


Final Results


**SAMPLE BALLOT
 TOWN OF ELIOT, MAINE
 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION
 JUNE 13, 2017**

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- ◆ Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- ◆ Write-in instructions: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the oval.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Total Town Votes Cast : 1,242

<input type="radio"/> Davis, Rebecca L. 496	<input type="radio"/> Strong, Edward F. 808	<input type="radio"/> Berman, Susan E. 837
<input type="radio"/> Donhauser, Richard D. 724	<input type="radio"/> Write-in 56	<input type="radio"/> Write-in 11
<input type="radio"/> Lytle, Phillip N., Sr. 447	<input type="radio"/> Blanks 1,620	<input type="radio"/> Blanks 394
<input type="radio"/> Warrender, Douglas L. 337		
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QUESTION 1: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit estimated at \$3,286,292 as established for Eliot by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding and following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit or any other property tax limit established as a result of 30-A MRSA Section 5721-A Limitation on Municipal Property Tax Levy. The final limit cannot be calculated until late summer.

Note: This article has to be voted by written ballot. If the articles are voted as Select Board recommended them, the estimated override amount will be \$26,762.

****Select Only One****

- YES 440 Blanks 46
- NO 756

QUESTION 2: To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2017 / 2018 Estimated Revenues to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation (fiscal year is July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).

Excise Taxes	\$1,462,250	T.I.F. Revenues	112,350
Clerk Fees	39,200	State Revenue Sharing	239,000
Reserve/Carryover	31,331	CEO Permits	105,000
MDOT Road Assistance	34,000	Grant from York Hospital	11,000
Interest (Investment & Tax)	60,000	Police Fees	26,600
Gen. Assistance Reimb.	15,000	Recycling / Pay Per Bag	136,600
Community Service Fees	295,000	Planning Bd. / BoA Fees	5,500
Sewer Administration	33,060	Boat Basin Launch Fees	18,000
Mooring Fees	7,000	Miscellaneous	67,050
Total:			\$2,697,941

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$2,697,941 1,010
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0)
- None of the above 187

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QUESTION 3: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for employee salary, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Administration.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$1,242,879 892 Blanks 41
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0)
- None of the above 309

QUESTION 4: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Hearings and Elections:

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$26,479 902 Blanks 43
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0)
- None of the above 297

QUESTION 5: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Fire Department.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$173,555 1,018 Blanks 35
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0)
- None of the above 189

QUESTION 6: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for employee salary, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Police Department.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$1,032,457 938 Blanks 48
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0)
- None of the above 256

QUESTION 7: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for services related to Public Safety.

Fire Hydrants	86,569
Dispatching	91,350
PSAP (911)	15,000
Harbormaster	14,879
Streetlights	23,500
Public Health Officer	1,077
Animal Control Officer	9,986
Total	\$242,341

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$242,341 992 Blanks 33
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0)
- None of the above 217

QUESTION 8: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance for the Public Works Department.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$894,188 908 Blanks 42
(Select Board Vote: 6-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 5-0-1)
- None of the above 292

QUESTION 9: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Snow Removal.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$192,085 1,015 Blanks 36
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0)
- None of the above 191

QUESTION 10: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, benefits, and operation of Summer Maintenance.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$31,936 920 Blanks 36
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0)
- None of the above 286

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QUESTION 11: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance for Roads and Bridges.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$12,000 (Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **1,042** **Blanks 30**
- None of the above **168**

QUESTION 12: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for salaries, benefits, operations, and maintenance of the Solid Waste Transfer Station. Household Hazardous Waste \$11,000 (Included in Total)

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$250,816 (Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **893** **Blanks 35**
- None of the above **312**

QUESTION 13: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the implementation of the Federal Storm Water Management Plan.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$200,000 (Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **895** **Blanks 37**
- None of the above **308**

QUESTION 14: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, fringe benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Community Service Department.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$473,289 (Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **768** **Blanks 34**
- None of the above **438**

QUESTION 15: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for General Assistance.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$30,000 (Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **952** **Blanks 47**
- None of the above **241**

QUESTION 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Capital Improvements.

	Requested	
Roadway Paving	\$470,000	
Public Works Vehicle Reserve	140,001	(7 Vehicles)
Transfer Station Vehicle Reserve	10,000	(Roll Off Truck)
Transfer Station Vehicle Capital	15,000	(Skid Steer Lease)
Transfer Station Facility Reserve	15,000	(Retaining Wall)
Town Hall Facility Reserve	20,000	(Heating System)
Town Hall Capital	13,000	(Generator)
Technology Upgrades	8,500	(Web / Streaming Improvements)
CSD Parks / Facilities Capital	10,000	(Boat Basin Bathrooms)
CSD Vehicle Reserve	15,000	(CSD Van)
Energy Efficiency Capital	12,440	(Building(s) Weatherization)
Energy Efficiency Reserve	7,000	(Buy Out P.W. Solar)
Police Vehicle Capital	35,500	(Cruiser, Set Up, Car Laptop)
Police Station Capital	5,000	(Patrol Room Renovation)
Police Communications Capital	8,500	(Server / Radio / Licensing)
Fire Truck Reserve	60,000	(All Fire Trucks)
Fire Station Capital	5,000	(Generator)
Fire Station Reserve	7,000	(Paint / Furnace)
Fire Gear	35,100	(Gear, Air Paks / Bottles, Radios)
TOTAL:	\$892,041	

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$892,041 (Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **961** **Blanks 37**
- None of the above **242**

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QUESTION 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the operating Reserve Accounts.

	Recommended
Medical Insurance Reserve	10,000
Contingency	15,000
Total Request	\$25,000

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$25,000
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **931**
- None of the above **245**

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QUESTION 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Town Standing Committees.

	Recommended
Board of Appeals	\$ 3,600
Budget Committee	1,016
Conservation	1,500
Energy Commission	700
Planning Board	13,615
Clean Waters Committee	500
Total	\$20,931

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$20,931
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **903**
- None of the above **274**

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QUESTION 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the William Fogg Library.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$150,000
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 5-1) **875**
- None of the above **292**

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QUESTION 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Social Service Agencies.

	Recommended
Agency on Aging	\$1,600
Center for Wildlife	850
Community Outreach	1,000
Eliot Festival Day	1,000
Historical Society	3,000
Home Health Visiting Nurses	1,600
Memorial Day	795
Project Share	500
Red Cross	1,200
Senior Citizens	1,500
Y.C. Community Action Corp.	1,600
York County Shelter	300
Total	\$14,945

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$14,945
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **1,009**
- None of the above **179**

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QUESTION 21: To see if the Town will appropriate and transfer \$105,553 for Fixed Assessments from the established Tax Incremental Financing account.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$105,553
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **763**
- None of the above **395**

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QUESTION 22: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for York County Taxes.

****Select Only One****

- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$516,380
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 6-0) **879**
- None of the above **295**

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QUESTION 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,000 from the Eliot Land Bank Reserve for the purpose of permanently protecting 80 acres on Johnson Lane surrounding Shorey's Brook for wildlife, water quality, and recreational purposes, including hiking, bird watching, cross-country skiing and hunting. These funds will be matched by at least \$210,000 from the Great Works Regional Land Trust who will own and manage the property. The approval of this referendum will have no impact on current property taxes.

Explanation: This property (back portion of Map 88 Lots 7 and 8 known as the Goodwin Farm) abuts and provides access for two Town-owned properties designated for conservation. These funds will be used by the Great Works Regional Land Trust to complete the acquisition, establish public access, and create walking trails open to the public.

No disbursement of funds will occur until the Town has legal assurance of permanent public access for its residents.

Select Only One

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Budget Committee Vote: 4-1-1)

983

Blanks 22

None of the above

234

QUESTION 24: Shall the Town of Eliot approve the installation of a 132,200 watt photovoltaic solar installation on the Town's Transfer Station landfill at no initial cost to the Town that will produce approximately 70% of the Town Government's electrical usage (buildings, parks, sewer pumps, etc.). Approval of the project will be contingent upon Select Board determination of a suitable contract with the solar vendor.

Note: The project will be constructed under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with a solar vendor. There is no initial cost and the Town will have the option to purchase the installation at fair market value any time after the first 5 full years of operation. The selected solar vendor will bill the town at an approximate rate 1.15 cents per KWH below CMP's rate, which generates the annual savings. The Energy Commission is recommending that the savings be escrowed to purchase the solar installation in the future (+/- 15 years), thereby allowing the Town to benefit from the free energy produced by the solar array thereafter. The annual savings while leasing the array is \$3,000; the annual savings if and when we own it, is \$22,000. If bought in year 15, the total savings over 25 years is anticipated to exceed \$230,000.

Select Board Recommend
(Select Board Vote: 4-1)

Select Only One

YES

905

Blanks 22

NO

314

QUESTION 25: To see if the Town will authorize the Eliot Select Board, by unanimous vote, to waive tax foreclosure if the property in question is a greater financial liability than the property's overall value.

Select Board Recommend
(Select Board Vote: 5-0)

Select Only One

YES

1,029

Blanks 34

NO

178

QUESTION 26: Shall an ordinance entitled, "Town of Eliot Harbor Ordinance" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine, be enacted as amended?

Select Board Recommend
(Select Board Vote: 5-0)

Select Only One

YES

890

Blanks 84

NO

267

QUESTION 27: Shall an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to Chapter 31 (Non-Stormwater Discharges) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine, to allow dechlorinated swimming pool water to be discharged to the Town's storm drainage system so long as it, and any other allowed discharges, do not violate State water quality standards" be enacted, per request of the Maine Department of Environmental protection?

Select Board and Planning Board Recommend
(Select Board Vote: 5-0 and Planning Board Vote: 5-0)

Select Only One

YES

690

Blanks 34

NO

517

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

QUESTION 28: Shall the Town of Eliot, Maine (the "Town") amend the geographic boundaries of the existing Route 236 Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District, which shall be renamed the "Town of Eliot Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District" and adopt the Amended and Restated Development Program for the District?

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Town of Eliot designated the Route 236 Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District (the "District") and adopted a development program for the District (the "Development Program"), which district designation and development program adoption were approved by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the "Department") on March 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eliot is authorized pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend and rename the District and to amend the Development Program for the District (the "Amended and Restated Development Program"); and

WHEREAS, there remains a continuing need for economic development in the Town of Eliot; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide continuing and new employment opportunities for the citizens of the Town and the surrounding region; to improve and broaden the tax base of the Town; and to improve the general economy of the Town, the surrounding region and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Amended and Restated Development Program will help to promote economic development and provide new employment opportunities in the Town and the surrounding region, improve and broaden the tax base in the Town and improve the economy of the Town and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Town held a public hearing on May 11, 2017, on the question of amending the boundaries of the District and adopting the Amended and Restated Development Program for the District in accordance with the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5226, upon at least ten (10) days prior notice published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to amend the District, and to adopt the Amended and Restated Development Program for the District; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be sought and obtained from the Department, approving the amendment to the District and the adoption of the Amended and Restated Development Program for the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY VOTED BY THE TOWN:

Section 1. The Town hereby finds and determines that:

At least twenty-five percent (25%), by area, of the real property within the District, as hereinafter amended, is suitable for commercial uses as defined in 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5223(3); and

The total area of the District does not exceed two percent (2%) of the total acreage of the Town, and the total area of all existing and proposed development districts within the Town (including the District) does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total acreage of the Town; and

The original assessed value of all existing and proposed tax increment financing districts (including the amended District) does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total value of equalized taxable property within the Town as of April 1, 2017; and

The amendment of the District and pursuit of the Amended and Restated Development Program will generate substantial economic benefits for the Town and its residents, including employment opportunities, broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus, and therefore constitutes a good and valid public purpose and will contribute to the economic growth or well-being of the inhabitants of the Town or to the betterment of the health, welfare or safety of the inhabitants of the Town, and any adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business is outweighed by the contribution made by the District and the Amended and Restated Development Program to the economic growth or well-being of the Town and the betterment of the health, welfare and safety of its inhabitants.

Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, the Town hereby amends and renames the District as the "Town of Eliot Municipal Development and Increment Financing District," as designated and described more particularly set forth in the "Town of Eliot Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District Development Program" presented to Town Meeting in the form attached hereto and such Amended and Restated Development Program is hereby incorporated by reference into this vote as the Development Program for the District.

Section 3. Pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5227, the percentage of captured assessed value to be retained in accordance with the Development Program is to be established as set forth in the Amended and Restated Development Program.

Section 4. The Town Manager be, and hereby is authorized, empowered, and directed to submit the amendment of the District and the adoption of the Amended and Restated Development Program for the District to the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for review and approval pursuant to the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5226.

Section 5. The Town Manager be, and hereby is authorized and empowered, at his discretion, from time to time, to make such revisions to the Amended and Restated Development Program for the District as the Town Manager may deem reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of the District by the Department, or for any other reason, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with these articles or the basic structure and intent of the Amended and Restated Development Program.

Section 6. The foregoing amendment of the District and the adoption of the Amended and Restated Development Program for the District shall automatically become final and shall take full force and effect upon receipt by the Town of approval of the amendment to the District and adoption of the Amended and Restated Development Program by the Department, without requirements of further action by the Town, the Board of Selectmen or any other party.

Eliot Select Board Recommends
(Select Board Vote: 4-1)

Select Only One

YES 497
 NO 648

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*** ADVISORY SURVEY - NON-BINDING ***

QUESTION 1: RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

The recreational marijuana law will go into effect in February of 2018. The Town of Eliot is likely to ask residents to approve a moratorium in November of 2017, in anticipation of needing to make changes to our Land Use Ordinance. The moratorium will be for six months and is used to give Town Officials time to thoughtfully accommodate its implementation.

We will likely put those proposed zoning changes before the voters in June of 2018.

In shaping the language for the Land Use Ordinance, an advisory vote will provide a direction for the language for a final ordinance.

A) Should the town allow retail marijuana sales, if limited in number and restricted in location?

- YES 459
 - NO 736
 - NO OPINION 33
- Blanks 15

B) Should the town allow public marijuana social clubs, if limited in number and restricted in location?

- YES 258
 - NO 920
 - NO OPINION 53
- Blanks 12

QUESTION 2: CONSERVATION

Do you generally favor setting tax money aside in the Eliot Land Bank Reserve for the purpose of land conservation - amounts to be approved annually at Town Meeting?

- YES 878
 - NO 288
 - NO OPINION 61
- Blanks 16

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING