

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES

MARCH 11, 2017

The Town of Cranberry Isles held their annual Town Meeting on March 11, 2017 at the Longfellow School Building on Great Cranberry Island. The Town Clerk, Denise McCormick, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

The articles of the Warrant were acted upon as follows:

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

Barbara Meyers nominated Barbara Fernald.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Barbara Fernald.

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

Bruce Fernald nominated Denise McCormick.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Denise McCormick.

Richard Beal motions to set compensation at \$7,000 for the year, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve compensation at \$7,000.

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.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, 2nd 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 2017 warrant.

Ralph Stevens motions to approve, 2nd by Sally Rowan.

Unanimous vote to approve.

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

Serena Spurling nominates Florence Sprague.

Karin Whitney nominates William Dowling.

55 Ballots Cast, 32 Votes Florence Sprague, 23 Votes William Dowling.

Florence Sprague wins the nomination.

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

Bruce Fernald motions to set compensation at \$8,000 for chairman and \$7,500 for others, 2nd by David Thomas.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

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

Richard Beal nominates Denise McCormick

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Denise McCormick.

Kelly Sanborn motions to set compensation at \$10,000, 2nd by Richard Beal.

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.

Bruce Fernald nominates Denise McCormick.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Denise McCormick

David Thomas motions to set compensation at \$28,000, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

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

Richard Beal nominates Kelly Sanborn.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Kelly Sanborn.

10. To elect by ballot a member 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.

Joanne Thormann nominates Ingrid Gaither.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Ingrid Gaither.

11. To elect by ballot a member 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.

Richard Beal nominates Laurie Dobson.

Joanne Thormann nominates Ralph Stevens, Ralph declines the nomination.

Joanne Thormann nominates Jeri Spurling, Jeri declines the nomination.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Laurie Dobson.

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

Bruce Fernald motions to set rate at \$12 to \$25 per hour, 2nd by Richard Beal.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13. 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 2017 taxes not paid by December 01, 2017. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2017 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA §505.4 is seven percent (7%) APR.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, 2nd by Kelly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

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

Richard Beal motions to approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

15. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2018, February 2018, and March 2018 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2017. 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 2018.

Sally Rowan motions to approve, 2nd by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Schools:

16A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve at **\$329,448.**, 2nd by Donna Isaacs.

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve at **\$52,465**, 2nd by Jeri Spurling.

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 beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$-0-**, 2nd by Joanne Thormann.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

16D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Other Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$14,705.**, 2nd by Jeri Spurling.

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$24,838.**, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$17,131.**, 2nd by Joanne Thormann.

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$34,027.**, 2nd by Paul Fernald.

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$52,000.**, 2nd by Serena Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

16I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$54,274.**, 2nd by Rebecca Powell.

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$71,031.**, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve **\$-0-**, 2nd by Kelly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

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 \$195,542) 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, 2017 to June 30, 2018. School Committee recommends \$ 174,627.

Kelly Sanborn motions to put article on the floor, 2nd by Richard Beal.

Kelly Sanborn motions to amend the amounts to **\$169,687 and \$150,178.**, 2nd by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous Vote to amend the amounts.

35 Votes Cast, 35 Votes Yes, -0- No. Article is approved.

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 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, 2017 to June 30, 2018. School Committee recommends \$ 71,031.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$71,031.**, 2nd by Mary Schuch.

31 Votes Cast, 31 Votes Yes, -0- No. Article is approved.

16N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$294,317) for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend: \$289,956) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Kelly Sanborn motions to put article on the floor, 2nd by Mary Schuch.

Kelly Sanborn motions to amend the amounts to **\$311,266. and \$307,333.**, 2nd by Sally Rowan.

Unanimous Vote to amend the amounts.

25 Votes Cast, 24 Votes Yes, 1 Vote No. Article is approved.

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 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.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve **\$649,919.**, 2nd by Serena Spurling.

19 Votes Cast, 19 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No. Article is approved.

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 or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2017-2018 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Bruce Fernald motions to approve **\$24,941.**, 2nd by Kelly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

16Q. 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 2017-18 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve, 2nd by Barbara Meyers.

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 2017-2018 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately ten students.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, 2nd by Richard Beal.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

17. Shall an ordinance entitled "Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance March 11, 2017" be enacted? prove.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, 2nd by Richard Beal.

After a lengthy discussion about the proposed changes to the LUZO, Charles Dunbar motions to call the question, 2nd by Serena Spurling.

40 Votes Cast to call the question, 34 Votes Yes, 6 Votes No. Question is called.

36 Votes Cast, 28 Votes Yes, 8 Votes No. Ordinance is Approved.

Bruce Fernald motions to take Article 22 Out of Order, 2nd by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous Vote to act on Article 22 at this time.

22. 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 One-hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the construction of a town office addition to the Islesford Fire Station, Maple Avenue 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.

Richard Beal motions to approve, 2nd by Katelyn Damon.

Bruce Fernald motions to amend the article to read: "for the construction or purchase of a Town Office, 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.", 2nd by Paul Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to amend the Article.

Jasmine Samuel motions to amend the article to read: “for the construction, renovations or purchase of a Town Office..”, 2nd by Donna Isaacs.

Unanimous Vote to amend the Article.

After a lengthy discussion , Jasmine Samuel motions to call the question, 2nd by Luke Abell.

Unanimous Vote to call the question.

30 Votes Cast, 25 Votes Yes, 5 Votes No. Article passes as amended.

18. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for the construction of a septic system and bathroom on Town property on Islesford for the municipal garage that houses the Islesford Volunteer Fire Dept. 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.

Katelyn Damon motions to approve, 2nd by Cory Duggan.

35 Votes Cast, 30 Votes Yes, 5 Votes No. Article is approved.

19. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate and authorize the Municipal Officers to expend up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) toward the cost of restoring and renovating the Spurling Point Cemetery on Great Cranberry Island.

Katelyn Damon motions to approve, 2nd by Richard Beal.

Carl Brooks motions to amend the article to read, “restoring and renovating the Oldest Spurling Point Cemetery...”, 2nd by Joanne Thormann.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

At 12:20 p.m., Malcolm Fernald motions to adjourn the meeting for a lunch break, 2nd by Kelly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to adjourn.

At 1:05 p.m., Barbara Fernald, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

Malcolm Fernald motions to take Article 26 Out of Order and act on it now, 2nd by Mary Schuch.

Unanimous Vote to take Article 26 Out of Order.

26. 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 one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000.00) to build a fiber network for Little Cranberry, Great Cranberry and Suttons Island in order to provide long-term internet broadband services, 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.

Ralph Stevens motions to approve, 2nd by Joanne Thormann.

Ralph Stevens motions to amend the Article to read, "to build a broadband network...", 2nd by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous Vote to amend the Article.

After a lengthy discussion, Edward Gray motions to call the question, 2nd by Kelly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to Call the question.

56 Votes Cast, 52 Votes Yes, 4 Votes No. Article is approved.

Malcolm Fernald motions to take Article 27 Out of Order and act on it now, 2nd by Nadia Rosenthal.

Unanimous Vote to take Article 27 Out of Order.

27. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to partner with an internet service provider in order to build a fiber network for Little Cranberry, Great Cranberry and Sutton Island that would provide long-term internet broadband services for the whole community, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to award and enter into agreements, necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the town, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Kelly Sanborn motions to approve, 2nd by Malcolm Fernald.

James Fortune motions to amend the article to read, "...an internet service provider in order to build a broadband network...", 2nd by Tom Powell.

Unanimous Vote to amend the article.

Majority Vote to approve, 1 Vote to oppose. Article is approved.

Richard Beal motions to take Article 28 Out of Order and act on it now, 2nd by James Fortune.

Unanimous Vote to take Article 28 Out of Order.

28. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make application for and execute any documents related to grant funding for the development of a municipal broadband services network for Cranberry Isles, and to accept said funds if awarded and authorize their expenditure for the purposes specified in the grants.

Malcolm Fernald motions to approve, 2nd by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

At 3:16 p.m., Richard Beal makes a motion to adjourn the Town Meeting until Friday, March 17, 2017 to begin at 8:45 a.m. at the Longfellow School on Great Cranberry Island, 2nd by Nadia Rosenthal.

Unanimous Vote to adjourn the Meeting. Meeting was adjourned by Moderator, Barbara Fernald.

On March 17, 2017, Barbara Fernald, Moderator, called the Meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

20. 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 six hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars (\$672,000.00) for the extension of the Islesford Town Dock, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the borrowed funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

William Dowling motions to approve, 2nd by David Thomas.

Bruce Fernald motions to table the question, 2nd by Mary Schuch.

Unanimous Vote to Oppose tabling the question.

Majority Vote to oppose the Article, 1 Vote Yes. Article does not pass.

21. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) for the purchase and installation of hoists for the Islesford and Great Cranberry Town Docks, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

William Dowling motions to approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

23 Votes Cast, 20 Votes Yes, 3 Votes No. Article is approved.

24. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for capital expenditure to pave Dog Point Road on Great Cranberry Island, 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.

Beverly Sanborn motions to approve, 2nd by Barbara Meyers.

Barbara Meyers motions to amend the Article to read, "for capital expenditure for capital improvements to Dog Point Road on Great Cranberry Island", 2nd by Laurie Dobson.

Unanimous Vote to amend the Article.

Unanimous Vote to approve. Article is approved.

25. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a purchase and sales agreement for the purpose of selling the building and land (0.65 ac) at 15 Mansell lane, Southwest Harbor (SWH Tax Map 17 Lot 112) and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, 2nd by Kaitlyn Duggan.

One Vote Yes, Majority Vote No. Article does not pass.

29. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a six (6) month lease agreement in 2017 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.

William Dowling motions to approve, 2nd by David Thomas.

Unanimous Vote to approve. Article is approved.

30. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to hire a consultant to assess and evaluate the electrical power and telephone lines and poles on Great Cranberry Island, Little Cranberry Island and Sutton Island, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary 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 oppose the article, 2nd by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous Vote to Oppose. Article does not pass.

31. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2018, on 10, March 2018 at the Islesford Neighborhood House, Islesford, Maine and to open the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

David Thomas motions to approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve. Article is approved.

32. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of one million, seven hundred and seven thousand, five hundred and ninety-six dollars (\$1,707,596.) 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.

Barbara Meyers motions to approve, 2nd by Richard Beal.

Unanimous Vote to approve. Article is approved.

33. 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 Operations Budget.

Each department shall be voted on separately:

Dept. 51: General Government: \$327,140.

William Dowling motions to approve \$327,140, 2nd by Malcolm Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept. 52: Public Safety: \$194,025.

William Dowling motions to approve \$194,025, 2nd by Carl Brooks.

Bruce Fernald motions to amend the amount to \$184,025, as Article 30 did not pass, 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to **amend** the amount to \$184,025.

Unanimous Vote to approve **\$184,025.**

Dept. 53: Health & Sanitation: \$129,010.

William Dowling motions to approve \$129,010, 2nd by Kaitlyn Duggan.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept. 54: Public Transportation: \$155,618.

William Dowling motions to approve \$155,618, 2nd by Kaitlyn Duggan.

Carol Brooks motions to amend the Road Maintenance budget of \$50,000 to go to Road Capital Improvements of Dog Point Rd., 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to amend.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept. 55: Schools: \$649,919.

Malcolm Fernald motions to approve \$649,919, 2nd by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept. 56: Donations: \$22,800.

Kaitlyn Duggan motions to approve \$22,800, 2nd by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept. 57: Debt Service: \$369,375.

William Dowling motions to approve \$369,375, 2nd by James Amuso.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept. 58: Municipal Facilities: \$2,280,510.

William Dowling motions to approve \$2,280,510., 2nd by Kaitlyn Duggan.

Denise McCormick motions to amend the amount to \$1,608,510, 2nd by Cory Duggan.

Unanimous vote to amend the amount.

Unanimous Vote to approve **\$1,608,510.**

Total Appropriations for Town Operations Approved: \$3,446,397.

Total Applied Resources Budget:

Loans \$1,350,000.

Denise McCormick motions to set loan amount to \$1,350,000, 2nd by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous Vote to approve .

Estimated General Fund Receipts: 188,946.

Laurie Dobson motions to set amount at \$188,946, 2nd by Bruce Fernald

Unanimous Vote to approve.

School Dept. Receipts: 117,444.

Denise McCormick motions to set amount at \$117,444, 2nd by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Commuter Service Subsidy: 22,000.

Bruce Fernald motions to set amount at \$22,000, 2nd by Laurie Dobson.

