

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2022

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 eighth day of March 2022 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will be open for balloting on Article 1 through Article 9 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 twelfth 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.

2 Select Board members for 3 years

1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 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 Town Moderator for 2 years

1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

**Article 2:** 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 amend Article III (3.2 District Regulations, F. Lake District b.); to allow a private, water-front, homeowner to grant an easement across their land for one other property or dwelling unit to gain access to the body of water. As currently written, Article III, 3.2 is intended for large-scale developments sharing waterfront.

Yes            No

**Article 3:** 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 Article IV. (General Provisions) to add a new section (B) to (4.10 Recreational Vehicles) to regulate camping on undeveloped residential lots and to ensure they meet setback regulations, have an operational waste system, and have adequate off-street parking on the lot.

Yes            No

**Article 4:** 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. (General Provisions, 4.11.J Temporary Signs) to remove the restriction that a temporary flag, banner, or balloon, etc. is allowed only during business hours and to prohibit such temporary flag, banner or balloon in the Historic District.

Yes            No

**Article 5:** 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 VII. (Miscellaneous Provisions, 7.2 Amendments) to allow the Planning Board to assign or modify section numbers within the Zoning Ordinance without having to put forth an amendment to the ballot to make numbering changes.

Yes            No

**Article 6:** 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 amend Article VIII. (Definitions) to add a definition for a temporary camping unit that would be allowed on an undeveloped, residential lot.

Yes            No

**Article 7:** 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 XII. (Sexually Oriented Business) to greatly reduce the size and complexity of the existing ordinance governing sexually oriented businesses.

Yes                      No

**Article 8:** 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 add the following definition for short term rental: A dwelling unit where transient lodging is provided for compensation for stays of between one (1) and 30 consecutive nights, and where the dwelling unit would normally be considered a residential living unit not associated with regulated commercial activities such as a hotel, motel, rooming / boarding/lodging house, or bed-and-breakfast.

Yes                      No

**Article 9:** 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 permit short term rentals in the following districts: Corridor Commercial, Lake, Rural, and Village Commercial and will allow by Special Exception in the following districts: Downtown Commercial and Village Residential.

Yes                      No

**Article 10:** Passage of this article will override the ten percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,875,500) to pay for the final design and construction of a new Public Safety Building and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,875,500) 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 2023 budget. (3/5 ballot vote required, polls open for one hour).

**The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 2-3-0**

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

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Seven Million Seven Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$7,745,239) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Seven Million Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$7,747,556). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

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

**Article 12:** 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 5-0-0**

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

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Patriotic, Recreation and Special Events Expendable Trust Fund established in 2021. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 4-1-0**

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

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand (\$332,000) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. (Majority vote required)

Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2015)	\$35,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1972)	\$75,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1968)	\$120,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2017)	\$52,000
Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2014)	\$50,000

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

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

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Dollars (\$141,000) to be added to the Accrued Wages Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1998). Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000) to come from unassigned fund balance and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be raised by general taxation.

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

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

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 2000. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required)

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to lease a portion of the property at 5 School Street (Tax Map parcel 114-012) to Hub66 for a term of four years for utilizing the space for an office, training center and location for fiber optic network head end equipment and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all other actions necessary to accomplish this purpose. (Majority vote required)

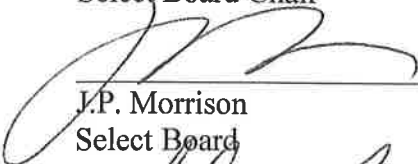
**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the membership of the Conservation Commission from seven (7) appointed members to five (5) appointed members. The change will become effective at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting. All then-current terms shall expire, and the Select Board shall appoint members to fill five (5) appointed positions for terms staggered so that no more than two (2) of them expire in any one year. (Majority vote required)

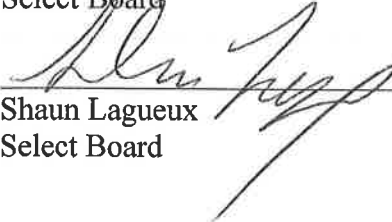
**Article 19:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.


Given under our hand and seal this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.

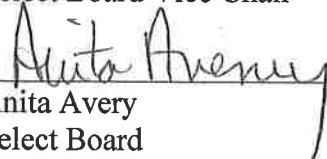
A true copy of the warrant – Attest:

  
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Donald Milbrand  
Select Board Chair

  
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J.P. Morrison  
Select Board

  
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Shaun Lagueux  
Select Board

  
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Leslie Dion  
Select Board Vice Chair

  
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Anita Avery  
Select Board