



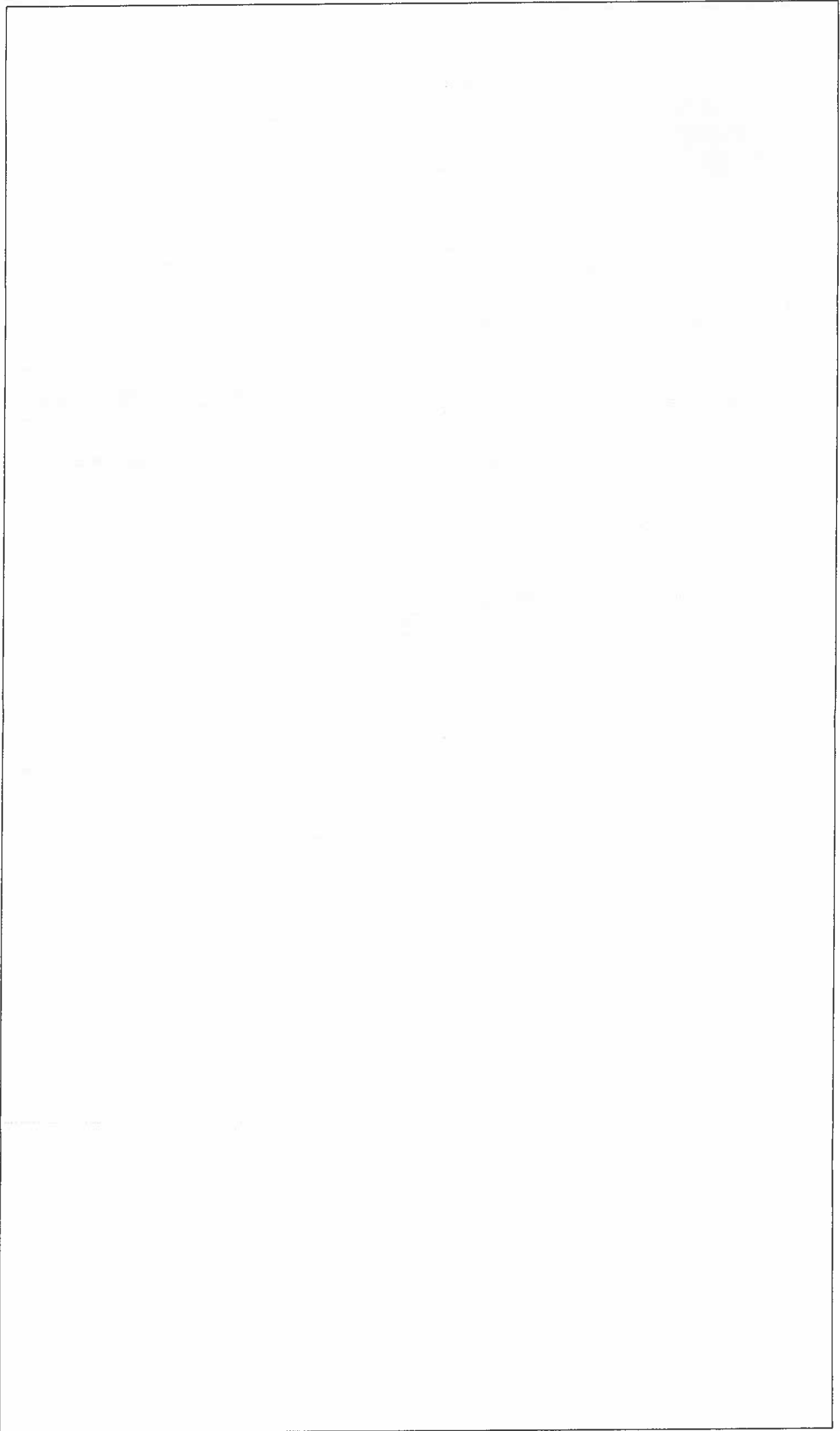
# OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WELLS, MAINE JUNE 11, 2024

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Town Clerk

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- ◆ Fill in the oval next to the name of the person you want to choose, 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.
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<u>SELECTMEN</u> VOTE FOR TWO	<u>W/O C.S.D. COMMITTEE TRUSTEE</u> VOTE FOR ONE	<u>LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE</u> VOTE FOR THREE
<input type="radio"/> BAGDASARIAN, MARK	<input type="radio"/> SULLIVAN, JEFFREY	<input type="radio"/> CONNERS, MAUREEN
<input type="radio"/> BRETON, PHILLIP	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	<input type="radio"/> DALY, CYNTHIA
<input type="radio"/> CHASE, KATHLEEN	<u>WELLS SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEE</u> VOTE FOR TWO	<input type="radio"/> FLOT, DEBRA
<input type="radio"/> ROCHE, TIMOTHY	<input type="radio"/> ARROTT, ANTHONY	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in
<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	<input type="radio"/> BATCHELDER, JENNIFER	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in
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Yes **ARTICLE 3. ESTIMATED REVENUES:** Shall the Town vote to collect and appropriate the estimated amounts in Town Generated Revenue and State Revenue in the amount of \$7,353,838 to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation as shown in Table 1 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

No

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting which was \$7,206,196.

Select Board Recommends YES (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends YES (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

Yes **ARTICLE 4. PASS THROUGH ACCOUNTS:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and authorize the Town Treasurer to accept and pay out Pass Through Funds in the estimated amount of \$852,500 from specified sources as shown on Table 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

No

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting which was \$852,500.

Select Board Recommends YES (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends YES (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

Yes **ARTICLE 5. SALARIES AND BENEFITS:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$13,207,996 and transfer said monies (\$13,207,996) into various department salary and benefit lines for municipal employees' salaries, wages and benefits during FY 2025 as shown on Table 3 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

No

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting which was \$10,881,143.

Select Board Recommends YES (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends YES (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

**Explanation:** Please note that in FY 24 there were several warrant articles creating new positions that were voted on as separate warrant articles that were funded for 6 months, 9 months or 12 months depending on the article that totaled \$882,979. In the FY 25 budget the funding for those approved positions is now shown in the FY 25 Proposed column for an entire year.

Yes **ARTICLE 6. OPERATIONS:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$8,583,869, and to transfer said monies (\$8,583,869) into various department operation lines as shown on Table 4 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the operation of municipal departments and committees during FY 2025?

No

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting, which was \$7,743,211.

Select Board Recommends YES (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends YES (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

Yes **ARTICLE 7. POTENTIAL EMPLOYEE-RELATED EXPENSES:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend up to \$40,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) for the following:

No

**Retirement Benefit Reimbursement - \$30,000** to fund payment, when necessary, of accrued benefits to employees who are retiring or leaving Town Service; and

**Educational Reimbursement Fund - \$10,000** to fund educational course reimbursement in FY'25 for eligible union and non-union employees based on contract requirements and the Non-Union Educational Assistance Program guidelines.

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting which was \$40,000.

Select Board Recommends YES (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends YES (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

**TURN BALLOT OVER  
VOTE BOTH SIDES**

Yes

**ARTICLE 8. POTENTIAL TOWN LIABILITIES:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend up to \$500,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) for the following potential liabilities:

No

**Legal Services Fund - \$75,000** to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, to fund legal services for significant legal and/or legislative matters beyond the normal legal budget; and

**Self-Insurance Claims Coverage - \$17,500** to fund payment of the Town's deductible and other expenses associated with accepted claims made against the Town; and

**Emergency Fuel and Utilities Account - \$32,500** to be expended, following a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen, to cover potential shortfalls in the FY'25 fuel and utilities budgets due to the unpredictable markets for diesel, unleaded gasoline, propane and electricity; and

**Emergency Facility Repair and Energy Efficiency Improvement Fund - \$52,500** to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, to pay for emergency repairs and energy efficiency improvements to town-owned facilities that are not contemplated in the FY'25 operating budget; and

**Shortfall on State Revenue Projected to offset Town Budget Funding - \$40,000** to be used in case at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, at the end of the fiscal year to balance any shortfall in State Revenue projected to be received that offset the budget for property tax purposes; and

**Health Reimbursement Account Fund - \$30,000** to fund payment of the Town's portion of employee's health insurance deductibles for employees covered by high deductible health insurance plans; and

**Winter Operations Fund - \$200,000** to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, to cover potential shortfalls in the FY'25 hired equipment/operator-snow/ice, tree removal from winter storms and salt budget lines; and

**Facility Maintenance and Repair Fund - \$52,500** to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, to pay for maintenance and repairs to town-owned facilities and property that are not contemplated in the FY'25 operating budget.

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting which was \$500,000.

Select Board Recommends      YES    (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends    YES    (6 in Favor / 1 Against)

Yes

**ARTICLE 9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Raising and Appropriating from Taxation, and Appropriating and Transferring Funds From Reserves, Surplus, and the State to Fund the Capital Improvement Plan):** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$217,803, appropriate \$2,000,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus); appropriate \$244,218 from various CIP Reserve Funds; appropriate \$55,250 from various Enterprise Funds; and transfer said monies (\$2,517,271) into various CIP reserve funds, which will be used to fund the CIP program as specified in Table 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

No

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the same amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting, which was \$3,798,641.

Select Board Recommends      YES    (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends    YES    (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

Yes

**ARTICLE 10. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (Appropriations (Spending) of Fund Monies):** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend \$2,044,504 from the Capital Reserve Funds to fund the Capital Expenditures as specified in Table 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

No

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the same amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting, which was \$3,338,394.

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Budget Committee Recommends    YES    (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

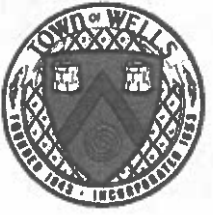
Yes

**ARTICLE 11. EXPENDITURES FROM SPECIFIC CIP RESERVE ACCOUNTS:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the event of emergency and after a public hearing, to expend up to the fund balance (as specified in Table 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant) in the following CIP reserve accounts: Infrastructure, Technology, and Ambulance?

No

Select Board Recommends      YES    (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends    YES    (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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Yes     **ARTICLE 12. GENERAL ASSISTANCE:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) up to \$45,000 to fund the Town of Wells General Assistance Program?

No

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting which was \$45,000.

Select Board Recommends     YES     (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends     YES     (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

Yes     **ARTICLE 13. TOWN CLERK COMPENSATION:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$79,244 and transfer said monies (\$79,244) into the Town Clerk regular salary line to fund the Town Clerk's compensation in FY'25?

No

If this Article is defeated, the appropriation for this Article shall be the amount approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting, which with adjustment was \$75,000.

Select Board Recommends     YES     (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends     YES     (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

**Explanation:** The Town Meeting is asked to approve the Appointed Town Clerk's compensation for FY 2025.

Yes     **ARTICLE 14. ONE FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$63,960 and transfer said monies (\$63,960) into the public works department salary and benefit lines during FY 2025?

No

Select Board Recommends     YES     (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends     YES     (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

**Explanation:** Based on available information, the current staffing level has been at 7 equipment operators and a foreman for twenty-five years. In that time, the Town has had significant growth in housing, population, tourism, and traffic, as well an increase in miles of road we now need to maintain with the same number of employees as we did twenty-five years ago (approx. 268 miles). This has put us at a disadvantage in keeping up with our roadside maintenance that we need to do in the summer months, such as drainage, ditching, gravel road maintenance. Summer also brings a demand to staff as the beaches are a priority. The purpose of this position is to help the department meet its service and maintenance goals.

Yes     **ARTICLE 15. ONE FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSITANT:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$61,932 and transfer said monies (\$61,932) into the public works salary and benefit lines during FY 2025?

No

Select Board Recommends     YES     (5 in Favor / 0 Against)  
Budget Committee Recommends     YES     (7 in Favor / 0 Against)

**Explanation:** The Department receives at least 30-40 calls a day which are currently handled by the Director, Deputy Director or the Foreman when they are available in the office. These three positions are also responsible for conducting all data entry for work orders and coding of all bills. These administrative tasks are time-consuming and take away from the time required to meet their current workload. These positions are frequently needed in the field with the result that there may be no staff in the office to assist residents with their questions. The purpose of this position is to create efficiencies for DPW staff and to improve customer service.

**TURN BALLOT OVER  
VOTE BOTH SIDES**

Yes     **ARTICLE 16.** Shall the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Retroactively Amend Chapter 145 (Land Use) of the Town of Wells to Change the Performance Standards Requirements for Congregate Care Facilities and Life Care Facilities, Related Definitions, and Uses Within the Residential A, Residential-Commercial, General Business and Rural Districts", be enacted?

No

Yes     **ARTICLE 17.** Shall the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 116 (Floodplain Management) of the Code of the Town of Wells to Update the Code as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency", be enacted?

No

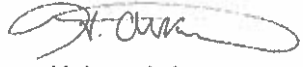
Yes     **ARTICLE 18.** Shall the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zone Map of the Town of Wells to Change Portions of Tax Map 133, Lot 25 and Tax Map 134, Lot 24 from the Residential Commercial District (RC) to the General Business District (GB)", be enacted?

No

**YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING**

Sample

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
WELLS, MAINE  
JUNE 11, 2024**



Helena Ackerson  
Chair of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District School Committee

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**Question 1: DISTRICT BUDGET SCHOOL VALIDATION REFERENDUM:** Do you favor approving the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District #18 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Wells-Ogunquit Community School District #18 budget meeting?

- Yes
- No

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**

