

TOWN OF ELIOT, MAINE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION & REFERENDUM WARRANT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

To Grant M. Hirst, a Resident of the Town of Eliot, in the County of York, State of Maine

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eliot, County of York, State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Marshwood Middle School, 626 H. L. Dow Highway, Eliot, Maine, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:30 AM for opening ceremonies and action on Article One, Election of Moderator. The polls for voting will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for secret ballot voting on Articles Two through Ten and Advisory Survey Non-Binding Referendum Question One.

Pursuant to Title 21-A, Section 759(7) absentee ballots will be processed at the polling place from 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM on the hour, every hour as needed.

The Town will provide any reasonable accommodations for any disabled resident to attend this Election. Please notify the Town Manager at the Town Office of the need. This is in accordance with the ADA Law.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect One (1) Select Board/Overseer of the Poor to fill an unexpired term to June 2020.

ARTICLE 3: To elect One (1) Budget Committee member to fill an unexpired term to June 2019.

ARTICLE 4: Shall an ordinance entitled 'November 2018 Amendments to the Town of Eliot Referendum Town Meeting Ordinance be enacted?

ARTICLE 5: Shall amendments to "Section 1-2, Definitions and Rules of Construction, and Section 44, Shoreland Zoning of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine", to update the Town's Shoreland Zoning Standards to be consistent with Maine Department of Environmental Protection 2015 Chapter 1000 Guidelines be enacted?

ARTICLE 6: Shall an amendment to "Section 29-42 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine", to change one word from "application" to "permit" to clarify that residents pay a permit fee, not an application fee for growth permits be enacted?

ARTICLE 7: Shall amendments to "Section 1-2, Section 29-5, Section 33-63, Section 33-140, Section 33-181, and Section 41-91 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine", to update the former job title of "Planning Assistant" to "Planner" be enacted?

ARTICLE 8: Shall amendments to "Section 45-405 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine", to delete reference to repealed section 33-174, delete note e and reference to note e, and add note f be enacted?

ARTICLE 9: Pursuant to 30-A MRS § 2501, shall the Town vote to be governed by Title 21-A MRS § 696(2)(C) and § 722-A, intending that votes for write-in candidates in municipal elections beginning with the 2019 Annual Election will be counted only if that candidate has filed a timely declaration of write-in candidacy with the Municipal Clerk?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town endorse the York River Study Committee’s recommendation to seek Partnership Wild and Scenic River designation, by the U.S. Congress for the York River and its major tributaries with the understanding that such designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands, and further, accept the committee’s York River Watershed Stewardship Plan?

Accompanying statement of fact:

The York River Wild and Scenic Study, which was authorized by the US Congress, evaluated the York River for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under its “Partnership” river model. The York River Study Committee believes a Partnership Wild and Scenic River designation would provide key financial resources, technical assistance, and a local structure to best enable implementation of the York River Watershed Stewardship Plan. The Stewardship Plan is a non-regulatory guidance document that recommends strategies to preserve important historic, cultural, economic and natural resources in the York River watershed consistent with goals in towns’ comprehensive plans.

Community support for designation and acceptance of the Stewardship Plan is a prerequisite to Partnership Wild and Scenic River designation. However, such endorsement does not commit the Town to provide any financial resources. Funding to implement the Stewardship Plan is anticipated to come from annual Congressional appropriations through the National Park Service’s Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Program if the York River is designated. There is no land ownership or management by the National Park Service, and there are no required changes to local ordinances with a Partnership Wild and Scenic River designation.

***** ADVISORY SURVEY – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM *****

ADULT-USE RECREATIONAL RETAIL CANNABIS

Statement of Fact: The State of Maine has adopted legislation that only allows recreational retail marijuana (cannabis) stores in towns that choose to create licensing standards (through ordinance) to allow recreational retail marijuana stores. If the Town does not create licensing standards for recreational retail marijuana stores, the Town of Eliot would automatically not allow retail recreational marijuana stores to operate within town limits.

- 1) Should the Town create licensing standards through ordinance amendments that would allow retail stores to sell recreational marijuana to adults in the Town of Eliot, exclusively in the Commercial / Industrial District?

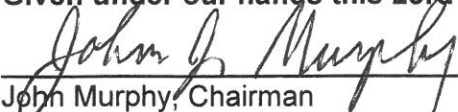
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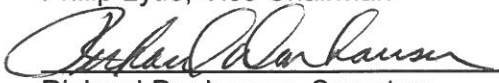
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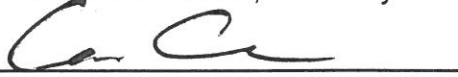
Copies of all proposed ordinance amendments are available at the Town Clerk’s Office and on the Town Website at www.eliotmaine.org.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of August, 2018.


John Murphy, Chairman


Philip Lytle, Vice Chairman


Richard Donhauser, Secretary


Alexandros Orestis, Selectman

**Select Board
Town of Eliot, Maine**