

TOWN OF BERWICK, MAINE

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

JUNE 10, 2025

Patricia Murray
Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote, "YES" or "NO", fill in the oval to the left, like this: ☐
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

**SELECT BOARD
MEMBER/ASSESSOR/OVERSEER OF
THE POOR
3 YEARS
VOTE FOR 1**

- ☐ Cobb, Noah Arthur
☐ Morgan Cyrus I
☐

.....Write-in

**SELECT BOARD
MEMBER/ASSESSOR/OVERSEER OF
THE POOR
1 YEAR
VOTE FOR 1**

- ☐ Brooks Jeffrey A.
☐

.....Write-in

**MEMBER MSAD 60
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
3 YEARS
VOTE FOR 1**

- ☐ Claassen, George
☐ Tasker, Marissa
☐

.....Write-in

☐ YES **ARTICLE 3**

- ☐ NO Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed administrative amendments to the Land Use Ordinance?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

☐ YES **ARTICLE 4**

- ☐ NO Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

☐ YES **ARTICLE 5**

- ☐ NO Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed amendments to the Subdivision Regulations?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

☐ YES **ARTICLE 6**

- ☐ NO Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed amendments to the Zoning Map?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

☐ YES **ARTICLE 7**

- ☐ NO Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed amendments to the Marijuana Establishments Ordinance?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

☐ YES **ARTICLE 8**

- ☐ NO Shall the Town vote to use up to \$3,781,335 from estimated revenues to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation in Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

☐ YES **ARTICLE 9**

- ☐ NO Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$777,175 for the General Expense Account 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, PSAP public-safety answering point, streetlights, and traffic signals for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 2:1 with Member Chase opposing

☐ YES **ARTICLE 10**

- ☐ NO Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$521,885 for the Town Administration Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 2:1 with Member Chase opposing

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$415,663 for the Town Clerk Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$289,670 and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 from the TIF fund account for the total of \$354,670 for the Planning Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$119,517 for the Assessor's Office Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the Town Hall Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the General Assistance Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,467,079 for the Police Department Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,673,255 for the Fire Department Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,344,511 for the Public Works Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 2:1 with Member Chase opposing

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of all revenues received from the State of Maine Urban/Rural Initiative Program for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 for road improvements as authorized by the Program with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$652,175 for the Refuse Disposal Account which funds the operations of the Berwick Transfer Station for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$310,832 and appropriate the sum of \$190,000 from the existing Recreation Revenue account for a total of \$500,832 for the Recreation Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$429,193 for the Berwick Public Library Account for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

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- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$755,178 for Debt Service to cover this appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025 and as authorized by the passage of Articles 31 & 32 at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Election, Article 5 at the November 6, 2018 Referendum Election and Article 29 at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Election?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,950 for the Community/Agency Appropriations Account which will be used to make contributions to and at the request of the following outside agencies or purposes: COAST Bus Service, Memorial Day, American Legion, Seacoast Shipyard Association, Caring Unlimited, Pope Memorial Humane Society and VNA Cornerstone for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 2:1 with Member Chase opposing

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$232,744 for the annual Fire Protection (i.e., fire hydrants) costs for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 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 SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 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 SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$346,720 from Unassigned Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and authorize its use for a fuel control & pump leakproof software, chipper, backhoe and vehicle/equipment for Public Works, and with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$175,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for Fire Department Aerial Replacement, Personal Protective Equipment, Command Unit, Mobile and Portable Radios, and Hose Replacement for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and place this amount in the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 30

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$99,160 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for Police Department Vehicle Replacement/Lease Program for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and place this amount in the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 31

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$91,500 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for Clock Tower railing replacement, masonry restoration and waterproofing (includes front steps), bathroom improvements (savings) boiler replacement, window replacement at Town Hall for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and place this amount in the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 32

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for Transfer Station building reserve, fourth lane concrete pad and retaining wall for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and place this amount in the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 33

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for KACTS (Kittery Area MPO), MDOT (Maine Dept. of Transportation) road programs, and Community Development Block Grants for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and consecutive fiscal years for grant matching funds to be placed into this account and carried forward each year?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 34

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 and authorize the Select Board to hold it in a Contingency Account and to use it to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that might occur during the Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and with unspent balances to be carried forward each year?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 35

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for Emergency Management purposes for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and place this amount into the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 36

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,661 for the Federal Stormwater Program which implements State and Federal permitting requirements for discharges from municipal separate stormwater sewer systems (MS4s) for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and place this amount into the account established for this purpose with unspent balances to be carried forward each year until fully expended?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 37

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for Berwick Community Media and appropriate \$183,044 from Comcast Franchise Fees and donations for a sum of \$203,044 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 38

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,634 for Debt Service in Fiscal Year 2025/2026 as authorized by the passage of Article 37 at the 1997 Annual Town Meeting which will 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 1997?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 39

Shall the Town vote to authorize the use of interest only from the Lena Clark Trust Fund (The interest balance as of June 30, 2024, was \$32,112, which was the close of the prior Fiscal Year) for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which begins July 1, 2025, when there are major repairs or maintenance needs at the Town Hall?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 40

Shall the Town vote to authorize the establishment of a special revenue account for the purpose of paying wages and benefits for outside detail for the Police and Fire Department employees?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 41

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to accept an easement over Haflinger Lane from Nevina Estates LLC for the purposes of sewer and water utility access and maintenance?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

ARTICLE 42

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to accept an easement on Ali Pond Road from Steven E. Brown for the purposes of accessing a dry fire hydrant?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

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☐ YES **ARTICLE 43**

☐ NO Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to grant an easement deed to Michelle E. & Thomas F. Manning for vehicular access over a portion of Tax Map U4-49?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

☐ YES **ARTICLE 44**

☐ NO Shall the Town vote to charge interest on unpaid taxes at the rate of 7.50% per annum, and to set the date when taxes committed for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) become due and payable as October 15, 2025 and April 15, 2026, with said interest to be collected after October 16, 2025 and April 16, 2026, and allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes prior to the Tax Commitment Date?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0

☐ YES **ARTICLE 45**

☐ NO Shall the Town Vote to set an interest rate of 6.00% 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, uncollectable taxes or abatements granted to be charged against the annual overlay?

THE SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS YES VOTE 3:0