

TOWN OF BRISTOL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2019

BRISTOL, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON COUNTY

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bristol in the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Bristol Town Hall, 45 Summer Street in said Bristol on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will be open for balloting on Article 1 through Article 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 sixteenth day of March next at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in the warrant.

**Article 1:** To choose by written ballot all of the necessary Town Officers

2 Select Board members for 3 years

1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

2 Budget Committee members for 1 year

2 Budget Committee members for 2 years

2 Budget Committee members for 3 years

3 Library Trustees for 3 years

**Article 2: By Petition:** Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town?

Yes

No

**Article 3:** 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 the definition in Article VIII of boat storage to clarify that it refers to commercial facilities.

Yes                       No

**Article 4:** 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 the definition in Article VIII of impervious cover.

Yes                       No

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 3, if adopted, will create a definition in Article VIII for facility.

Yes                       No

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 4, if adopted, will modify Article IV, Section 4.2 Keeping of Farm Animals to simplify the regulation and refer people to follow best management practices per RSA 674:32-a.

Yes                       No

**Article 7:** 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 create a definition in Article VIII for farm animal.

Yes                       No

**Article 8:** 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 IV, Section 4.3 Manufactured Storage Containers to provide language focused on duration of use and clarifying that such containers are not for living quarters.

Yes                       No

**Article 9:** 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 the definition in Article VIII of manufactured storage container.

Yes                       No

**Article 10: By Petition:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by petition for the Bristol Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 8, if adopted, will update the definition in Article VIII of boat storage to: Commercial facility of any size for storing boats, marine equipment and related products either indoor or outdoor, or a residential facility other than for property with a single dwelling unit, for storing boats, marine equipment and related products either indoor or outdoor.

**The Planning Board Does Not Recommend this Article 0-6-0.**

Yes                       No

**TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019**

Moderator Edward “Ned” Gordon opened the meeting at 9:02 am. He asked everyone to stand as Ron Preble led us in the Pledge of Alliance. Ned gave the invocation, it was very moving as it was of some of the history of Bristol. This is the 200<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting for Bristol, it is so nice that the Town’s people can come together for such an important meeting.

Ned asked for a show of hands for people that are not residents of Bristol, these people will not be able to vote, either voice, hand or ballot.

Ned asked Rick Alpers, chairman of the Board of Selectmen to introduce the Board, Leslie Dion, JP Morrison, Wayne Anderson and Don Milbrand. Also, Bob Blanchette, Finance Director, Nik Coates, Town Administrator, Raymah Simpson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Mark Bucklin Highway Superintendent, Jim McIntire Police Chief, Ben Laroche Fire Chief, Christina Goodwin, Assessing, Brittany Overton Librarian, Rick noted that Jeff Chartier Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Department, was not present due to illness.

Rob Glassett then introduced the Budget Committee, John Sellers, Janet Cavanagh, Walter Waring, Joe Caristi, Scott Sanschagrin, Paul Simard, Shaun Lagueux and Robert Emerson.

Rick then spoke on the Dedication of the Town Report to the members of the Space Needs Committee, he asked the members to please stand to be recognized. He stated that many many hours went into looking at buildings and studying drawings for new buildings, when the opportunity came up for the Medical Building, the committee felt this was the best for the Town. It was nice to have the support of the community.

Rick mentioned that one member of the Space Needs committee, who also happens to be on many more committees and is very active in the community is Barbara Greenwood, the Board would like to thank Barbara for everything she has done for this community for so many years. Barbara shows her love of Bristol by all that she does! Barbara is 86 years old (young) and still keeps Bristol as a priority. Thank you, Barbara!

Rick wanted to recognize Ned for all his years of service, he has been a moderator for the Town for 25 years, he is also the school moderator. He has put in 50 years of service to the Town of Bristol also to the State of NH. He served 4 terms in the Senate and 2 terms in the House of Representatives. He is currently one of Representatives for District 5. Ned has also served as a Judge for 12 years. We are fortunate to have Ned and his family residing in Bristol, we thank you for the Past, Present and Future. Ned received a standing ovation.

Paul Fraser wanted to thank Ned for his service of greater good, generous donations of time, for the Town, State and the Court system, and also for his time at the Union Lodge, as he is a member of that as well.

Ned mentioned that it has been a pleasure to serve, many years back he and Gayle wanted to live in Bristol and have had the opportunity to do just that. He remembers when the Board of Selectmen's office was in the block downtown. He loves helping people and his community. He thanked everyone sincerely.

Ned introduced State Rep Vincent Migliore. Ned stated that he will try to allow everyone to speak. Amendments need to be made in writing and seconded before it can be spoken on. Article 11 will be a ballot vote and the polls will need to be open for 1 hour. He would like everyone to be respectful and courteous, please speak short and to the point, no profanity or speaking against people. The first portion of the meeting was the election of officers that took place on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote 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 provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), with the amount of such bonds or notes to be reduced by federal, state or other grants, and furthermore to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first principal and interest payments will be included in the 2020 budget. Without impairing the nature of the bonds and general obligations of the Town, it is expected and intended that the debt service on the bonds will be paid in part with funds from the Sewer Capital Reserves, grants, sewer user fees, and general taxation. 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, 2025, whichever is sooner. (2/3 ballot vote required, polls open for one hour)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-2-0**

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

### **Motion made by Rick Alpers, Seconded by Rob Glassett**

This is very similar to the 2009 article, which did not pass. The USDA has stated that they have funding, they stated that it should be for a large project so this project to get sewer away from the lake is a good project at this time. This is to try to get funding for the project, if we don't get the funding the project does not happen. We would be able to protect the Lake, the rivers and the watershed. Our drinking water comes from the Newfound Watershed, this is just enabling Legislation to get the funds.

Keith Pratt from Underwood Engineers spoke on this project. They looked at the 2009 project, as a base start. The proposed project would bring sewer up from the Village area up Lake Street to the lake on the east and west, over to Hall Rd, and back down to the treatment facility. This would be the best solution, most cost effective. This would include sewer on Lake Street as well. The proposed project cost has been reduced for some things such as infrastructure. That's for the entire phase, the article today is just for Phase I and Phase II. UNH has done some water quality testing, they will be doing more, the water quality is good. According to figures this could add approximately \$1.00 to the tax rate. There would be betterment fees, and pumps would replace septic tanks. User rates would increase. If you are within a hundred feet of the sewer line, you would need to hook up to it. This would be less costly than replacing a new septic system.

If the line goes up Hall Road, the impact on private property owners would be minimal. There would be pre blast survey's and property owners would be notified, in the Engineers experience there have been no problems. This project would not enable business to be in this area, as there is zoning that does not permit this.

Rick Alpers stated that we need the grant money to do this project, without the funds this will not happen. There is a short window to try to obtain the grant money, even with the grant money the

project may still take 3-4 years, we would bond in short term amounts, not all of the money at once. There would be hook-up fees for the users. The treatment plant is all set up and has capacity for the users that would be hooking up. Some people that have lived at the lake for over 20 years have noticed that there are weeds in the lake now, much more than in the past, we need to protect and keep our Lake clean. There are thousands of people that use the lake in the summer.

Right now, the purpose of this article is to authorize the Selectmen to try to get funding. The project would take a few years to finish. If we get the authorization today, USDA will be contacted and informed that the Town is behind this project. We would then likely get 3-4 million in grant money, USDA knows that the Town needs time, we have different agencies working on this.

It was mentioned that the median home price from 2010, USDA said to use that. Most people's investment is in their home, if the water quality goes down, then the property value will go down also. Rick stated that we are voting on a \$20 million project, of which \$10 million in grant money will be needed for the project to be financially feasible to move forward.

It was questioned if the neighboring towns may want to tie into the system, the engineers stated that the State has show some interest in it, but no one has talked with the neighboring towns. UNH studies show there is warmer water coming into the lake, a sure sign that septage is running into the lake. It was mentioned that other towns could tie into the system in the future, this would be a revenue offset.

Some people were in favor of the project, but wondered if it would hurt tax revenue if the users have to pay such a high fee, it was noted that septic systems are expensive and that the sewer line would benefit younger people, for many years in the future. It was noted that we need to be the leader in this, the water quality at the foot of the lake is not good. There were comments about holding tanks, and how in other towns, sewerage is going into lakes and ponds. It was mentioned that there could be zero cost loans for people that can't afford to pay all at once. The city of Rochester is doing this right now. Phase I and Phase II would be start right after the funding is secured. Phase III & IV are down the road.

Burt Williams, former Water/Sewer Commissioner is totally for this project. This article enables the Board of Selectmen to get the funding. Water to the lake, brought revenue in, this is a need for the whole town, it benefits everyone. People at the lake should not have to pay more than any resident. Don Milbrand stated that this needs to be done, this is to pursue the funding that is needed, it is high, but will just get higher, he asked the residents to Trust the Board that if they don't get the funding the project will not go on.

Sue Waring stated that when she lived on a lake in Massachusetts the water quality went down, people moved, it wasn't a place people wanted to be any longer. Newfound Lake is a beautiful, clean lake we need to keep it that way, this project is making it good for everyone.

This is article would enable legislation to try for grant money, if this is voted down, septic systems will be going into the lake. A question was would the Board work with the State to determine if septic systems pass or fail? The Town does not approve or deny septic systems, that is the State.

**A motion to close debate was made by Bruce Tramuller, seconded by Donna Evans  
Voice vote to close debate.**

A white ballot will be used, please don't tear them. The polls need to be open for one hour.

**Article 11, Passed. Votes cast 164 2/3 needed Yes 110 No 54**

**Article 12: By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 for the purpose of paving, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of municipal roads within the Town of Bristol. \$95,000 to come from State of NH DOT Highway Block Grants, \$155,000 to come from general taxation.

**The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 2-8-1**

**The Select Board Does Not Recommend this Article 2-2-1**

**Motion made by Paul Simard, seconded by John Sellers.**

Ned explained that the \$250,000.00 is also in the Budget, if this warrant article passes that means that \$500,000.00 could be used for paving. This is a petitioned warrant article which could be tabled, if it is tabled that means that no further discussion could take place on this article.

**Rob Glassett made a motion to table this article until after Article 13, seconded by Shaun Lagueux**

This is already in the Budget, if you vote for this petition article it would be used for paving, monies can be moved around in the budget.

**Voice vote in the affirmative to table this Article.**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Six Million Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$6,489,795) for general municipal operations. The Select Board recommends Six Million Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$6,562,967).

This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-1-1**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-1-0**

**Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by Rick Alpers**

Rob Glassett, Chairman of the Budget Committee explained to people how the committee came up with the budget. They worked long and hard on it and cut in many places, met many times with the department heads. He feels this meets the needs of the Town to keep the Town moving forward.

**Don Milbrand made an amendment that would add \$32,500.00. To the budget for hauler fees at the Transfer Station. Seconded by Rick Alpers.**

Don explained that a letter was received recently from the Hauler, after the budget had been set, and the cost for municipal hauling will be going up \$32,500.00. The cost per load would be going from \$155.00 per load to \$350.00 per load. However, another hauler has been found that will charge \$260.00 a load. This amendment would increase the budget to \$6,522,295.

**Rick Alpers made a motion to close debate on the amendment, seconded by Jodie Favorite. Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate on the amendment. The amendment passed.**

John Sellers made an amendment to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eight Dollars (\$6,049,708) for general municipal operations.

**Amendment made by John Sellers, seconded by Paul Simard.**

John doesn't feel that the Budget Committee did a good job, but could have done better and better is what he just proposed. The Board asked for a 12.66% increase, the Budget Committee got it down to 11.2% he is proposing to give 1.9% increase from last year, which is what the inflation rate was. This amendment gives them \$89,923. over what was used last year. Insurance has gone down since last year, raises still in, lights still on. They can make it on this amendment.

People wanted to know the thoughts of the other Budget Committee members.

Paul Simard stated that 7 out of the 13 members are remunerated by the Town in some way. He spoke how there was a lot of dissent, how one member resigned. This was not a unanimous committee; we taxpayers have a right to voice opinions.

Joe Caristi member of the Budget Committee recommended the original article, there was a lot of opinions involved which is good for the community. He felt it is important to see what is needed now, and that there was a lot of discussion.

Scott Sanschargin, Budget Committee member is not in favor of this amendment, he feels that the committee received a lot of data, more than in the past. Opinions differ, some Budget Committee members felt that the Town lost out last year with the cuts.

Walter Waring, Budget Committee member, they met and had discussions with people and if we want things to stay as they are and improve, we need to not vote for the amendment. The Board of Selectmen and the Town Employees do an excellent job and we need to support them.

Rob Glassett stated that there are two things that he wants to point out, one is that this is a community not a business, there are certain members of the Budget Committee as well as the Town that feel it can be run as a business. The amount in the budget is what is needed to run this town. Contrary to what Mr. Sellers say, people will lose jobs, and the Town won't be able to continue projects as planned. There is only a 3.2% increase from last year. He would like everyone to take this into consideration when voting on this article.

Don Milbrand spoke on the budget that there are two sides to every budget, spending and revenue. Spending went up but revenue went up as well. Cost of living hits taxes, 1.9% that came in last year, to cut more money, is not doing math correctly, looking at the numbers we would be able to spend \$80,690.00 rather than the \$137,000.00. If you approve what was requested the tax rate would go up about 30 cents. There are tools that the Selectboard can use and do use to get the tax rate to stay level this year. Don't vote for this amendment.

Some people felt the amendment should go through and the Town would be fine and not lose anything, other people felt that if the amendment goes through, we will lose amenities that we expect to have in Town. We need these to bring young people into the Town, with the things that are proposed this will help to bring people in, and have people stay as these are things that people, especially young families are looking for.

We did not do paving last year and some of that is in the budget for this year.

Brittany Overton, Librarian stated that a budget is created for what the community wants and needs. If the amendment passes, the library would lose quite a bit, no new books, no DVD's. The library was cut last year, they can't take a cut again this year, or the services won't be there.

John Sellers, feels that the Town wants \$530,000.00. He wants to give \$90,000.00, the lights will stay on, employees will get raises, everything will stay the same. He feels that the budget is unreasonable, but everyone needs to vote as they want. Robert Gilbert wants to speak against

this amendment, stating apparently the sky didn't fall with the budget cuts last year, but the roads did!

Boake Morrison wants to ask the Chief of Police, if we didn't take care of the other towns, could we cut back on services, do we need all the guys to take care of Bristol. Chief McIntire answered Yes.

Fire Department Chief, same question, Chief Laroche answered Yes.  
Boake feels that we should be taking care of our own and stay in Bristol.

**Shaun Laguex made a motion to close debate on amendment, Seconded by Les Dion.  
Motion to close debate by voice vote.**

**Amendment defeated by Voice Vote**

Rick Alpers made a motion to close debate, seconded by Frank Dolloff.  
**Motion to close debate by Voice Vote.**

Now voting on budget as amended. \$ 6,522,295.

**Article 13, as amended passed by Voice Vote.  
Rick Alpers made a motion for non-reconsideration of Article 13, seconded by Shaun Laguex.**

Ned explained that if you want to reconsider an article, it would have to be done at a new posted date. The article cannot be changed today.

Some felt no more debate on this article is good, others felt we come together once a year we should be able to discuss the article.

Votes can take place on warrant articles for today to add to the budget, the reconsideration only applies to articles that we have already heard.

Shawn Tanguay, Town Attorney, explained that you can not go back today to vote on the general operating budget. You can vote on any other warrant articles, just not the general budget article.

**Voice Vote for the motion, too close to call.  
Amendment passed by a show of hands.**

Paul Simard moved to take Article 12 off table, seconded by John Sellers.

**Voice Vote in favor of taking it off the table to close too call.**

**Hand Vote count remain on the table.**

**Article 14:** 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 11-0-0**

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

**Motion made by J.P. Morrison, seconded by Kerry Mattson.**

JP stated that this was the annual contingency fund and there's not always cause to use but it's there if needed. Doesn't feel it's a high amount of money for what they are doing.

**Motion to close debate made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Burt Williams, Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate.**

**Article 14 passed by Voice vote.**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$38,893) for the purpose of hiring a full-time permanent Firefighter. This amount includes salary and all benefits for this position for six months. The amount of this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 13. (Majority vote required).

**The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 5-6-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2-0**

**Motion made by Les Dion, seconded by Scott Sanschagrin.**

Les stated that the Board of Selectmen were split on this, the Fire Chief gave very good reasons for this position, so the Board felt it should come before the Town Meeting.

Les would like Chief Laroche to speak on this article, Chief stated the article came up last year for a Deputy Chief, and the Town did not want that, so this year he has scaled it back to a Firefighter/EMT position. The call volume has gone up substantially, and there are a lot of times that the Chief needs to go out on calls, when this happens it takes him away from the administrative work. We have had a call department in the past and we still do, but they have a hard time getting call people during the daytime hours. Right now, there are about 20 call

employees, the majority of them are Firefighters, some are certified as an EMT. In 2000 the Fire and EMS merged, the amount of personnel that we had then is the same that we have now, but however the increase in incidents has risen over 81%, just in the past 10 years the incidents have risen 56.5%. The funding for this position will get done just like all the other employees, it goes into the contract formula, that is to provide services for other towns.

**Paul Manganiello asked for ballot vote, seconded by Betsy Schneider. Ten people stood to request this.**

Color of the ballot is yellow.

Joe Caristi felt that the Chief presented very well today and to keep Bristol a well-covered safe place, so that we don't have to wait for coverage from other areas, this is should be passed. Rick Alpers mentioned that this is a rational data driven presentation, it shows what happens in the Fire and EMS department, and due to the increase of calls this should be passed.

John Sellers said the Budget Committee voted against this, they felt that it was not necessary at this time, they feel that this could be done differently.

Walter Waring mentioned that volunteerism is down, so we need an employee that will go into a fire or help someone with a medical problem.

We do track calls from other Towns, we respond to Alexandria, Danbury, Hill and most of the calls are in Bristol, some are part of the mutual aid system, that Bristol is in.

JP Morrison felt that the outlying communities need to pay more in contracts for the Fire Department services.

**Motion to close debate by Susan Duncan, seconded by Burt Williams, Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate.**

**Yellow ballot.**

**Total of voters: 138    Yes: 94    No: 44**

**Article 15 passed by ballot vote.**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the ambulance replacement revolving fund established by Town Meeting vote in 2014 such that the first Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) of ambulance patient proceeds shall be placed in the fund each year. The money shall still accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall still have custody of all money in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. The balance in the fund shall still be included in the Town Report each year. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 7-4-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2-0**

**Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by Shaun Lagueux.**

This fund was established a couple of years ago, so that when a new ambulance was needed, we could go to this fund and purchase it. It just covered it for this year's ambulance, but not the power stretcher. We need this fund so in the future, 6 years from now a new ambulance could be purchased. Starting this year some of the funds will be coming from the Contract Services. Revenue goes into the fund to purchase an ambulance. Wasn't in the contract previous years, it is now put in for the other loans.

**Eric Nelson made an amendment, seconded by Paul Simard, to change the amount from Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) to Zero Dollars (\$0.00).**

Eric feels other surrounding communities need to pony up with a fair and equitable amount of money per year for the services we render to them. There are 4 communities that should contribute 25% each. Fire Chief Laroche stated in the last 10 years, what is fair and equitable is decided in the contract formula. It says we all use the system and you pay if you use it, based on call volume. We still need 2 ambulances and need to provide services. Don Milbrand said passing this amendment does the exact opposite of what is intended, and Bristol would pay 100%, without any help from other towns. Another said, we are being taken advantage by other towns and if amendment is in, Bristol would pay for all. Fair and equitable would be if all proceeds went against the fire and EMS service, not the town. Communities pay for a percentage and that goes to the outlying towns. We need to stop paying for new equipment to wake the other communities up.

**Motion to close debate by Rick Alpers, seconded by Jackie Batchelder, Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate.**

**Voice vote on amendment, amendment failed.**

The \$60,000 is to purchase a new ambulance and needs to be in place every year.

**Motion to close debate by Rick Alpers, seconded by Paul Fraser, voice vote in the affirmative to close debate.**

**Article 16 passed by Voice vote/Hand vote.**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$10,100) for the purpose of purchasing a Stryker Power-PRO XT power stretcher for the Fire Department. (Majority vote required).

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 11-0-0**

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

**Motion made by Les Dion, seconded by Sue Waring.**

Les stated that we were able to get a refurbished Stryker to save money. It's a necessary piece of equipment for the patient and for employee safety as it prevents lifting injuries. Everything is virtually brand new with warranty.

**Kevin McCaffrie made an amendment, seconded by Shaun Lagueux, to change it to come out of the unexpended fund balance not through taxation.**

Rick says we did purchase the new building last year and we want to be cautious going further with using funds from the unexpended fund balance.

**Motion to close debate by Rob Glassett, seconded by Boake Morrison, Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate.**

**Amendment passed unanimously by Voice vote.**

**Article 17 passed as amended by Voice vote.**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$2,955) for the first year's payment of purchasing nine (9) tasers with holsters and cartridges for the Police Department. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-3-0**

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

**Motion made by Wayne Anderson, seconded by Steve Favorite.**

Tasers have a lifespan and the ones we have currently are coming to that end. We've had ours since 2005. This is a 5-year program that gives us new tasers every 2 years, including cartridges and batteries. The total cost for a 5-year period is \$17,200.00 for 9 tasers.

**Kevin McCaffrie made an amendment, seconded by Paul Simard, to change the cost to come out of the unexpended fund balance. It was explained that the unexpended fund balance has been used for tax purposes, at this point Kevin withdrew his amendment and Paul withdrew his second.**

**Motion to close debate made by Chris Dolloff, seconded by Frank Dolloff, Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate.**

**Article 18 passed by Voice vote.**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$13,666) for the first year's payment of purchasing ten (10) body-worn cameras for the Police Department. Said purchase price includes cameras and associated equipment, technical support, warranty and cloud-based storage to maintain and support the implementation of the camera systems. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 4-6-1**

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

**Motion made by Wayne Anderson, seconded by Nathan Anderson**

Wayne stated that they want to move forward with this article for two reasons, it is a safety issue and provides coverage of things that might happen.

Chief McIntire wants to thank the Town, it is his one year anniversary and he is thankful that his position wasn't abolished, he also wants to thank the Budget Committee and the Select board, he feels this is a good process for budgeting.

He is not totally in favor of camera's but in this day and age, he feels they are very important to have, as the video version of things don't lie, it is there. He feels this is up to the Town. The cameras would be on the officer at all of the times, and can clear up a situation if there is a problem.

This is not \$13,666.00 every year. Each year, it goes down to \$5,976.00. If the officer is wearing a camera, will it be used all the time, the answer to that is yes it will be unless the homeowner does not want it on in their home, the owners have a right to say they don't want it to be used, but if a crime is committed in the home it will be on.

Have we had ligation against the Town, Rick Alpers answered that no ligation has been made against the Town, but since times have changed it seems like this needs to be done.

Paul Simard noted how the Budget Committee voted for this. Paul feels that there is more cost than just the cameras. Chief stated that we don't need to have them stored, it is stored on the cloud and they have tech savvy employees that know who to do that. If we get these body cameras, we would phase out the camera in the vehicles. There would be a savings there. A question was asked if one camera could be purchased and each officer use it. Chief answered no, because you never know when an altercation could take place, so each officer needs one.

**Scott Sanschagrín made a motion to close debate, seconded by Joe Diller, Voice vote in favor of closing debate.**

**Voice Vote to close to call**

**Article 19 passed by Hand vote**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 2017. Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Police Detail Revolving Fund, established in 2015, and the remaining Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required)

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-3-0**

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

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

Don noted that Capital Improvements Committee came up with the Revolving fund to replace a cruiser every year. Eric Nelson wants to reduce this by \$5,000.00.00

**Eric Nelson made an amendment to reduce this article by \$5,000.00, seconded by Carol Huber**

Don Milbrand explained that if you reduce this by \$5,000.00 it will need to be in next year.

**Rob Glassett made a motion to close debate, seconded by Paul Simard.**

**Amendment failed by Voice vote.**

**Motion to close debate on Article 20 by Clay Dingman, seconded by Paul Reagan**

**Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate**

**Article 20 passed by Voice vote.**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) 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 11-0-0**

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

**Motion made by Les Dion, seconded by Walter Waring.**

Les explained that we have changed firework companies this year, we would still be setting them off from barges, but this company has a lot of experience with this. It is \$2,000.00 less than last year.

Some felt that we should not spend the money on this, and that other towns should help. It was mentioned that this is our Bicentennial year and we should have fireworks: therefore this article should be supported.

**Jim Nyberg made a motion to close debate seconded by Susan Colby.**

**Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate.**

**Article 21 passed by Voice vote.**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$455,000) 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
Bicentennial Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2015)	\$20,000
Fire Department (Fire Engine) Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1972)	\$75,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1968)	\$280,000
Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 2014)	\$10,000

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-2-0**

**The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-1**

**Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by Rick Alpers**

Don spoke on the article. Accrued Wages are for any employees that may retire or move on for whatever reason, the Capital Reserve Fund covers for re-eval, which is required every 5 years. Per State Law.

Our Town's Bicentennial will be taking place this year, we've tried to plan that. Fire Department Equipment fund, CIP has suggested this for each year, for Fire Truck replacement that needs to be done, not for ambulance. Highway equipment is for backhoe and frontend loader that need to be replaced this year, Mark has worked hard for the last few years to keep them running. Last year we did not put anything in this, so it is doubled this year, we need to put \$140,000 every year.

Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve would like to keep this account at least at \$25,000.00. if any unexpected expenses come up the Town would be prepared for them.

**Paul Manganiello made a motion to reduce Article 22, by \$165,000. Down to \$290,000.00 seconded by Paul Simard.**

Paul Manganiello feels that the some of the funds need to be reduced, one of them is the Highway fund. Rick Alpers explained that it was reduced last year and that is why it has been doubled this year. Paul was one of the people that reduced it last year and then felt later that it should not have been reduced, but he is reducing this again. Mark is buying used equipment to save money. Rick hopes you vote down this amendment.

**Shaun Lagueux made a motion to close debate on the amendment, seconded by Dorcas Gordon.**

**Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate**

**Voice vote to close to call**

**Hand vote amendment did not pass**

Kevin MacCaffrie asked if the \$20,000.00 for Bicentennial would be coming out of the Reserve Fund next year. He has not seen a budget, for the expenses and revenue for the Bicentennial and would like to know how the funds are being spent. Les stated that she can show him the budget, she doesn't have it with her, about \$21,000.00 has been used already, for the different activities that have been scheduled. She feels the \$20,000.00 should finish anything for the Bicentennial, if anything is left over it goes back into the general fund.

**Rick Alpers made a motion to close debate, seconded by Lorna Patten.**

**Voice vote in the affirmative to close debate.**

**Article 22 passed by Voice vote.**

**Article 23:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Steven Favorite wanted to thank the Highway Department for all the hard work during this winter. They did a great job.

Ned thanked everyone for coming out, it was a long day, but a good day.

**Susan Duncan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Waring.**

**Adjourned at 2:46 PM.**

Respectfully submitted

Raymah Wells Simpson  
Town Clerk

Given under our hand and seal this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

A true copy of the warrant – Attest:

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Richard Alpers  
Select Board Chair

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Donald Milbrand  
Select Board Vice Chair

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Leslie Dion  
Select Board

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J.P. Morrison  
Select Board

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Wayne Anderson  
Select Board