

## **“Land for Brunswick’s Future” Referendum**

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### **Referendum Question**

Shall the Order entitled, “Order authorizing the Town of Brunswick to issue bonds not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purchase of land and interests in land throughout the town for purposes of conservation of natural areas, providing public access and recreation, and protection of wildlife habitat, scenic, historic or environmentally sensitive areas” be approved?

Yes

No

### **Explanation**

Approval of this question will allow, but not require, the Town of Brunswick, on approval by the Town Council, to issue up to \$1,000,000 of bonds to make future purchases of properties, or rights to properties, for the following purposes:

- To provide or maintain public access;
- To allow passive or active recreation;
- To conserve water quality, natural resources, or other natural areas;
- To provide easements for walking or biking trails;
- To preserve significant historic sites;
- To preserve sites which can be considered part of the character of the community;
- To add to existing conservation and public areas.

An amount of \$250,000 will be made available for each of four (4) consecutive years, for a total allocation of \$1,000,000.

Potential land purchases will be evaluated for overall benefit to the people of Brunswick and, if deemed the best opportunities, recommended for action to the Town Council. The Town Council may choose to set up a “Land for Brunswick’s Future” Board to administer the evaluation and recommendation process.

Approval of this appropriation will allow the Town of Brunswick to seek matching funding from public and private sources, such as the Land for Maine’s Future Program and the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund.

All municipal bonds are subject to an annual independent audit.

The Town Council recommends approval of this question.