

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S RETURN AND CERTIFICATE
AS TO RESULTS OF VOTING

TOWN OF CASTLE HILL

I certify that the results of the vote taken on Article 1 of the Warrant and Notice of Election in Castle Hill for the Maine School Administrative District No. 1 Budget Validation Referendum held May 31, 2023 are as follows:

ARTICLE 1:

Yes	<u>11</u>
No	<u>5</u>
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Dated: 5/31/2023, 2023

Signed: *Sandra Fournier*
Sandra Fournier, Municipal Clerk
Castle Hill, Maine

(Seal)



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MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ELECTION CERTIFICATE
TOWN OF CASTLE HILL

I, the undersigned, Municipal Clerk of Castle Hill, Maine (the "municipality"), hereby certify that the municipality has adopted no charter, bylaws, votes or other rules which relate in any way to the time, place or manner of calling or conducting referendum elections in said municipality except as follows:

I further certify that a Maine School Administrative District No. 1 ("District") budget validation referendum in this municipality was held on May 31, 2023 for the purpose of voting on the budget of the District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. With respect to that referendum, I certify that:

- (a) That the municipal officers met and countersigned the warrant and notice of Election calling said referendum as of the date set forth above their signatures;
- (b) The complete Warrant and Notice of Election for said referendum as furnished by the School Board and the return of posting of that Warrant and Notice of Election is attached hereto as Exhibit A;
- (c) A copy of the ballots used at said referendum, as furnished by the School Board, is attached hereto as Exhibit B;
- (d) A copy of the Municipal Clerk's Return and Certificate as to Results of Voting is attached hereto as Exhibit C;
- (e) If the municipality is a town, a moderator was elected, was sworn, and presided over the town meeting at which the referendum was held, all as required by 30-A M.R.S. § 2524(2);
- (f) At least four days prior to the referendum (if the municipality is a town) and at least seven days prior to the referendum (if the municipality is a city) I posted specimen or sample ballots in one or more conspicuous places in the municipality;
- (g) If the municipality is a town, as required by 30-A M.R.S. §§ 2524(2), 2528(6) and 2528(8), ballot clerks were appointed by the Municipal Officers and sworn, instruction cards were printed and posted at each voting compartment, at least three instruction cards and five specimen ballots were posted in the voting room outside the guardrails, ballots were delivered and receipts given therefor, a moderator was elected, and a certified list of qualified voters was used at the meeting; and, if the municipality is a city, ballot clerks were appointed by the Municipal Officers and sworn as required by 21A M.R.S. § 503-A, an adequate number of instruction posters and sample ballots were posted in the voting room outside the guardrails, ballots were delivered and receipts given therefor, and a certified list of qualified voters was used at the election;
- (h) As required by 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(2), I displayed at each polling place in the municipality a Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting in form delivered to me by the District;
- (i) A sufficient number of ballots was furnished to me and a record of the number furnished was kept by me as Clerk, upon receipt I counted and inspected the ballots in the presence of at least

one witness and found no errors or inaccuracies, and I delivered a receipt for the ballots to the School Board;

- (j) The registrar of voters held office hours while the polls were open, and no person who was entitled to vote was deprived of that right;
- (k) Absentee ballots were counted beginning at the times specified in the Notice of Absentee Ballot Processing Times, and the procedures for distributing, processing, counting, and recording with respect to absentee ballots and absentee ballot applications were followed in accordance with Title 21-A;
- (l) Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(3)(D), absentee ballots were processed and counted only if received on or after the day after the conclusion of the District budget meeting on May 16, 2023 and before the close of the polls;
- (m) Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(3)(E), I marked "rejected" on all envelopes containing absentee ballots received before the day after the conclusion of the District budget meeting on May 16, 2023 or after the close of the polls;
- (n) Within 24 hours of the determination of the results of the vote in the municipality, I certified the total number of votes cast in the affirmative and the total number of votes cast in the negative to the School Board;
- (o) All other actions required to be taken by the municipality, or any official thereof, in order to make the aforesaid referendum legal and valid, have happened, been done, and performed in regular and due form as required by law; and
- (p) No recount has been requested by any resident of the municipality.

Dated: 5/31/2023

Signed: *Sandra Fournier*
Sandra Fournier, Municipal Clerk
Castle Hill, Maine

(Seal)

Exhibits for Attachment and Return to Maine School Administrative District No. 1

- Exhibit A: Fully signed and attested Warrant and Notice of Election with completed Return of posting.
- Exhibit B: Ballot copy.
- Exhibit C: Municipal Clerk's Return and Certificate as to Results of Voting, completed and signed.

