

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

August 3, 2022

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

Others attending: M. Tarr, P. Beffa-Negrini

At 3:00 PM Mike Blaudschun called the Board to order and opened the August 3, 2022 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for July 27, 2022 as recorded.

Al seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for August 3, 2022 as presented.

Al seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve a letter to the Fire Chief outlining the Boards research and policy regarding the use of Blue lights by firefighters on private vehicles. The letter confirms that they are not authorized.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve an Intent to Cut for V. Hertel.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Al made a motion to approve an Intent to Cut for R. Rowse.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● M. Tarr came before the Board to discuss several questions and concerns recently raised:

1. Update on removal of tree damage from the storm – a tree company has been brought in to address the more urgent areas.

2. Road runoff during heavy rain storms near the D. Guy residence. Culvert on their property is filling beyond capacity. This seems to be property owner responsibility. The house and garage are located down a very steep slope, suggest owner consults with soil engineer for possible diversion solutions such as swales to capture silt.

3. Hazardous activity – children swinging from rope in tree above water at newly repaired West Shore Road Bridge.

4. A narrow section of gravel outside of the bridge railing may be enticing for people to walk along. This area should be blocked off to discourage entry.

5. The wheelchair ramp, fills with water following a heavy rain and is eroding. Mike suggests that the sexton check the drain as it may be plugged. Brenna suggested resurfacing with a hard pack material that the wheels can move over smoothly.

● Patsy Beffa-Negrini, representing the Nelson Community Power Committee, came before the Board to update the group's progress. The group has been meeting with Brokers and various companies to gather as much information as possible before finalizing a plan to present at Town Meeting. They are reviewing the efforts of other communities as well as an option to join Cheshire County, which would include a number of communities. This option, due to the size, could potentially offer a better buying opportunity. They have begun developing and writing a plan. A primary focus is to create a plan that has no risk to the Town or residents and will benefit all who participate. There are still many unanswered questions and the committee is seeking more response from residents. A survey is currently available and plans for a mailing are underway. Two public hearings will be scheduled once the Select Board has been presented with a final plan. One hearing will be held in the evening and another on a weekend.

● Following a review of submitted plans, Brenna made a motion to approve an amended Building Permit for R. Rowse for the reconstruction of a building that will be used as a Barn. (Blueberry Lane) Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● A second Building Permit application from R. Rowse for a dwelling unit to be placed on the property was placed on hold due to questions of the road status as a Class VI or Class V seasonal. If the road classification is VI then a variance may be required. Further research is needed before a decision.

● Al made a motion to approve a Parade Permit for the New England Run for the Fallen that will take place on a section of Rt. 9 East in Nelson on August 19, 2022 from 3:22-4:10 PM.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

Mike and Al both seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:32 PM

Next meeting: August 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM

There will be no meeting on August 10, 2022

Minutes for August 3, 2022

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Alexander Guida, Selectman

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman