

Town of Nelson

Selectmen's Meeting 3:00 PM

April 15, 2026

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

Others attending: R. Thomas, M. Collins, M. Nunnemaker, J. Yardley

Absent:

Brenna called the April 15, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

- Mike made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 1, 2026 as recorded.

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.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for April 15, 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the Standby Ambulance Agreement with the City of Keene for 2026-2027. The agreement details the services provided and the responsibility to patients using the service.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a rental of the Town Hall on July 25, 2026 for a birthday celebration.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. The Board agreed that the fee could be refunded if cancelled on or before a 2-week notice.

- Following a review of each item, Mike made a motion to approve 5 Purchase Requests from the Fire Department: Fire Gloves - \$487.50, Breathing apparatus Hydro Testing- \$600, Charger for gas meter - \$390, 2 Fire Helmets - \$894, and Hose with couplers - \$701.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the audit agreement with Roberts and Greene for the 2025 FY audit in the amount of \$10,500

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following review of a Building Permit request for the installation of Solar backup batteries for T. Murray and L. Cates, Brenna made a motion that no permit is required for this home electrical installation.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector submitted the Final Notice of 2025 Tax Billing.

- The Conservation Commission submitted a contract for trail training to be held on April 18, 2026. The funds to be expended from the Conservation Commission checking account.

Brenna informed the Board that she received the Conservation Commission minutes and notes that they do not want to hold a public hearing regarding the "Nelson Highlands Project". They prefer publishing an article in the Black Fly Express to inform people of the project and their intent to donate Conservation Commission funds to the project. They will offer an opportunity for people to attend their regular meetings with questions. Mike said he would still like to encourage a public hearing as the Board agrees that the land is not developable in any substantial way and seems to them like a waste of the Conservation Commission's resources and would limit future project investments. Mike suggests that J. Yardley be invited to meet with the Selectmen at their next meeting. Brenna said she will contact Yardley.

Mike then made a motion to approve the Trail Training contract for April 18, 2026.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. Brenna signed the contract.

Edie reported that Tim will open the Town Hall in the morning for the Trail Training program and Brenna agreed to close in the afternoon.

- Mike made a motion to approve the final transmittal including the previously approved "option 3 A" of the Health/Dental insurance.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board received notice of a Public Hearing from the Town of Windsor regarding a proposed cell tower.

- There was a brief discussion of a current construction site on Granite Lake Road that was approved for construction not to exceed the original footprint. The house now has added an addition beyond the original footprint that is in violation of the Zoning regulations. Mike and Don will visit the site to confirm the violation and ask them to stop for now. They will also be informed that DES has been notified and they should contact the town office for detail on how to move forward.

- The Board received and read a thank you note from Lew Derby for the gift he received from the Selectmen for his years of service as Town Moderator.

- Nelson in Common is requesting funding from the Nelson History Fund for a History project they will be working on with Southwest Region Planning Commission. As this is a Trust account gifted to the Town by the History Calendar Committee, all requirements of the trust must be followed.

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. 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 suggested the following: There are still four of the original five members of the History Calendar Group available. They could hold a meeting to create an addendum to the Trust stating that if all funds are expended the Select Board may close the Trust and dissolve the History Committee. If Bert agrees to remain as Archivist a bit longer she can request that the Board approve full expenditure of the funds for the

Nelson in Common project. Once expended the Town Treasurer can close the account and the Select Board can dissolve the History Committee.

Mike made a motion to approve the plan to accept an addendum to the Nelson History Fund Trust and to then proceed with closing the account and dissolving the committee.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- It was confirmed that the motor home/camper that was approaching a time violation of the Zoning Ordinances for an occupied unit on a property over 120 days has now been removed. All confirmed seeing that it has been removed. Mike suggested that the property owner be notified of the Zoning regulation governing this matter so that it doesn't happen in the future. The Police Chief will be asked to let them know.

- Mike reported that the Planning Board is currently working on changes to the Zoning Ordinance regulations regarding campers and motor homes being stored or temporarily occupied on property in Nelson. Mike has ideas regarding duration of time as well as having the unit legally registered. He plans to draw up a draft to begin Planning Board consideration of an article that will be ready for the next election in March of 2027.

- The reval. assessing contract listed the total contract for 2026 at \$33,850 but as the audit has begun it was discovered that, in addition, the general assessing contract signed in 2021 won't end until Dec. 2026 so there is an additional amount due of \$1080 per month. This will need to be adjusted elsewhere in the budget. Edie also reported that the propane, heating oil, and electric costs are up from last winter by about 12%. With the snow off the solar panels some sunny days should start the solar production again. M. Tarr reported that there are around 8 panels on the array behind the Town barn that appear to be frosted when all others are clear and he questioned if they are working. All agreed that Greg Blake should be called to check on this.

- Edie reported that there are no estimates in yet from Richardson construction. Mike reported that W. Richardson will need to return to further inspect the Town Office cupola as it was snowing the day he came. Mike suggested that M. Tarr and N. Barrett could do the repairs to the back of the Town Barn since they are not doing crushing this year. The Board agreed that all town buildings will be closely checked going forward and maintenance plans developed for each.

- Edie reported that a deed transfer that came in some months ago incorrectly transferred a property by describing the parcels that existed prior to it being subdivided. She notified the landowner of the error and advised them to contact their attorney for a deed correction. The deed has now been corrected, filed at the registry, and correctly matches the Town's files.

- Fidium has completed the first 3 phases of installation to the town office. 1. The line has been run from Granite Lake Road to the pole outside the town office, 2. then the line was brought into the building and 3. they just installed the modem. May 6th the final equipment will be installed, hooked up, tested and then be up and running in the town office. Nothing is planned yet by Fidium for extending service down Old Stoddard Road.

- Edie reported that she has ordered 3 large road maps from NH DOT. M. Tarr will update the maps and one will be in the town office and the Fire department will have the other.

- Don reminded the Board that B. Roeder had requested a list of all town culverts. M. Tarr has that information and will be asked to prepare a full listing for Roeder.

●Mike made a motion to approve a letter to NH DOT reporting that the Town of Nelson did not receive grants of \$750,000 or more during 2025 and therefore no Single Audit is required.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

4:03 PM Non -Public

● Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (c) Confidential/Harm to Reputation.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna – yes

4:50 PM

●Upon returning to Public session, Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. Mike – yes, Don – yes, Brenna - yes

● With nothing further Brenna made a motion to adjourn.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:56 PM

Next regular meeting April 29, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for April 15, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman