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Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 & Wednesday, June 14, 2017

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

Donald Steve Collins was elected Moderator and sworn to the Statute Oath by Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne. Marita Wisner was appointed Deputy Moderator and sworn to the Statute Oath by Moderator Donald Steve Collins.

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

Murphy, Robert P. received 233 votes and was elected.

Packard, George Frederick received 236 votes and was elected.

Vincent, William S. received 182 votes

Miscellaneous write-ins received 26 votes

Blank 131 votes

(1) Planning Board Regular Member; 3 year term

Thomas, Brian J. received 330 votes and was elected.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 4 votes

Blank 70 votes

(1) Planning Board Alternate Member; 3 year term

Gibbs, Charles Kenneth received 327 votes and was elected.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 5 votes

Blank 72 votes

(1) MSAD #61 Director; 3 year term

LeBlanc, Cynthia B. received 329 votes and was elected.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 4 votes

Blank 71 votes

(1) MSAD #61 Director; 1 year term

Chappell, Jonathan received 12 write-in votes and was elected.

King, Bernard received 2 write-in votes

Cook, Angie received 2 write-in votes

Miscellaneous write-ins received 18 votes

Blank 370 votes

(1) Water District Trustee; 3 year term

Gilman, Barry N. received 328 votes and was elected.

Miscellaneous write-ins received 3 votes

Blank 73 votes

Article 3. To vote by secret ballot on the following "Question 1. Shall an Ordinance entitled "June 13, 2017 Town of Bridgton Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs" be enacted?" **Board of Selectmen Recommend a "YES" Vote**

Yes received 217 votes

No received 141 votes

Blank 46 votes

A total of 404 votes were cast at the Municipal Election.

Bridgton currently has 4,323 registered voters.

Deputy Moderator Wisner recessed the Town Meeting until June 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

70 resident voters were in attendance; 5 non-residents were in attendance.

Members of the Board of Selectmen Present: Gregory N. Watkins, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Bernard N. King, Jr.; Robert J. McHatton, Sr.; Robert P. Murphy

Administration Present: Robert Peabody, Town Manager; Georgiann Fleck, Deputy Town Manager; Faye Daley, Health Officer; Richard Stillman, Police Chief; Laurie Chadbourne, Town Clerk; Rob Baker, Code Enforcement Officer; Robert Fitzcharles, Transfer Station Manager; Steve Fay, Fire Chief; Jim Kidder, Public Works Director; Charisse Keach, Finance Officer; Gary Colello, Recreation Director; Todd Perreault, Emergency Management Director; Deputy Town Clerk Dawn Taft; Deputy Town Clerk Samantha Eichel.

Moderator Collins called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and recited the “Pledge of Allegiance.” There were no objections to Moderator Collins 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 Collins thanked Lake Region Television for providing audio equipment and video coverage. Moderator Collins read the results of Article 1 through Article 3 from the June 13, 2017 Referendum Election.

Chairman Watkins recognized Robert Murphy and Bernard King for their most recent terms on the Board.

Selectman King thanked the Board and community for their support.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,944,890.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce property taxes for the 2017/2018 fiscal year as detailed below.

A. General Government	\$1,624,100.00
B. Public Safety	\$3,000.00
C. Public Works	\$206,084.00
D. Recreation	\$33,000.00
E. Salmon Point Campground	\$60,814.00
F. Wastewater	<u>\$17,892.00</u>
Total	\$1,944,890.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,944,890.00

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 4 in the amount of \$1,944,890.00; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 4 was passed in the amount of \$1,944,890.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Triglione to direct the Town staff to include last year’s budget amounts on the warrant going forward. Moderator Collins ruled this motion out of order.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,005,104.00 for the cost of General Government as detailed below.

A. Administration	\$1,048,836.00
B. Assessing	\$37,450.00
C. Code Enforcement	\$101,221.00
D. Economic & Community Development	\$166,938.00
E. General Assistance	\$24,764.00
F. Insurance	\$183,446.00
G. Municipal Complex (3 Chase Street)	\$95,835.00
H. Recreation	\$167,748.00
I. Town Clerk	<u>\$178,866.00</u>
Total	\$2,005,104.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$2,005,104.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 5 in the amount of \$2,005,104.00; 2nd from Selectman King. All in favor.

Article 5 was passed in the amount of \$2,005,104.00.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,502,325.00 for the cost of Public Safety as detailed below.

A. Ambulance	\$51,000.00
B. Animal Control	\$9,063.00
C. Emergency Management	\$6,523.00
D. Fire Department	\$394,176.00
E. Health Officer	\$1,265.00
F. Hydrants	\$191,760.00
G. Police Department	\$817,007.00
H. Streetlights	<u>\$31,531.00</u>
Total	\$1,502,325.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,502,325.00

Motion was made by Selectman King to accept Article 6 in the amount of \$1,502,325.00; 2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 6 was passed in the amount of \$1,502,325.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,814,358.00 for Public Works as detailed below.

A. Building Maintenance	\$16,020.00
B. Cemeteries	\$46,858.00
C. Parks Department	\$200,799.00
D. Pondicherry Park	\$11,800.00
E. Public Works Department	\$698,878.00
F. Septic Disposal	\$750.00
G. Town Hall (26 North High Street)	\$16,425.00
H. Transfer Station	\$460,732.00
I. Vehicle Maintenance	<u>\$362,096.00</u>
Total	\$1,814,358.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,814,358.00

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 7 in the amount of \$1,814,358.00; 2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 7 was passed in the amount of \$1,814,358.00.

Article 8. 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

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Article 8 in the amount of \$6,950.00; 2nd from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 8 was passed in the amount of \$6,950.00.

Article 9. 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

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 9 in the amount of \$5,500.00; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 9 was passed in the amount of \$5,500.00.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$825,250.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

A. GIS Conversion	\$30,500.00
B. Harmon Field Playground	\$12,000.00
C. Historical Society	\$7,000.00
D. Lower Main Street Project	\$45,000.00
E. Marketing	\$25,000.00
F. Municipal Building Security	\$14,000.00
G. Public Works; Town Garage Paving	\$54,500.00
H. Public Works; HD Trailer	\$28,000.00
I. Public Works Paving	\$500,000.00
J. Public Works Sidewalks	\$38,150.00
K. Town Common Playground	\$32,000.00
L. Town Hall Paving	\$35,000.00
M. Woods Pond Improvement	<u>\$4,100.00</u>
Total	\$825,250.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$825,250.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 10 in the amount of \$825,250.00; 2nd from Selectman King. All in favor.

Article 10 was passed in the amount of \$825,250.00.

Article 11. 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) Reserve	\$15,000.00
E. Pondicherry Park	\$5,000.00
F. Public Works Department Equipment Reserve	\$15,000.00
G. Recreation Department Reserve	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$85,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$85,000.00

Motion was made by Selectman King to accept Article 11 in the amount of \$85,000.00; 2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 11 was passed in the amount of \$85,000.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,250.00 for Outside Agencies as detailed below.

A. Bridgton Community Center	\$76,750.00
B. Bridgton Public Library	\$82,500.00
C. Lakes Region Television Franchise Fee	<u>\$33,000.00</u>
Total	\$192,250.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$192,250.00

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 12 in the amount of \$192,250.00; 2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 12 was passed in the amount of \$192,250.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,889.00 for Outside Services as detailed below.

A. Bridgton Community Band	\$2,350.00
B. Bridgton Historical Society	\$6,000.00
C. Lake Region Chamber of Commerce	\$4,800.00
D. Lakes Environmental Association; Milfoil	\$2,900.00
E. Lakes Environmental Association; Subsidy	\$1,950.00
F. Lake Region Bus System	\$9,656.00
G. Lifeflight	\$1,303.00
H. Opportunity Alliance (PROP)	\$1,000.00
I. Regional Transportation	\$960.00
J. Senior Transportation	\$3,700.00
K. Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services	\$750.00
L. Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$3,520.00
M. Tri-County Mental Health Services	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
Total	\$47,889.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$47,889.00

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Article 13 in the amount of \$47,889.00; 2nd from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 13 was passed in the amount of \$47,889.00.

Article 14. 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

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 14 in the amount of \$30,000.00; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 14 was passed in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,691.00 for Long Term Debt.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$154,691.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 15 in the amount of \$154,691.00; 2nd from Selectman King. All in favor.

Article 15 was passed in the amount of \$154,691.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$780,859.00 for County Fees and Taxes as detailed below.

A. County Dispatch	\$107,013.00
B. County Tax	<u>\$673,846.00</u>
Total	<u>\$780,859.00</u>

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$780,859.00

Motion was made by Selectman King to accept Article 16 in the amount of \$780,859.00; 2nd from Selectman Murphy. All in favor.

Article 16 was passed in the amount of \$780,859.00.

Article 17. 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 \$125,000.00

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to accept Article 17 in the amount of \$125,000.00; 2nd from Selectman McHatton. All in favor.

Article 17 was passed in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$190,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Capital Reserve.

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$190,000.00

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Article 18 in the amount of \$190,000.00; 2nd from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 18 was passed in the amount of \$190,000.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$45,903.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. General Assistance	\$5,049.00
B. Cemeteries	\$30,388.00
C. Downtown Landscaping	\$7,758.00
D. School Fund	\$872.00
E. Willis Park	<u>\$1,836.00</u>
Total	<u>\$45,903.00</u>

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$45,903.00

Motion was made by Chairman Watkins to accept Article 19 in the amount of \$45,903.00; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. All in favor.

Article 19 was passed in the amount of \$45,903.00.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$61,309.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. Town Hall Debt Retirement	\$50,000.00
B. Parks	\$6,309.00
C. Pondicherry Park	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$61,309.00</u>

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$61,309.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept Article 20 in the amount of \$61,309.00; 2nd from Chairman Watkins. All in favor.

Article 20 was passed in the amount of \$61,309.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Cossey to consider and approve Article 21 through Article 34 as a block motion; 2nd from the floor. All in favor.

Article 21. 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, 2017; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2017; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2018; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2018 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 21 was passed as written.

Article 22. 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 22 was passed as written.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7% interest per annum.

Article 23 was passed as written.

Article 24. 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 24 was passed as written.

Article 25. 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 25 was passed as written.

Article 26. 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 26 was passed as written.

Article 27. 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 27 was passed as written.

Article 28. 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 28 was passed as written.

Article 29. 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 29 was passed as written.

Article 30. 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 2018/2019 fiscal year to be taken from fund balance.

Article 30 was passed as written.

Article 31. 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 31 was passed as written.

Article 32. 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 32 was passed as written.

Article 33. 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 33 was passed as written.

Article 34. 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 34 was passed as written.

Moderator Collins administered the oath of office to the following newly elected officials: Selectman Robert Murphy, Selectman George Frederick Packard, Planning Board Member Brian Thomas, and Planning Board Alternate Member Charles Kenneth Gibbs.

Motion was made by Ms. Taft to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M.; 2nd from Ms. Miller. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk