

**TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
THE WARRANT 2006**

State of Maine  
County of Hancock, §

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 13, 2006:

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Denise McCormick, Town Clerk, at the Islesford Neighborhood House, in said Town on the 13<sup>th</sup> day (Second Monday) of March AD 2006, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article:

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

Hugh Smallwood nominated Barbara Fernald. Barbara Stainton seconds.  
5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes for Barbara Fernald.

The Town Clerk, Denise McCormick, administered the Oath of Office with Barbara Fernald. And the meeting proceeded.

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

Carl Brooks motions to approve, second by Barbara Stainton.  
Unanimous vote to approve.

3. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will approve opening the floor of this Town Meeting to all non-registered citizens for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of this 2006 Warrant.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

The Moderator had all registered voters in the Town Of Cranberry Isles stand up, so clerk and vote counters could see who all of them were.

A unanimous vote for approval of Article 3.

4. To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.  
Recommended: \$6500

Daniel Lief nominated Denise McCormick.  
7 votes cast, 7 votes for Denise McCormick.

David Stainton motions to approve compensation of \$6500, second by Hugh Dwelley.  
Unanimous vote to approve.

5. To elect by ballot a Selectman for a term of three years. (Term Expiring: Orville E. Blank)

Cynthia Lief nominated Aaron Gray  
Karin Whitney nominated Hal Newell.  
Steve Palmer nominated Orville E Blank Jr.

61 Votes Cast, 22 Votes for Aaron Gray, 22 Votes for Hal Newell, 17 for Votes Orville Blank, Jr. Moderator called "No Election" because a majority vote was not reached.

67 Votes Cast, 27 Votes for Aaron Gray, 28 Votes for Hal Newell, 12 Votes for Orville Blank Jr. Moderator called "No Election" again, because a majority vote was not reached.

67 Votes Cast, 30 Votes for Aaron Gray, 30 Votes for Hal Newell, 7 Votes for Orville Blank Jr. Once again, Moderator called "No Election", because a majority vote was not reached.

At 9:20 A.M. Motion was made by Richard Beal, second by Phil Whitney to take a 10 minute recess, in which time, the candidates could speak with voters and in hopes that a decision could be made in voting in a new Selectman.

At 9:30 A.M. Barbara Fernald, Moderator, called the meeting to order, and a 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) vote was taken.

70 Votes Cast, 39 Votes for Aaron Gray, 24 Votes for Hal Newell, and 7 Votes for Orville Blank Jr.

Aaron Gray wins the 3yr Term on the Board of Selectman.

6. To vote compensation for all Selectman for the ensuing year.  
Recommended: \$1700 for the chairman, \$1400 for others (No change from 2005)

Carl Brooks motions to approve compensation as stated, second by Anna Fernald.  
Unanimous vote to approve.

7. To elect by ballot a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.  
Recommended: \$8500  
Daniel Lief nominates Denise McCormick, second by Hugh Smallwood.  
5 Votes Cast, 5 votes for Denise McCormick.

Carl Brooks motions to approve recommended compensation, second by Barbara Stainton.  
Unanimous vote to approve.

8. To elect by ballot a Collector of Taxes and Collector of Excise Taxes for the ensuing year and vote compensation.  
Recommended: \$22,400 (No change from 2005)

Hugh Smallwood nominates Denise McCormick, second by Daniel Lief.  
6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes for Denise McCormick.

Carl Brooks motions to approve \$22,400 compensation, second by Steven Palmer.  
Unanimous vote to approve.

9. To elect by ballot a member of the Superintending School Committee for a term of three years. (Term expiring: Theodore Spurling JR.)

Richard Ramsey nominates Theodore Spurling Jr., second by Robin Richman.  
5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes for Theodore Spurling Jr.

10. To vote the hourly rate of pay for Town officials and employees.  
Recommended: \$12 to \$20, at the discretion of the Board of Selectman for the type of work performed. (No change from 2005)

Carl Brooks motions to approve, Barbara Stainton seconds.  
Unanimous vote to approve.

11. To vote the hourly rate of pay for snow removal employees.  
Recommended: \$18.00 (No change from 2005)

Hugh Dwelley motions to approve, second by Carl Brooks.  
Unanimous vote to approve.

12. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of eleven percent (11.00%) on all taxes not paid by December 1, 2006. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2006 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA §505.4 is eleven percent (11.00%).

Hugh Smallwood motions to approve 11%, second by David Stainton.

60 Votes to Approve, 1 Vote Opposed.

11% is Approved.

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

Carl Brooks motions to approve 2%, second by Richard Beal.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sign a five (5) month lease agreement for 2006 with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine for the use of church land on Joy Road, in Northeast Harbor, for parking by residents of, and visitors to, the Cranberry Isles.

Carl Brooks motions to approve, second by William McGuinness.

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 2007, February 2007, and March 2007 equal in aggregate to 3/12<sup>th</sup> of the Operations Budget approved for the Year 2006. This authorization will permit the Treasurer to prepare Financial Warrants for approval by the Board of Selectman, prepare checks, and legally pay bills pending approval of the entire Operations Budget by the Voters in March 2007.

Carl Brooks motions to approve, second by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve

16. Schools:

- 16A. 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, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, from the Town of Cranberry Isles 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 MRSA Title 20-A, §15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required. School Committee recommends \$380,141.

Carl Brooks motions to approve, second by Cynthia Lief.

53 Votes Cast, 53 Yes, 0 No.

- 16B. To see what 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 (Recommend \$143,623) and to see what sum the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will raise as the municipality'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 MRSA 20-A, §15688 for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Hand Count Required. School Committee recommends \$123,221.

Carl Brooks motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

48 Votes Cast, 48 Yes, 0 No.

Explanation: the Town Of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

- 16C. Shall the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles raise and appropriate \$169,441. in additional local funds for school purposes for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, which exceeds the State's essential Programs and Services funding model by \$153,320?

Written Vote Required. School Committee recommends \$164,325.

Reason: To raise additional monies in order to fully fund the 2006-07 budget.

\*Due to a misprint in the Town report, the amount to raise and appropriate in Article 16C should have been \$164,325. And the State's Services funding model should have been \$155,013.

Voters unanimously voted to accept article totals being changed.

Motion to raise and appropriate \$164,325 was made by Carl Brooks, second by Barbara Stainton.

20 Votes Cast, 20 Votes Yes, 0 No.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town Of Cranberry Isles' required local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Act that will help achieve the Town Of Cranberry Isles budget for educational programs.

Note: Articles 17B & 17C equal a total appropriation of \$287,546.

- 16D. In addition to the amount in Article 17A shall the Town appropriate and authorize the School Board to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during the fiscal year 2006-2007 for school purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?  
Current Year Totals: \$23,825.

Hand Count Required. School committee recommends passage.  
Carl Brooks motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

37 Votes Cast, 37 Yes, 0 No.

- 16E. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the school committee to have the Islesford School remain open for the 2006-2007 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately fourteen students.  
School Committee recommends passage

Carl Brooks motions to approve, second by Daniel Lief.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

- 16F. 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 2006-2007 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

School Committee recommends passage

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, second by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the municipal Officers to amend the MFC charter.

Richard Beal motions to amend article, second by Erica Merrill to read:

To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will authorize the municipal officers to amend as written to pursuant to pages 102 & 103 of this report.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to pass as amended.

18. To elect by ballot two members of the Municipal Facilities Commission, which consists of seven (7) volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve for a period of three (3) years each.

Terms expiring: Hugh Smallwood and Frank Reese.

Ballot #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel Lief nominates Hugh Smallwood

Nanette Hadlock nominates Hal Newell.

52 Votes Cast, 32 Votes Hugh Smallwood, 20 Votes Hal Newell.

Hugh Smallwood wins election for Ballot #1.

Ballot #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Hugh Smallwood nominates Frank Reese.

Sonja Colby nominates Hal Newell.

William McGuinness nominates Jason Pickering.

Eve Harrison nominates Cynthia Lief, Cynthia Lief declines nominations.

57 Votes Cast, 16 Votes Frank Reese, 22 Votes Hal Newell, 18 Votes Jason Pickering, and 1 Blank Ballot.

Moderator called "No Election" because a majority vote had not been reached.

Frank Reese declines nomination to help the second vote to be decisive.

60 Votes Cast, 31 Votes Jason Pickering, 18 Votes Hal Newell, 1 Vote Frank Reese.

Jason Pickering wins election for Ballot #2.

For information of the voters: The membership of this Commission, elected by the voters, is:

Name		
Hugh Smallwood, Chairman	Little Cranberry	2006
Frank Reece	Little Cranberry	2006
Malcolm Donald	Great Cranberry	2007
Eve Harrison	Little Cranberry	2007
Michael Phillips	Sutton Island	2007
Lise Merrill Pratt	Little Cranberry	2008
Chris White	Great Cranberry	2008

19. Shall an ordinance entitled "Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance" for Zone 1 Great Cranberry Island be enacted?

Carl Brooks motions to approve, second by William McGuinness.

After lengthy discussion, Erica Merrill motions to call the question, second by Hugh Dwelley.

Unanimous vote to call.

35 Votes cast, 31 Yes, 4 No.

20. Shall an ordinance entitled "Great Cranberry Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance" for Zone 1, (Great Cranberry Island) be enacted?

(If enacted, this will repeal and replace any other street naming and numbering ordinance for Zone 1, should such an ordinance exist)

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

23 Votes Cast, 18 Yes, 5 No.

Ordinance passes, and repeals and replaces Ordinance approved in Article 19.

21. Shall an updated "Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Cranberry Isles" be enacted? (If enacted, this ordinance will repeal and replace the existing TCI floodplain management ordinance enacted 1-10-91.)

Recommended by National Flood Insurance Plan.

Daniel Lief motions to approve, second by Barbara Stainton.

After lengthy discussion, Carl Brooks motions to table Article 21, second by Eve Harrison.

Unanimous vote to table Article 21.

22. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend Five Thousand dollars (\$5000) in support of the Island Institute Fellow for 2006.

Request made by Island Institute. Board of Selectman recommends approval.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, second by Hugh Dwelley.

Unanimous vote to approve.

23. Future Town Meeting:

To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2007, on March 12 (Monday) at Great Cranberry Fire House, Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Carl Brook motions to approve, second by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

24. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to raise and appropriate for each function of Town operations as shown in the Town Operations Budget. Each function shall be voted upon separately:

Voters decided to vote by Department totals.

### **TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET**

#### **Dept. 51 - General Government**

**Carl Brooks motions to**

**approve Dept 51 Totals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by**

**Daniel Lief.**

**\$ 212,120.00**

**Unanimous vote to approve.**

Town Office: Rent & Utilities \$ 11,140.00

Office Supplies & Postage

\$ 6,500.00

Administrative Expenses

37,500.

Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	
Legal	\$ 5,000.00	
Accounting	\$ 10,000.00	
Admin. Expense	\$ 10,000.00	
Engineering	\$ 500.00	
Selectmen Compensation		\$ 4,500.00
Contingency Fund		\$ 20,000.00
Treasurer / Tax Collector / Clerk		\$ 37,400.00
Elections		\$ 500.00
Planning Board		\$ 830.00
Tax Assessor		\$ 23,000.00
Facilities Maintenance Sup.		\$ 42,000.00
Deputy Clerk / Treasurer		\$ 18,000.00

Comprehensive Plan	\$ 1,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,000.00
Retirement Obligation	750.00

**Dept. 52 - Public Safety**  
**Carl Brooks motions to**  
**approve Dept 52 totals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by**  
**Richard Beal.**

**Unanimous vote to approve.**

**\$ 76,900.00**

Fire Dept. Zone 1 (\$43,000 From Reserve)	\$ 43,000.00
Utilities	\$ 5,600.00
Supplies	\$ 18,000.00
Admin. Expense	\$ 10,400.00
Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00
Contracts	\$ 5,000.00
(\$44,867 in Reserve)	
Fire Dept. Zone 2	\$ 19,500.00
EMT & 1st Res. Training	\$ 8,000.00
Truck Maint. & Testing	\$ 4,000.00
Heating & Furnace Maint.	\$ 2,000.00
Insurance	\$ 5,500.00
(\$33,140 in Reserve)	
Streetlights	\$ 5,000.00

Animal Control Officer		\$ 700.00
Compensation	\$ 500.00	
Admin. Expense	\$ 200.00	
Constable		\$ 2,700.00
Compensation	\$ 2,500.00	
Admin. Expense	\$ 200.00	
Harbormaster		\$ 1,000.00
Shellfish Warden		\$ 1,000.00
Insurance		\$ 4,000.00

**Dept. 53 - Health & Sanitation  
Carl Brooks motions to  
approve Dept 53 totals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Cynthia Lief. Unanimous vote  
to approve.**

**\$ 181,750.00**

Solid Waste		\$ 168,000.00
Compensation	\$ 5,000.00	
Contract	\$ 78,900.00	
Tipping Fees	\$ 22,600.00	
Misc.	\$ 61,500.00	
CEO / Plumbing		\$ 8,300.00
Compensation	\$ 7,200.00	
Admin. Expense	\$ 600.00	
Plumbing Permits	\$ 500.00	

General Assistance		\$ 5,200.00
Program	\$ 5,000.00	
Admin. Expense	\$ 200.00	
Health Officer		\$ 250.00
Compensation	\$ 200.00	
Supplies	\$ 50.00	

**Dept. 54 - Public  
Transportation  
Carl Brooks motions to  
approve Dept 54 totals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Barbara Stainton.  
Unanimous vote to approve.**

**\$ 75,000.00**

Town Roads		\$ 45,000.00
Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00	
Capital Improvements	\$ 30,000.00	
Snow Removal		\$ 22,500.00
Contract	\$ 10,000.00	
Compensation	\$ 5,000.00	
Sand & Salt	\$ 2,500.00	
Oil & Gas	\$ 2,500.00	
Misc.	\$ 2,500.00	
Town Truck		\$ 7,500.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	
Truck Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	

**Dept. 55 – Schools**

**\$ 380,141.00**

**Ruth Westphal motions to  
approve Dept 55 totals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Hal Newell.  
Unanimous vote to approve.**

**Dept. 56 – Unclassified  
Hugh Dwelley motions to  
approve Dept. 56 totals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Richard Beal.  
Unanimous vote to approve.  
Robin Richman motions to  
donate \$1000 to NEH  
Ambulance and \$1000 to  
Lifelight Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Courtney Chaplin.  
Unanimous vote to approve.**

**\$ 30,000.00**

GCI Library	\$ 3,600.00
Islesford Library	\$ 3,600.00
GCI Community Ctr.	\$ 6,000.00
Islesford Neighborhood House	\$ 6,000.00
Town Cemeteries	\$ 1,000.00
Island Explorer	\$ 1,500.00
NEH Library	\$ 300.00
NEH Ambulance	\$ 2,000.00
Human Service Donations	\$ 1,000.00
Island Institute Fellow	\$ 5,000.00

**Dept. 57 - Debt Service  
Carl Brooks motions to  
approve Dept 57 totals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
David Stainton.  
Unanimous vote to approve.**

**\$ 353,839.00**

GCI Wharf Repair	\$ 50,284.00
SWH Parking - Taxable Bond	\$ 47,195.00
SWH Parking - Tax Exempt Bond	\$ 134,840.00
SWH Home Purchase	\$ 31,520.00
County Tax	\$ 90,000.00

**Dept 58-Municipal Facilities**  
**Carl Brooks motions to**  
**approve Dept 58, 2<sup>nd</sup> by**  
**Richard Beal.**  
**Unanimous vote to approve.**

**\$ 130,788.00**

Administration	\$ 1,200.00
Utilities	\$ 200.00
Admin. Expense	\$ 1,000.00
NEH Parking Lot	\$ 34,408.00
Snow Removal	\$ 2,600.00
Enforcement	\$ 200.00
Lease	\$ 31,608.00
	\$ 2,950.00
Joy Road Parking Lot	
Insurance	\$ 750.00
Enforcement	\$ 200.00
Lease	\$ 2,000.00
Manset Parking Lot	\$ 28,759.00

Utilities	\$ 1,000.00	
Grounds	\$ 4,500.00	
Snow Removal	\$ 2,000.00	
Insurance	\$ 3,150.00	
Enforcement	\$ 500.00	
SWH Property Tax	\$ 17,609.00	
Warehouse / Apartment		\$ 6,350.00
Maint. & Improvements	\$ 3,000.00	
Utilities	\$ 700.00	
Insurance	\$ 2,200.00	
SWH Property Tax	\$ 450.00	
Mansell Road Building		\$ 14,471.00
Maint. & Improvements	\$ 4,000.00	
Utilities	\$ 2,500.00	
Insurance	\$ 2,321.00	
SWH Property Tax	\$ 5,650.00	
Restrooms		\$ 6,350.00
	\$ 1,850.0	
Maint. & Improvements		
Cleaning	\$ 4,300.00	
Supplies	\$ 200.00	
Wharves, Floats & Ramps		\$ 35,300.00
Maintenance	\$ 20,500.00	

Capital Improvements	\$ 2,000.00
Moorings	\$ 3,500.00
Engineering	\$ 2,900.00
Insurance	\$ 6,400.00
Town Land Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TOWN OPERATIONS = \$ 1,441,038.00**

**Beverly Sanborn motions to approve total appropriations, second by Eve Harrison. Unanimous vote to approve.**

25. To see what resources the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to apply to pay for the appropriations for Town Operations in the following manner:

Town Operations Budget  
Applied Resources

Appropriations from General Funds:	\$73,000.00
Fire Dept. Zone 1 Reserve - \$43,000	
Undesignated Funds (2005) - \$30,000	
Estimated General Fund Receipts	\$75,500.00
Revenues:	\$96,443.00
School Dept. (Subsidies & Grants):	\$92,595.00
From Property Taxes (2006):	+ \$1,103,500.00
	<b>\$1,441,038.00</b>

**Richard Beal motions to approve, second by Carl Brooks. Unanimous vote to approve Town Operations Budget.**

**At 2:20 PM, Hugh Dwelley motions to adjourn, second by Nanette Hadlock. Unanimous vote to Adjourn.**

Attest: A true copy, March 21, 2006  
 Denise McCormick  
 Town Clerk