CONDENSED MINUTES of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING March 5, 2012

The full text of the minutes of March 5, 2012 Town meeting is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office.

ARTICLE 1: To act upon the reports of the Town officers. ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 2: To elect Town officers by Australian ballot. ***Refer to elected Town Officers page in this report for list of officers elected.***

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 one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment with the payment to the Town Treasurer of real property taxes for the Town's fiscal year period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2011 and April 5, 2012? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 4: To set salaries that shall be paid to the member of the Selectboard. ***Motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to keep the salaries the same ($400 per year plus $10 per meeting).***

ARTICLE 5: Will the voters renew the exemption of the N.H. Munsill Hook & Ladder Company for its property located on Fitch Avenue from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years pursuant to 32 V.S.A § 3840? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters renew the exemption of the Bristol Rescue Squad for its property located at 45 Monkton Road from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years pursuant to 32 V.S.A.§ 3840? ***Article passed by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $776,628, a portion thereof in the amount of $674,728 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2012 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? ***Article passed by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters authorize the Selectboard to expend up to $115,000 for purchase of a low-profile dump truck and winter equipment to replace a 2003 International single-axle dump truck, the funds for said purchase to be charged to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund and the proceeds from the sale of the old truck to be depoited to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund? ***Motion was made and seconded to increase the expenditure to $125,000. Article passed by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 9: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $707,770, a portion thereof in the amount of $505,970 to be raised by taxes; and to designate that $10,000 be taken from the June 30, 2011 undesignated fund balance to offset taxes for the 2012-2013 fiscal year; the tax rate on the 2012 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 10: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of $226,187, a portion thereof in the amount of $148,087 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2012 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? ***Article was moved for budget to be amended to $218,987. Amendment was defeated by voice vote, original article approved by voice vote.***

RECESS TOWN MEETING: OPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

ARTICLE 1: To act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers. ***Article passed by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 2: To elect the Town School District officers, and the Moderator, for the coming year by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 6, 2012. ***Refer to elected Town Officers page in this report for a list of officers elected.***

ARTICLE 3: To act upon the salaries of the Town School District Officers for the ensuing year. ***Motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to keep the salaries the same ($200 per year and $15 per meeting).***

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Bristol Town School District vote to authorize its Board to borrow money pending receipt of tax monies by issuance of its note or orders not later than one year from date, according to State Statute? ***Article was passed by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 5: For discussion only: VOTE TO BE TAKE BY AUSTRAILIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 7:00 PM AT HOLLEY HALL. Shall the voters of the Bristol Town School District appropriate $4,559,439 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2012? ***Acknowledgment of Katrina DiNapoli and the School Board was made.***

ARTICLE 6: To hear and report on any further business which may legally come before this meeting. ***Meeting adjourned.***

RECESS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING; RECONVENE TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 11: Will the voters appropriate the following sums to be placed in in various Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted:

Reserve Fund:	Amount
Capital Fire Equipment Reserve	$10,000
Capital Highway Equipment Reserve	$75,000
Capital Building Reserve	$20,000
Capital Building Reserve-Howden Hall	$ 7,500
Capital Road Fund	$35,000
Conservation Reserve Fund	$10,000
Reappraisal Reserve	$ 5,000
	Total: $162,500

Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: Will the voters authorize the transfer of $10,000 from the June 30, 2011 undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to the Capital Building Reserve Fund? ***A motion was made to amend the article putting this money towards the Howden Hall building reserve fund. Amendment was defeated by voice vote, original article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 13: Will the voters approve and appropriation of $117,611 for the Lawrence Memorial Library for its annual operating budget, said sum to be raised by taxes? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 14: Will the voters approved an appropriation of $17,000 to the Bristol Recreation Club, Inc. to cover maintenance and improvements to the grounds and facilities located at the Bristol Recreation Field and to add to the Club's Capital Expenditure Fund for future improvements? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 15: Will the voters appropriate the sum of $10,000 to the Bristol Downtown Community Partnership? ***A motion was made to amend the article to $5,000. The amendment was defeated 24 for yes, 61 for no. The original article was approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 16: Will the voters appropriate the following sums in support of the organizations listed below, with said amounts being level funded or lowered from the prior year?

Organization	Amount
Addison County Diversion	$1,150
Addison County Home Health	$4,700
Addison County Humane Society	$1,000
Addison County Parent Child Center	$4,800
Addison County Transit Resources	$8,900
Addison County Readers Program	$2,000
Bristol After School Program	$1,275
Bristol Band	$1,100
Bristol Cemetery Association	$8,000
Bristol Family Center	$4,000
Bristol Fourth of July Committee	$6,000
Bristol Historical Society	$2,500
Bristol League	$2,000
Bristol Rescue Squad	$10,000
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	$2,700
Counseling Service of Addison County	$3,875
Elderly Services	$2,200
Hope (former Add. Cty. Community Action)	$3,250
Hospice Volunteer Services	$1,000
John Graham Emergency Shelter	$1,400
New Haven River Watch	$ 300
North East Addison Television (NEAT)	$3,500
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	$ 750
Vermont Adult Learning	$1,650
WomanSafe	$3,500
Total:	$82,550

It was moved to suspend the rules passed by voice vote adding $1,000 for the Open Door Clinic to the list, making the total $83,550. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: In light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United Decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the Town of Bristol vote to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters of the Town of Bristol adopt the following Declarations of Inter-Dependence: We hold these truths to be self-evident: That we must be the change we seek in the world; that all community governance and business ought to be conducted as if people and place mattered; that, through their words, practices, and communications town government and citizens alike should aspire to do no harm and benefit all; and, to do so requires that we act with the understanding that we are each dependent upon another and thus responsible for each other and future generations? ***Article passed by a voice vote.***

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting. ***Moved to adjourn.***

CONDENSED MINUTES of the
SPECIAL MEETING
SOUTH STREET BRIDGE
March 6, 2012

ARTICLE 1: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Bristol in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred thousand Dollars ($300,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and other sources of funding and subsidized debt repayment, be issued for the purpose of financing the Town's share of the cost of making certain public highway improvements, viz: reconstruction of the South Street Bridge at an estimated cost of Two Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (#2,350,000)? **Discussion about the bridge design and percentage of coverage the state would include was had. This was an informational meeting only and this article was included on the ballot for March 6, 2012, the article was passed with 545 voting yes, while 177 voted no.**

CONDENSED MINUTES of the
BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING
March 6, 2012

ARTICLE 1: Will the voters of the Bristol Police District adopt the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year budget in the amount of $343, 728, a portion thereof in the amount of $303,628 to be raised by a District special assessment property tax; the tax rate on the 2012 Grand List of the property in the area included within the District sufficient to raise said special assessment property tax sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Discussion about the police budget was had regarding changes that were being made. Many questions were asked regarding overtime and officers working. The Police Budget was voted on March 6, 2012, the budget passed with 196 voting in favor of, while 189 voted against.**

