

# **TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT**

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## **NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF TRUSTEE BYLAWS**

On April 15th, 2025, the Lawrence Memorial Library Board of Trustees of the Town of Bristol, Vermont, adopted amendments to the existing "Lawrence Memorial Library Board of Trustees Bylaws" pursuant to V.S.A. Title 22, chapter 3. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of these amendments and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove these amendments.

### **CONCISE SUMMARY**

The amended Bylaws expand on the composition and tenure of the board, explain its function and duties, and its meeting structure as well as establishing committees and a process for dealing with conflicts of interest. The amended bylaws outline the duties of the board as manager of the library director as well as updating the provisions for renewing and amending bylaws.

The full text of the Bylaws may be examined at Lawrence Memorial Library at 40 North Street, Bristol, VT 05443 and may be examined during regular office hours as well as on the Library website.

### **CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE**

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove bylaw amendments adopted by the Library Board of Trustees. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Trustees or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the amended "Lawrence Memorial Library Board of Trustees Bylaws" shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

### **PERSON TO CONTACT**

Additional information pertaining to the Bylaws may be obtained by contacting Katie Male-Riordan, Library Director at Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North Street, or by calling (802) 453-2366 during regular office hours.