

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2018

BRISTOL, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON COUNTY

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bristol in the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Bristol Town Hall, 45 Summer Street in said Bristol on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will be open for balloting on Article 1 through Article 13 and shall close no earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening; and you are further hereby notified to meet at the Auditorium of the Newfound Regional High School in said Bristol on Saturday, the seventeenth day of March next at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in the warrant.

Article 1: To choose by written ballot all of the necessary Town Officers

- 1 Select Board member for 3 years
- 1 Moderator for 2 years
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years
- 1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
- 4 Budget Committee members for 3 years
- 3 Library Trustees for 3 years

Article 2: By Petition: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Bristol on the second Tuesday of March? Passage requires a 3/5 majority vote of those voting.

- Yes No

Article 3: By Petition: Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town or city?

- Yes No

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 1, if adopted, will create a definition for **"Brew Pub"** based on the definition found in state law RSA 178:13 and will allow a Brew Pub as a permitted use in the Village Commercial, Downtown Commercial, Corridor Commercial, Rural, Lake, and Industrial Districts.

- Yes No

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 2, if adopted, will create a definition for a “**Distillery**” and will allow a Distillery as a permitted use in the Village Commercial, Downtown Commercial, Corridor Commercial, Rural, Lake, and Industrial Districts.

Yes No

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 3, if adopted, will create a definition for a “**Winery/Meadery**” and will allow a **Winery/Meadery** as a permitted use in the Village Commercial, Downtown Commercial, Corridor Commercial, Rural, Lake, and Industrial Districts.

Yes No

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 4, if adopted, will modify Article III, Section 3.2,F,c to include a reference to Article 4.4 which restricts building height. The purpose of this amendment is solely to improve the overall clarity of the Ordinance; it does not alter any substantive requirements.

Yes No

Article 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 5, if adopted, will modify Article IV, Sections 4.12,C,1,a and 4.12,C,3,a to indicate that any increase in height must not exceed the building height restrictions specified in Article 4.4. The purpose of this amendment is solely to improve the overall clarity of the Ordinance; it does not alter any substantive requirements.

Yes No

Article 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 6, if adopted, will eliminate the express permission for time/temperature signs contained in Article IV, Section 4.11,D. The effect of this amendment is to come into compliance with US Supreme Court decisions by requiring time and temperature displays to conform to the same physical requirements as other signs.

Yes No

Article 10: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 7, if adopted, will replace the current definition of Kennel/Stable contained in Article VIII, Section 8.141 with new definitions of “Kennel” and “Stable”.

- Yes No

Article 11: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 8, if adopted, will allow Kennels by special exception in the Rural District.

- Yes No

Article 12: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 9, if adopted, will update and clarify language in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District section of the ordinance.

- Yes No

Article 13: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 10, if adopted, will create a new provision outlining requirements for construction and siting of Accessory Dwelling Units in accord with the recently-enacted RSA 674:71-73.

- Yes No

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,650,000) to pay for the final design and construction of a new Town Office Building and the renovation of the existing Town Office Building into the Police Department with Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to come from the unassigned fund balance, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from general taxation, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of bonds or notes, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first principal and interest payments will be included in the 2019 budget. (2/3 ballot vote required, polls open for one hour).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-2

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 15: By Petition: A reduction in the membership of the Budget Committee from the current 13 members to 7 members. In accord with RSA 32:15, IV, this change, if adopted, will become effective beginning with the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Article 16: By Petition: To see if the town will vote to rescind and repeal Article 12 as passed at the 2016 Town Meeting. Any non-encumbered funds remaining shall be returned to the unreserved fund balance. Article 12 authorized the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to prepare an architectural design and engineering study for future municipal buildings with said funds to come from the unreserved fund balance.

Article 17: By Petition: To see if the town will vote to rescind and reject Article 14 in its entirety as amended and adopted at the 2016 Bristol Town Meeting. Article 14 authorized the establishment of an eleven member committee to investigate the building space needs for the operation of the Town of Bristol's governmental services and to propose a plan to accommodate those needs for the next 25 years. The committee shall make its final report to the Select Board no later than December 1, 2016.

Article 18: By Petition: To see if the town will agree to direct the Moderator or Selectboard to appoint a new space needs committee consisting of the chief of police or his designee, the town clerk, a general contractor and six volunteers from the Bristol community committed to proposing a plan that addresses the primary critical need of providing an adequate police facility at an affordable cost, and to consider how to alleviate town office overcrowding and lack of storage space. This committee is authorized to expend as much as needed from the existing space needs budget to accomplish this task.

Article 19: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the change from Appointed Chief of Police to an Elected Chief of Police, who must be New Hampshire police standards and training full time certified or certifiable, using existing budgeted funds with no increase to the budget. (Majority vote required)

Article 20: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate one permanent position from the current staffing level of the Police Department.

Article 21: By Petition: To see if the Town shall vote to raise the contribution of Town employees participation in the Town Health insurance program to 17% of their total insurance premium.

Article 22: By Petition: To see if the Town shall vote to require all persons on any town Committees or Boards recommending expenditure of tax monies to be a registered voter of Bristol residing within the Town limits.

Article 23: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to approve seven parking spaces at the end of Spring Street closest to Central Street be designated for Winter Parking.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Six Million Three Hundred Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$6,344,661) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Six Million Three Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Fifty Seven Dollars (\$6,377,057). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-5

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to put in the fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and One Dollars (\$41,801) for the purpose of hiring a full-time permanent Deputy Fire Chief. This amount includes salary and all benefits for this position for six months. The amount of this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 24. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-2-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to prepare an architectural design and engineering study for the Fire Department. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 7-2

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000) to pay for drainage, roadway, and sidewalk improvements on Central Street. (SB38 funds of \$80,399 received in 2017 will complete the \$133,399 project.) (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this 4-2-2

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to complete engineering and permitting, obtain materials, create a new traffic flow and upgrade disposal areas for the Transfer Station (known as Phase 1 of the reconstruction). Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$190,000 from the Transfer Station Revolving Fund and the remainder to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until Phase 1 is completed or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for establishing a fiber optic network, including but not limited to the purchase and installation of fiber optic cables and equipment; running fiber optic cables; equipment upgrades, configurations and installations; contracting for the management of and service for the network, and all other work incidental or related thereto. The purpose is to connect municipal-owned buildings to a high-speed internet connection, to create a more efficient, cost-effective, reliable, and secure municipal computer network, and to create economic development opportunity in the Town's proposed Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) along Lake Street. Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to come from a grant and the remaining \$25,000 to come from general taxation. This article is contingent upon the Town receiving the grant. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for the purposes of a Fourth of July fireworks display, operations, and ancillary costs of the event. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-0-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 2017. Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Police Detail Revolving Fund, established in 2015, and the remainder to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) to be added to the following capital reserve funds previously established. (Majority vote required)

Accrued Wages Capital Reserve Fund	\$75,000
Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,000
Bicentennial Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Fire Department (Fire Engine) Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$140,000
Town Building Maintenance Fund Capital Reserve	\$15,000

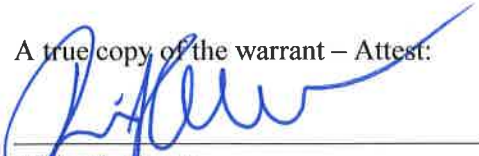
The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0


Article 34: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.


Given under our hand and seal this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

A true copy of the warrant – Attest:


Richard Alpers
Select Board Chair


Paul Mangariello
Select Board Vice Chairman


Leslie Dion
Select Board


J.P. Morrison
Select Board


Donald Milbrand
Select Board