

**RETURN OF VOTES CAST**

**Annual Town Meeting Referendum Election  
June 13, 2023**

**Instructions to the Moderator**

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The Moderator signs on line 1 and two other election officials sign on line 2 and 3 of the RETURN. The MODERATOR must immediately deliver the completed and signed RETURN to the MUNICIPAL CLERK.

1. Josh R Merrill  
Moderator

2. Marie L Merrill  
Election Clerk

3. Hayle M Chick  
Election Clerk

Attest, A True Copy:

Judith A Akers  
Municipal Clerk's Signature

**Question 1. Article 3.** Shall the ordinance entitled **Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code** Sections 509.3.C. – “Administration”, 509.4.D.1. – “Submissions”, 509.8.A.1. – “Submission Requirements”, 604.B. – “Administrative Procedures”, Section 606.2.A – “Procedure”, 607.1.A. – “Procedure”, 608.1.A. – “Procedure”, and 610.1. – “Procedure” be amended? *Planning Board recommends approval.*

Yes 326 No 95 Blanks 17

**Question 2. Article 4.** Shall the ordinance entitled **Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code** Section 612.8.C.2. – “Protection of Significant Wildlife Habitat” and Section 613.3.C.3. – “Protection of Deer Wintering Areas” be amended? *Planning Board recommends approval.*

Yes 339 No 87 Blanks 12

**Question 3. Article 5.** Shall the ordinance entitled **Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code** Section 508.23 – “Nonresidential Accessory Structures” be amended? *Planning Board recommends approval.*

Yes 308 No 109 Blanks 21

**Question 4. Article 6.** Shall the ordinance entitled **Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code** Section 1103 – “Other Codes Adopted in Conjunction with the Building Code Standards for the Town of Poland” be amended? *Planning Board recommends approval.*

Yes 313 No 104 Blanks 21

**Question 5. Article 7.** Shall the ordinance entitled **Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code** Section 508.11 – “Home Occupations” be amended? *Planning Board recommends approval.*

Yes 301 No 115 Blanks 22

**Question 6. Article 8.** Shall the ordinance entitled **Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code** Table 508.27.A – “Land uses in the Shoreland Area” and Section 508.27.D. – “Piers, Docks, Wharves, Bridges, and Other Structures and Uses Extending Over or Below the Normal Highwater Line of a Water Body or Within a Wetland” be amended? *Planning Board recommends approval.*

Yes 297 No 119 Blanks 22

**Question 7. Article 9.** Shall the **Town of Poland Official Zoning Map** entitled Tax Map 6 Lot 52 be rezoned as Limited Commercial, Tax Map 6 Lot 17, Tax Map 6 Lot 17A, Tax Map 6 Lot 17B, Tax Map 6 Lot 16A, Tax Map 6 Lot 16B, Tax Map 6 Lot 16C, and Tax Map 6 Lot 16 be rezoned as Limited Residential, Tax Map 15 Lot 8 be rezoned Resource protection, and Tax Map 8 Lot 13, Tax Map 8 Lot 13 Sublot 1, Tax Map 42 Lot 17, Tax Map 42 Lot 16 Sublot 17A, Tax Map 42 Lot 15, Tax Map 42 Lot 11, Tax Map 42 Lot 12, Tax Map 42 Lot 13, Tax Map 42 Lot 14, Tax Map 42 Lot 10, Tax Map 42 Lot 8, and Tax Map 42 Lot 6 be rezoned as Limited Residential, as shown on the maps below, be amended? *Planning Board recommends approval.*

Yes 286 No 108 Blanks 44

**Question 8. Article 10.** Shall the ordinance entitled **Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code** Section 508.30.A. – “Downtown Design Standards” be amended, and Section 508.30.E be enacted? *Planning Board does not recommend approval.*

Yes 171 No 239 Blanks 28

**Question 9. Article 11.**

- 1) To see if the Town will vote to make all taxes assessed for the Town's 2024 fiscal year, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, due in two (2) installments, with the first half (1/2) of the total amount assessed due and payable on **October 1, 2023**, and the remaining half (1/2) due on **April 1, 2024**; and to charge **interest** at the **rate** of eight percent (**8.00%**) per year computed on a daily basis on any portion of the installment due that remains outstanding as of November 1, 2023 or May 1, 2024, and
- 2) To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., section 506-A, to set the **interest rate** to be paid by the Town on **abated taxes** at three percent (3.00%), and
- 3) To see if the Town will permit the Tax Collector or their designee to waive **accidental tax interest payment shortages** in an amount not to exceed \$5.00.

*Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 331 No 85 Blanks 22

**Question 10. Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$3,032,055** in revenue from **non-property tax resources** to reduce the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation, and further to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons and Treasurer to accept any additional revenues or funds that may be used to reduce the amount required to be raised by taxation. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 356 No 58 Blanks 24

**Question 11. Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of funds from the Jane Ricker Trust, totaling **\$71,765**, and the AB Ricker Fund, totaling **\$20,076**, for the purpose of supplementing the Ricker Memorial Library operating budget for Fiscal Year 2024 in accordance with the Town's Investment Policy. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 371 No 55 Blanks 12

**Question 12. Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,844,498** for **General Government**. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 278 No 138 Blanks 22

**Question 13. Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$620,308 for Community Services. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 304 No 116 Blanks 18

**Question 14. Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$914,636 for Public Works and \$397,114 for Solid Waste. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 366 No 62 Blanks 10

**Question 15. Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,028,593 for Public Safety. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 325 No 100 Blanks 13

**Question 16. Article 18.** To see if the Town will appropriate for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts an estimated total amount of \$1,032,124, dependent upon actual mil rate. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 294 No 128 Blanks 16

**Question 17. Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,057,713 for the FY24 Capital Improvement Program for the Capital Reserve accounts. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 285 No 133 Blanks 20

**Question 18. Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for Overlay for the purposes of granting tax abatements and addressing any other tax errors. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 321 No 97 Blanks 20

**Question 19. Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to transfer from the Town's unassigned fund balance an amount of \$5,198 for the purpose of funding the Property Tax Assistance Ordinance, \$7,500 for library dedicated donations that fell through to the General Fund and an amount not to exceed \$550,000 for the purpose of reducing the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation for the fiscal year 2024. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 353 No 71 Blanks 14

**Question 20. Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to exceed the LD1 property tax levy limit. *Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

Yes 262 No 152 Blanks 24

**Question 21. Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation securities of the Town to finance costs of design, construction and equipping of an expansion of the Town **Library**, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$1,400,000**, an additional \$550,000 from what was authorized FY23, hereby authorized and appropriated, with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as the Municipal Officers shall determine. This would be funded from raised and appropriated taxation.

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue or contract is \$1,754,546 of which principal is \$1,400,000 and estimated interest rates ranging from 4.27 – 4.77%, depending on the year of maturity, over 10 years is \$354,546.

***Board of Selectpersons recommends approval, Budget Committee does not recommend approval.***

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The issuing of bonds by the Town is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town as of the date of this election.

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$ 6,881,672
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	<u>\$ 678,933</u>
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding	<b>\$ 7,560,605</b>
Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 850,000
Total Maximum Additional Bonds to Be Issued if Approved	\$ 550,000
Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bonds	<u>\$</u>
<b><u>354,546</u> Total Additional Bonds to Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters</b>	<b>\$ 1,754,546</b>

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

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Election Clerk's Signature Mahee L Merrill

Election Clerk's Signature Hayden Clark

Moderator's Signature Sarah R Merrill

Attest: A true copy  
Town Clerks' Signature Judith A Akers  
Judith A. Akers, Town Clerk of Poland

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Question 1. Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit Sixteen (16) budget for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit Budget meeting? Yes/No

Yes 273

No 163

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