

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

October 22, 2025

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

Others attending: Mare-Anne Jarvela

Absent: Don Carlisle

Brenna called the October 22, 2025 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for October 15, 2025 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for October 22, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Upon reviewing a request for 2026 Budget funding, Mike made a motion to approve \$1,500 to be added to the Social Services warrant article for Home Healthcare, Hospice, & Community Services, noting that it is up \$950 over last year.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● The Board agreed to hold off on further discussion of Spaeth Road abutter letters until Don returns.

● Notice has been posted for the Public Hearing to be held on November 5, 2025 for public comment regarding the Select Board accepting the gift of the Munsonville Cemetery property and all funds offered with the land for continued maintenance.

● Mike made a motion to approve the 2026 -2027 Primex Contributions for Workers Comp and Property/Liability, noting an increase of \$752 for Property/Liability and an increase of \$2,956 for Workers Comp. (Totals - \$26,771 for Prop/Liab. & \$8,598 for W. Comp)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Mare- Anne Jarvela, Chair for the Agricultural Commission, came before the Board with a concern over a lack of membership. Currently there are only two members and therefore not enough for a quorum to hold a meeting. While past activities such as the seed library, small garden behind the library, and speakers at Old Home Day, and canning classes have been well received, there doesn't seem to be enough sustainable interest to maintain an active commission. Brenna offered to speak to S. Wilson to see if she might like to join. All agreed that a notice in the Black Fly may generate additional interest. Jarvela agreed to write up something for submission to G. Peery.

● The Board reconsidered a request from Nelson in Common to hold a contra dance in February 2026 and to be granted use of the Town Hall rent free. (The public would not be charged admission) Following a brief

discussion, Mike made a motion to hold the Board's previous decision to charge the resident rate of \$95.00 and suggested that G. Peery rent the Town Hall in his own name and use his homeowner's insurance to cover the liability rider that is required.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Following a review of the 2026-2027 HealthTrust notice, reporting a 10.7 percent increase, Mike made a motion to approve the new amounts for the 2026 budget.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● The Town Hall Rental for Saturday October 25, 2025 will need to be opened while the library is open so Kris Finnegan will be asked to open for the renters and M. Blaudschun agreed to close after the event.

● The Board read a Thank You note from the Fire Department expressing their gratitude for the Selectmen's approval to buy new dress uniforms for the active members.

4:08 PM

● Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Litigation. Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 2-0. Mike – yes, Brenna – yes

4:15 PM

● Upon returning to Public session, Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 2-0. Mike – yes, Brenna - yes

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:20 PM

Next regular meeting October 29, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for October 22, 2025

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Absent

Don Carlisle, Selectman