

Municipal Officers Notice of Public Hearing Secret Ballot Referendum Questions for the March 15, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Officers of the Town of Belgrade will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belgrade Town office in said town to hear public comments on the following referendum articles 3 through 8 for the annual March Town Meeting as listed below:

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$1,138 for the Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center?

		<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>			<u>2024</u> <u>request</u>	
		<u>\$1,138.00</u>			<u>\$1,138.00</u>	
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES	3	NO	0	ABSENT	2
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES	3	NO	1	ABSENT	2

ARTICLE 4

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$60,000 for Lake Protection, to be disbursed to the following lake associations in fiscal year 2024, as follows:

		<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>			<u>2024</u> <u>request</u>	
Belgrade Lakes Association <i>(Great Pond milfoil removal)</i>		\$24,000.00			\$24,000.00	
Friends of Messalonskee <i>(Belgrade Stream milfoil removal)</i>		\$19,650.00			\$19,650.00	
7 Lakes Alliance <i>(Courtesy boat inspection, Youth Conservation Corps)</i>		\$12,600.00			\$12,600.00	
McGrath-Salmon Lake Association <i>(Courtesy boat inspection, Youth Conservation Corps, Port-O-Let)</i>		\$ 3,750.00			\$ 3,750.00	
TOTAL		\$60,000.00			\$60,000.00	
Funding from property taxes		\$60,000.00			\$60,000.00	
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES	3	NO	0	ABSENT	2
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES	3	NO	1	ABSENT	2

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$1,562.40 to help fund Spectrum Generations for Belgrade residents?

		<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>			<u>2024</u> <u>request</u>	
		<u>\$1,488.00</u>			<u>\$1,562.40</u>	
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES	3	NO	0	ABSENT	2
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES	3	NO	1	ABSENT	2

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$1,500 to help fund Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area, which provides services to the residents of Belgrade?

2023	2024
<u>Actual</u>	<u>request</u>
\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

Selectboard recommendation:	YES	3	NO	0	ABSENT	2
Budget Committee recommendation:	YES	4	NO	0	ABSENT	2

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$350 to help fund Kennebec Behavioral Health mental health services for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Belgrade?

2023	2024
<u>Actual</u>	<u>request</u>
\$0.00	\$350.00

Selectboard recommendation:	YES	3	NO	0	ABSENT	2
Budget Committee recommendation:	YES	4	NO	0	ABSENT	2

ARTICLE 8

To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to convey to Belgrade's state legislators, Members of Congress, Governor, and President of the United States that the town hereby calls upon our Federal elected representatives to enact Cash Back Carbon pricing legislation to protect Maine from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. Cash-Back Carbon Pricing charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis with monthly dividend checks. The record of the vote approving this resolution shall be transmitted by written notice to the above-mentioned parties by the Board of Selectpersons within 30 days of this vote.

No Recommendation Required.

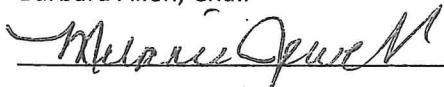
Belgrade, Maine

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 2528 (5), we have this day, being at least seven days before the hearing, notified the inhabitants of said Town of Belgrade public hearing, to be held at the time and place, and for the purposes stated above, by posting a copy of said notice at the following public and conspicuous places; Christy's Store, Center for All Seasons, Belgrade Lakes Post Office, Belgrade Post Office, Belgrade Library and the Municipal Office in the Town of Belgrade.

Dated January 23, 2024

Attest:

Barbara Allen, Chair



Melanie Jewell



Peter Rushton



Carol Johnson, V. Chair



Daniel Newman