

Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday; June 10, 2014 and Wednesday; June 11, 2014

Under the preceding warrant the following votes were taken:

ARTICLE 1. D. Steve Collins was elected Moderator and sworn to the Statute Oath by Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne.

ARTICLE 2. Under Article 2, the following votes were taken:

To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot as required by Title 30A, M.R.S.A. 2528:

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor

Two (2) for a three (3) year term

Hoyt, Paul E.; 553 votes

King, Bernard N. Jr.; 580 votes

Planning Board Regular Member

One (1) for a three (3) year term

Thomas, Brian J.; 709 votes

Planning Board Alternate Member

One (1) for a three (3) year term

~~Hagerman, Roxy; 2 votes (write-in)~~

~~Harriman, Thomas; 2 votes (write-in)~~

~~Miller, Dee; 3 votes (write-in)/declined position~~

~~Oberg, Peter; 2 votes (write-in)~~

~~Roth, Phyllis; 2 votes (write-in)~~

***AMENDED RESULTS DUE TO RECOUNT ON 06/18/2014:**

Danis, Richard; 2 votes (write-in)/ candidate withdrew

Hagerman, Roxy; 1 vote (write-in)

Harriman, Thomas; 2 votes (write-in)/ candidate withdrew

Miller, Dee; 2 votes (write-in)/ candidate withdrew

Oberg, Peter; 2 votes (write-in)/ candidate withdrew

Roth, Phyllis; 2 votes (write-in) elected via write-in

MSAD 61 Director

One (1) for a one (1) year term

Mortenson, Charles Peter; 250 votes

Swanson-Murphy, Karla J.; 558 votes

MSAD 61 Director

One (1) for a three (3) year term

LeBlanc, Cynthia B.; 447 votes

Martel-Bearse, Lee; 355 votes

Water District Trustee

One (1) for a three (3) year term

Gilman, Barry N.; 716 votes

*Richard Danis of Bridgton, Maine, a write-in candidate for the office of Planning Board Alternate Member, requested a recount. The recount was conducted on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 9:00 A.M under the supervision of the Town Clerk's Office per State Statute. Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne designated D. Steve Collins as the Recount Supervisor, Dawn Taft as the Recount Assistant, Christina Lowell (Republican) and Susan Rock (Democrat) to serve as the Counting Team. The recount determined that (for Planning Board Alternate Member) 2 votes were cast for Dee Miller, 2 votes were cast for Richard Danis, 2 votes were cast for Thomas Harriman, 2 votes were cast for Phyllis Roth, 2 votes were cast for Peter Oberg and 1 vote was cast for Roxy Hagerman. At the conclusion of the municipal recount, the original results were amended to declare a tie vote between 5 write-in candidates.

*As we discussed over the telephone, it is my opinion that if, after informing the candidates of the result of the recount all but one withdraw, there is no need to hold a new election under 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2528(10), notwithstanding the fact that you are now beyond the seven-day period. My thought is that the seven-day period is intended to provide the municipal officers an opportunity to delay in incurring the time and expense of a run-off election and to give candidates time to consider their intentions. But the statute does not contemplate any delay resulting from a recount. I believe the simple purpose of § 2528(10) is to bring about an election to force a result in the case of a tie vote. I do not read it so strictly and technically as to compel an election in any circumstance except where all but one of the candidates withdraw during the seven-day period. It seems reasonable to me that if all but one of the candidates withdraw following a recount hearing but do so after the seven-day period, the purpose of § 2528(10) is achieved: a result. Of course, if more than one candidate still remains, a new election will be necessary.

**Michael L. Stultz, Legal Services Department
Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330**

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REFERENDUM ELECTION:

ARTICLE 3. Question 1. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Bridgton Affordable Housing Local Preference Ordinance" be enacted?

Yes; 535 votes

No; 328 votes

Blanks; 83

ARTICLE 4. Question 2. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Bridgton Fire Protection Ordinance for Subdivisions Only" be enacted?

Yes; 438 votes

No; 407 votes

Blanks; 101

ARTICLE 5. Question 3. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Alarm Systems Ordinance" be enacted?

Yes; 450 votes

No; 364 votes

Blanks; 132

ARTICLE 6. Question 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Bear River Aquifer Protection Ordinance" be enacted?

Yes; 559 votes

No; 273 votes

Blanks; 114

ARTICLE 7. Question 5. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Sign Ordinance" be enacted?

Yes; 442 votes

No; 419 votes

Blanks; 85

ARTICLE 8. Question 6. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Site Plan Review Ordinance" be enacted?

Yes; 507 votes

No; 295 votes

Blanks; 144

ARTICLE 9. Question 7. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be enacted?

Yes; 481 votes

No; 336 votes

Blanks; 129

ARTICLE 10. Question 8. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 10, 2014 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Willis Brook Aquifer Ordinance" be enacted?

Yes; 524 votes

No; 291 votes

Blanks; 131

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ARTICLE 11. 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.

Yes; 380 votes

No; 550 votes

Blanks; 16

ARTICLE 12. 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.

Yes; 644 votes

No; 262 votes

Blanks; 40

*A total of 946 votes were cast at the Municipal Election.
Bridgton currently has 3998 registered voters.*

Moderator Collins recessed the Town Meeting until June 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

153 resident voters were in attendance; 10 non-residents were in attendance.

Members of the Board of Selectmen Present:

Douglas A. Taft, Chairman; Bernard N. King, Jr., Vice-Chairman;
Kenneth J. Murphy; Paul E. Hoyt; Robert J. McHatton, Sr.

Administration Present:

Mitchell A. Berkowitz, Town Manager; Anne Krieg, Economic and Community Development Director; Faye Daley, Health Officer; Jim Kidder, Public Works Director; Kevin Schofield, Police Chief; Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk; Rob Baker, Code Enforcement Officer; Robert Fitzcharles, Transfer Station Manager; Glen Garland, Fire Chief; Linda Nilsen, Finance Officer; Gary Colello, Recreation Director; Todd Perreault, Emergency Management Director; Georgiann Fleck, Deputy Town Manager.

Moderator Collins called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Collins read the results of Article 1 through Article 12 from the June 10, 2014 Secret Ballot Election.

There were no objections to Moderator Collins conducting the meeting in accordance with the Maine Moderators Manual (sixth edition, 2005). He requested that voters go to the microphone and identify themselves when speaking.

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Motion from the floor to recognize non-resident department heads: Mitchell Berkowitz, Town Manager; Kevin Schofield, Police Chief; Anne Krieg, Director of Planning, Economic & Community Development; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.

Moderator Collins thanked Lake Region Television for providing audio equipment and video coverage. Moderator Collins also thanked the Election Clerks for their assistance on Tuesday, June 10th.

Chairman Taft thanked those present for their participation and attendance. He recognized Robert Fitzcharles for being a Good Samaritan. He recognized the retirement of long term employee John Anderson and wished him well. He then reported new positions and employees in municipal government. On behalf of the Board of Selectman, he presented a plaque of appreciation to Town Manager Berkowitz, who is also retiring in the fall. Chairman Taft introduced new Town Manager Robert Peabody and welcomed him. He thanked the Department Heads and Committee Members for their hard work and dedication and the citizens for their support.

Vice-Chairman King introduced and welcomed Anthony Champoli as the new student representative on the Board.

ARTICLE 13. This Article was passed as written.

Motion from Chairman Taft to accept Article 13 as written;
2nd from Vice-Chairman King. All in favor.

Motion from Vice-Chairman King to consider Article 14 through Article 27 in a block motion;
2nd from Selectman Hoyt. All in favor.

ARTICLE 14. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 15. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 16. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 17. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 18. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 19. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 20. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 21. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 22. This Article was passed as written.

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ARTICLE 24. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 25. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 26. This Article was passed as written.

ARTICLE 27. This Article was passed as written.

Motion from Vice-Chairman King to accept Article 14 through Article 27 as written;
2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

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ARTICLE 28. This Article was passed in the amount of \$20,000.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman McHatton to accept Article 28 in the amount of \$20,000.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

ARTICLE 29. This Article was passed in the amount of \$5,615.⁵⁰.

Motion from Selectman Murphy to accept Article 29 in the amount of \$8,000.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Hoyt.

Motion from Chairman Taft to amend Article 29 to the amount of \$5,615.⁵⁰;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor to amend.

Motion from Mr. Tarantino to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.
All in favor of the amended motion.

ARTICLE 30. This Article was passed in the amount of \$409,648.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 30 in the amount of \$409,648.⁰⁰;
2nd from Vice-Chairman King. All in favor.

ARTICLE 31. This Article was passed in the amount of \$115,866.⁰⁰.

Motion from Chairman Taft to accept Article 31 in the amount of \$115,866.⁰⁰;
2nd from Vice-Chairman King. All in favor.

ARTICLE 32. This Article was passed in the amount of \$0.⁰⁰.

Motion from Vice-Chairman King to accept Article 32 in the amount of \$0.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

ARTICLE 33. This Article was passed in the amount of \$2,500.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman McHatton to accept Article 33 in the amount of \$2,500.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

ARTICLE 34. This Article was passed in the amount of \$79,462.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Murphy to accept Article 34 in the amount of \$79,462.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Hoyt. All in favor.

ARTICLE 35. This Article was passed in the amount of \$94,994.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 35 in the amount of \$94,994.⁰⁰;
2nd from Chairman Taft. All in favor.

ARTICLE 36. This Article was passed in the amount of \$72,250.⁰⁰.

Motion from Chairman Taft to accept Article 36 in the amount of \$72,250.⁰⁰;
2nd from Vice-Chairman King. All in favor.

ARTICLE 37. This Article was passed in the amount of \$515,642.⁰⁰.

Motion from Vice-Chairman King to accept Article 37 in the amount of \$515,642.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

ARTICLE 38. This Article was passed in the amount of \$34,284.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman McHatton to accept Article 38 in the amount of \$34,284.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

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ARTICLE 39. This Article was passed in the amount of \$734,338.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Murphy to accept Article 39 in the amount of \$734,338.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Hoyt. All in favor.

ARTICLE 40. This Article was passed in the amount of \$223,029.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 40 in the amount of \$223,029.⁰⁰;
2nd from Chairman Taft. All in favor.

ARTICLE 41. This Article was passed in the amount of \$148,343.⁰⁰.

Motion from Chairman Taft to accept Article 41 in the amount of \$148,343.⁰⁰;
2nd from Vice-Chairman King. All in favor.

ARTICLE 42. This Article was passed in the amount of \$297,301.⁰⁰.

Motion from Vice-Chairman King to accept Article 42 in the amount of \$297,301.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

ARTICLE 43. This Article was passed in the amount of \$1,212,572.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman McHatton to accept Article 43 in the amount of \$1,212,572.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

ARTICLE 44. This Article was passed in the amount of \$469,208.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Murphy to accept Article 44 in the amount of \$469,208.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Hoyt. All in favor.

ARTICLE 45. This Article was passed in the amount of \$105,361.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 45 in the amount of \$105,361.⁰⁰;
2nd from Chairman Taft. All in favor.

ARTICLE 46. This Article was passed in the amount of \$25,000.⁰⁰.

Motion from Chairman Taft to accept Article 46 in the amount of \$25,000.⁰⁰;
2nd from Vice-Chairman King. All in favor.

ARTICLE 47. This Article was passed in the amount of \$173,678.⁰⁰.

Motion from Vice-Chairman King to accept Article 47 in the amount of \$173,678.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman McHatton.

Motion from the floor to recognize non-resident Lauren Dembski from R.E.A.C.H.; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.
All in favor of the main motion.

ARTICLE 48. This Article was passed in the amount of \$187,912.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman McHatton to accept Article 48 in the amount of \$187,912.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

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ARTICLE 49. This Article was passed in the amount of \$1,297,930.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Murphy to accept Article 49 in the amount of \$1,322,930.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Hoyt.

Motion from Ms. Jones to amend to \$1,312,930.⁰⁰ [reducing funding for the basement renovations to \$10,000.⁰⁰];

2nd from the floor. All in favor to amend.

Motion from Mr. Renneker to amend to \$1,209,900.⁰⁰ [reduce funding for Town Hall renovations to \$0.⁰⁰]
2nd from Mr. Lopez.

Moderator Collins requested a secret ballot vote: 40 yes votes; 102 no votes (amendment failed)

Motion from Selectman Hoyt to amend to \$1,297,930.⁰⁰ [reduce funding for HAM Complex to \$30,000.⁰⁰]
2nd from the floor. All in favor to amend.

All in favor of the amended motion.

ARTICLE 50. This Article was passed as written.

Motion from Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 50 as written;
2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

ARTICLE 51. This Article was passed in the amount of \$53,338.⁰⁰.

Motion from Chairman Taft to accept Article 51 in the amount of \$53,338.⁰⁰;
2nd from Vice-Chairman King.

Motion from Mr. Tarantino to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.
All in favor of the main motion.

ARTICLE 52. This Article was passed as written.

Motion from Vice Chairman King to accept Article 52 as written;
2nd from Selectman McHatton.

Motion from Mr. Cossey to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.
All in favor of the main motion.

ARTICLE 53. This Article was passed as written.

Motion from Selectman McHatton to accept Article 53 as written;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

ARTICLE 54. This Article was passed in the amount of \$41,313.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Murphy to accept Article 54 in the amount of \$41,313.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Hoyt. All in favor.

ARTICLE 55. This Article was passed in the amount of \$128,000.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 55 in the amount of \$128,000.⁰⁰;
2nd from Chairman Taft.

Motion from Mr. Lopez to amend to \$0.⁰⁰;
2nd from the floor.

Motion from Mr. MacFarland to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.

Moderator Collins called for a hand count: 52 yes votes; 67 no votes. (amendment fails)

Motion from Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 55 in the amount of \$128,000.⁰⁰;
2nd from Chairman Taft.

Motion from Mr. Tarantino to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.

Moderator Collins called for a hand count: 74 yes votes; 44 no votes.

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ARTICLE 56. This Article was passed in the amount of \$73,853.⁰⁰.

Motion from Chairman Taft to accept Article 56 in the amount of \$73,853.⁰⁰;
2nd from Vice-Chairman King. All in favor.

ARTICLE 57. This Article was passed in the amount of \$125,000.⁰⁰.

Motion from Vice-Chairman King to accept Article 57 in the amount of \$125,000.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

ARTICLE 58. This Article was passed in the amount of \$1,962,643.⁰⁰.

Motion from Selectman McHatton to accept Article 58 in the amount of \$1,962,643.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to re-tract and correct the fiscal year to 2014/2015 and accept Article 28 in the amount of \$1,962,643.⁰⁰;
2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

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

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor: Bernard N. King, Jr. (3 year term)
Paul E., Hoyt (3 year term)

Planning Board Regular Member: Brian J. Thomas (3 year term)

Motion from the floor to adjourn the meeting sine die at 9:35 P.M.;

2nd from the floor. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk