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Updates to the Layout of Bristol Town Meeting Business Session

BRISTOL – In coordination with the Town Moderator and Town Clerk, the Select Board has made some changes to how attendees will participate in the upcoming Town Meeting Business Session.

The Town Meeting Business Session is the day when items not on the Tuesday Official Ballot are discussed. The Business Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, at 9:00am, at Newfound Regional High School at 150 Newfound Road in Bristol.

The Select Board, Moderator and Clerk have taken as many steps as possible to ensure people feel safe and are safe during the Business Session given COVID concerns.

Arrival:

Attendees should park to the left side of the parking lot as much as possible as the entrance into the building will be the doorway closest to the gymnasium. Staff from the Police and Fire Departments will be standing at the walkway to use so you can see where to enter.

After you enter the hallway, make sure to collect a Town Report and pencil which you can keep. There will not be a PowerPoint projection of the warrant articles this year. You can find the warrant starting on page 52 of the Town Report and details of the proposed operating budget are on the preceding pages.



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Where To Go:

Upon entrance, if you choose to wear a mask, take a left into the gymnasium. If you choose to go without a mask, take a right into the auditorium.

Seating:

Seating in the gymnasium will be on the court and will be grouped in pairs and will be spaced six feet apart. Seating in the gym is estimated at 158 people. Seating in the auditorium will be in the upper-level rows (H through N) on the right as soon as you enter. Other seating arrangements may be accommodated if requested to the Moderator or Select Board.

Gymnasium:

The gym will be where the Moderator, Clerk, Select Board and Budget Committee will be seated. There will be microphones set up for attendees to speak into which will be projected over the speakers. There will also be a laptop set up with Zoom capability which will be broadcast to the other seating areas and there will be a large screen TV set up so that attendees in the gym can see the attendees in the other seating areas.

Auditorium:

The auditorium will have a microphone for attendees to speak into that will be captured by a laptop connected to Zoom. There will also be the dropdown screen for attendees to view. We are planning to have a Deputy Town Moderator in the auditorium to help with any issues.

Ballot Votes:

There are no secret ballot votes scheduled for the Business Session. If any are requested, attendees in the gym will put their ballots in a ballot box in the hallway where you entered the building, while attendees in the auditorium will put their ballots in a ballot box in the auditorium.

Personal Devices:

We kindly ask that you turn off your cell phones and other devices as you enter the building to ensure that we have a strong wifi signal for the Zoom and other devices we need to make the meeting successful.



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Other:

While Town Meeting is going to be different this year, we are doing our best to make it as best an experience as possible. As with any event, we appreciate your patience if there is anything doesn't go according to plan.

For additional information about Town Meeting, go to the Town website at <https://www.townofbristolnh.org/budget-committee/pages/2021-town-meeting-information-and-documents>. You can also access a video explanation that goes along with this press release https://youtu.be/MCV84ns_OFA.

A reminder that Election Day when the Official Ballot is voted on is Tuesday, March 9, at the Historic Town Hall at 45 Summer Street. Polls are open 8:00am-7:00pm.

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