

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

August 9, 2023

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

Absent:

Others attending: M. Tarr, J. Sarcione, S. Monahan, L. Sieverts

Brenna called the August 9, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● M. Tarr came before the Board with several items for discussion:

1. Review of paving bids per quantity calculation resulted in Arlington Paving receiving M. Tarr's recommendation for the Granite Lake Road paving project.

● Mike made a motion to approve the bid from Arlington Paving for the final phase of the Granite Lake Road Paving project.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

2. Because liquid asphalt is needed for the Henderson Road project M. Tarr recommends the bid from All States Paving.

● Mike made a motion to approve the bid from All States for the paving project on Henderson Road.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

3. Bailey Brook Bridge damage – M. Tarr suggests contacting B. Coutts to check on the availability of a camera to go into the separation area and evaluate the extent of the void. He further suggests pumping in a "slurry" material to fill the void and buy more time for continued use of the bridge before replacement becomes necessary.

4. At the Fire Chief's urging, M. Tarr checked on an existing "sinkhole" area in the Granite Lake Fire Station. M. Tarr suggests filling the area with a Non-Shrink construction grout until the building can be evaluated for continued use, repair, or replacement into the future.

● Next, J. Sarcione came before the Board with Wetland Scientist S. Monahan to review plans for potential dry hydrant sites. Approximately 5 locations were suggested for further study, Mill Pond, Nubanusit Lake, ballfield area, Nelson Road, and Center Pond. Sarcione did not have the detailed information for each site that S. Monahan needed to begin her research but she arranged to meet with Edie on Thursday morning to go over the maps and gather property cards for the prospective sites. Once pinpointed, letters will be sent to the property owners requesting permission to access the property for closer research to determine the water capacity, ease of access, and all-season availability. Anticipated costs for each location selected would be approximately \$1,600 for S. Monahan's fee and \$400 for the State fee. The State may allow up to 3 locations per application for minimum impact and may amend the pricing accordingly. Monahan's Initial site visits that have begun along with any preliminary data research will be bill to the town as well.

● Sarcione reported that the Forestry truck formerly owned by Winchester Fire Department has been returned to the State. While at the State headquarters, the pump from the truck and an additional

tank were offered and accepted by J. Howard on behalf of the Department. Howard put these items together in functioning form for use by the Department.

- Sarcione then reported a mishap and damage to one of the Fire Department vehicles some time ago. Mike noted that this should have been reported to the insurance carrier right away. Sarcione agreed to bring the information to Edie for reporting as soon as possible.

- Mike made a motion to approve the Public and Non-public minutes for July 31, 2023 as recorded. Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for August 9, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a request from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a 30-day extension of payment terms for P. Percey due to a mailing problem.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a retroactive Building Permit for J. Alexander for the installation of a roof mount solar array.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- L. Sieverts came before the Board and reported that the sound system will not fit in the new cabinets and MFS would like to add outlets inside the cabinets as well as modify the current outlet. The Board agreed to the outlet additions and modification as long as MFS covered the entire cost. Sieverts said they would like a MFS member present when the electrician does the work. Monday afternoon would be their best time. Mike stated that the Town will arrange for the electrician (noting their preferred time) and Sieverts will be notified so their sound tech can be present. Sieverts requests notice of any election dates in 2023 and 2024. Edie will check with the Town Clerk for the schedule.

Sieverts wondered if the Town has any trucks due for replacement to electric as there is a current grant available. Brenna advised her that the grant has been investigated and the town's current vehicles do not qualify.

Brenna alerted Sieverts that a rental increase is being considered for MFS due to increased costs of maintenance labor and supplies.

Sieverts asked if the MFS Dance Sign could be stored in the Town Hall when not in use. The Board denied this request.

- Following a brief discussion, Brenna made a motion to approve a rental increase for MFS from the current \$87 to \$95 beginning with the 4th quarter on 2023.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0

- Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for W. Mullen for a shed.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for T. Murray/L. Cates for a roof mount solar array.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a request from Monadnock Child Advocacy for 2024 budget funding in the amount of \$1,850. (This is the same as last year)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to accept the resignation of K. Vetter from the Nelson Conservation Commission.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna made a motion to approve having Attorney G. Michael send a response letter to Attorney Ariana McQuarrie regarding the survey findings of Spaeth Road following his final consult with the surveyor.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna advised that suggestions have started coming in for uses of the Nelson Ballfield: Medicinal plant garden, gazebo, outdoor classroom, pickleball court.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:03 PM

Next meeting August 23, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for August 9, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman