

Town of Bridgton
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, June 9, 2009 & Wednesday, June 10, 2009

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 9th day of June, A.D. 2009 at 8:00 A.M. in the forenoon for the purpose of acting on Article 1 through Article 5 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 10th day of June, A.D. 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the afternoon, then and there to act on Article 6 through Article 47 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 a 3 year term
- 1 Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a 2 year term
- 2 Planning Board Regular Member for a 3 year term
- 2 Planning Board Alternate Member for a 3 year term
- 2 MSAD #61 School Board Director for a 3 year term
- 1 MSAD #61 School Board Director for a 2 year term
- 1 Water District Trustee for a 3 year term

REFERENDUM ELECTION:

ARTICLE 3. Shall an ordinance entitled "Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be amended?

ARTICLE 4. Shall an ordinance entitled "Tower Ordinance" be amended?

ARTICLE 5. Shall an ordinance entitled "Street Naming, Addressing and Driveway / Entrance Opening Ordinance" be amended?

ARTICLE 6. 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, 2009, second payment being due and payable on November 15, 2009; third payment being due and payable on February 15, 2010; fourth payment being due and payable on May 15, 2010 and that an interest rate of 9% 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 7. To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of 5% 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 26 with any remaining balance to be charged against the annual overlay (36 M.R.S.A., Section 506-A).

ARTICLE 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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 16. 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 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officials to sell the old elementary School Building and its site on Meadow Street in Bridgton to the People Regional Opportunity Program "PROP" by amending one of the conditions from the original approval of the special town meeting of October 16, 2008. Specifically, that the right to re-acquire the building and property shall be based upon PROP's continued use of the building and that the value of the re-acquisition to the Property and building as a result of Capital Improvements made thereto by PROP during its time of ownership, less depreciation during the time of ownership of the Property by PROP. This provision shall be binding upon PROP, its successors and assigns, for the benefit of the Town, its successors and assigns, and shall terminate automatically three (3) years from the date thereof.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the cost of Legal Services.

Approved 2008/2009	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$15,000.00
\$18,000.00		

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$355,514.00 for the cost of General Government.

Approved 2008/2009	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$355,514.00
\$360,485.00		

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,440.00 for the cost of maintaining the Municipal Complex.

Approved 2008/2009 \$123,426.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$107,440.00
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ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,470.00 for the cost of Long Term Debt.

Approved 2008/2009 \$67,795.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$81,470.00
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ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the cost of a tax anticipation note, short term debt.

Approved 2008/2009 \$5,269.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$2,500.00
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ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,550.00 for the cost of Assessing and Abatements.

Approved 2008/2009 \$82,129.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$81,550.00
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ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,100.00 for the cost of Planning, Ordinance Administration and Enforcement.

Approved 2008/2009 \$89,532.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$85,100.00
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ARTICLE 28. 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 2008/2009 \$75,000.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$75,000.00
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ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$488,917.00 for the cost of Employee Benefits and Unemployment Compensation.

Approved 2008/2009 \$532,656.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$488,917.00
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ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,445.00 for the cost of General Assistance.

Approved 2008/2009 \$37,345.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$36,445.00
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ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$790,643.00 for the cost of operating Law Enforcement Services.

	Approved 2008/2009	Proposed 2009/2010
Police Department	\$534,656.00	\$ 525,408.00
Court appearances	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 21,530.00
Animal Control Costs	\$ 12,056.00	\$ 11,816.00
Dispatch Center	<u>\$254,253.00</u>	<u>\$ 231,889.00</u>
	\$805,465.00	\$ 790,643.00
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$790,643.00

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,785.00 to operate the Fire Department.

Approved 2008/2009 \$191,547.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$163,785.00
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ARTICLE 33. 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 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,219.00 for the cost of various Town Insurances.

Approved 2008/2009 \$145,467.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$117,219.00
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ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$271,804.00 for the cost of various assorted Accounts as detailed below.

	Approved 2008/2009	Proposed 2009/2010
Hydrant Rental Costs (Public Utilities Commission Requirement)	\$204,675.00	\$165,104.00
Ambulance Service	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 67,000.00
Street Lights/Traffic Signals	\$ 41,766.00	\$ 32,865.00
Civil Emergency Preparedness	\$ 3,834.00	\$ 4,225.00
Health Officer	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,360.00
Septic Disposal Costs	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>	\$ <u>1,250.00</u>
	\$321,625.00	\$271,804.00

Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$271,804.00
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ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,201,470.00 for the cost of operating Public Works Services as detailed below:

	Approved 2008/2009	Proposed 2009/2010
Public Works	\$ 692,477.00	\$ 703,041.00
Facility/Building Maintenance	\$ 13,729.00	\$ 13,732.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 301,104.00	\$ 302,979.00
Cemeteries	\$ 20,714.00	\$ 24,920.00
Parks Department	\$ <u>155,005.00</u>	\$ <u>156,798.00</u>
	\$1,183,029.00	\$1,201,470.00

Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$1,201,470.00
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ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$657,824.00 for the cost of operating the Transfer Station.

Approved 2008/2009 \$678,907.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$657,824.00
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ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,144.00 for the cost of operating the Recreation Department.

Approved 2008/2009 \$79,587.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$101,144.00
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ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,500.00 for the Contingency Account.

Approved 2008/2009 \$20,000.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$40,500.00
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ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,280.00 for Agency Requests as detailed below.

	Approved 2008/2009	Proposed 2009/2010
Androscoggin Home Care/Hospice	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,250.00
Bridgton Community Band	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Bridgton Easy Riders	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 1,900.00
Bridgton Historical Society	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,750.00
Bridgton Library	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Chamber of Commerce	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,400.00
Child Health Center	\$ 500.00	\$ -0-
Family Crisis Shelter	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
L.E.A. Milfoil Program	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,900.00
Lakes Environmental Association	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,950.00
Lake Region Bus System	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -0-
LRTV Franchise Fee	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 38,000.00
Moose Pond Dam Maintenance	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
Moose Pond Study	\$ -0-	\$ 1,000.00
North Bridgton Library	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Peoples Regional Opportunity Program (PROP)	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,100.00
Rape Education and Crisis Hotline (R.E.A.C.H.)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Regional Transportation	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,350.00
Senior Transportation Program	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,900.00
Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 4,160.00
Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,250.00
Western Maine Veterans	\$ <u>350.00</u>	\$ <u>350.00</u>
	\$180,067.00	\$180,280.00

Board of Selectmen Recommends \$180,280.00

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$447,000.00 for the cost of Capital Expenditures as detailed below.

	Approved 2008/2009	Proposed 2009/2010
Public Works Dept.		
Plow Truck	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00
Paving	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -0-
Sweeper	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -0-
Restrooms for Park	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Bridge	\$ <u>60,000.00</u>	\$ -0-
Mowers	\$ -0-	\$ 12,500.00
Building	\$ -0-	\$ 6,200.00
Poly Tank	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>
	\$295,000.00	\$164,700.00
Police Department		
Vehicle Lease	\$13,000.00	\$ -0-
IMC Module	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ -0-
	\$13,000.00	\$ -0-
Fire Department		
Pagers	\$ -0-	\$ 35,000.00
Extraction Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$ -0-
Station	\$ <u>30,500.00</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
	\$45,500.00	\$ 35,000.00
Municipal Building		
Other Buildings	\$16,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
Energy Conservation	\$ <u>15,000.00</u>	\$ <u>39,000.00</u>
	\$31,500.00	\$ 48,000.00
Transfer Station		
Single Sort Recycling Equipment	\$102,000.00	\$ 31,300.00
Sewer Department		
Sewer Renovations	\$192,100.00	\$168,000.00
TOTALS	\$679,100.00	\$447,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommends \$447,000.00

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$51,613.00 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 2008/2009 \$48,313.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$51,613.00
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ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$30,347.00 from the Bridgton Trust Fund and appropriate the following sums to the specific operating accounts:

	Approved 2008/2009	Proposed 2009/2010
General Assistance	\$ 5,414.00	\$ 3,338.00
Downtown Landscaping Parks	\$ 9,301.00	\$ 6,343.00
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	\$13,667.00	\$ 10,621.00
Cemeteries Special Funds	\$13,667.00	\$ 9,468.00
School Fund	-0-	\$ 577.00
	<u>\$42,049.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,347.00</u>
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$30,347.00

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,151.00 for the cost of an Economic Development Program and Director.

Approved 2008/2009 \$38,570.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$54,151.00
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ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$<42,000.00> from the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to reduce the cost of an Economic Development Program and Director.

Approved 2008/2009 \$25,868.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$<42,000.00>
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ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$273,500.00 to reduce taxes?

Approved 2008/2009 \$450,000.00	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$273,500.00
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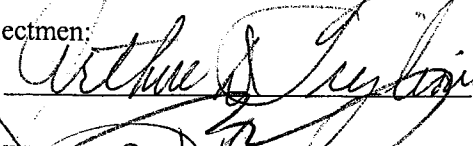
ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,123,575.00 from Anticipated Revenues to reduce taxes for the fiscal year of 2009/2010 as detailed below:

	Approved 2008/2009	Proposed 2009/2010
Excise	\$ 764,000.00	\$ 684,472.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 333,000.00
Local Road Block Grant	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 119,000.00
Snowmobile Refund	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Cable Revenue	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
Transfer Station	\$ 119,009.00	\$ 119,050.00
Trust Funds	\$ 90,362.00	\$ 81,960.00
Operating Revenue	\$ 514,978.00	\$ 503,797.00
Community Development Block Grant Program	\$ 218,000.00	\$ 210,000.00
Federal Emergency Management Assoc (FEMA)	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -0-
Tax Increment Financing District	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 32,396.00
	<u>\$2,250,249.00</u>	<u>\$2,123,575.00</u>

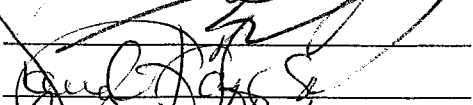
	Board of Selectmen Recommends	\$2,123,575.00
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Given under our hands on this 12th day of May, 2009

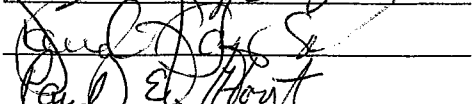
Municipal Officers/Board of Selectmen:




Arthur D. Triglione, Sr., Chairman



• Robert F. Woodward, Vice-Chairman




• Douglas A. Taft



• Paul E. Hoyt

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: 

Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk