

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OF BERWICK, MAINE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
May 9, 2017

Patricia Murray
Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space and write in the person's name.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Selectman, Assessor and
Overseer of the Poor
For Three Years
Vote for Two

- Yes **ARTICLE 3**
Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance? (Exhibit A attached hereto)
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:1
- No

Mark Pendergast

- Yes **ARTICLE 4**
Shall the Town vote to use up to \$2,174,608 from estimated revenues to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation in Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

Thomas J. Wright

..... Write-In

- Yes **ARTICLE 5**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$267,690 for the General Expense Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
- No

..... Write-In

School Board Member for
MSAD #60
For Three Years
Vote for One

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 4:0

..... Write-In

- Yes **ARTICLE 6**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,463 for the Town Administration Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

- Yes **ARTICLE 7**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$261,836 for the Town Clerk Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

- Yes **ARTICLE 8**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,289 for the Planning & Ordinance Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

- Yes **ARTICLE 9**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,000 for the Assessor's Office Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

- Yes **ARTICLE 10**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$112,627 for the Town Hall Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

- Yes **ARTICLE 11**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the General Assistance Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

- Yes **ARTICLE 12**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,625,942 for the Police Department Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

- Yes **ARTICLE 13**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$760,842 for the Fire Department Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
- No

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Yes **ARTICLE 14**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$755,060 for the Public Works Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 15**
Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of all revenues received from the State of Maine Urban/Rural Initiative Program for Fiscal Year 2017/18 for road improvements as authorized by the Program with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 16**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$457,835 for the Refuse Disposal Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
NOTE: This Account will be used to fund the operations of the Berwick Transfer Station during Fiscal Year 2017/18.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 17**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,865 for the Recreation Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 18**
Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for Debt Service with funds coming from the Fire Pumper Replacement Reserve account and the Lena Clark Trust to cover this appropriation for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 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 sum of \$40,000 is just interest expense as the first principal payment will not be due until November 2018.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 19**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,036 for the Community/Agency Appropriations Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
NOTE: This account will be used to make contributions to and at the request of the following outside agencies or purposes: COAST Bus Service, Memorial Day, Holiday Decorations, and the Seacoast Shipyard Association.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 20**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,386 for the annual Fire Protection costs for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 21**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,578 to the Berwick Sewer District for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017?
NOTE: The District indicates that their focus for the funds at this time is on assisting in repayment of the District's debt service as a result of repairing both pump stations.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS NO VOTE 3:2

Yes **ARTICLE 22**
Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$330,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2017/18 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 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 23**
Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of investing in the capital purchase and replacement of Police Department equipment for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017, and place this amount into the Police Department Capital account established for this purpose, with unspent balances carried forward each year until fully expended?
NOTE: The intent is to purchase a Watch Guard cruiser camera wireless download with server system, which will automatically download and save cruiser video data, and a video monitoring DVR which is a replacement for an antiquated and malfunctioning system.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 24**
Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to purchase a hydraulic rescue tool and place this amount into the Fire Capital Equipment Reserve Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?
NOTE: The current rescue tool is over 14 years old and inoperable and beyond repair.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

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- Yes **ARTICLE 25**
 No Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017, and authorize its use to invest in capital repairs, maintenance, and renovations of the Berwick Fire Station, and place this amount into the Fire Department's Capital account established for this purpose, with unspent balances carried forward each year until fully expended?
- NOTE:** The item to be address during fiscal year 2018 is the station's ventilation. With 24/7 coverage, this needs to be addressed for the health and safety of the firefighters.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 26**
 No Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$70,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017, and authorize its use to do a design build plan for a new Fire Station and place this amount into the Fire Department's Capital account established for this purpose, with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 27**
 No Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to provide additional funding to the MS4 outfall project for the repairs to outfalls 5 and 6 off Moulton Street and place this amount into the Planning Capital Reserve Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?
- NOTE:** The voters approved an appropriation of \$60,000 at the May 2015 Town Meeting to address the Maine DEP audit finding and the engineering work has been completed. However, the repair costs associated with the outfalls is higher than originally anticipated and the additional funding is required to complete the project.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 28**
 No Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000 from the Lena Clark Trust account for the purpose of beginning the electrical upgrades necessary at the Town Hall and place this amount into the Town Building Capital Reserve account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?
- NOTE:** This is phase one of the electrical upgrades needed at Town Hall and will address the replacement of the main electrical panels located in the boiler room.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 29**
 No Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,665 as the first lease payment for the purchase of two new police cruisers for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017, 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 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 30**
 No Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of equipping the two new police cruisers for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017, 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?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 31**
 No Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 to purchase a Cellebrite Cell Phone Autopsy System for use by the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 with unspent balances to carry forward each year until fully expended?
- NOTE:** This system allows the Police Department to retrieve valuable information from a cell phone after receiving a warrant allowing them to do so.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 32**
 No Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to purchase new capital equipment for the Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 with unspent balances to carry forward each year until full expended?
- NOTE:** This Account will be used to fund the purchase of personal protective equipment, continue the replacement of the SCBA bottles and fire hose.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 33**
 No Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 as the first lease payment for the purchase of a 10-Wheeler for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 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 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 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 34**
 No Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 as the first lease payment for the purchase of a sidewalk snow removal machine for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 and place this amount into the Public Works 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 4:0
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- Yes **ARTICLE 35**
 No Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,634 for Debt Service in Fiscal Year 2017/18 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 4:0

TURN OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING

Yes **ARTICLE 36**
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 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 and with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 37**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 and authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold it in a Career Firefighter/EMT Vacancy Contingency Account and to use it to cover expenses related to backfilling of shifts, as well as hiring, training, and equipping a new career firefighter when a vacancy is created through separation from service that might occur during the Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 and with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?
NOTE: This funding will allow the Department to avoid a lapse in service due to the unbudgeted expense incurred by hiring a new career employee when a full-time vacancy occurs.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 38**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,000 as a contribution to the Berwick Library Association for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins on July 1, 2017?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:1

Yes **ARTICLE 39**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,700 for the Federal Stormwater Program for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 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 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 40**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for Economic Development purposes for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 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 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 41**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for Emergency Management for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 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 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 42**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the Unfunded Liabilities Account for Fiscal Year 2017/18, which begins July 1, 2017 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 \$92,000 and the Town's compensated absences balance as of June 30, 2016 was \$204,589.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 43**
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 Kennebunk Investment Services. The interest balance as of June 30, 2016 was \$51,603, 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 2017/18.
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 44**
Shall the Town vote to reallocate the remaining \$1,612.31 from the funds raised and appropriated for the purchase of Map U-1, Lot 74 as authorized by the passage of Article 34 at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting and instead authorize its use for the MS4 stormwater project - the repair of Outfalls 5 and 6 located off Moulton Street & Saw Mill Hill?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 45**
Shall the Town vote to charge interest on unpaid taxes at the rate of 7.00% per annum, and to set the date when taxes committed for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) become due and payable as October 16, 2017 and April 17, 2018, with said interest to be collected after October 17, 2017 and April 18, 2018, and allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes prior to the Tax Commitment Date?
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 4:0

Yes **ARTICLE 46**
Shall the Town Vote to set an interest rate of 3.00% 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 4:0

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