

**Town of Bridgton**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 10, 2014 & Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

State of Maine

County of Cumberland, ss

TO: John S. Anderson, a resident of the Town of Bridgton.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Bridgton in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall located on North High Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, A.D. 2014 at 8:00 A.M. in the forenoon for the purpose of acting on Article 1 through Article 12 as set below. [The polls shall be open from 8:00 A.M. in the forenoon until 8:00 P.M. in the afternoon. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open.]

AND to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Town Hall on North High Street in said Town on Wednesday the 11th day June, A.D. 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the afternoon, then and there to act on Article 13 through Article 58 as set below. [A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote at the Town Election or Town Meeting.]

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said Meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2. To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot as required by 30-A MRSA §2528:

- (2) Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor; 3 year term
- (1) Planning Board Regular Member; 3 year term
- (1) Planning Board Alternate Member; 3 year term
- (1) MSAD #61 Director; 1 year term
- (1) MSAD #61 Director; 3 year term
- (1) Water District Trustee; 3 year term

Article 3. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 1. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Bridgton Affordable Housing Local Preference Ordinance" be enacted?"

Article 4. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 2. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Bridgton Fire Protection Ordinance for Subdivisions Only" be enacted?"

Article 5. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 3. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Alarm Systems Ordinance" be enacted?"

Article 6. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Bear River Aquifer Protection Ordinance" be enacted?"

Article 7. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 5. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Sign Ordinance" be enacted?"

Article 8. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 6. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Site Plan Review Ordinance" be enacted?"

Article 9. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 7. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be enacted?"

Article 10. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 8. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Willis Brook Aquifer Ordinance" be enacted?"

Article 11. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 9. (By Citizen Petition). Shall the following Ordinance be

enacted?

"Town Hall Ordinance

No reconstruction, remodeling, rehabilitation, restoration or repairs, except for normal or emergency repairs to the Town building at 26 North High Street, Map 22, Lot 0, Sub 15, known as "Town Hall", shall be started, made or completed during the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and any monies raised from real estate tax revenues, grants or trust funds for the above described work shall be released and made available for other Town needs."

- Article 12. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 10. " (By Citizen Petition). Shall Section VII of the Town of Bridgton Tower Ordinance be amended by adding thereto a new paragraph B.4 to read as follows?  
4. A cell phone tower must not be placed within 750 feet of an existing private residence, provided, however, that once a cell phone tower has been authorized and constructed, a landowner may build a building or home on their own property except within the fall zone of the tower."
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to fix the date when property taxes become due and payable with the first quarter payment being due and payable on August 15, 2014; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2014; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2015; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2015 and that an interest rate of 7% per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes after these dates until those taxes are paid in full (36 MRSA § 505.4).
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of 3% as the rate to be paid to taxpayers who pay amounts in excess of amounts finally assessed and authorize any such interest paid or abatements granted to be charged against the annual overlay (36 MRSA § 506.A).
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet due or assessed (36 MRSA § 506).
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes on such terms and conditions as it deems advisable and in the best interest of the Town and to execute and deliver quit-claim deeds at its discretion for the purpose of removing from the public record tax liens which have not been discharged through inadvertence.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Town owned land that the Select Board has determined to be surplus and to conduct the sale of such land by sealed bid, public auction or through an agent or multiple listing, whichever the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town and to deliver a quit-claim deed to the successful purchaser. The net proceeds of any sale shall be deposited into the Town's general fund.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all conditional gifts of money and/or personal property for the purpose of supplementing an appropriation already made or to assist an ongoing activity if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town to do so.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to participate in the Cumberland County Housing and Community Development Programs of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, including but not limited to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Program; to designate its population to be included in the calculation of Cumberland County's funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute an agreement with Cumberland County to formalize the same.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept grants on behalf of the Town, and to expend the proceeds thereof for the purposes for which they are received, provided that the terms of the grants do not require the Town to expend other funds which have not been appropriated by the Town.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or dispose of equipment that is no longer of any use, is impracticable or unusable.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the level of fees to be charged for various Town issued licenses and permits and to waive the imposition of fees for municipal projects.

- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds from accounts with balances to cover overdrafts in other accounts before the end of the fiscal year if it is necessary to do so.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry forward account balances at the end of the fiscal year if it deems it to be advisable.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to charge interest for late payment of miscellaneous general billings other than taxes at the same rate as is charged on delinquent taxes.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a mowing/maintenance contract with the North Bridgton Cemetery Association.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a mowing/maintenance contract with the South Bridgton Cemetery Association.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the cost of Legal Services.
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| Approved 2013/2014 | Board of Selectmen Recommend |
| \$17,500.00        | \$20,000.00                  |
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for Board of Selectmen annual stipends.
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| Approved 2013/2014 | Board of Selectmen Recommend |
| \$5,000.00         | \$8,000.00                   |
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$409,648.00 for the cost of General Government.
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| Approved 2013/2014 | Board of Selectmen Recommend |
| \$394,168.00       | \$409,648.00                 |
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,866.00 for the cost of maintaining the Municipal Complex.
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| Approved 2013/2014 | Board of Selectmen Recommend |
| \$111,845.00       | \$115,866.00                 |
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 for the cost of Long Term Debt.
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| Approved 2013/2014 | Board of Selectmen Recommend |
| \$207,246.00       | \$0.00                       |
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the cost of Short Term Debt.
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| Approved 2013/2014 | Board of Selectmen Recommend |
| \$2,500.00         | \$2,500.00                   |
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,462.00 for the cost of Assessing.
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| Approved 2013/2014 | Board of Selectmen Recommend |
| \$77,159.00        | \$79,462.00                  |
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$94,994.00 for the cost of Planning, Ordinance Administration and Enforcement.

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Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,250.00 for the cost of operating the Bridgton Community Center.

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Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$515,642.00 for the cost of Employee Benefits.

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Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,284.00 for the cost of General Assistance.

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Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$734,338.00 for the cost of operating Law Enforcement Services.

	Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Police Department	\$561,027.00	\$572,319.00
Court Appearances	\$7,456.00	\$7,494.00
Animal Control	\$14,415.00	\$15,917.00
Public Safety Admin/Dispatch	<u>\$135,267.00</u>	<u>\$138,608.00</u>
	\$718,165.00	\$734,338.00

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$223,029.00 to operate the Fire Department.

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Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,343.00 for the cost of various Town Insurances.

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Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$297,301.00 for the cost of various assorted accounts as detailed below.

	Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Hydrant Rental Costs	\$210,439.00	\$210,439.00
Ambulance Service	\$53,000.00	\$52,000.00
Street/Traffic Lights	\$25,254.00	\$27,348.00
Emergency Management	\$5,125.00	\$5,125.00
Health Officer	\$1,138.00	\$1,139.00
Septic Disposal Costs	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
	\$296,206.00	\$297,301.00

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,212,572.00 for the cost of operating Public Works Services as detailed below.

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Public Works	\$567,985.00	\$593,493.00
Facility/Building Maintenance	\$16,655.00	\$16,504.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$358,364.00	\$416,700.00
Cemeteries	\$28,600.00	\$24,222.00
Parks Department	<u>\$141,553.00</u>	<u>\$161,653.00</u>
	\$1,113,157.00	\$1,212,572.00

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$469,208.00 for the cost of operating the Transfer Station.

Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$559,322.00	\$469,208.00

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,361.00 for the cost of operating the Recreation Department.

Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$86,968.00	\$105,361.00

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Contingency Account.

Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,678.00 for Outside Agency Services as detailed below.

	Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Androscoggin Home Health Care	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Bridgton Community Band	\$2,308.00	\$2,308.00
Bridgton Easy Riders Snowmobile C	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Bridgton Historical Society	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Bridgton Library	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
Lake Region Chamber of Commerce	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Family Crisis Shelter	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Lakes Environmental Assoc. Milfoil	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
Lakes Environmental Assoc. Subsid	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
Lake Region Television Franchise F	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
Moose Pond Dam Maintenance	\$520.00	\$520.00
North Bridgton Library	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
PROP/The Opportunity Alliance	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00
Rape Education and Crisis Hotline	\$750.00	\$750.00
Regional Transportation	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Senior Transportation Program	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00
Southern Maine Area Agency on Ag	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$9,250.00	\$9,250.00
Western Maine Veterans	\$350.00	\$350.00
WPC - LEAPP1	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$175,678.00	\$173,678.00

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$187,912.00 for Assigned External Funds.

Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$140,000.00	\$187,912.00

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,322,930.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
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Public Works Dept:	Plow Truck	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
	Paving	\$375,000.00	\$510,000.00
	Boom Flail	\$0.00	\$22,500.00
	Grader	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
	Chipper	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
	Loader Reserve	\$40,000.00	\$75,000.00
	Town Hall Renovations	\$35,000.00	\$103,030.00
	Wheeler	\$175,000.00	\$0.00
	Woods Pond	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
	Building	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
		\$637,000.00	\$820,530.00
Fire Depart:	Study	\$0.00	\$28,000.00
	WStation	\$0.00	\$13,000.00
	Truck Replacement	\$75,000.00	\$90,000.00
	Hose Replacement	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
	Reel Trk Cha	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
		\$85,000.00	\$221,000.00
Municipal Bld:	Other Buildings	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
	Energy Conservation	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Archive Shelving	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
	Off Entry Flooring	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
	Foundation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
	HVAC Tower	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00
	HVAC Element	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Document Shredder	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
	Basement Renovations	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
		\$70,000.00	\$136,500.00
Cemetery:	Ride Mower	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
		\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Police Dept:	Cruiser	\$31,000.00	\$31,200.00
	Computers	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Video/Camera	\$0.00	\$4,700.00
	Flooring	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
		\$36,000.00	\$44,900.00
	HAM Complex (BRAG)	\$0.00	\$45,000.00
	Revaluation Reserve:	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Totals		\$878,000.00	\$1,322,930.00

Article 50. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to continue the non-lapsing Capital Improvement and Equipment Reserve Fund for future capital improvements to Town buildings, facilities, equipment for the Town's Public Works Department and other Town planned projects, to be funded by the unexpended balances remaining at the end of each fiscal year from the Town's annual appropriations for Capital Expenditures, provided that all expenditures from the Capital Improvement and Equipment Reserve Fund shall require voter approval.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$53,338.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund and appropriate the following sums to the specific organizations as detailed below.

HAM Complex (BRAG)	\$5,000.00	\$30,000.00
Bridgton Easy Riders Snowmobile	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pondicherry Park	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Perley Mills Project	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
General Parks Maintenance	\$12,310.00	\$0.00
Town Hall	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$18,338.00</u>
	\$47,310.00	\$53,338.00

Article 52. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow up to \$225,000.00 as a general obligation of the Town for a period not to exceed five (5) years at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5% for the stabilization project at the Town Hall on North High Street (which is used primarily for recreational purposes) with the expectation that the debt service on this project will be funded through future annual appropriations of the income from the Moose Pond Land Trust Fund.

The Board of Selectmen Recommends a "Yes" vote.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Bridgton Select Board to borrow up to \$60,000.00 as a general obligation of the Town for a period not to exceed 18 months to pay a portion of the purchase price for the Bridgton Fire Department's E-5 replacement truck.

The Board of Selectmen Recommends a "Yes" vote.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$41,313.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund and appropriate the following sums to the specific operating accounts:

	Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
General Assistance	\$3,910.00	\$4,544.00
Downtown Landscaping	\$6,009.00	\$6,981.00
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	\$12,442.00	\$14,460.00
Cemeteries Special Funds	\$11,091.00	\$12,890.00
School Fund	\$675.00	\$785.00
Willis Park Fund	<u>\$1,422.00</u>	<u>\$1,653.00</u>
	\$35,549.00	\$41,313.00

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$128,000.00 from the Route 302 Tax Increment Financing District fund for eligible elements of the Depot Street Renovation and Improvement Project.

The Board of Selectmen Recommends a "Yes" vote.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,853.00 for the cost of the Planning and Economic Development Director and Related Programming.

Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$71,068.00	\$73,853.00

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$125,000.00 to reduce taxes.

Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,962,643.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce taxes for the fiscal year of 2013/2014 as detailed below.

	Approved 2013/2014	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Excise Tax	\$695,000.00	\$721,000.00

State Revenue Sharing	\$0.00	\$188,266.00
Local Road Block Program	\$105,000.00	\$109,000.00
Snowmobile Refund	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Cable Revenue	\$51,000.00	\$50,000.00
Transfer Station	\$98,875.00	\$87,575.00
Trust Funds	\$82,859.00	\$94,651.00
Operating Revenue	\$386,675.00	\$454,275.00
Community Dev. Block Grant	\$160,000.00	\$187,912.00
Salmon Point Campground	<u>\$55,340.00</u>	<u>\$68,164.00</u>
	\$1,636,549.00	\$1,962,643.00

Given under our hands on this 13th day of May, 2014.

Municipal Officers/Board of Selectmen:

\_\_\_\_\_ / Douglas A. Taft, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ / Bernard N. King, Jr., Vice-Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ / Kenneth J. Murphy

\_\_\_\_\_ / Paul E. Hoyt

\_\_\_\_\_ / Robert J. McHatton, Sr.

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest:

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Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk

















