Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

October 14, 2026

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

Others attending: J. Filipi

Absent:

Brenna called the October 14, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes for October 7, 2026, as recorded.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for October 14, 2026 as presented.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of the Healthtrust renewal package for FY 2027-2028, showing a 9% increase, Mike made a motion to approve the renewal.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
Due to the rising costs, the Board agreed that Health Insurance options will be revisited for the next fiscal year.

● Documentation is being requested for completion of the Equipment grant for the Police department. The meeting minutes showing the vote to approve the grant application as well as approval of the signatory are required along with another vote certifying there have been no amendments or repeal of any vote and that all votes remain in full force. J. Filipi will contact the Grantor to confirm the document process and to determine if a Public Hearing is required now or when the grant is awarded. Filipi will try to have all of the information for the next meeting of the Select Board.

● There was a brief continuation of discussion regarding any future changes on Lead Mine Road. A few residents have voiced their concerns over any action the Selectmen may take without hearing from the public. Rumors fueled this concern but Brenna assured all interested parties that this would be a process of study, presentation of any proposals, and a vote of the Town.

●DES has posted notice of a complaint of wetland disturbance on the Haim's property on Granite Lake Road. This is being investigated by DES to determine the validity of the complaint and they will take actions in accordance with their findings.

● While the Town has not participated in the State Flood Insurance program through FEMA, it has been determined that this would be a requirement before being considered for a grant

award for the Granite Lake Dam. The Emergency Management Director had previously considered the strict land and building requirements made it not worth the Town's participation. The Board would like J. Pfister, EMD to meet with B. Roeder of the Granite Lake Association to do further research regarding the program to see if this would be a benefit to the Town and the residents within a flood zone area. They should also contact SWRPC as they currently have a grant to assist towns with assessing flood risk and planning.

● Mike reported that the Planning Board is finalizing the changes to the RV parking regulations but the language may still be a bit confusing. Another matter that has the Planning Board perplexed are the multiple areas of "free" drop locations for furniture and household goods. Items are left out in the weather and create an eyesore on town roads. The Board agreed that enforcement may be difficult if an ordinance were to prohibit this activity on private property.

● Following a review of submitted plans, Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for S. Heitmiller to extend an existing 26 ft. front porch out an additional 4 feet (adding 104 Sq. Ft.). This to be contingent upon all setback requirements being met including road and abutter setbacks.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● A request was presented to the Board for permission to be granted for an individual to do metal detecting on all town owned property and to dig up any items found. The Board was generally against digging on town property. Mike made a motion to deny permission to dig on town property but suggests they could seek permission from private property owners.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
The Board went on to note that the Conservation Commission has granted limited permission for metal detecting in Partridge Woods with the understanding that anything found must be left on the land.

● A request for 2027 Budget funding came in from the American Red Cross in the amount of $500. The request notes that they served a Nelson family of 3 during a personal disaster event in 2026.
Mike made a motion to approve the request for $500 for 2027.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● "Revize", having been notified of the Board's disappointment with the progress of the new website, offered to provide 2 years of free maintenance if the Board would be willing to continue with the website. The initial payment included $1500 for 1 year of maintenance following the launch. As the launch never took place the Board feels that the entire maintenance fee should be returned as well as a portion of the design.
Mike made a motion not to move forward with "Revize" for website design and to request, at least, a partial refund.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
Don works with a local web designer and will contact him to set up a meeting with the Board.

● Brenna reported that she received an inquiry questioning any town interest in placing an EV charger in town. The Board suggested that a location so far off of route 9 did not make sense

for travelers and locals would likely have their own charger. At this time the Board is not interested in placing this on the Town Warrant in 2027.

● Brenna mentioned that the Town Clerk has received an application for Deputy TC/TC. Edie reported that K. Castelli may have had a second application as well. The job posting closes on November 19th.

● With nothing further, Mike made a motion to adjourn.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
Meeting adjourned 4:12 PM

Next meeting October 21, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the Nelson Town Office.

Minutes for October 14, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman