

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

August 20, 2025

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

Others attending: J. Sarcione

Absent:

Brenna called the August 20, 2025 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:05 PM.

● Following the opening discussion, Mike made a motion to continue meeting every other week through September.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes for August 6, 2025 as recorded.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Manifests for August 13th and August 20th, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● J. Sarcione came before the Board to review the process for granting a Permit of Assembly for facilities holding events. This came up last week because Apple Hill Center has rented out space for a wedding on August 23, 2025. The caterer requires a permit of assembly as well as a letter from the Select Board approving on-site liquor service. Sarcione met with the Fire Marshal to assist with the facility inspection and following a full safety check the Permit was issued by Chief Sarcione. A letter of approval from the Select Board was also submitted to the caterer for this one-time event.

Sarcione also presented two Purchase Requests, one for a pager for a new member at \$499, and a mobile radio for the new member's personal vehicle at \$1807.24.

The Board reminded Sarcione that he should review his budget before submitting Purchase Requests of this size.

Contingent on sufficient budget funds, Mike made a motion to approve the new pager at \$499 and the new mobile radio for the member's personal vehicle at \$1807.24.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Discussion opened regarding the status of a dry hydrant project for Center Pond. It was reported to Sarcione that the land owner has some reservations about the project and a follow-up reply from the landowner has not been received at this time. Mike will try to meet with the landowner to address his concerns. Nubanusit Dam would be the next site under consideration if Center Pond fails. Sarcione will organize a department training to do a test at Nubanusit Dam.

The Board reported to Sarcione that the hole in the large storage room at the Town Hall is scheduled to be repaired. M. Tarr and J. Filipi will be asked for a timeline.

- Mike made a motion to approve a Thank you letter to the Harrisville Selectmen for providing a tour of their recycling center and for beginning discussions with the Nelson Select Board about some type of sharing of the facility with Nelson residents.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to ratify approval for the Wedding Event at Apple Hill Center to allow for a one-time mobile bar service on August 23, 2025.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a review of a notice from the NH Department of Revenue eliminating the \$500 tax credit to disabled veterans that had been available in addition to the service related disability tax credit, Mike made a motion to add a Warrant Article increasing the current service related total disability veterans' tax credit to \$1500. This amount would allow for Nelson's service related total disability veterans to maintain the same amount of tax credit as previously allowed.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a review of appropriate Trust documents, Mike made a motion to approve a Solar Exemption name change for James and Cynthia Newcombe to the name of the Newcombe Family Trust.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve an Intent to Cut for BMW Jr.-Lightning Hill (P. White).

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Edie advised the Board that MFS has signed the annual Town Hall rental agreement.

- E. Giacomo, Cemetery Board Chair reported via email that the old shed in the cemetery is in very bad condition and should be removed. She thought that perhaps the Fire Department would like to use it for fire training. There are also some misc. items such as old lawn mowers and various markers etc. that she thought, if the Selectmen agreed, could be noticed in the Black Fly to be taken for free. Mike suggested that G. Philbrick could be contacted to take the mowers.

- Edie reported that the cost for the camera system for the area around the safety building has increased. The vendor has agreed to let the town employees run some of the wiring in order to save money and he will install everything, do the training, and provide future service to the equipment. J. Filipi will get a new cost estimate.

- A Purchase Request was presented from the Highway department for a used sander to be used for sand coating their asphalt project. Usually the Town of Harrisville is able to assist but their truck is out of service and Sullivan is not available. The cost is around \$3,000. Mike wondered what truck it is going in and if there is money in the budget. Edie reported that M. Tarr came in to review his budget to be sure he had funding available. After a bit more discussion, Mike stated that he trusts M. Tarr's judgement and made a motion to approve the sander purchase as long as funds are available and he will seek further understanding on the use of the equipment from Tarr.

Brenna agreed and seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike reported that the Planning Board Surveys have been counted and all comments documented. Road width due to the new grader was a complaint noted on multiple surveys as well as cost for full time police. All comments are being considered for further discussion.

● Edie reported on two land ownership issues that she has discovered due to pending ownership changes. One is a recent property sale that came through from the registry that is missing the waterfront property that also belongs with the sale. Edie notified the original landowner but as of today no correction has been made at the registry.

The other is a single deeded property that, while it was used as one, at some point was divided by a class VI road and the town listed it as two parcels each with their own property ID. A pending sale of one of the parcels has initiated deed and history research with findings that would require the landowner to seek a subdivision. This issue can be traced back at least 35 plus years. As the land on one side was used in support of the other side it would appear that two separate parcel identifications were likely not appropriate. The Selectmen agreed to waive the administrative portion of the subdivision application for the current landowner with payment due for the abutter notice and legal posting only.

● With nothing further, Mike made a motion to adjourn.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 4:41 PM

Next regular meeting September 3, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for August 20, 2025

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman