



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 10, 2026

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 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

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 23, 2026, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Nelson Town Offices and on the Town of Nelson Official Website and that an original was delivered to Karen Castelli, Nelson Town Clerk/Tax Collector.





Article 01 Choose necessary Town Officers for year ensuing

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This article appears on the Official Ballot.

Article 02 Amendments to Zoning Ordinances

To see if the Town will vote to approve Amendments to the Nelson Zoning Ordinances. This article appears on the Official Ballot

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 \$ 1,399,722.00 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 \$520,311.00. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 04 Support of Town Library

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,551 for the support of the town library, \$46,051 to be raised by taxes and \$8,500 to come from offsetting revenue. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 05 Funding of Various Social Service Agencies

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,576 for support of social service agencies which provide assistance to Nelson residents. The agencies chosen to receive funds are: American Red Cross (\$350), Home Health Care, Hospice and Community Services (\$1500), Monadnock Family Services (\$849), Southwestern Community Services (\$796), Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center (\$1,850), Hundred Nights Inc. (\$500), Casa for Children (\$1000), and Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention (\$731). In 2025, \$7,644 was paid in support of social service agencies and Nelson residents were provided over \$106,307.00 in food, services, discounts and direct assistance. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

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 12/31/2025 was approximately \$75,000. The Selectmen Recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

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 12/31/2025 was approximately \$211,852. 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 12/31/2025 was approximately \$49,351. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 09 Add funds to Nelson Bridge Repair/Replacement Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 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 12/31/2025 was approximately \$45,497. 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 \$40,000 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 12/31/2025 was approximately \$25,290. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 11 Add funds to Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 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 12/31/2025 was approximately \$54,512.

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Majority Vote Required.

Article 12 Establish a revolving fund for the Police Department funded by detail income

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, to be known as the Nelson Police Revolving Fund for the purpose of receiving revenues and paying costs in connection with Police Special Details, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to open the fund. All revenues received for Police Department use from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund will be deposited into the Revolving fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Governing Body and Police Chief and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

This article has offsetting revenue of \$100. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority vote required



Article 13 Fund Other Patrols/Details performed by Nelson PD

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 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 \$20,000 from any of the previously listed entities contracting this service. The Police Chief recommends this appropriation. If article 12 passes this article will be passed over. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority Vote Required.

Article 14 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 15 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 Center Pond. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority vote required.

Article 16 Adopt/Modify amount of tax credit for Service-connected Total/Permanent Disability

To see if the town will vote to Adopt/modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for the optional tax credit for Service-Connected Permanent and Total Disability on residential property to be in the amount of \$1,500. This optional tax credit for service-connected permanent and total disability shall replace the tax credits pursuant to RSA 71:28, 72:28-b, 72:28:c and 72:36-a in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority vote required.

Article 17 Article by Petition: Return to part-time police service at end of current police contract and begin negotiations this year.

To see if the town will vote to return the Nelson Police Department to part-time status at the end of the current police contract and, further, direct the Selectboard to begin negotiations before the close of this year, with the Cheshire County Sheriff's Department and/or a part-time police officer to provide police service to Nelson. This article is by Petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article 2-1. Majority vote required.

Article 18 Article By Petition: Support for Nelson Resident School Students to attend Village 2026

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,700 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 2026 - a summer learning experience. All children who live in Nelson and are entering 4th - 8th grades may attend. This article is by petition. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. Majority vote required.