

**TOWN OF BUCKFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**SECRET BALLOT & REFERENDUM ELECTION(S) WARRANT FOR**  
**FISCAL YEAR '22: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

# RESULTS

**Total Ballots:** 216  
**Total Articles to Vote On:** 42 (*Article 1 did not require a vote on 9/28/21*)  
**Articles Passed:** #2 through #43  
**Total Articles Failed:** 0

ARTICLE #:	
1.	This Article, to elect a Moderator, will be acted upon prior to opening the polls.
2.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$288,865.00 for the Administration account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the Fiscal Year '21 approved budget of \$256,690.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 113, NO 101, BLANK 2</b></p>
3.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$20,000.00 for the Debt Service account for the first third payment to finance a 3-year lease to transition to TRIO software for the Administration Department?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 150, NO 64, BLANK 2</b></p>
4.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$7,365.00 for the Assessing/Tax Maps account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Assessing / Tax Map budget of \$7,365.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 135, NO 80, BLANK 1</b></p>
5.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$124,923.80 for the Fire Department account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Fire Department budget of \$113,765.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 131, NO 84, BLANK 1</b></p>
6.	<p>Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to deposit all monetary donations to the Fire Department and any Fire Department billing revenue into the established <i>Fire Equipment Reserve</i>?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 180, NO 36, BLANK 0</b></p>

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7.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$61,000.00 for the Hydrant Rental account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Hydrant Rental budget of \$60,100.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 115, NO 100, BLANK 1</b></p>
8.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$334,640.00 for the Rescue Department account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Rescue Department budget of \$273,280.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 110, NO 102, BLANK 4</b></p>
9.	<p>Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, upon approval of the Select Board, to apply the revenue in excess of the budgeted revenue received from rescue billing to the Rescue Department Equipment Reserve Account?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 152, NO 61, BLANK 3</b></p>
10.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$24,846.50 for the Recreation Department account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Recreation Department budget of \$24,755.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 139, NO 73, BLANK 4</b></p>
11.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$2,000.00 for the General Assistance Department account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved General Assistance Department budget of \$2,000.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 160, NO 53, BLANK 3</b></p>
12.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$825.00 for the Organizations/Memorial Day/Local Events Department account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Organizations/Memorial Day/Local Events Department budget of \$1,425.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 165, NO 49, BLANK 2</b></p>
13.	<p>Shall the Town vote to support the Streaked Mountain Snow Mobile Club and participate insnowmobile and trail grants sponsored by state, Federal or non-profit grants and turn over to said snow mobile club any funds received via grant funding for FY 21-22?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 170, NO 44, BLANK 2</b></p>

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14.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$3,250.00 for the Social Services Department account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Social Services Department budget of \$3,250.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 158 NO 54, BLANK 4</b></p>
15.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$34,449.00 for the Municipal Center account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Municipal Center budget of \$32,745.73 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED 118 YES, 86 NO, BLANK 2</b></p>
16.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$45,908.50 for the Zadoc Long Free Library Department account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Zadoc Long Free Library Department budget of \$42,335.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED 128, NO 86, BLANK 2</b></p>
17.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$28,256.00 for the Public Works Complex account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Public Works Complex Department budget of \$20,805.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 134, NO 80, BLANK 2</b></p>
18.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$6,395.00 for the Cemetery Maintenance account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Cemetery Maintenance budget of \$6,370.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 153, NO 61, BLANK 2</b></p>
19.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$7,700.00 for the StreetLights account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Street Lights account budget of \$7000.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 125, NO 90, BLANK 1</b></p>
20.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$137,811.53 for the Debt Service account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Debt Service budget of \$137,716.53 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 136, NO 79, BLANK 1</b></p>

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21.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$157,707.65 for the Public Works Equipment account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Public Works Equipment budget of \$147,570.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 128, NO 86, BLANK 2</b></p>
22.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$22,000.00 for the Debt Service account for the first fifth payment to finance a 5-year lease to transition to acquire an Excavator for the Public Works Department?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 115, NO 100, BLANK 1</b></p>
23.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$201,791.00 for the Winter Roads account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Winter Roads budget of \$161,110.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 138, NO 77, BLANK 1</b></p>
24.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$413,321.00 for the Summer Roads account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Summer Roads budget of \$383,480.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 128, NO 87, BLANK 1</b></p>
25.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$213,388.00 for the Solid Waste and Recycling account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Solid Waste and Recycling budget of \$206,779.30 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 133, NO 82, BLANK 1</b></p>
26.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$4,145.00 for the Animal Welfare account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Animal Welfare budget of \$4,145.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 151, NO 63, BLANK 2</b></p>
27.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$2,395.00 for the Old Church on the Hill account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Old Church on the Hill budget of \$2,395.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 150, NO 65, BLANK 1</b></p>

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28.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$5,000.00 for the Overlay account and said amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the 21-22 tax commitment, as prescribed by law, for the purpose of granting property tax abatements and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021? Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Special Assessment Overlay budget of \$5,000.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 150, NO 64, BLANK 2</b></p>
29.	<p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate through taxation \$10,000.00 for the Emergency Contingency account and be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Should this article fail, the 20-21 approved Emergency Contingency budget of \$10,000.00 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 158, NO 57, BLANK 1</b></p>
30.	<p>Shall the Town vote to appropriate the projected budgeted amount of \$714,129.76 for Local Revenues to reduce the FY '22 Appropriations Budget?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 144, NO 67, BLANK 5</b></p>
31.	<p>Shall the Town vote to accept State Revenues as provided by the Maine State Legislature and appropriate the total projected budgeted amount of \$320,912.00 to reduce the FY 2021-2022 Appropriations Budget?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 179, NO 34, BLANK 3</b></p>
32.	<p>Shall the town vote to use \$200,000 from the Fund Balance account to offset taxes to help lower the mil rate for FY '22? Should this article fail, the FY '21 approved Fund Balance offset budget of \$240,000 shall be used.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 167, NO 48, BLANK 1</b></p>
33.	<p>Shall the Town vote to set November 15, 2021 as the due date for the first half of the 2021-22 property taxes and May 15, 2022 as the due date for the second half of the 2021- 22 property taxes and payable to the Town Tax Collector?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 185, NO 28, BLANK 3</b></p>
34.	<p>Shall the Town vote to set the annual interest rate of six percent (6.00%) on the 1<sup>st</sup> half property tax not paid on or before November 15, 2021 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half property tax not paid on or before May 15, 2022? State mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic do not allow for rates above 6%.</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 160, NO 54, BLANK 2</b></p>

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35.	<p>Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of property taxes not yet due or assessed and to fix an annual interest rate of zero percent (0%) on excess taxes paid prior to the due date. M.R.S.A. 36, Section 506 as amended?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 185, NO 28, BLANK 3</b></p>
36.	<p>Shall the Town vote to set an annual interest rate of five percent (5.00%) on excess taxes paid when tax abatements are issued by the Board of Assessors. M.R.S.A. 36, Section 506A, as amended?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 156, NO 54, BLANK 6</b></p>
37.	<p>Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, in accordance with Town Policy(ies), to act in the Town's best interest and establish and close bank accounts as needed on behalf of the Town of Buckfield for FY '22?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 166, NO 47, BLANK 3</b></p>
38.	<p>Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, in its discretion and on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, except for property tax-acquired from certain senior, low-income taxpayers who qualify for the special sale process required pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C, or acquired by any other means, sale or sales to be by sealed bid and advertised seven (7) days in advance by posting in two conspicuous public places and the Town's web site and by placing an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and to execute Municipal Quit Claim Deeds for such property except that the Select Board may, without auction or advertisement, sell to the person or persons to whom a property was taxed at the time the property was acquired by the Town or to their heirs or assignees, such property at the amount of the accrued taxes, interest, lien costs, administrative fees, and other fees as determined by the Select Board and to execute and deliver therefore a Municipal Quit Claim Deed for FY '22?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 169, NO 45, BLANK 2</b></p>
39.	<p>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 donation exceeds a value of \$5,000.00 for FY '22?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 181, NO 33, BLANK 2</b></p>

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40.	<p>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 FY 21-22?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 180, NO 34, BLANK 2</b></p>
41.	<p>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 FY '22?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 180, NO 34, BLANK 2</b></p>
42.	<p>Shall the Town vote to have all the June 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles by Secret Ballot instead of having an open floor Town Meeting?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 145, NO 60, BLANK 11</b></p>
43.	<p>Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to spend in Fiscal Year '22 an amount not to exceed the Fiscal Year '21 budget until such time as the Fiscal Year '22 budget is adopted by Town Meeting?</p> <p><b>PASSED YES 184, NO 23, BLANK 9</b></p>