5.

David made a motion to renew Building Permit number 11-15 for Dan Prawdzick to complete his barn project.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Mike Iselin requested renewal of a Building Permit as he has not completed the project.

The old permit number is 12-5.

David made a motion to renew Building Permit number 12-5 for Michael Iselin to complete his barn.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Susan reported that Simone Lagase called to let the Board know of a service provided by Mr. Warren Buffum. He deals in the purchase and removal of various metal items.

Susan agreed to meet with him at the Library basement on Thursday August 1, 2013 to look at the old chairs in storage and perhaps take away the broken metal chairs that were slated to be taken to the recycle center.

Susan also reported that Russ Thomas requested six of the chairs to be used by a non-profit group he works with.

Maury made a motion to allow Russ to use the six chairs that he requested and that Warren Buffum take away the rest.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

A proposal has been submitted by Avitar regarding the property numbering issues due to the new mapping. One solution was a \$3000.00 reprint of the maps with the old numbers affixed. Another step could be taken for \$750-\$1000 to create a new field on the current property program to show the new map number on the file card. This would make it easy to locate parcels on the new maps because the original PID would remain and the new map number would appear on the same page for a quick cross reference.

David made a motion to approve up to \$1000.00 to create the new field in the Avitar assessing program.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

An abatement recommendation was presented on property owned by Bonnie Riley. This property was visited by the Assessor from Avitar and found to have an overstated value.

After a brief discussion David made a motion to approve the abatement.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2013 Selectmen's meeting.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Susan made a motion to approve the manifest as presented.  
David seconded the motion.  
The motion then carried by a vote of 3—0.

There was a brief discussion regarding a request from Kathy Blaudschun to receive a check for all remaining funds available in the budget for Old Home Day expenses. The normal procedure is to present a specific purchase order with an exact amount or to present receipts for reimbursement. Kathy requested that the Board make an exception and issue a check for the full amount of funds.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed to follow procedure and to issue reimbursement checks. Maureen Lord was informed of the amount remaining for this purpose. The list of items intended for purchase exceeded that amount. Susan informed Maureen that the budget amount should not be exceeded and Susan then offered to donate the watermelon for one of the events.

Edie noted upon review of the survey presented by Elizabeth Williams that there is an appearance of collaboration with the Congregational Church in presenting such a survey. She recommends that the Board use caution when affixing their name to documents not generated by the Board. This document does not express the purpose for gathering this information or how the information is to be used.

David made a motion to reconsider the survey and withdraw the Board's approval.  
Maury seconded the motion.  
Then motion then carried by a vote of 3-0

David made a motion to adjourn.  
Maury seconded the motion.  
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0  
Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins

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Susan Hansel