

**Town Meeting Brief
2024**

The Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday March 11 2025

Where? Town Hall – 297 Mayhew Tpke

Time? 12-6PM Ballot Voting - 7:30PM Budget and Warrant Articles

Traditional town meeting is held annually on the second Tuesday of March to choose town officers, approve a town budget, and approve large contracts. Town selectmen can call special town meetings throughout the year as needed, although these must be approved by a judge if they affect the budget. State law prohibits town meetings from being held on the biennial election day in November.

What is on the Town Ballot? (There are two (2) ballots. Town and School)

Town: Three offices are up for your vote: Selectboard, Trustee of Trust funds and Supervisor of Voter Checklist.

SAU108 Pasquaney School District: Election of a school board member from Bridgewater and School Board Moderator. In addition, two proposed amendments to the Articles of Agreement between Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton. Those amendments have to be on the ballot in **each Town.**

Article 2: Shall the Pasquaney School District vote to amend Article 3 of the Articles of Agreement among the School District towns of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton to add two at large School Board members to increase the board from 3 members to 5 members. (Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Pasquaney School District vote to amend Article 4c of the Articles of Agreement among the School District towns of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton to simplify the minimum contribution from each town to a minimum of 15 students. (2/3 Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

The Selectmen of Bridgewater strongly support both. Article 2: The expansion of the Board will enhance decision making with a wider point of view. A small Board may not represent a wider perspective on critical issues. A larger Board ensures decision making adheres to their primary responsibility: Being a regulator for their communities to ensure public money is well spent, schools and buses are safe, and students receive a high-quality education.

Article 3: Sets a floor, to support the district, in this era of declining enrollment in the event of a severe drop in a town's student enrollment.

Terry Murphy, Skip Jenness, Wes Morrill

Bridgewater Selectboard