

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

April 1, 2026

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

Others attending: J. Filipi, L. Smith, G. Robinson, M. Collins, M. Nunnemaker

Absent:

Brenna called the April 1, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● J. Filipi came before the Board with an update of various issues the Police department has been encountering: ● Filipi has been researching an ongoing Zoning Violation on the Nelson Road. He is currently developing a notice of violation to be served to the landowner. As is often the case, language in a Zoning ordinance can be difficult to precisely match a violation in progress and a landowner may not even be aware of the particular ordinance. Filipi will complete the notice and bring it to the next Selectmen's meeting for review and final approval. Following the Board's approval, Filipi will inform the landowner of the action that will be required to comply with the Town's ordinance. ● An overweight tree service truck was serving a customer on Log Cabin Road but failed to seek permission from the Road agent before traveling on the posted road. The operator was informed of his violation of the Town ordinance and given an initial warning. The Road Agent confirmed that no damage had occurred. The Board agreed that a further stern warning may be in order so this does not happen again. ● The State is currently updating their computer reporting systems and providing an opportunity for small communities to become compatible with their system, thus streamlining a variety of reporting requirements. There is a 100% reimbursement grant that communities may apply for (J-ONE Grant). Edie has completed the initial information needed to confirm the Town's identification numbers and Filipi is working on tracking down the equipment needed and cost estimates to finalize the application process. ● Filipi reviewed the pricing breakdown for Police detail charges and associated expenses. In Marlborough, the current hourly pay to the officer is at \$64.00 and the Board agreed that adopting the same pay scale is reasonable. The total cost for an officer including taxes, insurance and benefits would be \$105 per hour to the vendor and \$20 per hour for the cruiser. Vendors are constantly in need of this service and will contact the town to check for detail availability. If no officer is available, they will pass the contract on to another town who can cover the detail. There is a high demand for this service from area towns. Filipi stated that the Board could decide to offset the annual Police Capital Reserve contribution with money from the Revolving Fund.

● Mike made a motion to set the detail rate at \$105 an hour for an officer and \$20 an hour for the cruiser with all funds not covering the officer's pay and benefits to go into the Nelson Police Revolving Fund.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 24, 2026 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the Public and Non-public meeting minutes for March 25, 2026 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve an amended manifest for March 18, 2026 due to a check replacement.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for April 1, 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- L. Smith came before the Board on behalf of the Cemetery Board to present a Purchase Request for section designation markers for the new cemetery in the amount of \$1500. Following a brief discussion, Mike made a motion to approve the Purchase Request from the Cemetery Board for \$1500.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- L. Smith went on to explain that the Cemetery Board has been advised by an arborist that the maple trees are badly in need of an application of lime. The Cemetery Board has one estimate of \$800 for a pallet of bagged lime crystals. Payment is required in advance for this order and will require that the Highway department arrange for pickup. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to seek further cost estimates and to check with M. Tarr and N. Barrett as they often purchase large amounts of lime. Smith explained that spreaders will be needed and Mike felt that would be no problem.

- The Board then reviewed a bid from Pathways Landscaping for 2026 cemetery mowing/maintenance in the amount of \$11,340. With a modest change from the previous year, Mike made a motion to approve the bid for \$11,340.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Having received a recommendation from the Library Trustees, Don made a motion to approve Hope Lothrop as an alternate Library Trustee.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following another incident of the heat in the Library lower level meeting room being shut off, it was decided to post the maintenance room door for "Authorized Admittance Only".

- Following a request from Clean Energy NH, Brenna forwarded letters of support for HB538 to Nelson's State representatives.

- The Board reviewed thank you letters from Southwestern Community Services and Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention for the 2026 funding they received by approval at 2026 Town Meeting.

- Edie informed the Board that the Travers Intent to Cut was incorrectly submitted by the logger for 2026-2027 but the cut was completed in the 2025-2026 year and had been started prior to submitting the intent to the Select Board.

● G. Peery is seeking funding from the Nelson History Fund for a history project he is working on. The fund is a Trust given to the Town by the History Calendar Committee. The committee stipulated a number of requirements to be attached to the trust including that the Town Treasurer establish and oversee the account. 1. The purpose of the fund is to support history related projects in Nelson. 2. The Selectmen were required to establish a Nelson History Committee. There were five members and one is now deceased. 3. The agent to expend is to be the Archivist following approval by the Selectmen. B. Wingerson, the Archivist, stated to G. Peery that she has resigned from the committee and as Archivist. This would leave the trust without an agent to expend the funds. Edie reminded the Board that A. Whitney has been the assistant Archivist for some time and perhaps she could be appointed to the Committee or as Archivist. Brenna said No to that suggestion. The Board agreed then agreed that an article in the Black Fly might prompt someone to come forward to join the committee or consider the position of Archivist. This will be suggested to G. Peery.

● An annual Eversource inventory request letter was signed for submission to Eversource including a notice to Avitar.

● With nothing further Mike made a motion to adjourn.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:07 PM

Next regular meeting April 15, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for April 1, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman