

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

September 17, 2025

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

Others attending: J. Filipi, J. Sarcione, J. Pfister, M. Tarr

*Absent:*

Brenna called the September 17, 2025 meeting of the Nelson Select Board to order at 3:00 PM.

- Mike made a motion to approve the amended Selectmen's meeting minutes for August 3, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- The Board acknowledged a letter of objection submitted to the Board by J. Filipi.

- Mike made a motion to approve the manifest for September 10, and 17, 2025 as presented.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve the MS-1 and MS-1V (Town Evaluation) for submission to DRA.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- It had been determined that the owners of the land where a proposed dry hydrant at Center Pond could be located are Katherine and Lloyd Dahmen. Mike made a motion to approve a letter of request seeking permission to further research this location for the proposed dry hydrant.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a 2026 budget funding request from American Red Cross, Mike made a motion to approve adding \$350 to the 2026 social services article, this being the same amount as for 2025.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Mike made a motion to approve and signed the MS-525 (final financial report ending 12/31/2024) for submission to DRA.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

- Following a review of submitted plans, Mike made a motion to approve a Building Permit for T. Karkane contingent upon confirmation of road setback allowance being met prior to the foundation placement.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● Mike made a motion to approve Public minutes for a meeting held on 9/16/2025 with the Marlborough Police Chief and Marlborough Town Administrator to gather information regarding the use and function of a Police Revolving Fund.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Mike also made a motion to approve Non-Public minutes (with a closing time amendment) that was held following the meeting with Marlborough for purposes of personnel.

Brenna seconded

The motion carried 3-0.

*\*\*This scrivener notes that the Non-Public Session was not legally posted as no instructions were given or implied regarding an additional Non-Public meeting when the Select Board Chair requested posting of a 9/16/2025 meeting with Marlborough officials.*

● Brenna reported that she has completed the annual administrative update in the HealthTrust portal.

● Brenna shared concern from a resident regarding small children playing, seemingly unsupervised, along, and often in, the road at 25 Old Stoddard Road. The Road Agent and Police Chief will be asked about possible warning signage to alert drivers that children are playing. Chief Filipi will be asked to contact the family and suggest that they consider purchasing a collapsible sign to set up when the children are outside.

● Another safety concern in that area is the tall grass or brush growing alongside the road that blocks the view of cars coming from Harrisville into the Village when someone is trying to turn into Old Stoddard Road. As this is a State Road, M. Tarr will be asked to contact the State road maintenance office to request Roadside trimming to open up a clear view of oncoming traffic.

● Mike reported that the exterior walls at the rear of the Town Barn and long shed are in bad shape and in need of repair. M. Tarr had suggested that sheets of metal siding could be used to repair the walls quickly and town employees could likely handle the installation without need of an outside contractor. This will be discussed further once the extent of deterioration is determined.

● Brenna reported that the Conservation Commission would like to monitor the Gilsum Gravel Pit each year for any sign of knotweed or other invasive plants. They are also concerned that the work being done on town culverts could be spreading any growth that may be hidden within the culvert. They also cautioned that the use of weed killers can only be done by a trained and licensed individual.

● Members of the Emergency Management Team arrived: J. Pfister, EMD, J. Sarcione, Fire Chief, J. Filipi, Police Chief, M. Tarr, Road Agent

● J. Sarcione presented a Purchase Request explaining it is for a CPR therapy cable and connector for the Zoll monitor. The cable and connector are out of date and need replacement as they are over 10 years old. Mike made a motion to approve the purchase at a total cost of \$889.

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Sarcione stated that all AED pads will also need replacement but no estimate was submitted at this time.

● With the drop this month from the high energy use at the Granite Lake Fire Station, J. Sarcione reported that the only thing he found running in the building was a dehumidifier. That will be left off to see if that could be the cause of previously high usage.

● J. Filipi was asked to speak with the family at 25 Old Stoddard Road regarding the children playing so close to the road and ask them to consider warning signage.

- M. Tarr was asked to call his contact at the State Highway to request the grass and Brush trimming alongside Nelson Road at the Old Stoddard Road entrance.

- J. Pfister remarked that wells are quickly becoming a concern and there is nothing addressing this in the Hazard Mitigation plan. After a brief discussion of the available water at the Safety Building, all agreed that people should stop filling their water needs at the Town Barn and should only use the water from the outside faucet at the Library as this water is tested on a regular schedule and has been determined potable. J. Pfister will check with FEMA/Homeland Security to see if they have bottled water available for the Town to distribute as needed.

- Due to a well running dry, a current request has come from a resident to use the shower at the Safety Building Emergency Center. While under the current drought conditions this is not advisable, this has brought forward conflicting understanding of how the Safety Building Facilities are to be used by the general public. Following the updated Hazzard Mitigation Plan the Town Hall is the resiliency center or warming shelter and place to gather during emergency situations. The Safety Building is the center for Emergency Operations and organization including EMD, Fire, Police and Highway departments. There was a suggestion to designate the space as Emergency Operations Center but, all agreed that doing so should not prohibit use for other purposes when no emergency is in effect. Edie will check old Town Reports for warrant articles and discussions just prior to construction of the Safety Building to uncover any information on its intended use beyond Emergency situations.

- Before leaving, J. Filipi reported that the warranty work on the 2022 cruiser has been completed. The wire running for the security cameras is complete and the cameras are expected to be installed within the next week.

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4:45 PM

Brenna then made a motion to move into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (a) Personnel.

Mike seconded.

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

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5:15 PM

- 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.

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

Brenna seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 5:16 PM

Next regular meeting October 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Minutes for September 17, 2025

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Brenna Kucinski, Chair

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Michael Blaudschun, Selectman

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Don Carlisle, Selectman