

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES

MARCH 16TH, 2019

The meeting was called to order at the Community Center on Great Cranberry Island at 9:00 am by the Town Clerk, Denise McCormick.

Richard Beal made a motion to adjourn the meeting and move it to the Congregational Church on Great Cranberry Island, seconded by Melissa Amuso. Unanimous Vote to Approve.

At 9:05 am, Denise McCormick, Town Clerk, called the Town Meeting to order at the Cranberry Island Congregational Church to act on the following Articles:

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

Sheila Krasnow nominated Barbara Fernald.

5 Votes Cast for Barbara Fernald.

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

Kaitlyn Duggan nominated Denise McCormick.

6 Votes Cast for Denise McCormick.

Serena Spurling motioned to set compensation for the year at \$7,000, seconded by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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.

Amy Palmer motioned to Approve, seconded by James Amuso.

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 2019 warrant.

Kelly Sanborn motioned to Approve, seconded by Richard Alley, Jr.

Unanimous vote to Approve.

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

(Term expiring: Richard Beal)

Sheila Krasnow nominated Richard Beal.
5 Votes Cast for Richard Beal.

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

Nanette Hadlock motioned to set compensation at recommended \$8,000 & 7,500,
seconded by Sheila Krasnow.
Majority Vote to Approve, 4 Votes No.

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

James Amuso nominated Denise McCormick.
7 Votes Cast for Denise McCormick.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve compensation of \$10,000, seconded by Sheila
Krasnow.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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

Kelly Sanborn nominated Denise McCormick.
5 Votes Cast for Denise McCormick.

Kaitlyn Duggan motioned to approve compensation of \$28,000, seconded Amy 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: Amy Palmer).

Barbara Meyers nominated Amy Palmer
Serena Spurling nominated Katherine Morse-Fernald
Hannah Folsom nominated Tammy Palmer.

44 Votes Cast, 23 Votes Amy Palmer, 16 Votes Katherine Morse-Fernald, 5 Votes
Tammy Palmer.
Amy Palmer wins by the majority.

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

Sheila Krasnow motioned to approve \$18 to \$35 per hour, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Carl Brooks motioned to Amend the amounts to \$12 to \$35 per hour, seconded by James
Amuso.

30 Votes Cast to Amend, 22 Votes Yes, 8 Votes No.

Unanimous vote to Approve Article.

11. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of Nine Percent (9%) APR on all 2019 taxes not paid by December 01, 2019. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2019 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 (9%) APR.

Bruce Fernald motioned to approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Carl Brooks motioned to amend the rate to 6%, seconded by Helen Bertles.

5 Votes Yes to Amend, Majority Votes NO to Amend.

Majority Vote to Approve 9%, 1 Vote to Oppose.

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.

Kelly Sanborn motioned to approve, seconded by Joanne Thormann.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

13. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2020, February 2020, and March 2020 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2019. 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 2020.

Sheila Krasnow motioned to approve, seconded by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

SCHOOLS (14A – 14S)

Note: Articles 14A through 14K authorize expenditures in cost center categories

- 14A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends **\$342,425**

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$342,425., seconded by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends \$ 134,328

Tammy Palmer motioned to approve \$134,328, seconded by Amy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Kelly Sanborn motioned to approve \$-0-, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends \$ 14,705

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$14,705, seconded by Kelly Sanborn.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends \$ 24,022

Jeri Spurling motioned to approve \$24,022, seconded by Kelly Sanborn.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14F. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends \$ 20,820

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$20,820, seconded by Kelly Sanborn.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14G. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends \$ 35,841

Tammy Palmer motioned to approve \$35,841, seconded by Kaitlyn Duggan.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14H. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends \$ 48,300

Kelly Sanborn motioned to approve \$48,300, seconded by Tammy Palmer.
After a lengthy discussion about Transportation questions and costs, Carl Brooks motioned to call the question, seconded by Tammy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to call the question.

Majority Vote to Approve, 1 Vote to Oppose.

- 14I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

School Committee recommends **\$ 85,280**

Kelly Sanborn motioned to approve \$85,280, seconded by Amy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14J. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. School Committee recommends **\$ 71,031**
Sheila Krasnow motioned to approve \$71,031, seconded by James Amuso.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14K. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**
Bruce Fernald motioned to approve \$-0-, seconded by James Amuso.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Note: Articles 14A – 14K authorize a total budget of \$ 776,752

Hand Count Required

Note: Articles 14L, 14M & 14N raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

14L. 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 \$157,598**) 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 Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. School Committee recommends **\$133,119**

Tammy Palmer motioned to approve \$157,598 & \$133,119, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Kelly Sanborn motioned to amend the amounts to **\$200,841 & \$165,603**, seconded by Tammy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Amend the amounts.

There were 22 Votes Cast, 22 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

Hand Count Required

14M. 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 school construction projects, 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020. School Committee recommends **\$ 71,031**

Tammy Palmer motioned to approve the amount \$71,031, seconded by Jeri Spurling.

26 Votes Cast, 26 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

Written Ballot Vote Required

14N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$397,212**) for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$397,212**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Sheila Krasnow motioned to approve \$397,212, seconded by Amy Palmer.

Kelly Sanborn motioned to amend the amount to **\$354,728.**, seconded by Jeri Spurling. Unanimous Vote to Amend the amount.

There were 24 Written Ballots cast, 22 Votes Yes, 2 Votes No.

Note: Articles 14L, 14M & 14N raise a total town appropriation of \$591,362.

Hand Count Required

Note: Article 14O summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

14O. 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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. School Committee recommends **\$ 776,752**

Tammy Palmer motioned to approve \$776,752, seconded by Kelly Sanborn.

20 Votes Cast, 20 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

14P. In addition to the amount in Articles 14A – 14O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2019-2020 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Kelly Sanborn motioned to approve, seconded by Tammy Palmer.

20 Votes Cast, 20 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

- 14Q. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the school committee to have the Ashley Bryan School remain open for the 2019-2020 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately fifteen students.

Tammy Palmer motioned to approve, seconded by Kaitlyn Duggan.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14R. 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 2019-2020 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Beverly Sanborn motioned to approve, seconded by Tammy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

- 14S. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles shall establish a Maintenance Reserve fund under the provisions of section 5801(3) of Title 30-A for future facilities maintenance projects or unanticipated or unusual facilities maintenance costs, and transfer the amount budgeted in the 2019-2020 school budget (\$2,000) for that purpose.

Tammy Palmer motioned to approve, seconded by Katelyn Damon.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

*Richard Howland makes a motion to the Moderator to take Article 16 out of order and to discuss and vote on it now, seconded by James Amuso.
Majority Vote to act on Article 16 now, 2 Votes Opposed.

16. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow funds in the original principal amount of up to three- hundred and fifty-thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) for the purchase of a new fire truck for Great Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements necessary on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Theodore Spurling motioned to approve, seconded by James Amuso.
51 Votes Cast, 41 Votes Yes, 10 Votes No.

At 12:30 p.m., Paul Thormann motioned to adjourn the meeting for lunch, seconded by Barbara Pease. Unanimous Vote to approve.

Meeting is adjourned for 45 minutes for a lunch break. Meeting will be called to order at 1:15p.m.

At 1:15 p.m., Barbara Fernald, Moderator, called the Meeting to order.

15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to disband the Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC).

James Amuso motioned to Approve, seconded by Tammy Palmer.
42 Votes Cast, 37 Votes Yes, 5 Votes No.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to twenty-eight thousand two-hundred dollars (\$28,200.00) to construct a new 20'x 30' main float for Islesford and to further authorize the Municipal Officers 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.

Kaitlyn Duggan motioned to Approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow funds in the original principal amount of up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to construct a breakwater in Islesford harbor, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements 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.

Hannah Folsom motioned to Approve, seconded by Tammy Palmer.

Richard Beal motioned to Amend the Article to read “to design and construct a breakwater in Islesford harbor,....”, seconded by Tammy Palmer.
2 Votes Yes, Majority Vote No to Amend the Article.

35 Votes Cast, 19 Votes Yes, 16 Votes No to Approve Article as written.

19. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to complete renovations and other improvements for the new town office at 61 Main Street, Islesford, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers 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.

Cory Duggan motioned to Approve, seconded by James Fortune.

After a lengthy discussion, Kaitlyn Duggan motioned to call the question, seconded by

Paul Thormann.

Majority Vote to Approve calling the question, 1 Vote Opposed.

Majority Vote Yes, 2 Votes No.

20. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in capital reserve funds for the purchase of a new plow truck or tractor and related equipment for Little Cranberry (Islesford), and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements necessary on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Hannah Folsom motioned to Approve, seconded by Tammy Palmer.

Majority Vote Yes, 1 Vote No.

21. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to sign and enter into a five (5) year contract with Eastern Maine Recycling (EMR) for the disposal of solid waste through the use of the Southwest Harbor (SWH) solid waste facility, and for the transportation of the solid waste from the SWH facility to the Fiberright Coastal Resources of Maine facility in Hampden, and to provide the Town with a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) licensed solid waste disposal facility for the disposal of nonhazardous solid waste, recyclables, composite organic waste, wood waste, construction and demolition debris, bulky waste, scrap metal, tires, and inert fill.

Tammy Palmer motioned to Approve, seconded by Hannah Folsom.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for a one-time donation to the Islesford Neighborhood House for the installation of a septic system at the INH property (10 Mosswood Road), and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to enter into agreements necessary on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve, seconded by Cory Duggan.

45 Votes Cast, 25 Votes Yes, 20 Votes No.

23. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend fifty-seven thousand five hundred and fifty-nine dollars (\$57,559.00) and to enter into a three year contract to continue the Cranberry Isles Commuter Ferry Service, a portion of which will be partially funded by Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) grant money, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements

necessary on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Sheila Krasnow motioned to Approve, seconded by Hannah Folsom.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

24. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a twelve (12) month lease agreement in 2019 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.

Beverly Sanborn motioned to Approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

25. **FUTURE TOWN MEETING**

To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2020, on 14, March 2020 at the Islesford Neighborhood House, Islesford, Maine and to open the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Hannah Folsom motioned to Approve, seconded by Richard Beal.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

26. 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.

Department 51- General Government \$334,550.

Richard Beal motioned to Approve \$334,550., seconded by Nanette Hadlock.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Department 52- Public Safety \$443,500.

Richard Beal motioned to Approve \$443,500, seconded by James Amuso.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Department 53-Health and Sanitation \$146,232

Richard Beal motioned to Approve \$146,232, seconded by James Amuso.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Department 54- Public Transportation \$235,600

Joanne Thormann motioned to Approve \$235,600, seconded by Richard Beal.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Department 55- Schools \$776,752

Richard Beal motioned to Approve \$776,752, seconded by Bruce Fernald.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Department 56-Donations \$ 46,000.

Richard Beal motioned to Approve \$46,000, seconded by Bruce Fernald.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Department 57- Debt Service \$397,164.

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve \$397,164, seconded by Richard Beal.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Department 58- Municipal Facilities \$343,460

Jeff Pease motioned to Approve \$343,460, seconded by Nanette Hadlock.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Total Appropriations for Town Operations \$2,723,258.

At 4:43 p.m., Bruce Fernald motioned to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Nanette Hadlock. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise McCormick
Town Clerk 2019

