

Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, June 11, 2013 & Wednesday, June 12, 2013

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 11th day of June, A.D. 2013 at 8:00 A.M. in the forenoon for the purpose of acting on Article 1 through Article 5 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 12th day June, A.D. 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the afternoon, then and there to act on Article 6 through Article 47 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:

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

Article 3. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 1. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Bridgton Consumer Fireworks Ordinance" be enacted?"

Article 4. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 2. Shall a resolution entitled "A Resolution to Protect the Health and Safety of Local Citizens, Water Bodies and Other Natural Resources in Relation to the Possible Transport of Tar Sands Oils through Maine" be adopted?"

Article 5. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 3. Salmon Point Property - Non-Binding Referendum Question
Do you favor having the Bridgton Select Board issue a request for proposals for the purchase from the Town and development of a portion of the Town owned property at Salmon Point, not including the beach and parking areas, with the request for proposals to contain the following terms and conditions?

- 1. Any sale of the Property by the Town of Bridgton will be subject to final approval by the Select Board and the Bridgton Town Meeting;
- 2. The purchase price for the Property shall be at least \$2,000,000;
- 3. The developer shall satisfy the Board of Selectmen that the development proposal for the Property will generate at least \$75,000 per year in new revenues for the Town;
- 4. The failure of any proposal to satisfy the foregoing parameters shall be grounds for rejection of the proposal by the Select Board; and
- 5. The Select Board retains the right to reject any and all proposals not deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town.

Informational Note: It is the intent of the Select Board that the beach areas at Salmon Point be retained by the Town; that the beach areas be restricted, in perpetuity, against future sale or development; and that the proceeds from the sale of the Property be transferred to the Moose Pond Land Trust Fund."

- Article 6. 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, 2013; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2013; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2014; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2014 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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 16. 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 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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 20. 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.

Approved 2012/2013 \$15,000.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$17,500.00
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Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 for the cost of Legal Services.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$399,168.00 for the cost of General Government.

Approved 2012/2013 \$400,040.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$399,168.00
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Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,845.00 for the cost of maintaining the Municipal Complex.

Approved 2012/2013 \$115,102.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$111,845.00
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Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$207,246.00 for the cost of Long Term Debt.

Approved 2012/2013 \$141,109.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$207,246.00
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Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the cost of Short Term Debt.

Approved 2012/2013 \$2,500.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$2,500.00
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Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,159.00 for the cost of Assessing.

Approved 2012/2013 \$81,688.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$77,159.00
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Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,967.00 for the cost of Planning, Ordinance Administration and Enforcement.

Approved 2012/2013 \$91,959.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$93,967.00
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Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,500.00 for the cost of operating the Bridgton Community Center.

Approved 2012/2013 \$71,500.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$71,500.00
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Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$508,113.00 for the cost of Employee Benefits.

Approved 2012/2013 \$435,186.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$508,113.00
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Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,284.00 for the cost of General Assistance.

Approved 2012/2013 \$32,534.00	Board of Selectmen Recommend \$34,284.00
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Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$718,165.00 for the cost of operating Law Enforcement

Services.

	Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Police Department	\$554,096.00	\$561,027.00
Court Appearances	\$6,341.00	\$7,456.00
Animal Control	\$13,394.00	\$14,415.00
Public Safety Admin/Dispatch	<u>\$132,598.00</u>	<u>\$135,267.00</u>
	\$706,429.00	\$718,165.00

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$207,005.00 to operate the Fire Department.

Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$217,330.00	\$207,005.00

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$131,272.00 for the cost of various Town Insurances.

Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$132,704.00	\$131,272.00

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$296,206.00 for the cost of various assorted accounts as detailed below.

	Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Hydrant Rental Costs	\$168,351.00	\$210,439.00
Ambulance Service	\$54,000.00	\$53,000.00
Street/Traffic Lights	\$29,268.00	\$25,254.00
Emergency Management	\$4,825.00	\$5,125.00
Health Officer	\$1,154.00	\$1,138.00
Septic Disposal Costs	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
	\$258,848.00	\$296,206.00

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,113,157.00 for the cost of operating Public Works Services as detailed below.

	Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Public Works	\$568,107.00	\$567,985.00
Facility/Building Maintenance	\$15,544.00	\$16,655.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$357,582.00	\$358,364.00
Cemeteries	\$29,057.00	\$28,600.00
Parks Department	<u>\$142,852.00</u>	<u>\$141,553.00</u>
	\$1,113,142.00	\$1,113,157.00

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$559,322.00 for the cost of operating the Transfer Station.

Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$577,389.00	\$559,322.00

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$86,968.00 for the cost of operating the Recreation Department.

Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$81,103.00	\$86,968.00

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the Contingency Account.

Approved 2012/2013
\$75,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$75,000.00

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,678.00 for Outside Agency Services as detailed below.

	Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Androscoggin Home Health Care	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Bridgton Community Band	\$2,250.00	\$2,308.00
Bridgton Easy Riders Snowmobile Club	\$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 Program	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
Lakes Environmental Assoc. Subsidy	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
Lake Region Television Franchise Fee	\$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	\$500.00	\$750.00
Regional Transportation	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Senior Transportation Program	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00
Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$4,000.00	\$4,400.00
Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$9,250.00	\$9,250.00
Western Maine Veterans	\$350.00	\$350.00
WPC - LEAPP1	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$172,970.00	\$175,678.00

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$140,000.00 for Assigned External Funds.

Approved 2012/2013
\$139,782.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$140,000.00

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$878,000.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

	Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Public Works: Plow Truck	\$77,200.00	\$0.00
Paving	\$375,000.00	\$375,000.00
Pick-up	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Grader Reserve	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Welding Unit	\$3,480.00	\$0.00
Loader Reserve	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Downtown Restrooms	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Town Hall Renovations	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
Wheeler	\$0.00	\$175,000.00
Woods Pond	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Building	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$575,680.00	\$637,000.00
Fire Dept: SCBA Packs	\$80,000.00	\$0.00
Truck Replacement	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Hose Replacement	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$165,000.00	\$85,000.00
Municipal Bld: Other Buildings	\$17,500.00	\$0.00

	Energy Conservation	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Foundation	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
	HVAC Tower	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
	HVAC Element	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Basement Renovations	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
		\$87,500.00	\$70,000.00
Transfer Sta:	Container	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
	Backhoe	<u>\$54,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
		\$65,000.00	\$0.00
Police Dept:	Cruiser	\$45,000.00	\$31,000.00
	Computers	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Tower/Console	<u>\$21,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
		\$71,000.00	\$36,000.00
BRAG Field Maintenance:		\$55,000.00	\$0.00
Revaluation Reserve:		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Totals		\$1,069,180.00	\$878,000.00

Article 42. 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 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$47,310.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund and appropriate the following sums to the specific organizations as detailed below.

	Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Bridgton Recreation Advancement Complex	\$21,123.00	\$5,000.00
Bridgton Easy Riders Snowmobile	\$21,124.00	\$0.00
Pondicherry Park	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Perley Mills Project	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
General Parks Maintenance	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$12,310.00</u>
	\$47,247.00	\$47,310.00

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$35,549.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund and appropriate the following sums to the specific operating accounts:

	Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
General Assistance	\$4,116.00	\$3,910.00
Downtown Landscaping	\$6,325.00	\$6,009.00
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	\$13,098.00	\$12,442.00
Cemeteries Special Funds	\$11,676.00	\$11,091.00
School Fund	\$711.00	\$675.00
Willis Park Fund	<u>\$1,497.00</u>	<u>\$1,422.00</u>
	\$37,423.00	\$35,549.00

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,568.00 for the cost of the Planning and Economic Development Director and Related Programming.

Approved 2012/2013
\$83,851.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$92,568.00

Article 46. 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 2012/2013
\$75,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$125,000.00

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,636,549.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce taxes for the fiscal year of 2013/2014 as detailed below.

	Approved 2012/2013	Board of Selectmen Recommend
Excise Tax	\$730,500.00	\$695,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$286,823.00	\$0.00
Local Road Block Program	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00
Snowmobile Refund	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Cable Revenue	\$49,000.00	\$51,000.00
Transfer Station	\$90,020.00	\$98,875.00
Trust Funds	\$84,670.00	\$82,859.00
Operating Revenue	\$447,199.00	\$386,675.00
Community Dev. Block Grant Program	\$174,946.00	\$160,000.00
Salmon Point Campground	<u>\$110,000.00</u>	<u>\$55,340.00</u>
	\$2,079,958.00	\$1,636,549.00

Given under our hands on this 14th day of May, 2013.

Municipal Officers/Board of Selectmen:

_____ / Paul E. Hoyt, Chairman

_____ / Douglas A. Taft, Vice-Chairman

_____ / Bernard N. King, Jr.

_____ / Robert J. McHatton, Sr.

_____ / Robert F. Woodward

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____
Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk

The Board of Selectmen
extends a warm and
appreciative "thank you" to
all the volunteers that have
dedicated their time on
behalf of the Town.

