WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
BRISTOL, VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are hereby WARNED and NOTIFIED to meet at Holley Hall in said Bristol, on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., said meeting to be recessed at the close of all business to be transacted from the floor to the following day, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 for voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, for the election of officers and voting on those articles so noted.

Fred Baser called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Bristol Elementary School Chorus sang the State song and led the pledge of allegiance. Fred recognized the local businesses who had donated to the Town Meeting. Fred stated there are two groups selling raffle tickets and recognized the groups and the individuals who tickets could be purchased from. State Representative Dave Sharpe said this is his 15th year of being elected and is Chair of the Education Committee. He discussed education spending and property taxes within the state, along with the Governor requiring level spending throughout the State. State Representative Fred Baser said the legislature has been off to a slow start this year. Fred discussed funding the clean water fund, where the funding would come from and how much the project would cost.

Fred reviewed Robert's Rules of order. Fred introduced the Clerk, Selectboard and Town Administrator.

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

Lance Perlee moved the article. Kris Perlee seconded. Craig Scribner recognized the Road Crew for their excellent work throughout the year. Bob Donnis asked a question regarding the budget for the Hub Teen Center. Fred said this would be discussed in Article 9.

ARTICLE 2: To elect Town Officers by Australian ballot.

Lance Perlee moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Fred said voting will take place tomorrow, March 7, 2017, from 7am until 7pm.

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, 2017 through June 30, 2018, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2017 and April 5, 2018 by physical delivery to the Town Office before midnight on that date?

Joel Bouvier moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Fred said the interest rates had been lowered because it had been amended for two previous years. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To set salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard.

Fred said the current salaries are $500/year and $15/meeting. Peter Grant moved the article. Kelly Laliberte seconded. Therese Kirby moved to amend the article to set the same salaries. Lance Perlee seconded, amendment approved by voice vote. Article approved as amended by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Will the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A §4791?

Peter Grant moved the article. Jim Weening seconded. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d (a)?

Jim Weening moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Therese Kirby said in March 2010 the Town had agreed to bring this position in house being paid a salary. She said this will bring the position in house completely, it would be a salary position and all penalties would be returned to the Town. This will take effect in March 2018. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $775,523 a portion thereof in the amount of $672,589 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2017 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

Peter Grant moved to amend the article. Lance Perlee seconded. Bob Donnis asked about sidewalk repairs. Peeker Heffernan said there is money in the budget for sidewalk repair; the Board historically has done it toward the end of the fiscal year so more sidewalk can be repaired at one time. Joel Bouvier said there is a schedule for repairs. Ken Weston asked about a plan for a sidewalk on Pine Street. Joel said it would cost $350-$600,000 to put a sidewalk on Pine Street. Ken said it is a highly used street by pedestrians. Therese Kirby said in the future this is something that could be considered as they plan to replace the waterline on Pine Street. Craig Allen asked if there is any consideration to extend the sidewalk on South Street to the bridge. Joel said some paving was done down there, but there is no discussion of extending the sidewalk. The budgeted amount is strictly for repair. Joel said the sidewalk added down Pleasant Street was a grant from the State called Safe Routes to School. Steve Leopold said due to the change in temperature the drainage on East Street didn't work well. Joel said the road Foreman will look into it. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $933,401, a portion thereof in the amount of $752,524 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2017 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

Lance Perlee moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of $250,195 a portion thereof in the amount of $166,945 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2017 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

Lance Perlee moved the article. Kelly Laliberte seconded. Bob Donnis asked about the Hub Teen Center budget and what the change is. Michelle Perlee said this is the building is by the Skate Park. She said the reduction in the budget is due to the change in the position to becoming a school year position versus a full time position. Bob asked if this would limit the use of the building. Michelle said the building during the summer would be used for programming purposes. Article passed by voice vote.

RECESS TOWN MEETING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 7:47 pm. TOWN MEETING RESUMED at 8:53 pm.

ARTICLE 10: 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	$95,000
Capital Building Reserve	$30,000
Capital Road Fund - Construction	$35,000
Capital Road Fund – Paving	$100,000
Conservation Reserve Fund	$10,000
Technology Fund	$ 5,000
Total:	$300,000

Lance Perlee moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Ken Weston moved to amend Capital Road-Construction Fund be changed to $40,000 with at least 10% specifically set aside for sidewalks. Linda Andrews seconded. Ken withdrew his original motion. Ken moved to change the name to Capital Road-Construction & Sidewalk fund. Kris Perlee moved to suspend the rules.

Anne Wallace seconded. Ted Lylis would like the funds separated out. Peeker Heffernan said to complete it as amended this way and in the future the Board will create a new fund. Kris Perlee clarified that this would only be 10% of the appropriation not the total balance in the current reserve fund. Fred said yes. Bob Bernstein said it's too small for a Capital Fund and sidewalks are considered in the Highway Fund. Peter Grant asked if this amount would help towards sidewalks at all. Peeker said there is $17,000 set aside for this year. If we create a capital fund for sidewalks we wouldn't have to worry about using the money within a fiscal year, which would allow the money to always be available for sidewalks. Bob Donnis asked if construction was new or for repairs. The Board said repairs. Amended article passed by voice vote. Article as amended passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Will the voters appropriate thereto the sum of a two cent levy on the tax rate fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 to fund the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

Lance Perlee moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Anne Wallace asked what this was. Joel Bouvier said this began two years ago, this is specifically for Fire Department vehicles and apparatus and avoids bonding. Steve Leopold asked if any fire trucks needed to be replaced in the near future. Joel said the Capital Plan is on page 48 this will show you the replacement schedule. Ken asked if this is a better way for assessing a tax, why we don't do this for all of our Capital Funds. Joel said this gives a specific amount per tax bill, it also allows the capital fund to grow with the growth in the grand list. Peeker Heffernan said it allows the fund to gain money without contribution increasing through a set amount. If we put a specific amount on the warning would have to be re-evaluated each year and the amount would change. Fred asked if this was a one year allocation. The Board said yes. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: 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?

Lance Perlee moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Matt Daylor asked what this exemption is. Therese said it works for specific organizations within the Town. The exemption from the property tax is then paid for by tax payers within the "Local Agreement" tax rate on the tax bill. These are typically 501c3 entities. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: Will the voters renew the exemption of the N.H. Munsill Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, for its property located at 9 Fitch Avenue from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840?

Lance Perlee moved the article. Anne Wallace seconded. Kelly Laliberte said it is for sale, will the tax still be exempt if it sells within the five years. Joel said it is for sale and this will only be allowed while N.H. Munsill owns the building. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: Will the voters approve an appropriation of $135,073 for the Lawrence Memorial Library for its annual operating budget, said sum to be raised by taxes?

Lance Perlee moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: 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?

Peter Grant moved the article. Lance Perlee seconded. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: Will the voters appropriate the sum of $11,306 to Addison County Transit Resources to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the region by providing community transportation services that are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable for everyone?

Peter Grant moved the article. Anne Wallace seconded. Naomi Drummond is the Bristol representative and discussed the different options and services ACTR provides. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: Will the voters appropriate the sum of $13,500 to Bristol Rescue Squad to cover costs to

replace aging vehicles, upgrading equipment and continuing education and training?

Lance Perlee moved the article. David Gusakov seconded. Article approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: 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 River Watch	$ 300
Age Well (formerly CVAA)	$2,700
Bristol After School Kid's Program	$1,275
Bristol Band	$1,200
Bristol Cemetery Association	$7,000
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
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:	$72,950

Lance Perlee moved the article . Peter Grant seconded. Kris Perlee said the specific statute noted forces all of the organizations to prove they provide services to Bristol. Therese said Kris is right. Kris moved to amend the article to remove the reference to 24 V.S.A. § 2691. Lance Perlee seconded. Peter Ryan asked if there is another statute requiring these services are for Bristol residents. Therese said yes. Amendment passed by voice vote. Article as amended passed by voice vote.

Articles 19 and 20 are for discussion only Monday night. VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM AT HOLLEY HALL.

ARTICLE 19: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol readopt the Bristol Town Plan first adopted by the voters of the Town of Bristol on November 5, 2012, amended now only by the removal of the Zoning Map and references to said Zoning Map? (Copies of the document may be seen at the Bristol Town Offices or on the website at www.bristolvt.org.)

Lance Perlee moved the article. Peter Grant seconded. Sue Hawkins asked if someone from the Planning Commision could speak to the changes. Sue Kavanagh explained to avoid having two sets of zoning regulations they have removed the references to the zoning maps. It will expire in November of 2017.

ARTICLE 20: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol adopt the proposed amendments to the Town of Bristol Zoning Regulations for which notice was given for the final public hearing held by the Bristol Selectboard on December 19, 2016? (The proposed amendments make changes to all areas within the Town of Bristol. Copies of the document may be seen at the Bristol Town Offices or on the website at

www.bristolvt.org.)

Anne Wallce moved the article. Sue Hawkins seconded. Sue Kavanagh explained the changes the Planning Commission made. Ken Weston asked why the Selectboard removed the overlay district at Daniel's Four Corners. Peter Coffey said the Board didn't like how restrictive it was in the specific area when right outside that district you could put all of the same buildings. Ted Lylis said it also would make current businesses non-conforming. Sally Burrell asked what is permitted there. Sue Kavanagh explained the different options allowed there. Steve Leopold asked if the land was privately owned at Daniel's Four Corners. Sue said yes.

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

The Board thanked Therese Kirby for 11 years of service, as she will be resigning as of June 30, 2017. Lance Laliberte introduced himself as a candidate for Selectboard. Randy Crowe moved to adjourn. Joel Bouvier seconded.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol duly called, noticed and held on January 23, 2017. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January 24, 2017.

Fred K. Baser Moderator

Bristol Selectboard:

Michelle Perlee, Chair

Joel Bouvier

Peter Coffey

John "Peeker" Heffernan

Theodore Lylis

Jennifer Myers, Clerk

ATTEST:

Jen Myers, Town Clerk