

## Legal Notice

**TOWN OF NORTH BERWICK  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021  
6:35 P.M.  
Zoom Meeting 826 6704 7648**

### **Referendum Questions For Annual Town Meeting**

The North Berwick Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 6:35 p.m. via Zoom (Meeting number **826 6704 7648** on the proposed Budget Referendum Questions for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The questions to be presented to voters are:

#### **Budget Referendum Questions:**

**QUESTION 1:** Shall the Town authorize the Collector to accept taxes in anticipation of tax commitment and to set a date for payment of taxes and determine a rate of interest on overdue taxes.

Due Date: October 1, 2021      Delinquent: October 2, 2021  
Balance Due: May 6, 2022      Delinquent: May 7, 2022  
Interest: 6.00%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 2** Shall the Town vote to deposit the excess balance of the 2021 fiscal year Excise Tax and all unspent appropriated Excise Tax into the **Equipment Fund.**

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 3:** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to utilize Undesignated Fund Balance for the **unforeseen purchase and/or repair of vehicles and equipment** for the current fiscal year not to exceed \$40,000.00 during the fiscal year.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 4:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept conditional and unconditional contributions of monetary gifts, property and equipment on behalf of the Town.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 5:** Shall the Town vote to certify that the public purpose of the Canal Street Affordable Housing Development District is being met and that the required housing affordability and other conditions of approval, including limitations on uses of tax increment revenues for approved development project costs, set forth in the Certificate of Approval issued by Maine State Housing Authority for the District and the related Affordable Housing Development Program are being maintained and approve the appropriation into and the expenditure from the Affordable Housing Development Program Fund of the amounts required by the Credit Enhancement Agreement dated as of December 2006 between the Town and North Berwick Affordable Housing Limited Partnership established by the Town pursuant to the Canal Street Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing District and the Development Program.

Explanatory Note: The Town voted to designate the Canal Street Affordable Tax Increment Financing District and adopt the development program for the District at the Special Town Meeting held on November 28, 2006.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 6:** Shall the Town vote that all balances, both debits and credits in all departments of Town Government be lapsed except for the following account balances to be carried forward:

Winter Highway	Sidewalks	Parks and Recreation
Patch	Animal Control	HRA Funds
Town Computer Account	Mill Field Festival	Capital Improvement Funds

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 7:** Shall the Town vote to apply the following estimated amounts from Excise Taxes, Miscellaneous Fee Revenues, Revenue Sharing, BETE Reimbursement and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to use toward the 2021/2022 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

Excise Taxes	\$1,000,930.00
Miscellaneous Fee Revenues	\$314,950.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$173,695.00
State Road Bond	\$67,500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$210,000.00
BETE Reimbursement	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
Total	\$3,767,075.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 8:** To see if the Town will 1.) authorize the Town Manager in Conjunction with the Great Works Regional Land Trust to apply, on behalf of the Town, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the purchase and stewardship of Bauneg Beg Mountain Recreation Area; and further authorize the Town Manager to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project, 2.) appropriate \$80,000.00 from the Open Space Impact Fee Fund to assist with the purchase of the property and \$20,000.00 from the Recreation Impact Fee Fund to assist with the stewardship of the property in conjunction with the Great Works Regional Land Trust and 3.) the town in conjunction with the Great Works Regional Land Trust will be obligated to pay all costs of the project “up-front” which will be repaid by federal reimbursement.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 9:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000.00 to be funded by the Recreation Impact Fee Fund for **Capital Improvements at the North Berwick Community Center, Canal Street Park and Elroy Day Canoe Launch.**

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

**QUESTION 10:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,878,509.00 to be funded in part with \$147,155.00 from Enterprise Fund, and \$227,650.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the **Town of North Berwick FY2022 Fiscal Year Budget.**

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS.

The Board of Selectmen encourages all interested persons to attend this Public Hearing.