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State of Maine
Town of Poland
Annual Town Meeting Referendum Election
June 13, 2023

Judith A. Akers
Town Clerk of Poland
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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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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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
- ☐ No

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
- ☐ No

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
- ☐ No

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
- ☐ No

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
- ☐ No

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
- ☐ No

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
- ☐ No

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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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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
☐ No

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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	\$ 678,933
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding	\$7,560,605
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	\$ 354,546
Total Additional Bonds to Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$1,754,546

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.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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