

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

December 17, 2025

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

Others attending: D. Birchenough, M. Iselin, J. Sarcione

Absent:

Brenna called the December 17, 2025 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:10 PM.

- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for December 10, 2025 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for December 17, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a request for 2026 budget funding from Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention in the amount of \$731.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the annual Hazardous Waste contract with the City of Keene for 2026-2027 in the amount of \$1,639.66.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a line item review, Mike made a motion to approve the proposed Highway budget for 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- D. Birchenough and M. Iselin, representing the Conservation Commission, came before the Board to voice concern regarding Wetlands and shoreline issues regarding a potential building project on Story Road. DES permits have been submitted for review and possible approval. Brenna informed the guests that the Town has not been informed of the potential project by the property owners as applying for Town permits before DES approval would be premature. Birchenough questioned setback distances from previous construction projects on this property that go back several years. Brenna reviewed a brief history noting the original dwelling was prior to Zoning, in 2011 they applied for a permit to demo the old structure and build a larger dwelling (not on the same footprint) that would be less non-conforming than the original building under the current zoning regulations. Brenna further noted that if DES approvals are granted the property owner will still need to seek Town approvals that could involve both the Select Board and the ZBA. For now, there is no action required.

- Following a line item review, Mike made a motion to approve the proposed Administrative budget for 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● J. Sarcione came before the Board to review the proposed 2026 Fire Department budget and to request further consideration by the Board to approve the purchase of a special Dryer specifically for fire gear and to expend the funds from the 2025 budget. Following a review of the current budget status and noting no new or large equipment anticipated for the near future, Mike made a motion to approve the Dryer purchase from the 2025 budget if enough funds are available when all bills are finally in. (\$8,045)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike then made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Fire Department budget as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Harris Center is hosting a special event at a private home in Nelson in mid-June 2026 and has requested parking arrangements near the Safety Building or Ballfield where they will provide a parking attendant and shuttle service for their guests. Following a brief discussion, Mike made a motion to approve the Board's preferred parking area near the ballfield and at no time should the road or access to the buildings be blocked.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board agreed that there will be no meeting on Christmas Eve and the next meeting will be on Tuesday December 30, 2025.

● Edie reported that there will be no funding request for 2026 from the Community Kitchen as no assistance was needed by Nelson residents in 2025.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:38 PM

Next regular meeting December 30, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for December 17, 2025

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman