

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

July 1, 2026

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

Others attending: M. Collins, M. Nunnemaker

Absent:

Brenna called the July 1, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 6:00 PM.

- Mike made a motion to approve the Non-Public minutes #1 for June 17, 2026.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes #2 for June 17, 2026 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for June 24, 2026 and July 1, 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Fire Chief, J. Sarcione came before the Board to discuss the current findings regarding the placement of a dry hydrant at Center Pond. Onsite research done with Soil Scientist S. Monahan determined that the water depth is insufficient to guarantee a successful working hydrant. State Fish and Game maps differ from the actual onsite depths measured. Mike felt that the risk of not having enough water at that location was low but other considerations such as liability from installing it and having it fail when needed should be considered. While both the Center Pond location and the current dry hydrant at the Highway Barn are dependent on beaver activity the Highway Barn location has served the Fire department and Highway department many times successfully and could serve in the event of a fire on Center Pond Rd., in addition to tankers filling up at the Granite Lake dry hydrant. There was a brief mention of using cisterns at various locations in town but this would require further study as these units would be buried in large holes either on town property or that of private landowners. All agreed that Nubanusit dam is the next location for consideration and study.

- J. Sarcione presented two Purchase Requests: 1. Medical suction unit at \$1383.75 and 2. New safety vests at \$653.99.

- Mike made a motion to approve the Medical suction unit purchase as requested at \$1383.75.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Mike then made a motion to approve the new safety vests purchase as requested at \$653.99.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Brenna signed a credit application for FullSource, LLC, a medical supply company, that will be used for the purchase of the medical suction unit.
- Sarcione reported that the Fire Department will begin work in the spring for grants and will be certain to allow enough time for a proper application period.
- Sarcione reported that the Fire Danger Sign on Granite Lake Road is not being maintained in accordance with the State classification alerts. He stated that the responsibility for this belongs to the Fire Warden not the Fire Department. Brenna will call the Fire Warden, A. Ward to see what he can do to improve on updating the sign with every State alert or consider removing the sign.
- Brenna reported that the Old Home Day Committee approved the Fire Department raffle for the school coloring contest at Christmas, and the sale of doughnuts and coffee, fried dough, and cotton candy on Old Home Day. It was requested that Sarcione have the water-ball setup prepared and ready prior to the speaker's presentation. Sarcione will be purchasing eye protection for participants as he had concerns at last year's event.
- M. Tarr reported to Edie that he will be pulling out the Beaver dam the day prior to the State inspection of the Bailey Brook Bridge. Following the dam removal and bridge inspection the beavers will be trapped. In the past the land owner has paid for the trapping. Tarr suggested that this will be a benefit to the continued care of the bridge and asks the Board to consider paying the trapping cost. Brenna then made a motion to pay the cost of trapping the beavers around Bailey Brook Bridge.
Don seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Following a review of a completed application and supporting documentation, Mike made a motion to approve an application for Currant Use from L. & K. Giannattasio for property located at 529 Lead Mine Road.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
- Having received a final recommendation from the Town tax assessor, following the BTLA decision in the D. & K. Schillemat case, Mike made a motion to approve a full abatement as recommended in accordance with the return of Current Use status to property located on Granite Lake Road and identified as map 009-060-000.
Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a full review, Mike made a motion to approve a letter of violation, with attached meeting minutes documentation, to E. & M. Bergeron for construction taking place at their property located at 707 Granite Lake Road.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following many complaints about a dumping site for “free items” located on the corner of Nelson Road and Tolman Pond Road, Brenna left a message for the property owner to return her call to discuss the matter. Now a new addition to the site has been added in the form of the attached poem below:



- M. Tarr reported to Edie that the cost for materials for repairs to the rear of the Highway Garage will be between \$1500-\$1700.

Mike made a motion to have Tarr order the materials and begin work on the repair project.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Whale weathervane has come down during the cupola repair at the Old Brick Schoolhouse and has been found to be in very bad condition. Options for a replacement could be considered but there is hope that the historic whale can be save and eventually placed atop the repaired cupola. Bill Dunn will be asked to look at the whale and give his thoughts on how to proceed and if he could do the work or recommend someone.

- The old Nelson welcome sign attached to the front of the Old Brick Schoolhouse needs to be oiled on both sides. Don will supply the oil. M. Tarr will be asked to take the sign down for the sexton to apply the oil. When the sign is replaced brackets will be used to keep the sign flat and prevent warping.

- Information on town participation in a municipal flood insurance program will be passed on to the Emergency Management Director for review and further consideration. The program is sponsored by FEMA and the National Flood Insurance program.

- Going forward, the Board agreed that all regular meetings of the Select Board will be on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 PM.

- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM

Next meeting July 15, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the Nelson Town Office.

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman