

**TOWN OF BOOTHBAY WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 1, 2017**

State Of Maine
County Of Lincoln

To a Resident of the Town of Boothbay in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the **TOWN OF BOOTHBAY** in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Boothbay Town Offices in said town, on Monday, the 1st day of May, 2017 at 8:00 AM, then and there to act upon Article 1. The polls for voting on Articles 2 through 30 shall be opened at 8:00 AM and will close at 6:00 PM.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. **To choose by secret ballot the following public officials:**

- TWO Selectmen, for a three year term
- One Trustee of the Boothbay – Boothbay Harbor Community School District for a three year term
- One Member of the Boothbay – Boothbay Harbor Superintending School Committee for a three year term
- One Trustee of the Boothbay – Boothbay Harbor Cemetery District for a three year term
- One Trustee of the Boothbay Region Water District for a three year term

To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Questions:

Article 3. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to establish that the first installment of taxes for Fiscal Year 2017 is due and payable on August 24, 2017, and the second installment of taxes is due and payable on February 16, 2018, and to charge seven percent (7.00%) rate of interest on delinquent taxes, and to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at three percent (3.00%) pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from surplus, and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 4. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept State and Federal grants, including CDBG applications and grants from non-profit organizations, donations or revenues, on the Town's behalf for municipal purposes, including, when necessary, the authority to sign grant contracts, documents or other paperwork and to accept the conditions that accompany grant funds and to appropriate and expend grant funds and/or other funds for authorized purposes as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town during the fiscal year 2018.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 5. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Town owned non-tax acquired real estate deemed excess and not currently serving any Town park, public facility or municipal operations purpose, whether real or personal, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable; provided, however, that if the property has a value of more than \$500, disposal must be by a competitive bid or auction process.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 6. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward any Unexpended Account Balance as they deem advisable and to authorize the Selectmen to set at a later date the amount of Surplus, if any, to be used to reduce property tax assessment.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 7. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds received from the State of Maine pursuant to the Rural Road Initiative for capital improvements to local roads and/or State Aid minor collectors.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 8. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,021,828.37 for the Town of Boothbay Municipal Budget.

\$540,117.83 for the **General Government Account**

\$412,360.64 for the **Public Safety Account**

\$736,669.90 for the **Public Works Account**

\$140,000 for the **Capitol Improvement Account**

\$8,000 for the **General Assistance Account**

\$134,480 for the **Service Account**

\$52,200 for the **Insurance Account**

[The FY 2018 proposed Town Budget is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.]

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 9. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181,607 for ambulance services.

[The Boothbay Region Ambulance Service budget is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.]

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 10. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the Boothbay Region Cemetery District.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 11. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 12. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of to \$10,000 for the Town of Boothbay Harbor fireworks fund.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 13. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$410,381 for the Boothbay Region Refuse Disposal District.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 14. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Boothbay Region Community Television.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 15. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Boothbay Region Historical Society.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 16. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,520 for the Boothbay Region District Nursing Association.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 17. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the American Legion Charles Sherman Post #36.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 18. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$915 for New Hope for Women.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 19. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$5000 for Boothbay Region Community Resources.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 20. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$874947 from Estimated Revenues to reduce the property tax assessment.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 21. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 and to transfer and appropriate \$140,000 from unassigned fund balance, for a total appropriation of \$280,000, for implementation of the Capital Improvement Plan.

[The Capital Improvement Plan is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.]

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 22. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3500 for The Community Center.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 23. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for The Boothbay Region Senior Citizens Club, Inc.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 24. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for Boothbay Area Shellfish Ordinance.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 25. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$25,000 for Boothbay's share of Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Joint Economic Development Committee FY 2017 activities.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 26. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit established by State law in the event that the municipal budget for Fiscal Year 2018 approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 27. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Shall an ordinance entitled "2016 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Boothbay to Amend the Official Zoning Map Regarding the Industrial Park District" be enacted?

[The Town of Boothbay Official Zoning Map amendment is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and will be available at the Town Meeting. It is proposing to move the following lots from the C-2 District to the Industrial Park District; R06-0010-A01, -0010-A02, -0010-A03, 0010-A04, and -0010-A05.]

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 28. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward any Unexpended Account Balance previously approved in regard to the Boothbay- Boothbay Harbor Joint Economic Development Committee funding into the next budget cycle and put in a reserve account?

[The amount previously approved was \$25,000]

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 29. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease, not to exceed 20 years, with Inland Seafood Corporation of America, Inc. for the use of Town owned property off Knickerbane and Hodgdon Islands (Assessors' Map R-4, Lot 103-A) for lobster impoundment on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Approval.

Article 30. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of tax increment financing Funds in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 in order to finance the costs of paving the Boothbay Industrial Park road.

The Registrar of Voters office will be open to correct any errors in or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person who became 18 years of age on the day of this Annual Town Meeting, and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election or town meeting.

You are hereby directed to publish this warrant in the Boothbay Register, at least fourteen (14) days before the holding of said meeting. Thereof fail not and have this annual town meeting warrant with your doings thereon at a time and place mentioned. Given under our hands at Boothbay, Maine, the 8th day of March, 2017.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dale C. Harmon, Chairman
Douglas W. Burnham, Vice Chairman
Stephen W. Ham
Charles R. Cunningham
Steven C. Lewis
