

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
2023**

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 Historic Town Hall, 45 Summer Street, in said Bristol on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March 2023 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will be open for balloting on Article 1 through Article 10 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 eighteenth day of March 2023 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

1 Town Clerk / Tax Collector for 3 years

1 Treasurer for 3 years

1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years

1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 2 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

2 Budget Committee members for 3 years

3 Library Trustees for 3 years

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

Amendment No. 1, if adopted, will amend Article IV General Provisions (4.3 Manufactured Storage Containers); to allow up to two manufactured storage containers not to exceed 90 days. A Special Exception would be needed for a storage container(s) for more than 90 days unless a valid Land Use Permit for construction or demolition is in place.

☐ 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 amend Article V Board of Adjustment (5.1 Creation, Appointment, and Jurisdiction); to allow up to five (5) alternate members (currently is 3) on the Board of Adjustment and remove the requirement for term limits.

☐ 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 amend Article VIII Definitions; to better define *office* and identify that an office is open to the public and / or the customers / clients of the business.

☐ 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 amend Article VIII Definitions; to remove the definition for *Waiver* as the Planning Board doesn't have the legal authority to waive any provisions in the Zoning Ordinance.

☐ 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 amend Article IX Wetlands Conservation Overlay District (9.4 Wetlands Conservation Overlay District); to clarify that these maps can be viewed on the Town's website or in the Land Use Department of the Town Office Building (not the Town Clerk's Office).

☐ 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 amend Article IX Wetlands Conservation Overlay District (9.4 Wetlands Incorrectly Delineated) to clarify (a) the methodology to be followed (described in the most current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual) when conducting the required field study and (b) the type of scientist who must conduct the study (certified wetlands scientist).

☐ 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 amend Article IX Wetlands Conservation Overlay District (9.7 Consideration for Decisions); to clarify if / when specific agencies (county, local planning commission, State agency, or Army Corps of Engineers, etc.) should be notified, leaving it at the discretion of the Land Use Department.

☐ 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 amend Article IX Wetlands Conservation Overlay District (9.8 Special Provisions); to remove letter *D* stating that *all land included in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District shall be appraised for tax purposes at its full and true value in money, based on its market value as undeveloped land required to remain in open space*, as the Zoning Ordinance is not where language should be about how property within a particular district is going to be assessed.

☐ 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 amend Article IV General Provisions (4.11.F Off Premise Signs); to further clarify off-premises sign exemptions, eliminate the requirement that off-premises signs are allowed by Special Exception, and add sandwich board sign requirements.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Business Session

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Eight Million Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$8,357,652) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Eight Million Four Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$8,422,739). 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 X-X-X
The Select Board Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article X-X-X

Article 12: 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/Does Not Recommend this Article X-X-X
The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Patriotic, Recreation and Special Events Expendable Trust Fund established in 2020. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article X-X-X
The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$379,000) 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)	\$45,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1972)	\$75,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1968)	\$120,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2017)	\$54,000
Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2014)	\$50,000

The Budget Committee Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article X-X-X
The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Police Special Details Revolving Fund established by Town Meeting vote in 2015 such that one hundred percent (100%) of revenues received for Police Special Details shall be placed in the Police Special Details Revolving Fund. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article X-X-X
The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to establish a Highway Department Projects Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding highway projects, such as bridge replacement or repair, culvert replacement or repair, and other road repair projects and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund. Said sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

The Budget Committee Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article X-X-X
The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$61,961) to be added to the following funds previously established:

Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund	\$13,174
Water Capital Project Fund	\$1,509
Sewer Capital Project Fund	\$47,278

This appropriation represents the replenishment of one-fifth of the funds expended on previous Water/Sewer capital projects. These sums to come from Unassigned Fund Balance; no amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article X-X-X
The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 18: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Dollars (\$107,000) for the purpose of radiant heating in the Public Safety Building. Said sum will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. Further to authorize Select Board to look for grants to offset all or part of this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required)

The Budget Committee Recommends/Does Not Recommend this Article X-X-X
The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 19: Shall the town readopt the Optional Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)? (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 20: Shall the town readopt the All-Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0

Article 21: By Petition: Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively which provide for a property tax exemption from the property's assessed value for property tax purposes for persons owning real property which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. (Majority Vote Required)

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

Article 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this XX day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

A true copy of the warrant – Attest:

Shaun Lagueux
Select Board Chair

Anita Avery
Select Board Vice Chair

Don Milbrand
Select Board

Les Dion
Select Board

Carroll Brown, Jr.
Select Board