

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

March 20 & 21, 2017

To Sean M. Hunter, a resident in the Town of Bristol in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine,

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bristol, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bristol Town Hall on Monday, the 20th day of March, 2017 at 8:00 AM, then and there to act upon Article 1. The polls for voting on Article 2 shall be opened at 8:00 AM and will close at 8:00 PM. The remaining business to be transacted under this Warrant will be taken up on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Bristol Community School Gymnasium.

ARTICLE 1

To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To choose by secret ballot the following public officials:

- One (1) Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a 3-year term
- One (1) member of the School Committee for a 3-year term
- One (1) member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a 3-year term
- Two (2) members of the Planning Board for 3-year terms

ARTICLE 3

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for REGULAR INSTRUCTION.

School Committee recommends..... 2,316,216.95

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 4

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION.

School Committee recommends..... 653,188.20

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 5

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION.

School Committee recommends..... 0.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

(No Bristol student is currently expected to enroll at the Bath or Rockland Technical High Schools in the school year 2017-18.)

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for OTHER INSTRUCTION.

School Committee recommends..... 85,746.56

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT.

School Committee recommends..... 258,944.19

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.

School Committee recommends..... 109,073.47

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

School Committee recommends..... 179,816.56

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.

School Committee recommends..... 390,479.52

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.

School Committee recommends..... 455,741.90

Budget Committee recommends (11-0)..... Same

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for DEBT SERVICE.

School Committee recommends..... 0.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES.

School Committee recommends..... 30,237.27

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**ARTICLE 14**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act; non-state-funded school construction projects; additional local funds for school purposes under M.R.S.A., Title 20-A, section 15690; unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee recommends..... 4,479,444.62

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLES 15 & 16 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGETSchool Budget Funding Explanation

Art. 15 Required (EPS) Local Raise Amount Estimate	2,667,341.88
Art. 16 Additional Local Raise Amount Estimate.....	<u>1,402,889.44</u>
Total Local Funds Raised.....	4,070,231.32
Fund Balance Forward.....	275,000
State Subsidy Estimate	<u>134,213.30</u>
Total School Budget Request	4,479,444.62

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (School Committee recommends \$2,667,341.88) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee recommends..... 2,667,341.88

Budget Committee recommends Same

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Explanation: the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of State dollars.

ARTICLE 16

(Written ballot required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds **(School Committee Recommends \$1,402,889.44)**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,207,747.28**, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$1,402,889.44 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's EPS funding model by **\$1,207,747.28**:

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised over and above the Town's local required contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and local amounts raised for delivery of special education services, intervention services for students needing additional assistance, and to provide classroom instruction as deemed appropriate by the administration, the Bristol School Board and the residents of the town so as to help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Bristol School Committee be authorized to expend such sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for education purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will appropriate \$113,460.00 for ADULT EDUCATION and raise \$10,068.00 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Request to Selectmen	\$10,068.00
Selectmen recommend (3-0)	\$10,068.00
Budget Committee recommends (9-0)	Same

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward the unexpended balances of accounts as indicated in the 2016 Audit report, copies of which are in the Annual Report, on the Town's website, and on file in the Town Office.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2017 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2018 to the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 21

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Payroll.....	337,720.00
Town expense	80,000.00
Computer	18,000.00
Contingency	<u>20,000.00</u>
TOTAL.....	455,720.00

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balance carried.....	17,868.51
Taxation	325,886.26
Surplus.....	98,766.97
Franchise fees	<u>13,198.26</u>
TOTAL.....	455,720.00

Budget committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 22

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for LIABILITY INSURANCE & WORKER'S COMPENSATION.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balanced carried.....	3,247.36
Surplus.....	<u>25,752.64</u>
TOTAL.....	29,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 23

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to complete the 2016-17 REVALUATION.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Transfer from Revaluation Reserve	31,368.40
Taxation	<u>12,639.04</u>
TOTAL.....	44,007.44

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 24

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for LEGAL FEES.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balance carried.....	4,300.00
Surplus.....	<u>2,700.00</u>
TOTAL.....	7,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 25

Shall an amendment to the "Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" as approved by the Planning Board February 16, 2017 be enacted?

(The amendment is posted in the Town Office and on the Town's website, and is made part of this warrant by reference.)

ARTICLE 26

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for TOWN ROAD MANAGEMENT.

Road Maintenance.....	485,000.00
Snow Removal	<u>320,000.00</u>
TOTAL.....	805,000.00

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balance Carried.....	47,332.71
DOT Block Grant	45,932.00
Taxation	101,735.29
Excise Tax	<u>610,000.00</u>
TOTAL.....	805,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend funds raised and appropriated in 2016 for that year's TOWN ROAD MANAGEMENT, for contracted work not completed within the 2016 budget year, to complete such contracts in 2017.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balance carried..... 66,696.25

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 28

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the PARTRIDGE BRIDGE LOAN.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Surplus..... 42,184.56

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 29

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT.

Highway Equipment Maintenance/Repair 11,500.00

Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund 5,000.00

Town Garage..... 4,500.00

TOTAL..... 21,000.00

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Taxation 21,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 30

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for HEATING OIL & DIESEL FUEL.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balance Carried..... 10,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 31

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for STREET LIGHTS.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Surplus..... 6,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will allow the Selectmen to deposit proceeds from the sale of Town owned equipment to the appropriate capital reserve accounts.

ARTICLE 33

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for FIRE & RESCUE.

Bristol Fire & Rescue.....	273,600.00
Fire Truck Note	71,690.07
Tanker Note	23,975.40
Fire Truck Fund.....	10,000.00
Facility Maintenance Fund	10,000.00
ISO Challenge	<u>1,965.67</u>
TOTAL.....	391,231.14

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balance Carried.....	22,762.12
Taxation.....	350,469.02
Surplus.....	<u>18,000.00</u>
TOTAL.....	391,231.14

Budget Committee recommends (9-1, 1 abstention) Same

ARTICLE 34

Shall the Town raise or appropriate funds to construct a dry hydrant for fire control purposes at the Monro Bridge in Round Pond?

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Surplus.....	20,000.00
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Budget Committee recommends (9-1, 1 abstention) Same

ARTICLE 35

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for TOWN LANDINGS & HARBORS.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balanced Carried.....	19,618.12
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Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will set the salaries of the Harbor Masters.

Selectmen recommend \$1,500.00 plus \$2.00 per permit to each of the three (3) Harbor Masters from the Town Landing & Harbors account.

ARTICLE 37

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the FISH COMMITTEE.

Routine Fish Ladder Maintenance.....	1,000.00
Fish Ladder Capital Reserve	<u>20,000.00</u>
TOTAL.....	21,000.00

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Balance carried.....	562.75
Taxation.....	<u>20,437.25</u>
TOTAL.....	21,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 38

Shall the Town of Bristol raise or appropriate funds to be set aside as the Bristol Mills Dam Capital Reserve Fund?

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Taxation.....	10,000.00
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Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 39

Shall the Town of Bristol enact the “Town of Bristol River Herring Ordinance”?
The River Herring Ordinance reads, in its entirety: “For the year of 2017, there shall be no taking of river herring in the Town of Bristol.”

ARTICLE 40

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for ANIMAL CONTROL.

Wild Animal Damage Control.....	5,000.00
Domestic Animal Control, contract with Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office	<u>7,800.00</u>
TOTAL.....	12,800.00

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Surplus.....	12,800.00
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Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 41

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Taxation.....	10,000.00
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Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 42

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the operation of the BRISTOL/SOUTH BRISTOL TRANSFER STATION.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Taxation 233,680.00

Budget Committee recommends (9-0) Same

ARTICLE 43

To see if the Town will authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to hire a PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, whose salary shall be paid from park admission revenue as shown in the Parks and Recreation Budget.

ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Parks & Recreation Budget as presented.

Selectmen recommend (3-0) Approval

Budget Committee recommends (8-2, 1 abstention) Approval

Note: A copy of the budget is attached to and made a part of the Commission's 2016 report contained within the Annual Town Report.

ARTICLE 45

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for VFW MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Surplus 2,500.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 46

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for OLDE BRISTOL DAYS.

Selectmen recommend (3-0):

Surplus 3,000.00

Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 47

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate from taxation for the following **non-profit requests**, each item to be voted on separately.

	Request to <u>Selectmen</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
1. Bristol Area Library	14,500.00	14,500.00 3-0	14,500.00 10-0
2. Healthy Kids	1,200.00	1,200.00 3-0	1,200.00 9-0-1
3. Eldercare Network	7,500.00	7,500.00 3-0	7,500.00 10-0
4. Mid-ME Comm. Action	1,680.00	1,680.00 3-0	1,680.00 10-0
5. New Hope for Women	995.00	995.00 3-0	995.00 10-0
6. Pem. Watershed Assn.	1,500.00	1,500.00 3-0	1,500.00 8-3
7. Spectrum Generations	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u> 3-0	<u>7,000.00</u> 10-0
TOTAL	34,375.00	34,375.00	34,375.00

ARTICLE 48

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for CENTRAL LINCOLN COUNTY AMBULANCE, INC.

Request to Selectmen 15,200.00
Selectmen recommend (3-0):
Taxation 15,200.00
Budget Committee recommends (11-0) Same

ARTICLE 49

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for LINCOLN COUNTY TELEVISION (LCTV).

Request to Selectmen 8,452.00
Selectmen recommend (3-0):
Franchise Fees 8,452.00
Budget Committee recommends (9-1) Same

ARTICLE 50

To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4.00% for 2017.

ARTICLE 51

To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid from and after that date.

Selectmen recommend September 15 at 7.00%

ARTICLE 52

To see if the Town will allow the Selectmen to direct the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of a real estate property tax lien if they determine such course to be in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 53

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to acquire title on the properties upon which the taxes have not been paid in accordance with the provision of Chapter 81, section 98 of the Public Laws of Maine.

ARTICLE 54

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell all surplus town owned personal property and tax acquired property on such terms as they deem advisable, except that the Selectmen may sell tax acquired property to the former registered owner at private sale.

The Registrar of Voters' office will be open at the Bristol Town Hall and place of voting on Monday, March 20, 2017 for the purpose of correcting the voter list and to accept new enrollments and on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Bristol Consolidated School from 6:30 PM until Closing.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of February A.D. 2017.

CHAD M. HANNA
HARRY M. LOWD, III
PAUL M. YATES
Selectmen of the Town of Bristol