

**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 Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 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, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles of business:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officers as required by law: one Selectboard member for a three-year term; one Selectboard member for a two-year term; two Library Trustees for a three-year term; one School Board member for a two-year term and one School Board member for a three-year term for Mt Abraham Unified School District; one Moderator for a one-year term; one First Constable for a one-year term; one Second Constable for a one-year term; one Lister for a two-year term; one Lister for a three-year term.

**ARTICLE 2:** 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022, being due in two equal installments on November 15, 2021 and April 15, 2022 by physical delivery to the Town Office before midnight on that date?

**ARTICLE 3:** 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 4:** Will the voters set the salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard at the same as FY2021, being \$500 plus \$10 per meeting and \$25 per meeting for the Chair?

**ARTICLE 5:** Will the voters of the Town of Bristol adopt the Bristol Town Plan, as updated by the Planning Commission, and approved by the Selectboard on December 14, 2020? (Copies of the document may be reviewed at the Bristol Town Office or on the Web site at [www.bristolvt.org](http://www.bristolvt.org).)

**ARTICLE 6:** Will the voters authorize the transfer of \$75,000 from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund to the Fire Department Vehicle Fund for the purpose of contributing to the purchase of a new Fire Department engine?

**ARTICLE 7:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year Public Works/Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$809,116, a portion thereof in the amount of \$706,144 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 8:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of \$307,210, a portion thereof in the amount of \$202,410 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 9:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$975,434, a portion thereof in the amount of \$784,729 to be raised by taxes, subject to modification by actions on the previous articles; the tax rate on the 2021 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

**ARTICLE 10:** 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	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
Total:	\$512,000

**ARTICLE 11:** 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 12:** Will the voters appropriate \$29,000 for the Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc. in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691 for the purpose of maintaining Greenwood Cemetery (mowing and trimming) in a well-kept manner?

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000 to Bristol CORE, Bristol's non-profit downtown organization committed to increasing and maintaining the economic vitality of the downtown area?

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the voters appropriate \$6,000 to the Bristol Fourth of July Committee to organize the parade and events at the Town Green?

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Bristol Historical Society, caretaker for the local area history including local legends and artifacts?

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Bristol Little League to provide baseball for elementary school children?

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the voters appropriate \$15,000 to the Bristol Recreation Club to manage the 10-acre recreation land and properties adjacent to Mt. Abe Unified School District?

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the voters appropriate \$13,500 to the Bristol Rescue Squad to provide emergency treatment and transportation of ill and injured persons to nearby hospitals.

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,200 to the Bristol Town Band, a group of citizens that play weekly on Town Park and at other locations.

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the voters appropriate \$4,700 to Addison County Home Health & Hospice for providing in-home care and hospice?

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the voters appropriate \$4,800 to Addison County Parent/Child Center to provide family education services?

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to Addison County Readers, Inc. to support pre-school literacy activities?

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,150 to Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc. to provide restorative projects for offenders who have potential to learn from their mistakes.

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the voters appropriate \$300 to Addison County River Watch Collaborative, a citizen run water quality monitoring program?

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,700 to Age Well to provide home and community-based services?

**ARTICLE 26:** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,875 to the Counseling Service of Addison County to offer professional mental health services, including a 24-hour emergency service?

**ARTICLE 27:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 to End of Life Services (formerly Hospice Volunteer Services), said sum to come from Town funds?

**ARTICLE 28:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to Homeward Bound (Addison County Humane Society, Inc.) to promote the ethical treatment of and prevention of cruelty to all domestic animals by providing shelter and education services?

**ARTICLE 29:** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,250 to HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) to provide emergency services, dental care, and affordable housing?

**ARTICLE 30:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,400 to John Graham Housing and Services, to provide emergency shelter to the homeless?

**ARTICLE 31:** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,500 to NEAT (North East Addison Television), a non-profit public access television station which serves Bristol's five-town region?

**ARTICLE 32:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to Open Door Clinic to provide free health care to the uninsured and under-insured residents in Addison County?

**ARTICLE 33:** Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to RSVP and Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program (volunteer), a program for people 55 and older who want to help meet community needs through use of their skills and knowledge to non-profit organizations?

**ARTICLE 34:** Shall the voters appropriate \$11,306 to Tri-Valley Transit (formerly Addison County Transit Resources) to provide transportation with a Tri-town Shuttle bus and other transportation services for elderly and the disabled.

**ARTICLE 35:** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Turning Point Center of Addison County behaviors for the purpose of supporting its mission to assist persons, their families, and their friends in recovery from substance use disorder and addictive?

**ARTICLE 36:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,650 to Vermont Adult Learning to provide educational programs for adults.

**ARTICLE 37:** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,500 to WomenSafe to promote the social welfare of Addison County to reduce the incidents of physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women.

**ARTICLE 38:** Will the voters prefer to have the annual Town Meeting on Saturday prior to the Australian ballot voting held on the first Tuesday of March or on Monday prior to the Australian ballot voting held on the first Tuesday of March? [The ballot would list Saturday or Monday as options rather than Yes or No.]

***Informational Meetings:*** *The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are further notified that informational meetings will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 22, 2021 during a regular Selectboard meeting which will commence at 7:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 1, 2021 during a special Selectboard meeting which will commence at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion about all matters on the Annual Town Meeting warning.*

To log into the Zoom meetings:

**Monday, February 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 814 7386 7210

Passcode: 412702

Phone in: 1 (646) 558-8656

**Monday, March 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 856 6813 7815

Passcode: 994616

Phone in: 1 (646) 558-8656

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol duly called, noticed and held on January 25, 2021. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January 26, 2021.

**Bristol Selectboard:**

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Michelle Perlee, Chair

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Ian Albinson

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Joel Bouvier

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John "Peeker" Heffernan

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Darla Senecal

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lucia, Town Clerk