

**Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
6:00 PM**

February 3, 2026

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

Others attending: K. Castelli

Absent:

Brenna called the February 3, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 6:04 PM.

● Following a review of a Petition article that arrived earlier on that day, and before the deadline, Mike made a motion to approve its addition to the 2026 Town Warrant.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Brenna then began by stating that she was aware that E. Drinkwater and K. Castelli were involved in inappropriate electioneering regarding an article by petition that had been presented by several town residents. Brenna continued inquiring how many signatures on the petition were gathered in the town office. Edie stated emphatically that was not true. Edie went on to say that she has had no personal or social relationship with the town residents who presented their article and in no way was involved with their organization and that it did not take place in the town office. Edie stated that when a resident inquired how to do an article by petition she referred them to NHRA, NHMA, and to check language in old town reports. When discussion of the petition article was occurring in the town office Edie informed Castelli, and the others involved, that the discussion should not take place in the town office as it was a neutral location. Castelli confirmed that to be true and that she immediately agreed to stop such discussion while in the town office. Brenna continued to make additional accusations against Edie while in public session. When Edie tried to correct the misinformation, it was discounted as not true and Brenna stated that she was considered not "trustworthy".

● Castelli then informed Brenna that her telephone calls, as Selectman, to people who signed the petition, and making them feel intimidated, is not appropriate. Further, she stated her belief that, as a quorum of the Select Board, living on the same property and socializing, that Mike and Brenna often engage in discussions of town business. Brenna countered that they don't vote or make decisions. Castelli said it is still a meeting and not appropriate. Brenna, to clarify, indicated that her phone calls to two residents (name as Laurie Smith and Donna Kidd??) had nothing to do with their position on the Police Department but merely a clarification of the reasoning behind the Revolving Fund as I believed they might have been misled and to clarify that they had indeed signed the petition in the town office.

● With the Caucus ready to begin, Mike made a motion to adjourn.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 6:52 PM

Caucus February 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Next regular meeting February 4, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for February 3, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman