CONDENSED MINUTES of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING FEBRUARY 29, 2016

The full text of the minutes of February 29, 2016 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 a 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 the real property taxes for the Town's fiscal year period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2016 and April 5, 2017? **Motion was made to amend this article so it reads the same as voted last year. (The correct wording is on Page 75 of the 2015 Town Report.) Article approved by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 4: To set salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard. **Article approved by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 5: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $754,789 a portion thereof in the amount of $652,814 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2016 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 adopt the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $938,607, a portion thereof in the amount of $758,266 to be raised by taxes; and to designate that $10,000 be taken from the June 30, 2015 undesignated fund balance to offset taxes for the 2016-2017 fiscal year; the tax rate on the 2016 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Article approved by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of $254,758 a portion thereof in the amount of $173,758 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2016 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Article approved by voice vote.**

RECESSED TOWN MEETING, OPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

ARTICLE 1: To act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers. **Article approved 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 1, 2016. **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 made to amend the pay to be the same as the Bristol Selectboard at a $500 stipend and $15 a meeting. Article approved by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 4: For discussion only: VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 BETWEEN 7:00 AM AND 7:00 PM AT HOLLEY HALL. Shall the voters of the Bristol Town School District approve the school board to expend $5,020,993, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $14,739 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.6% higher than spending for the current year. **Article approved on March 1, 2016.**

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 approved by voice vote.**

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

Fred Baser adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm.

RECESS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, RECONVENED TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters appropriate the following sums to be placed in various Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted:

Reserve Fund:	Amount:
Capital Fire Equipment Reserve	$25,000
Capital Highway Equipment Reserve	$90,000
Capital Building Reserve	$25,000
Capital Road Fund - Construction	$35,000
Capital Road Fund – Paving	$100,000
Conservation Reserve Fund	$10,000
Reappraisal Reserve	$ 5,000
Total:	$290,000

Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Will the voters appropriate thereto the sum of a two cent levy on the tax rate fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 to fund the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? **Article approved by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 10: Will the voters approve an appropriation of $131,721 for the Lawrence Memorial Library for its annual operating budget, said sum to be raised by taxes? **Article approved by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 11: Will the voters approve an appropriation of $15,000 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 12: Will the voters appropriate the sum of $10,706.25 to Addison County Transit Resources? **Article approved by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 13: 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 Court Diversion	$1,150
Addison County Home Health	$4,700
Addison County Humane Society	$1,000
Addison County Parent Child Center	$4,800
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 Little League	$2,000
Bristol Rescue Squad	$12,000
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	$2,700
Counseling Service of Addison County	$3,875

Elderly Services		$2,200
Hope (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)		$3,250
Hospice Volunteer Services		$1,200
John Graham Emergency Shelter		$1,400
New Haven River Watch		$ 300
North East Addison Television (NEAT)		$3,500
Open Door Clinic		$1,000
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program		$ 750
Vermont Adult Learning		$1,650
WomenSafe		$3,500
	Total:	$84,950

Motion was made to increase the RSVP voter appropriation from $750 to $850. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: Will the voter's advise the Selectboard that the sale of 32 North Street (Bristol Fire Department) property be sold as is? **Article approved by stand up vote.**

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm via voice vote.



Movies in the Park