

Guide to Municipal Referendum Questions

Local Bond Questions 1,2, &3

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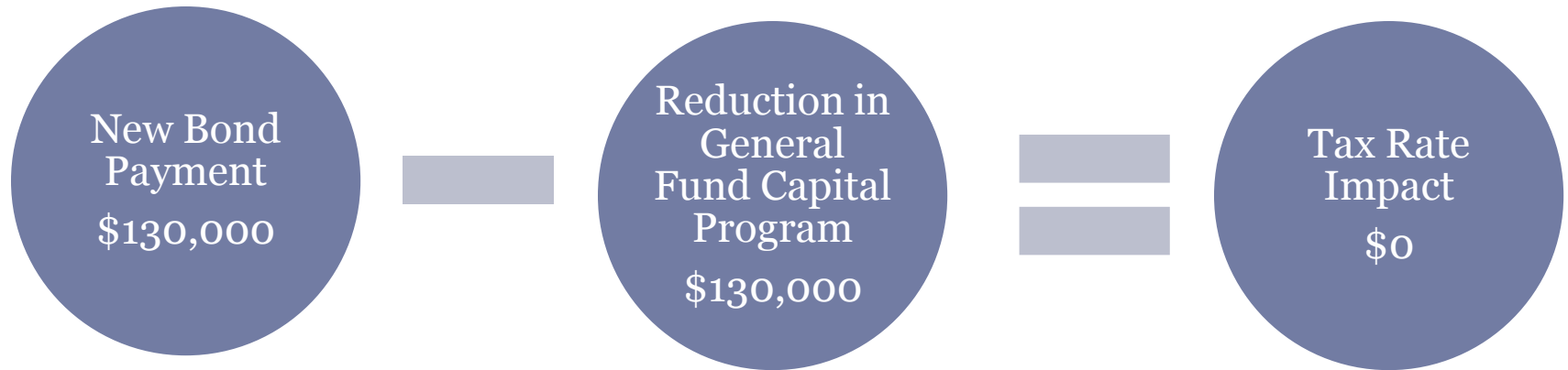
- **Question 1.** Shall the Order of the City Council of the City of Saco entitled “Order Authorizing the City of Saco to borrow an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for City facilities, including the Ocean Park Road drainage system, the Police Station roof, the City Hall and Parks and Recreation facility HVAC systems, the Middle School baseball field, the Foss Road recreation site, Lincoln Street reconstruction and Camp Ellis erosion protection” be ratified and approved?
- **Question 2.** Shall the Order of the City Council of the City of Saco entitled “Order Authorizing the City of Saco to borrow an amount not to exceed \$7,250,000 for construction and equipping of a new public works facility on Industrial Park Road and to sell the existing public works facility on North Street and to expend such sale proceeds on such new public works facility” be ratified and approved?
- **Question 3.** Shall the Order of the City Council of the City of Saco entitled “Order Authorizing the City of Saco to borrow an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for Route One sewer extension and sidewalk, pedestrian and traffic signal improvements” be ratified and approved?

Question 1

Improvements to City Facilities, Roads, Drainage, and Infrastructure

- ***Ocean Park Road Area Drainage System Replacement*** **\$295,000**
- ***Police Station Roof Replacement*** **\$120,000**
- ***City Hall and Parks & Recreation HVAC Systems*** **\$140,000**
- ***Saco Middle School Baseball Field*** **\$120,000**
- ***Foss Road Recreational Site Improvements*** **\$125,000**
- ***Lincoln St. Utility, Sidewalk, & Roadway Reconstruction*** **\$950,000**
- ***Camp Ellis Area Coastal Erosion Protection*** **\$250,000**

Question 1 Tax Rate Impact



- Mill Rate on new bond payment = \$ 0.06
- Mill Rate impacts of improvements = ~~-\$ 0.06~~
- Net tax payer change = \$ 0.00

Question 2

Relocation of the Public Works Facility and Redevelopment of the Existing Site along the Turnpike

- ***New Public Works Facility and Sale of Existing Site*** ***\$7,250,000***

Stay or Go- By the Numbers

Stay and Rehabilitate 351 North Street Facility

- Requires \$3.9M over the next 5 years to make suitable for 20 years of use.
- Over \$750,000 of the current annual \$1M capital plan would need to be spent solely on Rehabilitating the existing Public Works facility for 5 years.
- Does not include any private redevelopment options for our City gateway.
- Produces significant short-term impacts to the tax rate.

Relocate to the Industrial Park and Sell 351 North St

- New facility bond amount would \$7.25M with annual payments of \$465,000.
- Sale and redevelopment of the existing facility parcel could produce > \$200,000/year in new property tax revenue.
- Timing takes advantage of the City retiring over \$480,000 in annual Debt payments from past bond projects.
- Allows for short-term tax rate relief and long-term commercial tax base growth.

Question 2 Tax Rate Impact



- Mill Rate benefits of retiring debt = $-\$ 0.22$
- Mill Rate impacts of New Facility = $\$ 0.22$
- Net tax payer change = $\$ 0.00$

This does not take into consideration the sale and redevelopment of the existing facility parcel which could produce \$200,000/year in new property tax revenue (further reduction of the tax levy by nearly \$.10)

Question 3

Route One Utility and Sidewalk Improvements

- ***Sidewalk Construction & Pedestrian Safety Improvements \$500,000***
- ***Sewer Extension to Incentivize Commercial Development \$2,000,000***

Question 3 Tax Rate Impact



- Mill Rate on new bond payment = \$ 0.07
- Mill Rate impacts of improvements = -\$ 0.07
- Net tax payer change = \$ 0.00

City Facilities Capital Planning

- There are 10 City Services Facilities with replacement values totaling over \$40 Million.
- Major Rehabilitation or Replacement of one City facility every 5 years will keep service levels high and annual operating/repair costs low.
- Bonding City facility replacements is a sound investment and spreads the costs steadily over the life of the facility.
- The last City facility built was the Central Fire Station in 2011.

Election Information

- All citizens vote at the Community Center located at 75 Franklin Street.
- The polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on November 7th.
- Absentee ballots are available beginning the second week of October.
- If you have questions about elections and absentee voting, please contact the City Clerk's office at (207)284-4831 or visit Sacomaine.org.
- If you have questions about the projects, please contact Patrick Fox at (207)284-6641.