

**WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
BRISTOL, VERMONT  
Monday, March 3,**

The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are hereby WARNED and NOTIFIED to meet at Holley Hall in said Bristol on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. said meeting is to be recessed at the close of all business to be transacted from the floor to the following day, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 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 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; one First Constable for a one-year term; one Second Constable for a one-year term; one Lister for a three-year term; one Town Moderator for a one-year term; three Library Trustees each for a three-year term; one Library Trustee for a one-year term, one Library Trustee for a two-year term, two School Board members each for a three-year term, one School Board member for a two-year term and one School Board member for a one-year term for Mount Abraham Unified School District.

**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 of the real property taxes and interest to the Town Treasurer for the Town's fiscal year period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, real property taxes being due in two equal installments on November 15, 2025, and April 15, 2026, by physical delivery to the Town Office before midnight on that date?

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Example:

**ARTICLE 3:** Will the voters of the Town of Bristol vote to approve the following tax policy for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026?

- Real property taxes will be due in two equal installments:
  - November 15, 2025
  - April 15, 2026
- Taxes must be physically delivered to the Town Office by midnight on the due date.
- Late payments will incur interest:
  - 0.75% per month (or part of a month) for the first 3 months after the due date.
  - 1.25% per month (or part of a month) starting after 3 months.

**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 four percent (4%) of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)?

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Example:

**ARTICLE 4:** Will the Town set a limit on the penalty charged for late property tax payments to 4% of the amount owed, as allowed by Vermont law (32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A))?

**ARTICLE 5:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year **General Fund Operating Budget** in the amount of \$[Amount] subject to modification by actions on the subsequent articles, with \$[Amount] to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2025 Grand List sufficient to raise \$[Amount]?

**ARTICLE 6:** Will the voters set the **salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard** for 2024-2025 to be \$1,000 plus \$25 per meeting and \$35 per meeting for the Chair?

**ARTICLE 7:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year **Public Works Department Operating Budget** in the amount of \$[Amount], with \$[Amount] to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2025 Grand List sufficient to raise \$[Amount]?

**ARTICLE 8:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year **Arts, Parks, and Recreation Department Budget** in the amount of \$[Amount], with \$[Amount] to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2025 Grand List sufficient to raise \$[Amount]?

**ARTICLE 9:** Will the voters authorize the transfer of \$[Amount] of the June 30, 2022, **General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance** to the various Town Reserve Funds accounts as noted?

<b>Reserve Funds:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Capital Building Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Paving Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Road Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Sidewalk Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Technology Fund	\$[Amount]
Cemetery Fund	\$[Amount]
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$[Amount]</b>

**ARTICLE 11:** Will the voters appropriate the following sums to be placed in various **Town Reserve Funds Accounts** as noted?

<b>Reserve Funds:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Capital Building and Maintenance Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Fire Equipment Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Fire Vehicle Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Highway Equipment Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Paving Fund	\$[Amount]

Capital Recreation Equipment and Facilities	\$[Amount]
Capital Road Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Sidewalk Fund	\$[Amount]
Capital Technology Fund	\$[Amount]
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$[Amount]
Conservation Reserve Fund	\$[Amount]
Reappraisal Fund	\$[Amount]
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$[Amount]</b>

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**ARTICLE 12:** Will the voters approve an appropriation for the **Lawrence Memorial Library Annual Operating Budget** in the amount of **\$259,162**, said sum to be raised by taxes?

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**ARTICLE 13:** Will the voters appropriate the following sums to support the Bristol-based 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>
Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc.	\$29,000
Bristol CORE	\$10,000
Bristol Family Center	\$4,000
Bristol Historical Society	\$2,500
Bristol Little League Baseball & Softball	\$2,000
Bristol Recreation Club	\$15,000
Bristol Town Band	\$1,200
NEAT (Northeast Addison Television)	\$3,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$67,200</b>

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**ARTICLE 14:** Will the voters appropriate **\$8,500** to the **Bristol Fourth of July Committee** to organize the parade, fireworks, and events on the Town Green and Recreation Field?

**ARTICLE 15:** Will the voters appropriate **\$6,000** to the **Have-a-Heart Food Shelf** for providing food and essential items, free of charge, to any person living in the Five-Town Area of Addison County (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro).

**ARTICLE 16:** Will the voters appropriate **\$750** to the **Addison Allies Network, Inc.** for migrant farmworkers living in Addison County?

**ARTICLE 17:** Will the voters appropriate **\$3,000** to the **Charter House Coalition** that provides emergency shelter and has outreach programs for individuals/families in need?

**ARTICLE 18:** Will the voters appropriate **\$1,500** to **Habitat for Humanity Addison County** to build affordable, energy-efficient, and sustainable homes for eligible families?

**ARTICLE 19:** Will the voters appropriate **\$22,692** to **Bristol Rescue Squad** to support

emergency services?

**ARTICLE 20:** 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?

<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Addison County Home Health & Hospice	\$[Amount]
Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$[Amount]
Addison County Readers, Inc.	\$2,000
Addison County Restorative Justice Services	\$2,000
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	\$300
Age Well	\$[Amount]
Atria Collective	\$3,500
Bristol Recreation Club	\$[Amount]
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$[Amount]
Elderly Services	\$[Amount]
Homeward Bound	\$[Amount]
HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	\$[Amount]
John W. Graham Housing and Services	\$[Amount]
Open Door Clinic	\$[Amount]
RSVP and Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program	\$750
Tri-Valley Transit	\$[Amount]
Turning Point Center	\$[Amount]
Vermont Adult Learning	\$[Amount]
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$[Amount]</b>

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**ARTICLE 23:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

*The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are further notified that information and discussion will be held in person and via Zoom on Monday, March 3, 2025, during the Annual Town Meeting.*

To log into the Zoom meeting:  
**Monday, March 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/>  
 Meeting ID: 879 1281 0018  
 Passcode: 619003  
 Phone: (646) 558-8656

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol duly called, noticed, and held on January [Date], 2025. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January [Date], 2025.

**Bristol Selectboard:**

Joel Bouvier, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Michelle Perlee, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Ian Albinson \_\_\_\_\_

John Heffernan \_\_\_\_\_

Jessica Teets \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Sharon A. Lucia, Town Clerk

