

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

August 12, 2026

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

Others attending: M. Collins

Absent:

Brenna called the August 12, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

- Brenna made a motion to approve the minutes for July 29, 2026 with an amendment of the truck sizes discussed for the Highway Department to read "6 or 10-wheeler".

Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifests for August 5th and 12th, 2026 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to renew the annual Town Hall Rental Contract for Monadnock Folklore Society.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a "Right of Entry Permit" for the US Army Corps of Engineers to place notices and snow measurement equipment in an area of Partridge Woods.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a request from the Cemetery Board to expend \$1,500 for surveyor services to layout the new cemetery and all burial plots.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve a request from Child Advocacy of Cheshire County for 2027 budget funding in the amount of \$1850, the same amount as approved in 2026.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to deny a request from the Cheshire Fair Association for 2027 budget funding.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Edie reported that M. Tarr suggested that he and Nick could probably carve a fish to resemble the old weathervane. It will be mounted at such a distance that no detailed carving is needed as it wouldn't be

seen. After a brief discussion, noting there would be no cost involved, Brenna made a motion to have M. Tarr and Nick carve a replacement for the whale/fish weathervane that was taken down from the cupola on the Old Brick Schoolhouse.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Brenna reported from M. Tarr informed her that Harrisville has found a treatment to successfully eliminate knotweed. Brenna will discuss this with J. Yardley and the Conservation Commission to see if they have any interest in pursuing a remedy for Nelson.

- Don wanted it stated for the minutes that he has done some research and talked to several people and now feels his past opinion of Nelson owning the gravel pit was in error. He understands the value and the long life of service it will be to the town. He also re-evaluated his previous comments on the highway crew trucking the town's gravel. He now feels there would be no savings to hire a private company and therefore the highway department should continue the town's gravel trucking. In his further research he concluded that using a 10-wheeler for plowing and sanding would save the most time and be most efficient. He commended the Highway Department for the great job they do.

- J. Yardley became aware of a grant for testing public water for levels of lead. She has been in touch with Edie at the Town office and N. Gordon at the Nelson School and was informed that the school has regular water testing done and they have already addressed any past concerns for water safety. Edie also informed her of the testing schedule for the Town office, library, and Town Hall. Brenna will talk to Yardley to assure her that the town buildings and the school have regular testing done and there are no problems.

- D. & P. Beffa-Negrini presented an amended Building Permit for a previously presented project. They were denied a permit and referred to the Zoning Board to seek a variance for the project they had presented. During the contractor's inspection of their property it was determined that age deterioration made it best to demolish the existing structure and rebuild new with the same plans. Their hearing with the Zoning Board resulted in a granted variance with the condition that an added suite be joined to the main building by a foundation and walkway. Following a full plan review, Mike made a motion to approve the new Building Permit with the condition that it be built on the existing footprint, in accordance with the ZBA conditions, and that the property owner sign off on the existing footprint drawing as shown on the most recent property identification card.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Mike went on to make a motion to approve a demo permit for the existing structure conditioned on securing evidence of the exact location and size where the new structure must be built to meet all above-mentioned conditions.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Brenna reported that R. Walter inquired about permitting to build a pond on his property. The Board agreed that no town permitting was required but DES should be contacted before beginning.

- It was reported that a travel trailer had been parking overnight off of Old Stoddard Road in the area of Partridge Wood. A neighbor spoke to the occupant and the matter was referred to the Nelson Police Chief for further checking. Brenna noted that the Conservation Commission oversees the Partridge Woods property and they may want to consider signs indicating no overnight parking allowed. Mike suggested that a Town ordinance not allowing overnight parking that could be enforced and fines levied for violations.

- Brenna reported on a number of occasions that bikers have entered her property and traveled up to her house and beyond and this has happened even when the gate is closed. They haven't been able to catch up to speak with the bikers yet but this too has been reported to the Police Chief.

- Brenna did a brief recap of the Old Home Day events that were well attended and held with perfect weather. A toad that was entered in the frog jump gave an impressive performance and extra blue ribbons saved the day for all rightful winners.

- Mike will be away for the Primary but Buffy Tarr will be covering for him. He will also be away the week of Thanksgiving but there is no meeting that week.

- Don will be away on November 18, 2026 and will miss that meeting.

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

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 4:20 PM

Next meeting August 26, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the Nelson Town Office.

Minutes for August 12, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman