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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, due to continued concerns over COVID-19, the Annual Town Meeting will not be held in March, but be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday July 13, 2021 Voting for Elections 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 July 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Location: Nelson Town Common under a tent

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 17, 2021, 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 17th day of February 2021

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

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $973,541 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 $249,499. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 03 **Support of Town Library**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,850 for the support of the town library, $36,525 to be raised by taxes and $4,325 to come from Library Memorial Funds, gifts, grants, and other sources. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 04 **Funding of Various Social Service Agencies**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,550 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, Hospice and Community Services ($1000), Monadnock Family Services ($1000), Southwestern Community Services ($700), Monadnock Region child Advocacy Center ($1,500), Hundred Nights Inc. ($500),Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention ($500) and Casa for Children ($500). In 2020, $7,187 was paid in support of social service agencies and Nelson residents were provided over $81,983.00 in food, services, discounts and direct assistance. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0

Article 05 **Repair, clean and restore damaged headstones**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to repair, clean and restore damaged headstones in the Nelson cemeteries. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 06 **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 12/31/2020 was approximately $59,558. The Selectmen Recommend this article 3-0.

Article 07 **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 12/31/2020 was approximately $60,840. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 08 **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 12/31/2020 was approximately $ 32,698. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 09 **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 10 **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 12/31/2020 was approximately $41,475. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 11 **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 12/31/2020 was approximately $30,872. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 12 **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 12/31/2020 was approximately $28,394. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 13 **Pave Parking area at Granite Lake Fire Station**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 for the purpose of Paving the existing gravel driveway and roof drip line area at Granite Lake Fire Station and to install a new culvert system for the shedding water. 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 14 **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 15 **Purchase and Installation of new lighted Flagpole**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500 for the purchase and installation of a new lighted flagpole for the proper display of the American Flag in front of the Towr Hall. It being understood that the flag will typically be displayed 24 hours a day and therefore must be properly illuminated at night. The Selectmen do not recommend this article 2-1.

Article 16 **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 2021 - a summer learning experience. All children who live in Nelson and are entering 5th-8th grades may attend. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 17 **By Petition - Support research to solicit proposal**

To see if the Town will vote to support the formation of an ad hoc committee to research and document the need for improved broadband internet coverage in Nelson, and further to solicit proposals from high speed internet providers based on the committee's findings. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 18 **By Petition - Resolution for Redistricting**

To see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Nelson to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Selectmen to Nelson's state legislators and the Governor, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0

Article 19 **By Petition - Resolution to take action**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following:

We the town of Nelson hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan. 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Nelson's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Nelson's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Nelson's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0