

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

September 6, 2023

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

Absent:

Others attending: J. Filipi, P. Beffa-Negrini

Brenna called the September 6, 2023 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Police Chief, J. Filipi came before the Board for the monthly department update. He reported an issue with the battery in the new cruiser which is being addressed with Ford and MHQ. Filipi informed the Board that due to personal matters he finds is necessary to evaluate his position as Police Chief and the amount of time he is currently able to devote to the job. The Board asked that he continue processing his situation and then meet again for further discussion.

● P. Beffa-Negrini came before the Board with an update on Cheshire Community Power. She reports that notification letters will go out to residents around October 10th and the Town must hold a Public Meeting within 15 days of the notification. Possible dates considered for the meeting are October 17th, 19th, or 24th. The Selectmen prefer the 17th but will pick a final date based on when the County representative is available to attend.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes for August 23, 2023 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for August 30 and September 6, 2023 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Edie reported that two permission notices have been returned (approved) for the Dry Hydrant research project. Two additional property owners will also be notified due to their proximity to possible sites.

● The Sexton reported that an individual has been parking behind the Town Hall on the grass and during the rain caused ruts to begin on the lawn. Edie informed the individual of the Sexton's notice and asked that he park on the gravel portion behind the building where there is still shade and he is able to pick up wi-fi service. He became upset at the request and complained to the Select Board Chair. The Board agreed to place a "Handicap Parking" sign in a designated location behind the Town hall that is not on the grass.

● Mike made a motion to approve a letter to P. Kallman requesting that she contact the Town Office regarding building without a permit and possible change of use issues that have been reported.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for J. Harrington for the addition of a deck to her existing home. (An application from two years ago had previously expired without action.)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a request for 2024 budget funding from Community Volunteer Transportation in the amount of \$250. (The same as 2023)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0

- Mike made a motion to approve the annual Maintenance Agreement with Powers Generator for service to the safety building generator.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following up on a property owner complaint, M. Tarr asked the Select Board to declare two trees on Lead Mine Road an immediate hazard. Brenna visited the site and brought photos for the Board to consider. They agreed that M. Tarr should arrange for removal as soon as possible.

Edie noted that the Planning Board had considered these trees not long ago when Eversource scheduled a Public Hearing for removal of hazardous trees on Scenic roadways.

Mike made a motion to declare these trees an Immediate Hazard and to direct the Road Agent to arrange for removal.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- With all appropriate documentation submitted, Brenna made a motion to approve a Solar and Veteran's exemption for R. & B. Lenox due to their ownership amendment from personal to a Revocable Trust.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board considered a request from Nelson-In-Common to stage a spooky Halloween event in the Nelson Cemetery. This request has already been presented to the Cemetery Board and they were unanimously opposed, citing liability issues, fragile condition of many headstones, safety, and respect for the deceased and their families. The Selectmen agreed with the Cemetery Board. After further discussion Mike made a motion to deny the request to hold the Halloween event in the Nelson Cemetery but to approve the use of the Nelson Ballfield for the event instead.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Greg Blake will attend the October 4th meeting to help the Selectmen with questions they have as they develop warrant articles for 2024 Town Meeting.

- The Board agreed that their next meeting will be on Tuesday September 19th at 3:00 PM as Edie will be in Concord on Wednesday the 20th giving testimony in a legal matter on behalf of the Town.

- The Emergency Management Director will be asked to attend the next meeting to review the 2023 Flood emergency response and plan for completion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn.
Mike seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:53 PM
Next meeting September 19, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for September 6, 2023

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman