

**Sample Ballot
Special Municipal Referendum Election
Kittery, Maine
June 9, 2015**

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this:
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space and write in the person's name.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Question #1: Shall the Town of Kittery approve the Charter Amendments reprinted below?

Key: Strike out text = text to be deleted, Underline text = text to be added.

Sec. 2.14. Ordinances in general.

(1) Form. Every proposed ordinance shall must be introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption. No ordinance shall may contain more than one subject which shall must be clearly expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall must be "The Town of Kittery hereby ordains...". Any ordinance which repeals or amends an existing ordinance or part of the town code shall must set out in full the ordinance, sections or subsections to be repealed or amended; and shall indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets or by strikeout type and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics.

(2) Procedure. An ordinance may be introduced by any member at any regular or special meeting of the council. The town clerk shall provide a copy to each council member and to the manager and shall make a reasonable number of copies available in the office of the town clerk, and shall, unless directed otherwise pursuant to State Statute, publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the town on the Town's web site, and post in a public place in the Municipal Offices, the Kittery U.S. Post Office(s), and the Community Center, a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon. The public hearing shall must follow the publication/posting by at least 7 days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall will have an opportunity to be heard at the hearing. After the hearing, the council may adopt the ordinance with or without amendment or reject it.

(3) Effective date. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, every adopted ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of 30 days after adoption or at any later date specified therein.

Sec. 6.06. Council action on proposed budget.

(1) Notice and hearing. The council shall publish as soon as possible in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the town on the Town's web site, and post in the Municipal Offices, the Kittery U.S. Post Office(s), and the Community Center, the general summary of the proposed budget and a notice stating:

- (a) The times and places where copies of the message and proposed budget are available for inspection by the public, and
- (b) The time and place, not less than 14 calendar days after such publication/posting, for a public hearing on the proposed budget.

YES

NO

Explanation: Currently on an average, the town spends \$20,000 per year on a variety of legal advertising; approximately 25% of these expenses are due to items that may be affected by these proposed amendments. If approved, these amendments would save the town from paying for legal notices that we currently publish in the newspaper in accordance with the Town Charter.

Question #2: Shall the Town of Kittery council be authorized to issue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$958,015 for the purpose of funding municipal facilities capital improvement projects, including community center renovations, dispatch center upgrades, and a new generator for the municipal offices?

YES

NO

Explanation: The Community Center Annex, which is fully occupied, was not part of the building's original renovation, and is in need of rehabilitation. This work includes roof and window replacement, door and flooring repairs/replacements, bathroom renovation, and air conditioning. The Town's dispatch center has come to the end of its useful life in its current configuration. Equipment needs to be upgraded and replaced and the radio system itself is outdated. An upgraded dispatch center could increase opportunities to be a regional service, which may increase cost-efficiency. The generator proposed for municipal offices will reuse and relocate an existing generator which is being replaced as part of the Sewer Infrastructure project and install it to service Town Hall.

Question #3: Shall the Town of Kittery council be authorized to issue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the purpose of funding road infrastructure capital improvement projects?

- YES
 NO

Explanation: The Town's roads are in need of significant investment at this time to repair pavement conditions and preserve their life span. This funding would fund reclamation, mill/overlay, and selective reconstructive work on up to 11.5 miles of roads most in need of treatment, and prevent accelerated deterioration. Specific roads to be addressed will be confirmed by a professional engineering evaluation.

Question #4: Shall the Town of Kittery council be authorized to issue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$821,817 for the purpose of funding school facilities capital improvement projects, including renovations and improvements to Traip Academy and Shapleigh School and improvements to the Mitchell School heating system?

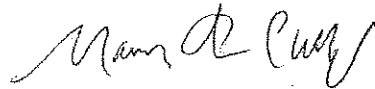
- YES
 NO

Explanation: These proposed projects will address needed renovations and energy improvements at each facility. Traip Academy improvements include flooring and door replacements, additional attic insulation, and renovations of restrooms, plus a generator to support technology server functions. Shapleigh projects address cafeteria/kitchen flooring and equipment, restroom and music room renovations, and partial roof replacement. The Mitchell School project is focused on the replacement of the heating system boiler with a more efficient and effective system.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Kittery certifies as follows:

- Existing and Authorized Debt.** As of the referendum date, the total amount of bonds of the Town currently outstanding and unpaid is \$26,476,880. This amount includes all sums that may be borrowed under the Town's \$9,000,000 draw down note issued for sewer infrastructure and extension projects. The total amount of bonds of the Town authorized, but unissued, is \$2,990,025. The total amount of bonds of the Town contemplated to be issued if all three bond questions accompanying this Statement receive voter approval is not in excess of \$3,079,832, as described below.
- Bonding Limit.** The total bonding limit of the Town is \$224,790,000; the bonding limit for school debt is \$149,860,000.
- School Facilities Capital Improvement Bonds.** These proposed bonds will be issued to finance various school improvements, including renovations to Traip Academy (estimated \$321,400) and Shapleigh School (estimated \$123,697), and improvements to the Mitchell School heating system (estimated \$350,000). The anticipated average interest rate on the bonds is 2.25%. Assuming the issuance of the full \$821,817 of these bonds, payments over a 10-year term, and an average interest rate of 2.25%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$101,699.95, which would result in a total cost of principal and interest at maturity of \$923,516.95.
- Road Infrastructure Capital Improvement Bonds.** These proposed bonds will be issued to finance various road improvements. The anticipated average interest rate on the bonds is 2.25%. Assuming the issuance of the full \$1,300,000 of these bonds, payments over a 10-year term, and an average interest rate of 2.25%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$160,875, which would result in a total cost of principal and interest at maturity of \$1,460,875.
- Municipal Facilities Capital Improvement Bonds.** These proposed bonds will be issued to finance various improvements, including renovations to the Community Center Annex (estimated \$596,125), dispatch center upgrades (estimated \$311,890), and installation of a generator for the Municipal Offices (estimated \$50,000). The anticipated average interest rate on the bonds 2.25%. Assuming the issuance of the full \$958,015 of these bonds, payments over a 10-year term, and an average interest rate of 2.25%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$118,554.15, which would result in a total cost of principal and interest at maturity of \$1,076,569.15.
- The foregoing represents an estimate of costs associated with the financing, and such estimates will change due to market conditions. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the foregoing estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds varies from the estimate, the ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.



Nancy Colbert Puff, Treasurer