

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

August 21, 2024

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Mike Blaudschun, Don Carlisle, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Absent:

Others attending: J. Hoebeke, Eversource Rep., M. Tarr, J. Sarcione, J. Filipi, J. Pfister

Brenna called the August 21, 2024 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Joseph Hoebeke, Community Relations Representative for Eversource came before the Board to introduce himself and explain details of his position and services available to the town. Mr. Hoebeke noted the training opportunities available to Community officials through the "Municipal Hub". J. Pfister has already registered. The Emergency Management Director, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Road Agent all had an opportunity to discuss emergency situations they have encountered as well as voice concern regarding the slow pace of vegetation management, including several hazardous trees that are overdue for removal. Nelson is not alone regarding this concern. Vegetation management is a top issue in many surrounding towns. Mr. Hoebeke encouraged everyone to contact him directly with any concerns. He agreed to meet with the Road Agent and put him in touch with the new arborist for this area, Randy Marcotte. J. Sarcione also reported a pole that remains in need of attention following a fire. Sarcione will get photos of the pole and forward to Mr. Hoebeke.

●The Board received an email request from T. Newcombe regarding ramp damage at the Granite Lake boat Landing. As the Granite Lake drawdown will occur in September it is hoped that repairs could take place at that time. Mike Tarr said this should be possible and will check on any need for shoreland permitting and the total cost.

●J. Sarcione reported that the Brush truck remains out of service. Due to the age and condition of the vehicle, parts are not available and repairs would be costly. Sarcione will begin to research a used vehicle for consideration at the 2025 Town Meeting. This should be a one-ton, flat bed, with skid tank and able to house tool cabinets. This could serve a multi-use as both utility and brush truck for the department.

● J. Sarcione estimates that the week of October 7th should be the best time to install the dry hydrant at Granite Lake.

● Sealed bids were presented to the Board for the anticipated purchase of surplus equipment including a single axle open trailer, a single axle enclosed water tank trailer, and an Ingersoll rand industrial air compressor.

Bids: Joe Filipi \$100 for the open trailer

Mike Tarr \$303 for the water tank trailer..... winning bid***

Mike Tarr \$85 for the Compressor.....winning bid***

Nike Barret \$360 for the open trailer.....winning bid***

Nike Barret \$240 for the water tank trailer

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 7, 2024 Selectmen's meeting as recorded. Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for August 14 and August 21, 2024 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for T. Murray/L. Cates for the addition of solar panels to an existing array.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board reviewed a notice from the State of New Hampshire regarding a private dam inspection for property owned by Henway Falls. Recommendations include routine maintenance.

- The Board agreed to set up a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Boards for Sept. 17th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Discussion will focus on amendments to articles #11, #12 and #14 of the Zoning Ordinances. Edie will ask Karen to alert all members of Planning and Zoning of the date and time.

- Brenna made a motion to approve a recommendation to the State of New Hampshire that Gary Robinson be reappointed as Nelson's Deputy Health Officer.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike reported that he contacted Keene Monument as well as a Peterborough company for a bid to clean the Civil War Monument located in the center of town on the edge of the Church lawn.

Keene Monument offered a bid of \$325. There were no other bids at this time.

Mike has contacted Al Stoops and discussed the possibility of the Church paying for a flower bed around the monument and the Town would pay for the cleaning.

Brenna made a motion to approve the bid of \$325 from Keene Monument.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. Mike will notify Keene Monument.

- The Board acknowledged the letter of award to Joseph Filipi for successful completion of the Fire Officer Training Program. The Board congratulated Joe for this impressive accomplishment.

- The loss of cell service from Verizon remains an issue for the Police and Highway departments. A solution is still being sought with other companies such as T-Mobile who may be utilizing the local US Cellular tower. In addition J. Filipi is researching a signal booster to improve service once a carrier is determined. A booster would cost approximately \$600. Edie will contact T-Mobile to find out the status of the Tower and their service availability in Nelson.

- J. Filipi presented the Board with a list of calls handled from May 1, 2024 thru July 31, 2024 for their review.

He reported that he is still waiting for uniform patches.

Following a brief discussion of the blind spot hazard from cars parking at the mail boxes, Filipi noted that the speed approaching the village will be addressed. At this time other mitigation will not be considered.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:00 PM
Next regular meeting August 7, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for August 21, 2024

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman