

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2020

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 Office, 5 School Street in said Bristol on Tuesday, the tenth day of March 2020 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will be open for balloting on Article 1 through Article 15 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 fourteenth day of March 2020 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 Select Board members for 3 years
- 2 Budget Committee members for 3 years
- 1 Budget Committee member for 1 year
- 1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years
- 1 Moderator for 2 years
- 1 Treasurer for 3 years
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years
- 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years
- 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 4 years
- 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years
- 1 Cemetery Trustee 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 Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 1, if adopted, will update Article X (Cell Towers), Sections 10.2, 10.4, 10.7.2 and 10.7.3, to bring provisions regarding co-location and modification of existing facilities into compliance with state and federal law.

Yes No

Article 3: 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 update Article VIII (Definitions), by amending the definition of “impervious cover” to allow hardpack (gravel) and amending the definition of “fence” to distinguish a fence from a structure.

Yes No

Article 4: 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 update Article VIII (Definitions), to remove the obsolete definitions for “sapling” and “tree.”

Yes No

Article 5: 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 update Article VIII (Definitions) by changing the term “Research and/or Testing Facility” to “Research, Development, and/or Testing Facility,” broadening the definition to include facilities that both develop and sell their product, and adding this use as a permitted use in the Corridor Commercial District (Article 3.2, D).

Yes No

Article 6: 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 update Article VIII (Definitions) by amending the definition of Light Industrial Facility to remove the limitation on the number of employees allowed and to further change the use from allowed by special exception to an allowed use in the Corridor Commercial District (Article 3.2, D).

Yes No

Article 7: 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 update Article 3.2, D, to change the use of Hotel, Motel/Lodging Facility from allowed by special exception to an allowed use in the Corridor Commercial District.

Yes No

Article 8: 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 update Article VIII (Definitions) by adding a new definition for "Mixed-Use Development" which is defined as including developments that create a live, work, play environment, and will also update Article 3.2, F to add Mixed-Use Development as an allowed use in the Corridor Commercial District.

Yes No

Article 9: 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 update Article 3.2, E, to permit the use of Combined Dwelling and Business in the Rural District as an allowed use.

Yes No

Article 10: 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 Article 3.2, F and Article 3.2, E, to remove Distillery from an allowed use in the Lake and Rural Districts.

Yes No

Article 11: 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 update Article VIII (Definitions) by amending the definition of "Agriculture" to clarify that the term as used in the Ordinance refers to commercial uses and that it also includes hydroponics, and to further update Article 3.2, F, to remove Agriculture as an allowed use from the Lake District.

Yes No

Article 12: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 11, if adopted, will create a new definition under Article VIII (Definitions) for “Hydroponics”.

Yes No

Article 13: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 12, if adopted, will create a new definition under Article VIII (Definitions) for “Energy Facility” to allow for solar as well as battery energy storage, and will also add Energy Facility to the list of allowed uses in the Industrial (Article 3.2, G), Corridor Commercial (Article 3.2, D) and Rural (Article 3.2, E) Districts.

Yes No

Article 14: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 13, if adopted, will update Article VIII (Definitions) by amending the definition of “Commercial Enterprises” to include more types of businesses, and will also add Commercial Enterprises to the list of allowed uses in the Village Commercial (Article 3.2, A), Downtown Commercial (Article 3.2, C), Corridor Commercial (Article 3.2, D) and Industrial (Article 3.2, G) Districts.

Yes No

Article 15: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 14, if adopted, will update Article XIII (Historic Overlay District), to remove by-law content not required for certification in the Certified Local Government program and to update the Historic (Overlay) District Map with a better-defined map.

Yes No

TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020

Moderator Edward "Ned" Gordon opened the meeting at 9:00 AM, by asking Jodie Favorite to lead us in the Pledge of Alliance. Ned gave a short by meaningful invocation.

Ned announced that this is the 201st Town Meeting. He also stated that Archie Auger is missing, he was a vigilant watchdog over the meeting. He came to Bristol in 1963 as a teacher, he never stopped teaching. He has been a Selectmen, Library Trustee, Budget Committee member and on numerous other committees and projects in the Town. Archie will be missed.

Les Dion, Chair of the Board of Selectmen presented an antique sign to Rick Alpers, outgoing member of the Select Board. Rick has been on the Board for 15 years, there have been a lot changes since he came on the Board. The downtown has been revitalized, the bike path, so many wonderful things to mention, we appreciate everything Rick has done for Bristol.

Rick wants to thank his family for all the support that they have given him over the years. He also wants to thank the community for the past fifteen years and the support they have shown him. He loves this town and had always wanted to be there for the Town. Rick received a standing ovation.

Les also wanted to thank the Bicentennial Committee for all of the work that was done this past year. They had so many projects and fun times for the Bicentennial and so many people enjoyed it. She asked the members to come forward so that they could be recognized, and have a picture taken.

Ned stated that he takes responsibility for having the meeting today, even though there is the threat of the Coronavirus. The Governor has left it up to Town Moderators as to whether to meet or not. He feels that people should do what they want, the first concern is public safety. There are many questions, how long before it gets better, when do we have a meeting, the Town needs a budget to keep the town moving. Petition articles need to be addressed as they were presented by voters. The question is do we want to continue with the Meeting?

Donna Nashawaty made a motion to recess. Arthur Hoag seconded the motion.

There was quite a bit of discussion on whether to the meeting or not, a few were concerned about the virus could be spread. Some felt it should be held in April, others felt that it might be worse in April. **Shawn Lagueux made a motion to close debate, seconded by Boake Morrison. Voice Vote to close debate. Voice Vote to continue meeting passed.**

Ned wanted to go over some rules for the meeting. Warrant articles will go in order. If you want to speak on an article you need to come to the microphone, state your name and address. Only

registered voters will be allowed to speak, unless the body want to hear from someone. The exception to this is a Town employee. All comments and questions need to be directed to the Moderator. Amendments need to be in writing. The moderator will give everyone the chance to speak, if the audience feels that the moderator is wrong on something, he can be overruled.

Article 16 will be by ballot vote, pencils have been given out to everyone, please keep your pencil for the day. The Senior class has food for sale. The first article was done by ballot voting at the Polls on Tuesday. Ned will not be reading through them please see Raymah Simpson Town Clerk if you want to know the results.

Article 16: By Petition: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow 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.

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 1-5-0

The Select Board Does Not Recommend this Article 1-3-0

Motion made by Janet Cote, seconded by Eric Rottenecker.

Janet stated that for years there have been people that want this option to be able to vote. The first part of this would be the deliberative session and then the voting would take place like it does for the candidates. Some felt that Town Meeting is a great thing, but it needs to be easier for people to be able to vote on Warrant Articles. Some felt that Town Meeting, should be moved to May, so that many more people could come to the meeting. The School has SB2 and that shows that it doesn't work, because the School budget just keeps going up. Some felt that with Town Meeting you are much more informed about voting and the articles. It was stated that there is usually around 400 people voting on Election Day. In the case of the School, the default budget was higher than the budget. If you hadn't been to the deliberative session, you wouldn't have known that, not many people go to the deliberative session. There are many negative aspects to SB2. It was stated that this is a bad law, some people can't get out to vote, places that has SB2 wants to go back to Town Meeting, but it is a very hard to go back to Town Meeting. It's felt that maybe Town Meeting should be in May, or July. There are thoughts about becoming a Town Charter, there are some people that have been researching a Town Charter. This would preserve what we have but incorporating parts of SB2 into it. There are many people that do not like that the School is SB2. Please defeat SB2, ask the Board to investigate being a Charter Town. Appoint a charter commission.

Some asked people to research SB2, and see how many towns have it, that don't want it, they want to get rid of it. Charter needs 8 people to ask for a Charter town. A lot of people are against SB2, it is only a deliberative session, not many people go to the session, everything is decided by a small group of people. People like Town Meeting, it works well for this Town. It was stated that people love Town Meeting, people like to come here, they respect each other, they learn a lot from each

other. The School Ballot this year only had one contested race. That is because of SB2. Out of the seven towns that serve the district, there were less than half of the people, that are here today for Town Meeting. At the school district deliberative session, you can ask questions, but not all the questions are answered, then it gets further and further away from the people. Town Meetings are public and open to everyone, with question and answers being given. It was stated that no young people are participating, so we need to go with SB2. In a few years no one will be here for the meeting. Town can put things on social media. One person read a note from her son, he owns property on Upper Birch drive and needs to work today, so he would like to see SB2 go in so that he would have the right to vote, he always votes when he can, but with this meeting on a Saturday he can't vote. It was stated that young people can vote and come to a meeting it is a challenge to get here, but you need to set priorities, everyone has commitments, but a Town Meeting is important. It was stated that when Town Meeting first started, we didn't have electricity or microphones. We live in a virtual world now, any meeting can be done on the virtual world, that is what we need to do. People at home would be able to see this meeting. Some feel like young people need to look into social media, he doesn't feel that we should do online voting.

Rob Glassett would like to table this discussion. Ned explained that it does not give people a chance to vote. Scott Sanschargin 2nd the motion. This would delay acting on it, but it would come up later. If it is laid on the table, then it dies if it doesn't come up before the end of the meeting. Then no one gets to vote, and it is a petition article. This requires 3/5 voters to pass and the ballot needs to be open for an hour. The ballot box can stay open while we continue with the meeting. It is Statutory to have the ballot box open for an hour. It was on the ballot before, but legislation changed it to be held at Town Meeting. **Rob Glassett withdrew his motion, Scott Sanschargin withdrew the second.** It was felt that with SB2 you wouldn't be able to ask questions at the deliberative session. It is hoped that people not to vote for SB2 things can be said at Town Meeting and people get to express their opinions. We can talk freely here. It was felt that this needs some clarity, in a deliberative session you can vote, you can amend an article, some feel that there is nothing different than a town meeting. SB2 gives more people a chance to vote. At a deliberative session you do the same thing as you do at this meeting. There is time to make decisions.

Motion to close debate by Paul Reagan, seconded by Al Blakley. Voice Vote to close debate passed.

We will be using a white yes/no ballot, please circle your choice and place in the ballot box, the polls will be open until 11:30 AM.

Article 17: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article 11 as passed at the 2019 Bristol Town Meeting that authorized the Town: "to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) for the purpose of constructing sanitary sewer lines up Lake Street from their current terminus to the Eastern and Western shores of Newfound Lake, to replace the Central Street pump station and to construct roadway improvements along Lake Street, and to

authorize the issuance of not more than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) in bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Action (RSA 33).”

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 0-6-0

The Select Board Does Not Recommend this Article 0-4-0

Motion made by Carol Huber, seconded by Mary Gebhardt.

Carol Huber said that there are several reasons she is not for this; it will cost everyone a lot of money when it is mostly run off from the other 29 miles of lake. Someone has checked with the Town and the State, and received some answers, and some didn't get answered. This is the same type of Article as last year. It is felt that this should have another vote at a different time. It was stated that this is a binding article an article like this cannot be rescinded for at least 5 years. This is a lot of money, if this is done it needs to be affordable to the people. The Board will be listening to the people, they talked with the engineers about this, they are not sure that the numbers are right, it can't go forward with these numbers. We need to get grant money for this article. It was stated that most support protecting the lake, but knows it is not just for Bristol, some didn't think the article would pass last year, they were surprised. 20 million dollars for the Town of Bristol is just way too much. They want re-assurance that the Board will not go forward and will cap this, if the funding doesn't come in, the Board won't move forward. Some would like more documentation on why we need to protect the lake, what if it we need to replace pipes or other things to do with water/sewer. Need more information. Did people on Hall Road get letters stating how this would impact them. Yes people that would be impacted did receive letters. There have been public meetings. We are hoping to get grant monies. In August we will know what needs to be done and decide if this goes forward. There will be public meetings to inform everyone. It was stated that this is a non-binding article, is just advisory. 10 years ago, the town started looking at a plan. It is advised not to vote for this article. Both roads are State Roads and that is where the runoff is coming, we need to push the State to have them pay for some of it. It was stated that Sewer and Zoning are linked issues, zoning need to work on the density of the issue. Some thought sewer to the lake is a good idea, but not the cost. Anyone 50 and over it is a life sentence, against the project. It was stated that Zoning Board is looking into it and Planning Board is also. It was stated that the lake quality is still the same, it is good. It was stated that many people are against this, the money should be coming from the State. Some felt that we should have sewer from the Lake, but how much and where it is going needs to be decided first. This is just the first stage, there is no stage 3 or 4 yet. We need to focus on Stage 1 and 2.

Craig Allen made a motion to close debate, seconded by David Evans. Motion passed to close debate. Hand count for Article 17 No. 31 Yes 91

The Polls closed at 11:30 for Article 16.

Ballots Cast 169 Yes: 49 No: 120

Article 16 was defeated

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Six Million Eight Hundred Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$6,812,436) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Six Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$6,829,480). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-1-0

Motion made by Joe Caristi, seconded by Walter Waring. Joe stated that the Budget Committee did things a little different and went to the departments during normal business hours to see the environment that they work in. It was a helpful start for the Budget Committee. There is a difference in the lines. Some with new staff members. There is a cost of living raise, we want to keep our employees, they have the talent and experience. The Paving line went up as Hall Rd will need to be re-built. The election line is up as there are more elections this year,

John Sellers made a motion to decrease the budget by \$175,000, seconded by Bob Huber.

John stated that if the sewer to the lake goes through why we would pave Hall Rd. it would need to be dug up and then paved again. He feels do the sewer first and then pave the road. It was stated that Mark Bucklin, Highway Superintendent paves the roads in the fall, by August we will know if we will be doing the sewer project, then it would be decided if Hall Road or other roads get paved.

Paul Fraser made a motion to close debate, seconded by Susan Duncan.

Voice vote in favor of closing debate.

Amendment defeated.

Don Milbrand wants people to refer to Page 31 in the Town Report, it shows all of the great work that the Budget Committee has done, you need to remember that there are two sides of the budget, the revenues and the expenditures. Spending was down and revenues were awesome. We are not short on revenues, we placed \$62,000 in the unreserved fund.

Paul Bemis made a motion to add \$10,000. 00 to the EDC annual budget for the express purpose of hiring a consulting firm to perform a study on the economic feasibility of adding a solar array to the Bristol WWTF to offset the cost of electricity for its operations.

Seconded by Bill Dowey.

Paul has looked into this with other Towns, we would be making our own electricity. Also, we would use batteries from this to maybe help in other areas. Ned explained that this would be adding \$10,000.00 into the budget but it could be used for anything. Paul explained how this could help the

Town with electricity expense. There was discussion on not adding anything into the budget, it is high enough, some supported this amendment, some felt leave the budget the way it is, funding should be found in it. Some wondered why it wouldn't come out of the Water/Sewer capital reserve fund.

Shaun Lagueux made a motion to close debate seconded by Richard Gavalis.

Passed by voice vote. Amendment failed.

We are back on the original Article 18.

Sandra Heaney made a motion to close debate seconded by Sue Colby.

Voice vote on closing debate passed.

Article 18 passed with a voice vote.

Article 19: 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$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 6-0-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-0

Motion made by JP Morrison, seconded by Rick Alpers.

J.P. mentioned that this is mostly a housekeeping article. It is something that needs to be voted on each year.

Rob Glassett made a motion to close debate, seconded by Anne Fitzpatrick.

Voice vote to close debate passed.

Motion 19 passed by Voice Vote

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to prepare architectural, engineering and related studies for a future public safety building. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. 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, 2022, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 2-3-1
The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-1-0**

Motion made by Don Milbrand seconded by J.P. Morrison.

Don stated that this article is to get plans and engineering for a Public Safety building which would be on the lot where the Police Department is also using the Smith Lot. The Police and Fire Chiefs have done a lot of research on this, they have looked at different towns. We would like to stay under \$3.5 million. We need \$3.2 million for the building. Some of this money could come out of the unreserved balance fund. This is tax money that has been paid. He understands that people are concerned that taxes may go up again for the Safety building. This is to investigate the feasibility and engineering of the building. Next year it would be decided if we want the building. Next year the Fire Truck and the Library addition will be paid off, so the payment for the building wouldn't be due until these two bonds are paid off. This is to get a head start on plans, site work, and engineering.

It was mentioned that some had supported the library, fire truck, smith lot, space needs and the new Town Office and thought that would be it for a while, does not support this at this time. Give the people a little break.

Wayne Anderson stated that he is for this, the Space Needs Committee got the Town Office for a reasonable cost, we have the money now and the FD and PD need a building. Nothing would affect the tax rate until 2022 when some other bonds are paid off. More discussion about waiting until later.

Les Dion mentioned that the FD and PD have been waiting over 20 years for this, she at first felt that we couldn't ask the voters for more. But studying the project she feels that this is needed, and she hopes people will support the article.

It was mentioned that Belmont just approved a Police Department only for \$3.5 million. Ben LaRoche, Fire Chief mentioned that in the next 5 years something will need to be done for the Fire Department. They have outgrown the station. Jim McIntire, Police Chief explained that it would cost more to renovate the building that they are using to get it to code. The building needs to be ADA qualified and numerous other conditions need to be addressed. Chief explained many aspects of the building and what would need to be done.

It was mentioned that today that is a bargain, it will be more expensive the longer we put it off. Some wanted to know what would be done with the Fire Department and the land. Many felt that the Fire Department and the Police Department are doing an excellent job and that this is needed but not right now the time isn't right.

Al Blakley made a motion to close debate, seconded by Russ Vaiden.

Voice vote to close debate passed.

Article 20 was defeated by show of hands.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) to be added to the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 2017. Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Police Detail Revolving Fund, established in 2015, and the remaining Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-0

Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by Betsy Schneider.

Don stated that this article was set up so that a new cruiser could be added each year. The Chief didn't spend all of it last year. The PD detail fund goes right into the general fund.

Burt Williams made a motion to close debate, seconded by Ray Avery.

Voice Vote passed to close debate.

Article 21 passed by voice vote

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the first year's payment of purchasing two (2) Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators for the Fire Department. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-1-0

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Jodie Favortie.

The two defibrillators that are being used need to be replaced. These are vital equipment for the Fire Department/EMS. The first year is for a lease payment.

Rob Glassett made a motion: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of two cardiac monitor defibrillators. Seconded by Steve Thompson.

Rob explained that this is vital equipment to the department, they can't do without them. Should buy and not worry about it for a few years. Maintenance is included in it, the Chief answered that it doesn't matter, because they would be maintained either way.

Motion to close debate made by Steve Favorite, seconded by Jan Barrett.

Voice vote passed to close debate.

Amendment defeated by Voice Vote

Motion made to close debate on Article 22 made by Paul Manganiello, seconded by Dick Batchelder.

Article 22 passed by Voice Vote

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$45,200) to renovate the bathroom and second floor facilities at the Highway Department garage. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-0-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-0

Motion made by Wayne Anderson, seconded by Walter Waring.

Wayne mentioned that the Highway Department needs facilities, for two washrooms, there has been a need for a while, it needs to get done. A question was asked if the revolving loan fund could be used for this. That fund is for the transfer station. This is for installing bathroom facilities and windows and flooring.

Kevin MacCaffrie made an amendment to take \$45,200 out of the unexpended fund balance. Seconded by Shaun Lagueux.

Clay Dingman made motion to close debate, seconded by Steve Gunn.

Voice Vote to close debate passed.

Amendment passed by Voice Vote

Paul Bemis made a motion to close debate on Article 23, seconded by Donna Evans

Voice vote passed.

Article 23 passed as amended.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$56,500) for purchase and installation of a Limited Use Limited Application elevator for the Town Office building for the purpose of providing access to the second floor of the building. Thirty-One Thousand Seventy-Five Dollars (\$31,075) to come from a grant and the remaining Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five (\$25,425) 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 projects are completed or by December 31, 2021, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 4-1-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-0

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Charles Therriault

Rick mentioned that the “new” office building is wonderful, and it shouldn’t need much for some time, but the one regret is that we ran out of money before we could put the elevator in. This is so that the public can easily get to the second floor where the Town Administrator, Finance and Executive Assistant are located. This all depends on whether the Town gets grant funds.

There was much discussion on whether the elevator should have been put in when the building was being designed, and whether we should just not have one. It was mentioned that ADA regulations for public buildings needs to be looked at. If someone from the public can’t get upstairs or an employee is hired that can’t get upstairs, the Town could be sued, it would cost a lot more if we get into a law suit.

Al Blakeley made a motion to close debate, seconded by Nancy Dowey.

Voice vote to close debate passed.

Article 24 passed by Voice Vote.

Don Milbrand made a motion to restrict re-consideration of all previous articles, seconded by Les Dion.

Voice Vote passed

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the 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 6-0-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-0

Motion made by Les Dion, seconded by Bill Cote.

Les stated that this money is for fireworks on July 2nd, for the Police Department, entertainment, and Portable potties. The company that we have do the fireworks was already booked for July 4th, that is why we booked on the second. It was felt that other towns should contribute to this, Les indicated that letters will be sent to other Towns asking them to help.

Clay Dingman made a motion to close debate, seconded by Barbara Greenwood

Voice Vote passed.

Article 25 passed with a Voice Vote.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Patriotic, Recreation and Special Events Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of supporting Town-sponsored patriotic, recreation, and special events, celebrations, activities, and displays and to raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) into said Fund, such amount to come from unassigned fund balance; and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the fund. (Majority vote required.)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-0

Motion made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Paul Manganiello

Rick stated that some individuals and some businesses would like to contribute to the celebrations that go on around town, this fund would be for that to offset the costs for such things.

Boake Morrison made a motion to close debate, seconded by Charlene Fraser.

Voice Vote to close debate

Article 26 passed by Voice Vote

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. (Majority vote required)

Accrued Wages Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1998)	\$35,000
Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2015)	\$35,000
Fire Department (Fire Engine) Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1972)	\$75,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1968)	\$85,000
Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2014)	\$10,000

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-0-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-0

Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by Dottie Caristi

Don explained what each item represents and the reason for them. Boake Morrison felt that the Town should have stayed with the original Town seal, as it is going to be expensive to change all of the seals on all Town Vehicles. There was a question about the Bicentennial fund, it was explained that some housekeeping will be done on that fund, and the balance will go in to the general fund.

Rick Alpers made a motion to close debate, seconded by Bob Caristi

Voice Vote to close debate.

Article 27 passed with voice vote

Article 28: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Tom Caldwell asked if we could find out if the people want to look into a Town Charter, it was the general consensus that people would like it to be researched. Susan Colby director of Community Services wanted to the people to know that we have given out numerous meals, food and fuel support to many residents in our community, she wanted to Thank the community for all of the help that they have shown.

Shaun Lagueux made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Anita Avery.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting closed at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Raymah Wells Simpson
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Given under our hand and seal this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.

A true copy of the warrant – Attest:

Leslie Dion
Select Board Chair

Donald Milbrand
Select Board Vice Chair

Richard Alpers
Select Board

J.P. Morrison
Select Board

Wayne Anderson
Select Board