

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

October 1, 2025

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

Others attending: J. Sarcione, D. Kidd, S. MacKenzie, M. Collins, R. Thomas

Absent:

Brenna called the October 1, 2025 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:02 PM.

● Fire Chief J. Sarcione came before the Board to request Dress uniforms for nine Fire/Rescue members of the department. He sought bids from two companies: Emergency Outfitters and Ben's Uniforms. Emergency Outfitters has the best price as is willing to hold the price through this date. Ben's uniforms raised the price since they first submitted a bid and is offering no additional incentives or discounts. Sarcione explained that the uniforms line in the budget will be short about \$1,500 and he would plan to use unexpended funds from the new equipment line to cover the purchase at approximately \$12,000. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the policy for receiving and return of the uniforms if someone leaves the department. Sarcione then indicated that the department is considering "Lifetime" membership for long term service and those members would be allowed to keep their uniform. All members of the Board expressed their concern that there are few events that would require members to present in full dress uniforms to justify the cost. Sarcione explained that all other area departments do have dress uniforms and the dedicated service already shown by Nelson's members has earned them this symbol of belonging to their department when attending a parade, funeral or other special event.

Although still concerned over the cost, Brenna made a motion to approve the Dress Uniforms purchase for \$12,000.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Chief Sarcione was informed that an approval letter from L and K. Dehman had been received, giving permission to further research a possible dry hydrant with access from their property to Center Pond.

● Sarcione was also informed that no word has come from the school regarding the date for the School Halloween Party that the Fire and Police Departments sponsor. The school will be contacted for details of this year's event.

● S. MacKenzie, D. Kidd, M. Collins, and R. Thomas (with a letter from S. Wilson) came before the Board to present their concern over speeding traffic on Nelson Road through the Village. This is especially concerning with the many after school activities now being held on the Common and on the front and rear lawns around the Town Hall and Library. The activities are held daily (except Friday) from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This time of day is very busy with traffic as people are coming from work, picking up mail, as well as dropping off or collecting their children from the activities. The group strongly expressed the need for more traffic patrol in this area by the Police Chief and several stated they never see him conducting a regular patrol of the area. Brenna suggested that people could purchase "Children at Play" signs to place on their lawn along the road. D. Kidd stated that speeding is constant and some of these people need to be stopped by the Police as they have become too comfortable ignoring the speed trailer warning. The Board

agreed to inform the Police Chief of their concern over this problem and to request his attention to Village area patrols, especially during times when there is extra activity. (Bus drop, after school program, funerals at the church etc.)

- The Board reviewed documentation of the 2007 Funding and intention of use of the Safety Building. It was documented in the Official 2007 Town Report, within the meeting minutes, how the Building was to be funded, and in the Selectmen's Report the purpose detailed was to serve as the Emergency Center in case of a catastrophe and would include an office for the Police Chief and a new bathroom and kitchen for the Fire Station. Also included in the Town Report was the 2007 report of the Emergency Management Director who also indicated this building would be "devoted" to emergency management.

- Mike made a motion to sign the, previously approved as amended, Selectmen's meeting minutes for August 3, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- With regard to the Non-Public minutes for September 16th and 17th, 2025, Edie noted that she was not informed that these two Non-Public meetings would be held and therefore they had not been posted with the special meeting that included two Marlborough officials or the Selectmen's regular meeting. The Board acknowledged the error and agreed to be certain of a legal posting prior to any Non-Public meetings in the future. Brenna then made a motion to ratify the Non-Public meeting minutes for September 16th and the Non-Public meeting minutes for September 17th.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike then made a motion to approve both the Public and Non-Public Meeting minutes for September 17, 2025 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for September 24, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for October 1, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a Report of Cut and Certification for J. LaQuerre.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve and Intent to Cut submitted by F. Murdough.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve an Intent to Cut submitted by S. Giffin.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a Purchase Request submitted by the Highway Department for the rental Of equipment for Roadside mowing in the amount of \$11,000.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a Purchase Request submitted by the Town Clerk for the purchase of a document shredder in the amount of \$749.00.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna signed an Acknowledgement of Deceased Estate Filing of Elizabeth Chapman Hewitt.

● The Board reviewed and approved preliminary IT budget proposals for 2026 for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Administrative office, Police Department and Fire Department: Police Dept. down \$589, Administrative Office up \$136, Town Clerk/Tax Collector up \$251, Fire Department no change. Final approval will occur when budgets are finalized. Over IT service down \$202.

● Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed that Trick or Treating will be held in Nelson on Friday October 31st from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

● With nothing further, Mike made a motion to adjourn.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:55 PM

Next regular meeting October 8, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for October 1, 2025

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman