CONDENSED MINUTES of the
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 4, 2013

The full text of the minutes of March 5, 2013 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, 2013 through June 30, 2014, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2013 and April 5, 2014? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 4: To set salaries that shall be paid to the member of the Selectboard. ***Moved to increase the Selectboard's annual stipend to $500 per year and meeting pay to $15 per meeting, seconded and approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 5: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2013-2014 fiscal year Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $784,872, a portion thereof in the amount of $682,722 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2013 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters authorize the Selectboard to expend up to $35,000 for purchase of a sidewalk tractor and winter equipment to replace a 1985 Kubota tractor, the funds for said purchase to be charged to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund and the proceeds from the sale of the old tractor to be deposited to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund? ***Article passed by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2013-2014 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $701,570, a portion thereof in the amount of $498,870 to be raised by taxes; and to designate that $10,000 be taken from the June 30, 2012 undesignated fund balance to offset taxes for the 2013-2014 fiscal year; the tax rate on the 2013 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? ***Article was moved and seconded. A motion to amend the article to $666,492, a reduction of 5%, was moved and seconded. Amendment was defeated by voice vote. A motion to amend the article to $694,554, a reduction of 1%, was moved and seconded. Amendment was defeated by voice vote and the original article was then approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2013-2014 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of $240,958, a portion thereof in the amount of $160,608 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2013 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? ***Article was 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: For Discussion only: VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 BETWEEN 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM AT HOLLEY HALL. The total proposed budget of $4,847,510 is the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational program. State law requires the vote on this budget to be divided because (i) the school district's spending per pupil last year was more

than the statewide average and (ii) this year' proposed budget is greater than last year's budget adjusted for inflation. Part A. Shall the voters of the school district authorize the school board to expend $4,678,873 which is a portion of the amount the school board as determined to be necessary?
Part B. If Part A is approved by the voters, shall the voters of the school district also authorize the school board to expend $168.637 which is the remainder of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary? ***Increases in the budget were discussed.***

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters of the Bristol Town School District will authorize the Bristol Town School District Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year as provided in 16 V.S.A. 562(9)? ***Article was approved by voice vote.***

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

Reserve Fund:	
Capital Fire Equipment Reserve	$10,000
Capital Highway Equipment Reserve	$80,000
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: $167,500

Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Will the voters authorize the transfer of $10,000 from the June 30, 2012 undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to the Capital Building Reserve Fund? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 11: Will the voters authorize the borrowing of up to $35,000 for term of up to five years for the purpose of completing renovations to the interior of Howden Hall including handicap accessibility, weatherization, electrical and plumbing upgrades, and basement remodeling? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters designate the Town of Bristol as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and then pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax or other municipal bill as provided for by 24 V.S.A Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et. seq.)? ***Article approved by voice vote.***

ARTICLE 13: Will the voters approve an appropriation of $122,128 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 approve an appropriation of $13,000 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 $1,200 to the Hospice Volunteer Services? ***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	$9,500
Addison County Readers Program	$2,000
Bristol After School Program	$1,275
Bristol Band	$1,200
Bristol Cemetery Association	$7,000
Bristol Downtown Community Partnership	$10,000
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:	$91,250

It was moved to amend the article by decreasing appropriations in half that don't have "Bristol" in the name, reducing the appropriation amount to $67,613. Amendment failed, original article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting. ***Peeker Heffernan thanked Carol Wells for her years of service on the Selectboard and he thanked everyone for coming. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 pm.***

CONDENSED MINUTES of the
SPECIAL MEETING
FIRE FACILITY
March 4, 2013

ARTICLE 1: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Bristol in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($375,000) 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 purchase of property located at 2 Garfield Street in said Bristol and for expenses related to design of improvements to said property and the adjacent Bristol Fire Department property located at 32 North Street, to be used for the purpose of providing fire protection services to the community? **This article was voted on March 5, 2013 by Australian ballot. The article was defeated with 297 voting in favor and 587 against.**

CONDENSED MINUTES of the
BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING
March 4, 2013

ARTICLE 1: Will the voters of the Bristol Police District adopt the proposed 2013-2014 fiscal year budget in the amount of $362,000, a portion thereof in the amount of $323,100 to be raised by a District special assessment property tax; the tax rate on the 2013 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? **The Police Budget was voted on March 5, 2013 by Australian ballot. The budget passed with 262 voting in favor and 226 against.**

ARTICLE 2: Will the voters of the Bristol Police District authorize the use of up to$30,000 from the District's June 30, 2012 undesignated fund balance to cover expenses related to the relocation of the Bristol Police Department to new facilities including but not limited to installation of communications and security equipment? **Article 2 was voted on March 5, 2013 by Australian ballot. The Article passed with 276 voting in favor and 214 against.**