

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2021

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 Historic Town Hall, 45 Summer Street, in said Bristol on Tuesday, the ninth day of March 2021 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will be open for balloting on Article 1 through Article 10 and shall close no earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening; and you are further hereby notified to meet at the Gymnasium of the Newfound Regional High School in said Bristol on Saturday, the thirteenth day of March 2021 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 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 2 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

2 Budget Committee members for 3 years

1 Budget Committee member for 1 year

3 Library Trustees for 3 years

1 Library Trustee for 1 year

**Article 2:** Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of establishing a municipal charter?

Yes

No

**Article 3:** 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 update Appendix B (Flood Plain) to Article XVI; Absorb the section titled "Flood Area" in Article IV into the Floodplain Ordinance; update the ordinance by incorporating changes as suggested by the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives, including eliminating unnecessary definitions, updating terms and definitions to be consistent with current FEMA requirements, prohibiting buildings for human occupancy to be constructed in a floodway or less than 1 foot above a known flood elevation, and adjusting the method to determine base flood elevation.

Yes                      No

**Article 4:** 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 amend Section 10.9.3 (Personal Wireless Service Facilities) to add an option for applicants to post a removal bond meeting certain requirements as an alternative to a letter of credit to secure removal of the facility, and to clarify the language of the section.

Yes                      No

**Article 5:** 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 amend Article IV (Multiple Uses on a Lot) to clarify when multiple uses are allowed on a single lot and to add Corridor Commercial to the list of districts to which this section does not apply.

Yes                      No

**Article 6:** 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 amend Article 3.3, 3.2 (F), 4.12 and 4.18 (Land and Space Requirements) to replace the term "lot coverage by structures" with the already-defined term "impervious cover" throughout the Zoning Ordinance; amend Section 3.3 to adjust the maximum area of impervious cover per lot in each Zoning District; eliminate the definition of Lot Coverage by Structures from Article VIII.

Yes                      No

**Article 7:** 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 eliminate the definition of Stables from Article VIII, as it is covered elsewhere.

Yes                  No

**Article 8:** 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 amend Article VIII (Definition – Yard Sale, Barn Sale, Garage Sale) to remove limit of no more than three (3) sales on the same property in any calendar year and to require items for sale be stored inside and out of the public view at the end of each day.

Yes                  No

**Article 9:** 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 amend Article VIII (Definitions – Signs, Temporary) to remove language that describes what a temporary sign is made of and instead define the types of uses for a temporary sign.

Yes                  No

**Article 10:** 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, revises Article IV. 4.11 (Sign Ordinance) by consolidating subsections and adding headings; adding a section describing various types of signs; clarifying the types of temporary signs; eliminating the need to obtain a permit for certain signs.

Yes                  No

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an electricity power purchase agreement (PPA) of up to 25 years with a qualified third party that will install, own and maintain a solar energy system located on a portion of 180 Ayers Island Road (Tax Map parcels 223-075 and 223-076). The Town will purchase the local solar energy at a cost of not more than \$0.10 k/Wh the first year, with an increase of not more than 1.7% in each subsequent year, and includes an option to purchase the system for no more than the depreciated market rate (as determined by an independent appraiser) during the term of the agreement. The passage of this article will authorize the Select Board to execute all documents and take all other actions necessary to accomplish this purpose. The Select Board would be authorized to negotiate terms and enter into said agreement through December 31, 2021, at which time the authorization would expire and necessitate additional Town Meeting approval. This article is contingent upon the passage of Article 12 and will take effect only if Article 12 is approved. Should this article fail, such failure shall not affect the validity of appropriations approved as part of the sewer operating budget for electricity. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-0-2**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to lease a portion of the property at 180 Ayers Island Road (Tax Map parcels 223-075 and 223-076) to BP Bristol, LLC for a term of 25 years, with reasonable access rights across said property, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a solar powered electric generation facility, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all other actions necessary to accomplish this purpose. This article is contingent upon the passage of Article 11 and will take effect only if Article 11 is approved. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-0-2**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Six Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$6,993,714) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Seven Million One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$7,143,729). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 14:** 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$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 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Bicentennial Capital Reserve Fund created in 2015. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the Fire Department (Fire Engine) Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1972. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be added to Patriotic, Recreation and Special Events Expendable Trust Fund established in 2020. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) to purchase equipment and build the needed facility improvements for recycling cardboard and other materials at the transfer station. Improvements to include purchase of a horizontal bailer and electrical hookup, construction of a containment structure for the bailer and purchase of a skid steer for material handling. Appropriations of \$32,500 to come from the Transfer Station Revolving Fund, \$30,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1968) and \$22,500 from general taxation. The Select Board may also apply for grants to offset all or part of these appropriations. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 3-2-1**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to construct a salt and sand shed at the Highway Department.  
(Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 3-1-2**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement in the amount of \$93,280 for the purpose of the Fire Department leasing thirty-six (36) portable radios, chargers, and programming, fourteen (14) mobile radios, programming, and associated installation and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,328 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established.  
(Majority vote required)

Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2015)	\$35,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1968)	\$25,000
Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2014)	\$10,000

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 2017.  
(Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

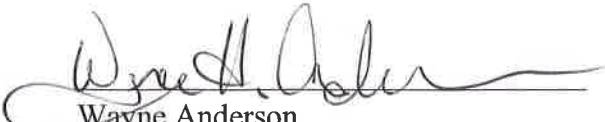
**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely a portion of Fox Run consisting of the western apron of the originally intended cul-de-sac abutting Map 107 Lot 51 and Map 107 Lot 52, identified as the area "To Be Conveyed to the Pacino Realty Trust by the Town of Bristol NH" on a plan titled "'Fox Run' Cul-de-Sac Boundary Line Adjustment and Relocation Agreement Plan between the Town of Bristol NH & the Pacino Realty Trust," prepared by Alan M. Barnard, LLS No. 663, dated December 9, 2020 and approved by the Bristol Planning Board on the same date.  
(Majority vote required)

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the membership of the Planning Board from seven (7) appointed members to five (5) appointed members. The change will become effective at the close of the 2021 Annual Meeting. All then-current terms (other than the ex-officio member) shall expire, and the Select Board shall appoint members to fill 4 appointed positions for terms staggered so that no more than 2 of them expire in any one year. (Majority vote required)


**Article 25:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 4h day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.


A true copy of the warrant – Attest:

  
Wayne Anderson  
Select Board Chair

  
Donald Milbrand  
Select Board Vice Chair

  
Leslie Dion  
Select Board

  
J.P. Morrison  
Select Board

  
Anita Avery  
Select Board