

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

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

Richard Dailey was elected Moderator and sworn to the Statute Oath by Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne.

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

Karen M. Hawkins received 198 votes.

Kenneth J. Murphy received 307 votes.

Glenn “Bear” Zaidman received 534 write-in votes and was elected.

George Bradt received 1 vote.

There were 105 blank votes cast.

2 Planning Board Regular Member; 3 year term

Deborah A. Brusini received 492 votes and was elected.

Donald S. Collins received 645 votes and was elected.

Catherine J. Pinkham received 437 votes.

There were 57 miscellaneous write-in votes.

There were 659 blank votes cast.

2 MSAD #61 Director; 3 year term

Debra C. Albert received 737 votes and was elected.

Karen L. Eller received 674 votes and was elected.

There were 18 miscellaneous write-in votes.

There were 861 blank votes cast.

1 Water District Trustee; 3 year term

Wesley F. Gorman received 942 votes and was elected.

There were 13 miscellaneous write-in votes.

There were 190 blank votes cast.

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

Yes received 677 votes and had passage.

No received 446 votes.

There were 22 blank votes cast.

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

Yes received 626 votes and had passage.

No received 436 votes.

There were 83 blank votes cast.

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

Yes received 623 votes and had passage.

No received 425 votes.

There were 97 blank votes cast.

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

Yes received 627 votes and had passage.

No received 423 votes.

There were 95 blank votes cast.

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

Yes received 601 votes and had passage.

No received 501 votes.

There were 43 blank votes cast.

*A total of 1,145 votes were cast at the Municipal Election.
Bridgton currently has 4,026 registered voters.*

Moderator Dailey recessed the Town Meeting until June 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

143 resident voters were in attendance; 9 non-residents were in attendance.

Members of the Board of Selectmen Present: Bernard N. King, Jr., Chairman; Robert J. McHatton, Sr., Vice-Chairman; Kenneth J. Murphy; Paul E. Hoyt; Gregory N. Watkins.

Administration Present: Robert Peabody, Town Manager; Anne Krieg, Economic and Community Development Director; Faye Daley, Health Officer; Jim Kidder, Public Works Director; Richard Stillman, Police Chief; Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk; Rob Baker, Code Enforcement Officer; Robert Fitzcharles, Transfer Station Manager; Georgiann Fleck, Deputy Town Manager; Glen Garland, Fire Chief; Charisse Keach, Finance Officer; Gary Colello, Recreation Director; Todd Perreault, Emergency Management Director.

Moderator Dailey called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no objections to Moderator Dailey 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. All in favor to recognize non-resident department heads Code Enforcement Officer Rob Baker and Finance Officer Charisse Keach. Moderator Dailey thanked Lake Region Television for providing audio equipment and video coverage. Moderator Dailey also thanked the Election Clerks for their assistance on Tuesday, June 14th.

Chairman King thanked all that voted yesterday and the voters in attendance tonight. He thanked and commended all that have volunteered their time serving on various town committees. He also thanked Student Representative Colleen Messina for her time and dedication to the Board. Selectman King then presented a plaque of appreciation to Kenneth J. Murphy for his recent term on the Board. Selectman Murphy then congratulated Bear (Glenn Zaidman) on his election to office and thanked the Board and citizens for their support during his term.

Moderator Dailey read the results of Article 1 through Article 7 from the June 14, 2016 Referendum Election.

Motion was made by Mr. Renneker to bring Articles 38, 39 and 40 forward; 2nd from the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Renneker to amend the motion and bring Articles 39, 40 and 41 forward; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.

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

Motion was made by Chairman King to accept Article 39 as written; 2nd from Vice-Chairman McHatton. Motion was made by Mr. Zaidman to pass over (defeat) this article; 2nd from the floor. Mr. Zaidman withdrew his motion to pass over Article 39; 2nd from the floor was withdrawn. Motion was made by Mr. Bradt to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor to move the question and close debate. The motion to accept Article 39 was defeated.

Article 39 was defeated.

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

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman McHatton to accept Article 40 as written; 2nd from Selectman Hoyt. Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor to move the question and close debate. The motion to accept Article 40 was defeated.

Article 40 was defeated.

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

Moderator Dailey passed over Article 41 based on the vote to defeat Article 40.

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

Motion was made by Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 8 in the amount of \$1,952,574.00; 2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 8 was passed in the amount of \$1,952,574.00.

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

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 9 in the amount of \$1,982,644.00; 2nd from Chairman King. Motion was made by Selectman Hoyt to reduce Article 9 by \$19,625.00 (with the intention to reduce the grant writer position to 20 hours per week); 2nd from the floor. All in favor to amend Article 9 to \$1,963,019.00. Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor to move the question and close debate. All in favor of the amended motion.

Article 9 was passed in the amount of \$1,963,019.00.

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

Motion was made by Chairman King to accept Article 10 in the amount of \$1,400,630.00; 2nd from Vice-Chairman McHatton. Motion was made by Selectman Hoyt to reduce Article 10 by \$45,262.00 (with the intention to reduce the proposed new police officer position); 2nd from the floor. Motion to amend fails. Motion was made by Mr. Collins to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor to move the question and close debate. All in favor of the original motion.

Article 10 was passed in the amount of \$1,400,630.00.

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

Motion was made by Selectman Watkins to accept Article 11 in the amount of \$1,748,047.00; 2nd from Vice-Chairman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 11 was passed in the amount of \$1,748,047.00.

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

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 12 in the amount of \$6,950.00; 2nd from Selectman Hoyt. All in favor.

Article 12 was passed in the amount of \$6,950.00.

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

Motion was made by Selectman Hoyt to accept Article 13 in the amount of \$5,500.00; 2nd from Vice-Chairman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 13 was passed in the amount of \$5,500.00.

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

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman McHatton to accept Article 14 in the amount of \$986,610.00; 2nd from Chairman King. Motion was made by Mr. Zaidman to reduce Article 14 by \$30,000.00 (with the intention to reduce the streetscape line item); 2nd from the floor. Motion from Mr. Renneker to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor to move the question and close debate. Motion to reduce Article 14 by \$30,000.00 was defeated. Motion was made by Mr. Danis to reduce Article 14 by \$85,000.00 (with the intention to reduce the Town Hall line item); 2nd from the floor. Motion was made by Selectman Hoyt to move the question and close debate; 2nd from Chairman King. All in favor to move question and close debate. Motion to reduce Article 14 by \$85,000.00 was defeated. Motion was made by Ms. Ayer to reduce Article 14 by \$35,000.00 (with the intention to reduce the Salmon Point line item); 2nd from Selectman Hoyt. Motion was made by Ms. Roth to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor to move the question and close debate. All in favor to reduce Article 14 by \$35,000.00. All in favor of the amended motion.

Article 14 was passed in the amount of \$951,610.00.

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

Motion was made by Chairman King to accept Article 15 in the amount of \$85,000.00; 2nd from Vice-Chairman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 15 was passed in the amount of \$85,000.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,750.00 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

Motion was made by Selectman Watkins to accept Article 16 in the amount of \$246,750.00; 2nd from the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Whelchel to reduce Article 16 by \$50,000.00 (with the intention to reduce the Bridgton Recreation Advancement Group line item); 2nd from the floor. Motion from the floor to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor to move the question and close debate. Motion to reduce Article 16 by \$50,000.00 was defeated. All in favor of the original motion.

Article 16 was passed in the amount of \$246,750.00.

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

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 17 in the amount of \$52,188.00; 2nd from Selectman Hoyt. Motion was made by Ms. Medcalf to reduce Article 17 by \$9,656.00 (with the intention to reduce the Lake Region Bus System line item); 2nd from the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Cossey to move the question and close debate; 2nd from the floor. All in favor to move the question and close debate. Motion to reduce Article 17 by \$9,656.00 was defeated. All in favor of the original motion.

Article 17 was passed in the amount of \$52,188.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Cossey to consider Article 18 through Article 38 as a block; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.

Motion from the floor to accept Article 18 through Article 38 as written; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.

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 18 was passed as written.

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 19 was passed as written.

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 20 was passed as written.

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 21 was passed as written.

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 22 was passed as written.

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 23 was passed as written.

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
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B. Parks
C. Pondicherry Park
Total

\$4,569.00
\$5,000.00
\$9,569.00

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

Article 24 was passed as written.

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 25 was passed as written.

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 26 was passed as written.

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 27 was passed as written.

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 28 was passed as written.

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 29 was passed as written.

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 30 was passed as written.

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 31 was passed as written.

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 32 was passed as written.

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 33 was passed as written.

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 34 was passed as written.

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 35 was passed as written.

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 36 was passed as written.

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 37 was passed as written.

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 38 was passed as written.

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

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor: Glenn R. Zaidman (3 year term)

Planning Board Regular Member: Deborah A. Brusini (3 year term)

Planning Board Regular Member: Donald S. Collins (3 year term)

MSAD #61 Director: Karen L. Eller (3 year term)

Motion was made by Mr. Collins to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 P.M.; 2nd from Mr. Zaidman. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk