

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES

MARCH 10, 2018

The Town of Cranberry Isles held their Annual Town Meeting on March 10, 2018 at the Islesford Neighborhood House on Islesford with 54 registered voters present. The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Town Clerk, Denise McCormick.

The articles were acted upon as follows:

1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Joanne Thormann nominated Barbara Fernald.

4 Ballots cast, 4 Votes for Barbara Fernald.

The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office with the Moderator, then the meeting continued.

2. To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Joanne Thormann nominated Denise McCormick.

6 Ballots Cast, 6 Votes for Denise McCormick

Bruce Fernald made a motion to set compensation at \$7,000 for the year, seconded by Richard Beal.

Unanimous Vote to approve \$7,000.

3. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve the use of the Maine Municipal Association's recommended Maine Moderator's Manual "Rules of Procedures" for the conduct of this Town Meeting.

Erica Merrill motions to approve, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

4. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve opening the floor of this Town Meeting to all non-registered persons for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of the 2018 Warrant.

Beverly Sanborn motions to approve, seconded by Erica Merrill.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

5. To elect by ballot a Selectman for the term of three years.

Katelyn Damon nominated Cory Alley.

Sam Donald nominated William Dowling.

Joanne Thormann nominated Christine Sandberg.

Jane Porter nominated Malcolm Fernald. Malcolm declined the nomination.

48 Ballots were cast: Twenty one votes for Cory Alley.

Sixteen votes for Christine Sandberg.

Eleven votes for William Dowling.

There was no majority vote for one person, so the Moderator asked for a second ballot to be cast.

William Dowling withdrew his nomination. The second ballots cast will be for Cory Alley or Christine Sandberg.

49 Ballots were cast: Thirty-one votes for Cory Alley.

Eighteen votes for Christine Sandberg.

Cory Alley is the new Selectman.

6. To vote compensation for all the Selectmen for the ensuing year. Recommended \$8,000 for the chair, \$7,500 for others.

Joan Pickering motions to approve, seconded by Joanne Thormann.

Phil Whitney motions to amend the amounts to \$4,000 for the chair and \$3,500 for the others, seconded by Joan Pickering.

After a lengthy discussion of the amount to compensate the Selectmen, Erica Merrill motioned to call the question, seconded by Mary Schuch.

There were 32 votes yes to call the question, and 10 no. Question is called.

Moderator asked for a vote to amend the article amounts.

40 Votes were Cast, 6 Votes yes, 34 votes no to amend the amounts.

Moderator asked for a vote to approve the amount to compensate at \$8,000 & \$7,500.

Majority vote to approve, 3 votes No.

7. To elect by ballot a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Bruce Fernald nominated Denise McCormick.

Seven ballots cast, Seven votes for Denise McCormick.

Tammy Palmer motions to set compensation at \$10,000, seconded by Richard Beal.

Unanimous vote to approve.

8. To elect by ballot a Collector of Taxes and Collector of Excise Taxes for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Bruce Fernald nominated Denise McCormick.

Six ballots cast, Six votes for Denise McCormick.

Katelyn Damon motions to set compensation at \$28,000, seconded by Cory Alley.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

9. To elect by ballot a member of the Superintending School Committee for a term of three years.

Ingird Gaither nominated Cari Alley.

Five ballots cast, Five votes for Cari Alley.

10. To elect by ballot a member of the Municipal Advisory Commission, which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve a period of three years each.

Ingrid Gaither nominated Joanne Thormann. Joanne declined the nomination.

Joanne Thormann nominated Nadia Rosenthal.

Ingrid Gaither nominated William Dowling. William declined the nomination.

Five ballots cast, Five votes for Nadia Rosenthal.

11. To elect by ballot a member of the Municipal Advisory Commission, which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve a period of three years each.

James Amuso nominated Carl Brooks.

Joanne Thormann nominated Christine Sandberg.

Ingrid Gaither nominated Karin Whitney. Karin declined the nomination.

Fifty ballots cast, Thirty-seven votes for Christine Sandberg, Thirteen votes for Carl Brooks.

12. To vote the hourly rate of pay for Town Officials and Employees.

Joan Pickering motions to set the rate at \$12 to \$25, seconded by Richard Beal.

Unanimous vote to approve \$12 to \$25.

13. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) APR on all 2018 taxes not paid by December 01, 2018.

Richard Beal motions to approve, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Majority vote to approve, one vote no.

14. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to allow a two (2%) percent discount on all taxes which are paid in full within thirty (30) days of the date shown on the original bill as submitted by the Tax Collector.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Erica Merrill.

Unanimous vote to approve.

15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2019, February 2019, and March 2019 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12th) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2018. This authorization will permit the Treasurer to prepare Financial Warrants for approval by the Board of Selectmen, prepare checks, and legally pay bills pending approval of the entire Operations Budget by the Voters in March 2019.

Joanne Thormann motions to approve, seconded by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous vote to approve.

SCHOOLS (16A – 16R)

16A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 361,111

Amy Palmer motions to approve \$361,111, seconded by Barbara Meyers.

Majority vote to approve, 1 vote No.

16B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 66,790

Jeri Spurling motions to approve \$66,790, seconded by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Amy Palmer motions to approve \$0.00, seconded by Erica Merrill.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Other Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 14,705

Erica Merrill motions to approve \$14,705, seconded by Joanne Thormann.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 22,427

Joanne Thormann motions to approve \$22,427, seconded by Steve Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16F. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for System Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 20,450

Joanne Thormann motions to approve \$20,450, seconded by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16G. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 35,006

Joanne Thormann motions to approve \$35,006, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16H. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Transportation & Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 47,300

Joanne Thormann motions to approve \$47,300, seconded by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 56,280

Joanne Thormann motions to approve \$56,280, seconded by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16J. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 71,031

Joanne Thormann motions to approve \$71,031, seconded by Erica Merrill.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16K. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Joanne Thormann motions to approve \$0.00, seconded by Steve Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Note: Articles 16A – 16K authorize a total budget of \$ 695,100

Hand Count Required

Note: Articles 16L, 16M & 16N raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

16L. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$177,295) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in

accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
School Committee recommends \$152,265.

Tammy Palmer motions to approve, seconded by Joanne Thormann.

Lindsay Eysnogle motions to amend the amounts to \$157,598 and \$133,119, seconded by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to amend the amounts.

Thirty nine votes cast, 39 votes Yes, -0- No.

Hand Count Required

16M. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

School Committee recommends \$ 71,031

Erica Merrill motions to approve \$71,031, seconded by Lindsay Eysnogle.

Thirty five votes cast, 35 votes Yes, -0- votes no.

Written Ballot Vote Required

16N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$341,387) for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend: \$337,218) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Erica Merrill motions to approve \$341,387 and \$337,218, seconded by Christine Sandberg.

Lindsay Eysnogle motions to amend the amounts to \$360,533, seconded by Joanne Thormann.

Unanimous vote to amend the amounts.

Twenty seven ballots cast, 27 votes Yes, -0- votes No.

Note: Articles 16L, 16M & 16N raise a total town appropriation of \$ 564,683

Hand Count Required

Note: Article 16O summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

16O. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee recommends \$ 695,100

Christine Sandberg motions to approve \$695,100, seconded by Erica Merrill.

Twenty seven votes cast, 26 votes yes, 1 vote no.

16P. In addition to the amount in Articles 16A – 16O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2018-2019 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$ 22,300

Joanne Thormann motions to approve \$22,300, seconded by Erica Merrill.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16Q. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the school committee to have the Ashley Bryan School remain open for the 2018-2019 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately thirteen students.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16R. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the school committee to have the Longfellow School remain open for the 2018-2019 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Erica Merrill motions to approve, seconded by Ashley Bryan.

Unanimous vote to approve.

17. Shall an ordinance entitled “March 2018 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance for the Shorelands of the Town of Cranberry Isles, Hancock Couty, Maine” be enacted?

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by James Amuso.

Majority vote to approve, 1 vote no.

18. Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance to Regulate Automobile Graveyards, Junkyards, and Automobile Recycling Businesses” be enacted?

James Amuso motions to put the article on the floor, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Forty-six written ballots cast, Eight Votes Yes, 37 Votes No, 1 Vote blank.

Ordinance does not pass.

At 12:20 pm, William Dowling motioned to adjourn for a lunch break, seconded by Erica Merrill. Unanimous Vote to adjourn until 1:10 p.m. The INHA served a nice lunch of soup, salad and homemade breads with a lot of delicious desserts to choose from. We would like to thank Kaitlyn Duggan and her team of workers for all the hard work they put in to the delicious meal.

At 1:10 p.m., Barbara Fernald, Moderator, called the meeting back to order.

Joanne Thormann asked the moderator if Articles 22 & 23 could be taken out of order and acted upon now, as there were people who would be leaving on a 2 p.m. special boat.

Barbara Fernald asked for a motion from the floor, Joanne Thormann motion to approve taking Articles 22 & 23 out of order, seconded by Richard Beal.

Unanimous vote to approve.

22. To see if the Voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the purpose of selling the building and land (0.65 ac) at 15 Mansell Lane, Southwest Harbor (SWH Tax Map 17 Lot 112) and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Joanne Thormann motions to approve, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

There was a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of the Town of Cranberry Isles retaining this parcel of land.

Malcolm Fernald motions to call the question, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Majority vote to call question, 6 Votes no.

Forty seven ballots were cast, 20 votes Yes, 26 votes No, and 1 Blank vote. Article 22 does not pass.

23. To see if the Voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow and spend up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to build a fiber to the home network on Sutton Island in order to provide long-term internet broadband services, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements, necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Mary Schuch motions to approve, seconded by Cory Duggan.

Unanimous vote to approve.

The moderator now directs the meeting back to Article 19.

19. To see if the Voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to unencumber forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) currently in reserve for the construction of a septic system at the municipal garage on Islesford, and utilize those funds for Town Office Renovations at 61 Main St., Islesford.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous vote to approve.

20. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to complete renovations for the new town office at 61 Main Street, Islesford and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Jasmine Samuels.

Erica Merrill motions to call a 5 minute recess for discussion purposes, seconded by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous Vote to take a 5 minute recess.

Barbara Fernald calls the meeting back to order.

There was a vote taken for Article 20. Unanimous vote to approve \$75,000 for completion of the work on the Town Office at 61 Main St.

21. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for capital expenditure to pave Dog Point Road on Great Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Beverly Sanborn motions to approve, seconded by Erica Merrill.

Erica Merrill motions to amend the article to read, “to appropriate and spend up to fifty thousand dollars”, seconded by Malcolm Fernald.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to approve.

24. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a six (6) month lease agreement in 2018 with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine for use of the church land on Joy Road in Northeast Harbor, Maine, for parking of residents of, and visitors to, the Cranberry Isles.

Richard Beal motions to approve, seconded by Erica Merrill.

James Fortune motions to amend the term of the lease to one (1) year, seconded by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to approve.

25. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) and enter into a multi-year contract for snow plowing and sanding of roads on Great Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements, necessary contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Erica Merrill.

Unanimous vote to approve.

26. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,500.00) and enter into a multi-year contract for the launching, handling, disconnecting, hauling, storage and maintenance of floats and associated ramps and gangways owned by the Town of Cranberry Isles and located within the Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements, necessary contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Richard Beal motions to approve, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

27. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) and enter into a multi-year contract for the launching, handling, disconnecting, hauling, storage and

maintenance of floats and associated ramps and gangways owned by the Town of Cranberry Isles within the Town of Southwest Harbor, Maine, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements, necessary contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Erica Merrill motions to approve, seconded by Cory Duggan.

Unanimous vote to approve.

28. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend one hundred thousand nine hundred and twenty-two dollars (\$100,922.00) and enter into a multi-year contract with BCM Construction, Inc., contract duration June 15, 2017 to June 15, 2026, for collection, hauling and disposal of municipal solid waste in the Town of Cranberry Isles, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements, necessary contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Sam Donald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

29. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Manset Reserve account to build a one-way vehicle access driveway from Shore Road into the Manset parking lot and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements, necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Erica Merrill motions to put the article on the floor, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

There was a lengthy discussion about the need of putting in a one-way driveway, many pros and cons.

Ingrid Gaither motions to call the question, seconded by William Dowling.

Unanimous vote to call the question.

Two votes Yes, Majority vote No.

Article 29 does not pass.

30. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to enact a ban on anchoring cruise ships and discharging passengers in the territorial waters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, said ban shall be as follows:

“Private docks, moorings, piers, floats, and other water-side land access points may not be used to receive passengers from cruise ships.”

Definition: “cruise ship” means a watercraft carrying passengers for hire that has overnight accommodations for 50 or more passengers.

William Dowling motions to approve, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Barbara Meyers motions to amend the article to read “a ban on anchoring cruise ships and/or discharging passengers...”

Three votes Yes to amend, 6 votes No.

After a lengthy discussion, Malccolm Fernald motions to call the question, seconded by Cory Alley.

Majority votes Yes to call the question, 2 votes No.

Majority votes Yes to approve, 5 votes No.

31. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend up to Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Great Cranberry Dock Reserve and Ramp Fees Reserve accounts in order to construct a year-round float system for the Great Cranberry Town dock, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements, necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

William Dowling motions to approve, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Sixteen votes Yes, 7 votes No.

32. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2019, on 16th day of March 2019 at the Longfellow School, Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9 A.M.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Denise McCormick motions to amend Dept. 58 total to \$495,260, seconded by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to approve.

The total Annual Budget is \$2,345,352.

2018 Town Operations Budget will be:

Applied Resources

General Fund Receipts	190,166
Loans	100,000
Reserves	120,000
School Dept	130,417
Ferry Subsidy	22,000
Property Taxes to be raised	\$1,762,769

Respectfully Submitted by

Denise McCormick

Town Clerk

2018

