

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

November 19, 2025

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

Others attending: M. Tarr, J. Sarcione

*Absent:*

Brenna called the November 19, 2025 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:05 PM.

- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for November 12, 2025 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for November 19, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board reviewed a quote from Fidium Fiber for upgrading the Town Office phone lines. The change should save approximately \$60.00 per month. Unfortunately, it is not yet available at the Safety Building location so Police, Fire, and Highway will remain the same for now.

- J. Sarcione came before the Board with a department update as well as reports on the building inspections.

- ✓ The Community room has a lot of expired food in the cabinets that the Board agreed should be disposed of.
- ✓ The Town Office and Town Hall passed the fire/safety inspection.
- ✓ The Library has a number of unsafe practices that need immediate attention. Extension cords are used for coffee makers and hot plates and the cords are buried behind books within a shelf. There is an open panel with exposed wires in the kitchen area as well as an electrical cord running over the sink and into a non-GFI outlet and an open junction box with exposed wires. These issues will be reported to the Librarian and the Trustees. The Town will address the GFI outlet and open junction box with an electrician.
- ✓ Sarcione will meet with the Road Agent to inspect his work area.
- ✓ Both churches in town will need to be inspected. Sarcione is seeking a contact person for the Chapel by the Lake.

- Mike made a motion to forward the Library inspection report to the Librarian and the Library Trustees.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- ✓ Sarcione is considering the development of an employee training contract. The contract would commit an individual who receives Town paid training to 3 years of service and if not met would require them to pay back the Town for the cost of training. Trying to collect from a volunteer after leaving could prove difficult (and costly). Mike asked, what if they leave after 2 years? The town would have benefitted from those two years. How would this be figured. Not yet determined.

- ✓ The gas dryer for fire gear needs to be replaced. M. Tarr stated that there is a shutoff and the unit can then be disconnected and removed. Tarr said he and Nick could do that and then scrap it. Sarcione reported that a new dryer is around \$7,500. He would like to order next month if the budget still allows. Additional bids will be sought.
- ✓ Sarcione has a proposal to pave the apron in front of the entry to the fire station where the trucks are brought in. Sarcione feels that the tires are picking up a lot of dirt from the road and front of the building that then need to be swept and removed from the building. He feels that the pavement would reduce the amount of work needed to keep the floor clean.
- ✓ Sarcione met with a Fish and Game officer regarding the potential dry hydrant site at Center Pond. The officer suggested some improvement is needed to the washout areas and would like to see rip-rap added. DES permitting will be required for this project.
- ✓ Design and permitting work will be about \$3,100, Highway crew labor about \$3,000, and hydrant parts and fabrication about \$7,900. Mike suggests adding enough to the Warrant article to cover any unforeseen issues. It was finally decided that \$20,000 should be enough.
- ✓ Sarcione reported that the dress uniforms have all been ordered and that the price is coming in a little lower than expected.
- ✓ The Fire Department had considered sponsoring a school dance but there was little interest so the idea has been dropped.
- ✓ There will be a Christmas coloring contest with prizes for each grade level. The Selectmen will be the judges.
- ✓ Sarcione would like to design and construct a new sign for the Fire Station. He will bring the design in for Select Board approval.

● M. Tarr reviewed the bid for flowable fill for the Granite Lake Dam abutment at \$92,440. He stated that some reconfiguring of the road and slope can be done and a swale may also help. Mike will ask the contractor if, once the flowable concrete is put in, some sections could be cut away later to rebuild the dam.

Tarr again advised that the culvert could come out because the top bridge table is secure.

● Tarr reported that his supplier for tires has grader tires at a reduced price because the tread pattern is an older style and being replaced. Six tires would be about \$8,900. Mike suggested he may want to get eight at the lower price. Tarr will see if they are still available and decide.

● Mike made a motion to approve a letter to Town Council, at the auditor's request, seeking confirmation that there is no current litigation against the town.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:35 PM

Next regular meeting December 3, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for November 19, 2025

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman