

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OF WATERBORO, MAINE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Complete the arrow   pointing to your choice, like this:  . Completing the YES arrow means you are in favor, completing the NO arrow means you are opposed. If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot. DO NOT ERASE

Financial Statement Relating to Question 1: The issuance of bonds by the Town of Waterboro is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Waterboro as of the date of this warrant. September 2012.

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$ 120,000.00
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 4,992.00
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding	\$ 124,992.00
Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ -0-
Total Additional Bonds to be Issued if Question 1 is Approved by Voters	\$ 500,000.00
Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bonds	\$ 110,875.00
Total Additional Bonds to be issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 610,875.00

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

/s/ _____
Julie T. Giles
Treasurer, Town of Waterboro

QUESTION 1

Shall a capital expenditure not to exceed \$500,000.00 be approved for the purpose of constructing and equipping a Winter Sand and Salt Shed on the Town of Waterboro property located at Bennett Hill Road, said costs to be financed or reimbursed by the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or notes of the Town, hereby authorized, in a total aggregate principal amount of up to \$500,000.00, with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), redemption provisions and other details as the Municipal Officials shall determine? (Total estimated debt service of \$610,875.00 of which principal is \$500,000.00 and the estimated interest rate at 3.00% to 4.00%, depending on the year of maturity, over 10 years is \$110,875.00.)

Board of Selectmen recommends: Ought to pass.
Finance Committee recommends: No recommendation due to lack of information.

YES  
NO  

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town authorize an appropriation of up to \$22,000.00 from Surplus for installation of four (4) water hydrants along New Dam Road for the purpose of fire suppression?

Board of Selectmen recommends: Ought to pass.
Finance Committee recommends: Ought to pass.

YES  
NO  

MORE QUESTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town approve the Charter Revisions Recommended by the Charter Commission, as summarized below?

YES

NO

Waterboro Charter Review Commission

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS

Town Administrator

This revision provides for changes to the Town Administrator's duties. The Town Administrator will serve as the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer and Administrator of General Assistance. The Town Administrator will serve as the administrative head of the Town and shall be responsible for its daily operations, including the appointment, removal and oversight of Town personnel other than those for whom a different express provision is made in the Charter. The Board of Selectmen will continue to serve as the Town's executive body and shall be responsible for the establishment of Town policy.

Town Meeting

This revision eliminates the requirement for a quorum to convene a Town Meeting for the purpose of election of the Moderator. The current requirement of a quorum of 25 will remain in place for the purpose of convening the business portion of the Town Meeting. The deadline for the insertion of all warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting shall be established at sixty (60) days prior to the meeting; the current Charter requires that any money article must be inserted at least ninety (90) days prior to the Town Meeting. Currently, money articles are closed at ninety (90) days. The revision also requires that the complete warrant be posted at least fourteen (14) days before the Town Meeting rather than the current seven (7) day requirement. In addition, the warrant will be required to be posted on the Town's website at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Town Meeting. Copies of the Town Report and warrant for the Town Meeting shall be made available at the Town Hall at least fourteen (14) days before the Town Meeting; the current requirement is that they be made available at least seven (7) days prior to the Town Meeting. The revision also will provide a method for abolishing the requirement of Town Meeting and establishing referendum voting for budget approvals, as well as a procedure for reversing that action.

Board of Selectmen

This revision clarifies the powers and duties of the Board of Selectmen. It requires that compensation for the Selectmen shall be established by a separate Town Meeting warrant article each year. The Board shall meet at least twice a month. Also, the Board shall post, including electronic notification, an agenda at least by the Friday prior to regularly scheduled Board meetings. Special and Emergency meeting notices shall include electronic notification to the public. There shall be a Vice Chair, elected by the Board, who shall serve in the absence or disability of the Chair. The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for the conduct of an independent annual audit, with provisions from the current Selectmen's Policy for Annual Budgeting, Financial Review & Audit Schedule, adopted July 19, 2011, incorporated as part of the Charter.

Regional School Unit #57

This revision recognizes the Town's membership in Regional School Unit No. 57 and provides for the nomination, election and filling of vacancies in the membership of Town's representatives to the Board of School Directors.

Road Commissioner

This revision changes the position of Road Commissioner from elected to appointed Public Works Director and would direct and oversee all aspects of the Public Works Department, plan, organizes, implements and supervises activities related to Municipal roads, parks, building and grounds maintenance as well as waste management operations.

Appointed Boards

This revision changes the required number of members of appointed boards or committees from 7 to 5, unless otherwise required by State law. The revision creates a new Budget Committee to replace the existing Finance Committee and also creates a new requirement for a Transfer Station/Recycling Committee and a Conservation Commission. The following boards and committees shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen: Budget Committee, Planning Board, Road Review Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Transfer Station/Recycling Committee, Conservation Commission, Assessing Board of Review and Fair Hearing Committee. The Hiring Panel and Public Safety Committee are to be deleted from the mandatory board/committee list. Board and Committee guidelines have been refined.

Initiative and Referendum

The revision adds a new last section that prohibits the Board of Selectmen from reenacting ordinances, orders, or resolutions rejected by the voters at referendum elections for a period of at least one (1) year and from modifying or repealing ordinances adopted by voters at initiative elections for a period of at least one (1) year.

Business and Financial Provisions

The revision defines the term 'budget year' as the fiscal year for which any participating budget is adopted and in which it is administered. The Town Administrator, with the aid of the Budget Committee, shall be responsible for preparation of the preliminary annual budget for the Town (with the exception of the RSU 57 budget) and a budget message that must contain specified items. The preliminary annual budget will then be reviewed and approved, with or without amendments, by the Board of Selectmen and placed on the annual Town Meeting warrant for approval. The provisions concerning budget established appropriations adds more specific requirements. New sections are added to address the specific procedures for adoption of the budget and to establish specific requirements for the general fund balance level, establishment of a crisis fund and for restrictions on the use of the crisis fund. The Capital Program portion of the budget will be reduced from the current five (5) year period to a three (3) year period.

Recall

The revision adds a new article that incorporates the Town's current Ordinance regulating the recall of elected officials.

Other Revisions

Other revisions clarify and refine existing provisions and add to the Charter several existing ordinances and Board of Selectmen policies.

MORE QUESTIONS ON OTHER SIDE