

Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, June 10, 2008 & Wednesday, June 11, 2008

State of Maine

County of Cumberland, ss

TO: John S. Anderson, 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 10th day of June, A.D. 2008 at 8:00 A.M. in the forenoon for the purpose of acting on Article 1 through Article 8 as set below. [The polls shall be open from 8:00 A.M. in the forenoon to 8:00 P.M. in the afternoon. 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 on North High Street in said Town on Wednesday the 11th day of June, A.D. 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the afternoon, then and there to act on Article 9 through Article 55 as set below. [A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote at the Town Meeting or Town Election].

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said Meeting and vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2. To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot as required by 30A M.R.S.A. 2528:

- 2 Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for 3 year terms;
- 1 Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a 1 year term;
- 1 Planning Board Regular Member for a 3 year term;
- 1 MSAD #61 School Board Director for a 3 year term;
- 1 Water District Trustee for a 3 year term.

REFERENDUM ELECTION:

ARTICLE 3. Shall an ordinance entitled "Site Plan Review Ordinance" be amended?

ARTICLE 4. Shall an ordinance entitled "Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be amended with Amendment 1?

ARTICLE 5. Shall an ordinance entitled "Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be amended with Amendment 2?

ARTICLE 6. Shall an ordinance entitled "Ordinance to Control Disorderly Houses" be amended?

ARTICLE 7. Shall an ordinance entitled "Ordinance for the Adoption of the International Building Code" be enacted?

ARTICLE 8. Shall an ordinance entitled "Mooring Regulations Harbor Master Safety Ordinance" be enacted?

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to fix the date when property taxes become due and payable as the first quarter payment being due and payable on August 15, 2008, second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2008; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2009; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2009 and that an interest rate of 11% per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes after these dates and until those taxes are paid in full (36 M.R.S.A., Section 505.4).

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of 8% 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 first to any approved appropriation in Article 30 with any remaining balance to be charged against the annual overlay (36 M.R.S.A., Section 506-A).

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet due or assessed (36 M.R.S.A., Section 506).

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes on such terms and conditions as it deems advisable and in the best interest of the Town and to execute quit-claim deeds for the same and to execute and deliver quit-claim deeds at its discretion for the purpose of removing from the public record tax liens which have not been discharged through inadvertence.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all deeds and instruments necessary to convey a certain strip of land to the adjoining property owners being the former roadway location of Highland Road. Such former roadway location was discontinued by the Town in 1936 and, by operation of law, the discontinued portion of the roadway reverts back to the adjoining property owners. The proposed deed confirms and ratifies ownership of this strip of land comprised of 0.08 acres.

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Order of Discontinuance of a portion of Old Route 117 adopted by the Board of Selectmen on May 13, 2008 be approved?

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver a certain Easement Deed to Timothy J. Becker and Karen A. Dahlbert, a copy of which is on file at the Town Office. The purpose of the easement is to install and maintain a septic system leach field on Tax Map 43, Lot 7B and associated piping within the Town right of way on Highland Road.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all conditional gifts of money and/or personal property for the purpose of supplementing an appropriation already made or to assist an ongoing activity if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town to do so.

ARTICLE 17. 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 18. 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, impracticable or unusable.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the level of fees to be charged for various Town issued licenses and permits and to waive the imposition of fees for municipal projects.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds from accounts with balances to cover overdrafts in other accounts before the end of the fiscal year if it is necessary to do so.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry forward account balances at the end of the fiscal year if it deems it to be advisable.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to charge interest for late payment of miscellaneous general billings other than taxes at the same rate as is charged on delinquent taxes.

ARTICLE 23. 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a mowing/maintenance contract with the North Bridgton Cemetery Association.

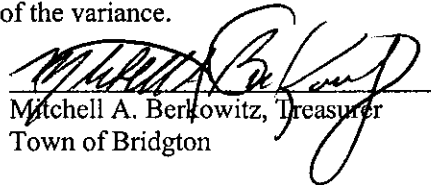
ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a mowing/maintenance contract with the South Bridgton Cemetery Association.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to approve a transfer in the amount of \$350,000.00 from the Fire Truck Reserve Account and appropriate said sum along with the balance of cost, \$567,809.00 which is authorized to be financed through a lease-purchase or borrowing of funds by the Municipal Officers in the name of the Town not to exceed an amortization period of six years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 7.5% to cover the full cost of this vehicle.

Treasurer's Statement
Regarding \$567,809
Borrowing for a "Quint" Fire Truck

As of the date of the Annual Town Meeting, June 11, 2008, the total amount of bonds of the Town of Bridgton outstanding and unpaid is \$67,795 of which \$65,000 is principal and \$2,795 is interest. The Town has no bonds authorized and unissued. The total general obligation to be assumed if the article authorizing this borrowing is ratified by the voters is \$567,809. The total debt service costs of the project will vary depending on the prevailing interest rates at the time the bonds are issued. The total estimated debt service is \$667,009 of which \$567,809 is principal. Estimated interest of 5% over 6 years is \$99,200.

The validity of this obligation and of the voters' ratification of this obligation may not be affected by any errors in the estimate made pursuant to the above statement. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the obligation is not affected by reason of the variance.


Mitchell A. Berkowitz, Treasurer
Town of Bridgton

Board of Selectmen Recommends "YES"

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000.00 for the cost of Legal Services.

Approved 2007/2008 \$24,500.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends \$18,000.00
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ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$360,485.00 for the cost of General Government.

Approved 2007/2008 \$363,573.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends \$360,485.00
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ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,426.00 for the cost of maintaining the Municipal Complex.

Approved 2007/2008 \$133,562.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$123,426.00
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ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,795.00 for the cost of Long Term Debt.

Approved 2007/2008 \$70,525.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$67,795.00
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ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,269.00 for the cost of a tax anticipation note, short term debt.

Approved 2007/2008 \$5,269.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$5,269.00
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ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,129.00 for the cost of Assessing and Abatements.

Approved 2007/2008 \$81,911.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$82,129.00
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ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,532.00 for the cost of Planning, Ordinance Administration and Enforcement.

Approved 2007/2008 \$89,401.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$89,532.00
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ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the cost of operating the Bridgton Community Center.

Approved 2007/2008 \$75,000.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$75,000.00
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ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$532,656.00 for the cost of Employee Benefits and Unemployment Compensation.

Approved 2007/2008 \$615,444.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$532,656.00
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ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,345.00 for the cost of General Assistance.

Approved 2007/2008 \$31,533.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$37,345.00
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ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$805,465.00 for the cost of operating Law Enforcement Services.

	Approved 2007/2008	Proposed 2008/2009
Police Department	\$518,661.00	\$534,656.00
Court appearances	<i>included in Police Depart. last year</i>	\$ 4,500.00
Animal Control Costs	\$ 14,632.00	\$ 12,056.00
Dispatch Center	<u>\$189,307.00</u>	<u>\$254,253.00</u>
	\$722,600.00	\$805,465.00
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$805,465.00

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$191,547.00 to operate the Fire Department.

Approved 2007/2008	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$191,547.00
\$178,976.00		

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to apply income received as a result of services provided by the Fire Department as well as account balances at the end of the year to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Account with authorizations for expenditures from that Account to be made by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,467.00 for the cost of various Town Insurances.

Approved 2007/2008	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$145,467.00
\$145,784.00		

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$321,625.00 for the cost of various assorted Accounts as detailed below.

	Approved 2007/2008	Proposed 2008/2009
Hydrant Rental Costs (Public Utilities Commission Requirement)	\$204,675.00	\$204,675.00
Ambulance Service	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 68,000.00
Street Lights/Traffic Signals	\$ 37,071.00	\$ 41,766.00
Civil Emergency Preparedness	\$ 3,820.00	\$ 3,834.00
Health Officer	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,350.00
Septic Disposal Costs	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
	\$318,346.00	\$321,625.00
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$321,625.00

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,183,029.00 for the cost of operating Public Works Services as detailed below:

	Approved 2007/2008	Proposed 2008/2009
Public Works	\$607,365.00	\$ 692,477.00
Facility/Building Maintenance	<i>included in Public Works last year</i>	\$ 13,729.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$255,739.00	\$ 301,104.00
Cemeteries	\$ 23,663.00	\$ 20,714.00
Parks Department	<u>\$153,969.00</u>	<u>\$ 155,005.00</u>
	\$1,040,736.00	\$1,183,029.00
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$1,183,029.00

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$678,907.00 for the cost of operating the Transfer Station.

Approved 2007/2008 \$703,118.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$678,907.00
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ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,587.00 for the cost of operating the Recreation Department.

Approved 2007/2008 \$81,012.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$79,587.00
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ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Contingency Account.

Approved 2007/2008 \$15,000.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$20,000.00
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ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,067.00 for Agency Requests as detailed below.

	Approved 2007/2008	Proposed 2008/2009
Androscoggin Home Care/Hospice	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Bridgton Community Band	\$ -0-	\$ 3,000.00
Bridgton Easy Riders	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 2,312.00
Bridgton Historical Society	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Bridgton Library	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Chamber of Commerce	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Child Health Center	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Family Crisis Shelter	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
L.E.A. Milfoil Program	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Lakes Environmental Association	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Lake Region Bus System	-0-	\$ 5,000.00
LRTV Franchise Fee	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 31,500.00
Moose Pond Dam Maintenance	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
North Bridgton Library	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Peoples Regional Opportunity Program (PROP)	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,400.00
Rape Education and Crisis Hotline (R.E.A.C.H.)	-0-	\$ 500.00
Regional Transportation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,325.00
Senior Transportation Program	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 4,160.00
Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
Western Maine Veterans	\$ 175.00	\$ 350.00
	\$169,067.00	\$180,067.00
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$180,067.00

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$679,100.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

		Approved 2007/2008	Proposed 2008/2009
Public Works Dept.	Plow Truck	\$115,000.00	\$135,000.00
	Paving	-0-	\$ 50,000.00
	Sweeper	-0-	\$ 40,000.00
	Restrooms for Park	-0-	\$ 10,000.00
	Bridge	-0-	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>
		<u>\$115,000.00</u>	<u>\$295,000.00</u>
Police Department	Vehicle Lease	\$34,000.00	\$13,000.00
	IMC Module	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
		\$39,000.00	\$13,000.00
Fire Department	Fire Ladder Truck	\$50,000.00	-0-
	Portable Pump	\$ 5,800.00	-0-
	Pagers	\$ 5,309.00	-0-
	Extraction Equipment	-0-	\$15,000.00
	Station	-0-	<u>\$30,500.00</u>
		<u>\$61,109.00</u>	<u>\$45,500.00</u>
Municipal Building	HVAC Reserve	\$5,000.00	-0-
	Other Buildings	-0-	\$16,500.00
	Energy Conservation	-0-	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
		<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$31,500.00</u>
Transfer Station	Single Sort Recycling Equipment	-0-	\$102,000.00
Sewer Department	Sewer Renovations	-0-	\$192,100.00
	TOTALS	\$220,109.00	\$679,100.00
	Board of Selectmen Recommends		\$679,100.00

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$48,313.00 from the Moose Pond Trust Fund to be placed into a Contingency Account as part of the \$225,000.00 commitment to Bridgton Recreation Advancement Group (BRAG) and to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into an agreement with BRAG for the completion of the recreational facilities on the BRAG properties for the benefit of the Town.

Approved 2007/2008
\$43,992.00

Board of Selectmen Recommends \$48,313.00

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$42,049.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund and appropriate the following sums to the specific operating accounts:

	Approved 2007/2008	Proposed 2008/2009
General Assistance	\$ 6,480.00	\$ 5,414.00
Downtown Landscaping Parks	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,301.00
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	\$13,393.00	\$13,667.00
Cemeteries Special Funds	<u>\$13,394.00</u>	<u>\$13,667.00</u>
	\$38,267.00	\$42,049.00
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$42,049.00

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,570.00 for the cost of an Economic Development Program and Director.

Approved 2007/2008	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$38,570.00
\$30,390.00		

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,868.00 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the cost of an Economic Development Program and Director.

Approved 2007/2008	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$25,868.00
\$24,000.00		

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire a strip of land along Park Street approximately 8'x106' for the sum of \$3,500.00 and to authorize the use of the Fiscal Year 2008 surplus in the amount of \$3,500.00 to pay for the acquisition.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$450,000.00 to reduce taxes?

Approved 2007/2008	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$450,000.00
\$139,000.00		


ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,250,249.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce taxes for the fiscal year of 2008/2009 as detailed below:

	Approved 2007/2008	Proposed 2008/2009
Excise	\$ 778,650.00	\$ 764,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00
Local Road Block Grant	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Snowmobile Refund	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Cable Revenue	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Transfer Station	\$ 136,696.00	\$ 119,009.00
Trust Funds	\$ 82,259.00	\$ 90,362.00
Operating Revenue	\$ 434,707.00	\$ 514,978.00
Community Development Block Grant Program	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 218,000.00
Federal Emergency Management Assoc (FEMA)	\$ -0-	\$ 24,000.00
Tax Increment Financing District	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
	\$1,949,212.00	\$2,250,249.00
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$2,250,249.00


ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the LD-1 limit as calculated for fiscal year 2009 by an amount equal to the amount which is in excess of the LD-1 limit reflecting the changes approved by the Town at the June 11, 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

Given under our hands on this 13th day of May, 2008

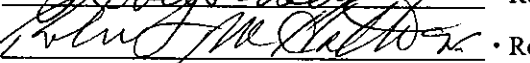
Municipal Officers/Board of Selectmen:




• Arthur D. Triglione, Sr., Chairman



• Robert F. Woodward, Vice-Chairman



• Robert C. Bell



• Robert J. McHatton, Sr.

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: 
Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk