

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

August 17, 2022

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Al Guida, Michael Blaudschun, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: J. Filipi, K. Schillemat

- At 3:00 PM Al called the Board to order  
Mike seconded  
and all agreed to open the August 17, 2022 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.
  
- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for August 3, 2022 as recorded.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  
- Al made a motion to approve the manifests for August 10 and 17, 2022 as presented.  
Mike seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
  
- A Building Permit request at the last meeting brought up a question of road classification of Blueberry Lane. D. Birchenough, Town Road Historian, was asked to research the road's status. He presented information that the Road was voted by Town meeting in 1799 as a Class V road from Center Pond Road to Lead Mine Road. No evidence could be found that Town meeting ever voted to discontinue any part of the road. It has been confirmed however that no winter maintenance has been performed and only summer maintenance up to what is now the R. Rowse property for at least the last 30 plus years. The current owner has acknowledged that he understands that only summer maintenance is performed up to his property. With this information, Brenna made a motion to confirm Blueberry Lane as a Class V, Summer maintenance only, road with maintenance only up to the R. Rowse property as has been occurring for many years.  
Al seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.  
Appropriate signage will be placed noting the road's designation.
  
- With regard to the Rowse Building Permit request, the Board agreed to table further consideration until evidence of a septic plan is submitted.
  
- Police Chief J. Filipi came before the Board to present a department review. He noted that he has responded to 68 calls for service including Motor vehicle, investigations, VIN checks, check the welfare, and received various citizen reports to Police. State Police and the Sheriff's departments have also been actively answering calls in Nelson including accidents on Rt. 9.
  - Parking by hikers along Old Stoddard Road has become a prime irritant to a few property owners in that area. Signage efforts to mitigate the problems were not well accepted and ended with vandalism by unknown parties. More signage may be considered to encourage better parking locations for hikers.
  
  - Chief Filipi reported that all parties of concern have been notified that efforts are being made to improve things and there will be consequences for anyone taking inappropriate actions to address any problems.

- There is a mouse problem in the “Sally Port” at the Police station. They appear to be coming in under the exterior siding that has decayed. Traps are working and it is hoped that things will improve once the building repairs are completed this fall.
  - The search continues for another part-time Police Officer but there is an urgent need for officers in the entire area. Every department is seeking help and offering a variety of incentives. Offering “detail” work could help to entice an applicant. Companies will be contacted for possible service details or events and the Town’s rates for these services will be reviewed.
- The Board is not certain that a survey mailing, proposed by the Nelson Community Power Committee, will result in broad participation but if a mailing is considered it should be offered as a written questionnaire with a scan code survey as an option only. The Board will then consider covering metered postage through the Town Office.
- K. Schillemat came before the Board with an update regarding questions from her previous visit.
    - She presented information regarding DES requirements for construction of bridges on trails. These regulations indicate that previous bridge work was compliant. It was agreed that all DES guidelines will continue to be followed in the future.
    - Temporary trail signs will be put up by this weekend. Mike Tarr will be asked to install the signs. The Kulish Ledge sign will be modified so it can be reused.
    - The Kiosk relocation is planned for the end of the month at the new parking area.
    - Brickyard Road is on Town property with a private driveway easement serving the Dunn and Davison property. The Conservation Commission will speak with these property owners to see if signs could help mitigate intrusions by giving notice to hikers that these are private properties and not part of the trail system.
    - K. Schillemat confirmed that she has formally resigned from the Conservation Commission and that Janet Yardley has agreed to be the interim chair.
    - Mike reported that mountain bikes are being used on the trails. K. Schillemat noted that, while all trails are for hiking, mountain bikes are not restricted. They will watch for any cause for concern and address as necessary.
    - The Board remains concerned about potential parking issues that have occurred in the past and all agreed that any incidents will be dealt with as necessary.
    - As Hunting is allowed on the Partridge Woods property, the kiosk will contain signage cautioning everyone to wear orange during hunting season.
    - Brenna suggested Linda Cates as a new member to the Conservation Commission. Kathy and Brenna both agreed to speak with her.
- The refrigerator at the Safety Building meeting room is no longer working. It is blowing warm air. The Board agreed to seek a replacement as soon as possible. Edie will begin the search tomorrow.
- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn. Mike and Al both seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 6:09 PM

Next meeting: August 31, 2022 at 3:00 PM

The Planning Board will join the meeting at 5:00 PM

**There will be no meeting on August 24, 2022**

Minutes for August 17, 2022

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Alexander Guida, Selectman

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman