

2016 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2016

BRISTOL, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON COUNTY

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bristol in the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road in said Bristol on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will be open for balloting on Article 1 through Article 5, and shall close no earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening; and you are further hereby notified to meet at the Auditorium of the Newfound Regional High School in said Bristol on Saturday, the twelfth day of March next at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in the warrant.

Article 1: To choose by written ballot all of the necessary Town Officers

2 Selectmen for 3 years

1 Moderator for 2 years

1 Trustee of the Trust funds for 3 years

1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

4 Budget Committee members for 3 years

3 Library Trustees for 3 years

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 1 if adopted at Town Meeting, will remove Article IV, Section 4.5 Parking and Off-Street Loading in its entirety from the Zoning Ordinance and place it in Site Plan/Subdivision Regulations.

Yes

No

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 2, if adopted at Town Meeting, will specify that a non-conforming use shall be considered abandoned if the use is discontinued for one year.

Yes No

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 3, if adopted at Town Meeting, will require that externally illuminated signs meet the standards outlined under the External Lighting section of the Ordinance.

Yes No

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 4, if adopted at Town Meeting, will allow outdoor signs to be illuminated from any direction so long as the illumination is confined wholly to the area of the sign.

Yes No

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to One Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$104,500) for the purpose of Water and Sewer Meter Upgrade Project, and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$104,500) of bonds or notes, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon as shall be in the best interest of the Town; furthermore the acceptance of grant monies from all Rural Development, State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and/or any other grant or aid, which might be available for this project, in order to reduce the amount otherwise to be raised by bonds or notes. The principal and interest payments of the bonds or notes shall be paid through water and sewer user fees. (2/3 vote required, polls open for one hour)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 7: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Town Budget Committee (RSA 32:14, V), RSA 32:14, III – Voting shall be by ballot, but the question shall not be placed on the official ballot used to elect officers. Polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the Moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the discussion on the question.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Five Million Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$5,767,692) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Five Million Seven Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$5,798,475). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-3

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-1

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Contingency Fund and further to use funds from the unreserved fund balance. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to repair and repaint the Town Clock which is located in the Bristol United Church of Christ, d.b.a. Bristol Federated Church. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 11-0-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to purchase and install a commercial grade metal fence for the Town Owned Property at 12 Central Square (the site of the former Mica Building). (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to fund the cost of a comprehensive wage and classification study for Town positions. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-5-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500) for the purpose of purchasing the "Smith Lot," which constitutes approximately 0.54 acres of land and buildings and is located at 254 Lake Street, Bristol, NH and further identified by the Town's Tax Map 112, Lot 70, that may be used for future expansion of town offices, police department or other municipal use. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 11-0-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000) for the purpose of conducting an operational needs assessment for the Police Department in order to establish the future space need requirements for both the Police Department and Town offices and furthermore an architectural design for the Police Department and Town Offices. The appropriation will be to have knowledgeable and independent third party professional firms conduct the operational needs assessment and furthermore an architectural design for the Police Department and Town Offices. The selected firm will prepare conceptual renderings as well as construction estimates for renovations or new construction. This appropriation will be funded from unreserved fund balance. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 5-6-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purchase, equipping and up-fitting of a new police cruiser. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to replace the communication tower on Hemp Hill Road in partnership with the Lakes Region Mutual Aid with (\$50,000) to come from the Lakes Region Mutual Aid and the remainder to be raised by general taxation.

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 10-2

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-1

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) to replace the air cylinders for the Fire Department's 12 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) to replace the Fire Department's existing portable radio batteries and to purchase new Fire Department pagers. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend the fund. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for the purposes of a coordinated directional and structural design, field survey, subsurface and wetlands work, engineering, base plans, and bid services for the Central Street Water and Sewer Replacement Project and the Water Street Recreational Trail; further, to offset this appropriation with a withdrawal of \$22,500 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund and \$22,500 from the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund and the remainder from taxation. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 11-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-1

Article 21: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to limit the size of the Police Department to seven officers and one Police Chief.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the following capital reserve funds previously established.

Accrued Wages Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,000
Bicentennial Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Town Building Maintenance Fund Capital Reserve	\$5,000 (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-2

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0

Article 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

A true copy of the warrant – Attest:


Janet Cote, Select Board Chair


Shaun Lagueux, Select Board Vice- Chair


Betsy Schneider, Select Board


Rick Alpers, Select Board


Paul Manganiello, Select Board