

Town of Bristol  
Town Meeting  
2008

Bristol, NH

Grafton, SS

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bristol in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Old Town Hall on Summer Street in said Bristol on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Articles 1 through 12, and shall close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening; and you are further hereby notified to meet at the Old Town Hall on Summer Street in said Bristol on Wednesday, the 12th day of March, next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, the results are as follows: Total votes cast 654. Selectmen for 3 years: Don Milbrand 278; Bruce VanDerven 332; Richard Walenda 256; Kathleen Girona Firth 220. Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years: Raymah Simpson 500; Krystal Alpers 142. Budget Committee for 3 years: Andrew Williamson 390; Brenda Biss 410; Daniel Bouchard 398; David Carr 481. Budget Committee for 1 year: Ashley Dolloff 497. Cemetery Trustee for 3 years David Carr 543. Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years: Cheryl Sue Martin 545. Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years: Elizabeth Guyer 513; Trustee of the Trust Funds for 2 years: George Tsiopras 491; Treasurer for 3 years: Kathleen Haskell 537; Town Moderator for 2 years: Steven Favorite 133; Edward "Ned" Gordon 489; Library Trustee for 3 years: George Corrette 541; Write in for Wendy Costigan 16; Write In for Bill Barrett 6; Library Trustee for 1 year: Nancy Gavalis 535.

Question 1. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the local political subdivision (Town of Bristol) on the second Tuesday of May.

Yes 360

No 264

Needed 61 % of the vote, the article was defeated

Question 2. Are you in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to 3 members?

Yes 250

No 382

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, will require that any condominium

conversion that does not conform to the zoning, land use and site plan regulations of the Town secure a special use permit, a special exception, or variance, as the case may be, prior to becoming a condominium conversion.  
(Planning Board recommends approval)

Yes 477                      No 124

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, will, in the Lake District, prohibit the expansion of primary structures, in the absence of a use variance, if the nonconforming characteristics of the lot on which the structure is sited are such that no primary structure of any size or location would be allowed under current zoning regulations. Similar restrictions will apply to lots containing two or more structures when, due to insufficient area, the number of structures exceeds the number that would be allowed under current zoning regulations.

(Planning board recommends approval)

Yes 441                      No 160

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, will, in the Downtown Commercial District, specify that a change from one non-residential use to another shall not cause any change in the parking requirement.

(Planning board recommends approval)

Yes 451                      No 143

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, will create specifications for roadways, minimum lot size and setbacks in long term camping parks. Specific conditions include:

- Minimum Road Width:
  - 20 feet (two-way)
  - 12 feet (one-way)
- Parking prohibited on all streets
- Minimum area per campsite:
  - All districts but Lake District: 5,000 square feet
  - Lake District: 10,000 square feet with clustering encouraged on lots

as small as 4,000 square feet when the overall density of 10,000 square feet per unit is maintained.

- Setback from campsite boundary: 15 feet
- Setback from camp buildings: 30 feet

(Planning board recommends approval)

Yes 434

No 151

Article 6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 5, if adopted, will modify the buffer protection standards in the Pemigewasset Overlay District to conform with the methods and standards used in the revised Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B), which will apply to the Pemigewasset River as of April 1, 2008. Existing standards regarding lot sizes, frontage requirements and limits on impervious surfaces are retained where they are more restrictive than the standards in RSA 483-B.

(Planning board recommends approval)

Yes 416

No 159

Article 7 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 6, if adopted, will delete the definition of "Private Way" from the zoning ordinance. This term is not used anywhere else in the ordinance.

(Planning board recommends approval)

Yes 399

No 179

Article 8 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 7, if adopted, will delete the definition of "Variance, Hardship" from the zoning ordinance. This term is not used anywhere else in the ordinance.

(Planning board recommends approval)

Yes 363

No 205

Article 9 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 8, if adopted, will explicitly specify that junk yards are not a permitted use in any zoning district. It will allow registered automotive repair shops to store a maximum of six unregistered vehicles at their principal place of business and registered motor vehicle dealers to store an unlimited number of unregistered vehicles at their principal place of business.

(Planning board recommends approval)

Yes 463

No 136

Article 10 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 9, if adopted, will clarify the meaning of “airspace” – a term which refers to areas which are included when determining the permissible size of a sign – in the sign regulations by specifying that it does not include space between the sign and the ground.

(Planning board recommends approval)

Yes 429

No 148

Article 11 (Petition) Are you in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to 3 members. This was question 1 on the ballot

Article 12 (Petition) “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the local political subdivision (Town of Bristol) on the second Tuesday of May.” Passage requires a 3/5 majority vote. This was question 2 on the ballot

Polls close at 7:00 pm

and further action on the following articles at the in said Bristol at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred and Ninety-two Thousand Four hundred dollars (\$2,992,400)(gross budget) to renovate the existing town hall building for the police department and renovate the historic town hall to be used for town offices, and to authorize the issuance of not more than the amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety-two Thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,992,400) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the

rate of interest thereon. The first bond payment will be included in the 2009 operating budget. (2/3 Ballot vote required)  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers and seconded by Chris Dolloff. Elizabeth Corrow, Town Manager, gave a power point demonstration and a history of both buildings. She explained how this idea came about and how it would help the Police Department and the Town Offices, using property that the Town already owned. The Town came to the voters last year requesting a new building for the Police Department and the Town asked the Selectmen to get a committee together to come up with a plan, the committee came up with this plan. Last year for the cost for the Police Department building was 2.6 million and this year the cost is 2.9 for both buildings. With renovations for both buildings that include parking at each building and plenty of storage space. Keith McBay project manger from Paul Mirski explained how he keeps everything on schedule and how they keep the costs to the original quote. Everything goes out to bid, so that local contractors could bid, the first couple of months the funds come together and the bids come in. Construction would start the first of June and the building would open the first of December 2009.

The only addition that the Police Department needs on the building is a two-car sally port that would be built behind the present building, and a separate space for juveniles from the adults, and with other improvements the police department would be in compliance.

The old Town Hall would be lifted and would slide to the east about 37 feet, and about 20 feet would be added to the back of the building which would provide area for the vault. The building would be handicap assessable and the ramp would be covered. The meeting room would be about the same with a small kitchen on the side. The offices would be downstairs which would also be handicap assessable, there would be offices for Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Water and Sewer Department, Land Use office, Accountant, Town Manager and her assistant, plus small meeting rooms and restrooms.

The best way to save resources is to use what we have, the buildings will look very much as they look now, just improved.

There was much discussion on the pros and cons on doing this project. The interest rate for this is 4.2% over 30 years, which makes it 39 cents per thousand on the tax rate. There would be two properties bought in the back of the Town Hall, the purchase of these properties have been built into the cost of the project, that way Winter Street could be accessed as well as Summer Street. There would be handicap parking on the side of the building and there would be parking in the back of the building. Some people felt that it was to expensive for right now with the economy the way it is, and some people felt that the Board was given a task last year to come up with a better plan, and that is what they did. Bristol is growing, and is not exempt from the Town building codes, the police department is at its capacity, and the town building is full. The problems will not go away and every year the cost will go up. Some people wanted to know the cost of maintenance on both buildings as well as insurance; it was mentioned that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee and the Building Committee all recommend this. The

breakdown for the project is 1.6 million for the Town Hall and \$700,000 for the Police Department this is for the construction cost.

The polls were open for one hour, closed at 10:20 PM

Yes 129 No 82 Article 13 failed need 61% of the vote, needed 141 votes to pass.

A motion was made and seconded to move Article 25 at this time. Voice vote taken, motion passed.

Article 25. To see if the town will authorize Five Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$575,000) for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the fire department, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter in to a long term lease/purchase agreement payable over seven years beginning in the year 2009. This lease agreement is subject to a non-appropriation clause which means that the lease purchase agreement may be terminated if a future town meeting fails to approve the funding. No tax rate impact to the 2008 budget.

(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget committee)

Rick Alpers made the motion, Fred Eichman seconded. Rick passed it over to Chris Dolloff, the Lt. in the Fire Department. The dept. would like to replace the 30-year-old ladder truck. The old ladder truck could only hold 200 lbs. when the ladder was extended, the new one would hold 1,000lbs with the ladder extended, with the ladder truck that we currently have, we should not try to get people out of a second story window. Norm Skantze, Fire Chief mentioned that this is going along with what the Fire Committee had suggested and that the interest rate is 3.17%. The department is doing what was suggested by the Committee and then it will be on schedule with the other vehicles. The department only has one other vehicle to fight fire; other communities would help with this. This new fire truck would be 25" shorter than the older one; it fits into the bay very well. There are not any grants right now for this fire truck; the fire department looked into this. The old fire truck will be traded in and should get \$10,000 for it. It was stated that this truck can hold 300 gallons of water, but most of the time it will be hooked up to a hydrant. A motion to close the debate was made and seconded. A ballot vote was requested by seven people. The polls were open for an hour. The article passed Yes 97 No 70.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$584,382 (gross budget) to construct the Borough Road Bridge project. Of this amount, the sum of \$467,512 is to be received from a state aid bridge grant, with the remaining \$116,870 to be raised by taxation. These amounts represent one half of the entire cost of the project and the other half is to be raised by the Town of Hill.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of

2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Paul Fraser made the motion, seconded by Rick Alpers. Paul made a motion to amend the amount from \$584,382 to \$670,670(a gross increase of \$86,288) to construct Borough Road Bridge; this would be offset by \$536,536 from the State aid bridge grant, and the remaining 134,134 would be raised by taxation. This amendment increases the amount raised by taxes \$17,264. Rick Alpers seconded this motion.

There was much discussion on this project, people wanted to know why we doing this bridge, that it is Hill's problem and that Bristol should not be helping with this bridge, some people thought that Hill could put a road, along side of the river and that Bristol would not have to be involved. That this project is costing more all of the time for a bridge that does not effect most people in Bristol. There was some discussion that it does help both residents of Hill and Bristol. Voting on the article with the new amendments, voice vote, article defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to resume the meeting tomorrow night, 3/13/08. Voice vote was taken meeting with resume on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

A question was asked about bringing anything up tomorrow night that had been decided on the 12<sup>th</sup>. A meeting could be reconvened in eight days to discuss the building, but it can not be discussed on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Susan Duncan made a motion to restrict discussing anything on the 13<sup>th</sup> that had been discussed on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Paul Simard seconded the motion.

### **March 13, 2008**

Moderator Ned Gordon opened the meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 PM with the pledge allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made and seconded to go straight to Article 32, this is for the recommended budget. A voice vote was taken, the motion defeated.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$100,000 (gross budget) for the construction of the Central Street Bridge project. Of this amount the sum of \$80,000 is to be received from a State aid bridge grant, with the remaining \$20,000 to be raised by taxation.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of 2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Chris Dolloff. Bristol needs \$20,000.00 for the completion of this project. Elizabeth Corrow, Town Manger explained that when the project went to bid, it was bid on the project, not on the amount. There was some discussion on this,

and it was noted that New Hampton is part of our school system and this should be considered. Voice Vote, article passed.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee Recommended sum of \$12,000 to fund a fixed asset inventory for the town. This inventory is necessary to comply with Governmental Accounting standards.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of 2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Joe Denning, seconded by John Bianchi.

Joe explained that this is to bring the auditing and book keeping into what is required by the State. This will bring our inventory into compliance; it is a major value to the Town. Someone experienced needs to do this, so that it is done correctly, the price of this will not go up next year, when this is done it helps when the Town wants to get grant money. The Auditors want this and some Auditing firms are dropping towns that do not have this. It is good accounting practice. Voice vote, article passed

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee Recommended sum of \$245,000 for an Erosion prevention project along Smith River Road. Of this amount, the sum of \$183,750 is to be received from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, with the remaining \$61,250 to be raised by taxation.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of 2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Steven Favorite. Mark Bucklin explained that erosion has taken place and the road is in danger of deteriorating into the river. The questioned was asked how much erosion takes place in a year. Mark estimated 10-15 feet every year. Voice vote, article passed.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee Recommended sum of \$25,000 for Transfer station design/ improvements.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of 2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Steven Favorite, seconded by Rick Alpers. David Hill a member of the recycling committee spoke on the article. He explained that the recycling committee felt the bins should be at the upper level, some people thought they should be at the lower section. The committee explained that they have a plan, and that this money is for engineering and some site work. It was stated that right now we only recycle at 7% if we start a more aggressive recycling program we can get money back. Article passed with a show of hands.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to fund a preliminary plan for Downtown improvements.  
Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable  
Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of  
2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by John Bianchi.  
There was much discussion on this article, the board has heard from Business people and residents alike about revitalizing the downtown area. The funds would get engineer and parking, it would also help to look for Federal and State funding for grant money. The planning committee has applied with an audit. Some people felt that there was much difference between this and the master plan, and that some of this is old and will not meet DOT standards, so we need planners to look at the traffic pattern. The town is working with DOT and they do have the final say. Most of the problems are in the square and with pedestrians. Some felt that revitalization is important to the downtown project and the townspeople. Article defeated by show of hands.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for library building improvements as part of the towns share of the overall library improvements project.  
Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable  
Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of  
2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Joe Denning.  
George Corrette spoke on this article; he stated that funding that the library thought they had fill through. The Friends of the Library are working to try and find other funding. The library had asked the town for 1/3 of the project cost. However, steel prices have risen so the cost has gone up, but this is a Town commitment. The library will expand but not to be extravagant. There are a lot of volunteers, and the library use is up five times in the last five years. The lower section of the library is closed right now because of water damage, insurance will cover this, it was stated how wonderful the programs for children are and it was asked for a show of hands on how many use the library, quite a few. Article passed by voice vote.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommend sum of \$28,000 to fund the purchase of a Police cruiser as part of an ongoing replacement/rotation plan.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of 2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Steve Favorite.

Chief John Clark spoke on this article, he stated that this is part of the rotation program so that one care is asked for each year. When the cruiser is rotated out it has between 125,000 and 130,000 miles on it and has been used between 15-20 hours a day; all vehicles are kept for at least five years. Oldest car is kept for 24 hour coverage. He takes a vehicle home so that if there is an emergency he can get to the emergency. A question was asked about unmarked cruisers, the Chief explained that at times a cruiser is needed for certain functions where it should be unmarked. A statement was made that Bristol should charge other towns for some of the services that we provide, the Chief agreed and will look into that. Article passed by voice vote.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$14,000 for a police radar trailer. Of this amount, the sum of \$7,000 is to be received from a Highway Safety grant, with the remaining \$7,000 to be raised by taxation.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of 2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by John Bianchi.

Lt. Mike Lewis spoke on this article. He stated that last year at Town Meeting a request was made to look into this. We need to request \$14,000.00 to be able to get \$7,000.00 in grant money. This is a sign that will show what your speed is, it is community based, it will be placed where it is requested. Chief Clark stated that with this sign it sometimes slows people down without placing an officer out there, which frees the officer up to do other things. This sign will show how many are speeding and it will track traffic. It was asked what the 2013 are on some of the article, Town Manager Elizabeth Corrow stated that it is a statue for matching funds. Article passed by Voice vote.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,380 for the purchase of a Ballot counting machine.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable Appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of

2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Joe Denning seconded by Richard Walenda. Joe stated that this machine will make counting more efficient. Richard feels that we need the machine to eliminate mistakes. Raymah Simpson, Town Clerk spoke on the article, we had 32 counters for town elections. We finished counting at 11pm, which makes a long day for the supervisors and ballot clerks that start at 7:30am. This is only a counting machine, not a voting machine. The ballots are marked like an SAT test where the circles are marked. The cost would be about the same as printing ballots, possibly a little less. Article passed by voice vote.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two year lease agreement for \$125,000 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a highway six-wheeler truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,500 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Steven Favorite.

Mark Bucklin, Highway Supervisor spoke on this article, we can not get one more year out of the old truck. This is a 12-ton vehicle with plow, spreader, etc. This article passed by voice vote.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,290 to fund the following items:

Fire Breathing apparatus	\$21,000
Fire-Tools and equipment	\$11,100
EMS-Tools and equipment	\$3,000
Fire-Protective clothing	\$10,650
Fire-Radio Equipment	\$10,540

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, this will be a nonlapsing, nontransferable appropriation and will not lapse until the earlier of 2013 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.

(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Norm Skantze, Fire Chief made the motion, John Bianchi seconded.

Norm stated that these things are not in the budget, because they are in the capital outlay. These items are needed. Norm explained which each was and why it was need. Article passed by voice vote.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sewer to the Lake Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and raise and appropriate \$15,000 to be placed in said fund.

(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Walter Waring.

Burt Williams former Water/Sewer Commissioner spoke on this article. He explained that this is the third year that the \$15,000 has been requested, which helps to get grant money and so far we have received 1.5 million in grants. The funds have covered test boring and the chlor/dechlor at the treatment plant. The first priority is to protect our lake, and we need sewer up there. One concern is that the lake area will grow too much, some suggestions were to use the money to help the planning board make rules and regulations for that area. Lakes Region planning is also helping with the lake area. There will be quite a few meetings in the next few months for ideas and questions. If a property is within 30 feet of the sewer system they will have to tie in, that is Town policy. A question was asked about Bristol Shores, they have a new septic system, the commission was in place at that time, but they did not need to approve it, as the State approved it. Capital Reserve is for Capital Project. Article passed by voice vote.

Article 28. (By Petition) To see if the voters wish to discontinue the Sewer to the Lake Project. As there is no clear plan, as to how this will effect the future of our Town, both financially and developmentally. Article 27 passed so this Article was passed over.

At this time John Thouin made a motion to reconsider Article 13, Walter Waring seconded. This is so it could be brought up at a later time. This needs a majority vote to re-consider; it can not be done for a minimum of eight days. Questions would be addressed at that meeting, and the Article could be amended. A ballot vote was requested for this, Yes 84 No 61. A new meeting date will be held. After Article 30 the decision will be made as to when the next meeting will be held.

Article 29. (By Petition) To see if the Voters will direct the Selectmen and the Town Manager to do a simple cost analysis of the increase of services over the last 10 years. This report would be corrected for inflation. This report would include all Town offices and Town Departments. The purpose of this report would be to give the Town's people a clear picture of why the Town feels we need more Town Facilities and employees when according to the Town's official website. Bristol has grown in population by 94 people in 6 years, from 3,033 people to 3,131 people from 2000 to 2006.

Motion made by Brian Firth, seconded by David Hill.

It was mentioned that if this is done it should be done by an impartial committee. A request for debate to be closed was asked, the question was moved. There was a hand count by the Supervisors of the Checklist. Yes 57 No 65 Article failed by show of hands.

Article 30. (By Petition) To see if the voters want to schedule Town Meeting on a Saturday during the day. To see if voters think it would make it easier for the elderly and working voters to participate.

Motion was made by Kathleen Girona Firth, seconded by Chris Dolloff.

Kathleen felt that maybe more people would come to Town Meeting if it was held on a Saturday. Bernie Waugh, Town Counsel stated that RSA 39:2-a authorize the Board of Selectmen to select another day, if the Town wants another day it is advisory only, and is up to the Board if they want to follow it. It was stated that 90% of the people in Bristol are elderly. The article passed by voice vote.

The time for the next Town Meeting for the re-consideration of Article 13 needs to be on March 22, or after. Archie Auger made a motion to meet again on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am Bruce VanDerven seconded the motion, by voice vote the motion failed. Archie made a motion to reconvene on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am; Bruce seconded the motion, motion passed by voice vote. It was suggested to get cards out to the voters to let them know about this meeting.

Article 31. (Petition) To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Bristol, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

Motion made by Doreen Powden, seconded by Christine McConnell.

They feel that taxes need to go back to where they were in the 1980's. There was much discussion on whether this would help with taxes or not, and if it would hurt the tourist industry for NH. It was asked that our State Rep speak up and he stated that he did not take the pledge. Some people felt that this is an effort to get income or sales tax. Article defeated by voice vote.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$5,398,431 for general municipal operations; the selectmen recommend the sum of 5,398,431.

(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion made by Archie Auger, Chairman, Budget Committee, seconded by Rick Alpers.

Archie explained how the committee came up with these figures. It was mentioned how well the Budget Committee and Selectmen worked together. The Budget Committee asked the Selectmen to do the raises over a two-year period, instead of one year and they did this. Benefits are included in this; health insurance did go down this year. There was much discussion on raises.

The cost of the franchisee was questioned. The 30,000.00 is a user fee, we would have live program, this could evolve into a revenue producer and we would be on the TV when we want to be. Other towns could rent from us, rather than go through Laconia.

Article 33. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Raymah W. Simpson  
Town Clerk

A recount was requested by one of the candidates for selectmen, the recount was done on March 17, 2008, at the Town Office Building meeting room with Selectmen, Joe Denning, Steven Favorite, Paul Fraser, Moderator Ned Gordon, Town Clerk Raymah Simpson and member of the public Susan Duncan. The results of the recount: Donald Milbrand 280; Bruce VanDerven 338; Richard Walenda 256; Kathleen Girona Firth 208.

A petition signed by 10 people was presented to the Town Clerk for a recount of Question 2 on the ballot for SB2. The recount was done on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office Building meeting room with Selectmen Don Milbrand, Moderator Ned Gordon, Town Clerk Raymah Simpson, Supervisor of the Checklist Sue Martin and members of the public, Susan Duncan and Steven Favorite. Yes 362 No263, this needed to pass with a 3/5 vote. Needed 375 to pass, question failed.