

**Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM**

January 21, 2026

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

Others attending: M. Tarr

Absent:

Brenna called the January 21, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:02 PM.

- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for January 14, 2026 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for January 21, 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a Town Hall Rental Contract for L. Sieverts and D. Bower.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- As of this date M. Tarr reported that the Peterbilt truck has still not returned as additional problems were discovered during the reassembly process. Frustration over the costly repairs is leading to consideration of other trucking options. Tarr and the Board touched on several ideas to investigate further: Buying a smaller truck, keeping a truck only 5-8 years and trade-in when the value is high and maintenance costs are still low, hiring and outside company to do hauling from the gravel pit, consult with other towns to see how they plan for using only the "best life" of equipment and the types of trucks that have proven most successful in holding trade-in value etc. Tarr also reported he is frequently checking on any availability of surplus trucks like the Freightliner that has worked out well for the town.

- The Bailey Brook Bridge repair or replacement discussion was next on the agenda. Tarr stated that he is not in favor of a patch but prefers a rebuild. He said that the slab should not fail but it only sits on dirt and needs abutments, likely with pilings. At this point Tarr believes that the flowable concrete application would be a band-aid repair and much more is needed. He recommends consultations with Cold River Construction out of Walpole, NH and Eckman Engineering out of Portsmouth, NH for preliminary evaluations.

- At 4:05 PM, with nothing further, Brenna announced a non-public session was to take place regarding personnel and instructed Edie to leave the meeting and to go home.

Minutes for January 21, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman

Addition to Select Board minutes submitted by Brenna Kucinski:

Upon returning to public session:

Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Mike seconded.

Mike voted yes

Don voted yes

Brenna voted yes

There was a brief discussion of the Petition Article regarding the Police Department and rebuttals to said Petition.

Brenna made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM

Mike seconded.

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman