

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT - 2024

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 twelfth day of March 2024 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will be open for balloting on Article 1 through Article 8 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 sixteenth day of March 2024 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 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 1 year

2 Budget Committee members for 3 years

1 Budget Committee member for 2 years

3 Library Trustees for 3 years

1 School Moderator for 1 year

**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 III. Districts And District Regulations, Sections 3.3 E. (Rural District Class 3) and 3.3 F. (Lake District Class 3), to increase (i) the Minimum area per dwelling unit and (ii) the Minimum area first non-residential unit per structure from 40,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet.

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 IV. (General Provisions, Section 4.9 D Recreational Vehicles) to change the type of permit needed to live in a recreational vehicle for up to 1 year while building a new home from a Special Use Permit (issued by the Planning Board) to a Special Exception (issued by the Zoning Board).

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 IV. (General Provisions, Section 4.17 Steep Slope and Ridgeline Provisions, E. Performance Standards) to add language to Item 5 stating that driveways of non-residential sites cannot exceed 8%, to add new slope limitations for wells, septic systems, outside storage and utility rights of way and infrastructures; and to add new performance standards on steep slopes for structure colors, reflective glass, lighting, the use of natural landforms and existing vegetation for screening from public roadways and waterways, minimizing cuts and fills, and screening of driveways.

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 IV. (General Provisions, Section 4.17 Steep Slope and Ridgeline Provisions, F. Administration of Conditional Use Permits) to add the following new Item 3: The applicant must demonstrate that there will be no adverse effects on abutting properties, including changes to areas of likely erosion and/or changes to water flows and retentions resulting from approval of the site plan.

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 the definition of Wetlands in Article IX. (Wetlands Conservation Overlay District, Section 9.3 Wetland Definitions) to better clarify definitions and language to align better to the industry standards for Wetlands Identification and Delineation.

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 IX Section 9.4 (Wetland Conservation Overlay District), Item B (Wetlands Incorrectly Delineated) to better clarify definitions and language to align better to the industry standards for Wetlands Identification and Delineation.

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. (Wetland Conservation Overlay District, Section 9.9 Administration and Enforcement) by including a reference to civil penalties under RSA 676:17 for violations to alleviate the need for future dollar amount updates should the RSA change.

Yes

No

### **Business Session**

**Article 9 – by Petition:** Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices. This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance of all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40. Shall this article be passed it shall be enacted by the Town of Bristol immediately. (Majority vote required)

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

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Nine Million One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$9,144,789.68) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Nine Million Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Eight cents (\$9,233,665.68). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 4-2-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-0**

**Article 11:** 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 the 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 5-1-0**  
**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Patriotic, Recreation and Special Events Expendable Trust Fund established in 2021. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-1-0**  
**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 Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$87,528) for the purpose of purchasing the "parsonage and parking lot" which constitutes approximately 0.37 acres of land and buildings located at 20 Summer Street, Bristol, NH and further identified by the Town's Tax Map 114, Lot 091. Said amount includes purchase, demolition, limited landscaping, and parking lot repairs. The property will be used for future expansion of downtown parking. (Majority vote required)

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**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 4-1-1**  
**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 Four Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$405,000) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. (Majority vote required)

Accrued Wages Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1998)	\$25,000
Assessment Reval Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2015)	\$25,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1972)	\$100,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1968)	\$160,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2017)	\$65,000
Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2014)	\$30,000

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 5-1-0**  
**The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0-0**

**Article 15:** Shall the Town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$750? (Majority vote required)

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

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Bristol Community Power plan, to authorize the Bristol Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Bristol Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. Tax Impact: None

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

**Article 17:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

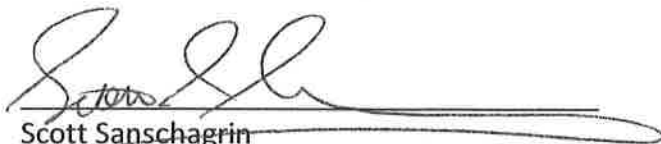
Given under our hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

A true copy of the warrant – Attest:

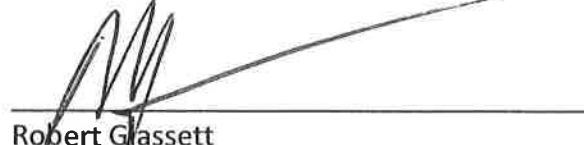
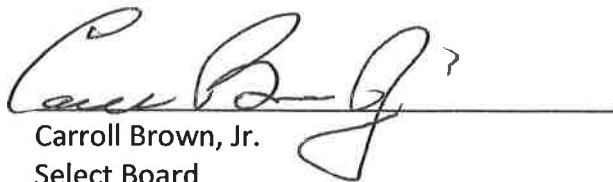


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