

**TOWN MEETING RESULTS
NORTH BERWICK, MAINE
April 13, 2024**

COUNTY OF YORK -- STATE OF MAINE

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of North Berwick assembled at Noble High School at 8:00 am and conducted the following business:

Article 1: The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM calling for nominations for Moderator. Timothy Kezar received 9 votes and was duly sworn by the Clerk to preside over the days meeting.

Article 2: The results of the Election is as follows:

Total ballots available:	750
Total ballots cast at the polls:	433
Total absentee ballots cast:	37
Total ballots cast	470

**FOR SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR
FOR THREE YEARS**

Cahoon, Mark	had	179	
Gosser, Ryan	had	180	
Hall, Jonathan	had	235	*
Johnson, Jr., Michael	had	240	*

SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR THREE YEARS

Link, Jr., Roger	had	198	
Stanton-Whalen, Kathleen	had	256	*

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Houle, Ernest	had	372	*
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CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR ONE YEAR

Griffin, Justin	had	363	*
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WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Begin, Nelson	had	330	*
Johnson, Anita	had	334	*

SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Burbank, Daniel	had	307	*
Thyng, Owen	had	360	*

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Cowan, Stanley	had	229	*
Guptill, Roger	had	288	*
Manley, Lynn	had	243	*
Noble, Charles	had	185	
Rouillard, Kelly	had	216	*
Tabor, Carl	had	205	

***elected**

Question #1: Shall portions of an ordinance entitled "Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Comply with New State Housing Law" be enacted?

Yes 300
No 147

Question #2: Shall portions of an ordinance entitled "Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments" be enacted as set forth in the proposed ordinance in Section 3.1: Definition, Solar Energy System?

Yes 316
No 125

Question #3: Shall an Ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance" be enacted?

Yes 358
No 81

At 1:40 pm Moderator Kezar called to order the Annual Budget Meeting with 91 voters in attendance.

ARTICLE 3: On motion duly seconded the Town voted that all balances, both debits and credits in all departments of Town Government be lapsed and that the following account balances be carried forward:

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

ARTICLE 4: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to apply the following estimated amounts from Excise Taxes, Miscellaneous Fee Revenues, Revenue Sharing, BETE Reimbursement and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to use toward the 2024/2025 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

Excise Taxes	\$1,125,000.00
Miscellaneous Fee Revenues	\$480,750.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$430,000.00
State Road Bond	\$82,000.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$250,000.00
BETE Reimbursement	<u>\$1,650,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,017,750.00

ARTICLE 5: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to utilize up to \$150,000.00 of additional undesignated fund balance not already specified in this year's warrant articles to offset taxes for FY25.

ARTICLE 6: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend State and Federal grants and funds including, when necessary, the authority to sign grant contracts, documents or other paperwork, provided that such grants or funds do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

ARTICLE 7: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to authorize the Collector to accept taxes in anticipation of tax commitment.

ARTICLE 8: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to set a date for payment of taxes and determine a rate of interest on overdue taxes.

Due Date: October 4, 2024 Delinquent: October 5, 2024
Balance Due: May 2, 2025 Delinquent: May 3, 2025
Interest: 8.5%

ARTICLE 9: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$225,560.00 for the operation of the **North Berwick Fire Department.**

ARTICLE 10: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$23,438.00 for **Capital Improvements – Fire Tanker.**

ARTICLE 11: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$50,000.00 for **Capital Improvement – New Fire Station Planning.**

ARTICLE 12: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$44,340.00 for **Capital Improvements – Fire Pumper.**

ARTICLE 13 On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$36,150.00 for **Capital Improvements – SCBA.**

ARTICLE 14: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$17,200.00 for **Capital Improvements – Building Improvements.**

ARTICLE 15: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$41,454.00 for **Capital Improvements – Extraction Tools.**

ARTICLE 16: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$50,000.00 from Equipment fund for **Capital Improvements – Forestry/Utility .**

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,295,053.00 with \$15,000.00 from Designated Fund Balance, \$13,421.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance plus fees, for the **Police Department and Animal Control.**

Police Department	\$1,273,053.00
Animal Control	\$22,000.00

ARTICLE 18: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$56,770.00 for **Capital Improvement – Police Cruiser.**

ARTICLE 19: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$20,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance for **Capital Improvement – Police Computers.**

ARTICLE 20: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$62,250.00 for **Capital Improvements – Communications.**

ARTICLE 21: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$376,975.00 for **Street Lights, Hydrant Rental, and Dispatch Services.**

Streetlights	\$13,500.00
Hydrant Rental	\$196,000.00
Dispatch Services	\$167,475.00

ARTICLE 22: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$703,649.00 for the **Rescue Squad.**

ARTICLE 23: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$38,500.00 for **Capital Improvement – Ambulance.**

ARTICLE 24: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to issue general obligation bonds or notes in the name of this Town in an amount not to exceed \$375,554.00 for the purpose of purchasing an Ambulance.

ARTICLE 25: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$321,055.00 with \$177,705.00 from Enterprise Fund and \$15,3000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the **Transfer Station.**

ARTICLE 26: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$657,090.00 for **Public Works Department.**

Winter Public	\$125,000.00
General Public Works	\$129,415.00
Patch	\$6,000.00
Salaries	\$396,675.00

ARTICLE 27: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$136,415.00 for **Capital Improvements – Road Bond.**

ARTICLE 28: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$318,585.00 for **Capital Improvements – Roads.**

Roads – Sidewalks CIP	\$5,000.00
Roads – Capital	\$313,585.00

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$989,845.00 for **General Government Expenses.**

Administration	\$371,780.00
Town Office Salaries	\$200,125.00
HRA	\$14,000.00
Select Board	\$5,200.00
Code Enforcement Salary	\$88,700.00
Code Enforcement Admin	\$25,700.00
Tax Assessment	\$66,500.00
Tax Assessment Appraisals	\$35,000.00
Town Manager Salary	\$131,690.00
Town Manager Administration	\$51,150.00

ARTICLE 30: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$5,500.00 for **Town Reports.**

ARTICLE 31: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$95,915.00 for **Debt Service – Municipal Building Bond.**

ARTICLE 32: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$342,400.00 for **Insurance.**

Insurance	\$177,400.00
FICA For All Employees	\$155,000.00
Family Medical Leave Act	\$10,000.00

ARTICLE 33: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000.00 for **General Assistance.**

ARTICLE 34: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000.00 to cover **unanticipated expenses** for the 2025 fiscal year.

ARTICLE 35: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$9,000.00 for **Town Boards.**

Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,000.00
Planning Board	\$6,000.00
Conservation/Ag. Commission	\$1,000.00

ARTICLE 36: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$156,610.00 with \$20,000.00 from Designated Fund Balance and \$5,000.00 from Summer Camp Fund for the **Parks and Recreation.**

Parks and Recreation	\$114,340.00
Community Center	\$29,770.00
Mill Field Operation:	\$7,500.00
Mill Field Festival	\$5,000.00

ARTICLE 37: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$22,600.00 for the maintenance of **Municipal Cemeteries.**

ARTICLE 38: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$14,420.00 with \$4,420.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance for **Cemeteries & Historical Society.**

Maint. of Old and Vet. Cem.	\$10,000.00
Oakwoods Meeting House	\$4,420.00

ARTICLE 39: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$340,570.00 for the **D.A. Hurd Library.**

ARTICLE 40: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$12,693.00 for **Social Services.**

Caring Unlimited	\$1,493.00
Visiting Nurse Service	\$1,800.00
York County Community Action	\$2,250.00
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$3,300.00
Lifeflight	\$500.00
MPBN	\$100.00
York County Child Abuse	\$1,000.00
So. Me. Veteran's Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Seacoast AIDS	\$750.00
North Berwick Food Pantry	\$500.00

ARTICLE 41: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to raise and/or appropriate \$9,466.00 for funding **outside agencies:**

American Legion	\$2,500.00
Seacoast Shipyard	\$500.00
Eastern Trail	\$4,000.00
SMPDC	\$2,466.00

ARTICLE 42: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to deposit the excess balance of the 2024 fiscal year Excise Tax and all unspent appropriated Excise Tax into the **Equipment Fund.**

ARTICLE 43: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to 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 \$55,000.00 during the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 44: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept conditional and unconditional contributions of monetary gifts, property and equipment on behalf of the Town.

ARTICLE 45: On motion duly seconded the Town voted 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.

ARTICLE 46: On motion duly seconded the Town voted to 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.

The results of the morning Election and Referendum were read.

A motion was duly seconded to adjourn at 3:06 PM

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Christine M. Dudley
Town Clerk