included in the Town Report. Peter Coffey said quarterly reports can be found at the office in the meantime for the Revolving Loan Fund. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To elect Town Officers by Australian ballot. Robert Bernstein moved, Ken Weston seconded. Ian Albinson introduced himself as a candidate for Selectboard. Ian thanked the board for the work they have done. Ted Lylis introduced himself as a candidate for Selectboard. 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2019 and April 5, 2020 by physical delivery to the Town Office before midnight on that date? Bob Bernstein, moved Phoebe Barash seconded. Chuck Richardson asked who is late. Jen Myers, Delinquent Tax Collector, said the report is on page 25. She also discussed the pre-bate program through the State of Vermont. Many of the people who are late have payment plans and she works together with them to create a plan that works for their budget. Patricia Heather Lea asked if having penalty works. Jen said yes, there has to be incentive to pay the tax on time. Peter Ryan pointed out education tax is the majority of the tax bill. Dave Sharpe mentioned the Town had previously reduced the penalty to 4%. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To set salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard. Bob Bernstein moved to keep the salaries and meeting pay the same, $15/meeting and $500 for the year. Richard Butz seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Will the voters authorize the use of June 30, 2017 General Fund undesignated fun balance to pay the balance of the Holley Hall Acoustics loan finance through the Town of Bristol's Revolving Loan Fund with a current principle balance of $20,000 plus and interest accrued at the current loan rate of 1.00% through the payoff date in FY2019? If approved, the General Fund Operating Budget in Article 10 would be reduced by $5,200. Joel Bouvier moved approve the use of undesignated fund monies. Ken Johnson seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters authorize the use of June 30, 2017 General Fund undesignated fund balance to pay the balance of the Holley Hall Remodel loan financed with People's United Bank with a current principle balance of $30,000 plus any interest accrued at the current loan rate of 1.7% through the payoff date in FY2019? If approved, the General Fund Operating Budget in Article 10 would be reduced by $10,510. Bob Bernstein moved to approve the use of the undesignated fund monies. Ian Albinson seconded. Bob Bernstein asked for an explanation as to why there was surplus funds. Peter Coffey explained the 2017 year was the year of transition which gave us the surplus funds. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters authorize the transfer of $50,000 of the June 30, 2017 general Fund undesignated fund balance to the Capital Building Fund? Anne Wallace moved to authorize the transfer of funds. Ken Johnson seconded. Steve Leopold asked what the money would be used for. Peter Coffey said issues with town buildings. Anne Wallace asked this would use all of the money in the undesignated fund money. Peter said no, the town is required to keep 5% of the operating budget. Valerie said there is Selectboard discretion for use of the money and they have a capital plan. Bob Bernstein pointed out Capital Plans are on page 28 & 29. Article passed by voice vote.

Warning
Annual Town Meeting
Bristol, VT

The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are hereby WARNED and NOTIFIED to meet at Holley Hall in said Bristol, on Monday, March 4, 2019 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 5, 2019 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 voted on those articles so noted.

At 7:01 pm Moderator Fred Baser called the Annual Town Meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was taken. Fred thanked the Mason's, Vermont Coffee and Mary Bingham for their time and donations to the food table. He asked the body if there was any opposition in having our State Representatives speak. There was none. Mari Cordes thanked everyone for their help putting this together. She is on the house Health Care committee and is doing work to stabilize the health insurance market. They are currently trying to create legislation to protect prices from going up. Caleb Elder said he is currently on the Education committee while still maintaining his seat on the local unified school board. He and Mari are trying to make themselves available to their constituents. Currently, there are monthly opportunities to meet as they move from town to town hosting a breakfast. Senator Chris Bray spoke saying he was on the Natural Resources Committee, where they are working to have safer, cleaner water. Fred thanked our representatives.

Fred said there is no school meeting, because we have a unified school district that meeting was held last week. Fred encouraged voters to attend the annual meeting in the future as there would be no option to speak at your local meeting. Krista Siringo, Kevin Hanson, Elizabeth Sayre, Allison Sturtevant and Erin Lathrop stood and spoke as Bristol's Unified School District Board representatives. Krista explained the budget to be voted on the 5th is for all 6 of the schools plus establishing a capital reserve fund. This is a way to set aside funds to use to complete projects and/or upgrades to facilities. The board reached out to the community in regards to importance in the budget. Krista said they are working to circulate more information throughout the community. They are hosting a community event at Bristol Elementary School on Saturday, March 16th to help create more community engagement. Fred thanked them for their time.

Fred said the annual report was dedicated to Larry Gile. Donna Gile stood and spoke thanking the town officials and the community.

Fred said Ross Carr, Ryan Lathrop and Josh Sherman will be running microphones please use the microphones when you speak. Fred reviewed Robert's Rules of Order.

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

Robert Bernstein moved to accept the reports as written. Ken Johnson seconded. Fred explained the article represents the reports provided in the Town Report. Ken Weston noted there is no Bristol Band listed on application for volunteer positions in town government. Robert Bernstein asked for final expense total for the West Street project. Peter Coffey said $897, 812. Robert Bernstein asked for an update regarding the Police Department going town wide and the union negotiation contract. Peter said Police union negotiations are still ongoing and that has not ben updated yet. They haven't forgotten about going town wide, but other police issues have taken precedence. Robert Bernstein asked about the Revolving Loan Fund and in the future would like to see an accounting of the fund

Reappraisal Fund	$5,000
Technology Fund	$10,000
	$490,000

Richard Butz moved to appropriate to the listed funds. Eric Forand seconded. Anne Wallace asked for an explanation. Peter Coffey explained the purpose of the funds helps alleviate the need to bond in the future. Anne asked if this was in addition to the general fund budget. Peter said yes. Andy Jackson asked about the Conservation Fund. Joel said the balance is $48,803 and it is used to help conserve the properties from development. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: 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 Kids 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	$3,500
Open Door Clinic	$1,000
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	$750
Vermont Adult Learning	$1,650
WomenSafe	$3,500
	$105,756

Anne Wallace moved, Sue Kavanagh seconded. Steve Leopold asked about the rescue squad and if they had to pay for mutual aid. Joel said yes but they also get paid for being mutual aid for others as well. Chuck Richardson asked if the amount appropriated for the Recreation Club was in addition to the rent the Hub pays. Peeker said yes. Chuck Richardson asked what Bristol CORE was. Ian Albinson, executive

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters authorize the transfer of $17,000 from the June 30, 2018 General Fund undesignated fund balance tot the Capital Sidewalk Fund? Ken Johnson moved to authorize the transfer of funds. Carol Wells seconded. Bob Donnis asked what the sidewalk plan is. Peter Coffey explained the sidewalk plan for the upcoming year. Bob Donnis asked if there was a Capital Sidewalk Plan. Peter said there is a plan, and will available online in the near future. Krista Siringo thanked the board for the updated sidewalks. Richard Butz asked about the drainage problem on East Street. Peter said that has been taken into consideration. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal year Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $774,101, a portion thereof in the amount of $675,251 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2019 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? Anne Wallace moved approve the highway budget. Carol Wells seconded. Betsy Blair asked about the paving budget being $0. Joel Bouvier explained they removed paving from the highway budget to add to the capital budget so they weren't restricted to a time frame when completing paving projects. Steve Leopold asked about cold patch to fix some of the potholes. Joel Bouvier said it doesn't hold well with the changing temperatures and the wet weather, but the state will be repaving in 2020 from the Lord's Prayer Rock to the entrance of the high school. Bill Brown thanked the road crew for their work. Bob Bernstein asked about budgeting for permits. Valerie said this is an annual fee for municipal roads. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $911,426, a portion thereof in the amount $727,426 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2019 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? Michelle Perlee moved to adopt the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget. Joel Bouvier seconded. Joel bouvier moved to amend the article to $711,716 to be raised by taxes. Bob Bernstein seconded. Valerie explained both numbers would need to be amended. Joel withdrew his original amendment. Joel Bouvier moved to amend the article to the General Fund Operating budget in the amount of $895, 716 a portion thereof in the amount $711,716 to be raised by taxes. Seconded by Beth Ekroos. ($15,710 reduction per articles 5 & 6). Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of $283,863, a portion thereof in the amount of $193,613 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2019 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? Anne Wallace moved to adopt the Arts, Parks and Recreation Budget. Phoebe Barash seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 12: 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	$110,000
Capital Road Fund-Construction	$40,000
Capital Road Fund-Paving	$125,000
Capital Sidewalk Fund	$35,000
Conservation Fund	$10,000

director, explained the different projects and events Bristol CORE completes and endorses. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: Will the voters approve and appropriation of $140,340 for the Lawrence Memorial Library for its annual operating budget, said sum to be raised by taxes? Richard Butz moved, Sue Kavanagh seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: Will the voters appropriate $29,000 for the Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining the Greenwood Cemetery (mowing and trimming) in a well-kept manner in accordance with 24 V.S.A §2691. Ken Weston moved, Phoebe Barash seconded. Ken Weston asked about the other Town cemeteries. Peter Coffey explained the Town maintained those cemeteries as part of the general fund budget. Ken asked to increase the amount to maintain those cemeteries, but it was determined the general fund budget had already been voted. Bob Bernstein asked what the increase was. Don Lathrop spoke on behalf of the Greenwood Cemetery Committee explaining the increase was $22,000 to $29,000. Randy Wilson asked why the town is paying so much to maintain the cemetery. Don said they aren't selling enough lots, but have a new mowing contractor who charges more money. Fred Baser also clarified the Town would be responsible to maintain the cemetery in the event there was no committee. Anne asked if the town was responsible for the three smaller cemeteries. Peeker said those are town maintained and significantly smaller. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: Will the voters renew the exemption of the Libanus Lodge No. 47 (Mason's Lodge) for its property located at 4 Elm Street from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years pursuant to 32 V.S.A §3840? Michelle Perlee moved. Carol Eldridge seconded. Joel Bouvier said there is a time limitation of 5 years. Nicole Librandi, asked the value of the property, $413,100 located on page 43. Jim Burt spoke on behalf of the Mason's and the different community events they host. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: Will the voters appropriate $1,500 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 §3840? John Elder moved, Allison Sturtevant seconded. Phoebe Barash gave statistics. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: Will the voters appropriate $1,500 to Habitat for Humanity of Addison County to support the provision of affordable housing in Addison County in accordance with 24 V.S.A §2691? Anne Wallace moved, Richard Butz seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting. Bob Bernstein moved, Ken Weston seconded. Joel Bouvier thanked Dave Sharpe and Fred Baser as former representatives. Bob Bernstein asked about sending a note to Penny Sherwood's family. The Board agreed they would. Joel Bouvier moved to adjourn at 9:13 pm, Peeker Heffernan seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

Frederick K. Baser
Moderator