

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

August 18, 2021

Executive Board Attending: Gary Robinson, Maury Collins, Brenna Kucinski, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: D. Birchenough, Richard Pratt, Bill Dunn, Jim Newcombe, Robert Roland, Amanda Bedard

At 3:00 PM Gary Robinson opened the August 18, 2021 joint meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● The first item was public bid opening for the sale of the 1994 E-ONE Sentry Fire Engine. There was only one bid received from Asian Auto Services from Plaistow, NH in the amount of \$3632.12. Following a brief discussion, Maury made a motion not to accept the bid at this time based on the owner's posted right to reject any or all bids without cause.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. The Board agreed to consider an auction company to sell the truck.

● Dave Birchenough came before the Board to discuss the reorganization of the Town Buildings Committee as well as online metering devices for viewing the energy production of the solar arrays. He expressed his concern regarding Town Buildings Committee membership and reorganization. The Board took his comments under advisement.

His production meter proposal would allow the public to monitor, at will, the energy production/consumption of the new solar array online. The Select Board had previously considered this installation but found that there would be a monthly fee from consolidated for the internet access router of \$78.00. The Board determined that there was no need for daily monitoring at a cost of nearly \$1,000 per year since the Eversource bills indicate the amount of energy purchased and the amount of energy sold each month. While this does not give the in-depth production information, there are meters at each location that show the details for anyone interested. D. Birchenough suggested that the Police or Fire internet service could be used for this purpose. The Board indicated that this was previously suggested but concerns were brought up regarding security of the Police/Fire dedicated lines. The Board agreed to research this further.

There was a brief discussion of an offer from D. Birchenough to adjust the angle of the solar panels of the ground mount solar array with the seasons. Gary felt that a professional should make any adjustment and that the benefit should be researched to see if such adjustment is of substantial value.

● The Board decided to ask Greg Blake to give an instructional tour of both solar arrays and to seek his opinion regarding the production monitoring and the seasonal panel adjustment.

● Brenna agreed to contact other members of the Town Buildings Committee to see if they have any membership concerns or suggestions and to see if the committee should take a break until March.

● Gary made a motion to approve the manifest as presented.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the minutes for August 4, 2021 and the minutes of the joint meeting with the Conservation Commission on August 11, 2021 as recorded.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The ZBA came before the Board with three new members. Edie presented membership study packages of ZBA procedures as well as copies of the Nelson Zoning Ordinances. It was clarified that

the Select Board is the Board of enforcement and the ZBA is the Board that can offer relief to property owners who find their project status to be Non-compliant with one or more of the Zoning Ordinances. When a Building Permit is sought and the project found to be Non-compliant, the Board denies the permit and sends a referral to the ZBA for consideration of relief from the ordinance. If relief is granted they return to the Selectmen for a final approval of their project as previously requested or as may be conditioned by the ZBA approval.

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- Gary 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, Brenna – yes, Gary – yes

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- Upon returning to Public session, Maury made a motion to seal the minutes.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Maury – yes, Brenna – yes, Gary – yes
- Brenna made a motion to approve a Solar Exemption for N. Iselin that will begin in 2022 as approval is after April first of the current year.  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
- Brenna made a motion to approve four Purchase Requests/Reports from the Highway Department. Grader Blades for \$1,000, Cutting Edges for \$800, Tires for \$2400, and Emergency repairs to the Peterbilt in an unknown amount.  
Maury seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
- Maury made a motion to approve a request from Hundred Nights for 2022 budget funding in the amount of \$500.  
Gary seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
- It was reported from M. Tarr that Beavers have created a dam that could threaten a town road. It is on private property and the owners have requested that the Town assist with the cost of removing the Beavers.  
Gary made a motion to deny the request for funding and noted it was the property owner's responsibility.  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
- With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.
- Next meeting August 25, 2021

5:37 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For August 18, 2021

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Gary Robinson, Chair

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Maury Collins, Selectman

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Brenna Kucinski, Selectman