SELECTMEN’S MEETING

November 9, 2013

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: General Public Attendance

The meeting was opened by Chair David Upton at 10:09 PM.

David Upton presented a brief introduction of the purpose of the Public Hearing.

He read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing and article to be considered at a Special Town Meeting.

**NOTICE OF PUBLICHEARING PRIOR TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

TO THE INHABITANTS of the Town of Nelson, in the County of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet in the Town Hall in said Nelson on Saturday, the 9th day of November, 2013 at 10:00 AM to discuss the following article to be voted on at a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, the 23rd day of November 2013:

**ARTICLES OF A GENERAL NATURE**

To see if the Town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to the Fire Equipment

Capital Reserve Fund.

The Hampton, NH Fire Department has donated a number of pieces of surplus gear (that they no longer need) to the Nelson Fire Department.

Bud French then began a presentation including demonstrations of how to use various protective and breathing equipment. He explained that all protective gear and equipment

must be “compliant” in order to be considered safe for use. Bud indicated that ten years or newer is a general rule of thumb when evaluating compliance of fire safety gear. Bud went on to explain the various phases of training involved in the Firefighter I course.

Several members of the Fire Department reaffirmed the urgent need for proper, compliant firefighter gear.

David voiced the Board’s support for all efforts to acquire compliant protective gear for all firefighters.

In response to a question from the audience, David explained that if the Town votes to name the Selectmen as agents to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund then a Warrant Article for the next Town Meeting may be drafted to remove them as agents. This process was used with the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund when the need arose for the Town Office renovations.

With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 11:13 AM

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins

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Susan Hansel