

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

July 15, 2026

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

Others attending: Caleb Blakeslee, Army Corp of Engineers, M. Collins, J. Yardley

Absent:

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

● Caleb Blakeslee from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers was introduced. He came before the Board to present a proposal, as part of a MacDowell Dam project, to do a snow survey in Partridge Woods. This involves marking out specific locations where periodic snow measurement and weight would be taken. This data is used to determine anticipated spring runoff to MacDowell Dam. Currently there is a station at Hardy Hill Road and Nelson Road. It is on private land and they do not have permission to maintain this location and, over time, trees have come down limiting access for maintenance. It is preferred that all new stations are on public land as these are already available to the public and do not change ownership. Partridge Woods would be the highest location with the next highest stations at locations on Beech Hill in Harrisville. There would be about 5 locations chosen, each approximately 2'x2', and around 30' off the trail with walking access from Brickyard Road. Each area would be cleared of leaves, small brush, and any debris, but no tree cutting or other disturbance will be required. Location markers would be mounted on trees with small nails. A formal request for permission will be submitted to the Board for their written approval. C. Blakeslee will forward the final agreement for the next Selectmen's meeting.

J. Yardley was expected to attend this meeting today but did not arrive. She will be updated on the project and given an opportunity to present questions or concerns on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for July 1, 2026 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for July 8, 2026 and July 15, 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Due to the sale of two small building lots, previously contiguously owned and in Current Use status, the properties no longer qualify for Current Use as the two combined are less than 10 acres.

Mike made a motion to approve a LUCT for these two properties.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Zoning Board approved a variance for the Beffa-Negrini building project with contingencies. The ZBA clerk reported that there is now a new plan for the project that differs from the plan presented to the Select Board. The new plan is for a complete demolition and rebuild. As of this date no new plans have been submitted to the Selectmen.

- There was a brief review of the Bergeron building project as the Board acknowledge that the property owner has now filed an appeal with the ZBA of the Selectmen's decision. Board members plan to attend the hearing when it is scheduled.

- Replacement of the weathervane from the cupola above the Old Brick Schoolhouse is still being considered. The old weathervane is in extremely poor condition and may not be able to be restored. B. Dunn, T. McEachern, R. Germeroth will be asked to offer an opinion and perhaps one of them would be willing to craft a new replacement. In any case, an estimate of the cost is needed to proceed. Brenna informed the Board that G. Peery is opposed to fundraising for the project at Old Home Day as the Fire Department is already raising money through food sales.

- Edie reported that the "MAIL" continues to be a problem, both receiving and sending mail. There are many reports of others not receiving items we have sent and we are not receiving items that others have sent to this office, or items arrive very late, sometimes weeks. It doesn't seem to be just a local problem.

- Brenna spoke to Fire Warden, A. Ward regarding updating of the fire hazard sign on Granite Lake Road each time the State issues warnings or lifts them. Ward said that he is unable to change the sign due to his work schedule. The State issues changes in the morning and he is not available. The Board agreed if no one can keep the sign updated it should be taken down. Edie noted that J. Filipi is a Deputy Fire Warden and perhaps Ward could forward the State email to him to make the adjustment during his patrol. The Board agreed it was Ward's responsibility and if he can't make the changes then it should come down.

- J. Yardley arrived too late to hear the presentation by Caleb Blakeslee regarding the snow survey for Partridge Woods. Brenna gave her an overview of the presentation and Yardley indicated that she will contact Blakeslee to discuss the project further. Brenna informed her that the Selectmen were all in favor of the project and plan to give their approval at the next meeting.

- Mike opened discussion regarding the trucking needs for the Town Highway Dept., what each truck is used for, what sizes will be needed, is enough money put in Capital Reserve each year given the rising costs of equipment, and would short term lease or hiring out trucking be more cost effective. M. Tarr will be asked to sit with the Board to review these questions and then set up a meeting with the Road Equipment Committee, Mike, and the Selectmen for further planning.

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

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

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- Upon returning to Public session, Brenna made a motion to seal the minutes.
Mike seconded.
The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0. Mike - yes, Don - yes, Brenna - Yes

- With nothing further, Brenna made a motion to adjourn.
Mike seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.
Meeting adjourned 4:23 PM

Next meeting July 29, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the Nelson Town Office.

Minutes for July 15, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman