

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

March 24, 2026

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

Others attending: M. Collins, M. Nunnemaker

*Absent:*

Brenna called the March 24, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● Brenna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 18, 2026 as recorded. Don seconded.  
The motion carried 2-0. (Mike was absent for that meeting)

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for March 25, 2026 as presented. Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve, post, and submit to DRA the completed MS-232. (Voted Appropriations)  
Brenna seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● Edie reported a number of fraudulent emails and bills have been coming to several town email addresses. One in particular appeared to be a request from the Nelson Congregation Church pastor. Chief Filipi was notified and he confirmed with the pastor that his email had been hacked a short time ago and he did not send any requests.

● The Board briefly reviewed the beginning application for a New Hampshire State Police Crimestar J-ONE grant. Edie completed the town's initial portion and J. Filipi is researching the equipment and pricing to be entered into the application.

● The Board reviewed the hourly rates for police details as recommended by Chief Filipi: \$84.12 for officer's pay, taxes, and benefits, with \$5.88 for administrative, and \$20.00 for the cruiser. Filipi's memo noted that fuel and maintenance are not considered. Edie asked if the Board wanted to designate any of the \$20.00 cruiser fee to offset the gas and maintenance in the budget. After continued discussion, the Board agreed it was reasonable to maintain the same distribution as is typical of neighboring towns who deposit the entire cruiser fee into the Revolving Fund.

● Following up on a request from the Conservation Commission, Brenna made a motion to approve Kathy Schillemat to a one-year term as an alternate for the Conservation Commission. It is anticipated that she will consider accepting a three-year appointment in 2027.  
Mike seconded.  
The motion carried 3-0.

● While discussing the Conservation Commission’s plan to donate \$100,000 to a preservation/ acquisition project (to be added to Nelson Highlands) and to be owned by the Forest Society, the Board agreed to suggest that the Conservation Commission hold a public hearing to share information about the project and get town feedback. Brenna will contact J. Yardley with the suggestion.

● Mike made a motion to begin bi-weekly meetings beginning in April. April 1, 2026 the Board will meet and then the meetings will be every other week. (April 15 and 29, 2026 etc.)

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a proposal for improvements around the War Memorial that sits on the lawn of the Nelson Congregational Church. This would include an enclosed area around the monument where flowers could be planted. Brenna noted that the Memorial is on Church property and spending town funds raises the question of separation of Church and State. Don agreed that perhaps the Church should take the lead but voiced concern that they may not have the funds. Mike suggested a fundraiser. Edie noted, since this is a War Memorial, there might be a small amount left in the Patriotic funding after the flowers for Memorial Day are purchased. Brenna and Don suggested that Mike reach out to the Church Pastor again for his thoughts.

● Recommended reading: Mike noted his enjoyment of an article published by G. Peery about the weathervane on the Old Brick Schoolhouse that had been previously published years earlier in the “Grapevine”.

● With nothing further Brenna made a motion to adjourn.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 3:50 PM

Next regular meeting April 1, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for March 24, 2026

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman