

**Town of Bridgton**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2019 and Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

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.

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

**Zaidman, Glenn R. received 644 and was elected.**

Miscellaneous write-ins received 27 votes.

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(2) Planning Board Regular Member; 3 year term

**Brusini, Deborah A. received 453 votes and was elected.**

Harden, Daniel J. received 233 votes.

Oakley, Douglas C. received 164 votes.

Paul, Diane M. received 49 votes.

**Watkins, Gregory N. received 311 votes and was elected.**

Zawistowski, Samantha E. received 135 votes.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 25 votes.

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(1) Planning Board Alternate Member; 3 year term

**112 write ins**

**Tworog, Paul received 31 write-in votes and was elected.**

Harden, Daniel received 13 write in votes.

Oakley, Doug received 11 write-in votes.

Paul, Diane received 10 write-in votes.

Watkins, Greg received 9 write-in votes.

Zawistowski, Samantha received 9 write-in votes.

Brusini, Deb received 4 write-in votes.

Cook, Angela received 3 write-in votes.

Horton, Walter Zach received 2 write-in votes.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 17 single votes + 3 blank.

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(2) MSAD #61 Director; 3 year term

**Albert, Debra C. received 591 votes and was elected.**

**43 write ins**

**Colello, Gary received 18 write-in votes and was elected.**

Litz, Madelyn received 2 write-in votes.

Oakley, Douglas received 2 write-in votes.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 18 single votes + 3 blank.

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(1) MSAD #61 Director; 2 year term  
**Menegoni, Sharon received 550 votes and was elected.**  
Miscellaneous write-ins received 16 votes.  
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(1) Water District Trustee; 3 year term  
Dipierto, Catherine S. received 287 votes.  
**Gorman, Wesley F. received 378 and was elected.**  
Miscellaneous write-ins received 1 votes.  
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Article 3. Question 1. Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendments to Town of Bridgton Willett Brook Aquifer Protection Ordinance” be enacted?

**Yes received 538 votes and passed.**

No received 195 votes.

Blanks received 54 votes.

Article 4. Question 2. Shall an ordinance entitled “Town of Bridgton Land Use Ordinance” be enacted?

**Yes received 426 votes and passed.**

No received 347 votes.

Blanks received 14 votes.

Article 5. Question 3. Shall an ordinance entitled “Repeal of Town of Bridgton Affordable Housing Local Preference Ordinance” be enacted?

Yes received 292 votes.

**No received 403 votes and failed.**

Blanks received 92 votes.

Article 6. Question 4. Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendments to Town of Bridgton Anti-Litter Ordinance” be enacted?

**Yes received 545 votes and passed.**

No received 177 votes.

Blanks received 65 votes.

Article 7. Question 5. Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendments to Town of Bridgton Bicycle Ordinance” be enacted?

**Yes received 453 votes and passed.**

No received 246 votes.

Blanks received 88 votes.

Article 8. Question 6. Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendments to Town of Bridgton CATV Ordinance” be enacted?

**Yes received 416 votes and passed.**

No received 242 votes.

Blanks received 129 votes.

Article 9. Question 7. Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendments to Town of Bridgton Ordinance to Regulate Automobile Graveyards, Junkyards and Automobile Recycling Businesses” be enacted?

**Yes received 563 votes and passed.**

No received 172 votes.

Blanks received 52 votes.

Article 10. Question 8. Shall an ordinance entitled “Town of Bridgton Uniform Fee Ordinance and Related Amendments to Other Ordinances” be enacted?

**Yes received 363 votes and passed.**

No received 316 votes.

Blanks received 108 votes.

*A total of 787 votes were cast at the Municipal Election.  
Bridgton currently has 4,481 registered voters.*

Moderator Wisner recessed the Town Meeting until June 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

### **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

79 resident voters were in attendance; 2 non-residents were in attendance.

Members of the Board of Selectmen Present: Liston E. Eastman, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Carmen E. Lone; Robert P. Murphy; George Frederick Packard

Administration Present: Robert Peabody, Town Manager; Georgiann Fleck, Deputy Town Manager; Richard Stillman, Police Chief; Laurie Chadbourne, Town Clerk; Rob Baker, Code Enforcement Officer; Thomas Harriman, Fire Chief; Jim Kidder, Public Works Director; Gary Colello, Recreation Director; Todd Perreault, Emergency Management Director; Suzannah Forsythe, Deputy Town Clerk; Samantha Eichel, Deputy Town Clerk.

Moderator Wisner called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and recited the “Pledge of Allegiance.” Moderator Wisner read the results of Article 1 through Article 10 from the June 12, 2019 Election. There were no objections to Moderator Wisner 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. Moderator Wisner thanked Lake Region Television for providing audio equipment and video coverage.

Chairman Eastman thanked the residents and introduced the Board members and gave a short speech. Chairman Eastman recognized Vice-Chairman Zaidman and presented him with an appreciation plaque for his most recent term on the Board of Selectmen.

Town Manager Peabody thanked the Chairman and Board Members for their support, guidance and collective wisdom, noting that Bridgton is moving forward in a positive way. He then introduced Department Heads. Town Manager Peabody thanked Karla Vanalstine for her support as well.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,487,977.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce property taxes for the 2019/2020 fiscal year as detailed below.

General Government	\$2,106,279.00
Public Works	\$217,836.00
Recreation	\$49,650.00
Salmon Point Campground	\$63,796.00
Wastewater	\$50,416.00
Total	\$2,487,977.00

Approved 2018/2019	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$2,312,678.00	\$2,487,977.00

Motion was made by Mr. Cossey to accept Article 11 in the amount of \$2,487,977.00;  
Second from Chairman Eastman. All in favor.

**Article 11 was passed in the amount of \$2,487,977.00.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~\$2,378,423.00~~ \$2,365,973.00 for the cost of General Government as detailed below.

Administration	\$471,709.00
Assessing	\$47,500.00
Code Enforcement	\$104,787.00
Community Development	\$122,679.00
Employee Benefits	\$821,831.00
General Assistance	\$20,844.00
Insurance	\$215,127.00
Legal	\$18,000.00
Municipal Complex (3 Chase Street)	\$111,006.00
Recreation	\$236,396.00
Town Clerk	\$196,094.00
Total	\$2,365,973.00

Approved 2018/2019	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$2,221,322.00	\$2,365,973.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 12 in the amount of \$2,365,973.00;  
Second from Selectman Lone. All in favor.

**Article 12 was passed in the amount of \$2,365,973.00.**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,499,107.00 for the cost of Public Safety as detailed below.

Ambulance	\$51,000.00
Animal Control	\$23,378.00
Civil Emergency	\$20,669.00
Fire Department	\$301,064.00
Health Officer	\$2,489.00
Hydrants	\$190,820.00
Police Department	\$877,624.00
Streetlights	\$32,063.00
Total	\$1,499,107.00

Approved 2018/2019	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$1,500,745.00	\$1,499,107.00

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to accept Article 13 in the amount of \$1,499,107.00;  
Second from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

**Article 13 was passed in the amount of \$1,499,107.00.**

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,932,528.00 for Public Works as detailed below.

<i>Building Maintenance/Town Garage</i>	<i>\$21,100.00</i>
<i>Cemeteries</i>	<i>\$52,490.00</i>
<i>Parks Department</i>	<i>\$223,930.00</i>
<i>Pondicherry Park</i>	<i>\$22,150.00</i>
<i>Public Works Department</i>	<i>\$729,957.00</i>
<i>Septic Disposal</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>
<i>Town Hall (26 North High Street)</i>	<i>\$18,018.00</i>
<i>Transfer Station</i>	<i>\$501,013.00</i>
<i>Vehicle Maintenance</i>	<i>\$363,120.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,932,528.00</i>
<i>Approved 2018/2019</i>	<i>Board of Selectmen Recommend</i>
<i>\$1,888,627.00</i>	<i>\$1,932,528.00</i>

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 14 in the amount of \$1,932,528.00; Second from Selectman Packard. All in favor.

**Article 14 was passed in the amount of \$1,932,528.00.**

Article 15. 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.

<i>Approved 2018/2019</i>	<i>Board of Selectmen Recommend</i>
<i>\$6,950.00</i>	<i>\$6,950.00</i>

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept Article 15 in the amount of \$6,950.00; Second from Chairman Eastman. All in favor.

**Article 15 was passed in the amount of \$6,950.00.**

Article 16. 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.

<i>Approved 2018/2019</i>	<i>Board of Selectmen Recommend</i>
<i>\$5,500.00</i>	<i>\$5,500.00</i>

Motion was made by Chairman Eastman to accept Article 16 in the amount of \$5,500.00; Second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

**Article 16 was passed in the amount of \$5,500.00.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$515,000.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures/Other Services as detailed below.

<i>Marketing</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>
<i>PW-Paving</i>	<i>\$500,000.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$515,000.00</i>
<i>Approved 2018/2019</i>	<i>Board of Selectmen Recommend</i>
<i>\$861,100.00</i>	<i>\$515,000.00</i>

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 17 in the amount of \$515,000.00; Second from Selectman Lone. All in favor.

**Article 17 was passed in the amount of \$515,000.00.**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures Reserves detailed below.

Employee Benefits	\$15,000.00
Fire Department Apparatus	\$15,000.00
Pondicherry Park	\$10,000.00
Public Works Dept Equipment Reserve	\$15,000.00
Transfer Station Equipment Reserve	\$10,000.00
Total	\$65,000.00

Approved 2018/2019	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$75,000.00	\$65,000.00

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to accept Article 18 in the amount of \$65,000.00; Second from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

**Article 18 was passed in the amount of \$65,000.00.**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$203,067.00 for Outside Agencies as detailed below.

Bridgton Community Center	\$77,185.00
Bridgton Public Library	\$84,000.00
Lakes Region Television Franchise Fee	\$41,882.00
Total	\$203,067.00

Approved 2018/2019	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$197,849.00	\$203,067.00

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 19 in the amount of \$203,067.00; Second from Selectman Packard. All in favor.

**Article 19 was passed in the amount of \$203,067.00.**

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,055.00 for Outside Services as detailed below.

BRAG (Bridgton Recreation Advancement Group)	\$20,000.00
Bridgton Community Band	\$2,405.00
Bridgton Historical Society	\$6,000.00
Easy Riders	\$2,500.00
Health Access Program	\$3,900.00
Lake Region Chamber of Commerce	\$4,800.00
LEA; Milfoil Removal Program	\$1,500.00
LEA; Boat Inspection/Milfoil	\$2,900.00
LEA; Water Testing/Subsidy	\$1,950.00
Lake Region Bus System	\$8,500.00
Lifeflight	\$1,300.00
Opportunity Alliance	\$1,000.00
Regional Transportation	\$1,500.00
Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$2,000.00
Sweden Pantry	\$300.00
Through These Doors	\$1,500.00
Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$1,000.00
Total	\$63,055.00

Approved 2018/2019	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$56,211.00	\$63,055.00

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept Article 20 in the amount of \$63,055.00; Second from Chairman Eastman. All in favor.

**Article 20 was passed in the amount of \$63,055.00.**

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Contingency Account.

Approved 2018/2019  
\$30,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend  
\$30,000.00

Motion was made by Chairman Eastman to accept Article 21 in the amount of \$30,000.00;  
Second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

**Article 21 was passed in the amount of \$30,000.00.**

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$316,752.00 for Long Term Debt.

Approved 2018/2019  
\$190,612.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend  
\$316,752.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 22 in the amount of \$316,752.00;  
Second from Selectman Lone. All in favor.

**Article 22 was passed in the amount of \$316,752.00.**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$842,032.00 for County Fees and Taxes as detailed below.

County Dispatch	\$113,526.00
County Tax	\$728,506.00
Total	\$842,032.00

Approved 2018/2019  
\$802,684.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend  
\$842,032.00

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to accept Article 23 in the amount of \$842,032.00;  
Second from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

**Article 23 was passed in the amount of \$842,032.00.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Cossey to accept Article 24 through Article 41 in a block motion;  
Second from Mr. Filippini.  
All in favor.**

Article 24. 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 2018/2019  
\$200,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend  
\$200,000.00

**Article 24 was passed in the amount of \$200,000.00.**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$196,228.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Capital Reserve for community development projects approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Approved 2018/2019  
\$180,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend  
\$196,228.00

**Article 25 was passed in the amount of \$196,228.00.**

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$46,598.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

Cemeteries	\$30,848.00
Downtown Landscaping	\$7,875.00
General Assistance	\$5,126.00
School Fund	\$885.00
Willis Park	\$1,864.00
Total	\$46,598.00
Approved 2018/2019	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$46,598.00	\$46,598.00

**Article 26 was passed in the amount of \$46,598.00.**

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$62,075.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

Parks	\$20,925.00
Pondicherry Park	\$5,000.00
Recreation Department	\$36,150.00
Total	\$62,075.00
Approved 2018/2019	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$62,075.00	\$62,075.00

**Article 27 was passed in the amount of \$62,075.00.**

Article 28. 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, 2019; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2019; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2020; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2020 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).

**Article 28 was passed as written.**

Article 29. 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 29 was passed as written.**

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 6% interest per annum.

**Article 30 was passed as written.**

Article 31. 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 31 was passed as written.**

Article 32. 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 32 was passed as written.**



*Article 33. 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 33 was passed as written.**

*Article 34. 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; with property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Board of Selectmen deem advisable, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRS § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).*

**Article 34 was passed as written.**

*Article 35. 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 35 was passed as written.**

*Article 36. 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.*

**Article 36 was passed as written.**

*Article 37. 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 2019/2020 fiscal year to be taken from fund balance.*

**Article 37 was passed as written.**

*Article 38. 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 38 was passed as written.**

*Article 39. 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 39 was passed as written.**

*Article 40. 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 40 was passed as written.**

*Article 41. 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 41 was passed as written.**

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

- Glenn R. Zaidman, Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor
- Deborah Brusini, Planning Board Member
- Gregory Watkins, Planning Board Member
- Paul Tworog, Planning Board Alternate Member
- Gary Colello, MSAD #61 Director

Motion was made by Mr. Watkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.;  
Second from Ms. Chadbourne. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne  
Town Clerk