



2018 Annual Report Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine



NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

IMPORTANT

**ALL TAXPAYERS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING
REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLY WITH THEM**

Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 36, § 706

Before making an assessment, the Assessor shall give reasonable notice in writing to all persons liable to taxation in the municipality to furnish to the assessors true and perfect lists of their estates, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April of the same year.

The notice to owners may be by mail directed to the last known address of the taxpayer or by any other method that provides reasonable notice to the taxpayer.

If notice is given by mail and the taxpayer does not furnish such list, he or she is thereby barred of his/her right to make application to the assessors for any abatement of their taxes, unless they furnish such list with their application and satisfies them that they were unable to furnish it at the time appointed.

The assessors may require the person furnishing the list to make oath to its truth, which oath any of them may administer, and may require him to answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of this property liable to be taxed in the State; and a refusal or neglect to answer such inquiries and subscribe the same bars and appeal but such list and answers shall not be conclusive upon the assessors.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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 M.R.S.A. § 504 (4) is:

9.00 Percent APR

Henry Beck
Treasurer State of Maine
39 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Cover Photo: Arriving at 2018 Town Meeting (Sarah Corson)

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The antique postal scale from the Islesford Post Office on the first leg of its journey to the National Postal Museum in Washington, DC. (Joy Sprague)



TOWN OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

2018

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

Richard F. Beal, Chair (2019) 244-7235 rfbeal@gmail.com
Florence Joy Sprague (2020) 244-4309 joy.sprague@gmail.com
Cory R. Alley (2021) 244-7297 cibos_18@yahoo.com

Board of Selectmen Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, alternating between GCI and Islesford.

Town Clerk/ Treasurer/ Tax Collector/ General Assistance Administrator/ Registrar of Voters/ Notary Public

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Deputy Town Clerk/ Assistant Treasurer

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TOWN OFFICE FAX #: 244-3714

Code Enforcement Officer/ Local Plumbing Inspector

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Tax Assessor

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Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen

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School Committee

Kelly Sanborn, Chair (2020) 244-3624 kellyschoolboard@gmail.com
Cari Alley (2021) 244-9116 cischoolboard_3@yahoo.com
Amy Palmer (2019) 244-3836 amy.will.adele@gmail.com

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Marc Gousse 288-5049
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School Principal

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Constables

Richard Beal (2019) 244-7235 rfbeal@gmail.com
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Animal Control Officer

Cari Alley (2019) 244-9116
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Harbor Masters

(G.C.I.) Norman Sanborn II(2019) 244-3624 ncsanborn2@gmail.com
(Islesford) Bruce Fernald (2019) 244-5283 fernaldbruce@gmail.com

Harbor Committee

Ted Spurling, Chair (2019) 244-7408 jerited@spurlingdesign.com
William Dowling (2021) 479-3327 dowlingw23@gmail.com
Richard Howland (2019) 460-3016 rflowland@hotmail.com
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Harbor Committee Alternates

Roy Hadlock (2019) fvtwochances@gmail.com
Chris Costello (2019) chriscostello@gmail.com

Health Officer

Cari Alley (2019) 244-9116 cranberrymenagerie@yahoo.com

Alternate Health Officer

Vacant

Health Care Committee

Cynthia A. Thomas, Chair 244-5876 catislesford@hotmail.com
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Public Safety Coordinator

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Road Commissioner

Board of Selectmen

Planning Board

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R. Chris Johnston (2019) cvjohnston@myfairpoint.net
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Planning Board Alternates

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Evelyn Boxley-Bunker (2021)

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Tom Powell 244-9698 tompowell@gmail.com

League of Towns Representative

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Acadia Disposal District Representative

James Fortune 244-4475 james@cranberryisles-me.gov

Municipal Advisory Commission

Laurie Dobson, Co-Chair (2020)		lauriegdobson@gmail.com
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United States Senator

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Washington, DC 20510

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Washington, DC 20515

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Maine State Governor

Janet T. Mills 287-3531
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

TOWN CLERK REPORT

2018

VITAL RECORDS:

BIRTHS: 0

MARRIAGES: 0

DEATHS: 2

DOG LICENSES SOLD: 42



Respectfully Submitted:

Denise McCormick

Town Clerk 2018

CONGRATULATIONS

Brooklin, Me., Nov. 18, 1938.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Cranberry Isles:

At the meeting of the Hancock County Municipal Officers' Association at Bucksport, it was voted that the Association send to the town of Cranberry Isles its congratulations for winning the first place in the town report contest for the third time.

EUGENE KANE, Secretary.

Maine Municipal Association Municipal Reports Competition Population Category: 0-499

2018
Cranberry Isles- Supreme
Arrowsic- Superior
Kingsbury Plantation- Excellence

2017
Cranberry Isles- Supreme
Charlotte- Superior
Arrowsic- Excellence

2016
Cranberry Isles- Supreme
Arrowsic- Superior
North Haven- Excellence

2015
Cranberry Isles- Supreme
Carrabassett Valley- Superior
Charlotte- Excellence

2014
Cranberry Isles- Supreme
Carrabassett Valley- Superior
Stacyville- Excellence

2013
Carrabassett Valley- Supreme
Cranberry Isles- Superior
North Haven- Excellence

Treasurer's Report

2018

<u>Cash Balance January 01, 2018</u>	1,085,968.31
<u>Taxes Collected</u>	1,764,147.97
<u>Interest</u>	5,933.38
<u>Auto-Excise Tax</u>	22,930.21
<u>Boat-Excise Tax</u>	4,784.60
<u>State Revenue Sharing</u>	3,549.73
<u>Licenses & Agent Fees</u>	270.50
<u>Homestead Exemption Reimbursement</u>	4,735.00
<u>Veterans Exemption Reimbursement</u>	30.00
<u>Snowmobile Reimbursement</u>	6.62
<u>Solid Waste Performance Credit</u>	566.39
<u>Metal Debris Sales</u>	1,273.60
<u>Local Road Assistance Program</u>	6,988.00
<u>Town Property Rentals</u>	32,980.00
<u>Parking Fees Collected</u>	81,480.00
<u>Boat Sticker Fees</u>	795.00
<u>Misc. Administration Earning</u>	2,465.56
<u>Federal Land PILT</u>	22,711.00
<u>FTA/ME-DOT Commuter Ferry Subsidy</u>	22,857.14
<u>Broadband/ConnectME Grants</u>	17,266.50
<u>First National Bank Line of Credit (Broadband)</u>	178,000.00
<u>School Revenue & State Reimbursements</u>	108,221.01
<u>Financial Warrants Drawn 2018</u>	2,901,329.33
<u>Cash Balance as of 12/31/18</u>	620,308.35

Tax Collector's Year-End Report

2018

2018 TAX COMMITMENT (MIL RATE 9.25)	\$1,778,211.81
ABATEMENTS GRANTED	5,395.54
2% DISCOUNT	23,838.77
2018 TAXES COLLECTED	\$1,676,370.21
2019 Pre-paid Taxes Received as of 12/31/18:	473.62

2018 OUTSTANDING TAXES AS OF 12/31/18 \$72,607.29

Allen, Gary	1,442.07
Blue Eagle Limited	1,781.55
Chaplin, Katherine W.	614.20
Dowling, W.F. & Meyers, B	1,874.98
Grandgent, Henry	1,258.93
Greenings Island Trust	413.48
Hawes, Frederick B. & Allison H.	4,177.30
Kaufman, et. al.	4,656.18
Knott, John S	4,704.55
Knott, John S	330.23
Krasnow, Iann & Sheila	2,127.50
McGuinness, W J & Moser, Sonja	2,418.88
McLendon, Sally P.	2,868.43
McLendon, Sally P.	777.93
Mills, David	449.55*
Moran, et al.	1,012.12
Murch, Janice (GCI General Store)	1,101.68
Nash, Bonnie Sue	9,409.10
Nevius, Garrett W Living Trust	2,169.43
Palmer, Amy G	1,110.00
Palmer, Amy G	3,006.25
Palmer, Steven	1,313.50
Pannell, Dennis A	22.98
Porter, Jane Moran	1,263.55
Rosenthal, Barbara	9,367.48
Rosenthal, Barbara	5,513.92
Rosenthal, Barbara	464.35
Smith, Georgiana R.	40.57
Stapleman, Ashley A	1,000.00
Valdina, Joan S. & Eric Trustees	5,863.58

* Denotes payment received after December 31, 2018

2017 Tax Receivables:

January 01, 2017	72,609.79
Collections:	56,886.61
2017 Outstanding Taxes as of 12/31/18:	15,723.18
Blue Eagle Limited	1,752.66
Chaplin, Katherine W.	31.11
Dowling, W.F. & Meyers, B.	877.40
Greenings Island Trust	406.77
Krasnow, Iann	1,535.72
McLendon, Sally P.	761.67
McLendon, Sally P.	2,823.73
Mills, David	7.05*
Palmer, Heirs of Robert	650.77
Porter, Jane M	1,107.81
Valdina, Joan S. & Eric Trustees	5,768.49

* Denotes payment received after December 31, 2018

2016 Tax Receivables:

January 01, 2018	22,199.03
Collections:	22,199.03
2016 Outstanding Taxes as of 12/31/18:	-0-

2015 Tax Receivables:

January 01, 2018	8,696.21
Collections	8,696.21
2015 Outstanding Taxes as of 12/31/18	-0-

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise McCormick
Tax Collector 2018



Rowing THE BUS to school (Ingrid Gaither)

Assessor's Report

RJD Appraisal has enjoyed serving the Town of Cranberry Isles as its Assessor/Assessing Agent over the last year. We are available at the Town Office one day a month for appointments. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Annually, the Assessor's Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments to the valuations that include any additions and deletions. We are also responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual "ratio study", which compares the actual selling price of property to assessments. The most recent study conducted for the state valuation purposes indicated the assessed values, on average, to be at approximately 100% of market value.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Most homeowners whose principal residence is in Maine are entitled up to a \$20,000 reduction in valuation (adjusted by the community's ratio of valuation to actual market sales). To qualify, homeowners must fill out a simple form declaring property as their principal residence by April 1 in the tax year claimed. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains until the owner sells or changes their place of residence. Forms are available in the Assessor's Office.

VETERANS EXEMPTION

Any person who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence. The Veteran must have reached age 62 or must be receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability, either service or non-service connected.

*IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR VETERANS EXEMPTIONS IN 2016, the Law was amended to remove the requirement that a Vietnam veteran serve on active duty for 180 days (any part of which must have occurred after February 27th, 1961 and before May 8th, 1975) in order to qualify for the exemption. The law now only requires that the veteran served on active duty after February 27th, 1961 and before May 8th, 1975, regardless of number of days. **Veterans that previously did not qualify under the old law requirements that now qualify under the new law requirements must re apply to the Assessor's office prior to April 1st of the year it will go into effect.**

Applications forms can be obtained in the Assessor's Office and must be filed with military discharge documentation on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.

BLIND EXEMPTION

Residents of Cranberry Isles who are certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional are eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence in the town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Caldwell CMA
Town of Cranberry Isles
Assessor Agent RJD Appraisal

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RICHARD BEAL, CHAIRMAN
FLORENCE J. SPRAGUE
CORY R. ALLEY
TOWN CLERK / TREASURER
DENISE McCORMICK
PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR
KATELYN DAMON



MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
L. DOBSON, C. SANDBERG, N. BARTON
I. GAITHER, N. ROSENTHAL,
J. SAMUEL, B. STUBBS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE SELECTMEN
JAMES FORTUNE

GENERAL ASSISTANCE NOTICE

The municipality of Cranberry Isles administers a General Assistance Program for the support of the poor. Pursuant to Title 22 M.R.S.A. §4305, the municipal officers have adopted an ordinance establishing that program. A copy of this ordinance is available for public inspection at the Town Office. Also available for inspection is a copy of the State's General Assistance Statutes, as copies of the State law are made available to the municipality by the Maine Department of Human Services.

Persons who wish to apply for General Assistance may do so at the Town Office, Islesford, during the following times:

Days: Monday – Friday
Hours: 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

In an emergency, applicants may dial: 211

The municipality's General Assistance Administrator must issue a written decision within 24 hours of receiving an application.

The Department of Human Services' toll-free telephone number, to call with a question regarding the General Assistance Program, is: 1-800-442-6003.

This notice is posted pursuant to Title 22 M.R.S.A. § 4304-4305.

Municipal Advisory Commission Report

In the spring, following last year's town meeting, the MAC moved forward with new member co-chairs, Laurie Dobson and Christine Sandberg. The MAC usually meets once a month, primarily by telecom. One project the MAC took on was to collect information from other towns of somewhat comparative size to TCI regarding administrative staffing and compensation. This was done in response to discussions at past town meetings about getting people willing to serve as selectman and the raise in pay for selectmen. This information has been put into a spreadsheet for reference purposes.

In accordance with the MAC charter, the commission was involved in various discussions regarding the status of the Mansell Lane house over a period of months. Since the town had voted two years in a row not to sell the property, but the building had been empty for over a year, renting it seemed a priority in order to offset the annual expenditure for property taxes to SWH and insurance, as well as maintenance which had been put off and any work that would need to be done to make it an attractive rent. In the fall the MAC was asked for input on updating the lease for the boatshed storage building in Manset which had expired some years ago. Recommendations were made.

Members of the MAC were involved in budget meetings from November through January to prepare the warrant for town meeting. At the Selectmen's meeting in December various concerns were raised regarding the status of the electrical grid in the town and the MAC was tasked with a project to determine electrical power priorities with a view to hardening the town's electrical system. The goal would be to collect information from both officials and residents concerning power outages, tree trimming needs, and poles and lines that may need attention or replacement, and when necessary to consult with outside experts. A status report and recommendations for actions to take should be developed by the end of 2019 for consideration for the budget process for 2020 and for long term planning.

At the regular monthly meeting, January 10, the final item was discussion on the effectiveness and future of the MAC. Six of the seven current MAC members attended or called in to participate in the meeting and the discussion. A motion was made and passed unanimously to recommend the MAC be disbanded.

The members of MAC feel it is in the best interest of the town to dissolve the MAC. While in previous years the MAC had specific responsibilities and provided information for and oversight of some specific town initiatives, this has become less so in recent years, or when it has happened it has duplicated or undercut other individuals work. Town employees, officials, or other committees exist or have existed to address town concerns such as the Manset property, docks, broadband, safety, transportation, the electrical grid, etc. The function of MAC in these areas adds an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy. MAC members believe that town concerns could be addressed more efficiently if handled without the involvement of the MAC.

Committee members feel that when there is a specific town concern that would benefit from committee oversight, a new committee tasked to address that specific concern be formed with people interested and committed to see that through (such as was done for broadband). An annual warrant committee could be defined for budget development and tasked to meet several times each year starting in October or November. Members could be the same representatives each year to provide continuity and should include town officials and some community representatives. Current members of MAC are still very supportive of and interested in being involved with the town and would be willing to serve in other ways in the future.

Submitted by Christine Sandberg, MAC Co-Chair

Municipal Facilities Report

2018 was another year of continued effort, and success, in improving municipal operations. Much of what occurred was due to the combined effort of the Board of Selectmen, Town Staff, and of course the many volunteers who donate their time and efforts. They deserve many thanks. A partial summary of projects and accomplishments from 2018 is presented below.

Docks & Harbors: We undertook a number of routine maintenance and repairs for all Town docks this year as usual as the Town continues making the necessary investments to maintain and improve its dock facilities. Chalmers Enterprises launches and maintains the Town's floats in Manset, while Roy Hadlock takes care of the floats at the Town docks located within the Town boundaries; we thank them for their hard work and assistance with our floats. In addition to the regular maintenance, we are looking ahead to make some additional investments in the Town's docks. We expect to build a new main float for Islesford to replace one of the older floats and launch in the spring. A new float for Great Cranberry was launched in the spring of 2018. Due to budget considerations the Selectmen have opted to put the proposed extension of the Islesford dock on hold. The extension is being considered as part of an effort to improve overall harbor infrastructure and ferry/boat access. The Harbor Committee is also working on a plan to reconfigure the granite pilings in the Islesford harbor to create a breakwater that would provide additional protection for the docks and barge ramp located in the harbor. Islesford dock improvements are down the road and will involve substantial investment by the Town. The planning for the eventual expansions and changes will continue.

Parking & Roads: The Town has undertaken significant road improvements over the years and continues to do regular maintenance to prolong the life of our roads and will do so in the future. The largest project in 2018 was re-building and paving Dog Point Road. The work was done to fix underlying drainage problems and pave the road with asphalt. The previous shale surface proved to be problematic and created a lot of maintenance issues for the Town. In the upcoming year, the town expects to do re-grade, ditching and road-side clearing on many roads on Great Cranberry and Islesford. Although not necessarily limited to these roads, most of the clearing and ditching are planned for North Woods Road (Islesford), and on Great Cranberry, Jimmy's Point Rd and Harding Point Road. All gravel and shale roads will be re-graded. Ditching and clearing will still occur on other Town Roads on an as needed basis. Rather than paving, the Town has budgeted to do pothole patching on both islands in 2019. We continue to think of ways to be more efficient in how we organize parking in Manset and at the Joy Road lot. While we always fill the Northeast Harbor lot with residents renting parking spaces for the entire season each year, there has been greater demand for parking in Manset in the past couple of years. The Joy Road lot is meant for short-term and long-term seasonal parking, with a valid permit. It is not intended for short-term special events parking. Anyone parking there must display a valid sticker for each vehicle. Renter and guest parking are fine as long as a valid sticker is displayed in the car. When purchased, these stickers can be passed around to be used in more than one vehicle. However, only one vehicle is permitted to use it at any given time; one Joy sticker does not cover multiple vehicles at the same time. We also have 20 overnight guest parking spots available in Manset and we encourage people to use them whenever possible. Spaces there are \$10.00 per night and can be reserved ahead of time.

Town Property: The Town undertook a couple of major capital projects this year, including remodeling 61 Main Street on Islesford. The Town purchased the old Islesford Market building which is undergoing renovations for use as a permanent Town Office. The building will also continue to house the Islesford Post Office with an expanded lobby area. The Town began occupying its new space at the end of April; work is still on-going, mostly on exterior improvements to the building which we expect to have completed before fall of 2019. The Town continued full steam with the Broadband buildout during 2018, with Islesford on line by February, Sutton over the summer, and Great Cranberry by the end of the year. Axiom Technologies

has been working diligently to get everyone access as efficiently and cost effectively as possible. Islesford is fully up and running on the new broadband fiber network, with most of Sutton and Great Cranberry on line as of the past summer. Sutton and Great Cranberry will be fully on line by June 2019. The new fiber to the home broadband network has provided the Town with the connectivity needed for the future.

Cranberry Isles Commuter Ferry: The Cranberry Isles Commuter Ferry offers island residents additional ferry options year-round for early morning trips to and from Northeast Harbor and a late trip during the winter months. We are currently in the ninth year of the service, which is partially subsidized by the State of Maine. Downeast Windjammers operates the service on the Miss Lizzie during the winter season (October 15 to April 30), and Sail Acadia operates the service on the Elizabeth T for the summer season that runs May 1 to October 15. The Cranberry Isles Commuter Ferry provides an additional option for an earlier trip to Cranberry Isles in the morning year-round and latter ferry trips off-island in the evening during the winter. The commuter boat also includes a stop in Manset during the summer season, stopping in Northeast Harbor first before heading to Southwest Harbor. The Town and State supported ferry service has proved to be a valuable transportation option for Town residents and an important piece of the ferry network serving the Town.

Solid Waste: BCM, Inc. continues to provide efficient and excellent solid waste management and removal for the Town. Recycling and trash numbers have been trending up over the last several years following a number of years of stable tonnage numbers. We thank BCM and its employees for the work in managing the transfer stations on the islands and managing this very important government services. The Town also participates in the Acadia Disposal District's annual waste collection for household hazardous waste and universal waste (monitors, computers, t.v.'s, printers, faxes, etc.). This year the collection day was held in October. Hazardous waste and universal waste collected for Cranberry Isles also was up from last year. The Town is not licensed to collect and store this type of waste at its recycling stations on LCI and GCI and participates in the annual one-day household hazardous waste and universal waste collection each year, sponsored by the Acadia Disposal District. Removal of this type of waste helps the Town environmentally by providing residents with an organized way of removing potential contaminants and other hazardous waste from the islands on an annual basis.

2019 promises to be another challenging year. We expect to complete renovations for the new Town Offices and expanded Islesford Post Office and fully complete the broadband internet project on all 3 islands, bringing high speed internet town-wide. As always, we will have a tremendous amount of work to do with capital improvement projects and additional maintenance and upkeep at Town facilities. We thank our volunteers and once again look forward to working with them to sustain the high levels of cooperation and ensuing productivity we have come to expect as a Town.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen

Code Enforcement Officer Report

We issued 26 building related permits in 2018 which is an 18% increase from last year. These include 11 Shoreland Zoning, 10 Notice of Intention to Build, and 5 Flood Hazard permits. Plumbing related permits total 15 issued which is the same as last year. These are 10 for subsurface wastewater systems, and 5 for internal plumbing. I made 19 official visits by personal boat during the summer season which saved over \$600 in lieu of ferry and water taxi expenses for the year.

Ongoing projects include a private sports barn on Great Cranberry. It's been very prominent up on the skyline wrapped in its blue vapor retarder underlayment. Also, on Great Cranberry Newman and Gray completed an impressive new boat storage building. There is a \$1.2 million house in progress down the Mink Brook Rd. Ground and foundation work for a new house and vibrant seasonal arts center is underway at the former Wini Smart place on Spurling Cove; parts of the old existing buildings went to the GCI Historical Society where they have been made into nice little structures for interpretive purposes and storage.

The GCI Historical Society has also started on a \$270,000 addition to the museum and assembly building. A floating dock expansion has been approved for shoreward dock company next to the GCI Town dock. An architecturally impressive home is under construction in the woods of Heliker Road.



(Dennis Dever)

Islesford Boatworks leased the old Blue Duck store building and is renovating the interior into an educational boat shop. The building belongs to the US Government so this project is exempt from state and town laws in accordance with the supremacy clause of the US constitution, but the National Park has agreed to conform to the state's Natural Resources Protection Act. Finally, we have a new genuine barrier-free Town Office co-located with the post office located right in "town".

Axiom endured numerous permit processes and discussions on land use in carrying out the high-speed internet project on Islesford and Great Cranberry including a few towers and a lot of little poles and trenches. Many summer residents arrived to see advanced erosion along their shorefront properties after last winter's storms. There were a few inquiries on permitting for waterfront retaining walls.

At Town meeting in March Townspeople approved our Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance 2018 updated with state required changes. We then received full official approval from the state two years after adopting the ordinance. Voters rejected a proposed junk yard ordinance by a large margin.

On Islesford the Lobsterman's Co-op opened a little seasonal food trailer, complete with holding tank. Sand Beach road is active; the Little Cranberry Yacht Club sail center renovated an old boathouse and installed plumbing and a holding tank. There are plans for construction of a new dock there. A new private dock was completed a little ways up the road from there this year, and a \$575,000 house renovation, addition, and septic system is underway on Sand Beach road also.

Plumbing Permits Notice of Fees

As of October 2018

Disposal System Components	Fee	Internal Plumbing	Fee
Complete Non-Engineered System	\$250*		
Primitive System	\$100	Minimum Fee (any permit)	
Alternative Toilet	\$50	(includes up to 4 fixtures)	\$40
Non-engineered treatment tank	\$150	Individual Fixtures, each, over 4	\$10
Holding Tank	\$100	Hook up to Public Sewer	\$10
Non-Engineered Disposal Field	\$150	Hook up to existing	
Separated Laundry System	\$35	Subsurface System	\$10
Complete Engineered System	\$200*	Piping relocation, no new fixtures	\$10
Engineered Treatment Tank (only)	\$80	Permit Transfer	\$10
Engineered Disposal Field	\$150	Manufactured Housing Hook up	
Miscellaneous Components	\$30	(unless fixtures added on site)	
First Time System Variance	\$20	per fixture, if not new	\$10
Seasonal Conversion Permit	\$50		

*There is a State DEP surcharge of \$15 for complete subsurface systems.

Code Enforcement Nuggets of Knowledge

- ✓ State law requires fees be paid prior to issuing a permit.
- ✓ Pay fees to the Town of Cranberry Isles through the CEO or Town Office.
- ✓ The Town keeps 75% of the fee(s) for the LPI, and 25% goes to the State DWP.
- ✓ There is a State DEP surcharge of \$15 for complete subsurface systems. This is in addition to the listed fee.

When is a plumbing permit required? There are basically two types of plumbing permits: internal and subsurface waste-water. Internal plumbing (in Maine) is all potable water, building supply and distribution pipes to heating equipment, all plumbing fixtures and traps, all drainage and vent pipes, all building drains and building sewers, and devices and receptors within or under the building's footprint or foundation.

For internal plumbing a permit is required for any person, firm or corporation to make an installation, alteration, repair, replacement, or remodel a plumbing system. A separate plumbing permit is required for each separate building or structure. There are exemptions to the need for a permit: the clearing of stoppages, including the removal and reinstallation of toilets, or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, traps, vents, and fixtures provided such repairs do not involve their replacement or rearrangement.

A subsurface wastewater permit is required to install a new, expanded, or replacement disposal system or any individual components. A permit is not required for minor repairs or replacements made as needed for the operation of pumps, siphons, aerobic treatment units, sand filters, or accessory equipment., and the clearance of a stoppage in a building sewer that does not require excavation or exposure of system components or sealing a leak in a septic tank, holding tank, pump tank or building sewer.

Small Community Grant Program: The Maine Department of Environmental Protection offers several community based loans and grants, notably the Small Community Grant Program to towns "to help replace malfunctioning septic systems that are polluting a water body or causing a public nuisance."

Transfers of Shoreland Property: Any person transferring property on which a subsurface wastewater disposal system is located within a shoreland area as described in 38 MRS 435 shall provide the transferee with a written statement by the transferor as to whether the system has malfunctioned during the 180 days preceding the transfer.

Coastal Shoreland Areas: A person purchasing property on which a subsurface waste water disposal system is located within a coastal shoreland area shall prior to purchase have the system inspected by a person certified by the department except that if it is impossible due to weather conditions to perform an inspection prior to the purchase, the inspection must be performed within nine months after transfer of the property. A system installed within three years prior to closing date is not subject to these inspection requirements.

Seasonal Conversion Permit: Before converting a seasonal dwelling with a subsurface waste water disposal system located in the shoreland zone to a year-round or principal dwelling, a seasonal conversion permit must be obtained from the Local Plumbing Inspector. Ref. 30-A MRS 4215 (2).

Minimum Lot Size Rules for septic systems: A lot in which a single-family dwelling unit is located shall contain at least 20,000 square feet. If the lot abuts a lake, pond, stream, river, or tidal area, it shall have a minimum frontage of 100 feet on the waterbody and any greater frontage required by local zoning. Other uses that generate waste water require 20,000 square feet and 100 feet of frontage for every 300 gallons produced. In some situations, the LPI and or the State may approve a waste water system on a lot with less area.

What constitutes a junkyard or automobile graveyard? 30-A MRS 3752 defines “junkyard” as a yard, field or other outside area used to store, dismantle, or otherwise handle discarded, worn-out, or junked plumbing, heating supplies, electronic and industrial equipment, household appliances or furniture, lumber, rope, rags, batteries, trash, rubber, debris, ferrous and non-ferrous material. An “automobile graveyard” is a yard, field or other outdoor area used to store 3 or more unregistered motor vehicles or parts of the vehicles. This includes an area for dismantling, salvage and recycling operations.

Under 17 MRS 2802, any places where one or more old, discarded, worn-out or junked motor vehicles or parts thereof, are gathered together, kept, deposited, or allowed to accumulate, in such a manner or in such location or situation either within or without the limits of any highway, as to be unsightly, detracting from natural scenery or injurious to the comfort and happiness of individuals and the public, and injurious to property rights, are public nuisances. The Natural Resources Protection Act prohibits any of the above and more, from being kept in a flood plain.

Limitations a permitted junkyard or automobile recycling business must meet include not being located within 300 feet of a public building, park, or playground, public beach, school, church, cemetery, or well.

Thanks to the Town Office, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, contractors and other islanders for the help, teamwork and support. Looking forward to another inspiring year,

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Dennis Dever, CEO

Harbor Committee Report

The Harbor Committee met quarterly or as needed during 2018 to review ongoing or new concerns about harbors, docks, moorings, etc., of the Cranberry Isles, and to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Items for discussion included a winter float for Great Cranberry Island; a proposed extension and/or breakwater for Islesford; electric hoists on each of the town docks at Great Cranberry and Islesford; structural & maintenance concerns; a review and recommendation for proposed float re-configuration at the Shoreward Dock, GCI; and enforcement concerns.

Here's to safe boating in 2019.

Ted Spurling, Jr., Chairman of the Harbor Committee

Islesford Harbormaster Report

The mast and boom on the Islesford Town Dock has been a much appreciated addition. It makes loading and unload boats much easier and safer.

The dock extension is an ongoing discussion which involves rearranging the mooring field.

I received many calls about guest moorings, and all who use them are very pleased that they are available.

The congestion at the town float is an ongoing problem. It would be helpful if people used their own moorings more often.

The barge approach to the landing ramp is always tight. Moving two piles of the granite rocks to the west would help alleviate this problem. This will be an article on the 2019 warrant. I hope it passes.

Overall the harbor continues to serve the community with few issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Fernald



(Joy Sprague)

Great Cranberry Island Harbormaster Report

Last year was a busy one in the harbor. What follows is a partial list of activities that occurred during 2018. There were daily conversations covering everything from moorings to dock usage. The guest moorings were used almost every day and were appreciated by transient boats. Some that I talked with now have our island on their yearly port-of-call. The floats and dock were heavily utilized as well. For the most part people were respectful. The few I did have to speak to were good about it and cooperated.

FEBRUARY:

- 2/22/18 – I received a complaint from an island business that the crane had not yet been installed.
- 2/26/18 – Had a meeting with the engineer for a new float plan for the Shoreward Dock. The plan was denied, as it would have interfered with the year-round moorings and boat/barge traffic.
- 2/26/18 – The Sunbeam came for a visit. The Max got tide nipped alongside the dock. They had to cut a line, but it all worked out fine.
- 2/27/18 – There was a meeting with Southwest Boat and the Harbor Committee on the town dock to discuss the crane and year-round floats.

MARCH:

- 3/20/18 – I bleached steps.
- 3/29/18 – Inspected two moorings.
- 3/30/18 – Talked with a resident about oyster sites and permits. I bleached the outside steps. Had Blair Colby fix beach rocks by floating them out so row boats could be hauled up on the beach.
- Took many complaints about the proposed winter float plan.

APRIL:

- 4/3/18 – Selectmen's meeting.
- 4/10/18 – Roy Hadlock put float in.
- 4/12/18 – Conference call with DMR and Lauren Gray about oyster permits.
- 4/14/18 – More complaints about the crane not being installed on the dock.
- 4/16/18 – Mooring application for a resident family.
- 4/19/18 – 80' ramp installed on the float. The float was loaded with boats in under 15 minutes of ramp being installed.
- 4/27/18 – Meeting about the winter float plan with the Island Institute moderating the meeting.

MAY:

- 5/8/18 – Meeting with Dennis Dever concerning the Shoreward Dock expansion. Had two complaints regarding a mooring being in the way.
- 5/9/18 – Meeting with Shoreward Dock, Harbor Committee, Code Enforcement Officer and Selectmen. Talked about new plans for the expansion. Expansion was denied. Shoreward Dock was told they had to stay within their existing footprint.
- 5/10/18 – Second float put in. Matt Knox rigged moorings.
- 5/12/18 – Finger floats put in.
- 5/15/18 – Mooring application received.
- 5/17/18 – Inspected 8 moorings and rigged 12 more.
- 5/20/18 – Matt Knox rigged more moorings.
- 5/21/18 – Barge hit the dock on last three pilings. No damage at all. Reported incident to Selectmen as an FYI.
- 5/25/18 – More mooring work.

- 5/26/18 – Mooring application approved.

JUNE:

- 6/12/18 – A resident called about loose boards on the float. Roy Hadlock fixed them immediately.
- 6/14/18 – Harbor Committee meeting. A redesigned plan for the Shoreward Dock floats is approved. Axiom had conduit on the dock for days. Asked them to move it and they did.
- 6/15/18 – Removed old life ring from shed. Talked with the barge operator regarding wash from the barge making it very hard for boats to land at the dock. Complaints were being made. He backed off and conditions improved.
- 6/16/18 – A resident asked to move a mooring in closer to the dock. I had to deny the request due to the fact it is the third one from the dock already.
- 6/17/18 – An off-island business asked to have their mooring moved in closer and a resident's mooring to be moved out. I recommended that they discuss the issue with the resident.

JULY:

- The Sunbeam asked to tie to the dock and I had another meeting for Shoreward Dock expansion.

AUGUST:

- 8/3/18 - Mounted new life ring and fire extinguisher on building.
- 8/6/18 – A resident complained about floats and accessibility. Old traps under boats at the steps were removed. Not sure how they got there.
- 8/20/18 – Mooring application approved.

SEPTEMBER:

- 9/7/18 – Shoreward floats taken up.
- 9/18/18 – Report of a town mooring being hung down. Captain of a commuter ferry complained about a boat across the head of the float.
- 9/20/18 – A resident asked about a mooring that might be too close to his.
- 9/22/18 – Retied finger floats together.
- 9/23/18 – Talked with contractor about winter float plan.
- 9/27/18 – A resident had concerns of a mooring being too close to his. Another asked about the mooring in Preble Cove.

OCTOBER:

- 10/2/18 – Met with Jim Fortune and the Selectmen regarding dock work.
- 10/3/18 – Floats took it hard with wind. Two finger floats were beat up. Roy Hadlock took them away after I helped move seven rowboats.
- 10/9/18 – An off-island business again asked for a closer mooring that was not available.
- 10/12/18 – Posted a notice regarding float removal. Meeting with contractor to discuss pilings for a winter ramp.

The remaining part of the year was as usual with float removal and mooring winterizations. I had a few more meetings with both oyster farm facilitators. The farms are doing very well and both have been complying with the requests and rules. I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and respect on the docks and in the harbor. Looking forward to spring and a safe, fun 2019 boating season!

Respectfully submitted,
Norman C. Sanborn, II
Harbormaster, Great Cranberry Island

Manset Dockmaster Report

Historically, the official “opening day” for the Manset facility is Friday before Memorial Day weekend. Our contractor typically has the floats, ramps, and bridges in place. We’re ready for the Cranberry Cove ferry to start running that day. There aren’t many boats or people around, and I arrive in the afternoon to start on clean up and details like putting out benches and the little solar lights. This year we added the long awaited fifth floating dock and had an existing bridge cut in half to accommodate it, but the “flopper” ramps were not in place on the new bridge sections leaving a substantial drop from the bridges to the deck of the float. There was heavier use than ever before on opening day, and negotiating laden carts over the bridges without floppers was quite a challenge. Thankfully, Jim Fortune came over early and stood by helping people and carts over the drop-offs until I arrived and started attaching the ramps that we had on hand.

While this was a bit of a glitch, it illustrated a few things. Good team work, preparedness, use at Manset is starting earlier and there is more of it, and taking care of Manset is no longer a strictly seasonal responsibility. We’re growing, both in use and function, which in the long run is a sure sign of success.

By repositioning the floats to add the new fifth float we now have a very hazardous mooring stone close in to one of said floats. Moving this stone needs to be a priority when placing the floats next year as its quite a collision hazard, and has actually trapped boats at the float during low tide if the boat couldn’t slide fore or aft because other boats were tied up there.

The seawall and backfill held up well over last winter, washout of backfill material behind the wall was minimal and did not require repair/replacement like the last few years. The blown ledge I put in there in 2017 seems to be working well. Thanks to Captain Steve Pagels and crew, who did a respectable job



(Dennis Dever)

keeping the shop in order. They activated the apartment early, in February this year and installed a desperately needed new kitchen stove and refrigerator. One of the two heating fuel oil tanks rotted thru and started leaking in the shop. It was disconnected and drained, so we have only one 275-gallon tank in service at this time.

We installed two new overhead doors to the west side or back of the shop spaces. The bigger one now has a “pass thru” door in it so people can come and go into the back of the shop without manually opening the entire big heavy door. Since shop crew and apartment resident parking is behind the shop this is also the primary entrance for them. Problematically, the old door would tend to be left open all the time, night and day. Next priority for that area would be to regrade and surface the driveway area approaching the doors as the sill is below the grade of the existing approach, doesn’t seal well,

and wind-driven rain will penetrate far into the shop and flood the floor which has a plethora of electrical shop equipment powered by electric cords on the floor. The new door has reduced this phenomenon somewhat.

We ordered a new overhead door and power opening system to replace the old east shop entrance overhead door (facing the parking lot near the waiting room). Currently the door mechanism will disengage from the motor and a crewmember has to go way up there on a ladder and reattach it to close the door. Installation of the new door system will probably be in January. Then I need to go up to the header and bring the outside fascia down a couple inches to cover a gap since we had to make the new door shorter to work around existing hot water heating pipes.

I built and placed a “dock-box” on the fourth float out. This will provide a reasonably weather and gull/crow proof, multi-mission container for deliveries often dropped off for the ferry to take, such as early morning breads from Little Notch Bakery bound for the Islesford Dock restaurant, parts from NAPA, or personal items/ groceries while waiting on a crappy day.

We bought more dock carts this summer but lost one. Its best to always turn carts upside down when left on the floats. Left upright, surprisingly little wind will roll these carts right over the side, especially when stood up with the handle in the air.

There were 43 total parking issues requiring research to resolve this year, still dropping annually from 45 in 2017, 57 in 2016, 81 in 2015, and 94 in 2014. No vehicles had to be towed. The dozen or so overnight guest parking spaces filled up for the first time I can remember and parking around our “Marsh house” became overflow.

Thanks very much to Karen Whitney who comes by at least three times per week to clean the waiting room, restroom and office if its open. Not often, but sometimes people can leave the place quite a mess but you might never know it because of Karen’s watchfulness.

This summer, for the first time I can remember a boat received substantial damage while being tied up at our facility. A brand new shiny 140 HP 4 stroke outboard got stove up when a boat tied up nearby, by the bow only, swung around and wailed on it with a sharp swim platform. This was about mid-August and if we weren’t completely fed up by then with all the careless acts that summer brings, then this one topped it off.

Our Manset facility is a place where people can park their cars or tie up their expensive boats and leave confident that they won’t be damaged. It’s not like that everywhere. Not everyone is a knowledgeable boater, but everyone is encouraged to be courteous and watch out for the other guy. There are courtesy mooring lines and fenders available right there on the floats if needed. Hopefully those who can’t tie a knot can just tie a lot and restrain their boats accordingly.

Thanks for another great season,

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Dennis Dever

Local Health Officer Report

Like a broken record player I would love to remind residents of the Cranberry Isles that I have 5 primary job roles as the Local Health Officer:

1. Offer health information and resources to the community.
2. Offer mediation and problem-solving in the resolution of complaints.
3. Investigator and enforcer of complaints that cannot be resolved.
4. Report to and inform the Board of Selectmen on the community's profile.
5. Work closely with the DHHS Public Health District Liaisons.

I would like folks to have this information from the Division of Public Health System's website:

Local Health Officer Services

"Maine LHOs role began in 1885 and have had a long and proud tradition of serving their communities. The "Local Health Officer" (LHO) is a term established by Maine Statute. The local health officer work force has a unique knowledge about how to assist and protect Maine citizens and communities. They are "on the ground", working along with public health nurses, other local health officers, environmental health officials, and other professionals who share the common goal of improving and caring for the health of their communities. The LHO monitors his or her community through identifying and/or responding to immediate and trends in health risks to individuals or the community through town resident queries and/or the sharp eye of the LHO. We recommend that you first contact your town's Local Health Officer if you have a complaint, question or concern about health risks, environmental risks, or landlord-tenant concerns."

As a town we have an amazing community health system in place. I am proud to be a part of that team.

So here is to a healthy, happy 2019 in our community!

Respectfully submitted by
Cari Alley

Cranberry Isles Health Committee Report

The Cranberry Isles Health Committee is committed to meeting the health needs of the Cranberry Isles community. The Tel-e-med clinic is open for appointments and talks with the support of the Maine Sea Coast Mission and the Islesford Neighborhood House Association. Our staff is happy to help you set up and appointment with the Southwest Harbor Community Health Center. We are located in the Ladies Parlor of the Islesford Neighborhood House. All appointments are confidential.

We have had talks on Media Literacy, Cyber bullying, and Grief Recovery on the Tel-e-med equipment. We had a presentation by Dr. Chuck Radis on Universal Health Care. We had an open house with an Acupuncture talk and glucose screening. Both islands have had Dental and Flu clinics. Great Cranberry had its Island Cooks program. Volunteers make meals during the winter months. It is appreciated not only for the wonderful meals but for the companionship offered by the cooks. The Sunbeam came to Great Cranberry for an open house with many different organizations and groups available in the MDI area.

We sent one person to the Eldercare Conference on Islesboro this past fall. Finally, we had a community gathering on Islesford with Dr. Snyder, Sharon Daley, and Douglas Cornman attending by Tel-e-Med.

Please contact us with any ideas for future clips, talks, or services. We are very grateful to the Maine Sea Coast Mission, Sharon Daley, the Mission nurse, the INHA, the Cranberry House, and the Town of Cranberry Isles for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Thomas, Stefanie Alley, Joy Sprague, Jasmine Samuel, Serena Spurling, Sally Rowan, Ann Fernald, Ingrid Gaither, Jen Walls, Colleen Bunker, Thomas and Rebecca Powell

Animal Control Officer Report

I would love to start this report by saying that it was a quiet year for 2018, but alas that would be boring. The year was eventful and filled with animals. I love meeting all the new dogs of the island and feel like we have lost many souls this past year. My thoughts go out to the families who have lost their beloved 4-legged family members this past year.

Now down to business.... I would like to remind folks that registration for your pups ensures that your pup will be able to get home to you. It is also the cheapest fee you might have in the town! Dogs can be registered in any town they live in and can have dual registration. The registration is just a formal copy for the town to know that you own the dog, that it has a current rabies vaccine, and where you reside. Dogs need to be registered after they are 6 months old and must have a current rabies vaccine.

This past year I received a lot of calls about "Feral Cats". This is an interesting topic and one that I have really enjoyed learning about. In our town we have many cats. Many times folks will see what they assume is an "abandoned" cat--a cat that seems to be hanging around for too long or sits outside the door and meows. Cats are notorious for being freewheeling and going where the cat food flows. If you offer a cat food, it will oblige. We do have cats on these islands that like to wander, but for the most part all the cats have homes with folks that love them. Speaking to the "owners" and keeping lines of communication open is so important. The best course of action is to not feed the cat if it is not yours. This will encourage the cat to head home to its family and to leave you alone. With the healthy mouse population we have on the islands, I love to see the healthy outdoor cat population. Outdoor cats, "Ferals", are so important to ecosystems. I have purchased a small paperback for each library that talks about outdoor cats and their benefits.

In conclusion I would like to say that in 2019 I would like to focus on getting appropriate signs out on the islands to remind folks that dogs need to be on a leash and that the leash needs to be in a person's control. This is an ongoing issue with dogs and owners all over the place. I know that on these islands we all have great, friendly dogs....and that day trippers want their dogs to live and enjoy the islands with them, but let's keep them and those around us safe! Leash up!

Thank you for your time and I hope you have an Animal-tastic year.

Respectfully submitted by
Cari Alley
Animal Control Officer

**TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT 2019**

**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 GCI Community Center, Great Cranberry Island, in said town, on the 16th day (Third Saturday) of March AD 2019 at 9:00 A.M. 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: \$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.
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.
5. To elect by ballot a Selectman for the term of three years.
(Term expiring: Richard Beal)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2022)

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

Recommended: \$8,000 for the chairperson, \$7,500 for others.

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

Recommended: \$10,000

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

Recommended: \$28,000

9. To elect by ballot a member of the Superintending School Committee for a term of three years. **(Term expiring: Amy Palmer).**

For information of the voters, the elected membership of this committee is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
<i>Kelly Sanborn, Chair</i>	<i>Great Cranberry</i>	<i>2020</i>
<i>Cari Alley</i>	<i>Little Cranberry</i>	<i>2021</i>
<i>Amy Palmer</i>	<i>Little Cranberry</i>	<i>2019</i>

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2022)

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

Recommended: \$18 to \$35, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, based on the type of work performed.

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.
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.
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.

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$ 361,111

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$ 66,790

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-**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$ -0-

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$14,705

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$ 22,427

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$20,450

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$35,006

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$47,300

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$56,280

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**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$71,031

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-**

Note: 2018-19 Amount was \$-0-

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

Note: 2018-19 Total Budget was \$ 695,100

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**

Explanation: The Town of Cranberry Isles'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 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.

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**

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town of Cranberry Isles' long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The borrowing of this long-term debt was approved by the voters on March 15, 2014.

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.

The School Committee recommends **\$ 397,212** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$397,212**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2019-2020 budget.

Explanation: The additional local 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 14L, 14M & 14N raise a total town appropriation of \$601,362

Note: 2018-19 Total Town Appropriation was \$564,683

Hand Count Required

Note: Article 140 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**

Note: 2018-19 Total Budget was \$695,100

- 14P. 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 2019-2020 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Total: **\$ 21,700**

School Committee recommends passage.

- 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.

School Committee recommends passage.

- 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.

School Committee recommends passage.

- 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.

School Committee recommends passage.

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

Note: This is a recommendation of the Municipal Advisory Committee, with additional recommendation for the Selectmen to explore other ways to involve community members in the decision-making process, such as having a warrant committee and other ad-hoc committees for specific projects as needed.

Written Ballot.

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.

Written Ballot.

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.

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.

Note: Money approved with this warrant article will be used to reconfigure the granite blocks in front of the Acadia National Park Museum property in order to create a breakwater for Islesford harbor. Reconfiguring the blocks in a southeast to northwest linear fashion along the shoal will also provide a wider berth for barging vessels using the Islesford barge ramp and improve overall boating safety in the harbor.

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.

Note: Money appropriated with this article will be used to complete renovations at the new Town Office Facility at 61Main Street Islesford. The additional money is needed to cover expenses resulting from modifications to the plan and over budget costs, Part of the money will also be used to install a new Generac generator system that will keep the buildings power and heating systems working during power outages.

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.

Note: Money approved with this warrant article will be used to purchase new equipment for plowing on Islesford. A new sander (Dec. 2017) and wing plow (Sept. 2018) have already been purchased with the existing reserve account. Additional planned equipment purchases include the plowing vehicle (likely a tractor) and other attachments that can be used for winter plowing, and for other public works type projects on a year-round basis.

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.

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.

Written Ballot.

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.

Contract Duration: October 15, 2019 through April 2022:
Season 1 (2019-2020) \$57,559 (FTA Grant \$25,000)
Season 2 (2020-2021) \$58,997 (FTA Grant \$25,000)
Season 3 (2021-2022) \$60,472 (FTA Grant \$25,000)

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.

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.

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.

<i>Totals</i>	\$ 329,380	\$ 334,550
Department 51	2018	2019
General Government	Approved	Proposed
Town Office: Rent & Utilities	\$ 11,050	\$ 8,500
Office Supplies & Postage	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,100
Administrative Expenses	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Insurance	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Legal	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Accounting	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,500
Website	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,500
Selectmen Compensation	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000
Contingency Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Printing	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,300
Treasurer/Tax Collector/Clerk	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Elections	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000
HCPC Dues	\$ 680	\$ 700
Tax Assessor	\$ 28,800	\$ 29,500
Administrative Assistant	\$ 47,850	\$ 47,850
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,500
Public Safety Coordinator	\$ 28,100	\$ 28,100
Payroll Taxes	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
Employee Health Benefits	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000

<i>Totals</i>	\$ 96,750	\$ 443,500
Department 52	2018	2019
Public Safety	Approved	Proposed
<i>Fire Dept. Zone 1 (GCI)</i>		
Utilities	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,000
Heating Oil	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Gasoline	\$ 200	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000
Community Safety Program	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Training	\$ 500	\$ 500
Equipment	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Testing	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,200
Maintenance	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,250
Cascade Air		
Travel	\$ 500	\$ 500
Ambulance Bay Upgrade		
GCI Water Tanker		\$ 350,000
<i>Fire Dept Zone 2 (Islesford)</i>		
Utilities	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Equipment	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000
Maintenance	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000
Testing	\$ 2,950	\$ 3,400
Heating Oil		
Gasoline	\$ 400	\$ 300
Insurance	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Training	\$ 500	\$ 500
Cascade Air		
Septic		
Travel	\$ 500	\$ 500
Propane	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<i>Fire Dept Zone 3 (Sutton)</i>		
Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<i>Cranberry Isles Rescue Svc</i>		
Islesford-Ambulance	\$ 1,225	\$ 950
Islesford-Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Islesford-Stipend	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
Islesford-Training	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
Islesford-Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Islesford-EMS Conference	\$ 4,500	\$ -

<i>Department 52</i> <i>Public Safety (continued)</i>	2018 Approved	2019 Proposed
GCI-Ambulance	\$ 725	\$ 950
GCI-Supplies	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,000
GCI-Stipend	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
GCI-Training	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
GCI-Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
911 Services	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Streetlights	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Equipment	\$ 500	\$ 500
ACO Training	\$ 500	\$ 500
Constable Compensation	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Constable Admin Expense/Training	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Harbormaster	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500
Fire Warden Training	\$ 750	\$ 750
Insurance	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500

<i>Totals</i>	\$ 144,932	\$ 146,232
<i>Department 53</i> <i>Health & Sanitation</i>	2018 Approved	2019 Proposed
Solid Waste Sutton	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,000
Solid Waste Contracts	\$ 100,922	\$ 100,922
Solid Waste Metal	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Solid Waste Tipping Fees	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000
Solid Waste Hazardous Waste	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Solid Waste Permits	\$ 850	\$ 900
Solid Waste Electricity	\$ 800	\$ 400
CEO/Plumbing Inspector	\$ 12,750	\$ 12,750
Telephone/Fax	\$ 360	\$ 360
General Assistance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
GA Supplies	\$ 750	\$ 900
Local Health Officer	\$ 800	\$ 800

<i>Totals</i>	\$ 152,168	\$235,600
Department 54	2018	2019
Public Transportation	Approved	Proposed
Town Road Maintenance-Capital Improvements	\$ 50,000	\$100,000
Snow Removal Compensation	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Snow Removal Sand/Salt	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,500
Snow Removal GCI Contract	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
Town Truck Gas	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Town Truck Insurance	\$ 800	\$ 800
Garage Heating Oil	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Capital Improvement (Tractor ~\$58k reserve)		\$ 20,000
Garage Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Winter Commuter Service (Fed Subsidy~\$25k)	\$ 55,568	\$ 58,000
Summer Commuter Service	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000

<i>Totals</i>	\$ 695,100	\$ 776,752
Department 55	2018	2019
Schools	Approved	Proposed
	\$ 695,100	\$ 776,752

<i>Totals</i>	\$ 25,000	\$ 46,000
Department 56	2018	2019
Donations	Approved	Proposed
GCI Library	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Islesford Library	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
GCI Community Center	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Islesford Neighborhood House	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Cranberry House	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Island Explorer	\$ 500	\$ 500
NEH Library	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
NEH Ambulance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Life Flight	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Human Services Donations	\$ 500	\$ 500
Cranberry Isles Education Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Hospice of Hancock	\$ 500	\$ 500
Islesford Boatworks		\$ 1,500
INHA Septic		\$ 20,000
Islesford Historical Society		\$ 1,000
Cranberry Rowers	\$ 500	\$ -
Families First	\$ 1,000	\$ -

<i>Totals</i>	\$ 404,462	\$ 397,164
Department 57	2018	2019
Debt Service	Approved	Proposed
SWH Parking-Taxable Bond	\$ 46,218	\$ 46,180
SWH Parking-Tax Exempt Bond	\$ 132,049	\$ 131,943
Islesford Municipal Garage	\$ 22,610	\$ 22,610
Islesford Roads		
Islesford Pumper Truck	\$ 11,900	
Islesford Attacker Truck	\$ 25,460	\$ 25,456
GCI Fire Truck	\$ 39,535	\$ 39,535
Hancock County Tax	\$ 82,550	\$ 84,300
Town Office	\$ 27,140	\$ 27,140
Broadband	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,000

<i>Totals</i>	\$ 475,260	\$ 343,460
Department 58	2018	2019
Municipal Facilities	Approved	Proposed
Teleconference	\$ 400	\$ 400
NEH Parking Lot Snow Removal	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,500
NEH Parking Lot Lease	\$ 41,500	\$ 42,500
Joy Road Parking Lot Insurance	\$ 750	\$ 750
Joy Road Parking Lot Lease	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Manset Parking Lot Grounds	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Manset Parking Lot Maint. & Repairs	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Manset Parking Lot Snow Removal	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Manset Parking Lot Insurance	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200
Manset Parking Lot SWH Property Tax	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000
Manset Parking Lot Janitorial	\$ 500	\$ 500
Manset Parking Lot Enforcement	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,000
Manset Parking Lot Capital Improvements	\$ 20,000	
Manset Warehouse Utilities	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000
Manset Warehouse Insurance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Mansell Road Building Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Mansell Road Building Grounds	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Mansell Road Building Snow Removal	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Mansell Road Building SWH Property Tax	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200
Mansell Road Utilities	\$ 600	\$ 600
Town Restrooms Maint. & Improvement	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Town Restrooms Cleaning	\$ 10,810	\$ 10,810

<i>Department 58 Municipal Facilities (continued)</i>	2018 Approved	2019 Proposed
Town Restrooms Supplies	\$ 800	\$ 1,100
Wharves/Floats/Ramps Electricity	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Wharves/Floats/Ramps Maint. Sutton		
Wharves/Floats/Ramps Moorings	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Wharves/Floats/Ramps Insurance	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400
Wharves/Floats/Ramps Contracts	\$ 36,600	\$ 36,600
Wharves/Floats/Ramps GCI Year Round Float	\$ 80,000	
Wharves/Floats/Ramps Hoists		
Wharves/Floats/Ramps Manset Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 500
Wharves/Floats/Ramps Manset Maint/Rep	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Wharves/Floats/Islesford Float Replacements		\$ 28,200
Wharves/Floats/Islesford Float Maintenance		\$ 5,000
Wharves/Floats/Islesford Breakwater		\$ 75,000
Town Land-Cemeteries	\$ 500	\$ 500
Town Land-Town Office	\$ 75,000	\$ 30,000
Town Land-LCI Town Field	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Town Land-Hadlock Park	\$	\$ 5,000
Internet	\$ 100,000	
Internet Maintenance	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000

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

Town Operations Budget

Applied Resources	
Loans	\$425,000
From Reserves	\$0
Estimated General Funds Receipts	\$194,926
School Dept. (State Subsidies & Misc.)	\$175,390
Commuter Service Subsidy	\$25,000
Property Taxes (2018)	\$1,902,942
Total	\$2,723,258

NOTICE

The Registrar of Voters, Denise McCormick, gives notice that she will be in the Cranberry Isles Town Office, 61 Main Street, Islesford, Maine on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of March 2019 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., and at the GCI Community Center, Great Cranberry Island on the day of the meeting, March 16, at 8:30 A.M. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters for said Town.

* All new voter registrations must provide proof of identification and proof of residency.

Given under our hand and Town seal this 5th day of February, 2019.



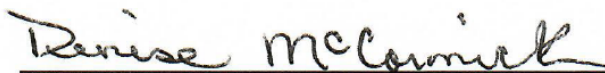

Richard F. Beal, Chairman


Florence Joy Sprague


Cory R. Alley

Attest: I, Denise McCormick, Clerk of the Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine do hereby attest and certify this document to be a true copy of the Warrant 2019 to be placed before the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles on 16 March 2019.




Denise McCormick

Notes

Islesford Constable Report

I would like to take a moment to thank Richard Howland. He retired from his position as Islesford Constable in March of 2018 after serving the Cranberry Isles community for twelve years. Richard helped diffuse many situations with his clear thinking and extraordinary personal skills. He brought great leadership to the position of Constable and offered a true peace of mind to the island.

In September of 2018, I took over as Constable of Islesford. I was reluctant to take on this job but knew that the position couldn't be left vacant. I have big shoes to fill, but I have a great support group which will allow me to handle new challenges to the best of my ability.

I am grateful for this community that largely polices itself. Thank you to everyone for helping to keep this a relatively low volume position.

I do think it is important to point out a few areas that we can improve on:

1. Keep in mind how fast you're driving no matter the time of year. The kids deserve to enjoy this wonderful place just as much as we adults do. Think about them and what hiding spot they could pop out of when you drive down the road.
2. Kids should not be driving. Not in golf carts, or cars. There is too much at risk to allow them to drive, especially in the summer. Be courteous to all and don't allow them behind the wheel.
3. While we are on the topic of vehicles, we should make sure our island transportation is insured. We all know that island vehicles aren't in the most pristine condition. These vehicles should be insured if only to protect our neighbors in the event that an accident causes damage to someone else's property. Please also take the time to complete basic maintenance on your vehicles. Let's try to avoid accidents!
4. Be mindful of your neighbors. Island life can be claustrophobic at times. Let's make 2019 the "Year of the Neighbor" and do our best to be mindful of everyone's freedom to enjoy the island peacefully.

Please feel free to call, text or email if you have issues on the Islesford. I will do my best to help sort them out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katelyn Damon
Constable
(207) 479-8118
katelyn@cranberryisles-me.gov

Emergency Management

In August, Acadia National Park Rangers visited Sutton Island to provide homeowners with information on forest management and the National Firewise Program. The purpose of this visit was to educate homeowners on how to take steps to clear up their forested land and reduce the risk of loss to homes from wildfire. These classes will be extended to Great Cranberry and Islesford in the warmer months of 2019.

I will continue to work with the National Park and Maine Forest Rangers to establish a community wildfire protection plan. I urge homeowners to take steps on their own to clean forested land and to create defensible spaces around homes so as to help mitigate the threat of out of control wildfire on the islands.

During the fall of 2018, I have been working with Emera to identify problem trees that should be limbed or cut down. Emera has dispatched several contractor crews to take care of these problem trees on Great Cranberry and Islesford and they still have more work to complete as of December 2018.

Our tree issues prompted the Board of Selectmen to task the Municipal Advisory Commission to investigate problem areas around the islands where power infrastructure is vulnerable, as well as research steps that could be taken in order to alleviate some of the issues we have with electrical reliability. I have spoken to Emera about this project and I will be working directly with them to understand our perceived issues and how Emera may be able to help us.

This project will be ongoing and even if it does provide us with tangible infrastructure upgrades that the town could undertake, it will not completely stop us from experiencing power outages. We will still have rogue trees that fall and take out power to Cranberry, Islesford, Sutton and Bear. We may also experience disruption of service due to power loss off the island. These outages will vary in length and as we have seen in the past can last several days.

Power outages require preparation in advance.

- If you have a transfer switch and generator you will need to store gas. I recommend ethanol free gas if you have access to it.
- You should keep water reserves for flushing, as well as bottled water for drinking, washing, and brushing. (Don't forget pets!)
- Think ahead about what you can cook during a power outage. You may only have an outdoor grill to cook with (do not bring it inside). Shelf stable packaged foods are usually easy to prepare if you do not have a regular means of cooking food during an outage. The Islesford Neighborhood House and the Great Cranberry Island Ladies Aid are available for cooking needs, if necessary.
- Seek out help from neighbors. It is easy to get nearsighted and forget to check in on those around us while we are worrying about our own needs. So, if you need help, be sure to ask!
- Keep your eye on Facebook during an outage. I have found that the best way to communicate outage information is via Facebook and the 'Cranberry Isles Information Page'. This bulletin board style page allows me to update numerous people at once in regard to the status of power restoration in the Cranberry Isles.

We must work to the best of our abilities to make each of our homes self-sufficient during a power outage. This will be easier said than done for some, as resources may not allow for serious upgrades such as

electrical transfer switches and generators. While I highly recommend these things, I know that it may not always be feasible. Do what you can to make your time without power less stressful. Speak with your neighbors ahead of time to establish a plan for help during an outage. Maybe your neighbor has a generator and you can get water from them or charge your phone.

If you are looking for more information on how to become prepared for a power outage or any other topic discussed here please feel free to reach out by calling, emailing or texting:

Katelyn@cranberryisles-me.gov
(207) 479-8118

I am happy to meet with people who have questions. I will do my best to answer your questions or put you in touch with someone who can answer them.

I will also be working with Andrew Sankey-- Hancock County's Emergency Management Director-- to plan a training event on how to be best prepared for power outages, cold weather, and prolonged Mailboat cancellations. Please keep your eyes open for information on these events.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katelyn Damon
Town of Cranberry Isles Public Safety Coordinator



Zip Code the Cat turns 20 this year (Joy Sprague)

Town of Cranberry Isles Volunteer Fire Department Project Status & Long Range Planning Report

- 2018
 - Review unfinished projects and tie up loose ends.
 - Firewise Class on Sutton Island.
 - IVFD Well Drilled
 - Focus on Training/ Networking
- 2019
 - Water Master Tanker for GCI (\$350,000) Quoted from Greenwood Emergency Apparatus/ E-One
 - Ongoing Firewise Classes and Forest Management
- 2020
 - GCI Cistern (Gravel Pit Entrance) (\$200,000**)
 - Purchase used Ambulance for GCI using private/ reserve funds.
- 2021
 - LCI Wildland Vehicle (Trailer to be used with Town Tractor) (\$75,000**)
- 2022
 - Second Cistern on Islesford- Location to be determined (\$200,000**)
 - Duplicate 2020 Wildland Vehicle for GCI (\$75,000**)
- 2023
 - Second Cistern on GCI (Area of Encarnation?) (\$200,000**)
- 2024
 - Apply for ISO Level 8.
- 2025
 - Potential to purchase used ambulance for LCI using private/ reserve funds.
- Ongoing
 - Liquid funds for training
 - Continued private fundraising for both islands.
 - Continued grant search for both islands.
 - Constant reassessment of needs. Planning is fluid based on budgetary needs for a given year.

**All figures stated above are based on estimates from 2017/2018 and are subject to change as projects become closer to being budgeted.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions about this or any other public safety related items.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katelyn Damon
Town of Cranberry Isles Public Safety Coordinator

Islesford Volunteer Fire Department Report

2018 was another productive year for the Islesford Volunteer Fire Department (IVFD). We held joint training with the Great Cranberry Fire Department and we trained on Sutton Island. We had several successful field burns in the spring. We had a fun and informative fire safety awareness class with the students at the Ashley Bryan School. We received our *Class 9* status which became effective in June of 2018.

Most importantly, we had our most serious call in several years--a vehicle fire. When the call went out several of our fire department members leapt into action and used their training to quickly and safely extinguish the fire. While the vehicle was still a total loss, trained responders turned what could have potentially been a catastrophic situation into a much more manageable event.

The one thing that I can never stress enough is prevention. That is always the main goal of our department, and being on an island with very limited mutual aid resources, prevention is our first line of defense. Prevention means being diligent about disposing of your ashes from your wood stove, always calling for a burn permit before an open burn, being mindful of where cigarette butts end up, and not being afraid to call me if you see smoke or somebody participating in some questionable burning practices. We are all on this small island together and we need to make sure we work together to stay safe.

I don't think this report would be complete without a mention of Courtney Chaplin, who passed away in October of 2018. The Islesford Volunteer Fire Department had fallen into a state of disrepair and neglect by the late 1990's. Courtney came on board as chief and slowly and surely began to turn things around. He got the old trucks up and running again, gathered up some new turnout gear, and started organizing monthly trainings teaching us how to use the trucks. I was just 19 when I joined and things felt like they were really coming together for our department.

It isn't hard to notice Courtney's impact even to this day. It was Courtney that advocated the town to build a new fire station on Islesford and it was Courtney who gathered up a group of 10 of us to travel to Jackson, Mississippi and receive some of the best training many of us had ever had. It was Courtney that fought to get us our vacuum tanker. That really got the ball rolling on replacing our outdated fleet of trucks on both islands. It was Courtney that believed in me when I took over as Chief in 2010, even though he had left the department after stepping down as chief. He was always happy to answer my questions with his wealth of knowledge and he always made a point of telling me he was proud of what we had done with the department. He will be sadly missed in many ways, but we must never forget everything he gave to make this department what it is today.

The last thing I will say is that we continue to have a need for new members. It's a great group of people we have on our Department and I'm very proud of every one of them. We can always use some fresh blood, so please consider volunteering in any capacity that you're able to. Thank you for your support and I look forward to serving the town in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief
Richard Howland

Great Cranberry Island Volunteer Fire Department Report

2018 was a successful year for the Great Cranberry Island Volunteer Fire Department. We held several joint trainings with the Islesford Volunteer Fire Department, trained on Sutton Island, and held a very successful Fireman's Supper in August. We also received our *Class 9* status which became effective in June of 2018.

In 2019, we will be asking for funding for an International Watermaster Vacuum Tanker. This Tanker will help to complete the last crucial piece of the fire truck puzzle for this town. Islesford already has a Vacuum Tanker and a pumper, both in immaculate condition. Great Cranberry has the pumper "Harry" which we purchased in 2016, but we do not have a tanker that is in reliable working condition. The tanker is what moves water from the water source and delivers it to the pumper--which would be stationed at the fire. In order to create a successful water shuttle and have a successful firefighting operation, both trucks are equally important. I hope the town can understand how important this piece of the puzzle truly is. We will finance this truck as we have done with all previous apparatus purchases. The payments on this new truck will start in 2020, and last for 7-10 years depending on what rates we receive from the financing company.

The last thing that I would like to say, and I believe this is equally if not more important than the truck, is generating new membership in our department. We welcome anyone who is a team player regardless of age, gender, or skill set. There is always something to do and it's a great group to be involved in. I really want to give a special thank you to Mike Westphal, Tom Powell, Mark Alley, Jake Kuester, and Katelyn Damon for going above and beyond. They have really been there to support the Department whenever they are called upon. Thanks to everyone else that has given their time and countless hours to make this department what it is and thank you to everyone in the town that supports us. I look forward to serving the town again in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Richard Howland



(Joy Sprague)

Great Cranberry Island Volunteer Fire Department
192 Cranberry Road
Cranberry Isles, Maine 04625

Fire Chief: Richard Howland

President:
Thomas Powell

Vice President
Branden Stubbs



Treasurer:
Michael Westphal

Secretary:
Katelyn Damon

The Great Cranberry Island Volunteer Fire Department is looking purchase a 2019 International 4400 Watermaster Vacuum Tanker. This is the same truck as the Islesford Volunteer Fire Department Tanker, holding 2,500 gallons of water. It will also be equipped with a small onboard pump, which the Islesford Tanker does not have. This pump will allow for greater versatility in firefighting scenarios to the Great Cranberry Department. The cost of this truck is \$350,000 through Greenwood Emergency Vehicle. This is the same company with which we have purchased our last two engines. The truck purchase would be financed for a 7-10 year period at an interest rate that has yet to be determined. The Cranberry Engine “Harry” purchased in 2016 for \$247,333 was done so at a rate of 2.89% for a term of 7 years.

The purchase of the new tanker will help advance firefighting operations on Great Cranberry, along with the proposed installation of a cistern on Great Cranberry in 2020. This Tanker and Cistern would be beneficial to Great Cranberry in the following ways:

- Turnaround time for a tanker shuttle would be cut in half. The Islesford Watermaster Tanker can refill 2,500 gallons in under two minutes.
- The Cistern and Tanker will allow for water to be accessible with smaller amounts of manpower. Ideally, one person will be able to drive the tanker to the proposed cistern and draft water into the truck leaving much-needed manpower at the scene fighting the fire.
- The Cistern would provide year-round access to clean water for firefighting.
- The Cistern is a necessary infrastructure upgrade to make fighting a structure fire more feasible. The current dry hydrant system on Great Cranberry is not ideal, with water access consisting of a pond and a dug well.
- The installation of the cistern and purchase of the new tanker will help lower insurance rates on the island.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katelyn Damon
Town of Cranberry Isles Public Safety Coordinator

Cranberry Isles Rescue Service Report

The Cranberry Isles Rescue Service (CIRS) includes the following members: Luke Abell, Katelyn Damon, Cory Duggan, Paul Fernald, Margaret Houghton, Sharon Morrell, Tom Powell, Rebecca Powell, David Rackliff, Kelly Sanborn, Mary Schuch, and Emily Wright.

As most of the town is aware, in March of 2018 we lost a long time member of the Service, Hugh Smallwood. Hugh served as President of our Board, spending countless hours working to set up EMS response on Islesford and later helping to expand coverage to Great Cranberry Island. Hugh valued experience-based training and worked extensively to set up opportunities for members of CIRS and Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service to ride along with Baltimore City Fire Department and shadow critical care teams at the Baltimore Shock Trauma Center. The loss of Hugh's guidance and direction leaves a void that cannot be filled.

In October, we lost Courtney Chaplin who worked alongside Hugh to build up the CIRS in its early years. They encouraged Islesford residents to volunteer their time as First Responders and later as Emergency Medical Technicians.

Courtney spent many hours responding to requests for assistance as an EMT and also served as the Islesford Volunteer Fire Chief. He volunteered his time to organize training opportunities and procure much-needed firefighting equipment, among other contributions. He was instrumental in setting up the groundwork for the IVFD as it stands today.

Hugh and Courtney were integral parts of the Cranberry Isles community. Their leadership and dedication to our public safety and emergency response services have made it possible for us to operate as effectively as we do today. The Town of Cranberry Isles Fire and Rescue

Auxiliary, Inc. received many donations in memory of Hugh and Courtney.

Our hope is to use these funds to provide educational opportunities for community members, to include boating safety and mental health awareness.

We would like to take this time to reiterate the necessity of calling 911 when you are in a crisis situation. The CIRS exists to render emergency medical care and facilitate transportation to a hospital. Community members continue to seek out EMTs privately and, frankly, this is inconsiderate and inefficient. Not only is this bringing an issue into the home of an EMT and compromising their space, but also it hampers the effectiveness of our ability to help. If you choose not to call 911 and seek out help directly from an EMT, they will be caught off guard and without any equipment. They will not be able to provide proper assistance that is required and their ability to manage the scene will be compromised. The ambulance is where all medical equipment is stored, not in our homes. You will actually slow down the time that it takes to get care. A solo EMT will not only have to try and assess you and your ailment, but they will also need to



(Katelyn Damon)

find someone to retrieve the ambulance to bring equipment, as well as find more hands to help. By dialing 911, numerous trained responders will be alerted at once to your emergency. EMTs can bring the ambulance to you and will be able to assist in a faster, more organized manner. We answer to higher authorities and are required to submit detailed reports to Maine EMS, so if you are seeking out an EMT to assess whether or not your issue requires more advanced care, you should be calling 911. We appreciate your cooperation as we strive to provide the best care possible.

In 2018, the service responded to fifteen requests for assistance. July was our busiest month. We were pleased to have a number of responders turn out for these requests, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and commitment to our community.

As always, thank you to the Cranberry Isles for your continued support!

Respectfully Submitted,

Katelyn Damon, CIRS Chief
Mary Schuch, CIRS Assistant Chief

Undesignated Funds are unspent general funds at the end of a fiscal year that were raised for that year's budget, but were not needed. The municipal officers are not authorized to use these funds without voter approval.

Reserve Funds that are allocated at Town Meeting to be placed into a Reserve (e.g. Fire Department funds). Alternatively, they are funds from state and/or federal monies that must be placed in reserve for the designated purpose of the funds (e.g. Highway Reserve, Education Reserve, etc). The municipal officers are authorized to use these funds, so long as it is for the purpose they were intended.

<i>Cranberry Isles</i>	17-18	18-19	18-19	19-20			School Committee Approved
<i>School Department</i>	Actual	Current	Anticipated	Proposed	\$	%	1/4/2019
Fund Balance	Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget	Difference	Difference	Notes
Carryover	153,960	109,417	179,429	154,390	44,974	41.10%	
Revenues							
Miscellaneous/ Rent/Ins Claim	26,494	6,000	5,000	6,000	-	-	\$500/month
Transfer from Tuition Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	
State Subsidy	25,031	15,000	24,479	15,000	-	-	Estimate
Property Taxes							
Town Appropriation	532,475	564,683	564,683	564,362	(322)	-0.06%	w/o additional items
Articles 16L, 16M & 16N	EPS & Additional Local Funds	Articles		\$564,362			
<i>Total Revenues</i>	737,959	695,100	773,591	739,752	44,652	6.42%	Increase per \$100,000 valuation -\$0.17 (w/o Additional Items)
Expenditures							
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	558,530	695,100	619,201	739,752	44,652	6.42%	
Additional Items:							
Elevator Shaft Remodel				\$ 35,000	35,000	n/a	Cost Center: Facilities Maintenance
Establish Maintenance Reserve (Article 16S)				\$ 2,000	2,000	n/a	Cost Center: Facilities Maintenance
Town Appropriation w/ Additional Items				601,362	36,678	6.50%	Increase per \$100,000 valuation
<i>Total Budget w/Additional Items</i>				776,752	81,652	11.75%	\$19.08 (w/Additional Items)
Article 16O	Total Expenditures			\$776,752			

Total Expenditures by Category	17-18	18-19	18-19	19-20	\$	%	Explanation
Regular Instruction	Actual Expend.	Current Budget	Anticipated Expend.	Proposed Budget	Difference	Difference	
Teacher Salaries 3-8	62,055	69,790	65,147	68,982	(808)	-1.16%	Incl. Music/Art/Phys. Ed./French
Ed. Tech. Salary 3-8	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	
Negotiated Agreements	-	9,000	-	-	(9,000)	-100.00%	
Substitutes	1,712	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	n/a	\$80/day (37.5 Days)
Benefits - Tchrs. - 3-8	3,528	3,950	3,531	3,870	(80)	-2.03%	Incl. 5.42% Retirement cost
Benefits - Ed. Tech. 3-8	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	
Benefits - Subs/Tutors	109	230	230	230	-	-	
BC/BS: Teachers 3-8	20,187	27,965	11,416	23,588	(4,377)	-15.65%	10% Rate Increase
Deductible Coverage & Fees	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	n/a	
Tuition Reimb.: Taxable & Non	-	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	-	1 - 3 credit course
Unemployment	75	-	-	-	-	n/a	
Worker's Comp. Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	
Other Prof. Svcs.: Counsel, etc	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	
Repairs & Maint: Equipment	-	100	50	100	-	-	
Staff Travel	9,430	9,800	9,700	10,000	200	2.04%	Incl Specials/Princ/Boat Mon/SpEd
Teaching Supplies	1,384	2,000	1,800	1,500	(500)	-25.00%	
Books & Periodicals	479	1,000	1,000	750	(250)	-25.00%	
Equipment	1,486	2,000	2,000	1,500	(500)	-25.00%	
Dues, Fees, Conf.	55	400	400	400	-	-	
Miscellaneous	-	200	200	200	-	-	Dir Dep Fees, Misc.
Special Academic Programs	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-	
Teacher Salary K-2	62,784	62,784	63,866	65,000	2,216	3.53%	
Boat Monitor/School Care	19,430	30,000	29,952	30,000	-	-	
Benefits - Tchrs. - K-2	3,334	3,403	3,462	3,647	244	7.17%	Incl. 3.36% Retirement cost
Benefits - Boat Monitor/Schl Care	282	1,650	1,600	1,675	25	1.52%	
BC/BS: Teachers K-2	17,976	19,733	10,454	7,933	(11,800)	-59.80%	
Deductible Coverage	-	-	-	800	800	n/a	
Teaching Supplies - K-2	73	1,600	1,600	1,000	(600)	-37.50%	
Books & Periodicals - K-2	67	500	500	500	-	-	
Dues, Fees, Conf. - K-2	-	250	250	250	-	-	
Safety Factor Contingency	-	8,000	8,000	8,000	-	-	
Tuition:Reg Second/Tsfr to Reserve	71,876	100,256	75,000	104,000	3,744	3.73%	18-19 (4) & 2 Extra/19-20 (7) & 1 Es
<i>Total Regular Instruction</i>	278,321	361,111	296,658	342,425	(18,686)	-5.17%	4% Tuit. rate incr. proj.
Article 16A	Regular Instruction			\$342,425			

	17-18 Actual Expend.	18-19 Proposed Budget	18-19 Anticipated Expend.	19-20 Proposed Budget	\$ Difference	% Difference	Explanation	
Special Education								
Salaries - Tchr. - Res. Rm.	8,729	26,325	21,869	27,400	1,075	4.08%	60% (18-19) minus Local Entitle Grt	
Salaries - Ed. Tech. - Res. - Elem	4,884	9,396	-	-	(9,396)	-100.00%		
Benefits - Tchr. - Res. Rm.	473	1,427	1,186	1,538	111	7.78%		
Benefits - Ed. Tech. - Res-Elem	374	510	-	-	(510)	-100.00%		
BC/BS: Teachers Res Rm	-	1,200	13,100	13,057	11,857	988.08%		
Deductible Coverage	-	-	-	960	960	n/a		
Tuition: Spec. Ed. / Reserve	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-		
Teaching Supplies	280	300	400	500	200	66.67%		
Books & Periodicals	801	200	300	300	100	50.00%		
Equipment	-	200	200	200	-	-		
Dues, Fees, Conf.	22	100	100	100	-	-		
Spec Svcs Assessment/AOS	10,040	7,282	7,282	8,322	1,040	14.28%		
Prof. Svcs.: Therapy/Counsel.	1,071	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-		
Other Prof. Svcs. - Speech	640	9,000	7,000	5,000	(4,000)	-44.44%		
Other Prof. Svcs. - OT	73	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-		
Other Prof. Svcs. - PT	1,044	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-		
Dues & Fees - Medicaid Bill.	23	100	75	100	-	-		
Tuition Surchge - Sp Ed - Secon	695	750	600	13,000	12,250	1633.33%		Spec Ed Tuition
Salaries: Ed. Tech. - Secondary	-	-	-	25,368	25,368	n/a		\$18.53 x 37 x 37
Benefits: Ed. Tech. - Secondary	-	-	-	1,423	1,423	n/a		
BC/BS: Ed. Tech. - Secondary	-	-	-	21,760	21,760	n/a		
Deductible Coverage - Second.	-	-	-	1,600	1,600	n/a		
Prof. Svcs. - Speech - Second.	-	-	-	-	-	n/a		
Prof. Svcs.: OT - Secondary	-	-	-	1,200	1,200	n/a		
Prof. Svcs.: PT - Secondary	-	-	-	2,500	2,500	n/a		
<i>Total Special Education</i>	34,148	66,790	62,112	134,328	67,538	101.12%		
Article 16B	Special Education			\$134,328				
Article 16C	Career & Technical Education			\$ -				

Other Instruction

Co-Curricular

Co-Curricular: Stipends	4,800	3,600	3,600	3,600	-	-	Overnight Chaperones
Co-Curricular: Benefits	370	275	275	275	-	-	
Fine Arts Perform/Enrichment	-	200	200	200	-	-	
Supplies	-	200	200	200	-	-	
Special Boats - E/C	1,009	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	
Athletic Stipends	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-	
Athletic Benefits (Med./SS)	153	230	230	230	-	-	
Athl: Prof Svcs.Swim/Sports	1,998	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	-	Swim Lessons & Sports
Athletic: Misc. Exp.	215	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	
<i>Total Co-Curricular</i>	10,545	14,705	14,705	14,705	-	-	
Article 16D	Other Instruction			\$ 14,705			

Student & Staff Support

Guidance

Salaries: Guidance	2,465	3,500	3,200	3,840	340	9.71%	2 - 5 hr. days/mo. & Extra 20 hrs
Benefits: Guidance Counsel.	189	268	245	295	27	10.07%	
Supplies	-	100	100	100	-	-	
<i>Total Guidance</i>	2,654	3,868	3,545	4,235	367	9.49%	

Health Services

Other Prof. Svcs.: Nurse	414	1,750	1,278	1,500	(250)	-14.29%	Contract w MDI Hospital
Supplies	15	200	200	200	-	-	
Dues, Fees, Conf.	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	
<i>Total Health Services</i>	429	1,950	1,478	1,700	(250)	-12.82%	

	17-18 Actual Expend.	18-19 Current Budget	18-19 Anticipated Expend.	19-20 Proposed Budget	\$ Difference	% Difference	Explanation
Improvement of Instruction							
Curric & Tech Assessm/AOS	8,895	10,353	10,353	11,407	1,054	10.18%	Part of Supt's. Office Assessment
Mentor Stipend	423	-	-	-	-	n/a	
Benefits - Mentor Stipend	23	-	-	-	-	n/a	
Curriculum Dev & Certif.	132	156	180	180	24	15.38%	\$12/student
<i>Total Improve. Of Instruction</i>	9,472	10,509	10,533	11,587	1,078	10.26%	
Library & Audio Visual							
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Books & Periodicals	-	200	200	200	-	-	Trade Books incl.
<i>Total Library & AV</i>	-	200	200	200	-	-	
Technology							
Professional Svcs.	2,000	2,300	2,000	2,000	(300)	-13.04%	Contracted w district for addtl svcs
Svc. Agreem./Maint./Repairs	434	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	
Software	238	800	800	1,000	200	25.00%	ALEKS/Reading A-Z
AOS Software/Site Licenses	499	1,000	1,500	1,500	500	50.00%	Site Licenses
Equipment - Tech. Related	-	800	800	800	-	-	Laptops / Headphones
Dues/Fees	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	
<i>Total Technology</i>	3,171	5,900	6,100	6,300	400	6.78%	
Article 16E	Student & Staff Support			\$ 24,022			

System Administration							
Office of Superintendent							
Assessment: Administration	10,421	11,835	11,835	12,205	370	3.13%	Estimate Cranb's Share of AOS #91 = 1.97%
<i>Total Office of Supt.</i>	10,421	11,835	11,835	12,205	370	3.13%	Incr. of .08% from 1.89% in 18-19
School Committee							
Stipends: School Committee	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	-	
Benefits: School Committee	115	115	115	115	-	-	
Prof. Svcs.: Legal & Audit	4,884	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	
Advertising	1,961	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	-	
Dues / Fees / Conferences	112	500	450	500	-	-	
<i>Total School Committee</i>	8,572	8,615	8,565	8,615	-	-	
Article 16F	System Administration			\$ 20,820			

	17-18 Actual Expend.	18-19 Current Budget	18-19 Anticipated Expend.	19-20 Proposed Budget	\$ Difference	% Difference	Explanation
School Administration							
Office of Principal							
Principal's Salary	23,941	23,941	23,941	24,779	838	3.50%	60 Day Contract
Benefits - Principal	1,318	1,298	1,298	1,391	93	7.16%	Incl. 5.61% Retirement cost
BC/BS: Principal	1,200	7,205	6,551	6,529	(676)	-9.38%	
Deductible Coverage	-	-	-	480	480	n/a	
Tuition Reimb.	-	500	500	500	-	-	1 - 3 credit course (Pro-rated)
Svc. Agreem - Copier	-	200	200	200	-	-	
Rental - Copier Lease	186	187	187	187	-	-	Payment 4 of 5
Staff Travel	479	350	350	350	-	-	Travel
Office Supplies / Postage	243	275	275	275	-	-	
Dues / Fees / Conferences	685	300	400	400	100	33.33%	
Miscellaneous	1,457	750	750	750	-	-	
<i>Total Office of Principal</i>	29,508	35,006	34,452	35,841	835	2.39%	
Article 16G	School Administration			\$ 35,841			

Transportation and Buses
Student Transportation

	17-18 Actual Expend.	18-19 Current Budget	18-19 Anticipated Expend.	19-20 Proposed Budget	\$ Difference	% Difference	Explanation
Repairs & Maint - Schl Car	13	800	300	800	-	-	
Room & Board - Secondary	2,340	26,000	20,000	27,000	1,000	3.85%	\$150/Week
Student Transp Purch - Elem.	11,540	14,000	14,000	14,000	-	-	Transp fr GCI to ABS
Student Transp Purch - Sec.	4,484	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	-	
Fuel	208	500	-	500	-	-	
<i>Total Transportation</i>	18,585	47,300	40,300	48,300	1,000	2.11%	
Article 16H	Transportation & Buses			\$ 48,300			

Facilities Maintenance
Operation & Maint. Of Plant

Salaries: Custodians	6,781	8,500	8,000	8,500	-	-	9 hrs./wk x 45 weeks
Benefits - Custodians	519	650	612	650	-	-	
Purchased Prof. Svcs.(Caretaker)	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	-	-	
Insurance: Building/Equip.	2,636	2,500	2,075	2,500	-	-	
Telephone	5,139	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-	
Supplies	733	800	800	800	-	-	
Electricity	2,433	2,500	2,700	2,800	300	12.00%	
Heating Oil/ Propane	8,587	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	-	
Equipment	200	500	500	500	-	-	
Dues / Fees / Conferences	55	130	100	130	-	-	
Miscellaneous	470	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-	
Repairs & Maint - Bldgs.	13,581	6,000	8,000	8,000	2,000	33.33%	
Repairs & Maint - Grounds	1,985	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	
Repairs & Maint - Equipment	400	-	-	-	-	n/a	
<i>Total Oper. & Maint.</i>	45,920	44,980	46,187	47,280	2,300	5.11%	
Capital Outlay							
Land & Improvements	1,420	3,800	1,500	-	(3,800)	-100.00%	
Buildings	5,200	6,500	9,000	1,000	(5,500)	-84.62%	Moving Expenses(LONGF)
Equipment	11,376	1,000	1,000	-	(1,000)	-100.00%	
<i>Total Capital Outlay</i>	17,996	11,300	11,500	1,000	(10,300)	-91.15%	
Article 16I	Facilities Maintenance			\$ 48,280			

Debt Service

Interest	16,027	15,475	15,475	15,475	-	-	Payment Year 6 of 10
Principal	72,761	55,556	55,556	55,556	-	-	
<i>Total Debt Service</i>	88,788	71,031	71,031	71,031	-	-	
Article 16J	Debt Service & Other Commitmen			\$ 71,031			
Article 16K	All Other Expenditures			\$ -			

Projected Reserve Balances (6/30/19):

Tuition Reserve	\$ 28,477
Special Education Reserve	\$ 75,611

This report focuses on the collective achievements of students, teachers and administrators across our K-8 schools and/or at the MDI High School during the 2017-2018 school year. Once again, the generous support of our local communities resulted in our being able to make and sustain enhancements to many aspects of our educational programming. We increased the number of high school electives, added curriculum-based grade level hands-on science experiences in collaboration with our Education Partners, and expanded professional development opportunities for teachers and ed techs. We improved safety and security at all schools. Our students continued to be recognized at the regional and state level in sports and the performing arts. All nine MDIRSS schools scored above the state average in reading and math on the state assessments. More students met their growth targets in reading and math on the NWEA assessments and more students met or exceeded the benchmark in writing on our local writing assessment over the previous year. Student enrollments held steady. While we recognize there is always more to be done to address the needs of all of our learners, we feel that the combined efforts of MDIRSS educators continue to improve our educational program at all levels.

Big Picture

Looking back, we... <i>(September 2017 - August 2018)</i>	Looking ahead, we plan to... <i>(September 2018 to August 2019)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Negotiated successor collective bargaining agreements. ● Completed initial stage of a Long-Range Planning Process with community visioning and input from stakeholders. ● Completed final phase of Department of Education Special Education Program Audit. ● Developed 11 budgets approved by the boards that oversee them as well as town councils; completed successful annual audit process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide recommendations related to potential program alignment, sharing of personnel, facilities, transportation, pre-K, strategic use of resources and reorganization of services. ● Work with partners to help deliver services and programming. ● Maintain a steady focus on effective standards-based teaching, learning, tracking and reporting. ● Launch a district-wide Health and Wellness Initiative.

Goal 1: Improve Student Achievement and Engagement in School

Rationale: *Success in the 21st century requires students to leave their K-12 educational experience with high levels of literacy and numeracy. As a district, we need to be engaged in a cycle of continuous improvement to best serve all of our students each year. Programming [curriculum, course of study, pathways, RTI (Response to Intervention), etc.], therefore, must be specifically targeted to improving reading, writing, mathematics, critical thinking and student engagement. New and existing programs of study must be measured by how well they contribute to improvement in these five areas. Parents need to be informed and actively involved as partners with the school system in supporting their children’s education.*

Looking back, we... <i>(September 2017 to August 2018)</i>	Looking ahead, we plan to... <i>(September 2018 to August 2019)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provided instructional staff with professional development and strategies for addressing the needs of students with anxiety. ● Developed and began to implement a district-wide arts-integration initiative. ● Added student representation to the MDIHS Board. ● Expanded use of Design Thinking in conjunction with high school classes and added an Advanced Design Thinking course. ● Completed initial implementation of a common report card and reporting system across schools. ● Implemented a full set of curriculum-aligned common grade level field trips and opportunities with the help of our Education Partners. ● Added a part-time district ELL Coordinator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start Pre-K program in one school; explore implementation of Pre-K programs in other towns. ● Focus attention on social emotional learning/mindfulness, improving Habits of Work and strengthening students’ executive function and self-regulation. ● Continue to strengthen the Response-to-Intervention (RTI) program in all MDIRSS schools, K-12. ● Improve attendance data; form an Attendance Task Force to examine chronic absenteeism in our schools. ● Connect middle and high school eligibility requirements for participation in extracurricular activities to Habits of Work. ● Complete grant requirements for Active Learning Center. ● Implement a Parent Education series and reinvigorate the Parent-School Compact. ● Review expectations and consistency across schools for homework and use of electronic devices/screen time.

Goal 2: Improve Teaching and Learning

Rationale: Research shows that quality teaching is the most important variable in student achievement. Skilled teachers who are supported by administrators, have quality teaching materials, have access to, and utilize timely data about student learning, and who actively participate in ongoing professional development make a positive difference for students. Therefore, it is important that the district prioritize teacher professional development, support, supervision and evaluation.

Looking back, we... (September 2017 to August 2018)	Looking ahead, we plan to... (September 2018 to August 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provided instructional coaching to middle and high school teachers through the addition of part-time middle and high school instructional coach positions. ● Established/strengthened School Leadership Teams at the larger schools. ● Provided timely feedback to teachers based on individual and school-wide goals. ● Successfully implemented a Math Workshop model in K-5 classrooms. ● Expanded professional development offerings including many with our Education Partners. ● Strengthened the use of data to inform instruction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add a part-time elementary instructional coach to the district coaching team. ● Continue a focus on improving K-8 math instruction and K-12 reading instruction. ● Begin curriculum review of middle school/high school Science and Social Studies and high school Family and Consumer Science courses and options. ● Expand Senior Ex pathways. ● Explore expansion of computer science opportunities. ● Support teachers to participate in Literacy Master’s Cohort, present at state and national conferences, and work toward National Board Certification.

Goal 3: Strategic Allocation of Resources, Use of Personnel and Financial Planning

Rationale: The Mount Desert Island Regional School System (MDIRSS) is committed to providing students with an excellent education. However, resources are not unlimited and must be used strategically. Maintenance and utility costs, health insurance and employee benefits must be considerations when seeking to maximize available resources. Advances in technology enable us to think differently about course delivery, communication, professional development, resource sharing and infrastructure upgrades. Our communities offer resources that MDIRSS schools can effectively utilize to further collaborate for collective impact. Preparing students for careers, college and citizenship in the 21st century requires strategic planning, coordinated resource management and accountability.

Looking back, we... (September 2017 to August 2018)	Looking ahead, we plan to... (September 2018 to August 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implemented MOUs with all Education Partners and formalized Education Partnerships. ● Developed and shared initial Long Range Planning Report and Recommendations with AOS Board. ● Continued to explore and evaluate sustainability/green initiatives district-wide. ● Provided each MDIRSS employee with a personalized annual total compensation report. ● Implemented DocuSign to streamline the voucher approval process. ● Held Board Retreat and provided professional development to AOS Board members. ● Expanded the sharing of personnel across schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Convene Long Range Planning subcommittees to explore a variety of priorities identified by the AOS Board. ● Implement new approach to address rising health care costs. ● Launch a district-wide public relations campaign. ● Continue to implement cooperative initiatives among schools and towns to improve efficiency and effectiveness. ● Develop and implement MDIRSS financial procedure manual. ● Undertake a comprehensive review of job descriptions and develop a district-wide employee handbook. ● Complete a middle-level extra-curricular handbook. ● Continue to improve safety and security in all schools.

Marc Edward Gousse, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
 Julie Meltzer, Ph.D., Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction
 Melissa Beckwith, Director of Special Services
 Nancy Thurlow, Business Manager

Cranberry Isles School Annual Report

Enrollment

The Cranberry Island School has 14 students enrolled in grades K-8

Kindergarten: 3	3 rd Grade: 2	6 th Grade: 1
1 st Grade: 0	4 th Grade: 1	7 th Grade: 2
2 nd Grade: 0	5 th Grade: 3	8 th Grade: 2

There are three Cranberry Isles students enrolled at Mount Desert Island High School. There is one Cranberry Isles student enrolled at Maine School of Science and Mathematics and one Cranberry Isles student enrolled at George Stevens Academy.

Faculty and Staff

The Cranberry Isles School has a wonderful team of teachers who work together to provide an outstanding education for our students. Audrey Noether returned for her sixth year of teaching for the Cranberry Isles. We welcomed Haley Estabrook as our new classroom teacher. Audrey teaches all students math and social studies. Haley teaches science and writing. They share the teaching of reading and spelling. Hayley Fenton is also new this year, serving as principal and special education teacher. Gail Grandgent continued as the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday boat monitor and Educational Technician. Ingrid Gaither is the boat monitor and educational technician on Wednesdays.

In addition to our regular education program, our students also receive instruction in music, art, French, physical education and guidance. Our specialists include:

Christina Spurling: Music
Mary Lyman: Art
Katrina Linscott: French
Tony Demuro: Physical Education
Jennifer Morgan-Binns: Guidance

In the fall, our older students participated in Chorus at Mount Desert Elementary School under the direction of Heather Graves.

Our special education services are provided by the following team:

Academic Instruction: Hayley Fenton
Speech & Language: Susan Whitby
Occupational Therapy: Hannah Cote
Physical Therapy: Liz Oppewall

Our school nurse is Cathi Goebel.

We appreciate Katya Morcarsky and Jim Amuso for keeping our school building and grounds well maintained.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

The Cranberry Isles School is part of the Mount Desert Island Regional School System, and our curriculum is adapted from the MDIRSS curriculum. Our teachers use the MDIRSS standards to guide their instruction and measure student growth. Our teachers participate in district-wide professional development to improve their instruction and receive support from the district's Curriculum Director, Julie Meltzer and an Instructional Coach, Jill Cohen.



We have also enjoyed participating in the district's mindfulness initiative. Our guidance teacher is implementing a new curriculum called Mind Up that teaches students about the brain, emotions and mindfulness strategies. Our teachers also participated in a special professional development workshop with Nancy Hathaway, a well-known mindfulness teacher, on classroom-based strategies.

We also participate in the annual assessments administered by the district.

(Ingrid Gaither)

These assessments include the NWEA, a computer-based program that provides feedback about students' progress in math and reading, Developmental Reading Assessments (DRAs) which give information about a students' instructional and independent reading level, High Leverage Assessments (HLAs) which provide information on students' mathematical reasoning and the MEA, a state test measuring students' math, reading and writing. The MEA and NWEA are administered in grades 3-8, the DRA for grades K-5 and HLAs for grades K-6. Teachers use assessment data to help make individualized instructional decisions for each student. Results from the NWEA and MEA show that Cranberry Isles students are performing very well as compared to MDI and statewide peers.

The school continues to participate in the Island Institute's Teaching and Learning Collaborative. This is a collective of seven unbridged island schools that work together through technology on a weekly basis and meet several times during the year for field trips and special events. This fall kicked off with the annual Inter Island Event on Monehegan. In November, the TLC went on a three day field trip to Rockland, Maine with curriculum experiences focusing on conservation. Throughout the year students meet with their island peers

online for books groups, student council and social events. The TLC teachers meet regularly to plan curriculum, field trips and to provide professional support to each other.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Special Programming

We have been lucky to offer Boatworks again and this year as a year round program! Our Boatworks instructors, Lauren Gray and Jim Amuso, have provided our students with an exciting hands-on experience that integrates applied math in a project-based learning format. They made paddles this fall, have begun a bench building project over the winter, and plan to do maintenance on the boat they built last year this spring. Students also have the opportunity to access resources from the Islesford Public Library. Thank you to Cindy Thomas for providing us with that experience this year.

Ingrid and Ric Gaither coached track last spring and the Cranberry Isles cross country team this fall. This year they received support from Katelyn Damon for Friday runs and the students ran with Gary Allen and the MDES team on Tuesdays. Our runners competed in meets on MDI and around Hancock County.

This year we were excited to offer an early childhood after school program led by Darlene Sumner and Gail Grandgent on Friday afternoons. This has been a well-attended and enjoyable program that extends classroom learning for our youngest learners in a fun and hands-on way. They enjoy games and activities featuring curriculum topics in reading, science, social studies and math.

School Campuses

This summer the school relocated from the Longfellow School Campus on Great Cranberry back to the Ashley Bryan School campus on Islesford. The students are benefitting from a renovation that turned the back room of the building into another classroom space. The new space is sunny from all the windows and a lovely place to work.

The Longfellow School roof was repaired in August due to the damage from 2017. There has been ongoing work this year to remedy the lift issue at Longfellow. The cost of the Longfellow lift that malfunctioned was fully recouped. The next step to address accessibility to the second floor will be to retrofit the shaft so that a new lift can be installed. The Longfellow School continues to be used for “wind days” when it is unsafe for students to travel from Great Cranberry to Islesford. Thank you to Ingrid and Ric Gaither for continued oversight of the Longfellow School campus.

Closing

Thank you to Kelly Sanborn, Cari Alley and Amy Palmer for your continued service on the Cranberry Isles School Committee. Your dedication to the Cranberry Isles School is greatly valued.

Thank you also to the Town of Cranberry Isles for your continued support of our school. Our students benefit from this unique setting and the learning that occurs inside the school as well as from their interactions with a dynamic and vibrant community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayley Fenton, Principal

Association for the Preservation of Sutton Island

This past year the central concern on Sutton was Axiom's work to install fiber cable across the island. Though we all wished to be connected earlier in the summer, we were also aware that it is indeed a mighty task to link so many homes through forest and field. We greatly appreciate the efforts toward and accomplishment of this task early in September. And appreciate as well, the support of the Town as it considered us to be a member of the Cranberry community.

Channel markers were installed last spring and have greatly helped boaters navigate the channel to the town dock.

The "road work" done last year ('16/'17) continued to sustain our summer use and the heavy use by work vehicles.

Newman and Gray consistently maintained our recycling facility even though there are still some Sutton Islanders who continue to misuse it.

There continues to be conversation and great concern about old electric lines and poles in the context of changing weather patterns and fire. As of the end of August, there was still a phone line hiked between two poles barely higher than a tall person. As property on Sutton is private, it is difficult to know who should and how to address such issues. We understand that both Great and Little Cranberry experience some of the same electrical issues and wonder how APSI and the Town might work together to address the problem.

Though ferry service from Beal and Bunker has greatly improved – they come pick us up! And staff manning the boat even smile! There is one issue that needs discussion and resolution and concerns when town dock pickups and deliveries are diverted to the dock at the White Hen (Guth). It had been expected that that dock would be used only in the lowest of tides, but this has not been the case. Though such an issue is not within the purview of the Town, it is a concern we would like you to know about.

Sally Wigutow
For APSI

Cranberry Isles Ladies Aid Society Report

2018 was a great year for our organization! We heartily welcomed new members, were delighted to have past members join us again, and continued our appreciation of those who have a history as longtime Ladies Aid members. Women, men and young people worked together to continue the important role that the Community Center plays for island residents and visitors.

August 2018 – August 2019 Officers:

President – Eileen Richards

Vice-President – Colleen Bunker

Treasurer – Richard Beal

Co-Secretaries – Laurie Dobson, Ingrid Gaither

A Memorial weekend chicken barbeque, Pie Nights, craft workshops, a fantastic Annual Summer Fair, an October fish chowder dinner, wreath workshops and sales, a community Thanksgiving dinner, a small but cozy Christmas Sale, a community Christmas potluck and party – a sampling of events at the Community Center during the year. We are pleased to provide space for the Cranberry Island Church to hold meetings, coffee hours and meals, for the Futures Group meetings, and for the Town of Cranberry Isles for voting and for meetings of Selectmen, Town Committees and Boards. Our doors are always open to other island organizations and residents for meetings, fundraisers and private functions.

Our charitable contributions this year included donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, Ronald MacDonald House, Cranberry Isles Education Fund, Cranberry Futures Group, and financial support for several Cranberry and Islesford families facing difficult situations.

Plans are being made for a much needed maintenance project in 2019 – shingling of the Community Center roof and resolution of longtime skylight leaks. Ideas and estimates are being gathered; fundraising will be organized. Ladies Aid Society members are most grateful for the annual financial contribution awarded to us by the Town of Cranberry Isles. We sincerely appreciate this vote of support by taxpayers from residents of each island.

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy 2019. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Wallace
Barn Chairperson – Quilts & Crafts

Islesford Neighborhood House Association Report

The Islesford Neighborhood House Association continues its stewardship of the Neighborhood House as a facility to serve the community of Islesford and the Town of Cranberry Isles in educational, municipal, religious, and cultural ways

This past year we hosted the usual variety of events, from meetings of town and civic committees to public entertainment in the form of concerts, movies, and music nights. We are proud to be able to support the Islesford Volunteer Fire Department and Cranberry Isles Rescue by providing space for training. The building continues to be used by the Ashley Bryan School, for physical education with Tony Demuro and music with Christina Spurling. Colleen Bunker initiated weekly acupuncture sessions and we host a variety of medical services and talks, and exercise and yoga classes. And the building was again used for our regular annual events such as the 4th of July Picnic, Islesford Fair, Literary Evening, Harvest Supper and the Christmas Program (many thanks to our Santa, Chris Costello!).

Last year the board had to deal with the issue of building security. As the community knows, there was some damage to the building, primarily to the “Wave Curtain” on the stage, which was torn during the summer of ’17. And there were other incidents resulting in less serious damage. Faced with the expensive curtain repair and concerned with the possibility of more damage, we made the decision in 2017 to lock the main hall, kitchen and upstairs, keeping the bathroom and Ladies’ Parlor accessible.

This was a difficult decision to make. The board has two important responsibilities, stewardship of the building and our mission to make the facility available to the community. For decades the entire building

had been locked except when there was a scheduled event, but some ten years ago the board decided to keep the building unlocked 24/7 and until 2017 there were no difficulties with this policy. The events of 2017 resulted in the board's deciding on stricter security.

Needless to say this change in policy was not popular with a community that had become accustomed to unlimited access to the building. Appreciating the importance of the mission to serve the community, the board decided at its November 2018 meeting to open the hall and upstairs through Memorial Day and then through the summer with restrictions, these to be determined. Only the kitchen would remain locked.

Building security vs. accessibility is a continuing issue. What the future holds, whether increased security or more openness, depends in large part on the community taking responsibility for how the building is treated.

Another major building issue in recent years has been the cost of pumping the waste holding tanks, which fill at an unusually high rate. This past year and under the leadership of Alden Hathaway Jr., the board has worked on a plan to develop a septic system, including creating a leach field on the adjoining property owned by David Mills. We have made considerable progress toward obtaining an easement for use of the Mills property and have every hope of beginning construction of the system in 2019. We have retained a lawyer to work on the easement and hired a surveyor to develop a site plan. We expect that the cost of the project will exceed funds available for capital improvements and so are asking the voters, at the March 2019 town meeting, to authorize the town to help with the cost.

Many thanks are extended to those who served the community by helping to make events happen at the INH. Many thanks as well to our new officers, Kaitlyn Duggan as president and Cheryl Sholl as VP; and to Bob Keohane, who joined the board in July as a trustee.

In closing, we want the community to know that we welcome all suggestions about how to best use the INH in the public interest. We also welcome the public to our monthly meetings. Look for these to be announced at the Post Office and on the Cranberry Isles Public Information and INH pages, on Facebook.

Respectfully Submitted,
The INHA Board of Trustees

Kaitlyn Duggan, President; Cheryl Sholl, Vice-President; Eleanor Bright, Treasurer; Skip Stevens, Secretary; Alden Hathaway, Bob Keohane, and Trinx Howard, trustees.

Islesford Neighborhood House Library Report

The biggest change to the Library is the return of the Ashley Bryan School to the Library this past fall. The Library became an internet hub when we lost the internet provider to the island. Island internet came back on line in February last year and the library now uses the same carrier as the rest of the town. We have had over 1000 users sign in for the service. Many more used the service but did not sign in.

We have a total of 7420 Books, DVD's, CD's, etc., for patrons to check out of our library. A total of 1424 items were checked out, and 2488 visits so far this year. That does not include all of the internet users. Winter hours for the library are Tuesday and Thursday from 9-2. We have had pre-school storytime Tuesday mornings in the fall due to a conflict of schedules.

The Ashley Bryan School comes Thursday morning and afternoon. We read picture books with the younger group and we have been reading There is a Tide by Elspeth Bragdon with the older group. Coffee hour was held on Tuesday mornings from January till spring. Summer Hours are Monday thru Friday 9-2 and Saturdays 10-12. We have movie nights for adults and children once a week during the summer. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this possible. They put in over 260 hours of their time to help the library.

The Library has access to Ancestry.com if you want to come in and do some research for your family or someone else. We are cataloged on line if you wish to see if we have the book you want to read at www.librarything.com/catalog/islesfordlibrary. People can use the library for a waiting room if they want for the Tel-e-med, dentist , acupuncture, and or flu shot appointments. The Library is always available for a meeting space for anyone needing a place to meet.

Thank you to the Town of Cranberry Isles, the community, and the patrons. Thank you to all of the people who donate in many ways. The library could not survive without all of your support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia A. Thomas
Islesford Library Director



Apple Pies at Storytime (Cindy Thomas)

Great Cranberry Island Historical Society Report

The past year has been a very active one for GCIHS. The Campaign for Cranberry House was launched to construct a climate controlled storage area for the archives entrusted to the Society to protect and to provide an ongoing endowment for part-time staffing. In August, as a result of the early success of the Campaign, the Trustees authorized construction to commence on the expansion to the Cranberry House. The construction has been ongoing through the winter and the Campaign Committee hopes to reach its fundraising goal (we're just over halfway) in the coming year.

With the help of more than fifty volunteers and part-time staff members, the Cranberry House completed another season of operations with a full calendar of events and activities (<http://www.gcihs.org/events/>). New items freshened the experience in the museum, which continued to have a steady stream of visitors consistent with recent years. These items included tributes to Wini Smart and Mickey Macfarlan along with an exhibit on early telephone service on the Cranberries.

The online presence of GCIHS continued to be enhanced by additions to the Digital Archive (<https://gcihs.org/digitalarchive/about>), including a collection of digital archival items concerning records from the Town of Cranberry Isles for 1831-1955.

Thanks to an influx of volunteers this past summer, the Cranberry Explorer was available for the entire season. Use of the shuttle continues to increase. Our objective is to make the island more accessible to visitors while helping to reduce some of the summer congestion along Cranberry Road.

The Whistler Cove and Preble Cove hiking trails, both of which originate at the Cranberry House, are being increasingly utilized by visitors and residents alike. Efforts to improve the trails are among the initiatives that will continue in 2019.

The buildings moved from the former Wini Smart property have been sealed to protect them from the elements. Discussions are underway on how to best utilize the buildings going forward.

We are continually working to find ways to leverage our assets to provide for the long-term stability of the organization and our community. Using the highly successful collaboration with Hitty's Café as a model, GCIHS has pursued a number of leasing arrangements with GCI community members that allow for island residents to conduct business at a reasonable rate in a quality facility without having to duplicate overhead costs. Additionally, both of the Bruce Komusin cabins and the workshop at 300 Cranberry Road are occupied and provide support to GCIHS. We envision pursuing similar opportunities with the newly acquired Wini Smart buildings where feasible.

GCIHS wishes to thank the Town for its ongoing support and collaboration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Sumner, General Manager
Great Cranberry Island Historical Society

Great Cranberry Island Library Report

The library remained busy with patronage and circulation, setting new records. Over 2,500 people visited the library in 2018 and circulation of books, DVD's, and audio books hit a high of almost 2200 items checked out.

We strive to meet the needs of summer and year round residents, toddlers, school kids, and visitors. Last year's activities at the library included a book club, kids story time, toddler activity time, an author reading, a photography exhibit, a book and bake sale, tech help sessions, and our biannual auction. We continue to maintain a summer community calendar, on paper and online, to help you keep track of the many island events.

New for the year was the addition of a laptop, printer, and laminator in the hallway, available 24 hours a day, year round.

The library is open six days per week in the summer and two days per week in the winter, including being available upon request after hours. Hundreds of patrons used our computers, printers, fax and scanner. Check out the hallway magazine collection, made up entirely from donated subscriptions. We also offer free e-readers and access to the Maine Downloadable Library.

We receive no money from the state, so we feel very grateful to the community for supporting the library all year and for the donation received each year at town meeting. Thank you to all who helped with our fundraisers, by lending a hand or by attending and supporting financially.

Thank you to the GCI Library Board for your support and guidance each year. And thank you to library patrons and island residents for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Gaither
Library Director

Islesford Historical Society Report

The IHS has been busy this past year and has plans for more activities and projects to come. During the winter of 2017-18 the president and treasurer went to meetings to keep in touch with the MDI History Trust, a newly organized consortium of local Historical Societies who are sharing resources and working toward making collections available to students and researchers online.

In the summer the IHS conducted several activities. One was to host the launching of Cornelia Cesari's book about Baker Island at the Islesford Neighborhood House. Cornelia, in historical costume, presented her slide show and answered questions from an interested audience. Refreshments were provided. On another day the IHS had a sale of objects which didn't fit into our Islesford history collection, giving islanders who were interested a chance to have them and keep them on the island.

The IHS was happy to organize and hold a 95th birthday party for Ashley Bryan, showing the film *I Know A Man...Ashley Bryan* to an overflow crowd and sharing ice cream and cake to all who attended. The IHS had three projects at the Islesford Fair: a painting by Audrey Fisher was donated to us so we could auction it off; we had a raffle of many items and services donated by community members and businesses;

and we had our publications for sale inside the Hall. At the IHS Annual Meeting in August we showed the movie *The Fire of '47* to an appreciative audience.

In the fall the IHS orchestrated a very popular House Tour of the Woodlawn property, including the Annex, and The Ledge lawn (original dining hall). Tours were given every 15-20 minutes. Lemonade and gingerbread, refreshments reminiscent of the days when Woodlawn housed guests, were served on the porch.

Moving forward, the IHS is coordinating with the Great Cranberry Historical Society concerning the housing and access of Islesford documents from the 1800's about Islesford businesses and vessels. The IHS is currently working toward an updated version of the sold-out book, Houses of Islesford, which should be ready for reprinting by spring. We also are looking at reprinting three others that are out of stock. We hope to hire someone to continue cataloging or de-accessioning items in the collection and, in the future, we may possibly have an intern through the History Trust to begin scanning our holdings for the database. This work should ultimately enable us to include our holdings in a database with the History Trust.

Trustees

Gail Grandgent, President; Katrina Winfield Howard, VP; Christine Sandberg, Treasurer
Nancy Hillenburg, Barbara Bryant, James Dwelley, Joy Sprague, Brendan Ravenhill,
Evelyn Wallace Lindsay

Cranberry Isles Realty Trust Report

Change was the watchword at CIRT in 2018. Long-time tenants the Amuso family moved into their own home on Islesford, and after Paul Fernald completed extensive renovations at the Maple Avenue house, in mid-March the Pease family moved in. The population on LCI increased by six.

On Great Cranberry Island, we were sorry to see Rosalie Kell leave the Rice house. After an upgrade to the laundry room and entry carried out by Jesse Jameson and crew, Sarah MacCracken and Paul Hewes became the tenants.

Earlier in the year Bill Dowling had been hired as General Manager, and Ben Sumner took over as bookkeeper. CIRT bid farewell to board members Linda Lunt and Anna Fernald, and welcomed new ones Lindsay Eyesnogle, Judith Timyan, Ken Schmidt and Pablo Ocampo, rounding out the talented and varied group which manages our way forward. CIRT, working with Gary Friedman Associates, has embarked on a campaign raising funds to elevate CIRT's presence on Islesford and to further our mission across the board.

CIRT has appointed a committee to look into acquiring another home on Islesford. We have inspected several properties, and CIRT looks forward to offering another affordable rent there. This acquisition will be funded by the eventual sale of the Komusin house on GCI, which has been on the market since June 2018.

Thanks to all our supporters in the Cranberry Isles community.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Dowling, General Manager

Little Cranberry Yacht Club

LCYC felt a lot of support from our small community as we entered a transformative year. We moved into our new club house on Sand Beach Road and launched our new on-water program, expanding our general curriculum focus on sailing, boat handling, water safety, and seamanship to include a deeper exploration of our unique island environment and its marine traditions. Hands-on, experiential classes focused on island skills: fishing with nets, traps, and lines, marine species identification, tidepool exploration, handcrafts, navigation, and aquaculture. We approached these new offerings with the greater goal of fostering a deep interest in and connection to our island environment.

Kids fished lobster and crab traps, towed a beam trawl through The Gut to catch urchins and starfish, toured our local scallop and oyster farms. They explored special island places like Crow, Bakers, Thrumcap, The Pool, and Valley Cove and even camped out under the stars.

We felt a lot of support from our community members, several of whom jumped in and offered their expertise. Kaitlyn Duggan twice took a class to discover wild island clay deposits and showed the kids how to process the clay from start to finish. Jasmine Samuel took us on an edible tour of island plants. Lindsay Eysnogle showed us how to make mermaid soap out of sugar kelp that we dried. Mary Schuch and Danny Fernald brought us sea cucumbers and hermit crabs for our oceanside “touch tank.” The Islesford Co-op, Jeremy and Ricky Alley, and Richard Howland gave us some used gear and got us



started with our recreational fishing license. Scott Bracey invited kids to hold scallops and oysters. Katelyn Damon and Margaret Griffeth brought us tasty snacks and helpful things. Erika Merrill was a guest on a rainy day, bringing in her photo album to tell us the story of "Ripple" the baby seal that she and Jack rescued and raised. Stefanie Alley helped lead our first women's boating club—a supportive group of women hoping to gain independence on the water #giveherthehelm! So many hands helped make our year a success.

Crow Island Campout (Lauren Gray)

We enrolled 83 kids in 2018—four times our enrollment in 2017. Twenty percent of our students were on scholarship with free or reduced program fees. We can't wait to get back on the water in 2019. If you have any special island skills, knowledge, or just about anything you think might help us along the way, we'd love to hear from you! The LCYC.CSEF is a non-membership, community boating program; don't be afraid to stop in and pay us a visit.

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our state have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *SeniorSafe Act* I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a

comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It's often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets)—that's because at our heart, we're one big community. It's not only a pleasure to serve you— it's a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,



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Dear Friends and Residents of Cranberry Isles,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am honored to have been chosen to represent you and your community in Augusta, and I promise to work hard on your behalf.

During this legislative session, I'm looking forward to working in a bipartisan manner on the issues that matter most to you and your families. I have been named chair of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. On the committee, I will work to ensure that those who have fought for our country receive the care they have earned. Having served with honor, veterans across Maine deserve the highest quality care and most meaningful recognition we can provide.

Access to broadband is another issue I hear about often. When rural communities lack high speed internet, it is more difficult to start a business, succeed in school, or move to the region. By improving access to broadband, we can help revitalize rural communities, take advantage of new economic opportunities, and attract and retain qualified young people. I've introduced legislation to create a plan and funding mechanism to expand broadband in rural communities.

If you have any other concerns or ideas for legislation, I am always available. Please feel free to call or email me anytime. We face challenges, but with this group of smart, talented, and committed lawmakers, I'm hopeful we can get things done. And while we may not always agree, I am always willing to listen and learn from all sides.

I can be reached at (207) 287-1515 or Louis.Luchini@legislature.maine.gov. I also encourage you to sign up to receive my regular legislative updates. Go to www.mainesenate.org to join my mailing list.

I look forward to working with you in 2019!

Sincerely,



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Dear Cranberry Isles Residents,

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Over the next two years, I will be working hard on your behalf to provide responsive constituent services, be your advocate in the State House and advance legislation that improves life in our district and in our state.

Over the coming months, we expect to take up over 2,000 separate pieces of legislation covering a wide variety of topics. Top priorities include expanding health care coverage, bringing relief from the opioid crisis, expanding access to renewable energy, reducing student debt, fighting and dealing with the effects of climate change, repairing our roads and bridges, increasing protections for workers and consumers, getting prescription drug costs under control, protecting the independence of seniors, and making sure we are caring for our neighbors with disabilities.

We will also be balancing the state budget for the next two years and will work to do so in a way that restores revenue sharing funds for all Maine towns and respects the mandate of the voters to properly fund public education.

This year I am serving on the Marine Resources Committee, where we will work hard to strengthen our fisheries and make sure that future generations can continue to earn a living from Maine's coastal waters.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is Genevieve.McDonald@legislature.maine.gov. My phone number is 207-266-5113. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Genevieve McDonald".

Genevieve McDonald
State Representative

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PAUL R. LePAGE
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Maine:

For the past eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years. Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there's more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.

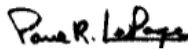
We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people. Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years. **However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.**

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,


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