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Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 & Wednesday, June 10, 2015

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 9th 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 10 at which time the meeting will be recessed to Wednesday, the 10th day of June at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Article 11 through Article 40. [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) 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
(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. (By Citizen Petition) "I favor immediate funding of the Lakes Region Bus from Bridgton to Portland as soon as possible by raising Bridgton's mil rate by 1 cent."

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "NO" Vote

Article 4. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 2. (By Citizen Petition) "The Board of Selectmen shall not spend funds from any source, except for funds that may be received as a result of an insurance claim, to make repairs to the Town Hall building until such time as the Board of Selectmen can determine the total cost of making BOTH interior and exterior repairs to the building and said costs are approved by the voters at a secret ballot election."

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "NO" Vote

Article 5. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 3. (By Citizen Petition) “Shall the Town exempt all sewer allocations purchased prior to July 1, 2014 for residential and commercial buildings from any and all amendments to the Bridgton Sewage Ordinance and any and all ordinances, policies, rules and regulations regarding sewer allocations, the public sewage system, design flow value or other laws or regulations promulgated or enacted after July 1, 2014, provided, however, that those portions of any allocations that are actually used by the property owner shall be subject to the Gallons Per Day service charges currently established by the Board of Selectmen and amended from time to time?”

Board of Selectmen Recommend a "NO" Vote

Article 6. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled “June 9, 2015 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Tower Ordinance" be enacted?”

Article 7. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 5. Shall an Ordinance entitled “June 9, 2015 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Site Plan Review Ordinance” be enacted?”

Article 8. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 6. Shall an Ordinance entitled “June 9, 2015 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Sign Ordinance” be enacted?”

Article 9. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 7. Shall an Ordinance entitled “June 9, 2015 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” be enacted?”

Article 10. To vote by secret ballot on the following “Question 8. Shall an Ordinance entitled “June 9, 2015 Amendments to the Town of Bridgton An Ordinance to Regulate the Establishment and Designation of Safe Zones” be enacted?”

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,007,313.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce property taxes for the 2015/2016 fiscal year as detailed below.

A. General Government	\$1,775,582.00
B. Public Safety	\$3,600.00
C. Public Works	\$105,266.00
D. Recreation	\$30,875.00
E. Salmon Point Campground	\$69,440.00
F. Wastewater	<u>\$22,550.00</u>
Total	\$2,007,313.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$2,007,313.00

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,690,159.00 for the cost of General Government as detailed below.

A. Administration	\$912,648.00
B. Assessing	\$81,520.00
C. Code Enforcement	\$98,560.00
D. Economic & Community Development	\$145,555.00
E. General Assistance	\$26,765.00
F. Insurance	\$187,241.00
G. Recreation	\$126,645.00
H. Municipal Complex (3 Chase Street)	<u>\$111,225.00</u>
Total	\$1,690,159.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,690,159.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,203,641.00 for the cost of Public Safety as detailed below.

A. Ambulance	\$51,000.00
B. Animal Control	\$16,503.00
C. Emergency Management	\$6,085.00
D. Fire Department	\$235,453.00
E. Health Officer	\$1,520.00
F. Hydrants	\$236,540.00
G. Police Department	\$629,190.00
H. Streetlights	<u>\$27,350.00</u>
Total	\$1,203,641.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,203,641.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,684,417.00 for Public Works as detailed below.

A. Building Maintenance	\$16,820.00
B. Cemeteries	\$27,160.00
C. Parks Department	\$140,955.00
D. Pondicherry Park	\$8,300.00
E. Public Works Department	\$625,129.00
F. Septic Disposal	\$1,250.00
G. Town Hall (26 North High Street)	\$30,115.00
H. Transfer Station	\$434,383.00
I. Vehicle Maintenance	<u>\$400,305.00</u>
Total	\$1,684,417.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,684,417.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,484.00 for the cost of annual stipends for the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen Recommend a \$5,484.00

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$729,395.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

A. Fire Department	\$0.00
B. Municipal Building	\$63,200.00
C. Police Department	\$46,195.00
D. Public Works Department	\$550,000.00
E. Revaluation Reserve	\$50,000.00
F. Transfer Station	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total	\$729,395.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$729,395.00

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,250.00 for Outside Agencies as detailed below.

A. Bridgton Community Center	\$72,250.00
B. Bridgton Public Library	<u>\$79,000.00</u>
Total	\$151,250.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$151,250.00

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,183.00 for Outside Services as detailed below.

A. Androscoggin Home Health Services	\$2,250.00
B. Bridgton Community Band	\$2,308.00
C. Family Crisis	\$2,000.00
D. Lake Region Chamber of Commerce	\$6,000.00
E. Lakes Environmental Association; Milfoil	\$2,900.00
F. Lakes Environmental Association; Subsidy	\$1,950.00
G. Lakes Region Television Franchise Fee	\$41,000.00
H. Opportunity Alliance (PROP)	\$9,100.00
I. Regional Transportation	\$1,200.00
J. Senior Transportation	\$3,900.00
K. Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services	\$750.00
L. Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$4,400.00
M. Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$9,250.00
N. Western Maine Veterans	<u>\$175.00</u>
Total	\$87,183.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$87,183.00

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Contingency Account.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$25,000.00

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,590.00 for Long Term Debt.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$88,590.00

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$754,575.00 for County Fees and Taxes as detailed below.

A. County Dispatch	\$100,866.00
B. County Tax	<u>\$653,709.00</u>
Total	\$754,575.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$754,575.00

Article 22. 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

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$185,375.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Capital Reserve.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$185,375.00

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$43,122.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. General Assistance	\$4,743.00
B. Cemeteries	\$28,547.00
C. Downtown Landscaping	\$7,288.00
D. School Fund	\$819.00
E. Willis Park	<u>\$1,725.00</u>
Total	\$43,122.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$43,122.00

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$56,445.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. Town Hall Debt Retirement	\$50,000.00
B. Parks	\$1,445.00
C. Pondicherry Park	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$56,445.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$56,445.00

- Article 26.** 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, 2015; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2015; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2016; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2016 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 27.** 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 28.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7% interest per annum.
- Article 29.** 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 30.** 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 31.** 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 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 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 33.** 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 34.** 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 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to continue the non-lapsing Capital Improvement and Equipment Reserve Fund for future capital improvements to Town buildings, facilities, equipment for the Town's Public Works Department, and other planned projects, to be funded by the unexpended balances remaining at the end of each fiscal year from the Town's annual appropriations for Capital Expenditures, provided that all expenditures from the Capital Improvement and Equipment Reserve Fund shall require voter approval.

Article 36. 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 2015/2016 fiscal year to be taken from fund balance.

Article 37. 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.



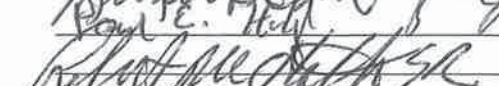


Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

Article 39. 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. 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.

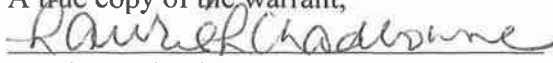
Given under our hands on this 12th day of May, 2015.

Municipal Officers/Board of Selectmen:

	/ Bernard N. King, Jr., Chairman
	/ Douglas A. Taft, Vice-Chairman
	/ Kenneth J. Murphy
	/ Paul E. Hoyt
	/ Robert J. McHatton, Sr.

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest:


Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk

*The Board of Selectmen extends
a warm and appreciative "thank
you" to all the volunteers that
have dedicated their time on
behalf of the Town.*




RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Bridgton, Maine

May 13, 2015

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 and at the Bridgton Town Hall located at 26 North High Street, both being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 13th day of May, 2015, being at least seven days before the meeting.



Phillip A. Jones
Resident of the Town of Bridgton