

TOWN OF BRISTOL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2014

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 Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road in said Bristol on Tuesday, the eleventh 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 4 and to bring your votes for Executive Councilor. The polls shall close no earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening. You are further hereby notified to meet at the Auditorium of the Newfound Regional High School in said Bristol on Saturday, the fifteenth 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

2 Selectmen for 3 years

1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years

1 Moderator for 2 years

1 Treasurer for 3 years

1 Trustee of the Trust funds for 3 years

1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 1 year

1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

4 Budget Committee members for 3 years

3 Library Trustees for 3 years

2 Library Trustees for 2 years

Copies of the complete text of the proposed zoning amendments are now available in the Town Office, and will also be available for inspection on the day of voting.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendment No.1, if adopted, will create a definition of "nano brewery" based on the definition found in state law in RSA 178:12.

Yes No

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 2, if adopted, will allow a nano brewery as a permitted use in the Village Commercial, Downtown Commercial, Corridor Commercial, Rural, Lake and Industrial Districts.

Yes No

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 3, if adopted, will combine the fire safety requirements for new buildings or buildings undergoing a change in use into a single paragraph. The requirements are essentially unchanged

Yes No

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance. A portion of ambulance patient proceeds, not to exceed Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), shall be placed in the fund each year, 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 unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. The balance in the fund shall be included in the Town Report each year. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-4-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of Police special detail wages, benefits and the purchase of Police cruisers and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited into the fund. Further, all revenues received for Police special details and other Police fees will be deposited in the 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 unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. The balance in the fund shall be included in the Town Report each year. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 3-9-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-1

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of promoting recycling through improved Transfer Station operations. All refunds from our participation in the Concord Regional Solid Waste Cooperative will be deposited into the 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 monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. The balance in the fund shall be included in the Town Report each year. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a two year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred sixty two thousand dollars (\$162,000) for the purpose of purchasing a six wheel dump truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty one thousand dollars (\$81,000) the first year's payment for that purpose, amount to come from taxation will be offset by any trade in value. This lease purchase agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 6-6-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-1

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for repairs to the Old Town Hall. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 3-10

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000) for the purpose of purchasing playground equipment for Kelley Park. Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to come from general taxation and thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to come from the Kelley Park Equipment Fund. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-4-3

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred forty two thousand seven hundred twenty five dollars (\$142,725) for the purpose of purchasing a Town sidewalk tractor with a double trip front plow, a 51” ribbon blower, a front boom flail mower and dual wheel kit, a 60” front broom and water kit and a trackless rear hydraulic sander, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty eight thousand five hundred forty five dollars (\$28,545) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 6-7

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand, eight hundred and forty five dollars (\$15,845.00) for the purpose of purchasing a Stryker Power-PRO XT power stretcher for Ambulance 4A-1, amount to come from taxation will be offset by any trade in-value. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town building maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 13-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Fire engine and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) for the purpose of purchasing a log crawl tunnel and 300 cubic yards of certified wood carpet for Kelley Park. This sum to come from fund balance and no money will be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 13-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-1-1

Article 16: 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 the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to go into the fund. 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 13-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Bristol Select Board to petition the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) to intervene as set out in RSA 541-A: 32 and in the Committee's Administrative Rules (Site 202:11) if a wind energy site application is filed with the SEC impacting the view shed of Newfound Lake and/or the Town of Bristol as seen from any point in Town and to further raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to cover any legal expenses associated with the Town's participation as an intervener. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-1-3

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 18: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to repair/replace the roof of the Old Fire House. This would cover the cost of repairing the structure and replacing the shingles on the bell tower and painting the existing metal roofing. This amount is an estimate and only the cost of the actual work would be spent. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0-1

The Select Board Does Not Recommend this Article 0-4-1

Article 19: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$20,500) for the purpose of conducting an organizational and operational assessment of the Bristol Police Department with the intent of studying the Department to ensure that it is appropriately structured, organized, staffed and equipped to fulfill their mission and to meet the current and projected future policing needs of the community; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract containing a detailed scope of service designed to accomplish the intent of the article with Municipal Resources Inc. of Meredith, NH or a similarly qualified, knowledgeable and independent 3rd party consultant with relevant experience and expertise in public safety operations and management. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 10-2-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 20: By Petition: To see if the Town will authorize Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for the purchase of a Pumper/Tanker truck for the Fire Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement payable over seven years beginning in the year 2015. This lease agreement is subject to a non-appropriation clause which means the lease purchase agreement may be terminated if a future Town Meeting fails to approve funding. There will be no tax impact to the 2014 budget. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-3-1

The Select Board Does Not Recommend this Article 0-5

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Four Hundred Sixty Six Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$5,466,274) for general Town operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 7-6

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-1

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to advise the Select Board that it does not support negotiating a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement with any renewable energy facility in accordance with RSA 362-A:6-a and that all such facilities shall pay the full ad valorem tax assessed to such facilities. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to require all wind energy facilities that may come to be located in the Town of Bristol to post security in the form of a letter of credit, cash or bond, prior to initiating operations, in order to cover all of the costs associated with removal of all equipment and facilities from the Town of Bristol upon cessation of operations for a period of more than twelve months. The amount of the letter of credit, cash or bond, to be determined by an independent engineer. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 24: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of the Budget Committee voting members from 13 to 7 pursuant to RSA 32:15, I (a). In lieu of the Budget Committee under Chapter 32:15, IV. *A town or district which had adopted this subdivision may vote at any subsequent meeting to change the number and manner of selection of its members-at-large. No such change shall take effect until the annual meeting following the meeting at which the change was adopted.*

(Ballot Vote Required) Note: Under the statute the moderator must accept ballots on this question for a period of at least an hour.

6 voted members for the Town of Bristol

1 appointed Selectmen voting member

Article 25: By Petition: On petition of the registered voters in the Town of Bristol: To see if the town will vote to pass the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the founders intended that government should be answerable to, controlled by, and dependent upon "to the people alone" (*James Madison, Federalist No. 52, 1788*); and

WHEREAS, the influence of corporations, unions and other moneyed interests on the political process has diminished the dependency on people alone;

BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Bristol, New Hampshire, instruct Bristol's state representatives to call for, and Bristol's congressional representatives to propose, an amendment to the United States Constitution declaring that the rights and protections afforded to citizens by the Constitution of the United States apply only to natural persons; and the Federal and State legislatures shall have the authority to regulate and limit, but not ban, all expenditures from any source supporting or opposing the election of any candidate for Federal or State office, or for any initiative or referendum. Bristol's state legislators are instructed to ratify such a constitutional amendment.

IF A MAJORITY OF VOTERS support the question, the Bristol Select Board shall immediately, and on the twenty-first day of January of each year, until Congress has proposed an amendment and such amendment is ratified by the State, send a written notice to Bristol's congressional delegation and to Bristol's state legislators, informing them of the instructions from their constituents. (Majority vote required)

Article 26: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting

Given under our hand and seal this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.

A true copy the warrant - Attest



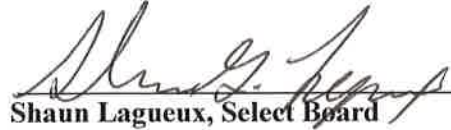
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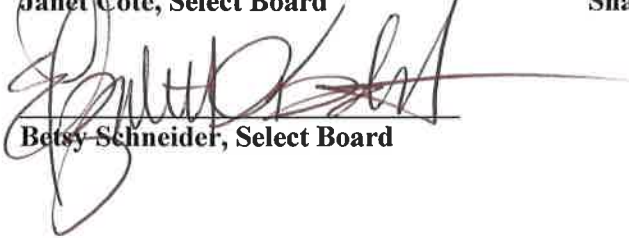
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