

**SPECIMEN BALLOT  
TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE  
CANDIDATE BALLOT  
JUNE 8, 2021**

**Instructions to Voters**

- ◆ Complete the oval beside the name of the candidate, for whom you choose to vote, like this:
- ◆ You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing in the person's name and municipality of residence in the blank space provided and completing the oval at the left.
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**FOR SELECTBOARD AND  
OVERSEER OF THE POOR  
FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS  
(Vote for two)**

BOUCHER, ERIC D.

DUKE, ROBERT G, JR

HART, CHRISTOPHER DREW

STRAND, JOHN TIMPERON

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**FOR DIRECTOR OF MSAD #28  
AND TO ALSO SERVE  
CONCURRENTLY ON THE  
FIVE-TOWN CSD #19 SCHOOL  
BOARD  
FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS  
(Vote for One)**

DIETRICH, MARCIA

\_\_\_\_\_ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY  
COMMITTEE  
FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS  
(Vote for two)**

SHAW, HELEN A.

STEINGLASS, MARSHA L.

\_\_\_\_\_ Write-in

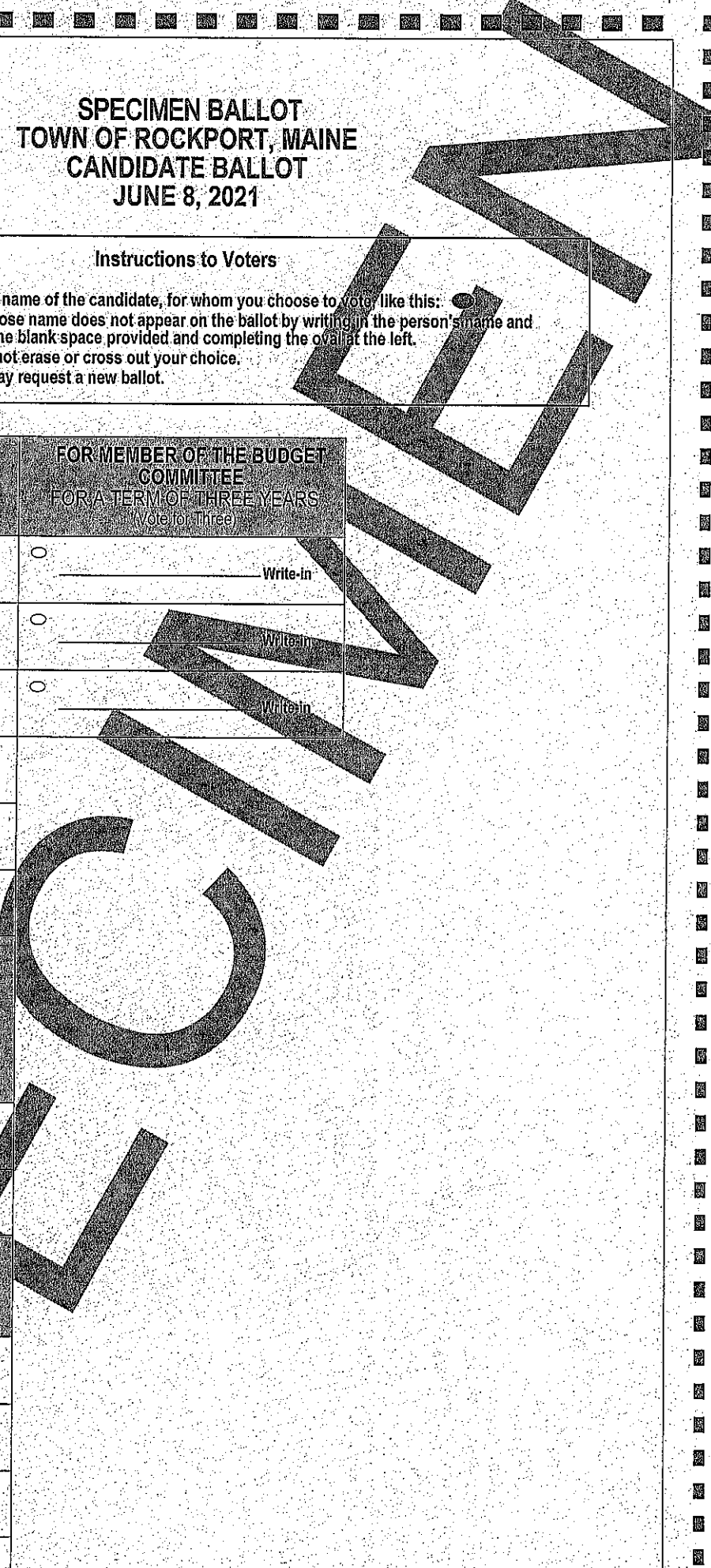
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**FOR MEMBER OF THE BUDGET  
COMMITTEE  
FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS  
(Vote for Three)**

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# SPECIMEN BALLOT TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE REFERENDUM ELECTION JUNE 8, 2021

Article(s) to be voted for in the Annual Election to be held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 in the Brenda Richardson Room at the Rockport Town Office.

### Instructions to Voters

- ◆ Those in favor of the following Article(s) complete the oval to the left of your choice, like this:
- ◆ Completing the YES oval means you are in favor, completing the NO oval means you are opposed.
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Yes **Article 3.** Shall amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Chapter 1100, Signs and Advertising, be enacted?  
 No  
 Planning Board Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Yes **Article 4.** Do you favor the development of a town ordinance that would regulate Short Term Rental (AirBnB, VBRO, etc.) activity in the Town of Rockport by requiring STR registration, requiring minimum safety standards be met, and that such ordinance be intended to strike a balance between the community's quality of life while preserving the ability of STR owners to rent their property?  
 No  
 Explanation: This is a non-binding question from the Select Board seeking your opinion only. If supported, the Town will draft an ordinance regulating short-term rentals as outlined above for a future vote. If not supported, the Town will not draft an ordinance for a future vote

Yes **Article 5.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,495,120 for General Government for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No

A. Administration.....	\$64,698
B. Town Manager.....	\$347,490
C. Town Clerk.....	\$258,861
D. Planning & Community Development.....	\$215,056
E. Finance.....	\$167,725
F. Assessing.....	\$219,901
G. Town Office Building.....	\$145,025
H. Insurance.....	\$76,064
Total.....	\$1,495,120

**Budget Committee Vote:** 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND  
**Select Board Vote:** 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Yes **Article 6.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,410 for Public Assistance for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No

A. General Assistance.....	\$23,410
Total.....	\$23,410

**Budget Committee Votes:** 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND  
**Select Board Votes:** 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Yes **Article 7.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,892,768 for Public Safety for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No

A. Police Department.....	\$659,880
B. Fire Department.....	\$568,170
C. West Rockport Fire Station.....	\$31,649
D. Other Public Safety Services.....	\$329,360
E. Animal Control.....	\$8,490
F. Harbormaster.....	\$257,474
G. Public Safety Building.....	\$34,405
H. Emergency Management.....	\$3,340
Total.....	\$1,892,768

**Budget Committee Vote:** 6 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND  
**Select Board Vote:** 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Yes **Article 8.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,058,407 for Public Works for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No  
A. Public Works.....\$1,885,218  
B. Sanitation.....\$173,189  
Total.....\$2,058,407

**Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**  
**Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**

Yes **Article 9.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$751,293 for Culture and Recreation for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No  
A. Library.....\$412,988  
B. Conservation Commission.....\$12,750  
C. Parks.....\$74,935  
D. Opera House.....\$198,200  
E. Recreation.....\$52,430  
Total.....\$751,293

**Budget Committee Vote: 6 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**  
**Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**

Yes **Article 10.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$406,250 for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No  
A. Debt.....\$406,250  
Total.....\$406,250

**Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**  
**Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**

Yes **Article 11.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$109,119 for County Fees for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No  
A. County Service, E-911.....\$73,101  
B. County Service, Dispatch....\$36,018  
Total.....\$109,119

**Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**  
**Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**

Yes **Article 12.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,570 for Cemeteries and Special Assessments for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No  
A. Cemeteries.....\$67,770  
B. Special Assessments.....\$6,800  
Total.....\$74,570

**Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**  
**Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**

Yes **Article 13.** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,672,137 as Revenue to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?  
 No  
A. General Government.....\$1,240,567  
B. Public Assistance.....\$17,950  
C. Public Safety.....\$334,930  
D. Public Works.....\$69,022  
E. Culture and Recreation.....\$203,018  
F. All Other - Cemeteries.....\$13,400  
G. Schools.....\$93,750  
H. Unassigned Fund Balance.....\$380,000  
I. Special Assessments.....\$325,500  
Total.....\$2,672,137

**Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**  
**Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND**

Yes **Article 14.** Should any municipal budget question fail to pass, shall the Town authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to expend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the previous year's appropriation?  
 No

Yes **Article 15.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2021/2022 budget to be taken from fund balance?  
 No

Yes **Article 16.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?  
 No

- Yes **Article 17.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property? The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner or in the case of time-share units, reconveyance back to the original owner or the time-share estates association of unit owners, property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.
- No
- Yes **Article 18.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non payment of wastewater thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property? The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.
- No
- Yes **Article 19.** Shall the Town vote to set October 15, 2021 and April 15, 2022 as the tax installment due dates and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at 4.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?
- No
- Yes **Article 20.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Wastewater Commissioners to charge interest at 4.00% per annum on delinquent wastewater charges?
- No
- Yes **Article 21.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town?
- No
- Yes **Article 22.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to accept those conservation easements which the Select Board deem appropriate in the name of the Town of Rockport, provided however, said conservation easements are first considered by the Rockport Conservation Commission and Planning Board?
- No
- Yes **Article 23.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. sec. 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest?
- No
- Yes **Article 24.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads?
- No
- Yes **Article 25.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes who abide by the requirements of said plan; who shall receive from the Town in return for such payments, full credit for such taxes paid without incurring any charge of interest?
- No
- Yes **Article 26.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with other municipalities for the purpose of creating the Midcoast Internet Development Corporation?
- No
- Yes **Article 27.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants and contracts documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for authorized purposes, as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town?
- No

**STATE OF MAINE  
FIVE TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT BUDGET REFERENDUM  
SPECIMEN BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
JUNE 8, 2021**

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- Yes    **Question 1: School Budget.** Shall Five Town Community School District appropriate the sum of **\$13,539,433.02** and raise the sum of **\$10,827,596.94** for the 2021-2022 school budget?  
 No
- School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote**

**VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1**

The Five Town Community School District school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals **\$13,539,433.02**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$10,827,596.94**, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the District's cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$2,711,836.00**. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$ 5,272,851.62
Special Education	\$ 1,457,435.63
Career and Technical Education	\$ 55,036.32
Other Instruction	\$ 632,721.70
Student and Staff Support	\$ 1,180,575.78
System Administration	\$ 482,401.88
School Administration	\$ 554,894.51
Transportation and Buses	\$ 466,470.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 1,681,087.98
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 1,663,352.60
All Other Expenditures	\$ 92,605.00
<b>Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 13,539,433.02</b>

Yes **Question 2: District Adult Ed Program.** Shall the District be authorized to appropriate **\$373,842.00** for adult education and raise **\$224,382.00** as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program?  
**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.**

No

Yes **Question 3: Capital Reserve Fund.** Shall the School District Committee be authorized to transfer up to **\$90,000.00** from unexpected balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend **\$250,000.00** from that reserve fund for the capital items set forth below and for other unexpected or emergency school facility capital needs?  
**School Capital Improvement or Equipment Estimated Cost:**  
CHRHS Purchase Existing Solar Panels **\$170,000.00**  
**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.**

No

Yes **Question 4: Region 8 Career and Technical Education Budget.** Shall the regional career and technical operating budget as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 be approved in the amount of **\$5,446,304.00**?

No

Local share from this school district is: **\$55,036.32**  
Local share from this school district for Region 8 debt service: **\$721,911.60**

Yes **Question 5: Region 8 Adult Career and Technical Education Program.** To see if the career and technical education region will appropriate **\$236,200.00** for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and raise **\$89,000.00** as the local share with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the Adult Education Program.

No

Local share from this school district is: **\$31,500.09**

Yes **Question 6: Special Education Reserve.** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$75,000 from unexpended 2020-21 balances to create a Special Reserve Fund and expend up to \$50,000 from said reserve fund for the unexpected private placements.  
**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.**

No

Yes **Question 7: Grants and Other receipts.** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?  
**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.**

No

**STATE OF MAINE  
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 28  
DISTRICT BUDGET REFERENDUM  
SPECIMEN BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
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- Yes **Question 1: School Budget.** Shall Maine School Administrative District No. 28 appropriate the sum of **\$17,269,139.02** and raise the sum of **\$15,591,003.07** for the 2021-2022 school budget?  
 No
- School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.**

**VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1**

The Maine School Administrative District No. 28 school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals **\$17,269,139.02**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$15,591,003.07**, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the District's cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$4,329,542.62**. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$ 5,849,714.99
Special Education	\$ 2,424,914.16
Other Instruction	\$ 121,963.77
Student and Staff Support	\$ 1,157,622.27
System Administration	\$ 476,496.50
School Administration	\$ 784,834.19
Transportation and Buses	\$ 693,021.04
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 1,928,086.73
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 3,718,485.37
All Other Expenditures	\$ 114,000.00
<b>Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 17,269,139.02</b>

- Yes **Question 2: Capital Reserve Fund.** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$110,000.00** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend up to **\$150,000.00** from said reserve fund for unanticipated or emergency school facility needs?  
 No

School Capital Improvement Estimated Cost

CRS Pre-K space renovation \$51,220

CRS Replace 2 geothermal wells \$14,200

**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.**

- Yes **Question 3: Grants and Other Receipts.** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?  
 No

**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.**