

SAMPLE BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
BERWICK, MAINE  
JUNE 11, 2019

Town Clerk

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**FOR SELECTMAN/ ASSESSOR/  
OVERSEER OF THE POOR**  
FOR 3 YEARS  
VOTE FOR 1

COBB, NOAH

.....Write-in

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**FOR MEMBER MSAD 60  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
FOR 3 YEARS  
VOTE FOR ONE

.....Write-in

**ARTICLE 3**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE 4**

Shall the Town adopt the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance regarding Adult-Use Marijuana?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE 5**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed amendments to the Littering and Animal Waste Ordinance?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE 6**

Shall the Town vote to use up to **\$2,714,355** from estimated revenues to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation in Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE 7**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$304,981** for the General Expense Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**NOTE:** This Account will be used to fund a variety of general expenses which are not easily classified from an accounting perspective under other departments, including a variety of required insurance premiums, audit services, legal services rendered by the Town Attorney, streetlights, traffic signals, interest on returned escrow balances, and miscellaneous expenditures requested from the Board of Selectmen.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes  
 No

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**ARTICLE 8**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$389,331** for the Town Administration Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 9**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$282,342** for the Town Clerk Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 10**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$124,759** for the Planning & Ordinance Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 11**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$113,153** for the Assessor's Office Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 12**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$154,850** for the Town Hall Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 13**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the General Assistance Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 14**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,721,149** for the Police Department Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 15**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$969,414** for the Fire Department Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

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**ARTICLE 16**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$980,526** for the Public Works Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 17**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of all revenues received from the State of Maine Urban/Rural Initiative Program for Fiscal Year 2019/20 for road improvements as authorized by the Program with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 18**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$450,250** for the Refuse Disposal Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**NOTE:** This Account will be used to fund the operations of the Berwick Transfer Station during Fiscal Year 2019/20.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 19**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$132,342** for the Recreation Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 20**

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$92,855** for Debt Service to cover this appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and as authorized by the passage of Article 31 & 32 at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting?

**NOTE:** The voters approved the issuance of general obligation bonds up to \$1,000,000 for two fire trucks and up to \$125,000 for new windows in the Town Hall auditorium and repair of the Town Hall clock.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

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**ARTICLE 21**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,450** for the Community/Agency Appropriations Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**NOTE:** This account will be used to make contributions to and at the request of the following outside agencies or purposes: COAST Bus Service, American Legion Citizen Recognition Dinner, Memorial Day, Holiday Decorations, and the Seacoast Shipyard Association.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 22**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$196,388** for the annual Fire Protection costs for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 23**

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$250,000** from Unassigned Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2019/20 and authorize its use for road, bridge, and sidewalk construction and repairs, as well as Town parking lots and public ways, and including expenses for curbing, drainage and engineering fees when required, with the funds to be used in conjunction with the State of Maine Urban/Rural Initiative Program, and with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 24**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$350,000** for its use for road, bridge, and sidewalk construction and repairs, as well as Town parking lots and public ways, and including expenses for curbing, drainage and engineering fees when required, with the funds to be used in conjunction with the State of Maine Urban/Rural Initiative Program, and with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 25**

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$34,000** from the Lena Clark Trust account for the purpose of continuing the electrical upgrades necessary at the Town Hall and place this amount into the Town Building Capital Reserve account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**NOTE:** This is phase three of the electrical upgrades needed at Town Hall. It will consist of replacing the electrical panels throughout the Town Office which is currently using fuses and change them to breakers and to refinish the auditorium floor.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 26**

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** to purchase an access control system for the Town Hall and Public Works Garage and place this amount into the Town Building Capital Reserve account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

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**ARTICLE 27**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$23,000** as the first lease payment for the purchase of two new police cruisers for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and place this amount into the Police Capital Equipment account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement on terms it deems appropriate with the balance to be repaid over a period of no longer than five (5) years?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 28**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000** to purchase a stainless-steel dump body to prolong the life of a 2000 plow truck for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and place this amount into the Public Works Capital Vehicle account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 29**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,000** for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019, and authorize its use to continue addressing storm drainage system outfall issues identified by the Maine DEP during an audit of the Town's stormwater drainage system, and place this amount into the Planning Capital Reserve account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**NOTE:** If approved these funds will be used for the design work on outfall 8 located on First Street and the eventual repairs as determined by the design work.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 30**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$213,160** in interest and principal for Debt Service in Fiscal Year 2019/20 as authorized by the passage of Article 5 at the November 6, 2018 Election?

**Note:** The voters approved the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the design, construction and improvements of a new fire station and the design, construction and improvements for a police department building renovation.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

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**ARTICLE 31**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,634** for Debt Service in Fiscal Year 2019/20 as authorized by the passage of Article 37 at the 1997 Annual Town Meeting?

**NOTE:** This Account will be used to fund one-half the cost for repayment of the Water Department Bond issued by the Federal Rural Development Agency for the new Water Treatment Plant in 1999. There are ten more years of payments on this bond.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 32**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** and authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold it in a Contingency Account and to use it to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that might occur during the Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 33**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$109,000** as a contribution to the Berwick Library Association for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins on July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 34**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,000** for the Federal Stormwater Program for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and place this amount into the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**NOTE:** This Account will be used for the purpose of implementing State and Federal permitting requirements for discharges from municipal separate stormwater sewer systems (MS4s).

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 35**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for Economic Development purposes for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and place this amount into the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**NOTE:** The Envision Berwick Committee working through the Town's Planning Department will contract for technical assistance, grant writing assistance, consultant assistance to develop financial options, purchase site amenities, allowance for printing and mailings, match grant funds, and to leverage other funding that the Town is eligible to apply for. Also, any grant match or any funds used to advance the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, as Amended, will be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

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**ARTICLE 36**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for Emergency Management for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and place this amount into the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**NOTE:** This Account will be used for the purpose of funding expenses like provision of shelter, food supplies and other associated costs during emergencies which occur within the Town.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 37**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$90,000** for SCBA, Personal Protective Gear, Mobile Radio, AIS Heart Monitor and Virta V-100 Simulator for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and place this amount in the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 38**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for the for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and four consecutive fiscal years following for fuel tank replacement at Public Works as required by DEP?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 39**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,600** for Customer Service Window Replacement for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 40**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the Unfunded Liabilities Account for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and place this amount in the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

**NOTE:** This Account will be used to satisfy existing obligations to employees who have accrued compensated absences such as vacation time or sick time, if and when such entitlements must be paid out upon employee departure from the Town's staff. The current balance in this account is **\$118,000** and the Town's compensated absences balance as of June 30, 2018 was **\$228,133**.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

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**ARTICLE 41**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** for the for Fiscal Year 2019/20, which begins July 1, 2019 and consecutive fiscal years for grant matching funds to be placed into this account and carried forward each year?

**NOTE:** This funding will be used for 20% matching funds for KACTS (Kittery Area MPO), MDOT (Maine Dept. of Transportation) road programs, and Community Development Block Grants if awarded.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 42**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the use of interest money from the Lena Clark Trust Fund Interest Account when there are major repairs or maintenance needs at the Town Hall?

**NOTE:** The Trust Fund was established to take care of the Town Hall. Interest from the Trust Fund is in an Investment Account with LPL Investments through Quadripoint Investment Management. The interest balance as of June 30, 2017 was **\$77,598**, which was the close of the prior Fiscal Year. Interest funds are not used for every day repair or maintenance costs but instead are being allowed to accumulate for one time or major unforeseen repairs or expenses. Approval of this Article will authorize these kinds of expenditures from the Interest Account should it become necessary to make them during Fiscal Year 2019/20.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 43**

Shall the Town vote to charge interest on unpaid taxes at the rate of **8.00%** per annum, and to set the date when taxes committed for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) become due and payable as October 14, 2019 and April 16, 2020, with said interest to be collected after October 15, 2019 and April 17, 2020, and allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes prior to the Tax Commitment Date?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**ARTICLE 44**

Shall the Town Vote to set an interest rate of **4.00%** as allowed by state law 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?

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0**

- Yes
- No

**End of Ballot**