

**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 1, 2022, 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 by Australian ballot the following 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 of the real property taxes and interest to the Town Treasurer for the Town's fiscal year period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, real property taxes being due in two equal installments on November 15, 2022 and April 15, 2023 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 four percent (4%) 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 \$15 per meeting and \$25 per meeting for the Chair?

ARTICLE 5: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year Public Works/Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of **\$830,770**, with **\$728,798** to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2022 Grand List sufficient to raise **\$728,798**?

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of **\$320,546**, with **\$221,246** to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2022 Grand List sufficient to raise **\$221,246**?

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of **\$957,425**, subject to modification by actions on the

previous articles, with **\$765,641** to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2022 Grant List sufficient to raise **\$765,641**?

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 \$30,000 from the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Capital Sidewalk Fund?

ARTICLE 12: Will the voters establish a Cemetery Reserve Fund pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2804 for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, and preserving 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 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 14: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol ratify the Town of Lincoln's vote of August 24, 2021 to withdraw the Town of Lincoln from the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD)?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Bristol permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers, subject to such municipal ordinance and regulation as the Selectboard may lawfully adopt and implement pursuant to 7 V.S.A. §863?

ARTICLE 16: Will the voters approve an appropriation of \$153,899.80 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. in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691 for the purpose of maintaining Greenwood Cemetery (mowing and trimming) in a well-kept manner?

ARTICLE 18: Will 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 19: Will the voters appropriate \$6,000 to the Bristol Fourth of July Committee to organize the parade and events at the Town Green?

ARTICLE 20: Will the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Bristol Historical Society, caretaker for the local area history including local legends and artifacts?

ARTICLE 21: Will the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Bristol Little League to provide baseball for elementary school children?

ARTICLE 22: Will 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 23: Will 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 24: Will 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 25: Will the voters appropriate \$750.00 to the Addison Allies Network, Inc. to migrant farmworkers living in Addison County?

ARTICLE 26: Will the voters appropriate \$4,700 to Addison County Home Health & Hospice for providing in-home care and hospice?

ARTICLE 27: Will the voters appropriate \$4,800 to Addison County Parent/Child Center to provide family education services?

ARTICLE 28: Will the voters appropriate \$2,000 to Addison County Readers, Inc. to support pre-school literacy activities?

ARTICLE 29: Will 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 30: Will the voters appropriate \$300 to Addison County River Watch Collaborative, a citizen run water quality monitoring program?

ARTICLE 31: Will the voters appropriate \$2,700 to Age Well to provide home and community-based services?

ARTICLE 32: Will 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 33: Will 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 34: Will the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Habitat for Humanity Addison County to build affordable, energy-efficient, and sustainable homes for eligible families?

ARTICLE 35: Will the voters appropriate \$3,250 to HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) to provide emergency services, dental care, and affordable housing?

ARTICLE 36: Will the voters appropriate \$1,400 to John Graham Housing and Services, to provide emergency shelter to the homeless?

ARTICLE 37: Will 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 38: Will 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 39: Will 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 40: Will 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 41: 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?

ARTICLE 42: Will the voters appropriate \$1,650 to Vermont Adult Learning to provide educational programs for adults?

ARTICLE 43: Will 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?

Informational Meetings: *The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are further notified that informational meetings will be held solely via Zoom on Monday, February 14, 2022 during a regular Selectboard meeting which will commence at 7:00 p.m., and on Monday, February 28, 2022 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 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

Meeting ID: 879 1281 0018

Passcode: 619003

Phone in: 1 (646) 558-8656

Monday, February 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

Meeting ID: 879 1281 0018

Passcode: 619003

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 24, 2022. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January 26, 2022.

Bristol Selectboard:

John "Peeker" Heffernan, Chair

Ian Albinson

Joel Bouvier

Michelle Perlee

Darla Senecal

ATTEST:

Sharon Lucia, Town Clerk

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