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**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
Bristol Town Office**

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***Committee Members Present:*** Alfred Ajami, Alex Beaudet, Tom Bishop, Sandee Brackett, Paul DiMauro, Kelly Harvell, Chairman Paul Leeman III, Sheila McLain, Keith Mestrich, Mary Piasecki, Pat Porter

***Also present:*** Select Board members Chairman Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates; School Board members Chairman Darin Carlucci, Rebecca Cooper, Jessica DiMauro; BCS School Principal Jennifer Ribeiro; AOS93 Business Manager Peter Nielsen; BCS Facilities Consultant John Carroll; Town Administrator Rachel Bizarro; Tax Collector John Riley; Transfer Station Manager Clint Gilbert

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Paul Leeman, Chair of the Budget Committee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leeman called for review of previous minutes of the last Budget Committee meeting held on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Clint Gilbert presented the 2023 budget for the Transfer Station. The total Transfer Station Budget of \$721,176.77 (with Bristol's share being \$295,894.87) for FY 2023 was passed 11-0.

School Board Chair Darin Carlucci, Principal Jennifer Ribeiro, and AOS93 Business Manager Peter Nielsen presented the school budget requested for FY 2023-2024.

Principal Ribeiro went through each line-item description (cost center) of the budget request.

The total budget request of \$6,909,579.94 brought about much discussion. The pros and the cons of the Bristol School Renovation project cost ensued. Due diligence with the project was agreed upon. Peter Nielsen spoke at length about capital reserve and financing of the BCS renovation project. It was agreed upon that there should be a Qualified Oversight Committee to assist in the School Renovation.

Chairman Leeman called for a vote on the 2023 Transfer Station total budget of \$721,176.77 (with Bristol's share being \$295,894.87), the budget was recommended 11-0.

Leeman then called for a vote on the Bristol School Budget FY 2023-2024 of \$6,909,579.94 as presented. The budget was recommended 11-0.

Leeman moved that the Budget Committee recommend for the school construction referendum article to be placed on the ballot for the Town's March 20, 2023 referendum, asking if the voters will authorize the Town Select Board to issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,425,000 to fund the costs to construct and equip additions and renovations to Bristol Consolidated School; and that pursuant to Title 30-A, section 2528(5)(B) of the Maine Revised Statutes this recommendation of a yes vote accompany the referendum article when printed in the warrant and on the ballot. Mestrich seconded the motion; the motion passed 10-1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58. The next Budget Committee meeting will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at the Town Office. Agenda items: Parks and Municipal Budgets

Respectfully submitted,

John Riley  
Tax Collector