

Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 & Wednesday, June 15, 2016

State of Maine

County of Cumberland, ss

TO: Phillip A. Jones, 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 14th day of June at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on Article 1 through Article 7 at which time the meeting will be recessed to Wednesday, the 15th day of June at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Article 8 through Article 41. [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 MRS §2528:

- (1) Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor; 3 year term
- (2) Planning Board Regular Member; 3 year term
- (2) 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 "June 14, 2016 Amendments to the Bridgton Sewage Ordinance to Promote Economic Development in the Downtown Area by Revising the Current Method of Sewer Allocation to Free Up Existing Unused Capacity in the Bridgton Sewer System" be enacted?"

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "YES" Vote

Article 4. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 2. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 14, 2016 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be enacted?"

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "YES" Vote

Article 5. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 3. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 14, 2016 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Site Plan Review Ordinance" be enacted?"

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "YES" Vote

Article 6. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled “June 14, 2016 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Tower Ordinance" be enacted?”

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "YES" Vote

Article 7. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 5. (BY CITIZEN'S PETITION) “Set town funding of the Bridgton Food Pantry at \$10,000 per year starting in FY 2016-17 to cover increased expenses and costs of running our vitally important local food pantry.”

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "NO" Vote

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,952,574.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce property taxes for the 2016/2017 fiscal year as detailed below.

A. General Government	\$1,627,500.00
B. Public Safety	\$8,600.00
C. Public Works	\$191,972.00
D. Recreation	\$37,700.00
E. Salmon Point Campground	\$58,401.00
F. Wastewater	<u>\$28,401.00</u>
Total	\$1,952,574.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,952,574.00
Budget Advisory Committee Does Not Recommend

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,982,644.00 for the cost of General Government as detailed below.

A. Administration	\$1,024,119.00
B. Assessing	\$38,650.00
C. Code Enforcement	\$88,938.00
D. Economic & Community Development	\$170,970.00
E. General Assistance	\$24,764.00
F. Insurance	\$199,690.00
G. Municipal Complex (3 Chase Street)	\$117,962.00
H. Recreation	\$142,743.00
I. Town Clerk	<u>\$174,808.00</u>
Total	\$1,982,644.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,982,644.00
Budget Advisory Committee Does Not Recommend

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400,630.00 for the cost of Public Safety as detailed below.

A. Ambulance	\$51,000.00
B. Animal Control	\$12,106.00
C. Emergency Management	\$9,604.00
D. Fire Department	\$318,850.00
E. Health Officer	\$1,520.00
F. Hydrants	\$188,000.00
G. Police Department	\$788,105.00
H. Streetlights	<u>\$31,445.00</u>
Total	\$1,400,630.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,400,630.00
Budget Advisory Committee Does Not Recommend

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,748,047.00 for Public Works as detailed below.

A. Building Maintenance	\$15,618.00
B. Cemeteries	\$64,733.00
C. Parks Department	\$157,869.00
D. Pondicherry Park	\$6,550.00
E. Public Works Department	\$668,069.00
F. Septic Disposal	\$750.00
G. Town Hall (26 North High Street)	\$18,125.00
H. Transfer Station	\$454,356.00
I. Vehicle Maintenance	<u>\$361,977.00</u>
Total	\$1,748,047.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,748,047.00
Budget Advisory Committee Does Not Recommend

Article 12. 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.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$6,950.00
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

Article 13. 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.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$5,500.00
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$986,610.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

A. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
B. Marketing	\$40,000.00
C. Public Works Department	\$676,610.00
D. Salmon Point	\$105,000.00
E. Streetscape	\$30,000.00
F. Town Hall (26 North High Street)	<u>\$85,000.00</u>
Total	\$986,610.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$986,610.00
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 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 Chase Street)	\$15,000.00
E. Pondicherry Park	\$5,000.00
F. Public Works Department Equipment	\$15,000.00
G. Recreation Department	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$85,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$85,000.00
Budget Advisory Committee Makes No Recommendation

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$246,750.00 for Outside Agencies as detailed below.

A. Bridgton Community Center	\$76,750.00
B. Bridgton Public Library	\$79,000.00
C. Bridgton Recreation Advancement Group	\$50,000.00
D. Lakes Region Television Franchise Fee	<u>\$41,000.00</u>
Total	\$246,750.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$246,750.00
Budget Advisory Committee Does Not Recommend

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,188.00 for Outside Services as detailed below.

A. Androscoggin Home Health Services	\$1,800.00
B. Bridgton Community Band	\$2,350.00
C. Bridgton Historical Society	\$5,140.00
D. Family Crisis	\$500.00
E. Lake Region Chamber of Commerce	\$4,800.00
F. Lakes Environmental Association; Milfoil	\$2,320.00
G. Lakes Environmental Association; Subsidy	\$1,560.00
H. Lake Region Bus System	\$9,656.00
I. Lifeflight	\$1,042.00
J. Opportunity Alliance (PROP)	\$7,280.00
K. Regional Transportation	\$960.00
L. Senior Transportation	\$3,120.00
M. Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services	\$600.00
N. Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$3,520.00
O. Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$7,400.00
P. Western Maine Veterans	<u>\$140.00</u>
Total	\$52,188.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$52,188.00
Budget Advisory Committee Does Not Recommend

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Contingency Account.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$30,000.00
Budget Advisory Committee Makes No Recommendation

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,254.00 for Long Term Debt.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$118,254.00
Budget Advisory Committee Makes No Recommendation

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$742,552.00 for County Fees and Taxes as detailed below.

A. County Dispatch	\$103,887.00
B. County Tax	<u>\$638,665.00</u>
Total	\$742,552.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$742,552.00
Budget Advisory Committee Makes No Recommendation

Article 21. 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.

Board of Selectmen Recommend a \$125,000.00
Budget Advisory Committee Makes No Recommendation

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$194,571.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Capital Reserve.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$194,571.00
Budget Advisory Committee Makes No Recommendation

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$44,841.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. General Assistance	\$4,932.00
B. Cemeteries	\$29,684.00
C. Downtown Landscaping	\$7,578.00
D. School Fund	\$852.00
E. Willis Park	<u>\$1,795.00</u>
Total	\$44,841.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$44,841.00
Budget Advisory Committee Makes No Recommendation

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$59,569.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. Town Hall Debt Retirement	\$50,000.00
B. Parks	\$4,569.00
C. Pondicherry Park	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$59,569.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$59,569.00
Budget Advisory Committee Makes No Recommendation

Article 25. 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, 2016; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2016; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2017; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2017 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 MRS § 505.4).

Article 26. 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 MRS § 506).

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7% interest per annum.

Article 28. 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 29.** 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 30.** 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 31.** 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.
- Article 32.** 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.
- Article 33.** 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 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. The net proceeds of any sale shall be deposited into the Town's general fund.
- Article 34.** 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 2016/2017 fiscal year to be taken from fund balance.
- Article 35.** 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.
- Article 36.** 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.
- Article 37.** 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 38. 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 39. To see if the Town, pursuant to 23 M.R.S. § 3025, will vote to accept the dedication made by Estate of Edwin Rolfe, Jr., Lopez Properties, LLC, Harlan Johnson, James Neal, PMT Properties, LLC, R. Rolfe Corporation, Michael D. Andrew, Linwood M. Higgins, Linda D. Beagle and Juliana Noel Beagle Corbett, of an easement in a strip of land bounded and described as follows: a fifty foot wide strip of land known as "Home Run Road," and to accept and establish a town way on said strip of lane.

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "YES" Vote

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to purchase two parcels and the structures and improvements thereon adjoining Nulty Street and currently owned by Andrew and Lisa Clark for an amount not to exceed \$185,000, and to see if the Town will appropriate \$190,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase price and associated closing costs.

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "YES" Vote

Article 41. Subject to the Town acquiring title to two parcels and the structures and improvements thereon adjoining Nulty Street and currently owned by Andrew and Lisa Clark, to see if the Town will appropriate \$150,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to re-pave the existing parking area for bus parking and to renovate the existing structure to include a Welcome Center and public bathrooms.

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "YES" Vote

Given under our hands on this 10th day of May, 2016.

Municipal Officers/Board of Selectmen:

_____ / Bernard N. King, Jr., Chairman
_____ / Robert J. McHatton, Sr., Vice-Chairman
_____ / Kenneth J. Murphy
_____ / Paul E. Hoyt
_____ / Gregory N. Watkins

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____
Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk