

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2019

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 twelfth 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 10 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 sixteenth 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 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 1 year

2 Budget Committee members for 2 years

2 Budget Committee members for 3 years

3 Library Trustees for 3 years

**Article 2: By Petition:** Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town?

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 the definition in Article VIII of boat storage to clarify that it refers to commercial facilities.

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 update the definition in Article VIII of impervious cover.

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 create a definition in Article VIII for facility.

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 modify Article IV, Section 4.2 Keeping of Farm Animals to simplify the regulation and refer people to follow best management practices per RSA 674:32-a.

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 create a definition in Article VIII for farm animal.

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 update Article IV, Section 4.3 Manufactured Storage Containers to provide language focused on duration of use and clarifying that such containers are not for living quarters.

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 update the definition in Article VIII of manufactured storage container.

Yes                       No

**Article 10: By Petition:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by petition for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 8, if adopted, will update the definition in Article VIII of boat storage to: Commercial facility of any size for storing boats, marine equipment and related products either indoor or outdoor, or a residential facility other than for property with a single dwelling unit, for storing boats, marine equipment and related products either indoor or outdoor.

**The Planning Board Does Not Recommend this Article 0-6-0.**

Yes                       No

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) for the purpose of constructing sanitary sewer lines up Lake Street from their current terminus to the eastern and western shores of Newfound Lake, to replace the Central Street pump station and to construct roadway improvements along Lake Street, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), with the amount of such bonds or notes to be reduced by federal, state or other grants, and furthermore to authorize the Select Board 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 2020 budget. Without impairing the nature of the bonds and general obligations of the Town, it is expected and intended that the debt service on the bonds will be paid in part with funds from the Sewer Capital Reserves, grants, sewer user fees, and general taxation. 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, 2025, whichever is sooner. (2/3 ballot vote required, polls open for one hour)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-2-0**

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

**Article 12: By Petition:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 for the purpose of paving, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of municipal roads within the Town of Bristol. \$95,000 to come from State of NH DOT Highway Block Grants, \$155,000 to come from general taxation.

**The Budget Committee Does Not Recommends this Article 2-8-1**

**The Select Board Does Not Recommend this Article 2-2-1**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Six Million Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$6,489,795) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Six Million Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$6,562,967). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-1-1**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-1-0**

**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 11-0-0**

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

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$38,893) for the purpose of hiring a full-time permanent Firefighter. 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 13. (Majority vote required).

**The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 5-6-0**

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

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the ambulance replacement revolving fund established by Town Meeting vote in 2014 such that the first Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) of ambulance patient proceeds shall be placed in the fund each year. The money shall still accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall still have custody of all money 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 still 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 7-4-0**

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

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$10,100) for the purpose of purchasing a Stryker Power-PRO XT power stretcher for the Fire Department. (Majority vote required).

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 11-0-0**

**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 Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$2,955) for the first year's payment of purchasing nine (9) tasers with holsters and cartridges for the Police Department. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-3-0**

**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 Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$13,666) for the first year's payment of purchasing ten (10) body-worn cameras for the Police Department. Said purchase price includes cameras and associated equipment, technical support, warranty and cloud-based storage to maintain and support the implementation of the camera systems. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 4-6-1**

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

**Article 20:** 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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Police Detail Revolving Fund, established in 2015, and the remaining Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-3-0**

**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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) 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 11-0-0**

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

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$455,000) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. (Majority vote required)

Accrued Wages Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1998)	\$35,000
Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2015)	\$35,000
Bicentennial Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2015)	\$20,000
Fire Department (Fire Engine) Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1972)	\$75,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1968)	\$280,000
Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2014)	\$10,000

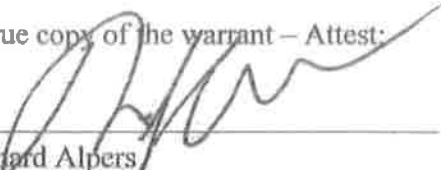
**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-2-0**


**The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-1**


**Article 23:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

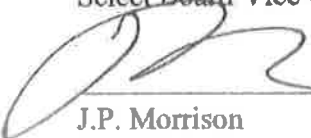
Given under our hand and seal this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.


A true copy of the warrant – Attest:

  
Richard Alpers  
Select Board Chair

  
Donald Milbrand  
Select Board Vice Chair

  
Leslie Dion  
Select Board

  
J.P. Morrison  
Select Board

  
Wayne Anderson  
Select Board