



TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE

OB #1 BRIDGE PROJECT

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TO: Freeport Town Council
FROM: Peter Joseph, Town Manager
RE: Municipal decision making timeline for MDOT Bridge Construction Projects (Exit 20 & 22 overpasses)
DATE: 11/25/20

Since the Town Council's last discussion on this matter, Town staff have discussed the timeline and process for calling a special election for the purposes of obtaining voter approval of a referendum authorizing issuance of municipal bonds with the Town Attorney.

At this point, if the Council wishes to proceed with putting the question to voters, the Town Attorney should be able to put draft warrant language for a special election before the Council for consideration at the 12/15/20 Council meeting. The election could be held as soon as 60 days after the warrant is signed by the Council. Assuming a Tuesday election, this would put the special election on Tuesday February 16th, at the earliest.

Along with direction to proceed, we also need a decision from the Town Council as to whether to draft the warrant language to pose a single question covering both bridges, or two separate questions (one for each bridge) to voters. There are benefits to each approach, and this is a political question that is best answered by the Town Council.