

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

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

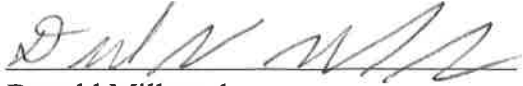
**Article 28:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

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:

  
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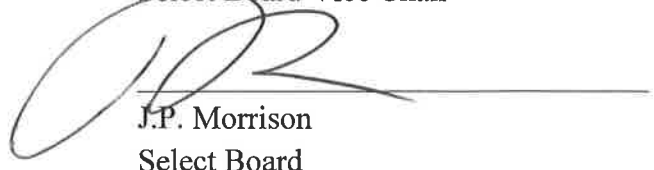
Leslie Dion  
Select Board Chair

  
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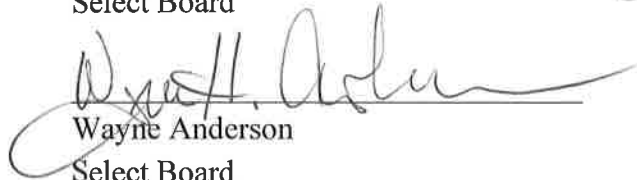
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Select Board Vice Chair

  
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Wayne Anderson  
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