# WARNING
# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
# BRISTOL, VERMONT
# March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are hereby WARNED and NOTIFIED to meet at Holley Hall in said Bristol, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 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, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles of business:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officers as required by law: one Selectboard member for a three-year term; one Selectboard member for a two-year term; two Library Trustees for a three-year term; one School Board member for a two-year term and one School Board member for a three-year term for Mt Abraham Unified School District; one Moderator for a one-year term; one First Constable for a one-year term; one Second Constable for a one-year term; one Lister for a two-year term; one Lister for a three-year term.

Selectboard Member (3 year term) - Joel A. Bouvier **528**
Selectboard Member (2 year term) - John "Peeker" Heffernan **521**
First Constable (1 year term) - Bruce Nason **531**
Second Constable (1 year term) - Brian K. Fox **502**
Town Moderator (1 year)
Library Trustee (3 year term, Two) - Caroline Engvall **522**, Jill Mackler **499**
Lister (3 year term) - David S. Cobb **491**
Lister (2 year term) - Patricia L. King **511**
Mount Abraham Unified School District Member (3 year term, One)
- Kevin Hanson **316**, Erin Jipner **281**
Mount Abraham Unified School District Member (2 year term, One)
- Pamela Jennings **142,** William C. Mount **96**, Krista Siringo **353**

**ARTICLE 2:** 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022, being due in two equal installments on November 15, 2021 and April 15, 2022 by physical delivery to the Town Office before midnight on that date? **Article passed 489 to 107.**

**ARTICLE 3:** 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 four percent (4%) of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)? **Article passed 538 to 60.**

**ARTICLE 4:** Will the voters set the salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard at the same as FY2021, being $500 plus $10 per meeting and $25 per meeting for the Chair? **Article passed 551 to 69.**

**ARTICLE 5**: Will the voters of the Town of Bristol adopt the Bristol Town Plan, as updated by the Planning Commission, and approved by the Selectboard on December 14, 2020? (Copies of the document may be reviewed at the Bristol Town Office or on the Web site at www.bristolvt.org.) **Article passed 494 to 100.**

**ARTICLE 6:** Will the voters authorize the transfer of $75,000 from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund to the Fire Department Vehicle Fund for the purpose of contributing to the purchase of a new Fire Department engine? **Article passed 518 to 98.**

**ARTICLE 7:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year Public Works/Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $809,116, a portion thereof in the amount of $706,144 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2021 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Article passed 494 to 117.**

**ARTICLE 8:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of $307,211 a portion thereof in the amount of $202,411 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2021 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Article passed 439 to 175.**

**ARTICLE 9:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $976,393, a portion thereof in the amount of $783,099 to be raised by taxes, subject to modification by actions on the previous articles; the tax rate on the 2021 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard? **Article passed 454 to 135.**

**ARTICLE 10**: 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 520 to 86.**

**ARTICLE 11**: 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 passed 527 to 88.**

**ARTICLE 12:** Will the voters appropriate $29,000 for the Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc. in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691 for the purpose of maintaining Greenwood Cemetery (mowing and trimming) in a well-kept manner? **Article passed 535 to 80.**

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the voters appropriate $10,000 to Bristol CORE, Bristol's non-profit downtown organization committed to increasing and maintaining the economic vitality of the downtown area? **Article passed 441 to 175.**

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the voters appropriate $6,000 to the Bristol Fourth of July Committee to organize the parade and events at the Town Green? **Article passed 516 to 101.**

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the voters appropriate $2,500 to the Bristol Historical Society, caretaker for the local area history including local legends and artifacts? **Article passed 560 to 60.**

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the voters appropriate $2,000 to the Bristol Little League to provide baseball for elementary school children? **Article passed 536 to 91.**

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the voters appropriate $15,000 to the Bristol Recreation Club to manage the 10-acre recreation land and properties adjacent to Mt. Abe Unified School District?
**Article passed 523 to 103.**

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the voters appropriate $13,500 to the Bristol Rescue Squad to provide emergency treatment and transportation of ill and injured persons to nearby hospitals.
**Article passed 587 to 40.**

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the voters appropriate $1,200 to the Bristol Town Band, a group of citizens that play weekly on Town Park and at other locations. **Article passed 534 to 95.**

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the voters appropriate $4,700 to Addison County Home Health & Hospice for providing in-home care and hospice? **Article passed 576 to 53.**

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the voters appropriate $4,800 to Addison County Parent/Child Center to provide family education services? **Article passed 504 to 123.**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the voters appropriate $2,000 to Addison County Readers, Inc. to support pre-school literacy activities? **Article passed 504 to 120.**

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the voters appropriate $1,150 to Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc. to provide restorative projects for offenders who have potential to learn from their mistakes. **Article passed 469 to 157.**

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the voters appropriate $300 to Addison County River Watch Collaborative, a citizen run water quality monitoring program? **Article passed 513 to 114.**

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall the voters appropriate $2,700 to Age Well to provide home and community-based services? **Article passed 540 to 83.**

**ARTICLE 26:** Shall the voters appropriate $3,875 to the Counseling Service of Addison County to offer professional mental health services, including a 24-hour emergency service? **Article passed 521 to 105.**

**ARTICLE 27:** Shall the Town appropriate $1,200 to End of Life Services (formerly Hospice Volunteer Services), said sum to come from Town funds? **Article passed 550 to 77.**

**ARTICLE 28:** Shall the voters appropriate $1,000 to Homeward Bound (Addison County Humane Society, Inc.) to promote the ethical treatment of and prevention of cruelty to all domestic animals by providing shelter and education services? **Article passed 525 to 99.**

**ARTICLE 29:** Shall the voters appropriate $3,250 to HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) to provide emergency services, dental care, and affordable housing? **Article passed 507 to 118.**

**ARTICLE 30:** Shall the voters appropriate $1,400 to John Graham Housing and Services, to provide emergency shelter to the homeless? **Article passed 454 to 95.**

**ARTICLE 31:** Shall the voters appropriate $3,500 to NEAT (North East Addison Television), a non-profit public access television station which serves Bristol's five-town region? **Article passed 554 to 160.**

**ARTICLE 32:** Shall the voters appropriate $1,000 to Open Door Clinic to provide free health care to the uninsured and under-insured residents in Addison County? **Article passed 530 to 91.**

**ARTICLE 33:** Shall the voters appropriate $750 to RSVP and Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program (volunteer), a program for people 55 and older who want to help meet community needs through use of their skills and knowledge to non-profit organizations? **Article passed 506 to 109.**

**ARTICLE 34:** Shall the voters appropriate $11,306 to Tri-Valley Transit (formerly Addison County Transit Resources) to provide transportation with a Tri-town Shuttle bus and other transportation services for elderly and the disabled. **Article passed 536 to 85.**

**ARTICLE 35:** Shall the voters appropriate $3,000 to Turning Point Center of Addison County behaviors for the purpose of supporting its mission to assist persons, their families, and their friends in recovery from substance use disorder and addiction? **Article passed 487 to 132.**

**ARTICLE 36:** Shall the voters appropriate $1,650 to Vermont Adult Learning to provide educational programs for adults. **Article passed 506 to 111.**

**ARTICLE 37:** Shall the voters appropriate $3,500 to WomenSafe to promote the social welfare of Addison County to reduce the incidents of physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women. **Article passed 539 to 80.**

***Informational Meetings:*** ***The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are further notified that informational meetings will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 22, 2021 during a regular Selectboard meeting which will commence at 7:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 1, 2021 during a special Selectboard meeting which will commence at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion about all matters on the Annual Town Meeting warning.***

To log into the Zoom meetings:

**Monday, February 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**
https://us02web.zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 814 7386 7210
Passcode: 412702
Phone in: 1 (646) 558-8656

**Monday, March 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**
https://us02web.zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 856 6813 7815
Passcode: 994616
Phone in: 1 (646) 558-8656

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol duly called, noticed and held on January 25, 2021. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January 26, 2021.

**Bristol Selectboard:**

Michelle Perlee, Chair

Ian Albinson

Joel Bouvier

John "Peeker" Heffernan

Darla Senecal

ATTEST:

Sharon Lucia, Town Clerk