

**BRISTOL CORE  
BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 06, 2019, 9:00 AM  
Holley Hall**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order: 9:00 AM**
- II. Approval of minutes - move to April meeting**
- III. Open items**
  - A. Newsletter** – see attached PDF
  - B. Support Campaign**
  - C. Vermont Business Magazine** – see attached article by Kelly Hamshaw
  - D. Pocock Rocks Music Festival & Street Fair**
  - E. Town of Bristol**
    - a) Main Street Lighting & Sidewalk Improvements – 10:30 am kick off meeting + site visit
  - F. Next Meeting** – April 3, 2019
- IV. Adjourn.**

Vermont Business Magazine Addison Perspective

## **Bristol's Main Street is Abuzz with Opportunity: Locally Owned Businesses Thriving in 2019**

**By Kelly Hamshaw, Chair of Bristol CORE**

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Nestled between the Green Mountains and the Champlain Valley in northwestern Addison County, Bristol is a vibrant hub for local foods, creative arts, outdoor recreation, and entrepreneurship. These key ingredients for cultivating a strong sense of place are magnified by a robust calendar of community events that draw locals and visitors alike. The annual Pocock Rocks Music Festival held in June, the July 4th celebration with the Great Bristol Outhouse Race, the Harvest Festival, and a series of Cool Yule events during the holiday season showcase local talent, products, and spirit.

At a time when Main Streets across the United States face stiff competition from online retailers, Bristol's Main Street is abuzz with opportunity as is evident by its new additions, transitions, and expansions. **Vermont Marketplace** offers shoppers a diverse array of Vermont-made goods to take home or gift to a loved one. **Emeraldrose Grows** sprouted across the street from its sister company, **Emeraldrose Gifts**, and offers supplies and expertise for organic and sustainable indoor and outdoor gardening. The former Bristol Bakery & Café was purchased by its long-time manager to become **Bristol Cliffs Café** and it remains a bustling community fixture for coffee, pastry, and conversation. **Recycled Reading of Vermont** expanded for the second time and moved to the top of the block at 1 Main Street into the former Green Mountain Shoe and Apparel location that provides ample space for its wide variety of books, art supplies, toys, and musical instruments. This year will see long-time Main Street business, **Vermont HoneyLights**, hop across Main Street to a newly renovated location that will also allow them to share space with **InStitches Embroidery & More**, a locally owned embroidery, graphic design, and screen printing venture.

Pop-ups have proven popular in Bristol. **Tandem** pioneered the practice of pop-ups in Bristol by offering unique dining opportunities with local chefs and markets for local farmers and makers. **Farmhouse Chocolates** operated a pop-up summer scoop shop on Main Street between May and September 2018 featuring their diverse flavors of ice cream and sorbets.

Whether you find yourself looking for a place to visit on a weekend or finding a community supportive of local entrepreneurs seeking new opportunities, consider making a trip to Bristol. To learn more about happenings in Bristol, please visit the designated downtown organization Bristol CORE's website at: [www.bristolcore.org](http://www.bristolcore.org).



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February 2019 Update



## Cool Yule Wrap-up

Bristol CORE would like to thank everyone that came out in December to enjoy the Lumen Celebration of Fire & Light, our signature co-sponsored event with Tandem. It was a beautiful evening with a wonderful turnout. Hats off to Cirque de Fuego for putting on a great show again this year! Thank you to The Hindquarter for cooking up some tasty treats in the alley, lu.lu for supplying the homemade smores kits to enjoy around the fire, and Boyer's Hard Ciders and Wines for libations.

We hope everyone enjoyed all of the other great events that took place during Cool Yule this December, like Chocolate Walk, Breakfast with Santa, the Candy Cane Hunt, and Eat, Drink & Be Merry!



## Reel Film Fridays

Come check out Reel Film Fridays, a weekly film series featuring traditional 16mm film projection and fresh popcorn, on Friday evenings at Lawrence Memorial Library in Bristol.

For film screenings, check the library or Bristol CORE website:

[www.lawrencelibrary.net](http://www.lawrencelibrary.net)

*This film series is made possible by the generosity of Tom & Jenny Telling, Nancy Wilson, and Stewart Lane at Middlebury College Media Services.*

[Film Schedule](#)



## Are You An Addison County Business Owner?

Bristol CORE is supporting this initiative with the Greater Middlebury Climate Economy Initiative.

Find out how you can reduce your energy costs through improve efficiency by getting a free business energy visit. Trained staff from Efficiency Vermont will conduct a free walk-through of your business to identify energy saving opportunities and help you make informed decisions about what efficiency upgrades are mostcost effectivefor your space.

Sign up via the link below or call Efficiency Vermont Customer Support at (888) 921-5990.

In addition, the Addison County Economic Development Corp. is making \$1,000 available for one to five grants ranging from \$200 to \$1000 to Addison County for-profit businesses!

[Learn More](#)



## Main Street Lighting and Sidewalk Improvements

Dubois and King Inc's proposal was selected by the Bristol CORE board members as the engineering consultant firm to head the project to improve our Main Street area. To read more about this project please follow the link below.

[Read Dubois and King Inc's Proposal](#)



## Save the Date!

The Pocock Rocks Music Festival returns on June 15th, 2019.



## Annual Town Meeting

Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Voting: Tuesday, March 5, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.

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