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Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 & Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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 12th 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 2 at which time the meeting will be recessed to Wednesday, the 13th day of June at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Article 3 through Article 34. [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 Regular Member; 2 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 see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,312,678.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce property taxes for the 2018/2019 fiscal year as detailed below.

A. General Government	\$1,976,748.00
B. Public Safety	\$2,900.00
C. Public Works	\$209,356.00
D. Recreation	\$36,800.00
E. Salmon Point Campground	\$62,788.00
F. Wastewater	<u>\$24,086.00</u>
Total	\$2,312,678.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$1,944,890.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$2,312,678.00

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,221,322.00 for the cost of General Government as detailed below.

A. Administration	\$1,201,293.00
B. Assessing	\$39,000.00
C. Code Enforcement	\$106,212.00
D. Economic & Community Development	\$141,218.00
E. General Assistance	\$24,764.00
F. Insurance	\$208,781.00
G. Municipal Complex (3 Chase Street)	\$110,278.00
H. Recreation	\$198,738.00
I. Town Clerk	<u>\$191,038.00</u>
Total	\$2,221,322.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$2,005,104.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$2,221,322.00

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500,745.00 for the cost of Public Safety as detailed below.

A. Ambulance	\$51,000.00
B. Animal Control	\$10,078.00
C. Emergency Management	\$11,868.00
D. Fire Department	\$331,576.00
E. Health Officer	\$1,165.00
F. Hydrants	\$195,596.00
G. Police Department	\$862,838.00
H. Streetlights	<u>\$36,624.00</u>
Total	\$1,500,745.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$1,502,325.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$1,500,745.00

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,888,627.00 for Public Works as detailed below.

A. Building Maintenance	\$17,643.00
B. Cemeteries	\$55,456.00
C. Parks Department	\$204,847.00
D. Pondicherry Park	\$10,550.00
E. Public Works Department	\$725,616.00
F. Septic Disposal	\$750.00
G. Town Hall (26 North High Street)	\$16,168.00
H. Transfer Station	\$493,359.00
I. Vehicle Maintenance	<u>\$364,238.00</u>
Total	\$1,888,627.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$1,814,358.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$1,888,627.00

Article 7. 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 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$6,950.00	\$6,950.00

Article 8. 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 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$861,100.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

A. Municipal Building Security	\$10,600.00
B. Harmon Field	\$45,000.00
C. Ice Rink	\$35,000.00
D. Generators	\$40,000.00
E. Marketing	\$25,000.00
F. Lower Main Street Project	\$195,000.00
G. PW-Paving	\$500,000.00
H. Transfer Station Roll-off Container	<u>\$10,500.00</u>
Total	\$861,100.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$825,250.00	\$861,100.00

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 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	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total	\$75,000.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$85,000.00	\$75,000.00

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$197,849.00 for Outside Agencies as detailed below.

A. Bridgton Community Center	\$77,735.00
B. Bridgton Public Library	\$83,500.00
C. Lakes Region Television Franchise Fee	<u>\$36,614.00</u>
Total	\$197,849.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$192,250.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$197,849.00

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,211.00 for Outside Services as detailed below.

A. Bridgton Community Band	\$2,405.00
B. Bridgton Historical Society	\$6,000.00
C. Easy Riders	\$2,500.00
D. Lake Region Chamber of Commerce	\$4,800.00
E. Lakes Environmental Assoc; Milfoil Removal Program	\$1,500.00
F. Lakes Environmental Assoc; Boat Inspection/Milfoil	\$2,900.00
G. Lakes Environmental Assoc; Water Testing/Subsidy	\$1,950.00
H. Lake Region Bus System	\$9,656.00
I. Lifeflight	\$1,300.00
J. Opportunity Alliance (PROP)	\$1,000.00
K. Regional Transportation	\$1,500.00
L. Rufus Porter	\$3,500.00
M. Senior Transportation	\$3,700.00
N. Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services	\$750.00
O. Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$3,500.00
P. Tri-County Mental Health Services	<u>\$9,250.00</u>
Total	\$56,211.00

Approved 2017/2018
\$47,889.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$56,211.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Contingency Account.

Approved 2017/2018
\$30,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$30,000.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,612.00 for Long Term Debt.

Approved 2017/2018
\$154,691.00

Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$190,612.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$802,684.00 for County Fees and Taxes as detailed below.

A. County Dispatch	\$110,247.00
B. County Tax	<u>\$692,437.00</u>
Total	\$802,684.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$780,859.00	\$802,684.00

Article 16. 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.

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$125,000.00	\$200,000.00

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$180,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Capital Reserve.

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$190,000.00	\$180,000.00

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$46,598.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. General Assistance	\$5,126.00
B. Cemeteries	\$30,848.00
C. Downtown Landscaping	\$7,875.00
D. School Fund	\$885.00
E. Willis Park	<u>\$1,864.00</u>
Total	\$46,598.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$45,903.00	\$46,598.00

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$62,075.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund for the purposes as detailed below.

A. Town Hall Debt Retirement	\$50,000.00
B. Parks	\$7,075.00
C. Pondicherry Park	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$62,075.00

<i>Approved 2017/2018</i>	Board of Selectmen Recommend
\$61,309.00	\$62,075.00

- Article 20.** 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, 2018; second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2018; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2019; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2019 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 21.** 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 22.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 6% interest per annum.
- Article 23.** 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.** 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.** 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.** 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.** 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. 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.

Board of Selectmen recommends a "Yes" vote.

Article 29. Voter-Petitioned Article. "REGARDING TOWN-OWNED PROPERTIES: All Town-owned properties to be sold shall be sold by announced auction and shall be advertised in the Bridgton News, the town website and all social media platforms controlled by the Town for a minimum of thirty days. The minimum sales price shall be no less than seventy percent of market value. Abutters shall be given written notice."

Board of Selectmen recommends a "No" vote.

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 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.

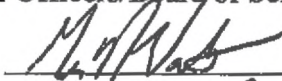

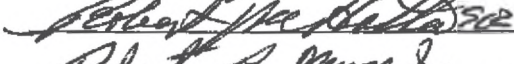


Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

Article 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 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.

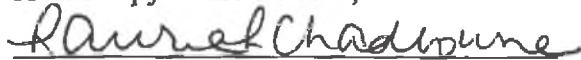
Given under our hands on this 8th day of May, 2018.

Municipal Officers/Board of Selectmen:

 / Gregory N. Watkins, Chairman
 / Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman
 / Robert J. McHatton, Sr.
 / Robert P. Murphy
 / George Frederick Packard

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest:



Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk

Love always,
BRIDGTON
MAINE