

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

August 26, 2026

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

Others attending: R. Roland, M. Collins, J. Filipi, M. Nunnemaker,

Absent:

Brenna called the August 26, 2026 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

● R. Roland came before the Board with a parking question regarding Holt Farm Road. He wonders if the No parking signage is on public or private property. Don used to own the property and said the sharp corner is okay for parking but beyond that is private land. Edie will check the maps and property file to determine the owner. Roland could then seek permission from the owner to park and walk in the area.

● Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for August 12, 2026 as recorded.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the Emergency meeting minutes for August 24, 2026 as recorded.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for August 19, 2026 as presented.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for August 26, 2026 as presented.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve an amended manifest for June 17, 2026 due to a voided check that was lost in the mail.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve the MS-535 (Annual Audit) and submit to DRA.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve a letter of intent to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for Granite Lake Dam.
Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Following a review of submitted plans, setbacks, and acknowledgement by the property owner that a current use penalty will be levied for any area designated as “Current Use” land, Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for a storage shed/barn for S. and B. Kucinski. Don seconded.

The motion carried 2-0. Brenna recused herself from the vote.

● Following a review of new fees submitted by the Planning Board, Mike made a motion to approve the new fees as requested.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● J. Filipi came before the Board with a Police Department update as follows:

- Number of calls up from last year – residents are getting used to an officer in town.
- The J-ONE State Police Grant has been approved for Nelson and is good for one year. As this grant requires payment in full by the town and then reimbursement Filipi suggests a Warrant Article for 2027 as the total is around \$20,000.
- All trouble areas have been regularly checked for traffic concerns – speed etc.
- Filipi expects a couple more weeks of detail work on Rt 9 for the paving project.
- Total for Revolving Fund will be approximately \$10,000 when all invoices are paid.
- There will be further discussion on use of the Revolving Fund balance as budgets and Warrant Articles are developed.
- Tires are needed for the old cruiser - Mike made a motion to approve \$1,000-1,200. Brenna seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
- Filipi plans to purchase new body armor if money remains in this year’s budget.
- Filipi is developing a “House Check” service for residents away from home. A Request form is being developed and will be available at various locations when completed. The Granite Lake Association will be notified when the plan is ready to launch.
- Police Decals need to be replaced on the old cruiser – Brenna made a motion to approve new decals and installation from Silver Direct for around \$400. Mike seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

● The Board then reviewed Building Permit fees that have been used for approximately 20 years. With multiple site visits needed for most projects including a site visit as the projects begin, to determine compliance, as well as assessor visits when the project is in various stages of completion, the Board agreed that \$100 would be a reasonable fee along with an increase of square footage fees to 50 cents for residence and 30 cents for ancillary.

Mike then made a motion to approve these new fees as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● With heightened concern and multiple complaints coming to the Selectmen regarding the change of a seasonal cottage to a full-time residence at 707 Granite Lake Road, the Board has developed a letter to be submitted to the DES compliance division requesting their investigation into the intended wastewater/septic changes for the property upon completion of their newly rebuilt and enlarged residence.

Brenna made a motion to approve the letter to be sent as soon as possible.

Don seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- M. Tarr has confirmed to Brenna that he would rather not carve the new weathervane fish for the Town Office cupola. He suggested revisiting the task with T. McEachern. Brenna agreed and made a motion to ask T. McEachern to create a new fish for the weathervane.

Mike seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 4:38 PM

Next meeting September 9, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the Nelson Town Office.

Minutes for August 26, 2026

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman