

RESULTS OF THE 2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

On March 15, 2014, the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Cranberry Isles was held at the Islesford Neighborhood House. There were 87 registered voters in attendance and many non-voters as well.

The Town Clerk, Denise McCormick, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

The Warrant Articles were acted upon as follows:

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

Barbara Meyers nominated Barbara Fernald.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Barbara Fernald.

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

Cindy Thomas nominated Denise McCormick.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Denise McCormick.

Kelly Sanborn motions to set compensation at the recommended amount of \$6,825, second by Tom Powell.

Unanimous Vote to approve compensation.

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.

Bill Dowling motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

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 this 2014 Meeting.

Patricia Bailey motions to approve, seconded by Phil Whitney.

Unanimous vote to approve.

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

Bill Dowling nominated Phil Whitney.

Susan Krasnow nominated Florence Joy Sprague.

Bill Dowling motions to adjourn the meeting for ten (10) minutes so that the candidates could speak to the group as to why they would like to be a Selectman, seconded by Charles Dunbar.

Unanimous vote to adjourn for 10 minutes. The meeting was called back to order after an 8 minute recess.

74 Votes Cast, 36 votes Phil Whitney, 38 votes Florence Joy Sprague.

6. To vote compensation for all the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Karin Whitney motions to set compensation at recommended amount of \$2,000 for chairman and \$1,700 for others, second by Katie Morse-Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

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

Richard Beal nominated Denise McCormick.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Denise McCormick

Sheila Krasnow motions to set compensation at recommended amount of \$9,975, second by Richard Beal.

Unanimous vote to approve compensation.

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

Sheila Krasnow nominated Denise McCormick.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Denise McCormick

Karin Whitney motions to set compensation at the recommended amount of \$25,725, second by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve compensation.

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

Patricia Bailey nominated Kelly Sanborn.

Nanette Hadlock nominated Cari Alley.

Cari Alley declined the nomination.

13 Votes Cast, 13 Votes Kelly Sanborn.

10. 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.

Ballot 1: Bruce Komusin nominated Ingrid Gaither.

7 Votes Cast, 7 Votes Ingrid Gaither.

Ballot 2: David Thomas nominated Katelyn Damon.

Ingrid Gaither nominated Bill Dowling.

Bill Dowling declines the nomination.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Katelyn Damon.

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

Bruce Fernald motions to set rate at recommended amount of \$12 to \$25 at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, second by Richard Beal.

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 seven percent (7%) APR on all 2014 taxes not paid by December 01, 2014.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, second by Ralph Stevens.

Unanimous vote to approve.

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

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, second by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

14. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2015, February 2015, and March 2015 equal in aggregate to three-twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2014. 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 2015.

Tom Powell motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

Unanimous vote to approve.

15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow no more than \$610,000 to finance the costs to renovate, repair and improve the Ashley Bryan and Longfellow School buildings and related facilities (the "Project"), and further to authorize the municipal officers to issue general obligation bonds of the Town as security for the financing, and to take any and all actions, including but not limited to the expenditure of the borrowed funds described above as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the Project.

Eileen Richards motions to put article on the floor, second by Charles Dunbar.

Richard Beal motions to amend the article to read as follows:

"To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow no more than \$610,000 to finance the costs to renovate, repair, and improve the Ashley Bryan and Longfellow School buildings and related facilities (the Project), and further to authorize the municipal officers to issue general obligation bonds of the Town as security for the financing, which bonds may be made callable and to take any and all actions, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the Project financing, and further that the Project shall include the following elements to the extent of available bond proceeds:

1. Administration and management of the Project-costs not to exceed \$64,800;
2. Longfellow School improvements, including demolition and waste disposal, sprinkler and other fire safety improvements, elevator and other handicap accessibility improvements, building code compliance improvements, structural improvements, lead remediation, water remediation, staircase improvements, boiler replacement and boiler room construction, bathroom relocation, classroom construction and renovation, interior and exterior painting, and siding and trim replacement-costs not to exceed \$450,050 of bond proceeds; and
3. Ashley Bryan School improvements, including lead remediation, exterior wall cladding replacement, roof overhang cladding, exterior painting, and handrails-costs not to exceed \$91,500 of bond proceeds."

Second by Bill Dowling.

Majority Vote to amend, 1 vote to oppose.

Susan Krasnow motions to limit discussion of Article 15 to 3 minutes per speaker, second by Ralph Stevens.

Majority Vote to set time limit, 1 vote to oppose.

After a lengthy discussion, Evelyn Boxley-Bunker motions to call the question, second by Eileen Richards.

58 Votes Cast to call question, 41 Yes, 17 No.

84 Votes Cast for Amended Article 15, 64 Votes Yes, 20 Votes No.

Article passes.

Cindy Thomas motions to adjourn meeting for a 45 minute lunch break, second by Charles Dunbar.

Unanimous vote to adjourn.

16A-16Q: School Articles:

16A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$258,635.

Richard Beal motions to approve recommended amount, second by Charles Dunbar.
Unanimous vote to approve.

16B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$26,477

Tom Powell motions to approve recommended amount, second by Richard Beal.
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 July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$-0-

Beverly Sanborn motions to approve recommended amount, second by Richard Beal.
Unanimous vote to approve.

16D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for the Other Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$8,347

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve recommended amount, second by Beverly Sanborn.
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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$19,784

Richard Beal motions to approve recommended amount, second by Christine Sandberg.
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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$13,993

Barbara motions to approve recommended amount, second by Richard Beal.
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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$31,787

Nanette Hadlock motions to approve recommended amount, second by Kelly Sanborn.
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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$36,600

Richard Beal motions to approve recommended amount, second by Beverly Sanborn.
Unanimous vote to approve.

16I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for the Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$161,925
Richard Beal motions to approve recommended amount, second by Beverly Sanborn.

Barbara motions to amend the amount to \$41,925, second by Katelyn Damon.
Unanimous vote to amend the amount to \$41,925.
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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$0.

Tom Powell motions to approve recommended amount, second by Richard Beal.
Barbara Meyers motions to amend the amount to \$83,400, second by Karin Whitney.
Unanimous vote to amend the amount to \$83,400.
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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$0.

Richard Beal motions to approve recommended amount, second by Katelyn Damon.
Unanimous vote to approve.

Note: Articles 16A-16K authorize a total budget of \$520,943.

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 \$165,780) 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 Essentials Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Recommend \$157,545.

Katelyn Damon motions to approve the recommended amounts of \$165,780 and \$157,545, second by Christine Sandberg.
Hand Count Vote Required.
28 Votes to approve recommended amounts, -0- Vote to oppose.

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 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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Recommended \$-0-.

Barbara Meyers motions to amend the approved amount to \$83,400, second by Christine Sandberg. Unanimous vote to amend.
Hand Count Vote Required.
29 Votes to approve, 0 Votes to oppose.

16N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$326,368) for the period July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend: \$322,830) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Barbara Meyers motions to amend the approved amounts to \$206,368 and \$202,830, second by Christine Sandberg. Unanimous vote to amend.

Written Ballot Vote is Required.

16 Ballot Votes to approve, 1 Ballot Vote to oppose.

Note: Articles 16 L-N raise a total town appropriation of \$447,313.

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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 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. Recommended \$557,543.

Katelyn Damon motions to amend the approved amount to \$520,943, second by Barbara Meyers. Unanimous vote to approve amended amount.

Hand Count Vote Required.

29 Votes to approve, 0 Votes to oppose.

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 and state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2014-2015 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Karin Whitney motions to approve, second by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16Q. 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 2014-2015 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately eleven students.

Katelyn Damon motions to approve, second by Tom Powell.

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 2014-2015 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve, second by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous vote to approve.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds in the amount of up to two hundred two thousand dollars (\$202,000) for capital roads projects on Great Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Selectmen 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, second by Richard Beal.

Majority vote to approve, 3 votes to oppose. Article passes.

18. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate and expend thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for capital maintenance projects on the

Town Dock, Great Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Selectmen 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.

Richard Beal motions to put Article on the floor, second by Tom Powell.

Richard Beal motions to table the article as the funds are not needed, second by Bill Dowling.

Unanimous vote to table Article 18.

19. 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 2014 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.

Sheila Krasnow motions to approve, second by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous vote to approve.

20. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine Ordinance for Use or Lease of Public Property" be enacted?

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

After a lengthy discussion, Katelyn Damon motions to call the question, second by Richard Howland.

Unanimous vote to call the question.

2 Votes Yes, Majority Votes No. Ordinance will not be enacted.

21. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2015, on 14, March 2015 at the Great Cranberry Island Fire House, Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9:00 am.

Charles Dunbar motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

Charles Dunbar motions to amend the meeting place to Islesford Neighborhood House, no second was made.

Richard Beal motions to amend the meeting place to be at the Congregational Church of Cranberry Island, second Charles Dunbar.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to hold the 2015 Annual Town Meeting at the Congregational Church of Cranberry Island on 14, March 2015 and to open the meeting at 9:00 am.

22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$819,241.75, established for the Town of Cranberry Isles by State law in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Richard Beal motions to approve, second by Tom Powell.

Unanimous vote to approve.

23. 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 Operations Budget. Each function shall be voted upon separately.

*Town Clerk note: Town Operations Budget voted on by Dept.

Dept 51-General Government \$327,400

Tom Powell motions to approve \$327,400 for Dept. 51, second by Richard Beal.

Unanimous vote to approve amount.

Dept 52-Public Safety \$126,500
Kelly Sanborn motions to approve \$126,500 for Dept. 52, second by Phil Whitney
Unanimous vote to approve amount.

Dept 53-Health & Sanitation \$101,635
Phil Whitney motions to approve \$101,635 for Dept. 53, second by Richard Beal.
Unanimous vote to approve amount.

Dept 54-Public Transportation \$335,708
Katelyn Damon motions to approve \$335,708 for Dept. 54, second by Christine Sandberg.
Unanimous vote to approve amount.

Dept 55-Schools \$1,167,343
Katelyn Damon motions to approve \$1,167,343 for Dept. 55, second by Richard Beal.
Denise McCormick motions to amend the amount to \$1,130,943, second by Katelyn Damon.
Unanimous vote to approve amended amount of \$1,130,943.

Dept 56-Donations \$22,800
Katelyn Damon motions to approve \$22,800 for Dept. 56, second by Phil Whitney.
Majority vote to approve amount, 2 votes to oppose.

Dept 57- Debt Service \$343,635
Katelyn Damon motions to approve \$343,635 for Dept. 57, second by Richard Beal.
Unanimous vote to approve amount.

Dept 58-Municipal Facilities \$227,650
Katelyn Damon motions to approve \$227,650 for Dept. 58, second by Tom Powell.
Denise McCormick motions to amend the amount to \$197,650 due to Article 18 being tabled,
second by Tom Powell.
Unanimous vote to approve the amended amount of \$197,650.

Total Approved Appropriations for 2014 Town Operations Budget: \$2,586,671.00
Richard Beal motions to approve the Total Town Budget for 2014, second by Katelyn Damon.

Richard Beal motions to set the amount to be raised in 2014 taxes at \$1,679,922, second by Kelly Sanborn.
Unanimous vote to approve.

At 2:55 p.m., Katelyn Damon motions to adjourn 2014 Annual Town Meeting, second by Richard Beal.
Unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise McCormick
Town Clerk
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