

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
BRISTOL, NH  
NOVEMBER 1, 2018

CORRECTED WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF BRISTOL

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bristol, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in the Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Bristol New Hampshire, will be held on November 1, 2018, subject to approval of the Grafton County Superior Court, at the Old Town Hall at 45 Summer St at 7:00 PM, to act on the following subject:

**Article One:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$899,637) to purchase the land and buildings at 5 School Street (Tax Map 114, Lot 012), and to pay for the final design and renovation of the property to create a New Town Office Building with Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to come from the unassigned fund balance and to authorize the issuance of not more than Six Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$649,637) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and authorize the Selectmen 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. (2/3 ballot vote required, polls open for one hour).

**The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-3-1**

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

This Special Town Meeting will have the same authority as that of an Annual Town Meeting, to be held on November 1, 2018, subject to approval by the Grafton County Superior Court.

Moderator Edward "Ned" Gordon, opened the meeting at 7:02 PM, asking Eric Rottenecker to open with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Ned gave a short invocation. He explained that this meeting is just like a regular town meeting. Only registered voters are allowed to vote.

Rick Alpers introduced the Board of Selectmen; J.P. Morrison, Leslie Dion and Wayne Anderson. Don Milbrand was absent.

Rob Glassett, chairman of the Budget Committee introduced the Budget Committee, Janet Cavanagh, Shaun Lagueux, John Sellers, Paul Simard, Bob Emerson, Betsy Schneider, David Carr, Joe Caristi, Scott Sanschagrín and Walter Waring.

Ned mentioned that only residents of Bristol were allowed to speak, unless the body allowed other people to speak. Otherwise everyone will be allowed to speak.

This is the main warrant article, the article can not be amended, but the money portion can be amended. If there is an amendment it needs to be in writing and seconded. The person making the

motion, will be allowed to speak on it first. The main article will be a ballot vote, it needs to pass by 2/3 of a majority. The polls will be open for an hour.

Ned stepped down as Moderator as he wanted to speak on the article. Dorcas Gordon, Assistant Moderator ran the meeting.

Rick Alpers made motion, seconded by Shaun Lagueux.

Rick explained that this has been we have been working on the project for over 25 years. The space needs committee looked at numerous buildings in town, and then brought a project to the March Town meeting, which was voted down because of the cost of the project. There are things in that will need to be done at the school street property, but it meets most of our needs. The Community has improved so much over the last few years, we need to keep going in the right direction.

Nik Coates, Town Administrator showed a lay-out of the School Street property and explained where the different offices would be located, as well as the meeting room and some of the things that need to be done to the building.

There were numerous questions about upgrades in property as well as upgrades in the Town Office now, that will be the Police Dept. There will be a shaft in the building, so that an elevator could be installed at a later date.

It was noted that some bonds will be paid off in the next few years, so that would help with bonding of this building. It was mentioned that the property on School St. is a perfect location for the Town Office as it is central to downtown and the Old Town Hall, which can provide parking for voting. This project would help the community in many different ways by being a good steward. If this project isn't done at this time, it will just keep going up in price.

The space needs committee voted for this project as a whole, it is a good spot, has plenty of space for future needs. It has the parking for patrons for the office and for voting. It is hoped that this project will be voted in.

Motion was made by Rick Alpers, seconded by Shaun Lagueux to move the vote. Motion passed. The polls were opened at 8:49 PM, open for one hour closed at 9:49 PM. Total number of votes 219, 65 NO, 154 Yes. Need 146 votes to pass by two-thirds.

The Article passed.

A motion was made by Burt Williams to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Sharp. A hand vote was in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted

Raymah Wells Simpson  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

