

TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES—SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 09, 2007

On May 9th, 2007, the Town of Cranberry Isles held a Special Town Meeting at the Great Cranberry Fire House, Cranberry Isles, Maine. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Denise McCormick, Town Clerk, to act on the following articles:

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

Cynthia Lief nominates Barbara Fernald, seconded by Barbara Stainton.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes for Barbara Fernald.

Town Clerk administers the Moderator's Oath to Barbara Fernald.

2. 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 Special Town Meeting.

Beverly Sanborn motions to approve, second by Robin Richman.

Unanimous vote to approve.

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

Cynthia Lief motions to approve, second by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

4. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry isles will vote to authorize the Selectman to sign an agreement with Red Zone Wireless, consistent with the plan presented at Public Hearings on Great Cranberry and Islesford on May 2nd, 2007, to bring high-speed wireless Internet service to the Cranberry isles.

Richard Beal motions to put Article 4 on the floor, second by Sally Rowan.

Daniel Lief, Board of Selectman Chair, gave a short presentation for the approval of Article 4, followed by a short presentation by Barbara Meyers, Great Cranberry Island resident on her concerns of health issues and why she felt Article 4 should not be approved. There was a lengthy discussion and many questions were asked by those in the audience.

Edward Gray motions to call the question, seconded by Aaron Gray.

Barbara Fernald, moderator, requests that the vote be taken by written ballot.

38 votes Cast, 27 Yes, 8 No, 3 spoiled.

Article 4 is approved.

5. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to support bringing high-speed wireless Internet service to the Cranberry Isles.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

Hand count Votes: 21 Yes, 3 No.

6. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the municipal officers to borrow from the Island Institute up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to support bringing high-speed wireless Internet Service to the Cranberry Isles, said loan to be repaid solely out of revenue-sharing between Red Zone Wireless and the Town.

Note: The Island Institute will have no recourse against the Town of Cranberry Isles for repayment except from the aforementioned revenue-sharing plan.

Richard Beal motions to approve, second by Barbara Stainton.

Hand Count Votes: 24 Yes, 0 No

7. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to bring high-speed wireless Internet service to the Cranberry Isles.

Richard Beal motions to approve, second by Barbara Stainton.

Hand Count Votes: 23 Yes, 2 No.

At 10:26 A.M. Richard Beal motions to adjourn, second by Barbara Stainton. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise McCormick

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Town Clerk

May 10, 2007