

Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 & Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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

Marita Wisner was elected Moderator and sworn to the Statute Oath by Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne. Donald Steve Collins was appointed Deputy Moderator and sworn to the Statute Oath by Moderator Marita Wisner.

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

(2) Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor; 3 year term

Eastman, Liston E. received 505 votes and was elected.

Frye, Jacqueline E. received 341 votes.

Lone, Carmen E. received 702 votes and was elected.

McHatton, Robert J., Sr. received 461 votes.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 37 votes.

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(2) Planning Board Regular Member; 3 year term

Miller, Deanna P. received 831 votes and was elected.

Pinkham, Catherine J. received 815 votes and was elected.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 64 votes.

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(1) Planning Board Regular Member; 2 year term

Gibbs, Charles Kenneth received 482 and was elected.

Paul, Diane M. received 466 votes.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 39 votes.

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(1) Planning Board Alternate Member; 3 year term

Gibbs, Charles received 2 write-in votes.

Lowell, Peter received 2 write-in votes.

Paul, Diane received 16 write-in votes.

Oakley, Doug received 44 write-in votes and was elected (accepted).

Miscellaneous single write-ins received 26 votes and 6 blank.

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(2) MSAD #61 Director; 3 year term

Swanson-Murphy, Karla J. received 1005 votes and was elected.

Bearse, Lee received 2 write-in votes.

Chappell, Jon received 2 write-in votes.

Jones, Jeff received 3 write-in votes.

Oakley, Douglas received 5 write-in votes and was elected (declined).

Miscellaneous single write-in received 21 votes and 5 blank.

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(1) Water District Trustee; 3 year term

Perreault, Todd E. received 1017 votes and was elected.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 8 votes.

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*A total of 1,293 votes were cast at the Municipal Election.
Bridgton currently has 4,278 registered voters.*

Moderator Wisner recessed the Town Meeting until June 13, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

94 resident voters were in attendance; 7 non-residents were in attendance.

Members of the Board of Selectmen Present: Gregory N. Watkins, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Robert J. McHatton, Sr.; Robert P. Murphy; George Frederick Packard

Administration Present: Robert Peabody, Town Manager; Georgiann Fleck, Deputy Town Manager; Faye Daley, Health Officer; Richard Stillman, Police Chief; Laurie Chadbourne, Town Clerk; Rob Baker, Code Enforcement Officer; Steve Fay, Fire Chief; Jim Kidder, Public Works Director; Charisse Keach, Finance Officer; Gary Colello, Recreation Director; Todd Perreault, Emergency Management Director; Deputy Town Clerk Dawn Taft; Deputy Town Clerk Suzzanah Forsythe.

Moderator Wisser called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and recited the "Pledge of Allegiance." Moderator Wisser read the results of Article 1 through Article 2 from the June 12, 2018 Election. There were no objections to Moderator Wisser conducting the meeting in accordance with the Maine Moderators Manual (sixth edition, 2005). She requested that voters go to the microphone and identify themselves when speaking. All in favor to recognize non-resident department heads Code Enforcement Officer Rob Baker and Finance Officer Charisse Keach. Moderator Wisser thanked Lake Region Television for providing audio equipment and video coverage.

Chairman Watkins recognized Robert J. McHatton, Sr. and presented him with an appreciation plaque for his most recent term on the Board of Selectmen.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman recognized Gregory N. Watkins and presented him with an appreciation plaque for his term on the Board of Selectmen.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,312,678.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce property taxes for the 2018/2019 fiscal year as detailed below.

A. General Government	\$1,976,748.00
B. Public Safety	\$2,900.00
C. Public Works	\$289,356.00
D. Recreation	\$36,900.00
E. Salmon Point Campground	\$62,788.00
F. Wastewater	<u>\$24,086.00</u>
Total	\$2,312,678.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$1,944,890.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$2,312,678.00

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 3 in the amount of \$2,312,678.00;
Second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.
Article 3 was passed in the amount of \$2,312,678.00.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,221,322.00 for the cost of General Government as detailed below.

A. Administration	\$1,201,293.00
B. Assessing	\$39,000.00
C. Code Enforcement	\$106,212.00
D. Economic & Community Development	\$141,218.00
E. General Assistance	\$24,764.00
F. Insurance	\$208,781.00
G. Municipal Complex (3 Chase Street)	\$110,278.00
H. Recreation	\$198,738.00
I. Town Clerk	<u>\$191,038.00</u>
Total	\$2,221,322.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$2,605,164.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$2,221,322.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 4 in the amount of \$2,221,322.00;
 Second from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 4 was passed in the amount of \$2,221,322.00.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500,745.00 for the cost of Public Safety as detailed below.

A. Ambulance	\$51,000.00
B. Animal Control	\$10,078.00
C. Emergency Management	\$11,958.00
D. Fire Department	\$331,576.00
E. Health Officer	\$1,165.00
F. Hydrants	\$195,596.00
G. Police Department	\$862,338.00
H. Streetlights	<u>\$36,624.00</u>
Total	\$1,500,745.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$1,502,325.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$1,500,745.00

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 5 in the amount of \$1,500,745.00;
 Second from Selectman Packard. All in favor.

Article 5 was passed in the amount of \$1,500,745.00.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,888,627.00 for Public Werks as detailed below.

A. Building Maintenance	\$17,643.00
B. Cemeteries	\$55,456.00
C. Parks Department	\$264,847.00
D. Pondicherry Park	\$10,550.00
E. Public Werks Department	\$725,616.00
F. Septic Disposal	\$750.00
G. Town Hall (26 North High Street)	\$16,168.00
H. Transfer Station	\$493,359.00
I. Vehicle Maintenance	<u>\$364,238.00</u>
Total	\$1,888,627.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$1,814,358.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$1,888,627.00

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept Article 6 in the amount of \$1,888,627.00;
Second from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 6 was passed in the amount of \$1,888,627.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,950.00 for the cost of annual stipends for the Board of Selectmen.

Approved 2017/2018
\$6,950.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$6,950.00

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Article 7 in the amount of \$6,950.00;
Second from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 7 was passed in the amount of \$6,950.00.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 for the cost of annual stipends for the Planning Board Members.

Approved 2017/2018
\$5,500.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$5,500.00

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 8 in the amount of \$5,500.00;
Second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 8 was passed in the amount of \$5,500.00.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$861,100.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

A. Municipal Building Security	\$16,600.00
B. Harmon Field	\$45,000.00
C. Ice Rink	\$35,000.00
D. Generators	\$40,000.00
E. Marketing	\$25,000.00
F. Lower Main Street Project	\$195,000.00
G. PW-Paving	\$500,000.00
H. Transfer Station Roll-off Container	<u>\$10,500.00</u>
Total	\$861,100.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$825,250.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$861,100.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 9 in the amount of \$861,100.00;
Second from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 9 was passed in the amount of \$861,100.00.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures Reserves detailed below.

A. Employee Benefits	\$15,000.00
B. Capital Projects	\$10,000.00
C. Fire Department Apparatus	\$15,000.00
D. Municipal Building (3 Chace Street) Reserve	\$15,000.00
E. Pondicherry Park	\$5,000.00
F. Public Works Department Equipment Reserve	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total	\$75,000.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$85,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$75,000.00

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 10 in the amount of \$75,000.00;
Second from Selectman Packard. All in favor.

Article 10 was passed in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$197,849.00 for Outside Agencies as detailed below.

A. Bridgton Community Center	\$77,735.00
B. Bridgton Public Library	\$83,500.00
C. Lakes Region Television Franchise Fee	<u>\$36,614.00</u>
Total	\$197,849.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	<i>Board of Selectmen Recommend</i>
\$192,250.00	\$197,849.00

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept Article 11 in the amount of \$197,849.00;
Second from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 11 was passed in the amount of \$197,849.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,211.00 for Outside Services as detailed below.

A. Bridgton Community Band	\$2,405.00
B. Bridgton Historical Society	\$6,000.00
C. Easy Riders	\$2,500.00
D. Lake Region Chamber of Commerce	\$4,600.00
E. Lakes Environmental Assoc; Milfoil Removal Program	\$1,500.00
F. Lakes Environmental Assoc; Boat Inspection/Milfoil	\$2,900.00
G. Lakes Environmental Assoc; Water Testing/Subsidy	\$1,950.00
H. Lake Region Bus System	\$9,656.00
I. Lifesight	\$1,300.00
J. Opportunity Alliance (PROP)	\$1,000.00
K. Regional Transportation	\$1,500.00
L. Rufus Porter	\$3,500.00
M. Senior Transportation	\$3,700.00
N. Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services	\$750.00
O. Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$3,500.00
P. Tri-County Mental Health Services	<u>\$2,250.00</u>
Total	\$56,211.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	<i>Board of Selectmen Recommend</i>
\$47,339.00	\$56,211.00

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Article 12 in the amount of \$56,211.00;
Second from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 12 was passed in the amount of \$56,211.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Contingency Account.

Approved 2017/2018
\$30,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$30,000.00

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 13 in the amount of \$30,000.00;
Second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 13 was passed in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,612.00 for Long Term Debt.

Approved 2017/2018
\$190,612.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$190,612.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 14 in the amount of \$190,612.00;
Second from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 14 was passed in the amount of \$190,612.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$802,684.00 for County Fees and Taxes as detailed below.

A. County Dispatch	\$110,247.00
B. County Tax	<u>\$692,437.00</u>
Total	\$802,684.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$802,684.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$802,684.00

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 15 in the amount of \$802,684.00;
Second from Selectman Packard. All in favor.

Article 15 was passed in the amount of \$802,684.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$200,000.00 to reduce taxes.

Approved 2017/2018
\$200,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$200,000.00

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept Article 16 in the amount of \$200,000.00;
Second from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 16 was passed in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$180,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Capital Reserve.

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
<i>\$190,000.00</i>	\$180,000.00

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Article 17 in the amount of \$180,000.00;
Second from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 17 was passed in the amount of \$180,000.00.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$46,598.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. General Assistance	\$5,126.00
B. Cemeteries	\$30,848.00
C. Downtown Landscaping	\$7,375.00
D. School Fund	\$855.00
E. Willis Park	<u>\$1,864.00</u>
Total	\$46,598.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
<i>\$45,903.00</i>	\$46,598.00

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 18 in the amount of \$46,598.00;
Second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 18 was passed in the amount of \$46,598.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$62,075.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. Town Hall Debt Retirement	\$50,000.00
B. Parks	\$7,075.00
C. Pondicherry Park	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$62,075.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
<i>\$61,309.00</i>	\$62,075.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 19 in the amount of \$62,075.00;
Second from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 19 was passed in the amount of \$62,075.00.

Article 20. 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, 2018; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2018; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2019; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2019 and that an interest rate of 6% per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes after these dates until those taxes are paid in full (36 MRS § 505.4).

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 20 as written;
Second from Selectman Packard. All in favor.

Article 20 was passed as written.

Motion was made by Mr. Cossey to consider Article 21 through Article 27 in a block;
Second from Mr. Triglione.

Motion was made by Mr. Tworog to amend the motion to consider Article 21 through Article 25 in a block; Second from the floor. All in favor to amend.

All in favor of the amended main motion.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of 2% 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 MRS § 506).

Article 21 was passed as written.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 6% interest per annum.

Article 22 was passed as written.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet due or assessed (36 MRS § 506).

Article 23 was passed as written.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads.

Article 24 was passed as written.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to waive the foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage pursuant to 36 MRS § 944 upon a finding by the Board of Selectmen that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Article 25 was passed as written.

All in favor of Article 21 through Article 25.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds for the property. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Board of Selectmen deem advisable.

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept Article 26 as written;
Second from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 26 was passed as written.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of wastewater assessments thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds for the property. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Board of Selectmen deem advisable.

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Article 27 as written;
Second from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 27 was passed as written.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Town-owned land that the Board of Selectmen has determined to be surplus, other than land acquired for non-payment of taxes or wastewater assessments, and to conduct the sale of such land by sealed bid, public auction or through an agent or multiple listing, whichever the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town; and to deliver a quitclaim deed to the successful purchaser; provided that at least 30 days prior to selling, or obligating the Town to sell, such surplus land, the Town shall mail written notice to the abutters at their addresses on file with the Town, give notice on the Town's website, post at least one notice on a social media platform used by the Town, and publish at least one notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town. The net proceeds of any sale shall be deposited into the Town's general fund.

Board of Selectmen recommends a "Yes" vote.

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 28 as written;
Second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 28 was passed as written.

Article 29. Voter-Petitioned Article. "REGARDING TOWN-OWNED PROPERTIES: All Town-owned properties to be sold shall be sold by announced auction and shall be advertised in the Bridgton News, the town website and all social media platforms controlled by the Town for a minimum of thirty days. The minimum sales price shall be no less than seventy percent of market value. Abutters shall be given written notice."

Board of Selectmen recommends a "No" vote.

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 29 as written;
Second from Selectman Murphy. This Article was defeated.

Article 29 was defeated as written.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance, excepting those carried forward funds, and to authorize any overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2018/2019 fiscal year to be taken from fund balance.

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 30 as written;
Second from Selectman Packard. All in favor.

Article 30 was passed as written.

Article 31. 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, or is unusable.

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept Article 31 as written;
Second from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 31 was passed as written.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Article 32 as written;
Second from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 32 was passed as written.

Article 33. 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.

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 33 as written;
Second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 33 was passed as written.

Article 34. 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.

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 34 as written;

Second from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 34 was passed as written.

Moderator Wiser administered the oath of office to the following newly elected officials:

- Liston Eastman, Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor;
- Carmen Lone, Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor;
- Todd Perreault, Water District Trustee;
- Deanna Miller, Planning Board
- Catherine Pinkham, Planning Board
- Charles Kenneth Gibbs, Planning Board
- Douglas Oakley, Planning Board Alternate

Motion was made by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.;

Second from Mr. Gibbs. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie L. Chadbourne

Town Clerk