

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

September 16, 2020

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

David Upton - absent

Others attending: Keating Plumbing & Heating, R. Lenox

At 3:01 PM Gary Robinson opened the September 16, 2020 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

● A representative from Keating Plumbing & Heating came before the Board to present information regarding "ion Wave" units used in heating systems for its virus and germ killing properties. The equipment used by Keating is purported to kill up to 90% of viruses and germs in the air flow exchange of heating systems. Gary set up a meeting with their technician for Friday morning (9-18-2020) at 10:00 AM to view the heating systems in the Town Hall/Library and the Town Office.

● Gary made a motion to approve the minutes for September 2, 2020 as recorded.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve the minutes of a meeting with the Road Agent and Greg Blake from South Pack Solar on September 4, 2020 as recorded.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve the manifests for September 9th and 16th, 2020 as presented.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Due to the Chair's absence, Gary made a motion to approve Maury Collins as signing authority for the Grader contract and any other documentation needing signature completion today.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve a Face Mask Directive for all Town Employees when engaging others at work and during meetings including brief encounters with others.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Gary made a motion to approve a Purchase Request from Admin. Assist for Maintenance supplies and Office supplies. \$665.00

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0. PR # 2009161

● Robert Lenox came before the Board to voice concern over the manner in which ZBA meetings/Hearings are conducted.

His concerns include:

- Concern that opinions may have been formed prior to the meeting presentations.
- Formal meeting protocol and organization is not followed.
- The criteria review format is often not used or given little regard when deliberating.
- Recent Hearings drew concerns from abutters and others regarding the impact some of the projects may have.

Edie suggested that perhaps some additional training or a consult with legal counsel may be of help, especially to new members.

Gary asked if Mr. Lenox would put his concerns in writing (bullet format) for the Board to further consider. Mr. Lenox agreed.

- Gary made a motion to approve a letter of Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$35,000 from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund to cover the second payment of the Solar Project that was approved on August 22, 2020 at the Annual Town Meeting.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Following a review of all plans included in a Building Permit Application from R. Weyerhaeuser, it was noted that the existing building is a Non-Conforming structure due to its setback from the road. The new plan is for an addition on the rear of the house farthest from the road and therefore does not increase that Non-conformity. With all other elements of the checklist found to be satisfactory, Gary made a motion to approve the Building Permit as presented.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- In response to an email requesting a permit to fly Drones over Nelson properties for filming, Gary made a motion to inform the applicant via return email that no such permit exists in Nelson and further, permission is not granted to fly over and film any Town Property and that any such activity over private property should be approved in writing by the landowner.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Gary made a motion to approve the Avitar assessing contract for 2021. (A reval. year)

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Following a review of Demo and Building Permit applications from T. Daigle, Gary made a motion to approve the Demo Permit to remove an existing Mobile home. Gary further added to the motion to approve the Building Permit to replace it with a new Mobile home conditioned upon the addition of an updated, DES approved, Septic system and further subject to an inspection by the Nelson Health Officer prior to final hookup to the new Mobile home.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

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

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

4:32 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For September 16, 2020

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman