

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2018

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 Bristol Town Hall, 45 Summer Street in said Bristol on Tuesday, the thirteenth 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 13 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 seventeenth 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

1 Select Board member for 3 years

1 Moderator for 2 years

1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

4 Budget Committee members for 3 years

3 Library Trustees for 3 years

**Article 2: By Petition:** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Bristol on the second Tuesday of March? Passage requires a 3/5 majority vote of those voting.

Yes 227     No 184    Needed 60% to pass or 246 votes.

**Article 3: By Petition:** Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town or city?

Yes 186     No 222

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 1, if adopted, will create a definition for **“Brew Pub”** based on the definition found in state law RSA 178:13 and will allow a Brew Pub as a permitted use in the Village Commercial, Downtown Commercial, Corridor Commercial, Rural, Lake, and Industrial Districts.

Yes 302     No 111

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 2, if adopted, will create a definition for a “**Distillery**” and will allow a Distillery as a permitted use in the Village Commercial, Downtown Commercial, Corridor Commercial, Rural, Lake, and Industrial Districts.

Yes 286     No 122

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 3, if adopted, will create a definition for a “**Winery/Meadery**” and will allow a **Winery/Meadery** as a permitted use in the Village Commercial, Downtown Commercial, Corridor Commercial, Rural, Lake, and Industrial Districts.

Yes 297     No 114

**Article 7:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 4, if adopted, will modify Article III, Section 3.2, Fc to include a reference to Article 4.4 which restricts building height. The purpose of this amendment is solely to improve the overall clarity of the Ordinance; it does not alter any substantive requirements.

Yes 312     No 97

**Article 8:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 5, if adopted, will modify Article IV, Sections 4.12,C,1,a and 4.12,C,3,a to indicate that any increase in height must not exceed the building height restrictions specified in Article 4.4. The purpose of this amendment is solely to improve the overall clarity of the Ordinance; it does not alter any substantive requirements.

Yes 317     No 89

**Article 9:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 6, if adopted, will eliminate the express permission for time/temperature signs contained in Article IV, Section 4.11,D. The effect of this amendment is to come into compliance with US Supreme Court decisions by requiring time and temperature displays to conform to the same physical requirements as other signs.

Yes 309     No 95

**Article 10:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 7, if adopted, will replace the current definition of Kennel/Stable contained in Article VIII, Section 8.141 with new definitions of “Kennel” and “Stable”.

Yes 321     No 80

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 8, if adopted, will allow Kennels by special exception in the Rural District.

Yes 254     No 146

**Article 12:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 9, if adopted, will update and clarify language in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District section of the ordinance.

Yes 299     No 98

**Article 13:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 10, if adopted, will create a new provision outlining requirements for construction and siting of Accessory Dwelling Units in accord with the recently-enacted RSA 674:71-73.

Yes 238     No 138

**TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY MARCH 17, 2018**

Moderator Edward “Ned” Gordon opened the meeting at 9:00 AM This is the 199<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting held in the “Old” Town Hall. Moderator Gordon asked Burt Williams to open the meeting with the Pledge of Alliance to the flag. Ned did the very moving and inspirational invocation.

Moderator Gordon asked Chairman Rick Alpers of the Selectmen to introduce the Board, he presented: Leslie Dion, J.P.Morrison, Don Milbrand and Paul Manganiello, and thanked Paul for his years of service to the people of Bristol, as Paul did not seek re-election this year. Rick also introduced Wayne Anderson as the newest member of the board. Moderator Gordon asked Chairman, Rob Glassett to introduce the Budget Committee, he introduced, Bill Cote, Wayne Anderson, David Carr, Betsy Schneider, Janet Cavanagh, Bob Emerson, Scott Sanschargin, John Sellers, David Carr, Ashley Dolloff, Joe Caristi and Walter Waring.

Moderator Gordon then introduced, Shawn Tanguay from the Town's law firm, Gardner, Fulton and Waugh, also Raymah Simpson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector who will be taking minutes

Moderator Gordon explained the rules of the meeting, the meeting is for registered voters, anyone that would like to speak that is not a registered voter, the body would have to decide if they could speak. Some Town Employees are not residents of the Town, but have been able to speak in the past and we will keep that policy. The meeting will follow Parliamentary Procedure.

If there are any amendments, they need to be in writing and need to be seconded before any discussion on the amendment. The Moderator also stated that there has been three (3) request for three separate articles to be ballot votes the articles are numbers are 19, 21 and 26. The requests were in writing with five (5) registered voters making the request on each one. The Moderator asked everyone to be respectful, short and to the point, he would also try to let everyone that wants to speak, to speak and then call on the repeats.

The Moderator went through the results of Tuesdays Election

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,650,000) to pay for the final design and construction of a new Town Office Building and the renovation of the existing Town Office Building into the Police Department with Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to come from the unassigned fund balance, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from general taxation, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of bonds or notes, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first principal and interest payments will be included in the 2019 budget. (2/3 ballot vote required, polls open for one hour).

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-2**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

Moderator Ned Gordon, wanted to speak on this article, so he stepped down and assistant Moderator Shawn Lagueux, took over. Moderator Gordon made the motion, for Article 14, seconded by Rick Alpers.

Ned explained that he is the chairman of the Space Needs Committee. The committee looked at the needs of the Town as well as the needs of Police Department, they also looked at several buildings in Town to see if any were suitable for the needs. The question at that time was to renovate the existing building for a town office or for the police department, after hiring an Architecture & Engineering firm to design a building. When this was taken to public meetings the committee was criticized for the project costing too much. A new opportunity has just come up, that makes more sense to purchase a building as opposed to new construction, the building is much closer to what is needed. Ned would like to table this article and continue negotiations for the new building.

**Don Milbrand made a motion to table Article 14. Rob Glassett seconded the motion. Article 14 passed with a voice vote.**

**At this time Ned came back on as Moderator.**

David Hill had a parliamentary procedure statement that the article can not be discussed again because it was tabled, Moderator Gordon said it could not be discussed again until near the end of the meeting.

**Article 15: By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the membership of the Budget Committee from the current 13 members to 7 members. In accord with RSA 32:15, IV, this change, if adopted, will become effective beginning with the 2019 Annual Meeting.

**Motion made by Rob Glassett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven Favorite.** Rob supported this article. The Budget Committee needs to be down to seven (7), he feels reducing the number will make people more committed. Would like to see a more dedicated group, so there would always be a quorum.

**Shaun Lagueux made a motion to close debate, seconded by Fred Eichman.**

**Moderator called for a voice vote, to close to call, he called for a hand vote.**

**Article 15 passed by hand vote.**

**Article 16: By Petition:** To see if the town will vote to rescind and repeal Article 12 as passed at the 2016 Town Meeting. Any non-encumbered funds remaining shall be returned to the unreserved fund balance. Article 12 authorized the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to prepare an architectural design and engineering study for future municipal buildings with said funds to come from the unreserved fund balance.

**Motion made by Paul Simard, seconded by Jodie Favorite.** Paul stated that this is just housekeeping, that any monies left should be put back into the unreserved fun. Rick Alpers stated that that money had already gone back into the unreserved fund.

**Doug Voelbel made a motion to close debate, seconded by David Hill.**

**Moderator asked for a show of hands.**

**Article 16 passed by hand vote.**

**Article 17: By Petition:** To see if the town will vote to rescind and reject Article 14 in its entirety as amended and adopted at the 2016 Bristol Town Meeting. Article 14 authorized the establishment of an eleven member committee to investigate the building space needs for the operation of the Town of Bristol's governmental services and to propose a plan to accommodate those needs for the next 25 years. The committee shall make its final report to the Select Board no later than December 1, 2016.

**Motion made by Paul Simard, seconded by Richard Batchelder.**

There was no discussion on this article.

**Rick Alpers made a motion to close debate, seconded by Carol Huber**

**Article 17 passed by voice vote**

**Article 18: By Petition:** To see if the town will agree to direct the Moderator or Selectboard to appoint a new space needs committee consisting of the chief of police or his designee, the town clerk, a general contractor and six volunteers from the Bristol community committed to proposing a plan that addresses

the primary critical need of providing an adequate police facility at an affordable cost, and to consider how to alleviate town office overcrowding and lack of storage space. This committee is authorized to expend as much as needed from the existing space needs budget to accomplish this task.

**Motion made by David Hill, seconded by Steven Favorite.**

**David made an amendment to Article 18, to replace the last sentence with the following:**

**And to see if town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 from unreserved fund balance to accomplish this task. Amendment seconded by Steve Favorite**

David explained that there are no funds left in the budget as there were not encumbered. It was felt that Article 22 will take care of this. Rick Alpers stated that Mr. Hills amendment is illegal, that funds can not be raised from the floor.

**Charlene Fraser made a motion to close debate, seconded by Shaun Lagueux.**

**Amendment defeated by voice vote.**

Discussion on original Article. It was stated that this should be voted against.

**Motion made to close debate by Carol Huber, seconded by Frank Dolloff.**

**Article 18 defeated by voice vote**

**Article 19: By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the change from Appointed Chief of Police to an Elected Chief of Police, who must be New Hampshire police standards and training full time certified or certifiable, using existing budgeted funds with no increase to the budget. (Majority vote required)

**Motion made by Paul Simard, seconded by Ernie Richards**

Doug Voelbel spoke on the Article, he feels that the Chief of Police position is one of the more important jobs in Town, he feels that the Town's people should have a voice on who the chief is. The way the article is written the position would be only for qualified people that have gone through the Police Standard and Trainings course.

It was mentioned that if the person is elected, they not only would have to do their duties, but also run for election each year, which would keep them from doing their job. A question was asked would the person have to be a resident of Town, since they would be on the ballot each year. Don Milbrand feels that the process that was just gone through to hire a chief is the best way to get the right person. Paul Manganiello is not in favor of an elected chief, they hired the person that was most qualified. Electing would be restricting it to a few group of people. Some people feel that the chief should live in Bristol, but let the Board of Selectmen choose the chief. It was stated that a person should not be on the ballot that is not qualified to be a chief, and that it should not be an elected position.

**Motion to close debate by Chris Dolloff, seconded by Jeff Goodrum. Debate closed by voice vote.**

**This article was requested to be a ballot vote.**

**Ballots were green and orange.**

**Ballots cast 181. Yes: 28 No:153**

**Article 19 Defeated.**

**Article 20: By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to eliminate one permanent position from the current staffing level of the Police Department.

**Motion made by Paul Simard, seconded by Eric Rottenecker.**

Paul stated that we replaced a number of officers comparing 2016 to 2017. Crimes have gone down, if you have more police you have more crime. He feels that the money would be better used in other areas of the Town, other than police. The police officers in Bristol are taking care of the other communities near us. We are currently down one (1) police officer. Les Dion stated that crime has not gone down, the opioid crisis is up and it is happening in Bristol. We have nine (9) officers now and we have had 9 officers for over 12 years. It was stated that we can not be compared to other towns, we are the Hub, whether we like it or not, any one living in Alexandria needs to come to Bristol and other towns as well. It would be nice to see Bristol give the new chief a chance, there is no way that any Towns can be compared, the way other towns do health and retirement benefits are different then the way Bristol does them. It was felt that we are a summer and winter community and that the Police watch over the houses that are vacant in the winter, they also make sure that people are safe. Drugs are bad and we need the nine (9) officers.

Rick Alpers stated that crimes go and come down. That we have been down by a few officers and that the officers that we had, were taxed from so many shifts that needed to be covered. The article petitioned here today is unenforceable.

A resident of Prospect St, stated that there was an illegal dog mill and fires, also someone stole a car in Plymouth and drop it off on Propsect street. There is a vacant home on that Street and the police are checking to make sure that no one was breaking into the house, very re-assuring to the neighbors, he feels prevention is better than reaction.

It was asked if the new Chief would tell us how he feels about the department being down one officer. Jim McIntire, new chief, stated that he was hired as a working chief and that is what he will be doing, some stats are down very little because crimes are being committed but with not enough officers arrests are down also, the officers have been working very hard with less people. We had fewer police officers so that is why arrests are down. He stated that his office is always open and he will be answering his phone.

It was stated that there is a lot of pass through this town. PD goes out of town to support the ambulance in other towns. FBI is saying one officer per 1000, or 500, we are way over that. When people do an internet search of Bristol and see that there is crime, they don't move here they move to Alexandria and Bridgewater. The FD work with just so many employees, the Police Department should do that as well.

Wayne Anderson put together a study on Towns our size, he has lived here for 20 years, the question is how many police officers are to many, he is voting in the affirmative, how many police officers does it take to patrol the town of Bristol, he hopes everyone will vote with him.

It was stated that the Police should stay in Bristol and only help Bristol residents, we could be cheaper tax wise than Bridgewater if we stayed in our 17 mile area.

Some residents, know someone that lived in Hill, there was an incident, it took over an hour for Police to get there, she has moved to Bristol because she wants to be protected and know that if she calls the Police they will be there.

Douglas Voelbel wanted to let people know that when they see two cruisers together it usually means it is a situation that needs more than one officer, it is safer. Bristol doesn't send Police to many out of town places. Doug works in Franklin and knows that Franklin comes to help Bristol, a lot of people don't realize that.

**Motion to close debate by Jackie Batchelder, seconded by Sandra Heaney**

Chief Jim McIntire and Lt. Kris Bean left the room for the vote.

**Article 20 defeated by voice vote.**

**Article 21: By Petition:** To see if the Town shall vote to raise the contribution of Town employees' participation in the Town Health insurance program to 17% of their total insurance premium.

**Motion made by John Sellers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chico Gempka.**

John stated that this may be advisory only, employees pay 10%. He works for a fortune 500 company and he pays 17% of his insurance, he has the best insurance going. His point is that on the internet, a small employer is paying 75% and the employees are picking up the difference. He feels that it is right that the employees should be paying more, in a lot of companies, employees are paying more.

It was mentioned that most industries are having their employees pay 20%, taxpayers are paying \$3100.00 for employees and giving a 2% cost of living raise. Some feel that town employees are getting raises at over \$3,000.00 each and 17% is the going rate for employees to pay. That 17% is not outrageous.

Rick Alpers, employees pay their own Dental, the raise is a merit raise it is up to 3%, they could earn less than that. This article is advisory only.

It was felt that, this body should not meddle in this, it should come from the Selectmen and Town Administrator. Is the intent to be acted on immediately. Asking town employees to take a 7% pay cut immediately, it was explained that private entity and public entity are totally different.

Wayne Anderson asked if Bob Blanchette, Financial Director, would be able to tell what the increase would be for the employee. Bob needs to do some calculations.



Donna Nashawaty feels that this is a little innocuous, the Board of Selectmen are required to hire qualified people for the positions in the Town of Bristol, they have to look at the total compensation package. A community she knows changed, we don't know if the employees are paying more out of their pocket.

It was urged to everyone to vote against this, insurance attracts good employees to the Town, which we have.

Bob Blanchette has the answer to the question by Wayne Anderson. Single plan pay roll deduction is now \$30.49 biweekly, if 17% it will be \$56.14; \$60.93 for 2 increase of 17% would be \$100.99 and family is \$82.38 increase by 17% would be \$136.54. For a single person it would increase about \$26.00, for 2 people \$40.00, and \$50.00 on family plan.

This is a 70% increase with what employees are paying out of pocket, it is inappropriate, we should let the board do what they need to do. Hope people vote against this. This is just an advisory only petition.

**Motion to close debate Bob Patten, seconded by Jeff Hubbel.**

**This is a ballot question. 168 votes cast, with a white ballot.**

**Article 21 passed with Yes 88 No 80**

**Article 22: By Petition:** To see if the Town shall vote to require all persons on any town Committees or Boards recommending expenditure of tax monies to be a registered voter of Bristol residing within the Town limits.

**Motion made by Paul Simard, seconded by Jodie Favorite.**

Paul Simard feels that only voters in Bristol should be on a board or committee that is spending tax money.

William Dowey, chairman of the Economic Committee, stated that 2 people on the economic committee don't live in Bristol, but bring expertise to this committee. are needed for their input. Rick feels that some of the members may not live in Bristol but some are taxpayers, Dept. Heads maybe on the committees but it is the body that make the decisions on spending the money.

Some Committees have some spending authority, some don't, all committees have to have any expenditures signed off by the Board of Selectmen.

Some boards and committees are elected, some are appointed by the Select board. Some don't support this as it comes before the Body of the Town Meeting.

Paul Manganiello is not supporting this, as the Town has enough problems trying to find people to sit on these boards and committees. This would make it even harder to get people to come forth for these committees.

**Motion to close debate by Susan Duncan, seconded by Susan Colby**

**Article 22 failed by voice vote.**

**Article 23: By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to approve seven parking spaces at the end of Spring Street closest to Central Street be designated for Winter Parking.

**Motion made by Tom Fitzpatrick, seconded by John Sellers.**

Tom stated the reason Bristol has a parking problem in the square, is because there are 7 parking spaces that can't be used from 11/15-4/15. About 150 days. He feels that it is a dangerous place for people to walk and there are 7 spaces on Spring St that could be used for the tenants to park at, but the Town Crew is stowing snow there until it can be cleaned up and carried off.

Rick Alpers currently we go into winter ban parking, there are places to park, behind the Library or in the TD bank parking lot, this is so snow removal can be accomplished at night. Two of the spaces are deeded to the "Old" enterprise building, the town crew need to have a place to stow the snow until they can get to it after the square is cleaned. This article is advisory only.

Some are opposed to this, if these people elect to live downtown, they need to park in the designated area. The rest of the people have to take care of our own parking

It was felt that the snow could be stowed down the road about 60 feet, and not stow it and then move it, the people that live there have small children and need to get to their apartments safely.

Mark Bucklin explained that those places are needed so that it gives the highway crew a place to stow snow so they can keep the square clean for the next morning if they can't do it the way they have been, the square won't be cleaned up by morning.

**Motion to close debate by Donna Nashawaty, seconded by Clay Dingman**

**Article 23 defeated by hand vote.**

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of six million Three Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Six Hundred sixty one dollars (6,344,661) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Six Million Three Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Fifty Seven Dollars (\$6,377,057). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article 6-5**

**The Select Board Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by Rob Glassett, seconded by Nancy Dowey**

Rob stated that the Budget Committee worked very hard from April -September with monthly meetings and October -January/February with weekly meetings. Each department head came in to meet with the

Budget Committee, usually at least two times. They also meet with the Board of Selectmen. There is a lot of diversity at the meetings. There were cuts made but tried to be as fair as possible to the departments.

There was a question of why budget committee was so close on deciding on the budget, two members were not there.

**An Amendment was made by John Sellers, seconded by Carol Huber** to lower the budget to \$5,888,262.00 This is 2 ½% over last years budget amount. The cut is in the amount is \$456,399.00.

It was mentioned that estimated revenue coming in is down this year compared to last year. Some revenue came from grants last year, that we no longer have. The Board would need to find where these cuts would come from. It was mentioned that the Budget Committee has worked very hard, with department heads, the board, committees, non-profits and this would be a disservice to the Committee to just do a blanket cut. It was mentioned that we have great services in Bristol and if the budget gets cut we may lose some services. It was noted that financial help and welfare needs are services also. With this cut, we can't even cover the health insurance or anything, we are already behind the 8 ball, this would just hurt the community. It was stated that \$250,000.00 was used to lower the tax rate, after what happened with the School. It was mentioned that the Budget Committee meets all year, if people want to be informed maybe they should attend those meetings, and not wait for the Town Meeting.

It was mentioned that with this amendment quite a bit of it will come out of the highway fund and various other places, it was felt that if the Select board voted 5-0 on this budget that they feel it is a good budget and we should vote the amendment down. The budget was gone through line by line by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen, there was no way that \$400,000.00 could be cut from it.

Rick Alpers the calculations from the Financial Director and Town Administrator are at 6.29% not 12% as stated.

**Motion made by Chris Dolloff to close debate on the amendment, seconded by Richard Gavalis. This vote is on the amendment only. Hand count amendment is defeated.**

**An Amendment was made by John Sellers, seconded by Carol Huber to reduce the budget figure to: \$5,974,211, which is a reduction of \$402,846.00**

John stated that this would reduce the budget by 4.4%, not counting water and sewer.

This is another blanket cut, we don't know where this would come from, you will use some services, this is a community not a business. There were numerous comments, that this is not a cut in budget, it is still an increase from last year. There was much discussion about this being a blanket cut and it should be done line by line, also that this is an increase from last year. Some people felt there would not be any cut to services.

**Motion to close debate by Janet Cote, seconded by Bob Huber.**

**Voting on the amendment only, voice vote to close to call,**

**Hand Count Yes: 79 No: 71**

**Back to Article 24 as amended to \$5,974,211.**

It was mentioned that we are decreasing the budget, because Water and Sewer is not included.

**Motion to close debate made by Boake Morrison, seconded by Steve Gunn.**

**Voting on Article 24 as amended \$5,974,211.**

**Article 24 passed as amended by Voice Vote.**

**Article 25:** 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 \$25,000 to put in the fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required).

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by J.P. Morrison, seconded by Shaun Lagueux**

JP stated that this is a housekeeping article and needs to be voted on each year.

It was asked if we can use these funds for a new building, Shawn Tanguay, Town Attorney, stated that it is to be used for Town needs, that have been budgeted for or appropriated for.

**Motion to close debate made by Jackie Batchelder, seconded Jim McCaffrey voice vote passed for ending debate.**

**Article 25 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and One Dollars (\$41,801) for the purpose of hiring a full-time permanent Deputy Fire Chief. This amount includes salary and all benefits for this position for six months. The amount of this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 24. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-2-1**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2**

**Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Chris Dolloff.**

Rick asked if Ben LaRoche, Chief of the Fire Department could speak on this article. Ben has talked with the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee about this position. Each person that is employed by the Fire Dept. has several duties on them and have gotten more duties as time goes on. The paper work is getting more time consuming. The staff is trained and are doing a great job, but still have a lot of responsibility. A Deputy could take over a lot of the work that the Chief has to do, so the Chief could concentrate on what his duties are and things that need to be done. A question was asked what the salary would be, it shows in the town report that the deputy would be making more than the chief, Ben reported with salary and benefits it looks like more it actually isn't.

Ben stated that he did not request a vehicle, as he feels that the Deputy position is more important this year and would like to have this pass.

There are 150 more calls this year than last year, the calls increase every year, there are some critical patients that need to get transported to Concord or Dartmouth, it takes at least 3 hours to do these trips. Some felt that a paramedic would be better than a deputy, it was stated that times have changed and that there aren't as many volunteers as there have been in the pass so this is not a place we can reach for more people and can't afford to hire full time people. Ben would like to try to increase on call people, but it is really hard, a lot of people work out of town.

**Motion to close debate by Burt Williams, seconded by Steven Favorite, voice vote passed.**

**This was a request for a ballot vote.**

**Total of voters: 151      Yes 41      No: 110**

**Article 26 failed by ballot vote**

**David Marshall made a motion to restrict any discussions on previous articles at this time, seconded by Jeff Ford. No discussion, motion passed with a voice vote.**

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to prepare an architectural design and engineering study for the Fire Department. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 7-2**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by Art Lively**

Don requested that the Fire Chief, Ben Laroche speak on this article. This building was identified as a building that needs work, he would like to at least get the design work this year. It got dropped last year, but wanted to bring it back this year, the need is there, we are still working on the Town Building and PD and the transfer station, so this is being proactive. To get grant money we need to show that the town is in support of this project. The current building was built in 1974 the apparatus bay needs to be added on to. This gives Ben the chance to go after grant money.

**Motion to close debate made by Chris Dolloff, seconded by Bruce Dorner.**

**Article 27 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000) to pay for drainage, roadway, and sidewalk improvements on Central Street. (SB38 funds of \$80,399 received in 2017 will complete the \$133,399 project.) (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this 4-2-2**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by Les Dion, seconded by Don Milbrand**

Les would like to turn this over to Mark Bucklin. Mark stated that this is the Central Street project, it has now resurfaced to include sewer/water replacement, drainage and add new sidewalk down to the Central St. bridge, to connect everything downtown to the recreational area. We received a block grant for some of this.

**Motion made by Betsy Schneider to see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000.) to come from the unassigned fund balance, to pay for drainage, roadway and sidewalk improvements on Central St. (SB 38 funds of \$80,399 received in 2017 will complete the \$133,399 project) (Majority vote required) seconded by Eric Rottenecker.**

Betsy is for this project; some funds were encumbered in 2016 and those funds were never used for the project so she feels the funds should be used for the project. We will be running lean this year. There is \$1,093,192.00 in fund balance we are in the area that DRA recommends.

**Motion to close debate by Charlene Fraser, Lorna Patten seconded, passed.**

**Motion to vote on Article 28 as amended by Fred Eichman, seconded by Betty Morrison, passed**

**Article 28 Passed as amended by voice vote**

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to complete engineering and permitting, obtain materials, create a new traffic flow and upgrade disposal areas for the Transfer Station (known as Phase 1 of the reconstruction). Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$190,000 from the Transfer Station Revolving Fund and the remainder to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until Phase 1 is completed or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Sue Colby**

**Rick Alpers made a motion to amend Article 29, from the \$250,000.00 to \$287,210.00 to complete the study and the offset withdrawal to be \$178,000.00 amendment seconded by Sandra Heaney**

The point of this is that we are trying to move the lower and higher transfer station to one level we would still have recycling and trash. When it was first written we hadn't heard back from Engineers. It needs to be safer for the customers as well as the employees. We received \$200,000.00 back a few years ago, we have the \$178,000.00 left after paying for testing and design. The original compactor is still there it is a little more 30 years old, it is about at the end of its life and we will need another compactor as well.

**Andy O'Hara moved to close debate, seconded by Dan Paradis.**

**Voice vote passed to close debate on the amendment.**

**Amendment passed by voice vote.**

A question was if there are any Federal or State funds that can help with this projector. Hebron is paying \$30,000. 00 a year to use the transfer station, not that many residents use it. It was felt that there is certainly benefits to this project.

**Motion made by Paul Reagan to close debate, seconded by Jeff Hubbell.**

**Voice vote to close debate passed.**

**Article 29 Passed as amended by voice vote**

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for establishing a fiber optic network, including but not limited to the purchase and installation of fiber optic cables and equipment; running fiber optic cables; equipment upgrades, configurations and installations; contracting for the management of and service for the network, and all other work incidental or related thereto. The purpose is to connect municipal-owned buildings to a high-speed internet connection, to create a more efficient, cost-effective, reliable, and secure municipal computer network, and to create economic development opportunity in the Town's proposed Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) along Lake Street. Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to come from a grant and the remaining \$25,000 to come from general taxation. This article is contingent upon the Town receiving the grant. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by Rob Glassett**

**Don Milbrand made an amendment, seconded by Les Dion to change the amount from Fifty thousand dollars to: One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars (182,000) and the Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$83,500) to come from a grant and the Ninety-Eight thousand Five Hundred (\$98,500). to come from general taxation. Not lapse until the projected is completed or by December 31,2023**

Bill Dowey, Chairman of Economic Development spoke on this article, he stated that this is so all 7 municipal buildings will be tied together. If we don't get a grant this project will not take place. Over a 5 year plan we could save up to \$100,00.00 a year for first 5 years, and then 20,000.00 a year after that. This would provide better service for the whole downtown area. This is a potential revenue source. We could get cell phone service in Bristol, higher quality of service, this could help bring new businesses to Bristol.

We have a contract with Metrocast, it is to provide service for the town. Ultimate goal is to get cell service in Bristol, the School has fiber optic through a grant program and we can piggyback on that, if we do that AT&T or Verizon will put in a micro cell in the downtown area, the best thing is that we could have cell service in Bristol. We would try to do this all at once, as it is more expensive to break it up. This would take about 3 months to get it going.

**Motion made by Chris Dolloff to close debate, seconded by Karen Boyd**

**Voice vote on amendment, Amendment passed.**

There was much discussion on the amended article, most felt that this was good and would give the residents a higher quality of life, we've talked about doing this in the past , the younger generation needs this, there will be a lot of benefits to the Town, this could possibly broaden the tax base.

**Motion made by Chris Dolloff to close debate, seconded by Clay Dingman, debate closed by voice vote.**

**Article 30 passed by voice vote as amended.**

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for the purposes of a Fourth of July fireworks display, operations, and ancillary costs of the event. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-0-1**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by Les Dion, seconded by Frank Dolloff.**

This money is for the display and operation and any cost associated with the event. Some felt that this isn't a good thing, maybe it should be a fund raiser, the \$14,000. is for fireworks and porta potty's .plus sand for the barge.

**Motion to close debate made by Shaun Lagueux, seconded by Karen Bemis, debate closed by voice vote.**

**Voice vote to close to call,**

**Article 31 passed by show of Hands.**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 2017. Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Police Detail Revolving Fund, established in 2015, and the remainder to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-1**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by David Hill.**

Don spoke on the article, this fund was used to buy a cruiser every year, this is set up so that the money would not have to come out of the budget for new cruisers. This fund is also where work detail revenue is placed, then 10% of the detail stays in the fund with the balance going to the general fund. A new cruiser may be needed in the late summer, we trade cruiser when they get over 150,000 miles. There was much discussion on the cruisers being SUV's, mileage and equipment, most Police Departments are going with SUV's, Ford has come down in price on these and a lot of the equipment can go into a new cruiser, but some needs to be replaced.

**Motion to close debate by Sue Waring, seconded by Dottie Carasti, Voice vote to close debate.**

**Article 32 passed by Voice Vote.**

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) to be added to the following capital reserve funds previously established. (Majority vote required)

Accrued Wages Capital Reserve Fund	\$75,000
Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,000
Bicentennial Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Fire Department (Fire Engine) Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000



Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$140,000  
Town Building Maintenance Fund Capital Reserve \$15,000

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0**

**Motion made by Paul Manganiello, seconded by Rick Alpers.**

**Paul made an amendment to Article 33, second by Kevin McCaffrey**

**Paul stated that since we passed over Article 14, he would like to amend this article to read:  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.) to be added to the following capital reserve funds previously established. (Majority vote required)**

<b>Accrued Wages Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
<b>Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
<b>Town Building Maintenance Fund Capital Reserve</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

The reason for this is it is unknown where we are going with the new building, we may not be spending as much as first thought, but we will need funds for that project. If we need a special Town Meeting maybe we could put funds in there at that time. Some people felt that we still need to put these funds in the Capital Reserve funds, as their will be used at some point in time.

**Motion made to close debate by Burt Williams, seconded by Sue Brundrett**

**Amendment passed by Hand Count by the Supervisors of the Checklist**

**Yes: 59 No 53.**

**Motion to close debate made by Dottie O'Hara, seconded by Donna Hardy**

**Article 33 passed as Amended.**

**Article 34:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

There was no other business.

**Motion made by Chris Dolloff to close meeting, seconded by Susan Waring, all voted in favor to close the meeting**

**Meeting closed at 4:35 pm**

Respectfully submitted

Raymah Wells Simpson  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector