

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

October 29, 2025

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

Others attending: J. Filipi, M. Tarr

Absent:

Brenna called the October 29, 2025 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Edie reported that Attorney Gary Kinyon called to review one final matter before he retires at the end of this year. Gary offered to send a list of attorneys to consider for Town Counsel going forward.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for October 22, 2025 as amended.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Non-Public minutes for October 22, 2025 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for October 29, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve an application for Current Use for David MacAllister.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board read a letter from the Lake Host Program Coordinators reporting a "Save" at Granite Lake and noting the importance of continued town support.

● Brenna made a motion to sign and send letters to residents who access their homes from Spaeth Road.

The letter is to ask for their thoughts as the Selectmen consider closing the road.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a brief discussion, Brenna made a motion to have Attorney Gregory Michael reply to a citizen's complaint.

Mike seconded

The motion carried 3-0.

● J. Filipi, Police Chief, came before the Board to present a Purchase Request for a new Desktop computer and a laptop computer.

Mike made a motion to approve the Purchase Request in the amount of \$3,080 contingent upon there being enough in the Budget to cover it this year.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● There was then a brief discussion of how Filipi can still do some work at home with the old laptop and would like to use it or buy it. Mike cautioned about having police information in a computer at his home. Filipi said he would have the IT contractor clean out any confidential information but various forms and templates would be helpful.

Brenna made a motion to let Filipi have the old laptop for \$1.00. As their discussion had gone back and forth whether the Town should keep it or sell it to Filipi, Edie reconfirmed that Brenna meant, in her motion, to sell it to Filipi for \$1.00. Brenna confirmed.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● There is currently a large RV parked on property located on the Nelson Road and it appears that a family has been living in it. Concern arose regarding the cold weather soon to settle in and it was also noted that there are zoning limits to the time it can remain on the property and occupied. Police Chief Filipi agreed to check further to find out their intentions.

● M. Tarr came before the Board with an update on his site visits at Granite Lake Dam to determine the extent of disrepair and what it will take to create a fix. He met with a company that injects flowable concrete in the voids, hoping that this would be a temporary fix to buy time to make a final decision regarding a completely new dam.

Tarr noted: The spillway is not wide enough.

The cost for a retaining wall he expects will be upwards of \$100,000.

He expects an engineering estimate on the flowable concrete within a week.

Volume of traffic over the area is a factor to consider.

The Board discussed possible options such as closing that section of road but that would not take away the need to replace the deteriorating dam.

● Tarr informed the Board that South West Region Planning Commission has new, up to date traffic counts on several Town roads.

● Tarr also reported that he has received 3 complaints from property owners regarding roadside mowing. The properties are in areas where he feels the line of vision needs to be as open as possible for safety. He instructed the property owners to seek an appointment with the Selectmen to discuss the matter further. But, his concern remains safety.

● Before closing all agreed it was important to meet with B. Roeder, Dam Commissioner as soon as he is able for further discussion of the Granite Lake Dam condition, potential patching, cost of repair, cost of a new dam and the role and cost each party will be responsible for. (Town, Village District, Granite Lake Association)

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:13 PM

Next regular meeting November 5, 2025 at 3:00 PM followed by a Public Hearing to accept Munsonville Cemetery property and funding November 5, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Minutes for October 29, 2025

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman