

**TOWN OF BUCKFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SECRET BALLOT & REFERENDUM ELECTION BALLOT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023**

ARTICLE #

1. This Article (to elect a Moderator) was acted upon prior to opening the polls.

2. **SELECTMAN – 3-YEAR TERMS EACH** **VOTE FOR TWO**

Cormier, Azalea	
Fickett, Sandra	
Hand, Robert J.	
McCafferty, Kyle	

RSU #10 SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR – 3-YEAR TERM **VOTE FOR ONE**

Casey, Michelle A.	
Long, Allison	

3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$409,450.00 for General Administration operating expenses for the ensuing year?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$409,450.00
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$408,950.00

Yes No

4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$532,150.00 for the operation of Public Safety for the Town of Buckfield, to include the Fire Department, Rescue Department, Streetlights, Animal Welfare, Fire Protection-Hydrant System for the ensuing year?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$532,150.00
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$523,650.00

Yes No

5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$93,975.00 for the operating expenses of community departments of Recreation, General Assistance, Organizations & Memorial Day/Community Day, Social Services Agencies, the Old Church on the Hill and the Zadoc Long Free Library for the ensuing year?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

6. Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus \$14,000.00 (representing the unexpended Recreation Department balance in 2021-2022) to the Recreation Department account for the ensuing year to cover the costs of field and building improvements?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD

Yes No

7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$1,023,330.00 for the operation of Public Works (Public Works, Public Works Complex, Winter Roads, Summer Road and Cemeteries) for the ensuing year?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$1,023,330.00
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$811,976.00

Yes No

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8. Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus \$25,000 (representing the unexpended Public Works balances in 2021-2022) to the Public Works account for the ensuing year to cover the costs of paving and a waste oil heating system in 2021-2022?

Yes No

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD

9. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a purchase agreement for a 60' right of way running from Cross Road, currently owned by Dana and Seri Lowell and grant the same an easement, to property owned by the same and to raise and appropriate from taxation an amount not to exceed \$2000.00?

Yes No

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD

10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$214,000.00 for the operation of Solid Waste for the ensuing year?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$214,000.00
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$202,750.00

Yes No

11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$129,285.00 for Debt Service for the ensuing year?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

12. Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus the sum of \$82,250.00 to fund vehicle and equipment reserve accounts for Fire, Rescue and Public Works as part of the Town of Buckfield Capital Improvement Plan?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD

Yes No

13. Shall the Town vote to transfer 75% of the money received from the State for Snowmobile Registrations to the Streaked Mountaineers Snowmobile Club?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD

Yes No

14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$20,000.00 and authorize the Select Board to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the year? Should this Article fail, the 2021-2022 approved Emergency Contingency budget of \$10,000.00 shall be used.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD

Yes No

15. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the projected Local Revenues amount of \$687,350.00 to reduce the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Appropriations Budget?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD

Yes No

16. Shall the Town set the tax commitment no later than 60 days after the final budget is approved with the first payment due date of November 15, 2022 and the second payment 6 months following; after which interest will be charged 30 days from the due date at the rate of 4% per year, or part thereof, on taxes unpaid after that date in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4); and the Tax Collector shall settle with the Treasurer within one year of commitment?

Yes No

17. Shall the Town vote, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 506-A, to pay no interest on refunds of overpaid or abated taxes?

Yes No

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18. Shall the Town vote to authorize the payment of tax abatement approved by the Select Board from the property tax overlay or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance?
 Yes No
19. Shall the Town vote to accept prepayment of taxes to the Tax Collector prior to the date of commitment and to pay no interest thereon?
 Yes No
20. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by bid or auction or on such terms and conditions as deemed in the best interest of the Town, such equipment, vehicles, or furniture over \$5,000.00 as are no longer necessary for Town operations?
 Yes No
21. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Manager to sell by bid or auction or on such terms and conditions as deemed in the best interest of the Town, such equipment, vehicles, or furniture under \$5,000.00 as are no longer necessary to Town operations?
 Yes No
22. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Town Manager to apply for and accept state and/or federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including, when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contracts and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for the authorized purposes for fiscal year 2022-2023?
 Yes No
23. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed the previous fiscal year budget beginning July 1, 2023 until such time as the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget is adopted by Town Meeting?
 Yes No
24. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts not to exceed three years, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, tax assessing, solid waste disposal, fire, rescue, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance agreements?
 Yes No
25. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Buckfield Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Ordinance" be enacted?
 Yes No
26. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to operate all departments at the 2021-2022 budget levels in the event one or all of the preceding budget Articles fail?
 Yes No
27. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for the Revaluation of all real and personal property to begin in 2023 and end in 2024 – expending funds from the Reval Reserve Account (\$55,000.00) and to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$45,000.00 in 2023 and another \$45,000.00 in 2024 for three payments totaling \$145,000.00?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD.

Yes No

28. Shall the Town vote to have the 2023-2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles by Secret Ballot instead of having an open-floor Town Meeting?

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD.

Yes No

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29. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement (lease) with the Streaked Mountaineers Snowmobile Club, in consideration of \$1.00, to lease unto the Lessee a portion of the Town owned property commonly known as the Main Waste Oil Site located on John Ellingwood Road, so-called. The lease agreement being for a term of ninety-nine years to begin immediately.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD.

Yes No

30. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 10-year loan agreement in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00 for the purchase of a Squad Truck with appropriate equipment for Fire Department operation (replacing the current 1996 E350 Squad Truck)? With the passage of the Article, estimated annual payments raised and appropriated through taxation in the amount of \$30,000.00 will be included in the Debt Service budget beginning in 2022-2023.?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD.

Yes No

31. If the preceding Article 30 fails, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 to repair the current 1996 E350 Fire Squad Truck?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD.

Yes No

32. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Buckfield by State law, but only in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit?

Yes No

33. Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 to lower the tax commitment for the ensuing year?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD.

Yes No

34. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the projected State Revenues amount of \$376,480.00 to reduce the fiscal year 2022-23 Appropriations Budget?

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD.

Yes No

35. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to act in the best interest of the Town and accept and carry over as required donations of services, materials, equipment and/or money to supplement an appropriation already made, to reduce the tax assessment or to reduce the permanent debt when said donations exceeds a value of \$5,000.00 for the ensuing year?

Yes No

36. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Manager to act in the best interest of the Town and accept and carry over as required donations of services, materials, equipment and/or money to supplement an appropriation already made, to reduce the tax assessment or to reduce the permanent debt when said donation has a value of \$5,000.00 or less for the ensuing year?

Yes No

37. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property? Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Yes No

THE END