New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2020
WARRANT

Nelson

The inhabitants of the Town of Nelson in the County of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday March 10, 2020 Voting for Election of Officers and Ballot Questions
Time: Polls to open at 11:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM
Location: Nelson Town Hall

Details: Business meeting will be held on Saturday March 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Location: Nelson Town Hall

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 13, 2020, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Nelson Town Office, the Town Website, and that an original was delivered to Karen Castelli, Nelson Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
David Upton	Select Board Chair	
Maury Collins	Selectman	
Gary Robinson	Selectman	
Given under our hands at said Nelson, this 10th day of February, 2020		
A True Copy Attest		

Article 01 **Choose necessary Town Officers for year ensuing**

To Choose necessary Town Officers for year ensuing.

This article appears on the Official Ballot.

Article 02 **Purchase of New Grader**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $313,747 for the purpose of purchasing a new 2020 John Deere 672G Motor Grader. $18,000 in offsetting funds to come from trade-in value of the Town Owned 1986 Motor Grader, and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to $110,747 from the Road Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $185,000 of bonds,or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon with a repayment term of 5 years. The Road Equipment Capital Reserve Fund balance as of 12/31/2019 was approximately 113,445. The Road Agent recommends this article. The Road Equipment Committee recommends this article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article 3-0. (Two thirds secret ballot vote required)

Article 03 **To defray the Town charges for the year ensuing**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $958,825 for general municipal operations of Town departments including Executive, Administrative, Cemetery, Fire, Police, Highway, Emergency Management, Health Officer, Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission, Planning and Zoning Boards, for the year ensuing. This article has anticipated offsetting revenue of $270,730.
The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 04 **Purchase and Installation of Grid-Tied Solar Array**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $135,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a grid-tied solar array with a size of at least 40 kW DC, to be installed on the East facing roofs of the Nelson Highway Barn and the Nelson Safety Building, or on the West facing roof of the Nelson Sand/Salt Storage Building. Further to include any modifications necessary to upgrade roof structural strength as well as the purchase and installation of any mechanical or electrical components necessary to complete service to all Town Buildings.
The goal of this project will be to provide the energy needed to power the lighting and plug loads in all town owned buildings, except for the Town Hall which will be powered by the solar array on the roof of the library. Further to authorize the withdrawal of up to $135,000 from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund created for such qualifying purposes with and no funding to come from taxes. The Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of 12/31/2019 was approximately 138,692. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 05 **Support of Town Library**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,363 for the support of the Town library, $35,363 to be raised by taxes and $5,000 to come from Library Memorial Funds, gifts, grants, and other sources. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 06 **Funding of Various Social Service Agencies**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,311 for support of social service agencies which provide assistance to Nelson residents. The agencies chosen to receive funds are: American Red Cross ($350), The Community Kitchen Inc. ($500), Home Health Care Services ($550), Monadnock Family Services ($911), Southwestern Community Services ($500), Monadnock Region child Advocacy Center ($1,500), Hundred Nights Inc. ($500), and Casa for Children ($500). In 2019, $7,187 was paid in support of social service agencies and Nelson residents were provided over $204,806 in food, services, discounts and direct assistance. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0

Article 07 **Repair, clean and restore damaged headstones**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500 to repair, clean and restore damaged headstones in the Nelson cemeteries. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 08 **Add funds to Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund previously established. No withdrawals may be made from the fund except by vote of the town. The Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund balance as of 12/31/2019 was approximately $138,692. The Selectmen Recommend this article 3-0.

Article 09 **Add funds to Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of Fire Apparatus purchases for the Fire Department. No withdrawals may be made from this Fund except by vote of the Town and upon recommendation of the Fire Chief. The Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund balance as of 12/31/2019 was approximately $227,202. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 10 **Add funds to Milfoil Prevention and Treatment ETF**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be added to the Milfoil Prevention Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The fund balance as of 12/31/2019 was approximately $31,504. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 11 **Funding for fighting forest fires with anticipated**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500 for the purpose of fighting forest fires. This sum to come as reimbursement from the NH State Fire Warden and no amount will be raised through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 12 **Add funds to Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Police Equipment Capital reserve fund previously established. No withdrawals may be made from this fund except by vote of the Town and with the recommendation of the Police Chief. The Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund balance as of 12/31/2019 was approximately $31,278.
The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 13 **Add funds to Nelson Bridge Repair/Replacement ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Nelson Bridge Repair or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Funds are to be used for the extensive repairs or replacement of bridges in the town of Nelson. The Selectmen are the agents to expend said funds.
The Nelson Bridge Repair or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund balance as of 12/31/2019 was approximately $20,741. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 14 **Add funds to Road Equip. Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be added to the Road Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. No withdrawals may be made from this fund except by vote of the Town upon recommendation of the Road Equipment Committee. The Road Equipment Capital Reserve Fund balance as of 12/31/2019 was approximately $113,445. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 15 **Reclaiming and Repaving Center Pond Road**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum $115,000 for the purpose of Reclaiming and Repaving Center Pond Road. It being understood that this project will be done in two stages. The "Reclaiming" process will occur in 2020, removing the existing asphalt to the road base, followed by a period of time to allow for complete settling and then final repaving to be completed in 2021. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Repaving is completed or by December 31, 2021, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

Article 16 **Pave Parking area at Granite Lake Fire Station**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,500 for the purpose of Paving the existing gravel driveway and roof drip line area at Granite Lake Fire Station. The goal is to prevent soil erosion and mitigate the migration of detrimental sediment into Granite Lake. The paving will allow water run-off to flow easily without picking up and carrying harmful sediment. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 17 **Fund other patrols/details performed by Nelson PD**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000 for the purpose of patrols or details performed by the Nelson Police Department for the State of New Hampshire, Cheshire County Sheriff's Department, other municipalities or authorized private entities. The total sum to come from offsetting grants and/or revenues received for said patrols and details and no amount to be raised through taxation. The Police Chief recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 18 **By Petition - Support for Nelson School Students**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,950 for the Game of Village Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, to support the expenses of Nelson resident school students in order to attend Village 2020 - a summer learning experience. All children who live in Nelson and are entering 5th-8th grades may attend. This is a "Petitioned Article". The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.