

TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES

RESULTS OF THE 2007 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 12, 2007

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town Of Cranberry Isles was held on March 12, 2007, at the Great Cranberry Fire House, on Great Cranberry Island. The meeting was called to order by Denise McCormick, Town Clerk at 9:00 a.m.

The following articles were acted upon:

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

Robin Richman nominated Barbara Fernald.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes for Barbara Fernald.

2. To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.
Recommended: \$6,500.

Bill McGuinness nominated Denise McCormick.

5 Votes Cast, 5 votes for Denise McCormick.

Compensation: Motion was made by Hugh Dwelley to set compensation at \$6500, seconded by Barbara Stainton.

Majority votes to pass.

3. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve use of the Maine Municipal Association's recommended Maine Moderator's Manual "Rules of Procedures" for the conduct of this Town Meeting.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, 2nd by Orville Blank.

Majority vote to pass, no opposed.

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 citizens for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of this 2007 Warrant.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve article, 2nd by Hugh Dwelley.

It was a unanimous vote to approve.

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

Richard Beal nominates Hal Newell.

Barbara Meyers nominated Phil Whitney. Phil declined the nomination.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes for Hal Newell.

6. To vote compensation for all Selectman for the ensuing year.
\$1700 for Chairperson, \$1400 for others.

Barbara Stainton motions to set compensation at \$1700 Chairperson, \$1400 other Selectman. Seconded by Rick Alley.

Majority Vote to Approve, none opposed.

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

Recommended: \$8500.

Nanette Hadlock nominated Denise McCormick.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Denise McCormick.

Compensation: Barbara Stainton motions to set compensation at \$8500, Robin Richman seconds the motion.

Majority vote to Approve, none opposed.

8. To elect by ballot a Collector of Taxes and Collector of Excise Taxes for the ensuing year and to vote compensation. Recommended: \$22400.

Beverly Sanborn nominated Denise McCormick.

7 Votes Cast, 7 Votes Denise McCormick.

Compensation: Richard Beal motions to set compensation to \$24,500 for 2007, seconded by Hugh Dwelley.

Majority Vote to approve, 1 Vote to oppose.

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

Kate Chaplin nominated Barbara Meyers.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes for Barbara Meyers.

David Thomas moves to take Article 16, Schools, out of order, and take action on the articles now while the Superintendent of Schools was at the meeting, seconded by Hugh Dwelley.

Unanimous vote in favor.

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

Recommended: \$12 to 20, at the discretion of the Board of Selectman for the type of work performed.

Hal Newell motions to approve, second by Hugh Dwelley.

Majority vote to pass as written, 0 votes to oppose.

11. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) on all taxes not paid by December 1, 2007.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, second by Richard Beal.

Majority vote to approve.

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.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, second by Orville Blank.

Majority vote to approve.

13. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sign a five (5) month lease agreement for 2007 with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine for the use of church land on Joy Road, in Northeast Harbor, for parking by residents of and visitors to the Cranberry Isles.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Hugh Dwelley.

Unanimous vote to approve.

14. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2008, February 2008, and March 2008 equal in aggregate to 3/12th of the Operations Budget approved for the Year 2007. This authorization will permit the Treasurer to prepare Financial Warrants for approval by the Board of Selectman, prepare checks, and legally pay bills pending approval of the entire Operations Budget by the Voters in March 2008.

Sally Rowan motions to approve, seconded by Paul Fernald.

Majority vote to approve.

15. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to contract with the State of Maine, Department of Transportation for a Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant of twelve thousand, six hundred dollars (\$12,600), in which the Town of Cranberry Isles will match the grant by appropriation of five thousand, four hundred dollars (\$5,400), for the purpose of constructing a new gangway for the Great Cranberry and three new finger floats, one each for Great Cranberry, Little Cranberry and Sutton Island harbors, and using these funds, to perform said construction.

Robin Richman motions to approve, second by Phil Whitney.

Majority vote to approve, 0 votes opposing.

Article 16 was taken out of order after Article 9 and voted on as follows:

16. Schools

- 16A 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, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, from the Town of Cranberry Isles' 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 the school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required.

School Committee recommends \$394,413

David Thomas motions to accept \$394,413, seconded by Hugh Dwelley.
48 votes to approve, 0 votes opposed.

16B 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 \$129,852) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise as the municipality'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, §15688 for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Hand Count Required.

School Committee recommends \$123,852

Barbara Stainton motions to accept recommended amount, second by Orville Blank.

43 Votes to Approve, 0 opposed.

16C. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$192,028) for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$182,184.

Written Ballot Vote Required.

School Committee recommends \$192,028.

Kate Chaplin motions to accept recommended amount, second by Richard Beal.

15 Written Ballots Cast: 15 Yes, 0 No.

Articles 16B & 16C equal to a total appropriation of \$315,880.

16D. In addition to the amount in Article 16A, shall the Town appropriate and authorize the School Committee to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during the fiscal year 2007-2008 for school purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$24,559

Robin Richman motions to approve, second by Hugh Dwelley.

27 Votes Cast: 27 votes yes, 0 votes no.

16E. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry isles will authorize the school committee to have the Islesford School remain open for the 2007-08 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately twelve (12) students.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, second by Nanette Hadlock.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16F. 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 2007-08 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Dan Lief motions to approve, second by Sally Rowan.

Unanimous vote to approve.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the municipal officers to change the name of the Municipal Facilities Commission (MFC) to the Municipal Advisory Commission and to amend the MFC charter as attached.

Robin Richman motions to put article on the floor, second by Barbara Stainton.

Nanette Hadlock motions to amend Charter, seconded by Richard Beal, as follows:

Item C. Seven members will be elected by the vote of the Town for three-year terms with members able to serve more than one term. The Board of Selectmen has the authority to appoint additional members, as deemed appropriate and prudent; appointed members of the Commission shall serve until the next Town Meeting.

Majority vote to amend Charter.

Sally Rowan motions to approve the charter, second by Dan Lief.

Majority vote to approve the (MAC) Charter.

18. To elect by ballot four members of the Municipal Advisory Commission, which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve for a period of three years each.

Ballot 1: Daniel Lief nominates Frank Reece
7 Votes Cast, 7 Votes for Frank Reece.

Ballot 2: Ruth Westphal nominates Malcolm Donald.
8 Votes Cast, 8 Votes for Malcolm Donald.

Ballot 3: David Thomas nominates Eve Harrison.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes for Eve Harrison.

Ballot 4: Bruce Komusin nominates Phil Whitney, Phil declined nomination.
Ruth Westphal nominates Michael MacFarlan, Michael declined nomination.
Jason Pickering nominates Malcolm Fernald.
8 Votes Cast, 8 Votes for Malcolm Fernald.

19. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend five thousand dollars (\$5000) in support of the Island Institute Fellow for 2007.

Cynthia Lief motions to approve, second by Barbara Stainton.
Majority vote to approve.

20. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend up to five thousand dollars (\$5000) out of funds originally budgeted for TCI Transfer Station completion, on engineering work – including architectural drawings, a site plan, a construction budget, etc – for a municipal storage and garage facility on Little Cranberry Island, to be reviewed and modified through public hearings and presented to voters at a Special Town Meeting in 2007 for final approval.

Dan Lief motions to approve, second by Paul Fernald.

Majority vote to approve.

21. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the municipal officers to borrow up to ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose of acquiring a tanker truck for Fire Dept Zone 2.

Kate Chaplin motions to approve, second by Cynthia Lief.

Majority vote to approve borrowing up to \$90,000, 0 votes to oppose.

22. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to accept and administer the Hazel Stanley Peterson Cemetery Trust Fund.

Robin Richman motions to approve, second by Phil Whitney.

Majority vote to approve, 0 votes oppose.

23. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to sell the Marsh USA insurance building, formerly the Hinckley Insurance Building, owned by the Town Of Cranberry Isles and located in Southwest Harbor (Manset), Maine; such sale to be undertaken by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Cranberry Isles at the conclusion of the present lease with Marsh USA, with all net proceeds being applied to debt reduction for the Town Of Cranberry Isles.
(Citizens Petition)

Hugh Dwelley motions to put article on the floor, second by Bruce Fernald.

Hal Newell motions to vote on Article 23 by written ballot, second by Richard Beal.

48 Ballots Cast: 3 Votes Yes, 45 Votes No. Article 23 does not pass.

24. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote for the establishment of a year round Police Department consisting of one or more trained officers whose purpose shall be the protection of property and structures throughout the Town by theft, damage or unlawful entry, and the enforcement of all State and municipal laws. This department will be provided with sufficient funds to adequately protect the citizenry and their property. (Citizens Petition request)

Richard Beal motions to put article on floor, second by Nanette Hadlock.

After a lengthy discussion, Paul Fernald motions to call the question, seconded by Daniel Lief.

Majority Vote to approve calling the question.

0 votes to approve, Majority vote to oppose. Article 24 does not pass.

25. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote for a one year moratorium on the creation and presentation to the citizens of this Town of any new ordinances due to the lack of current ordinance enforcement. This moratorium, if approved, will be reviewed and voted upon again by the voters at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting to determine continuation of the moratorium based on voter belief that proper enforcement has or has not been instituted. (Citizen's Petition)

Chris Hathaway motions to approve, second by Rick Alley Jr.

3 Votes to approve, Majority vote to oppose. Article 25 does not pass.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm, for a lunch break, by the Moderator.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:15 pm, by the Moderator.

26. Shall a "Harbor Management Ordinance for the Town of Cranberry Isles" be enacted?

Theodore Spurling, Jr motions to put the article on the floor, second by Phil Whitney.

Barbara Fernald, moderator, sets a 3 minute time limit for all speakers on this article, and also asks the opposing sides to give equal time for both pros and cons.

Jennifer Litteral from Island Institute states that the Harbor Ordinance Committee had worked hard on creating the ordinance, with 2 Public Hearings and getting input from the island citizens.

There was a lengthy discussion about various issues and concerns with this ordinance. Some of the concerns were enforcement, mooring placement and maintenance, and whether or not the Harbormasters were willing to enforce the ordinance.

Courtney Chaplin moves to call the question, seconded by Hugh Dwelley.
Unanimous vote to call question.

55 votes Cast: 38 Votes Yes, 17 Votes No.

27. To elect by ballot four members of the Shellfish Conservation Committee, two, who shall serve for a period of three years, two, who shall serve for a period of two years.

Ballot 1: Bill McGuinness nominates Rick Alley, Jr.
7 Votes Cast, 7 Votes Rick Alley, Jr.

Ballot 2: Nanette Hadlock nominates Deborah Wedge.
5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Deborah Wedge.

Ballot 3: Rick Alley Jr. nominates Norman Sanborn II.
6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Norman Sanborn II

Ballot 4: Richard Beal nominates Bruce Komusin
6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Bruce Komusin

28. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting 2008, on March 10 (Monday) at Islesford Neighborhood House, Islesford, Maine and to open the meeting at 9 AM.

Robin Richman motions to approve, seconded by Sally Rowan.

David Thomas motions to amend the time to 8:30 AM, seconded by Daniel Lief.
Unanimous vote to amend article.

Unanimous vote to approve.

29. 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 Town Operations Budget. Each function shall be voted upon separately:

2007 TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET

| | <u>REQUEST</u> | <u>DEPT. TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Dept. 51 - General Government | | \$207,270.00 |
| Town Office: Rent & Utilities | \$11,940.00 | |
| Office Supplies & Postage | \$6,500.00 | |
| Administrative Expenses | \$32,000.00 | |
| Insurance | \$10,000.00 | |
| Legal | \$5,000.00 | |
| Accounting | \$7,000.00 | |
| Admin. Expense | \$10,000.00 | |
| Selectmen Compensation | \$4,500.00 | |
| Contingency Fund | \$20,000.00 | |
| Treasurer / Tax Collector / Clerk | \$37,400.00 | |
| Elections | \$500.00 | |
| Planning Board | \$830.00 | |
| Tax Assessor | \$23,900.00 | |
| Facilities Supervisor | \$36,000.00 | |
| Deputy Clerk / Treasurer | \$16,000.00 | |
| Comprehensive Plan | \$0.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes | \$9,000.00 | |
| Employee Health Benefits | \$8,000.00 | |
| Retirement Obligation | \$700.00 | |
| Dept. 52 - Public Safety | | \$78,550.00 |
| Fire Dept. Zone 1 | \$37,500.00 | |
| Utilities | \$6,300.00 | |
| Equipment | \$4,000.00 | |
| Admin. Expense | \$200.00 | |
| Insurance | \$4,000.00 | |
| Training | \$2,000.00 | |
| Community Safety | \$1,000.00 | |
| EMS Response & Supplies | \$1,000.00 | |
| EMS Program | \$3,000.00 | |
| Maintenance | \$4,000.00 | |

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| Contracts (New Roof) | \$12,000.00 | |
| (\$30,667 in Reserve) | | |
| Fire Dept. Zone 2 | | \$21,000.00 |
| Utilities | \$3,000.00 | |
| Equipment | \$5,000.00 | |
| Tanker Truck | \$10,000.00 | |
| EMS Program | \$3,000.00 | |
| (\$38,874 in Reserve) | | |
| 911 Services | | \$850.00 |
| Streetlights | | \$5,000.00 |
| Emergency Management Officer | | \$1,000.00 |
| Animal Control Officer | | \$1,200.00 |
| Compensation | \$1,000.00 | |
| Admin. Expense | \$200.00 | |
| Constable | | \$5,000.00 |
| Compensation | \$3,000.00 | |
| Admin. Expense | \$2,000.00 | |
| Harbormaster | | \$2,000.00 |
| Shellfish Warden | | \$1,000.00 |
| Insurance | | \$4,000.00 |
| Dept. 53 - Health & Sanitation | | \$159,000.00 |
| Solid Waste | | \$147,500.00 |
| Compensation | \$6,800.00 | |
| Sutton | \$2,600.00 | |
| GCI Contract | \$37,500.00 | |
| Islesford | \$37,000.00 | |
| Barging | \$20,000.00 | |
| Tipping Fees | \$22,600.00 | |
| Hazardous Waste | \$1,000.00 | |
| Capital Improvements | \$20,000.00 | (from reserve) |
| CEO / Plumbing | | \$8,300.00 |
| Compensation | \$7,200.00 | |
| Admin. Expense | \$600.00 | |
| Plumbing Permits | \$500.00 | |
| General Assistance | | \$3,000.00 |
| Health Officer | | \$200.00 |
| Dept. 54 - Public Transportation | | \$74,250.00 |
| Town Roads | | \$45,000.00 |
| Maintenance | \$15,000.00 | |

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| Capital Improvements | \$30,000.00 | |
| Snow Removal | | \$19,750.00 |
| Contract | \$12,000.00 | |
| Compensation | \$5,250.00 | |
| Sand & Salt | \$2,500.00 | |
| Town Truck | | \$9,500.00 |
| Oil & Gas | \$1,000.00 | |
| Maintenance | \$3,500.00 | |
| Truck Reserve | \$5,000.00 | |
| Dept. 55 - Schools | | \$394,413.00 |
| Dept. 56 - Unclassified | | \$29,500.00 |
| GCI Library | \$3,600.00 | |
| Islesford Library | \$3,600.00 | |
| GCI Community Ctr. | \$6,000.00 | |
| Islesford Neighborhood House | \$6,000.00 | |
| Town Cemeteries | \$500.00 | |
| Island Explorer | \$1,500.00 | |
| NEH Library | \$300.00 | |
| NEH Ambulance | \$1,000.00 | |
| Life Flight | \$1,000.00 | |
| Human Service Donations | \$1,000.00 | |
| Island Institute Fellow | \$5,000.00 | |
| Dept. 57 - Debt Service | | \$353,767.00 |
| GCI Wharf Repair | \$50,284.00 | |
| SWH Parking - Taxable Bond | \$47,176.00 | |
| SWH Parking - Tax Exempt Bond | \$134,787.00 | |
| SWH Home Purchase | \$31,520.00 | |
| County Tax | \$90,000.00 | |
| Dept. 58 - Municipal Facilities | | \$140,424.00 |
| Teleconference | \$1,200.00 | |
| LCI Garage Project Engineering | \$5,000.00 | (from reserve) |
| NEH Parking Lot | | \$35,624.00 |
| Snow Removal | \$2,000.00 | |
| Lease | \$33,624.00 | |
| Joy Road Parking Lot | | \$4,750.00 |
| Insurance | \$750.00 | |
| Lease | \$4,000.00 | |

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| Manset Parking Lot | | \$26,800.00 |
| Utilities | \$500.00 | |
| Grounds | \$4,500.00 | |
| Snow Removal | \$1,000.00 | |
| Insurance | \$3,150.00 | |
| SWH Property Tax | \$17,650.00 | |
| Warehouse / Apartment | | \$3,500.00 |
| Maint. & Improvements | \$500.00 | |
| Utilities | \$1,000.00 | |
| Insurance | \$2,000.00 | |
| Mansell Road Building | | \$7,650.00 |
| Maint. & Improvements | \$1,000.00 | |
| Insurance | \$1,000.00 | |
| SWH Property Tax | \$5,650.00 | |
| Restrooms | | \$6,000.00 |
| Maint. & Improvements | \$1,200.00 | |
| Cleaning | \$4,500.00 | |
| Supplies | \$300.00 | |
| Wharves, Floats & Ramps | | \$48,400.00 |
| Maintenance | \$20,500.00 | |
| Capital Improvements | \$18,000.00 | (12,600 from grant) |
| Moorings | \$3,500.00 | |
| Insurance | \$6,400.00 | |
| Town Land Maintenance | | \$1,500.00 |

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TOWN OPERATIONS = \$1,437,174.00

Dept 51: General Government \$207,270.00

Increased the Dept Total to \$209,370, due to vote on Article 8 to increase Tax Collectors Salary to \$24,500.

Majority Vote to approve, 1 vote to oppose.

Dept 51 budget total passes.

Dept 52: Public Safety \$78,550.00

Fire Dept Zone 1: It was voted on to allow them to have a budget of \$37,500 for 2007, with \$30,000 to come from their FD Zone 1 Reserve.

Majority Vote to approve, 0 Votes to Oppose.

Dept 53: Health and Sanitation \$159,000.00

Majority Vote to approve, 0 Votes to Oppose.

Dept 54: Public Transportation \$74,250.00

Majority vote to approve, 0 votes to oppose.

Dept 55: Education \$394,413.00

Majority vote to approve, 0 votes to oppose.

Dept 56: Unclassified \$29,500.00

Majority vote to approve, 0 votes to oppose.

Dept 57: Debt Service \$353,767.00

Denise McCormick motions to amend Hancock County tax amount to \$83,000, seconded by Barbara Stainton.
Unanimous vote to amend.

Majority vote to approve \$346,767.00 for Dept 57, 0 votes to oppose.

Dept 58: Municipal Facilities \$140,424.00

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Total Appropriations for Town Operations after Budget Amendments: \$1,432,274.00

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| Appropriations from FD Zone 1 Reserve | \$ 30,000.00 |
| General Funds and Grants | 37,600.00 |
| Estimated General Fund Receipts | 80,000.00 |
| Revenues | 122,530.00 |
| School Dept (Subsidies & Grants) | 78,533.00 |
| From Property Taxes 2007 | 1,083,611.00 |

Unanimous Vote to approve Budget and Appropriations for 2007.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m. by the Moderator, Barbara Fernald.

