

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**BRISTOL, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Bristol are hereby WARNED and NOTIFIED to meet at Holley Hall in said Bristol, on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., said meeting to be recessed at the close of all business to be transacted from the floor to the following day, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 for voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, for the election of officers and voting on those articles so noted.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear the reports of the Town officers.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect Town Officers by Australian ballot.

**ARTICLE 3:** Will the voters of the Town of Bristol vote that all real property taxes payable in installments shall bear interest at a rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-quarter percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment with the payment to the Town Treasurer of the real property taxes for the Town's fiscal year period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2017 and April 5, 2018 by physical delivery to the Town Office before midnight on that date?

**ARTICLE 4:** To set salaries that shall be paid to the members of the Selectboard.

**ARTICLE 5:** Will the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791?

**ARTICLE 6:** Will the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d (a)?

**ARTICLE 7:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$775,523 a portion thereof in the amount of \$672,589 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2017 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

**ARTICLE 8:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$933,401, a portion thereof in the amount of \$752,524 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2017 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

**ARTICLE 9:** Will the voters adopt the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of \$250,195 a portion thereof in the amount of \$166,945 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2017 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

**ARTICLE 10:** Will the voters appropriate the following sums to be placed in various Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted?

<u>Reserve Fund:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Capital Fire Equipment Reserve	\$25,000
Capital Highway Equipment Reserve	\$95,000
Capital Building Reserve	\$30,000
Capital Road Fund - Construction	\$35,000
Capital Road Fund – Paving	\$100,000
Conservation Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Technology Fund	\$ 5,000
Total:	\$300,000

**ARTICLE 11:** Will the voters appropriate thereto the sum of a two cent levy on the tax rate fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 to fund the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

**ARTICLE 12:** Will the voters renew the exemption of the Bristol Rescue Squad for its property located at 45 Monkton Road from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840?

**ARTICLE 13:** Will the voters renew the exemption of the N.H. Munsill Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, for its property located at 9 Fitch Avenue from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840?

**ARTICLE 14:** Will the voters approve an appropriation of \$135,073 for the Lawrence Memorial Library for its annual operating budget, said sum to be raised by taxes?

**ARTICLE 15:** Will the voters approve an appropriation of \$15,000 to the Bristol Recreation Club, Inc. to cover maintenance and improvements to the grounds and facilities located at the Bristol Recreation Field and to add to the Club’s Capital Expenditure Fund for future improvements?

**ARTICLE 16:** Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$11,306 to Addison County Transit Resources to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the region by providing community transportation services that are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable for everyone?

**ARTICLE 17:** Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$13,500 to Bristol Rescue Squad to cover costs to replace aging vehicles, upgrading equipment and continuing education and training?

**ARTICLE 18:** Will the voters appropriate the following sums in support of the organizations listed below, with said amounts level funded or lowered from the prior year, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Addison County Restorative Justice	\$1,150
Addison County Home Health & Hospice	\$4,700
Addison County Humane Society	\$1,000
Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$4,800

Addison County Readers	\$2,000
Addison County River Watch	\$ 300
Age Well (formerly CVAA)	\$2,700
Bristol After School Kid's Program	\$1,275
Bristol Band	\$1,200
Bristol Cemetery Association	\$7,000
Bristol CORE	\$10,000
Bristol Family Center	\$4,000
Bristol Fourth of July Committee	\$6,000
Bristol Historical Society	\$2,500
Bristol Little League	\$2,000
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$3,875
Elderly Services	\$2,200
Hope (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	\$3,250
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$1,200
John Graham Shelter	\$1,400
North East Addison Television (NEAT)	\$3,500
Open Door Clinic	\$1,000
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 750
Vermont Adult Learning	\$1,650
WomenSafe	<u>\$3,500</u>
Total:	\$72,950

**Articles 19 and 20 are for discussion only Monday night. VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM AT HOLLEY HALL.**

**ARTICLE 19:** Will the voters of the Town of Bristol readopt the Bristol Town Plan first adopted by the voters of the Town of Bristol on November 5, 2012, amended now only by the removal of the Zoning Map and references to said Zoning Maps? (Copies of the document may be seen at the Bristol Town Offices or on the website at [www.bristolvt.org](http://www.bristolvt.org).)

**ARTICLE 20:** Will the voters of the Town of Bristol adopt the proposed amendments to the Town of Bristol Zoning Regulations for which notice was given for the final public hearing held by the Bristol Selectboard on December 19, 2016? (The proposed amendments make changes to all areas within the Town of Bristol. Copies of the document may be seen at the Bristol Town Offices or on the website at [www.bristolvt.org](http://www.bristolvt.org).)

**ARTICLE 21:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol duly called, noticed and held on January 23, 2017. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January 24, 2017.

**Bristol Selectboard:**

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Michelle Perlee, Chair

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Joel Bouvier

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Peter Coffey

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John "Pecker" Heffernan

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Theodore Lylis

ATTEST:

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Jen Myers, Town Clerk