

Town of Nelson
Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 PM

April 29, 2026

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

Others attending: R. Thomas, M. Collins, M. Nunnemaker, M. French, E. Williams, L. Smith, K. Castelli, P. Castelli, G. Robinson

Absent: Michael Blaudschun

Brenna called the April 29, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

- Brenna made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public meeting minutes for April 15, 2026 as recorded.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- The minutes for April 23 were put on hold until Mike returns as he and Brenna were the only two Selectmen present at that meeting.

- Don made a motion to approve the manifest for April 22, 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Don made a motion to approve the manifest for April 29, 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Brenna acknowledged R. Thomas who had requested to be on the agenda. He presented the Board with a written request under the Right-to-know law for disclosure of all emails in which the Selectmen are discussing town business with one another or with the Police Chief or other Town employees.

Brenna stated that she was not sure if the Police Chief's emails can be made available. Don asked what the purpose of the request was. Following a brief reply, R. Thomas left the meeting.

- Brenna made a motion to approve the First issue tax warrant for 2026.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Following a review of submitted plans and the Building Permit application checklist, Brenna made a motion to approve a Building Permit for G. Hansel to replace/repair an existing deck, retaining wall, and steps for property located on Granite Lake Road.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Don commented on another structure that is being built in violation of the Building Permit and possibly the DES shoreland permit. Don attended a site visit with Mike and they noted that not only the addition was in violation but the foundation was also larger than the original footprint. The area in question will

need to be checked further. As Mike had agreed to take the position of checking on permit compliance, he will be asked to follow up when he returns.

- Following a review of submitted plans, and permit checklist, Don made a motion to approve a Building Permit for J. DeFrancesco for the construction of a shed on property located off of Old Stoddard Road. Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Following a full review of submitted plans, Brenna made a motion to approve a Building Permit for a roof mount solar array at property owned by 142-145 RHR, LLC.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Don made a motion to approve the MS-60-A notifying DRA of the Town's choice for annual auditing and submitting the name of the auditing firm.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Having received notice that the original History Calendar Committee met for the purpose adding an addendum to the History Trust Fund, Don made a motion to accept the addendum which provides the Selectmen with authority to dissolve the Fund in the event that all monies are expended and further to dissolve the History Committee as originally formed in 2018.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Brenna then made a motion to approve a request for the Town Archivist, Bert Wingerson to release all remaining funds held in the Nelson History Fund to Nelson in Common for their work with SWRPC on a history project, this to include any accrued interest.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0

- Don made a motion, once all funds (including interest) are withdrawn the Treasurer is directed to close the Nelson History Fund and further, the Nelson History Committee is considered to be dissolved.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Following up on a request from E. McBrien, on behalf of Nelson in Common, Brenna made a motion to approve their request to hold a "Community Exchange Event" on either the Nelson Common or the ballfield and further to notify the Town Office of the date and time and to remove all items at the end of the event.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Brenna noted a request from the Sexton for 2 additional hours per week during the summer mowing season. Brenna suggests he come in when the entire Board is available to review the need for additional time.

- Edie then brought forward that she is currently in the middle of both the Annual Municipal audit and the 5-year State assessing audit, has her regular work, and will now be expected to train someone who could cover her job while having just been given reduced hours. This opened an unpleasant and unfortunate exchange with the Board. Don indicated that he hadn't intended that Edie's hours change now but that it was a beginning discussion and he thought Mike felt the same. Edie countered that Brenna told her it was

to start last week beginning Monday. Brenna confirmed she did make the statement as that was her intention.

During the meeting the elevated exchange also drew comments from the audience at various times:

- E. Williams suggested a mediator
- M. French suggested the exchange not good for anybody
- Brenna initiated a defense of the Police Chief
- M. French, noted strongly that the discussion is not about the Police Chief and he feels the Selectmen continuously bring him into conversations.
- M. Collins warned of legal issues other towns experienced due to improper meetings of Selectmen
- G. Robinson charged that the Board is “Divisive”
- Another suggestion was made for a mediator

● Upon a return to order, bids were reviewed for work on the back of the Highway Garage, Town office Cupola, and chimney on the Granite Lake Fire Station. Discussion will begin at the next meeting when Mike returns.

● The discussion moved to a new Town website. Brenna has initiated the research and suggests looking at the Town of Hancock website. She has been in touch with that designer and something similar could cost approximately \$2,900. As nothing is in the budget this year, various options will need to be considered. E. Williams suggested that a group be appointed to brainstorm ideas to be incorporated into a site. Brenna agreed that may be a possibility.

● Brenna opened a large map showing the approximate location of all culverts in town being maintained by the Highway department. In total there are 244 town culverts and 44 driveway culverts being maintained. This information had been requested by B. Roeder. Don agreed to deliver the information to Roeder.

● As the public session was about to close, M. French offered to become the site inspector for the Town. Brenna let him know that Mike has that position covered at this time.

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● Brenna made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Litigation Don seconded.

The motion carried by roll call vote 2-0. Don- Yes, Brenna - Yes

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 2-0 by roll call vote. Don – yes, Brenna - yes

● With nothing further Brenna made a motion to adjourn.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:11 PM

Next regular meeting May 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Minutes for April 29, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman