

**Town of Bridgton**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023 and Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

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 at 26 North High Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 13th 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 5 [A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote at the Town Election. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open].

AND to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Town Hall located at 26 North High Street in said Town on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June at 7:00 P.M. in the afternoon, then and there to act on Article 6 through Article 30 as set below. [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:

- (2) Select Board Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor; 3-year term
- (1) Planning Board Regular Member; 3-year term
- (1) Planning Board Alternate 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 "Amendments to Town of Bridgton Fire Protection and Life Safety Ordinance" be enacted?"

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

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

Article 4. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 2. “Shall an ordinance entitled “Repeal of Ordinance for Adoption of the International Building Code for One and Two Family Dwellings” be enacted?”

*(Note: A “Yes” vote will enact the ordinance entitled, “Repeal of Ordinance for Adoption of the International Building Code for One and Two Family Dwellings.” The Town of Bridgton will enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC). 10 M.R.S. § 9724 thereafter. Copies of the text of the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.)*

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

Article 5. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 3. Shall an ordinance entitled “Repeal of Town of Bridgton Phosphate Detergent Ordinance” be enacted?”

*(Note: A “Yes” vote will enact the ordinance entitled, “Repeal of Town of Bridgton Phosphate Detergent Ordinance.” The Town of Bridgton will adhere to Maine State regulations on cleaning agents and lawn and turf fertilizer under 38 M.R.S. § 419 thereafter. Copies of the text of the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.)*

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of up to \$0 from the Unassigned Fund balance to fund the Town of Bridgton Senior Property Tax/Rental Assistance Program.

*Approved 2022/2023 \$100,000*

Select Board Recommends \$0

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,277,761 from Anticipated Revenues, the Unassigned Fund Balance, Bridgton Trust Fund and Moose Pond Trust Fund to reduce property taxes for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

|                         | Approved 2022/2023 | Select Board Recommends |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| General Government      | \$3,789,222        | \$3,634,037             |
| Public Works            | \$264,728          | \$285,192               |
| Recreation              | \$139,500          | \$193,950               |
| Salmon Point Campground | \$80,120           | \$82,334                |
| Wastewater              | <u>\$79,007</u>    | <u>\$82,248</u>         |
|                         | <b>\$4,352,577</b> | <b>\$4,277,761</b>      |

*Approved 2022/2023 \$4,352,577*

Select Board Recommends \$4,277,761

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,633,593 for the cost of General Government to include Contingency, Long-Term Debt, and deposit to Reserve Account.

|                                | Approved 2022/2023 | Select Board Recommends |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Administration                 | \$407,630          | \$443,170               |
| Assessing                      | \$58,000           | \$58,000                |
| BOS/PB (excluding stipends)    | \$5,064            | \$3,064                 |
| Code Enforcement               | \$152,292          | \$169,199               |
| Community Development          | \$194,775          | \$188,190               |
| Contingency                    | \$30,000           | \$30,000                |
| Deposit to Reserve Account     | \$0                | \$70,000                |
| Employee Benefits              | \$973,342          | \$954,804               |
| Finance                        | \$170,467          | \$180,543               |
| General Assistance             | \$21,484           | \$21,484                |
| Insurance                      | \$189,603          | \$257,649               |
| Legal                          | \$15,000           | \$15,000                |
| Long Term Debt                 | \$1,095,774        | \$1,120,312             |
| Municipal Complex (3 Chase St) | \$115,838          | \$128,023               |
| Recreation                     | \$506,023          | \$733,343               |
| Town Clerk                     | <u>\$247,259</u>   | <u>\$260,812</u>        |
|                                | \$4,182,551        | \$4,633,593             |

*Approved 2022/2023 \$4,182,551*

Select Board Recommends \$4,633,593

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,011,269 for the cost of Public Safety.

|                   | Approved 2022/2023 | Select Board Recommends |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Ambulance         | \$54,400           | \$56,100                |
| Animal Control    | \$24,327           | \$25,195                |
| Civil Emergency   | \$31,392           | \$28,279                |
| Fire Department   | \$342,111          | \$414,845               |
| Health Officer    | \$4,114            | \$3,430                 |
| Hydrants          | \$257,371          | \$244,501               |
| Police Department | \$981,583          | \$1,195,596             |
| Streetlights      | <u>\$34,973</u>    | <u>\$43,323</u>         |
|                   | \$1,730,271        | \$2,011,269             |

*Approved 2022/2023 \$1,730,271*

Select Board Recommends \$2,011,269

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,623,732 for Public Works and Capital Expenditures/Other Services.

|                            | Approved 2022/2023 | Select Board Recommends |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Town Garage                | \$30,562           | \$27,104                |
| Capital Expenditures       | \$625,000          | \$880,000               |
| Cemeteries                 | \$58,192           | \$114,174               |
| HAM Complex                | \$89,691           | \$97,048                |
| Parks Department           | \$222,780          | \$209,884               |
| Pondicherry Park           | \$5,400            | \$5,800                 |
| Public Works Department    | \$812,170          | \$865,127               |
| Septic Disposal            | \$750              | \$750                   |
| Town Hall (26 N. High St.) | \$28,475           | \$29,876                |
| Transfer Station           | \$667,072          | \$915,566               |
| Vehicle Maintenance        | <u>\$378,487</u>   | <u>\$478,403</u>        |
|                            | \$2,918,579        | \$3,623,732             |

*Approved 2022/2023 \$2,918,579*

Select Board Recommends \$3,623,732

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the cost of annual stipends for the Select Board and Planning Board.

*Approved 2022/2023 \$16,500*

Select Board Recommends \$16,500

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,330 for Outside Agencies.

|                                  | Approved 2022/2023 | Select Board Recommends |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bridgton Community Band          | \$2,415            | \$2,125                 |
| LEA Milfoil                      | \$1,500            | \$1,500                 |
| LEA Boat Inspection              | \$2,900            | \$2,900                 |
| LR Chamber                       | \$4,800            | \$4,800                 |
| LEA Subsidy                      | \$1,950            | \$1,950                 |
| Lake Region Bus                  | \$8,500            | \$10,000                |
| Regional Transport               | \$1,500            | \$1,500                 |
| Opportunity Alliance             | \$2,000            | \$2,000                 |
| Tri-County Mental Health         | \$1,000            | \$1,000                 |
| Southern Maine Area on Aging     | \$2,500            | \$2,500                 |
| Through the Doors                | \$2,000            | \$4,000                 |
| Bridgton Historical Society      | \$6,000            | \$10,000                |
| Lake Region Senior Service (HAP) | \$3,000            | \$2,700                 |
| Sexual Assault Prevention        | \$750              | \$0                     |
| Lifeflight                       | \$1,303            | \$1,355                 |
| Easy Riders                      | \$3,000            | \$3,000                 |
| Rufus Porter Museum              | <u>\$0.00</u>      | <u>\$4,000</u>          |
|                                  | \$45,118           | \$55,330                |

*Approved 2022/2023 \$45,118*

Select Board Recommends \$55,330

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$234,179 for Outside Services.

|                           | Approved 2022/2023 | Select Board Recommends |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bridgton Community Center | \$97,429           | \$104,679               |
| Bridgton Public Library   | \$90,000           | \$94,500                |
| Lakes Region TV Franchise | <u>\$35,000</u>    | <u>\$35,000</u>         |
|                           | \$222,429          | \$234,179               |

*Approved 2022/2023 \$222,429*                      Select Board Recommends \$234,179

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,068,799 for County Fees and Taxes.

*Approved 2022/2023 \$938,775*                      Select Board Recommends \$1,068,799

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$190,769 from the Community Development Block Grant for community development projects approved by the Select Board.

*Approved 2022/2023 \$198,767*                      Select Board Recommends \$190,769

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, and authorize the Select Board to expend, up to \$328,671 from the Route 302 Tax Increment Development Program for the purposes of that program.

*Approved 2022/2023 \$306,000*                      Select Board Recommends \$328,671

Article 17. 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, 2023; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2023; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2024; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2024 and that an interest rate of 8% per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes after these dates until those taxes are paid in full (36 MRS § 505.4).

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of 4% 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 19. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 8% interest per annum.

Article 20. 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 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to waive the foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage pursuant to 36 MRS § 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, 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 Select Board deem advisable, except that the Select Board 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, 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 Select Board deem advisable.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell Town-owned land that the Select Board 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 Select Board 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 26. 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 2023/2024 fiscal year to be taken from fund balance.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or dispose of equipment that is no longer of any use or is unusable.


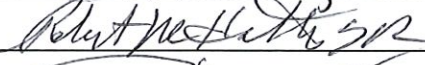



Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and funds, including trust funds, which may be given or left to the Town.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 30. 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 Select Board to execute an agreement with Cumberland County to formalize the same.

Given under our hands on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

Municipal Officers/Select Board:

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
|    | / Carmen E. Lone, Chair               |
|    | / Robert J. McHatton, Sr., Vice-Chair |
|   | / Paul A. Tworog                      |
|  | / Kenneth J. Murphy                   |
|  | / Carrye Castleman-Ross               |

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest:  / Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk



Effective July 1, 2023

**TUESDAY**

7:30 am  
-  
5:00 pm

**MONDAY**

7:30 am  
-  
5:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30 am  
-  
5:00 pm

**NEW  
HOURS**

**THURSDAY**

7:30 am  
-  
5:00 pm

**FRIDAY**

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