

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

September 30, 2020

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

Others attending: M. Tarr

At 3:00 PM David Upton opened the September 30, 2020 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

- Mike Tarr came before the Board to report that the Dodge Truck needs a new Transfer Case and the clutch should also be replaced at the same time. The total cost for both repairs would be approx. \$3158 as bid by Keene transmission.

- Maury made a motion to waive the requirement for multiple bids for this work.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

- Maury made a motion to approve the request for repairs to the Transfer case and the clutch for the Dodge Highway Truck.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0. PR # 20093001

- Following a review of two Purchase Requests from the Highway Department for 1. Tires for the Freightliner and the Dodge (\$2500), and 2. Blades for the Grader (\$2800), Maury made a motion to approve both requests.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0. PR #2009302 and PR # 2009303

- Gary made a motion to approve the minutes for September 16, 2020.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 2-0. (David was absent for that meeting)

- David made a motion to approve the manifests for September 23 and 30, 2020 as presented.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

- David made a motion to accept the resignation from Laura David from the position she held as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.
Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a review of two current bids for Road Salt for the coming season, Maury made a motion to approve the State Bid price submitted by Granite State Minerals at \$55.65 per ton.
Gary seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a brief discussion regarding a request for funding in the 2021 Budget from The Keene Community Kitchen, Maury made a motion to approve \$500 to be added to the Social Services Warrant article in 2021
David seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board discussed a list of concerns submitted by Robert Lenox regarding the process used by the Zoning Board when considering a variance. While it was noted that the Selectmen have no authority over the ZBA to direct their meeting procedure, It was suggested that the Zoning Board may wish to consider training or perhaps a checklist that could be used to keep the process consistent for each applicant and they may also wish to seek a legal consultation to answer any questions they may have regarding proper procedure or specific questions on some applications. These suggestions will be passed on to the ZBA for their consideration.

- The Board reviewed the granted and signed permission from a landowner on Lead Mine Road for the removal of a Hazardous tree by the Highway Department. The Road Agent received reports of the danger and notified the landowner who quickly granted permission for the removal.

- David reported on his meeting with the technician from Hamblet Electric regarding a new circuit breaker panel to be installed in the Town Hall for directing the solar power from the Library roof to be used specifically by the Town Hall once the Ground Mount Solar project is complete. Hamblet's service tech also suggested that a generator receptacle be added for the library panel at the same time. David then made a motion to approve the bid from Hamblet for \$\$1,990 for the 200a circuit breaker panel and \$440 for the generator receptacle with completion of the installation at the same time as the new Solar array is complete and ready for hookup to the grid.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- David made a motion to approve a Building Permit for the Vannoy/Houck property on Nubanusit Lake for the installation of a small ground-mount Solar array at their seasonal campsite.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board completed signing of the new, previously approved, Avitar Contract for 2021.

- The Board reviewed two bids for the installation of the I-WAVE ION air purification systems designed to be installed in hot air heating systems. The bids are for the installation in 3 furnaces, Town Hall, Library, and Town Office. A bid from Keating Plumbing and Heating came in at \$4,500. A bid came in from Gary Jackson Heating Service at \$2,398.65.

David made a motion to approve the Bid from Gary Jackson Heating Service and arrange for immediate installation.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- David made a motion to approve the **Transmittal of Highway Department Fuel Consumption Reduction Policy**, to be sent to the Road Agent as amended by removal of the last sentence from the original draft.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- David made a motion to recommend that the Fire and Police Departments coordinate with the Nelson School to plan a "Drive-by" Trick or Treat for this years Halloween. Halloween bags will be filled with treats and handed out to children while they remain in the cars.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a brief discussion, David made a motion to postpone resurfacing the Town Hall Floor this year. He sited lack of funding in the budget, no substantial use since March 2020, as well as scheduling such a project would limit the use by Town Government Boards as this is the only location for these Boards to meet and maintain social distancing.

Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

- While it is hoped that the I-WAVE ION air purifiers will be installed by the Election, David made a motion to notify the Moderator and the Town Clerk to feel free to use the heat even with the windows open during the Election for greater air flow.

Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

- Gary reported that he met with J. Taylor-Maule to ask if they would consider allowing the Town to remove 5 large trees that abut the Safety Building property. Removal of the trees would enhance the solar exposure to the new Solar array. At this time, the landowner wants the trees to remain and therefore have denied permission to remove them.

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

Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

4:38 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For September 30, 2020

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman