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 5, 2018 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 6, 2018 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 ¾ 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019, being due in two equal installments on November 5, 2018 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 adopt the proposed 2018-2019 fiscal year Highway Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $775,541 a portion thereof in the amount of $677,691 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2018 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2018-2019 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of $926,739, a portion thereof in the amount of $753,882 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate on the 2018 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

ARTICLE 7: Will the voters adopt the proposed 2018-2019 fiscal year Arts, Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of $224,393, a portion thereof in the amount of $145,843 to be raised by taxes; the tax rate of the 2018 Grand List of the Town sufficient to raise said sum as taxes to be determined by the Selectboard?

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters appropriate the following sums to be placed in various Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted?

Reserve Fund:	Amount:
Capital Fire Equipment Reserve	$25,000

Capital Highway Equipment Reserve		$100,000
Capital Building Reserve		$30,000
Capital Road Fund - Construction		$40,000
Capital Road Fund – Paving		$100,000
Conservation Reserve Fund		$10,000
Technology Fund		$ 5,000
	Total:	$310,000

ARTICLE 9: Will the voters approve an appropriation of $70,000 in lieu of the sum of a two cent levy on the tax rate to fund the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 10: Will the voters approve an appropriation of $137,872 for the Lawrence Memorial Library for its annual operating budget, said sum to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 11: Will the voters establish a Sidewalk Reserve Fund pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2804 for the purpose of developing new and maintaining existing sidewalks and appropriating a sum of $35,000 to it?

ARTICLE 12: Will the voters appropriate $22,000 for the Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining Greenwood Cemetery (mowing and trimming) in a well-kept manner in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town appropriate $2,100 to Charter House Coalition to provide emergency winter shelter to Families and individuals and to provide meals every day of the week to nutritionally challenged people in accordance with 24 V.S.A § 2691?

ARTICLE 15: 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?

Organization:	Amount:
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 Transit Resources	$11,306
Addison County River Watch	$ 300
Age Well (formerly CVAA)	$2,700
Bristol After School Kid's Program	$1,275
Bristol Band	$1,200
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

Bristol Recreation Club	$15,000
Bristol Rescue Squad	$13,500
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	$3,500
Total:	$105,756

ARTICLE 16: Will the voters support the following non-binding resolution?

In 2016 the Vermont Department of Public Service wrote the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan. It states Vermont will meet 25% of its energy needs using renewable sources by 2025, 40% by 2035, and 90% by 2050.

On January 1, 2018, the U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said, "I am not issuing an appeal. I am issuing an alert, a red alert, for our world ... Climate change is moving faster that we are. Inequalities are growing ... I urge leaders everywhere to make this New Year's resolution: Narrow the gaps. Bridge the divides. Rebuild trust by bringing people together around common goals. Unity is the path. Our future depends on it. Thank you."

"World Scientists' Warning to Humanity: Second Notice" (academic.oup.com/bioscience, 11 /13/17) states, "Especially troubling is the current trajectory of potentially catastrophic climate change due to rising greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels ... Lay citizens must insist that their governments take immediate action as a moral imperative to current and future generations of human and other life."

All fossil fuels used in Vermont are imported, resulting in a financial drain on the Vermont economy. Local renewable energy and efficiency measures increase Vermont job opportunities and boost our state's economy.

In light of the above statements, Bristol urges the **State of Vermont** to:

1. Firmly commit to developing renewable energy for all people in Vermont,

2. Continue to support comprehensive energy efficiency in our homes, businesses, and municipal buildings,

3. Delay any new expansion of natural gas pipelines unless or until it is determined that it will not cause the State to exceed the goals of no more than 10% of the State's energy coming from fossil

fuels, by the year 2050,

4. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents.

ARTICLE 17: 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 22, 2018. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Bristol on January 23, 2018.

Bristol Selectboard:

John "Peeker" Heffernan, Chair

Joel Bouvier

Peter Coffey

Theodore Lylis

Michelle Perlee

ATTEST:

Jen Myers, Town Clerk