

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:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday March 14, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Location: Nelson Town Hall

Details: Voting for Election of Officers and Official Ballot items only

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: Saturday March 18, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Nelson Town Hall

Details: Voting on all other Business

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 16, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at The Nelson Town Office and on the Town of Nelson Official Website and that an original was delivered to Karen Castelli, Nelson Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

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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 \$ 1,087,240.00 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 \$311,468. 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 \$49,158 for the support of the town library, \$43,993 to be raised by taxes and \$5,165 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 \$5,786 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 (\$550), Monadnock Family Services (\$786), Southwestern Community Services (\$500), Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center (\$1,850), Hundred Nights Inc. (\$500), Community Volunteer Transportation Co. (\$250) and Casa for Children (\$500). In 2022, \$5,536 was paid in support of social service agencies and Nelson residents were provided over \$210,735.00 in food, services, discounts and direct assistance. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0

Article 05 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 12/31/2022 was approximately \$108,923. The Selectmen Recommend this article 3-0.

Article 06 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 12/31/2022 was approximately \$112,698. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 07 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 12/31/2022 was approximately \$35,030. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.



Article 08 Funding for fighting forest fires/NH reimbursement

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of fighting forest fires. This article has anticipated reimbursement from the NH State Fire Warden in the amount of \$500. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 09 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 12/31/2022 was approximately \$62,508. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 10 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 12/31/2022 was approximately \$11,155. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 11 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 12/31/2022 was approximately \$79,704. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 12 Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Energy Projects

To see if the town will vote to establish a Nelson Renewable/Green Energy Project Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of supporting renewable or "Green" energy projects in Nelson, such as Solar, Wind, or other renewable energy sources as may become available and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. No withdrawals may be made from this fund except by vote of the Town. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 13 Re-adopt Optional Veterans' Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28,II for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500. If re-adopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 14 Modify the Distribution of Land Use Change Tax

To see if the town will vote to amend the current Land Use Change Tax distribution pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 IV. The current distribution to be reduced from 100% to 50% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 II to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II and the remaining 50% shall be for the use of the town in accordance with RSA 79-A:25 I. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1st, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.



Article 15 Paving a Section of Granite Lake Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of paving a small section of Granite Lake Road from the J. Parker Snow bridge located in Nelson to the Sullivan Town Line including the turn-around area. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 16 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. This article has anticipated offsetting revenue of \$4,000 from any of the previously listed entities contracting this service. The Police Chief recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 17 Purchase New Police Cruiser

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new Police cruiser. \$52,000 to come from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. This article is upon recommendation of the Police Department. The fund balance as of 12/31/2022 was approximately \$62,508. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 18 Repair Damage & Deterioration of Library Building

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for purpose of repairing damage and deterioration of the Library building due to water/weather and to incorporate and install mitigation efforts, such as roof gutters, to reduce the risk of further damage. \$100,000 to come from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve fund, established for that purpose, and \$25,000 to from from taxes. The fund balance as of 12/31/2022 was \$108,923. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 19 Repairs to Fire Truck-Engine #1

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of exterior body repairs to Engine #1 of the Nelson Fire Department a 2001 International. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 20 Purchase New Fire Hose

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing new fire hose to replace aging hose that no longer can meet pressure testing requirements. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Article 21 By Petition-Support for Nelson School Students

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,550 for the Game of Village Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. This money would be used to support the expenses of Nelson resident school students in order to attend Village 2023 - a summer learning experience. Any children who live in Nelson and are entering 5th-8th grades may apply. This is a Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.



Article 22 By Petition - Support Nelson in Common, Non-profit

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the efforts of Nelson in Common; a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, to include offsetting costs for maintaining the Nelson History website, and for costs relating to Old Home Day and other projects and communications which support the town and community. This is a petitioned article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article 3-0.

Article 23 By Petition - Purchase and Installation of Grid Ti

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a grid-tied solar array with a size of at least 17 kW DC, to be installed on the south-facing roof of the Nelson Town Hall. The array shall be of a low-profile design with black frames for the solar panels in order to minimize its visibility. Further, it is intended that the energy produced by this solar array be primarily used to supply the electrical loads created by the air-sourced heat pump heating/cooling systems that were installed in the Town Office, Town Hall, and Olivia Rodham Memorial Library in 2022. Further, to include all electrical infrastructure modifications needed to connect the output of the solar system to the electrical grid and to the heat pumps described above. This appropriation to be non-lapsing through 12/31/2024. This is a petitioned article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article 3-0.

Article 24 By Petition - Purchase and Installation of Dry Hyd

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for the purchase and installation of a Dry Hydrant along the North Shore of Tolman Pond.
This is a petitioned article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article 3-0.