

TOWN OF BRISTOL
ANNUAL MEETING WARNING
Monday, March 2, 2026 – Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are hereby WARNED and NOTIFIED to meet at Holley Hall in Bristol on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Discussion of items to be voted on by Australian ballot other than election of candidates.

The following articles will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 AM, at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 PM, at which time the polls will close:

ARTICLE 1: To elect 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 Town Moderator for a one-year term
- one Town Lister for a three-year term
- one Library Trustee for a three-year term
- one Mount Abraham Unified School District School Board member for a three-year term

ARTICLE 2: Should the voters approve a **Local Option Tax (LOT)**, in alignment with the State of Vermont (currently 1%), **on sales, meals, rooms, and alcohol**, as specified in 24 V.S.A. § 138(b), with the proceeds **designated for Capital Infrastructure** (minimum 55%), **Climate Resilience & Emergency Preparedness** (minimum 25%), and **Economic Development** (minimum 20%)?

Selectboard Note: More information can be found at <https://bristolvt.org/lot>

The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are hereby WARNED and NOTIFIED to meet at Holley Hall in Bristol on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m to transact the following business from the floor:

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

ARTICLE 2: Will the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027 to the Town Treasurer?

- Real property taxes will be due in three (3) equal installments:
 - **August 15, 2026**
 - **November 15, 2026**
 - **March 15, 2026**

- Taxes must be delivered in person to the Town Office by midnight on the due date. Postmarks are not accepted.
- 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 3: Will the Town set a limit on the penalty charged for late property tax payments to **8%** of the amount owed, as allowed by Vermont law (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** for 2026-2027 to be **\$1,000** plus **\$25** per meeting and **\$35** per meeting for the Chair?

ARTICLE 5: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year **General Fund Operating Budget** in the amount of **\$1,459,370.93**, with **\$1,272,390.93** to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2026 Grand List?

*Budget includes capital appropriations for the Capital Building and Maintenance Fund, Capital Sidewalk Fund, Capital Technology Fund, Cemetery Reserve Fund, Conservation Reserve Fund, and Reappraisal Fund.

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2027 fiscal year **Public Works Department Operating Budget** in the amount of **\$1,415,152.76**, with **\$1,300,152.76** to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2026 Grand List?

*Budget includes capital appropriations for the Capital Highway Equipment Fund, Capital Paving Fund, and Capital Road Fund.

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2027 fiscal year **Arts, Parks, and Recreation Department Budget** in the amount of **\$374,117.72**, with **\$223,117.72** to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2026 Grand List?

*Budget includes capital appropriations for the Capital Recreation Equipment and Facilities Fund and the Skatepark Project Fund.

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year **Fire Department Budget** in the amount of **\$506,073.40**, with **\$506,073.40** to be raised by taxes through a tax rate set by the Selectboard on the 2026 Grand List?

*Budget includes capital appropriations for the Capital Fire Equipment Fund and the Capital Fire Vehicle Fund.

ARTICLE 9: Will the voters approve an appropriation for the **Lawrence Memorial Library Annual Operating Budget** in the amount of **\$265,275.44**, said sum to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 10: Will the voters approve an appropriation for the **Bristol Rescue Squad Annual Operating Budget** in the amount of **\$37,820.00**, said sum to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 11: 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.	\$29,000.00
Bristol CORE	\$10,000.00
Bristol Family Center	\$4,000.00
Bristol Fourth of July Committee	\$8,500.00
Bristol Historical Society	\$2,500.00
Bristol Little League Baseball & Softball	\$2,000.00
Bristol Recreation Club	\$15,000.00
Bristol Town Band	\$1,200.00
Have-a-Heart Food Shelf	\$6,000.00
NEAT (Northeast Addison Television)	\$3,500.00
Total:	\$81,700.00

ARTICLE 12: Will the voters appropriate \$2,000.00 to Addison County Restorative Justice Services?

ARTICLE 13: 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 Home Health & Hospice	\$4,700.00
Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$4,800.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	\$300.00
Age Well	\$2,700.00
Atria Collective	\$3,500.00
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$3,875.00
Elderly Services	\$2,200.00
Homeward Bound	\$1,000.00
Habitat for Humanity Addison County	\$1,500.00
HOPE	\$3,250.00
John W. Graham Shelter	\$1,400.00
Open Door Clinic	\$1,000.00
RSVP of Addison County	\$750.00
Tri-Valley Transit	\$11,306.00
Turning Point of Addison County	\$3,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$1,650.00
Total:	\$48,931.00

ARTICLE 14: 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 2, 2026, during the Annual Town Meeting.

MEETING INFO

Monday, March 2, 2026

6:00 PM – In person or via Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 830 9180 1793

Passcode: 683634

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 26, 2026. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January 26, 2026.

Bristol Selectboard:

John Heffeman, Chair _____

Michelle Perlee, Vice-Chair _____

Ian Albinson _____

Joel Bouvier _____

Jessica Teets _____

ATTEST:

Sharon A. Lucia, Town Clerk