

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 12, 2024

Time: Polls are open 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Location: Nelson Town Hall

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

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

Date: Saturday March 16, 2024

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 22, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting at the Nelson Town Hall and on the Town of Nelson Official Website and that an original was delivered to Karen Castelli, Nelson Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

[illegible]



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 \$ 1,329,026.00 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 \$346,589. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 03 Support of Town Library

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,890 for the support of the town library, \$44,507 to be raised by taxes and \$5,383 to come from Library Memorial Funds, gifts, grants, and other sources. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 04 Funding of Various Social Service Agencies

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,663 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 (\$877), Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center (\$1,850), Hundred Nights Inc. (\$500), Community Volunteer Transportation Co. (\$250) and Casa for Children (\$1000). In 2023, \$5,786 was paid in support of social service agencies and Nelson residents were provided over \$200,221.00 in food, services, discounts and direct assistance. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

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 12/31/2023 was approximately \$39,792. The Selectmen Recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

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 12/31/2023 was approximately \$144,590. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

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 12/31/2023 was approximately \$38,238. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.



Article 08 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 12/31/2023 was approximately \$25,642. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 09 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 12/31/2023 was approximately \$22,136. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 10 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 12/31/2023 was approximately \$109,869. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 11 Add funds to Renewable Energy Capital Reserve

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Nelson Renewable/Green Energy Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established 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. No withdrawals may be made from this fund except by vote of the Town. The Renewable/Green Energy Capital Reserve Fund balance as of 12/31/2023 was approximately \$25,977. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 12 Repair Roof of Town Hall & Add Solar Array

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,500 for the repair and shingling of the Town Hall roof sufficient to support a new solar array (Roof \$29,500 & Solar Array \$60,000) and to purchase and install 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 be primarily used to supply the electrical loads created by the air-sourced heat pump heating/cooling systems that were installed in 2022 in the Town Office, Town Hall, and Olivia Rodham Memorial Library. 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. \$20,000 to come from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve fund to be used toward the roof repair and shingling as a qualifying purpose of use of that fund and \$25,000 to come from the Nelson Renewable/Green Energy Project Capital Reserve Fund to be used toward the Solar array purchase and installation as a qualifying use of that fund and the balance to come from taxation.

As of 12/31/2023 the balance in the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund was approximately \$39,792 and the balance in the Nelson Renewable/Green Energy Project Capital Reserve Fund was approximately \$25,977.

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.



Article 13 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. If the grant is not fully received, the remainder to be raised through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 14 Purchase New Nelson Road Signs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the purchase of new Road Signs including posts and materials for proper installation, for each of Nelson's Town Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 15 Purchase & Installation of 2 Nelson Welcome Signs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$5,500 for the purchase and installation of two Town of Nelson Welcome signs, each to be placed on the Nelson Road just before entry into the Village, one from the Harrisville side of the village and one along the hill entering the Village from the Munsonville side . The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

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. Majority Vote Required.

Article 17 Purchase and Installation of Standby Generator

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,425 for the purpose of purchase and installation of a Propane Fueled Standby Generator sufficient in size to power the Nelson Town Office, Town hall and Library in the event of a power outage. Cost to include one Kohler 60RCLB, 60kw, 120/240 Volt, Single-Phase, 1800 RPM, Propane Fueled Standby Generator in Sound Attenuated Enclosure, two Kohler RDT, 200 Amp, 120/240 Volt, Single-Phase, Service Entrance Rated Automatic Transfer Switches in Nema 3R Enclosures and One Kohler RDT, 100 Amp, 120/240 Volt, Single-Phase, Automatic Transfer Switch in Nema 3R Enclosure, transfer switches to be located next to existing electrical meters, includes site work, trenching for electrical and propane lines, Electrical Installation of generator and automatic transfer switches, Gas installation to include line from customer supplied tank to generator, Concrete pad, engine battery, and block heater, Factory warranty startup and owner training session, Required permits and inspections, and Equipment includes 5-year manufacturer limited warranty. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 18 Purchase and Installation of Dry Hydrant

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a Dry Hydrant, including the cost of design engineering, permitting, equipment, parts, labor and any other costs associated with installation and permitting. The location to be at Granite Lake near the Dam. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.



Article 19 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 2024 - 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. Majority Vote Required.