WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
BRISTOL, VERMONT
March 2, 2020

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of the Town Officers. **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 2: To Elect Town Officers by Australian Ballot. **Article passed by voice vote.**

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 ¾ 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 to the Town Treasurer of the real property taxes for the Town's fiscal year period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2020 and April 5, 2021 by physical delivery to the Town Office before midnight on that date? **Article passed by voice vote.**

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 six percent (6%) of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)? Article amended to read 4%. Amendment passed by voice vote. Article amended to change the word limit to set. **Article passed as amended via voice vote.**

ARTICLE 5: To set salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard? Set the annual salary at $500/year, $15/meeting for members, and $25/meeting for Chair. **Article passed as amended.**

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A § 2651e? Article amended to only if no resident files for the office. Amendment defeated by voice vote. Article amended to have the Selectboard to bring candidates selected to a public forum before the appointment to hear the candidates, with the ability to ask questions and hear the candidates. Amendment failed by voice vote. Moderator asked for a division of the house. **It was determined the article passed by 64-39.**

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A § 2651f? Article amended to add this be revisited at the Town Meeting of 2024. Article was moved to table discussion. Tabling the discussion was defeated by voice vote. Article as amended was defeated by voice vote. Article amended to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer for a term of 1 year. Article as amended defeated by voice vote. **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters authorize the use of the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to pay the balance of the South Street Bridge loan financed through the People's

United Bank with a current principal balance of $52,620, plus any interest accrued at the current loan rate of 2.95% through the payoff date in FY2021? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 9: Will the voters authorize the transfer of $20,000 of the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Capital Building Fund? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 10: Will the voters authorize the transfer of $25,000 of the June 20, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Capital Paving Fund? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 11: Will the voters authorize the transfer of $30,000 from the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Capital Sidewalk Fund? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 12: Will the voters establish a cemetery Reserve Fund pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 2804 for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, and preserving cemeteries owned by the Town of Bristol and authorize use of the June 30, 2019 General Fund undesignated fund balance to appropriate a sum of $10,000 to it? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 13: Will the voters appropriate the following sums to be placed in various Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted?

Reserve Fund:	**Amount:**
Capital Building Fund	$30,000
Capital Fire Equipment Fund	$25,000
Capital Fire Vehicle Fund	$100,000
Capital Highway Equipment Fund	$135,000
Capital Road Fund-Construction	$40,000
Capital Road Fund-Paving	$125,000
Capital Sidewalk Fund	$35,000
Conservation Fund	$10,000
Reappraisal Fund	$5,000
Technology Fund	$7,000
Total:	$512,000

Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: 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?

Organization:	**Amount:**
Addison County Restorative Justice	$1,150
Addison County Home Health & Hospice	$4,700
Addison County Humane Society	$1,000
Addison County Parent Child Center	$4,800
Addison County Readers	$2,000
Addison County Transit Resources	$11,306

Addison County River Watch	$300
Age Well (Formerly CVAA)	$2,700
Bristol After School Kid's Program	$1,275
Bristol Band	$1,200
Bristol CORE	$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 Recreation Club	$15,000
Bristol Rescue Squad	$13,500
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 Shelter	$1,400
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:	$105,756

Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: Will the voters approve an appropriation of $144,248 for the Lawrence Memorial Library for its annual operating budget, said sum to be raised by taxes? **Article approved by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 16: Will the voters appropriate $29,000 for the Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining Greenwood Cemetery (mowing and trimming) in a well-kept manner in accordance with 24 V.S.A §2691? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 17: Will the voters appropriate $3,000 to Turning Point Center of Addison County for the purpose of supporting its mission to assist persons, their families, and their friends in recovery from substance use disorder and addictive behaviors in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 18: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year Public Works/Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $815,365, a portion thereof in the amount of $716,515 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2020 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 19: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of $300,653, a portion thereof in the amount of

$195,353 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of 2020 Grand List of the Town as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 20: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $922,799, a portion thereof in the amount of $741,747 to be raised by taxes, subject to modification by actions on the previous article; the tax rate on the 2020 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Article passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting. **Meeting adjourned at 10:23pm.**