

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
BRISTOL, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are hereby WARNED and NOTIFIED to meet at Holley Hall in said Bristol, on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., said meeting to be recessed at the close of all business to be transacted from the floor to the following day, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 for voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, for the election of officers and voting on those articles so noted.

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of the Town officers.

ARTICLE 2: To elect Town Officers by Australian ballot.

ARTICLE 3: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol vote that all real property taxes payable in installments shall bear interest at a rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-quarter percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment with the payment to the Town Treasurer of the real property taxes for the Town's fiscal year period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2020 and April 5, 2021 by physical delivery to the Town Office before midnight on that date?

ARTICLE 4: Will the town limit the amount of the penalty charged by the collector of delinquent taxes for payments made after the due date for payment to **six percent (6%)** of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)?

ARTICLE 5: To set salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard.

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A § 2651e?

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A § 2651f?

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters authorize the use of June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to pay the balance of the South Street Bridge loan financed through the Peoples United Bank with a current principle balance of \$52,620, plus any interest accrued at the current loan rate of 2.95% through the payoff date in FY2021?

ARTICLE 9: Will the voters authorize the transfer of \$20,000 of the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Capital Building Fund?

ARTICLE 10: Will the voters authorize the transfer of \$25,000 of the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Capital Paving Fund?

ARTICLE 11: Will the voters authorize the transfer of \$15,000 from the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Capital Sidewalk Fund?

ARTICLE 12: Will the voters establish a Cemetery [Care] Reserve Fund pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2804 for the purpose of maintaining cemeteries owned by the Town of Bristol and authorize use of the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to appropriate a sum of \$10,000 to it?

ARTICLE 13: Will the voters authorize renaming the Conservation Reserve Fund to the Conservation and Community Development Reserve fund and broaden its purpose to leverage investments in community development as well as conservation?

ARTICLE 14: Will the voters appropriate the following sums to be placed in various Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted?

<u>Reserve Fund:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Capital Building Fund	\$30,000
Capital Fire Equipment Fund	\$25,000
Capital Fire Vehicle Fund	\$100,000
Capital Highway Equipment Fund	\$135,000
Capital Road Fund - Construction	\$40,000
Capital Road Fund – Paving	\$125,000
Capital Sidewalk Fund	\$35,000
Conservation Fund	\$10,000
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 5,000
Technology Fund	\$ 7,000
Total:	\$512,000

ARTICLE 15: Will the voters appropriate the following sums in support of the organizations listed below, with said amounts level funded or lowered from the prior year, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Addison County Restorative Justice	\$1,150
Addison County Home Health & Hospice	\$4,700
Addison County Humane Society	\$1,000
Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$4,800
Addison County Readers	\$2,000
Addison County Transit Resources	\$11,306
Addison County River Watch	\$ 300
Age Well (formerly CVAA)	\$2,700
Bristol After School Kid’s Program	\$1,275
Bristol Band	\$1,200
Bristol CORE	\$10,000
Bristol Family Center	\$4,000
Bristol Fourth of July Committee	\$6,000

Bristol Historical Society	\$2,500
Bristol Little League	\$2,000
Bristol Recreation Club	\$15,000
Bristol Rescue Squad	\$13,500
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$3,875
Elderly Services	\$2,200
Hope (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	\$3,250
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$1,200
John Graham Shelter	\$1,400
North East Addison Television (NEAT)	\$3,500
Open Door Clinic	\$1,000
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 750
Vermont Adult Learning	\$1,650
WomenSafe	<u>\$3,500</u>
Total:	\$105,756

ARTICLE 16: Will the voters approve an appropriation of \$144,248 for the Lawrence Memorial Library for its annual operating budget, said sum to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 17: Will the voters appropriate \$29,000 for the Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining Greenwood Cemetery (mowing and trimming) in a well-kept manner in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 18: Will the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Turning Point Center of Addison County for the purpose of supporting its mission to assist persons, their families, and their friends in recovery from substance use disorder and addictive behaviors in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 19: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year Public Works/Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$815,365, a portion thereof in the amount of \$716,515 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2020 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

ARTICLE 20: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of \$300,653, a portion thereof in the amount of \$195,353 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2020 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

ARTICLE 21: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$928,265, a portion thereof in the amount of \$747,212 to be raised by taxes, subject to modification by actions on the previous articles; the tax rate on the 2020 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

ARTICLE 22: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol duly called, noticed and held on January 27, 2020. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January 28, 2020.

Bristol Selectboard:

Joel Bouvier, Chair

Ian Albinson

Peter Coffey

John "Pecker" Heffernan

Michelle Perlee

ATTEST:

Jen Myers, Town Clerk