

TOWN OF SOUTH BRISTOL
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2025

LINCOLN COUNTY

STATE OF MAINE

To Bruce Farrin, Jr., a citizen of South 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 voters of the Town of South Bristol, in said county qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Office in said town, on **Monday, 10th** of March A.D. 2025, from 12:45 o'clock until 7:00 pm, then and there **to act on articles numbered 1 and 2.**

And to notify and warn the voters to meet in the elementary school in said town on **Tuesday the March 11th** A.D. 2024, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there **to act on articles 3 through 45** all of said articles be set out below to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To select the necessary Town Officers by secret ballot. Polls for voting on this article will be opened at one o'clock in the afternoon and will close at seven o'clock p.m.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to carry forward for town government on each individual account, the year balances as reflected in the audit report.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to elect Road Commissioners or authorize the Select Board to act as Road Commissioners.

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to continue to review the overall street lighting installation with the authority to relocate, eliminate or install, to make the installation responsive to current needs.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of any tax titles held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, however stipulating that any properties not redeemed by the last owner or immediate heirs will be offered for disposal through public bid.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize an interest rate of 4% annually, after November 30, on all unpaid taxes and authorize an interest rate of 4% on overpayment of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize a discount of 2% on taxes paid within 30 days of invoice; and to see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for this purpose.

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommends: \$58,000

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell surplus town supplies by public bid.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to transfer State Block Grant Funds to the Highway Account.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the South Bristol Volunteer Fire Dept. gifts of money and certain items of equipment to be used for the benefit of the Town and the South Bristol Volunteer Fire Dept.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and expend on behalf of the town, Federal and or State funds which may be received in the form of grants during 2025.

Article 13. To ask if the Town will nominate and choose one member to the Budget Committee for a five-year term.

Article 14. To ask if the Town will vote to accept the updated Coastal Waters and Harbor Ordinance reviewed at two public forum meetings and to repeal the prior Harbor Ordinance from 1989.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12th of the budgeted amount of each category of the 2025 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2026, to the annual Town Meeting.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise/appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the CEO and Planning Board.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for the reassessment of the Town properties to be performed in 2026-2027. The last assessment was performed in 2007.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to appropriate from the Stratton Earnings & Dividend Account the sum of \$500,000.00 to reduce the tax commitment for the year 2025.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommends: \$500,000

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to appropriate from the Stratton Earnings & Dividend Account the sum of \$20,000 for laptop computers for graduating South Bristol students going on to high school and scholarships for college students.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to vote to raise/appropriate the sum of 208,671 for Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommends: \$208,671

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to appropriate from the Stratton Earnings & Dividend Account the sum of \$240,068 for FEMA approved projects for 2025. Upon completion, 90% of this balance, \$216,061, will be returned to the Town. These funds will be used to fix damages from the January 2024 storms to our roads and waterfront.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommends: \$240,068

Article 22. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will take from surplus to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2025.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,000

Article 23. To see what sum of money, if any the Town will vote to raise/appropriate and transfer from surplus for **ADMINISTRATION** for the ensuing year.

ADMINISTRATION	Surplus	Appropriate
Town Officers and Salaries		\$114,750
Town Bldg. & Equip. Maintenance		47,000
Town Expense	\$ 68,600	
Select Board & Budget Committee Recommends:	\$ 68,600	\$ 161,750

Article 24. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote transfer from surplus for **HEALTH & SANITATION** for the ensuing year.

HEALTH & SANITATION	Surplus
Solid Waste Mgmt. & Operations	\$199,000

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommends: \$199,000

Article 25. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise/appropriate for **PROTECTION** for the ensuing year.

PROTECTION	Appropriate
Fire Department Payroll	45,000
Fire Equipment & Supplies	5,000
Fire Equipment Maintenance & Repair	10,000
Fire Vehicle Maintenance	20,000
Fire House Building Maintenance	20,000
Fire House Utilities	6,000
Town Lights & Power	10,000
Insurance	57,943
Health Officer	500
Emergency Management Director	3,000
Animal Control	5,340
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Select Board & Budget Committee Recommends:	\$182,783

Article 26. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to transfer from surplus for **WINTER ROADS** for the ensuing year.

WINTER ROADS	Surplus
Winter Roads	\$ 260,000
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Select Board & Budget Committee Recommends:	\$ 260,000

Article 27. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise/appropriate for **DONATIONS** for the ensuing year.

DONATIONS	Appropriate
Walpole Chapel	5,000
Senior Generations	1,533
ME Public Broadcasting	100
LifeFlight	564
Central Lincoln Co. YMCA	7,500
Healthy Kids	2,000
New Hope for Women	1,110
SB Historical Society	500
American Legion	350
Rutherford Library	5,000
Coastal Kids	1,000

SB Little League	1,000
Eldercare	7,500
Mid-coast Comm. Action	350
CHIP	3,240
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Select Board & Budget Committee Recommends:	\$ 36,747

Article 28. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise/appropriate for **UNCLASSIFIED** for the ensuing year.

UNCLASSIFIED	Appropriate
General Assistance	5,200
Recreation	5,000
Town Flags	500
Cemeteries/Mowing	32,000
Abatements	3,500
FICA & Medicare	17,000
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Select Board & Budget Committee Recommends:	\$ 63,200

Article 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,665 for Adult Education; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 10,665

ARTICLES FOR MARCH 11, 2025
SOUTH BRISTOL TOWN MEETING

**SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**
ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

ARTICLE 30 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 1,460,057.30
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 1,460,057.30

ARTICLE 31 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 480,301.70
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 480,301.70

ARTICLE 32 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 100.00
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 100.00

ARTICLE 33 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 125,000.00
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 125,000.00

ARTICLE 34 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 319,836.61
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 319,836.61

ARTICLE 35 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 162,369.17
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 162,369.17

ARTICLE 36 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 231,697.13
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 231,697.13

ARTICLE 37 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 203,811.00
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 203,811.00

ARTICLE 38 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 305,283.20
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends.	\$ 305,283.20

ARTICLE 39 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 0.00
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 0.00

ARTICLE 40 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 35,500.00
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 35,500.00

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690

School Administrative Unit Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690(1 A-B)):

ARTICLE 41 Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,486,588.96** for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise **\$ 1,264,953.08** 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	\$ 1,264,953.08 (amount raised)
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 1,264,953.08 (amount raised)

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.

(To "appropriate" means to devote (money or assets) to a special purpose; 'to allow to be spent'. To "raise" means that this portion of the appropriation will be

satisfied by local tax dollars. The difference between the “appropriate: amount and the “raise” amount is the amount of the state subsidy.)

ARTICLE 42

(Written ballot required, per Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (3 A-B).)

Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$1,662,367.17** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model, to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

School Committee Recommends \$1,662,367.17

Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends \$1,662,367.17

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised over and above the Town's 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 South Bristol School Board and the residents of the town so as to help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

School Budget Funding Explanation:

Article #41 Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount:	\$ 1,264,953.08
Article #42 Additional Local (EPS) Raise Amount:	<u>\$ 1,662,367.17</u>
Total Local Funds Raised:	\$ 2,927,320.25
Fund Balance Forward:	\$ 0.00
Move from SPED Reserve	\$50,000
Private Donations	\$ 125,000.00
State Subsidy:	<u>\$ 221,635.88</u>
Total School Budget Request:	\$ 3,323,956.13

Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A)) : *(A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 in the school administrative unit. The amount recommended must be the gross budget of the school system. This article does not provide money unless the other articles are approved.)*

ARTICLE 43 To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public

education from 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 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 3,323,956.13
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 3,323,956.13

ARTICLE 44 In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the 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 school purposes, provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends: Approval
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 45
Shall the Town authorize the South Bristol School Committee to transfer, in addition to the statutorily allowed 5%, an additional 5% (for a total of 10%) of funds between budget cost centers as necessary in the best interest of the South Bristol School Department, provided that such transfers will not increase the total budget of the South Bristol School Department?

School Committee Recommends: Approval
Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommends: Approval