

Town of Nelson
Selectman's Meeting
3:00 PM
September, 23, 2026

Executive Board Attending: Brenna Kucinski, Mike Blaudschun, Don Carlisle

Absent: Edie Drinkwater, Administrative Assistant

Others attending: Joe Filipi, Police Chief, Maury Collins, Max Nunnemaker

At 3:00 PM Brenna Kucinski opened the September 23rd meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

Don made a motion to approve the minutes for September 9th as recorded, Brenna seconded. Mike was absent for this meeting.
The motion carried 2-0.

Mike made a motion to approve the Manifests for September 10th - 16th and September 17th - 23rd as presented.
Brenna seconded.
The motion carried 3-0.

Joe Filipi updated the board on the cost of lettering the older police car. Decals can be non-reflective (more expensive) or not. He thinks non-reflective is fine. The \$400.00 we originally voted for is not enough. The cost will be between \$500-\$850 to make a fully marked car. After a brief discussion Mike made a motion to approve whatever the cost is to be within the discretion of the Police Chief. Joe stated there is plenty of money in the police department budget to cover this expense. Don seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion of the capital reserve fund for replacement of the older police car and how money might be used to offset this amount from the revolving fund ensued. Joe thought currently there was about \$12,000 in the revolving fund but prefers to leave most of that in the fund for future expenses. It was decided to continue this discussion when we are talking about his entire budget in the next month or so.

Mike alerted the board for a need to cut the hedge between the Coughlin's property and the cemetery. It has gotten too tall and unsightly. He will contact Elaine and let her know.

Mike made a motion to approve the Fire Department request for minitor radios in the amount of \$2,019.94. Brenna seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brenna updated the board on her conversation with Ellen Smith, administrative assistant to the Marlborough Select Board regarding who they use for a site inspector. She had told her that they use Mike Wilbur, a builder, for site inspections. Since the board is familiar with him, as he has done several renovations for the town, it was agreed he would be a good choice. Brenna will contact him to determine his interest and cost for that service.

There was a brief discussion regarding the highway department's trucks and the amount of money needed to be placed in the capital reserve fund going forward. It was noted that more may be needed to keep up with inflation. Potentially even more money than the increased amount last year may be needed. There was also a brief discussion of lease vs purchase of a new truck once one is needed. Further discussion with Mike Tarr will be needed on all topics.

Brenna updated the board on Mike Tarr's recent work to help address the State's concerns regarding the Bailey Brook Bridge. Larger stone was dumped on both sides of the culvert to help deter erosion. Also large stones were placed in the larger holes above that had developed. It looks much better overall now.

Brenna also updated the board on her and Mike Tarr's visit to the most recent meeting of the Conservation Commission. There are discussions regarding the ongoing problem of knotweed and its spread in certain areas

of town. Mike encouraged the board to seriously consider the company Harrisville used to eradicate the problem in their town. They were able to eradicate most of it from what he could see. He told them this is a problem he cannot address and they need to find another solution to the problem. Janet Yardley had a brief discussion with the company Harrisville used and discovered that part of what they use in their mixture is roundup weed killer. They seemed concerned about this so whether they pursue this option or not is questionable. Brenna cautioned the Conservation Commission that they can no longer ask Mike to deal with this problem and should seriously consider using this company. Unfortunately, these products are the most effective in eradicating these invasive species.

Brenna let the board know that Buffy Tarr was interested in training for the Town Clerk position. She has obtained the necessary paperwork and will return it to the office once she has a chance to complete it. All were enthusiastic about this as Karen has had a hard time finding a person interested in taking it on when she retires.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Brenna Kucinski, Chair

Mike Blaudschun, Selectman

Don Carlisle, Selectman