



## Bulletin

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### **Budget Referendum Election**

A reminder that absentee ballots are available for the Annual Budget Town Meeting. If you prefer to vote in person, the election will be held by secret ballot on Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Polls will be open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the West Bath Fire Department located at 192 State Road.

Absentee ballots may be dropped off in our new curbside drop box which has been installed just in time for our Budget Referendum Election! The drop box is in the parking lot near the main entrance to the Town Office and is clearly marked for easy recognition.

If you would like additional information about how to vote, or if you would like to request an absentee ballot, please contact Town Clerk, Karly Perry at [townclerk@westbathmaine.gov](mailto:townclerk@westbathmaine.gov), or call the Town Office at (207) 443-4342.

A Referendum Guide containing information on each budget article and a sample ballot are available at [www.westbath.org](http://www.westbath.org). A copy of the guide may also be requested at the Town Office and a sample ballot may be viewed during regular business hours.

### **Garbage to Garden Composting Program**

Did you know that there is a compost drop-off site at the West Bath Town Hall? You can dispose of your food scraps and other compostable materials for free at the kiosks located in the rear parking lot.

The program is intended to help reduce the volume and weight of waste sent to the landfill. Food scraps are composted at a local farm, and the Town is eligible to receive compost in return based on the volume of waste deposited annually in our containers.

Compostable items include fruit and vegetables, bread, meat, dairy, bones, shells, coffee grounds, grass clippings, clean, non-glossy paper, napkins, wax paper, and other similar items.

*If it grows, it goes!*

## **Proposed Land Use Ordinance Amendments**

The Planning Board recommended three amendments to the Land Use Ordinance which are being proposed on the Annual Budget Town Meeting ballot:

*Art. 38 Shall an ordinance entitled “2022 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding the 30% Expansion Rule on a Non-conforming Property” be enacted?*

*Art. 39 Shall an ordinance entitled “2022 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding the Modification of References to Fees” be enacted?*

*Art. 40 Shall an ordinance entitled “2022 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding the Revision of the Submission Timeline of Applications to the Planning Board” be enacted?*

The proposed amendments are further described on the Town website, [www.westbath.org](http://www.westbath.org). Follow the link located on the home page under “Annual Budget Town Meeting” to review. If you would prefer to review a paper copy, stop by the Town Office during regular business hours, and staff will provide the information in writing.

## **Dog Licensing**

Maine Law requires that all dogs over the age of 6 months must be licensed annually by January 31st. Due to the pandemic, dog license renewals will be allowed without a late fee through Tuesday June 2, 2021. The license fee is \$11.00, or \$6.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered.

If you are unable to make it to the Town Office during regular business hours, online dog licensing is available at [https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog\\_license/index.pl](https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl), or follow the “Dog Registrations” link from the Town of West Bath Home page, [www.westbath.org](http://www.westbath.org). You will need the following information to complete the registration.

- Credit Card
- License/tag number (renewal only)
- State of Maine rabies certificate
- Veterinarian's name and phone number
- Spay or Neuter Certificate (if your dog has been "fixed")