

TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT 2007

State of Maine
County of Hancock, §

To: A Constable of the Town of Cranberry Isles, in said County

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cranberry Isles, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Great Cranberry Fire House, in said Town, on the 12th day (Second Monday) of March AD 2007, at 9:00 AM to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article:

1. To elect by ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.
Recommended: \$6500 (No change since 2005)
3. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve use of the Maine Municipal Association's recommended Maine Moderator's Manual "Rules of Procedures" for the conduct of this Town Meeting.
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 citizens for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of this 2007 Warrant.
5. To elect by ballot a Selectman for a term of three years. (Term Expiring: Phil A. Whitney)
6. To vote compensation for all Selectman for the ensuing year.
Recommended: \$1700 for the chairperson, \$1400 for others (No change since 2001)
7. To elect by ballot a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.
Recommended: \$8500 (No change since 2005)
8. To elect by ballot a Collector of Taxes and Collector of Excise Taxes for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.
Recommended: \$22,400 (No change since 2005)
9. To elect by ballot a member of the Superintending School Committee for a term of three years. (Term expiring: Barbara Meyers)

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 since 2001)
11. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) on all taxes not paid by December 1, 2007. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2007 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA §505.4 is twelve percent (12%).
12. 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 thirty (30) days of the date shown on the original bill as submitted by the Tax Collector.
13. 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 2007 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.
Note: This year the church has increased the requested lease amount to \$4000, up from \$2000 which has been the lease amount for many years.
14. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2008, February 2008, and March 2008 equal in aggregate to 3/12th of the Operations Budget approved for the Year 2007. 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 2008.
15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract with the State of Maine, Department of Transportation for a Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant of twelve thousand, six hundred dollars (\$12,600), in which the Town of Cranberry Isles will match the grant by appropriation of five thousand, four hundred dollars (\$5,400), for the purpose of constructing a new gangway for Great Cranberry and three new finger floats, one each for Great Cranberry, Little Cranberry and Sutton Island harbors, and using these funds, to perform said construction.

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, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, 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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required

School Committee recommends \$394,413

16B. 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 \$129,852) 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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Hand Count Required School Committee recommends \$123,852

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. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$192,028) for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$ 182,184?

Written Ballot Vote Required School Committee recommends \$192,028

Reason: To raise additional monies in order to fully fund the 2007-08 budget.

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

Note: Articles 16B & 16C equal a total appropriation of \$315,880

16D. In addition to the amount in Article 16A shall the Town appropriate and authorize the School Committee to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during the fiscal year 2007-2008 for school purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$24,559

Hand Count Required School Committee recommends passage.

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 2007-2008 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately twelve (12) students.

School Committee recommends passage.

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 2007-2008 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

School Committee recommends passage.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the municipal officers to change the name of the Municipal Facilities Commission (MFC) to the Municipal Advisory Commission and to amend the MFC Charter as attached.

18. To elect by ballot four members of the Municipal Advisory Commission (or MFC if Article 17 does not pass), which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve for a period of three years each.

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2010)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2010)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2010)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2009)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Eve Harrison	Little Cranberry	2007
Malcolm Donald	Great Cranberry	2007
Frank Reece	Little Cranberry	2007
Chris White	Great Cranberry	2008
Lise Merrill Pratt	Little Cranberry	2008
Jason Pickering	Little Cranberry	2009
Vacant (resignation)		2009

19. 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 2007.

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

20. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend up to five thousand dollars (\$5000), out of funds originally budgeted for TCI Transfer Station completion, on engineering work – including architectural drawings, a site plan, a construction budget, etc. – for a municipal storage and garage facility on Little Cranberry Island, to be reviewed and modified through public hearings and presented to voters at a Special Town Meeting in 2007 for final approval.

21. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the municipal officers to borrow up to ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose of acquiring a tanker truck for Fire Dept. Zone 2.

Note: If Article 21 is approved, the Selectmen recommend repayment of the loan over a ten year period out of the regular yearly budget of Fire Dept. Zone 2. This will not result in any tax increase for this period.

22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to accept and administer the Hazel Stanley Peterson Cemetery Trust Fund.

23. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to sell the Marsh USA Insurance building, formerly the Hinkley Insurance building, owned by the Town of Cranberry Isles and located in Southwest Harbor (Manset), Maine; such sale to be undertaken by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Cranberry Isles at the conclusion of the present lease with Marsh USA, with all net proceeds being applied to debt reduction for the Town of Cranberry Isles. (Citizen's Petition)

24. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote for the establishment of a year round Police Department consisting of one or more trained officers whose purpose shall be the protection of property and structures throughout the Town by theft, damage or unlawful entry, and the enforcement of all State and municipal laws. This department will be provided with sufficient funds to adequately protect the citizenry and their property. (Citizen's Petition)

25. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote for a one year moratorium on the creation and presentation to the citizens of this Town of any new ordinances due to the lack of current ordinance enforcement. This moratorium, if approved, will be reviewed and voted upon again by the voters at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting to determine continuation of the moratorium based on voter belief that proper enforcement has or has not been instituted. (Citizen's Petition)

26. Shall a "Harbor Management Ordinance for the Town of Cranberry Isles" be enacted? (attached)

Note: This ordinance will repeal and replace the Docking Ordinance of the Town of Cranberry Isles enacted March 12, 1990. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

27. To elect by ballot four members of the Shellfish Conservation Committee, two who shall serve for a period of three years, two who shall serve for a period of two years.

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2010)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2010)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2009)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2009)

For information of the voters: The elected membership of this Committee is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Richard Alley Jr.	Little Cranberry	2007
Norman Sanborn	Great Cranberry	2007
Kelly Sanborn	Great Cranberry	2007
Robert Phillips	Little Cranberry	2007
Wendy Rackliff	Little Cranberry	2008

28. Future Town Meeting:

To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2008, on March 10 (Monday) at Islesford Neighborhood House, Islesford, Maine and to open the meeting at 9:00 AM.

29. 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:

<u>2007 TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>DEPT. TOTAL</u>
Dept. 51 - General Government		\$207,270.00
Town Office: Rent & Utilities	\$11,940.00	
Office Supplies & Postage	\$6,500.00	
Administrative Expenses	\$32,000.00	
Insurance	\$10,000.00	
Legal	\$5,000.00	
Accounting	\$7,000.00	
Admin. Expense	\$10,000.00	
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	\$23,900.00	
Facilities Supervisor	\$36,000.00	
Deputy Clerk / Treasurer	\$16,000.00	
Comprehensive Plan	\$0.00	
Payroll Taxes	\$9,000.00	
Employee Health Benefits	\$8,000.00	
Retirement Obligation	\$700.00	

Dept. 52 - Public Safety		\$78,550.00
Fire Dept. Zone 1		\$37,500.00
Utilities	\$6,300.00	
Equipment	\$4,000.00	
Admin. Expense	\$200.00	
Insurance	\$4,000.00	
Training	\$2,000.00	
Community Safety	\$1,000.00	
EMS Response & Supplies	\$1,000.00	
EMS Program	\$3,000.00	
Maintenance	\$4,000.00	
Contracts (New Roof)	\$12,000.00	
(\$30,667 in Reserve)		
Fire Dept. Zone 2		\$21,000.00
Utilities	\$3,000.00	
Equipment	\$5,000.00	
Tanker Truck	\$10,000.00	
EMS Program	\$3,000.00	
(\$38,874 in Reserve)		
911 Services		\$850.00
Streetlights		\$5,000.00
Emergency Management Officer		\$1,000.00
Animal Control Officer		\$1,200.00
Compensation	\$1,000.00	
Admin. Expense	\$200.00	
Constable		\$5,000.00
Compensation	\$3,000.00	
Admin. Expense	\$2,000.00	
Harbormaster		\$2,000.00
Shellfish Warden		\$1,000.00
Insurance		\$4,000.00
Dept. 53 - Health & Sanitation		\$159,000.00
Solid Waste		\$147,500.00
Compensation	\$6,800.00	
Sutton	\$2,600.00	
GCI Contract	\$37,500.00	
Islesford	\$37,000.00	
Barging	\$20,000.00	
Tipping Fees	\$22,600.00	
Hazardous Waste	\$1,000.00	

Capital Improvements	\$20,000.00	(from reserve)	
CEO / Plumbing			\$8,300.00
Compensation	\$7,200.00		
Admin. Expense	\$600.00		
Plumbing Permits	\$500.00		
General Assistance			\$3,000.00
Health Officer			\$200.00
Dept. 54 - Public Transportation			\$74,250.00
Town Roads			\$45,000.00
Maintenance	\$15,000.00		
Capital Improvements	\$30,000.00		
Snow Removal			\$19,750.00
Contract	\$12,000.00		
Compensation	\$5,250.00		
Sand & Salt	\$2,500.00		
Town Truck			\$9,500.00
Oil & Gas	\$1,000.00		
Maintenance	\$3,500.00		
Truck Reserve	\$5,000.00		
Dept. 55 - Schools			\$394,413.00
Dept. 56 - Unclassified			\$29,500.00
GCI Library			\$3,600.00
Islesford Library			\$3,600.00
GCI Community Ctr.			\$6,000.00
Islesford Neighborhood House			\$6,000.00
Town Cemeteries			\$500.00
Island Explorer			\$1,500.00
NEH Library			\$300.00
NEH Ambulance			\$1,000.00
Life Flight			\$1,000.00
Human Service Donations			\$1,000.00
Island Institute Fellow			\$5,000.00
Dept. 57 - Debt Service			\$353,767.00
GCI Wharf Repair			\$50,284.00
SWH Parking - Taxable Bond			\$47,176.00
SWH Parking - Tax Exempt Bond			\$134,787.00
SWH Home Purchase			\$31,520.00

County Tax		\$90,000.00	
Dept. 58 - Municipal Facilities			\$140,424.00
Teleconference		\$1,200.00	
LCI Garage Project Engineering		\$5,000.00	(from reserve)
NEH Parking Lot		\$35,624.00	
Snow Removal	\$2,000.00		
Lease	\$33,624.00		
Joy Road Parking Lot		\$4,750.00	
Insurance	\$750.00		
Lease	\$4,000.00		
Manset Parking Lot		\$26,800.00	
Utilities	\$500.00		
Grounds	\$4,500.00		
Snow Removal	\$1,000.00		
Insurance	\$3,150.00		
SWH Property Tax	\$17,650.00		
Warehouse / Apartment		\$3,500.00	
Maint. & Improvements	\$500.00		
Utilities	\$1,000.00		
Insurance	\$2,000.00		
Mansell Road Building		\$7,650.00	
Maint. & Improvements	\$1,000.00		
Insurance	\$1,000.00		
SWH Property Tax	\$5,650.00		
Restrooms		\$6,000.00	
Maint. & Improvements	\$1,200.00		
Cleaning	\$4,500.00		
Supplies	\$300.00		
Wharves, Floats & Ramps		\$48,400.00	
Maintenance	\$20,500.00		
Capital Improvements	\$18,000.00	(12,600 from grant)	
Moorings	\$3,500.00		
Insurance	\$6,400.00		
Town Land Maintenance		\$1,500.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TOWN OPERATIONS =			\$1,437,174.00

Town Operations Budget
Applied Resources

Appropriations from General Funds, Loans and Grants:	\$37,600.00
Transfer from TCI Transfer Station Funds - \$25,000	
Ship Grant - \$12,600	
Estimated General Fund Receipts:	\$80,000.00
Revenues:	\$122,530.00
School Dept. (Subsidies & Grants):	\$78,533.00
From Property Taxes (2007):	\$1,118,511.00
TOTAL =	\$1,437,174.00

NOTICE

The Registrar of Voters, Denise McCormick, gives notice that she will be in the Cranberry Isles Town Office, 59 Main Street, Islesford, Maine on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of March 2007 between the hours of 09:00 AM and 03:00 PM, and at the Fire House on Great Cranberry Island at 08:45 AM on the day of the meeting, March 12th, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters for said Town.

Given under our hand and Town seal this 2nd day of March, 2007.

 s/
Phil A. Whitney, Chairman

 s/
Aaron W. Gray

 s/
Daniel S. Lief

Selectmen of the Cranberry Isles

True copy of the WARRANT 2007

ATTEST: I, Denise McCormick, Clerk of the Town of Cranberry Isles do hereby attest and certify this document to be a true copy of the Warrant 2007 to be placed before the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles on 12 March 2007.

 Denise McCormick
Denise McCormick