

Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

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 8th 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 31 [A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote at the Town Election].

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:

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

Article 3. **Question 1.** Shall an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to the Disorderly House Ordinance," be enacted?

(Note: Copies of the text of the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.)

Article 4. **Question 2.** Shall an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to the Nudity Ordinance," be enacted?

(Note: Copies of the text of the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.)

Article 5. **Question 3.** Shall an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Land Use Ordinance to Modify Certain Dimensional Requirements," be enacted?

(Note: Copies of the text of the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.)

Article 6. **Question 4.** Shall an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Land Use Ordinance to Allow Uses Similar to Other Allowed Uses," be enacted?

(Note: Copies of the text of the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.)

Article 7. **Question 5.** Shall an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Land Use Ordinance to Modify Landscaping Requirements in the IC, OC, and MUC Districts," be enacted?

(Note: Copies of the text of the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.)

Article 8. **Question 6.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,719,129.00 from Anticipated Revenues, the Unassigned Fund Balance, Bridgton Trust Fund and Moose Pond Trust Fund to reduce property taxes for the 2021/2022 fiscal year?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 9. **Question 7.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,347,017.00 for the cost of General Government to include Contingency and Long-Term Debt?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 10. **Question 8.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,713,569.00 for the cost of Public Safety?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 11. **Question 9.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,671,405.00 for Public Works and Capital Expenditures/Other Services?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 12. **Question 10.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500.00 for the cost of annual stipends for the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 13. **Question 11.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,550.00 for Outside Agencies?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 14. **Question 12.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193,937.00 for Outside Services?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 15. **Question 13.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$893,406.00 for County Fees and Taxes?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 16. **Question 14.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$198,767.00 from the Community Development Block Grant for community development projects approved by the Board of Selectmen?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 17. **Question 15.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend, up to \$259,096.00 from the Route 302 Tax Increment Development Program for the purposes of that program?

Board of Selectmen Recommend a YES vote.

Article 18. **Question 16.** Shall the Town vote to fix the date when property taxes become due and payable with the first quarter payment being due and payable on August 15, 2021; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2021; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2022; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2022 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 19. **Question 17.** Shall the Town 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 20. **Question 18.** Shall the Town vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 6% interest per annum?

Article 21. **Question 19.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet due or assessed (36 MRS § 506)?

Article 22. **Question 20.** Shall the Town 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 23. **Question 21.** Shall the Town 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 24. **Question 22.** Shall the Town 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 25. **Question 23.** Shall the Town 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 26. **Question 24.** Shall the Town 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 27. **Question 25.** Shall the Town 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 2021/2022 fiscal year to be taken from fund balance?

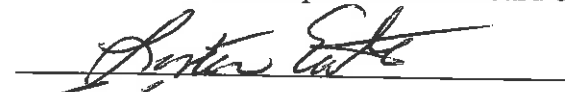

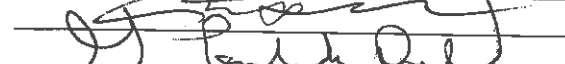

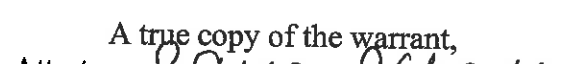
Article 28. **Question 26.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or dispose of equipment that is no longer of any use, or is unusable?


Article 29. **Question 27.** Shall the Town 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 30. **Question 28.** Shall the Town 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 31. **Question 29.** Shall the Town 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?

Given under our hands on this 23rd day of March 2021.
Municipal Officers/Board of Selectmen:

	/ Liston E. Eastman, Chairman
	/ Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman
	/ Carmen E. Lone
	/ Paul A. Tworog
	/ George Frederick Packard

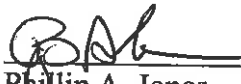
A true copy of the warrant,
Attest: 
Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Bridgton, Maine

May 7, 2021

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bridgton, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Bridgton Town Office located at 3 Chase Street, at the Bridgton Town Hall located at 26 North High Street and at www.bridgtonmaine.org, all being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 7th day of May, 2021 which is at least seven days before the meeting.



Phillip A. Jones

Resident of the Town of Bridgton