

**TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT 2009**

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 Island Fire House, in said Town, on the 9th day (Second Monday) of March AD 2009, 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: \$6,500

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 persons for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of this 2009 Warrant.
5. To elect by ballot a Selectman for a term of three years. (Term expiring: Aaron W. Gray).
6. To vote compensation for all Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Recommended: \$1,700 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: \$9,500

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

Recommended: \$24,500

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Katherine Chaplin	Little Cranberry	2011
Theodore Spurling, JR	Little Cranberry	2009
Barbara Meyers	Great Cranberry	2010

10. To elect by ballot three members of the Shellfish Conservation Committee for a term of three years. (Terms expiring: Cory Alley, Norman Sanborn, II and a vacant position).

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2012)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2012)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2010)

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	2010
Cory Alley	Little Cranberry	2009
Vacant	Great Cranberry	2010
Norman Sanborn, II	Great Cranberry	2009
Samuel Hyler	Little Cranberry	2011

11. To elect by ballot two members 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. (Terms expiring: Jason Pickering and Malcolm Fernald).

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2012)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2012)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Frank Reece	Little Cranberry	2010
Eve Harrison	Little Cranberry	2010
Chris White	Great Cranberry	2011
Elizabeth Merrill Pratt	Little Cranberry	2011
Jason Pickering	Little Cranberry	2009
Malcolm Fernald	Little Cranberry	2009
Malcolm Donald	Great Cranberry	2010

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

Recommended: \$12 to \$25, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen based on the type of work performed.

13. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of nine percent (9%) on all taxes not paid by December 01, 2009. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2009 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA §505.4 is nine percent.

14. 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 days (30) days of the date shown on the original bill as submitted by the Tax Collector.

15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2010, February 2010, and March 2010 equal in aggregate to 3.12ths of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2009. 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 2010

SCHOOLS

- 16A. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **\$ 206,790**

16B. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$82,869

16C. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$ 6,200

16D. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Student and Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$13,796

16E. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$ 25,214

16F. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$ 21,236

16G. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Transportation and Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$ 32,875

16H. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$ 61,800

16I. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

16J. To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Note: Articles 16A – 16J authorize a total budget of \$ 450,780

Note: Articles 16K and 16L raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

- 16K. 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 twelve (12) as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$ 238,183**) 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 twelve (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 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **\$ 188,183**

Explanation: The Town of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in 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.

- 16L. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$ 215,403**) for the period July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$ 212,190**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$ 215,403** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$ 212,190**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2009 – 2010 budget.

Explanation: The additional 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 and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Cranberry Isles' budget for educational programs.

Note: Articles 16K and 16L raise a total town appropriation of \$ 403,586

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

- 16M. 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 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade twelve (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 **\$ 450,780**

- 16N. In addition to the amount in Articles 16A – 16M, shall the Town appropriate and authorize the School Committee to expend additional state, federal, and other funds received during the fiscal year 2009– 2010 for school purposes.

Current Year Totals: \$ 24,423 School Committee recommends passage.

17. 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 2009-2010 school year with a projected enrollment of ten to twelve (10-12) students.

[BY WRITTEN BALLOT]

18. 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 2009-2010 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

[BY WRITTEN BALLOT]

19. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow funds over a period of years in an amount up to \$20,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town, which may be callable bonds or notes, to undertake repairs to the Longfellow School on Great Cranberry Island, under the direction of the Cranberry Isles School Board. These funds will be administered separately from the regular Cranberry Isles school budget.

Note: This expenditure covers the first year's work in a four to six (4-6) year \$130,000 budget plan aimed at restoring the building

20. (a) To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will, pursuant to MRSA

57231, vote to accept municipal jurisdiction for maintenance and upkeep over the "Spurling Point Cemetery", a Revolutionary War cemetery located at Spurling Point, Great Cranberry Island and where no person has been buried for the past 50 years.

(b) To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize for basic maintenance of this cemetery and to put in place a plan and a budget going forward which would look to more extensive repairs and restoration projects (i.e. erecting fallen grave head stones, cleaning of stones, erecting of posts and a chain to mark the Spurling Point cemetery...)

The Board of Selectmen recommends a total of \$500

21. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to offer \$3,500 in financial support to the Island Health Clinic Committee which is preparing a business and implementation plan for a health clinic and is also taking first steps toward the establishment of a health clinic on Little Cranberry Island.
22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to develop detailed plans for a new Town Office. (Funding for this planning was authorized at the 2004 Town Meeting

Note: The building currently rented for a town office is for sale.

23. (a) To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to (1) accept Federal and State of Maine transportation grant funds totaling \$303,400; (2) to execute a "Transportation Enhancement Project Agreement" between the Municipality of Cranberry Isles and the State of Maine, Department of Transportation (Federal Project Number ME030048, State PIN (011865.00) which covers repairs to the barging ramps at Islesford and Great Cranberry Islands, construction of two new eighty foot (80) ADA compliant gangways with associated float modifications at Great Cranberry Island and Southwest Harbor (Manset) and a third gangway at Islesford if Article 21(b), (listed below), is approved, and to make repairs to the walkway between the Southwest Harbor facility and the pier to make it ADA compliant; and (3) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend these grant funds for the above listed projects on behalf of the citizens of the Cranberry Isles, making such reports as are required by Federal and State agencies.

Note: These Federal and State of Maine funds were initially granted during the purchasing process of the Town's Manset parking facility. Projects permitted by these grant funds have evolved to construction of ramp replacement, ADA gangways and walkways. There might be sufficient funds for the addition of a third gangway for Islesford without additional funding by the Town. These grant funds will revert back to Federal and

State authorities at the end of March 2009 if not accepted by the voters for the uses specified.

The Board of Selectmen recommends passage of article 23A which will provide significant improvements to our Harbors at no cost to the Town.

The Board of Selectmen remains silent on Article 23B.

(b) If there are sufficient funds under the Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant (Federal Project # ME030048) which is already paying for the Great Cranberry and Manset gangways and new concrete ramps on Great Cranberry and Islesford, to see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to install an eighty (80) foot gangway at the Islesford municipal dock, similar in construction to the eighty (80) foot gangways already planned for Great Cranberry Island and Manset, with possible modification of the Islesford mooring field to accommodate moving of the town floats out by fifty (50) feet.

24. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will instruct the Board of Selectmen to pursue identification of additional parking spaces in Northeast Harbor that can be purchased or leased by the Town of Cranberry Isles; and to call a Special Town Meeting for voter consideration should an opportunity arise for either purchase or lease.

25 (a) To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to extend for one year the existence and work of the Town's Transportation Committee as established by Article 31 of the 2008 Warrant; the purpose of which is to address issues related to boat transportation between the islands (Great Cranberry, Islesford and Sutton) and the mainland (Northeast and Southwest Harbors). While the committee is pleased with its progress, one year has not been sufficient to complete the required work.

(b) To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize expenditure of up to \$5,000 for the purchase of early stage professional consultation services related to the implementation of a passenger ferry service according to specifications developed by the committee.

Note: Legal and engineering review of any plan is an absolute requirement. Also there must be a particular focus on aspects of the plan which might impact passenger safety on docks and boats.

26. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize all Town Constables and Town Harbor Masters to enforce municipal ordinances, to serve notice of violations of municipal ordinances to offenders by issuance of a "Uniform Summons and Complaint Form" or similar form, and to assign a fine of

\$100 for each offense payable to the Town Treasurer, unless the amount of said fine is otherwise stated in the cited Town ordinance.

Note: Failure to honor a Uniform Summons and Compliant Form within 10 days from day of issuance by a duly appointed Cranberry Isles Constable or Harbor Master shall be cause for continuing action by the Town.

- 27. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cranberry Isles to prepare and submit a formal application for ownership of the Baker Island Light (GSA Control 1-U-ME-0683) and to spend up to \$500 in connection with preparation of such submission. The Selectmen submitted a "Notice of Interest" on 1 November 2008 pursuant to General Service Administration requirements for the government to obtain knowledge of all interested municipal, federal or not-for-profit organizations. The next step is a formal application by the Town which then permits on site examination of the structure, full knowledge of the land available and landing rights by boat, and obligations upon the recipient for maintenance of the structure. This authorization, if approved, does not authorize the Board of Selectmen to take ownership of the Baker Island Light. A Special Town Meeting would be required for review by the voters of all findings and stipulations and for a final vote authorizing the Town to take ownership of the property.**
- 28. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend in support of the Island Institute Fellow for 2009.**

The Board of Selectmen recommends a total amount of \$5000.
- 29. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five (5) month lease agreement in 2009 with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine for use of the church land on Joy Road in Northeast Harbor, for parking of residents of, and visitors to, the Cranberry Isles.**

The Board of Selectmen recommends \$4,000
- 30. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with RJD Appraisal to do a revaluation, for tax purposes, of all property in the Town and to spend \$73,000 pursuant to such a contract.**
- 31. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to provide the Great Cranberry Island Historical Society a gift of \$1,000.**

32. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to pursue a sale of the Marsh Real Estate Building. Working with a Real Estate broker, the Board of Selectmen would be expected to bring a contract of sale to a Special Town Meeting for approval.
33. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow funds in the original principal amount of up to \$138,000 through the issuance of notes of the Town which amount will be repaid out of proceeds from a SHIP Grant received by the Town in 2008. The SHIP Grant has a signed contract associated with it and the funds will be received by the Town in 2009 as the Great Cranberry Dock project is completed.
34. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate and spend up to \$138,000 from the undesignated funds balance for the purpose of offsetting taxes for 2009.
35. Future Town Meeting
- To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2010, on Monday, March 8th at the Islesford Neighborhood House, Little Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 8:30 A.M.
36. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year land lease with the new owner of the Great Cranberry Island Store.
- Note: The rent for the land will remain at \$12.00 per year.
37. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will amend warrant article 3, passed at a special town meeting held on July 31, 2001, to allow dock ramp usage fees collected and held in escrow to be used broadly for all harbor related repairs, maintenance, and capital projects including, without limitation, work done on docks, ramps, floats, gangways, moorings, lights, and buildings.
38. 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>2009 TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>DEPT. TOTAL</u>
Dept. 51 – General Government		311,680
Town Office: Rent & Utilities	12,150	
Office Supplies & Postage	6,000	

Administrative Expenses	10,000
Insurance	16,000
Legal	20,000
Accounting	5,000
Web Site	500
Selectmen Compensation	4,500
Contingency Fund	20,000
Treasurer / Tax Collector / Clerk	40,500
Elections	1,700
Planning Board	1,330
Comp. Plan	5,000
Tax Assessor	
Gen. Contract	22,200
Reevaluation	73,000
Facilities Supervisor	41,600
Deputy Clerk / Treasurer	18,000
Harbor Committee	500
Transportation Committee	5,000
Payroll Taxes	8,000
Employee Health Benefits	-0-
Retirement Obligation	700

Dept. 52 – Public Safety

73,910

Fire Dept. Zone 1 (GCI)

Utilities	1,200
Fire Truck	16,000
Equipment	3,500
Heating Oil	2,500
Gasoline	500
Admin. Expense	200
Insurance	5,000
EMS Program	1,000
Maintenance	-0-
Contracts	2,000

Fire Dept Zone 2 (Islesford)

Utilities	1,050
Heating Oil	1,500
Gasoline	500
Equipment	-0-
Fire Truck	3,000
Insurance	4,500
Training	3,000
EMS Program	4,500

Fire Dept. Zone 3

Equipment	8,000	
911 Services	460	
Streetlights	5,500	
Animal Control Officer	500	
Constable		
Compensation	1,000	
Admin. Expense	500	
Harbormaster		
Compensation	2,000	
Training	1,000	
Shellfish Warden	1,000	
Insurance	4,000	
Dept. 53 – Health & Sanitation		124,150
Solid Waste		
Other	5,000	
Contracts	75,000	
Barging	3,800	
Tipping Fees	17,600	
Hazardous Waste / Metal	5,500	
Capital Improvements	4,000	
Permits	300	
CEO / Plumbing		
Compensation	8,000	
Plumbing Permits	500	
General Assistance	3,000	
Supplies	700	
Health Officer	750	
Dept. 54 – Public Transportation		134,200
Town Roads		
Maintenance	2,000	
Capital Improvements	103,000	
Snow Removal		
Contract	14,000	
Compensation	4,400	
Supplies	9,000	
Town Trucks		
Gas	1,000	
Insurance	800	
Dept. 55 – Schools		450,780
Dept. 56 – Donations		33,120
GCI Library	3,800	
Islesford Library	3,800	

GCI Community Center	6,300
Islesford Neighborhood House	6,300
GCI Historical Society	1,000
Town Cemeteries	500
Spurling Point, GCI	500
Island Explorer	1,600
NEH Library	320
NEH Ambulance	1,000
Life Flight	1,000
Human Service Donations	1,000
Island Institute Fellow	5,000
Hospice of Hancock County	1,000

Dept. 57 – Debt Service

297,175

SWH Parking – Taxable Bond	47,138
SWH Parking – Tax Exempt Bond	134,677
LCI Municipal Garage	22,610
LCI Pumper Truck	10,000
Longfellow School	750
County Tax	82,000

Dept. 58 – Municipal Facilities

516,800

Teleconference	1,500
Transportation Enhancement	303,400
Health Clinic	3,500
Longfellow School	20,000
Baker Island Lighthouse	500
NEH Parking Lot	
Snow Removal	4,000
Lease	37,000
Joy Road Parking Lot	
Insurance	750
Lease	4,000
Manset Parking Lot	
Utilities	500
Grounds	3,500
Maint. & Improvements	3,500
Snow Removal	2,000
Insurance	3,150
SWH Property Tax	24,000
Warehouse / Apartment	
Maint. & Improvements	4,500
Utilities	500
Insurance	2,000
Mansell Road Building	
Maint. & Repair	1,000

Insurance	1,000
Capitol Improvements	2,000
SWH Property Tax	5,700
Restrooms	
Maint. & Improvements	2,400
Cleaning	6,700
Supplies	1,000
Wharves / Floats / Ramps	
Electricity	1,400
Maintenance	6,000
Capital Improvements	9,000
Moorings	7,400
Insurance	6,400
Contracts	27,000
LCI Municipal Garage	
Town Garage	3,000
Capital Improvements	5,000
Town Land	
Parking Lots	5,000
GCI Gravel Pit	8,000
Maintenance	500

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TOWN OPERATIONS= \$ 1,941,815

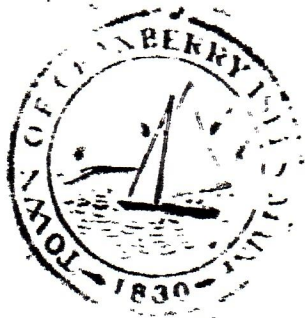
**TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET
APPLIED RESOURCES**

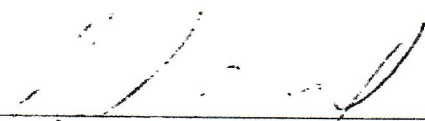
Loans:	20,000.00
Grants:	303,400.00
From Fire Dept. Reserve:	
Zone 1:	9,000.00
Zone 2:	13,720.00
Zone 3:	2,714.00
Estimated General Fund Receipts:	165,966.00
Undesignated Funds:	138,000.00
School Dept. (Subsidies & Grants):	47,194.00
Property Taxes (2009):	1,232,672.00
TOTAL=	\$ 1,941,815.00

NOTICE

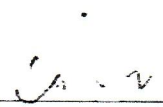
The Registrar of Voters, Denise McCormick, gives notice that she will be in the Cranberry Isles Town Office, 59 Main Street, Islesford, Maine on the 4th, 5th, 6th, of March 2009 between the hours of 09:00 A.M. and 03:00 P.M., and at the Great Cranberry Island Community Center on the day of the meeting, March 09 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters for said Town.

Given under our hand and Town seal this 3rd day of February, 2009.






Daniel S. Lief, Chairman



Aaron W. Gray



Richard F. Beal
Selectmen of the Cranberry Isles

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 2009 to be placed before the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles on 09 March 2009.



Denise McCormick