Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
2:00 PM At Bailey Brook Bridge
Regular meeting immediately following in the Town Office

November 18, 2026

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

Others attending: M. Tarr, D. Eckman, M. Collins

Absent: Don Carlisle

● Mike made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes for November 11, 2026, as recorded.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for November 18, 2026 as presented.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.

● Engineer, D. Eckman met with the Road Agent and the Selectmen at the Bailey Brook Bridge to inspect the current condition of the structure. Following the inspection everyone moved to the Town Office for a review of his findings and recommendations. He presented copies of the Bridge Load Rating analysis as calculated in 2015 when the existing slab was installed. He reviewed NHDOT Form 4 (Bridge Capacity Summary). Based on those calculations, and today's site visit, he expressed confidence that the bridge remains safe for all travel. Mike asked if that includes logging trucks and Eckman confirmed that the capacity is sufficient. While some minor improvements could be made going forward, these would not come close to the cost or inconvenience of installing a new bridge. Eckman will contact the State Engineer, C.R. Wilke to go over his findings for the bridge capacity and request more details from the State regarding their inspection report. Eckman will then follow up with the town. The Board was happily encouraged by this visit.

● T. Pearson is seeking a location to place a mailbox but has been informed that the Village mailbox system is full. The postmaster informed him that the grassy triangle in front of the Town Office meets the postal right of way rules. Pearson understands that this location may be objectionable.
Mike made a motion not to allow a mailbox in the triangle.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.
The Board then suggested either the end of his driveway or beside the Library and Town Office mailboxes. Pearson needs further discussion with the Postmaster.

● Edie reported that the Cemetery Board hired Peterborough Marble to repair several headstones in the Munsonville Cemetery. As the funding is to come out of the Munsonville Cemetery Expendable Trust, documentation is required by a vote to approve the bid for services as well as a request for the funding to be expended from the Trust account. The

Cemetery Board failed to secure a vote during a posted meeting in order to produce the required documentation for withdrawal of funds. The Cemetery Board has agreed to post and hold a brief meeting to formally vote on the project and request for funding. Edie will then process the letter and paperwork for the Trustees of Trust Funds to transfer the funds for payment of the invoice.

●Mike referenced an article in the Keene Sentinel on November 12th regarding the town of Alstead and their concern over providing local police coverage. While costs keep rising availability of police options keeps shrinking. Mike will contact the Sentinel to get a copy of the article for presentation at town caucus in support of Nelson keeping their own local officer.

● With nothing further, Mike made a motion to adjourn.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 2-0.
Meeting adjourned 3:54 PM

Selectmen to conduct Building Inspections on December 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Next meeting December 2, 2026 at 3:00 PM at the Town Office.

Minutes for November 18, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Absent

Don Carlisle, Selectman