

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESULTS OF THE STATE OF MAINE REFERENDUM ELECTION THAT WAS HELD ON 11/8/11.

ATTEST: Mary-Anne Szeniaowski
MARY-ANNE SZENIAWSKI, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 3935

Style No. 1-A

Sample Ballot
State of Maine Referendum Election
November 8, 2011

Instructions to Voters

- Fill in the oval next to your choice, like this:
- To vote for a question, fill in the YES oval. To vote against a question, fill in the NO oval.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.
- To have your vote count, do not spoil your ballot by erasing or crossing out your choice.

2242

Question 1: People's Veto

- Yes Do you want to reject the section of Chapter 399 of the Public Laws of 2011 that requires new voters to register to vote at least two business days prior to an election?
- No

1645

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

- Yes Do you want to allow a slot machine facility at a harness racing track in Biddeford or another community within 25 miles of Scarborough Downs, subject to local approval, and at a harness racing track in Washington County, with part of the profits from these facilities going to support specific state and local programs?
- No

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Question 3: Citizen Initiative

- Yes Do you want to allow a casino with table games and slot machines in Lewiston, with part of the profits going to support specific state and local programs?
- No

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2090

Question 4: Constitutional Amendment

- Yes Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to change the years of redistricting the Maine Legislature, congressional districts and county commissioner districts after 2013 from 2023 and every 10th year thereafter to 2021 and every 10th year thereafter?
- No

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You Have Now Completed Voting

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESULTS OF THE TOWN OF YORK GENERAL REFERENDUM ELECTION THAT WAS HELD ON 11/8/11.

ATTEST:

MARY-ANNE SZENIAWSKI, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR



**SPECIMEN BALLOT
GENERAL REFERENDUM WARRANT
YORK, MAINE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST 3935

Penalty for willfully refusing, tearing down, removing or destroying a list of candidates or Specimen Ballot - fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

A. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s), like this: ●

<p>ARTICLE ONE</p> <p>The Town hereby ordains amendment of the Beach Ordinance to bring it into conformity with the policies of the Ellis Short Sands Park Ordinances, specifically relating to dressing, fires, grills and surfing.</p> <p>Statement of Fact:</p> <p>This amendment brings the Beach Ordinance into consistency with the Ellis Short Sands Park Ordinances, as required. The two codes currently conflict with one another. Proposed changes include: a total prohibition of fires and the use of grills on Short Sands Beach; the prohibition of surfing during the summer season; and changing the age limits for changing clothes on the beach.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p>3010 YES ● NO 860</p>	<p>Statement of Fact:</p> <p>This amendment improves the format of the Ordinance to make it simpler for the public to use, and simpler for Town staff and boards to administer. The new format presents allowed uses as a list, by zone, rather than by lengthy tables with multiple pages of footnotes. The content of the many footnotes which supplemented the use tables will now be incorporated directly into the list of permitted uses, which simplifies the look-up process. The list of permitted uses in the Shoreland Overlay District is moved to Article 8 so it will now be located with all other information about the Shoreland Overlay District. The new format should be far more efficient for the vast majority of users. This amendment does not introduce policy changes - existing text was retained throughout, and only its presentation format was changed. This amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and specifically with Policy #2.5.5, which calls for making the Town's land use codes more user-friendly. It is expected to have no significant fiscal impact on Town administration.</p> <p>Planning Board recommends approval (5-0) Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-1)</p> <p>3495 YES ● NO 307</p>
<p>ARTICLE TWO</p> <p>The Town hereby ordains amendment of the Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance to exempt Town wireless communications facilities (towers) from the Ordinance.</p> <p>Statement of Fact:</p> <p>This amendment allows the Town to construct new towers needed to ensure it has a highly functional communications system for emergency services, public works and other Town purposes. Current prohibitions will prevent new towers from being constructed at virtually all Town facilities, including the existing and proposed Police Station, both Fire Stations, and the Public Works barn. Improvement of public communications systems is an important goal, particularly for the Town's emergency services providers. A limit is placed on this exemption to prevent new towers from being constructed in or near historic districts. This amendment would allow the Town to make space on a Town tower available for private communications companies to co-locate on a Town tower, and this is intended to both improve the areas of coverage for private "cell phone" providers in York and to generate a revenue stream for the Town to help offset the cost of improving the communications system.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-1)</p> <p>3173 YES ● NO 691</p>	<p>ARTICLE FOUR</p> <p>The Town hereby ordains amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to establish a new performance standard to control soil erosion throughout Town, specifically amending Article 8, Supplemental Use Requirements.</p> <p>Statement of Fact:</p> <p>This amendment establishes a simple requirement for everyone to practice effective soil erosion control. Being a true performance standard, this amendment does not specify a required method for controlling soil erosion - it simply requires achievement of the standard. The standard is to keep water-borne eroded soil, silt and sediment caused by man-made activity from reaching a waterbody, wetland or drainage facility. There are a variety of erosion control standards currently in effect in Town codes, but none apply to all zones and all types of land uses. This amendment is consistent with Comprehensive Plan Policy #5.6.3, which calls for Low Impact Development standards to help manage contaminated urban runoff. It is expected to have no significant fiscal impact on Town administration.</p> <p>Planning Board recommends approval (5-0) Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p>3339 YES ● NO 508</p>
<p>ARTICLE THREE</p> <p>The Town hereby ordains amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to change the format of the Schedule of Use Regulations, specifically amending: Article 4, Use Regulations; Article 8, Shoreland Overlay District; and Article 18, Administration.</p>	

TURN BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLE FIVE

The Town hereby ordains amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, specifically amending Article 2, Definitions, and Article 16, Sign Standards.

Statement of Fact:

This amendment is a reorganization of the existing Sign Standards. In addition to reorganizing these standards, the amendment defines sign types, makes provisions for temporary events, revises and adds dimensional standards, and clarifies review jurisdiction. This amendment is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

3370
YES
NO 419

ARTICLE SEVEN

The Town hereby ordains amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, specifically amending Section 2, State Goal 1, by adding a new section, Town Goal 1.4: Sustainability.

Statement of Fact:

This amendment establishes a broad sustainability policy for the Comprehensive Plan, specifically adding Town Goal 1.4: support a broad vision of sustainability as a basis for policy decisions regarding growth, development, and protection of natural and scenic resources.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)

3193
YES
NO 548

ARTICLE SIX

The Town hereby ordains amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, specifically adding a new Future Land Use Area to Section 3, Future Land Use Area # 22, Green Enterprise Recreation Overlay District.

Statement of Fact:

This amendment adds a new section to Section 3 of York's Comprehensive Plan, which identifies issues and recommendations for all areas of Town. The proposal for this new Land Use Area is the result of an extensive two year public planning process conducted by the Planning Board on a nearly 300 acre area spanning Route 1 to the west, Main Street to the north and east, Horn and Rogers Roads to the south, and to the parking lot across from the York Beach Fire Station to the east. The land encompasses a variety of natural conditions, much of it ecologically sensitive and significant, as well as a multitude of zoning districts. The proposal for Future Land Use Area #22 is to create an overlay zone for this complex and varied area that proposes to allow for careful development where the land can support it, conservation of the most sensitive lands, and low impact recreation and environmental tourism that befits the character of the land location of this rare, largely undeveloped coastal parcel. The overlay zone also calls for innovative zoning tools to be implemented that will allow for replicating building patterns of York Beach, avoiding strip development patterns along Route 1, and integrating recreation and conservation measures wherever possible. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)

3179
YES
NO 587

ARTICLE EIGHT

The Town hereby ordains amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, specifically amending Section 2, State Goal 2, by adding a new section, Town Goal 2.6: Support Accessibility in the Built Environment.

Statement of Fact:

This amendment establishes a policy supporting the creation of roads, buildings, and public spaces that are accessible to people with a range of ages and abilities, and that meet or exceed the standards of the American with Disabilities Act whenever possible. Town Goal 2.6: Support Accessibility in the Human-Made Environment has been added to Volume 1 of the Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)

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YES
NO 449

ARTICLE NINE

The Town hereby ordains amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, to amend Section 2, Town of York Goals and Actions, specifically adding a new Town Goal 3.4: Policies on Formula Businesses.

Statement of Fact:

This amendment establishes a policy regarding formula businesses, specifically recognizing the Town's ban on formula restaurants, and establishing policies for the scale and design of other types of formula businesses such as banks, supermarkets, gas stations, etc. Town Goal 3.4: Policies on Formula Businesses has been added to Volume 1 of the Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)

2996
YES
NO 782