

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

August 28, 2019

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

Others attending: Lew Derby, Karen Castelli

At 3:01 AM David Upton opened the 3:00 PM August 28, 2019 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● David made a motion to approve an application for a Moose Plate Grant to mitigate run off toward Granite Lake by paving the parking area at the Granite Lake Fire Station.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes for August 14, 2019. This includes two Public and one Non-Public minutes.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to approve the manifests for August 21 and August 28, 2019 as presented.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve and sign a settlement agreement with PSNH for abatement appeals including tax years 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury made a motion to waive the requirement for 3 bids to paint the State loaned Brush Truck due to time constraints and a third bid not readily forthcoming.

David seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Maury then made a motion to approve Troy Tucker as the winning bidder at a verbal bid of \$3,500 contingent upon receiving his bid in writing.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve a generator maintenance contract with Powers Generator service in the amount of \$295.00

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● David made a motion to approve submission of a grant application for the CMAQ (air quality) grant for the acquisition of an electric police cruiser and all required infrastructure and equipment needed for operation.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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● David made a motion to move into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c&e) Personnel, Harm to Reputation, Litigation.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes.

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

Maury seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes.

● David then made a motion to accept the resignation offered by Julia Lennon to step down as Nelson's Town Clerk/Tax Collector as of August 30, 2019.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes.

● David made a motion to appoint Karen Castelli as Nelson's Town Clerk/Tax Collector as of August 31, 2019 to serve until the next Town election.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Maury – yes, Gary – yes, David – yes.

● Moderator, Lew Derby immediately swore Karen in as Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

● Karen reported that the dog registration/licensing collection was now at 100%.

● David made a motion to begin advertising for a new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a request from the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the independent accountant, David made a motion to amend the internal control policy regarding the procedure for motor vehicle registration by omitting the spread sheet previously instituted.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board then discussed inviting Rep. Jay Kahn to meet and discuss possible legislation to assure improved oversight of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position in NH Towns. This job requires accounting skills and knowledge of municipal law that an elected position simply does not always offer the tax payer. It is, instead, often a popularity contest. Millions in tax payer dollars are handled by these individuals with little oversight or recourse if something is mishandled. Municipalities need updated protections for tax payer dollars.

● With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

4:45 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For August 28, 2019

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman