

2888 votes cast

State of Maine Sample Ballot
Referendum Election, November 3, 2015

Instructions to Voters

Fill in the oval next to your Yes or No choice, like this:

To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

1. Citizen's Initiative

Do you want to change Maine law to allow publicly financed state candidates to qualify for additional funds under certain limits and rules in the Maine Clean Election Act, to improve the disclosure of who pays for political ads, and to increase penalties for violations of campaign finance law?

Yes 1995

No 840

2. Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes for low-income seniors, the adaptive reuse of structures for homes for low-income seniors and the repair and weatherization of existing homes for low-income seniors, which will create jobs and will be matched by an estimated \$22,600,000 in private and other funds?

Total estimated life time cost is \$19,125,000 representing \$15,000,000 in principal and \$4,125,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5.0% over 10 years).

Yes 2199

No 645

3. Bond Issue

Do you favor an \$85,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$121,500,000 in federal and other funds?

Total estimated life time cost is \$108,375,000 representing \$85,000,000 in principal and \$23,375,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5.0% over 10 years).

Yes 2403

No 439

You Have Now Completed Voting

**SAMPLE BALLOT
GENERAL REFERENDUM
TOWN OF YORK, MAINE
NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this:
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ONE: The Town hereby ordains amendment of the **Zoning Ordinance** to amend the **definition of Hotel/Motel** with regard to size of cooking facilities allowed within a Hotel/Motel accommodation.

Statement of Fact: The purpose of this amendment is to change the cooking facilities required size measurement from cubic feet (i.e. unit of volume) to square feet (i.e. unit of area). The goal is to match common construction practice with regards to measurement and mimic the current maximum size requirement that currently exists and may be found within a hotel/motel room with a standard 8' ceiling.

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

YES 2546
 NO 280

TWO: The Town hereby ordains amendment of the **Zoning Ordinance** to amend the permitted **use section of the General Development 3 (GEN-3)**, by specifically amending Article 4.1.2, Business, Village and General Districts.

Statement of Fact: The purpose of this amendment is to include a permitted use relative to open air music and theatrical performances within the GEN-3 Zone south of the Little River.

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

YES 2336
 NO 472

THREE: The Town hereby ordains amendment of the **Zoning Ordinance** to amend the prohibited **use section of the York Beach Village Center (YBVC)**, specifically amending Article 4.1.2, Business, Village and General Districts.

Statement of Fact: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the Bottling of Beverages as part of or accessory to an Artisanal Food and/or Beverage Facility is permitted within the YBVC District.

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

YES 2320
 NO 489

FOUR: The Town hereby ordains amendment of the **Zoning Ordinance** to revise the official map entitled, "**York Zoning Ordinance: Base Zoning Districts**" as referenced under zoning article 3.4.

Statement of Fact: The purpose of this amendment is to amend the base zoning district map by incorporating (Map & Lot: 0050-0036 and 0050-0035) 207 and 211 York Street within the GEN-3 base zone. The amendment aims to better correspond to the Comprehensive Plans recommendations regarding Future Land Area #8- York Village Center Area and the guidance provided by the plan with how that area should be zoned in the future.

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

YES 2203
 NO 542

FIVE: The Town hereby ordains amendment of the **Zoning Ordinance** to revise the official map entitled, "**York Zoning Ordinance: York Village Center Overlay District**" as referenced under zoning article 3.15.

Statement of Fact: The purpose of this amendment is to expand the York Village Center Overlay District to include a parcel that abuts the current overlay district on York Street. The amendment aims to better correspond to the Comprehensive Plans recommendations regarding Future Land Area #8- York Village Center Area and the guidance provided by the plan with how the area should be zoned in the future.

Planning Board recommends approval (4-1)
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES 2057
 NO 703

SIX: The Town hereby ordains amendment of the **Zoning Ordinance** to amend the Schedule of **Dimensional Regulations within the Residential 5, 6 and 7 zoning districts** by specifically amending Article 5.2.1, Residential District footnote "b."

Statement of Fact: The purpose of this amendment is to promote an existing development pattern for uses that abut the sidewalk along Long Beach Avenue and to allow greater design flexibility for municipal functionally water dependent uses within this area. This amendment is in line with the process of beginning to review and amend the dimensional requirements for buildings that are within close proximity to Long Sands Beach especially as it relates to front setback regulations on parcels that have frontage on Long Sands Beach Avenue within the current RES-7 district. This change corresponds with Recommendation #1 of Land Use Are #4 "Long Sands Beach" of the Comprehensive Plan.

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

YES 2270
 NO 490

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<p>SEVEN: The Town hereby ordains a new ordinance entitled, "Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bag Ordinance."</p> <p>Statement of Fact: The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the usage of single-use plastic bags by retail and grocery stores in the Town of York except as may be permitted by this ordinance.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES 1649 <input type="radio"/> NO 1151</p>	<p>NINE: The Town hereby ordains amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to add a new chapter to Volume 2-Inventory and Analysis Section titled "Stormwater Chapter" for the York Comprehensive Plan Inventory & Analysis.</p> <p>Statement of Fact: Passage of this amendment to the Comprehensive Plan would add a Stormwater Chapter and associated appendix to the Inventory and Analysis Section of York's Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this chapter is to provide a detailed examination of York's stormwater management program(s) as well as an inventory of regulations, municipal infrastructure, stormwater financing programs as well as provide detailed information on state and federal guidelines for stormwater management throughout town. The addition of this chapter will provide information upon which policies related to stormwater management in Volume 1 of the Comprehensive Plan can be based.</p> <p>Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES 2309 <input type="radio"/> NO 401</p>	<p>ELEVEN: The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, specifically amending: the Introduction Chapter to include a new Item L "Stormwater" to the list of chapters.</p> <p>Statement of Fact: Passage of this amendment would incorporate the Stormwater Chapter into the list of chapters contained in the Introductory Chapter to the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES 2271 <input type="radio"/> NO 398</p>
<p>EIGHT: The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate into the plan <u>The York Village Master Plan</u> dated April, 2015, specifically amending: Volume 1: Policies, Capital Investment Plan, Regional Coordination Program and Implementation Program.</p> <p>Statement of Fact: Passage of this amendment would incorporate by reference <u>The York Village Master Plan</u>. The Village Master Plan contains detailed visuals, diagrams, substantive information and plan recommendations for the York Village Center Area regarding Streetscapes, Pedestrians and Bicycles; Roadways & Traffic; Curbside and Off-Street Parking; Utility Infrastructure; Trails and Open Space; Village and Architectural Character; Economic Development; Conceptual Budget & Funding; and details a Community Participation and Outreach Process that enabled development of the Master Plan. This amendment would adopt the York Village Master Plan as a reference and recommendation within Section 3 of Volume 1 of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically, Future Land Use Area #8- York Village Center Area.</p> <p>Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES 1751 <input type="radio"/> NO 978</p>	<p>TEN: The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to amend and add the following Town actions as listed in Volume 1: Policies, Capital Investment Plan, Regional Coordination Program and Implementation Program of the Comprehensive Plan: modify action 1.2.1 regarding cluster subdivisions; add new action 5.2.7 regarding septic systems; modify action 5.6.3 regarding Low Impact Development; modify action 5.6.5 regarding the town's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program; add new action 5.6.6 regarding storm frequency data; add new action 5.6.7 regarding a single unified stormwater ordinance and modify action 6.2.8 regarding floodplain and wetlands management.</p> <p>Statement of Fact: Passage of these amendments would help clarify and aid particular Town Goals and future policy directives/actions in the Comprehensive Plan, specifically as it relates to Stormwater Management practices as well as aim to ensure and promote desired development patterns and clean water practices throughout town.</p> <p>Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES 2209 <input type="radio"/> NO 454</p>	<p>TWELVE: The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to modify the Utilities Chapter to reference the Stormwater Chapter, specifically amending: Volume II: Inventory and Analysis Section, Utilities Chapter.</p> <p>Statement of Fact: Passage of this amendment would incorporate a reference to the Stormwater Chapter, in the section of the Utilities Chapter that currently describes stormwater in the Town.</p> <p>Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES 2247 <input type="radio"/> NO 403</p>
<p>PLEASE VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT</p>	<p>PLEASE VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT</p>	<p>CONTINUE VOTING ON CARD 2</p> <p>Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES 2288 <input type="radio"/> NO 401</p>

FOURTEEN: Shall the Town **release by quitclaim deed** any interest it may retain in property located at **117 Long Sands Road** (Tax Map 44, Lot 50) in York, Maine, to York Senior Housing, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of York Housing?

Statement of Fact: If approved, the Town will issue a quit claim deed at no cost to release any interest it may still have in property believed owned by York Senior Housing, Inc.. The Town acquired this property in 1837, and sold it following authorization by the voters on July 14, 1962. A surveyor researching this property believes the deed drafted for this 1962 sale included an error because it failed to describe a portion of the parcel. This defect in the deed now clouds the title. By releasing any remaining interest in this parcel, York Housing will be able to utilize this property.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES 2628
 NO 187

SIXTEEN: Shall the Town, pursuant to 23 MRSA Sec. 3025, accept fee simple title to a road known as **Hannaford Drive** and described as shown on a plan entitled "As built Plan, Hannaford Drive, York, Maine" and dated October 23, 1998.

Statement of Fact: The Town acquired the property at 9 Hannaford Drive for a new Police Station in July 2015. As part of the Town's negotiations to allow a police station at this location it was agreed to propose to the voters that Hannaford Drive be accepted as a public road. The Department of Public Works inspected Hannaford Drive in June 2015 and determined that the street met the Town's Public Road Acceptance Ordinance at the time the subdivision was built. The Department recommends formal acceptance of Hannaford Drive as a public way.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES 2562
 NO 261

FIFTEEN: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the purchase of the fee interest in a portion of **Long Beach Avenue** required to establish sufficient right, title and interest in the land necessary for the construction of the new Long Sands Beach Bathhouse, said portion as shown on the March 31, 2015 Plot Plan for the Long Beach Avenue Improvements on file with the Town of York Town Clerk, and to purchase said property for a sum that is within the budget for the bathhouse construction project approved by the Town in Article Forty-Two of the May 18, 2013 Budget Referendum.

Statement of Fact: In order to expand the Long Sands Beach Bathhouse the Town must acquire property rights to the land currently under Long Beach Avenue. Passage of this Article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to negotiate with the owners to acquire the land. The area to be acquired is west of the bathhouse and is approximately 5,008 square feet in area. Money for this purchase will come from funds already approved for the expansion project.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES 2225
 NO 590

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