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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2012

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RESULTS OF THE TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10TH, 2012

The Town of Cranberry Isles held its Annual Town Meeting on March 10th, 2012 at the Islesford Neighborhood House. At 8:30 a.m., Denise McCormick, Town Clerk called the meeting to order.

The articles were acted upon as follows:

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

Phil Whitney nominates Barbara Fernald. 6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Barbara Fernald.

Town Clerk swore Barbara Fernald in as Moderator and the meeting proceeded.

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

Barbara Stainton nominates Denise McCormick. 4 Votes Cast, 4 Votes Denise McCormick.

Barbara Stainton motions to set compensation at \$6,825 seconded by Charles

Unanimous vote to approve compensation of \$6,825 for the year.

3. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve the use of the

Municipal Association's recommended Maine Moderator's Manual "Rules of Procedures" for the conduct of this Town Meeting.

Barbara Meyers motions to approve, seconded by Barbara Stainton. Unanimous vote to approve.

4. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve opening the floor of

this Town Meeting to all non-registered persons for the purpose of discussion only

each of the following articles of this 2012 Warrant.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by R. Chris Johnston. Unanimous vote to approve.

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

Charles Dunbar nominates Bruce Komusin, Bruce declines nomination.

Donna Isaacs nominates Christopher Hathaway.

9 Votes Cast, 8 Votes Christopher Hathaway, 1 Vote spoiled.

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

Barbara Stainton motions to set compensation at \$2,000 for the Chairman & 1,700 for

others, seconded by Kaitlyn Duggan. Unanimous vote to approve.

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

Richard Beal nominates Denise McCormick. 6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Denise McCormick.

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Barbara Stainton motions to set compensation at \$9,975, seconded by Karin Whitney.

Unanimous vote to approve compensation at \$9,975.

8. To elect by ballot a Collector of Taxes and Collector of Excise Taxes for the ensuing

year and to vote compensation.

Richard Beal nominates Denise McCormick. 8 Votes Cast, 8 Votes Denise McCormick.

Barbara Stainton motions to set compensation at \$25,725, seconded by Bruce Fernald. Unanimous vote to approve compensation at \$25,725.

 $9.\ {\sf To}$ elect by ballot a member of the Superintending School Committee for a term of Three years.

Ted Spurling nominates Katelyn Damon. 11 Votes cast, 11 Votes Katelyn Damon.

10. To elect by ballot two (2) members of the Shellfish Conservation Committee for a term of three years.

Ballot 1: Katelyn Damon nominates Nickolas Hadlock. 5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Nickolas Hadlock.

Ballot 2: Barbara Meyers nominates Norman Sanborn II. 5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Norman Sanborn II.

11. To elect by ballot three (3) members of the Municipal Advisory Commission who shall serve a period of three years each.

Ballot 1: Cynthia Lief nominates Cory Duggan. 6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Cory Duggan.

Ballot 2: Barbara Meyers nominates Karin Whitney. 6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Karin Whitney.

Ballot 3: Phil Whitney nominates Ralph Stevens.

Bruce Komusin nominates Richard Gaither.

Nanette Hadlock nominates James Amuso.

46 Votes were cast: Ralph Stevens 17 Votes

Richard Gaither 8 Votes James Amuso 21 Votes

There was a failure to elect as there was no majority vote for any of the nominations.

Moderator called for a second vote.

54 Votes were cast: Ralph Stevens 12 Votes

Richard Gaither 2 Votes James Amuso 40 Votes

James Amuso is the new member of the Municipal Advisory Commission.

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

Barbara Stainton motions to set rates at \$12 to \$25, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, based on type of work performed, seconded by Richard Beal. Unanimous vote to approve.

13. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the

rate of seven percent (7%) APR on all 2012 taxes not paid by December 01, 2012. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes become delinquent during taxable year 2012 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA 505.4 is seven percent (7%) APR.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Richard Beal. Majority vote to approve with 1 vote opposing. Article passes.

14. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to allow a two percent

(2%) discount on all taxes which are paid in full within thirty (30) days of the date shown on the original bill as submitted by the Tax Collector.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Karin Whitney. Unanimous vote to approve.

15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2013, February 2013, and March 2013 equal In aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operations budget approved for the Year 2012. 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 2013.

Daniel Lief motions to approve, seconded by Barbara Stainton. Unanimous vote to approve.

SCHOOLS 16A-16R

16A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. School Committee recommends \$248,317

Barbara Stainton motions to approve \$248,317, seconded by Kaitlyn Duggan. Unanimous vote to approve.

16B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. School Committee recommends \$35,205

Jeri Spurling motions to approve \$35,205, seconded by Cynthia Lief. Unanimous vote to approve.

16C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. School Committee recommends \$-0-

Barbara Stainton motions to approve \$-0-, seconded by Richard Beal. Unanimous vote to approve.

16D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Other Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. School Committee recommends \$6,430

Barbara Stainton motions to approve \$6,430, seconded by Jasmine Samuel. Unanimous vote to approve.

16E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. School Committee recommends \$17,285

Jeri Spurling motions to approve \$17,285, seconded by Barbara Stainton. Unanimous vote to approve.

16F. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for System Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends \$14,504

Sally Rowan motions to approve \$14,504, seconded by Barbara Stainton. Unanimous vote to approve.

16G. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends \$22,332.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve \$22,332, seconded by Cory Duggan. Unanimous vote to approve.

16H. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Transportation

& Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2013. School Committee recommends \$44,040

Barbara Stainton motions to approve \$44,040, seconded by Richard Beal. Unanimous vote to approve.

16I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. School Committee recommends \$132,980

Barbara Stainton motions to approve \$132,980, seconded by Richard Beal. Unanimous vote to approve.

16J. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and Ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends \$-0-

Ruth Westphal motions to approve \$-0-, seconded by Richard Hill. Unanimous vote to approve.

16K. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends \$-0-

Richard Beal motions to approve \$-0-, seconded by Barbara Stainton. Unanimous vote to approve.

Note: Articles 16A - 16K authorized a total budget of \$521,093.

16L. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essentials Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$169,472) 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 MRSA 20-A§15688 for the period July 1, 2012 To June 30, 2013.

School Committee Recommends \$159,293

Barbara Stainton motions to approve recommended amounts, seconded by Ruth Westphal.

Unanimous vote to approve.

16M. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$272,373) for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (\$268,901) as required To fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve recommended amount, seconded by Ruth Westphal.

Written Ballot Vote was required. 29 Written Votes Cast, 27 Votes Yes, 2 No.

Note: Articles 16L & 16M raise a total town appropriation of \$431,666

16N. 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, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2013 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 Service Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the MRSA 20-A§15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. School Committee recommends \$521,093

Barbara Stainton motions to approve recommended amount, seconded by Kaitlyn Duggan.

Hand Count Vote was 50 Yes, 0 No.

16O. In addition to the amount in Article 16A–16N, 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 2012–2013 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated? Current year totals: \$24,000 School Committee recommends passage.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Jeri Spurling. Unanimous vote to approve.

16P. 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 2012–2013 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately eleven students.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Cynthia Lief. Unanimous vote to approve.

16Q. 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 2012–2013 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Ted Spurling. Unanimous vote to approve.

16R. Shall the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles ratify and approve that certain "Agreement to Establish and Operate a Special Education Reserve Fund" between Cranberry Isles School Department, the Mount Desert Regional School System and other AOS members, and shall the use and expenditure of school funds and reserves in the amount of \$41,842 be subject to that Agreement?

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Barbara Meyers. Majority vote to approve with 2 opposed.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to approve changing the name of the Islesford Elementary School to the Ashley Bryan Elementary School.

Courtney Chaplin motions to approve, seconded by Cynthia Lief. 56 Votes Cast, 44 Votes Yes, 11 Votes No. 1 Vote Undecided.

At $12:34~\mathrm{pm}$, Barbara Stainton motions to adjourn meeting for lunch, seconded by Jason

Pickering. Unanimous vote to approve a lunch break. The moderator set the time at 1:20 pm for the meeting to be called back into session.

At 1:25 pm the Moderator called the meeting back to order.

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 one hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) for the purpose of developing a plan

for and construction of a new town office building on Little Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Selectmen to do any and all things necessary to award and enter

into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town; expend the borrowed funds; and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose

of this article 18.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Richard Beal.

Chris Hathaway motions to amend the article to read "THE plan...", seconded by Barbara Meyers. After further discussion, Chris Hathaway withdraws his amendment.

Donna Isaacs motions to amend the article to read "for the purpose of developing the

plan for and construction of a new town office building attached to the existing Fire Station on Little Cranberry Island as proposed in the Site Plan dated 01/15/2010", seconded by Cory Duggan.

Unanimous vote to amend article.

46 Votes Cast, 20 Votes Yes, 26 Votes No. Article does not pass.

19. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the municipal officers to borrow funds in the original principal amount of up to one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) for capital roads projects on Little Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Selectmen to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and contruction contracts on behalf of the Town; expend the borrowed funds; and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Article 19.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Anna Fernald.

After a lengthy discussion of the proposed road projects that would be done, Cory Duggan motions to call the question, seconded by Daniel Lief.

Unanimous vote to call the question.

Unanimous vote to approve Article 19.

20. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate and expend fifty thousand seven hundred dollars (\$50,700) to continue the Cranberry Isles Commuter Ferry Service: \$22,000 of which is funded by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)grant monies, and to authorize municipal officers to enter into a multi-year contract if financially advantageous.

Chris Johnston motions to approve, seconded by Richard Beal. Unanimous vote to approve.

21. Shall an ordinance entitled "Land Use Ordinance for the Shorelands of the Town of

Cranberry Isles, Hancock County, Maine" be amended?

Jeri Spurling motions to approve amendments, seconded by Bruce Fernald. Unanimous vote to approve.

22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the municipal officers to raise, appropriate and expend nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$19,500) to hire a Public Safety Coordinator for the Town of Cranberry Isles. The new position will be responsible for organizing and maintaining volunteer fire departments and EMT volunteers on Little Cranberry

Island and Great Cranberry Island. Funds not expended in 2012 will be applied towards 2013; this position shall be reviewed after three years.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Kaitlyn Duggan. Unanimous vote to approve.

23. Shall an ordinance entitled "Fireworks Ordinance for the Town Of Cranberry Isles, Hancock County, Maine" be enacted?

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Richard Howland. Majority to approve with 2 votes opposed.

24. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Cranberry Isles Harbor Management Ordinance" be amended?

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Chris Johnston. Unanimous vote to approve amendments.

25. Shall the following amendment to the March 15, 2004 "Vehicle Waste Disposal Fee Ordinance of the Town of Cranberry Isles, Hancock County, Maine" be enacted? Section E is amended to read: "This ordinance shall be enforced by the following Town Officials: Code Enforcement Officer, Town Constables and Selectmen."

Ruth Westphal motions to approve amendment, seconded by Cynthia Lief. Majority vote to pass, with 5 Votes opposed.

Ordinance Amendment passes.

26. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept a gift of the structure known as Great Cranberry Fire House, located at 191 Cranberry Road, along with all the fire trucks, associated fire fighting equipment and all appointments located therein, from the members of the Great Cranberry Fire Club.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Richard Beal.
Richard Beal motions to amend the article to read as follows:
"on behalf of the Town, to accept a 50 year lease with appropriation of one dollar for the structure...", motion seconded by Barbara Meyers.
Unanimous vote to amend.
Unanimous vote to approve.

27. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five (5) month lease agreement in 2012 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.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Vicki Johnston. Unanimous vote to approve.

28. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to increase the property

tax levy limit of \$793,504.24 established for the Town of Cranberry Isles by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Barbara Stainton motions to approve, seconded by Richard Beal. Unanimous vote to approve.

29. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2013, on Saturday, March 16 at the Great Cranberry Island Fire House, Maine and to open the meeting at 8:45 A.M.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Karin Whitney. Unanimous vote to approve.

30. 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.

2012 TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET RECOMMENDED DEPT. TOTAL

Dept. 51 - General Government 277,585
Town Office: Rent & Utilities 13,460
Office Supplies & Postage 6,000
Administrative Expenses 10,000
Insurance 12,000
Legal 25,000
Accounting 4,500
Web Site 500
Selectmen Compensation 5,400

Contingency Fund 20,000

Printing 4,500

Treasurer / Tax Collector / Clerk 42,525

Elections 1,800

HCPC Dues 570

Tax Assessor 26,600

Administrative Assistant 41,600

Deputy Clerk / Treasurer 19,000

Public Safety Coordinator 19,500

Payroll Taxes 9,500

Employee Health Benefits 14,465

Retirement Obligation 665

Barbara Stainton motions to approve Dept 51 budget \$277,585, seconded by

Cynthia Lief.

Unanimous vote to approve Dept 51 amount.

Dept. 52 - Public Safety 80,773

Fire Dept. Zone 1 (GCI)

Utilities 1,900

Heating Oil 4,000

Gasoline 600

Insurance 5,000

Community Safety Program 1,300

Fire Dept. Zone 2 (Islesford)

Utilities 950

Equipment 8,500

Heating Oil 1,500

Gasoline 500

Insurance 4,500

Training 14,000

C.I. Rescue Service

Little Cranberry Island

Ambulance 1,000

Supplies 2,000

Stipend 1,500

Training 5,000

Medical Clearance/Vaccines 2,500

Great Cranberry Island

Ambulance 1,000

Supplies 1,500

Stipend 1,000

Training 1,000

Medical Clearance/Vaccines 1,000

911 Services 973

Streetlights 5,500

Animal Control Officer 1,000

Training 500

Equipment 250

Constable

Compensation 5,000

Admin. Expense 500

Harbormaster 2,000

Shellfish Warden 800

Insurance 4,000

Barbara Stainton motions to approve Dept 52 budget \$80,773, seconded by Ruth Westphal.

Unanimous vote to approve Dept 52 amount.

Dept. 53 - Health & Sanitation 105,175

Solid Waste

Sutton 5,000

Contracts 61,000

Barging 1,000

Tipping Fees 14,000

Hazardous Waste / Metal 9,500

Capital Improvements 1,000

Permits 375

Electricity 500

CEO / Plumbing Inspector 8,500

General Assistance 3,000 Supplies 500 Health Officer 800

Bruce Fernald motions to approve Dept 53 budget \$105,175, seconded by Barbara Stainton.

Unanimous vote to approve Dept 53 amount.

Dept. 54 - Public Transportation 282,500

Town Roads

Maintenance 20,000

Capital Improvements 175,000

Engineering 5,000 Snow Removal

Compensation 5,000

Salt / Sand 8,000

GCI Contract 14,200

Town Truck

Gas 1,000

Insurance 800

Maintenance 2,000

Garage Heating Oil 800

Commuter Service 50,700

Bruce Fernald motions to approve Dept 54 budget \$282,500, seconded by Lindsay Eysnogle.

Majority vote to approve amount, 1 vote opposed.

Dept. 55 - Schools 521,093

Barbara Stainton motions to approve Dept 55 budget \$521,093, seconded by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept. 56 - Donations 23,300

GCI Library 4,000

Islesford Library 4,000

GCI Community Center 2,500

Islesford Neighborhood House 5,000

Cranberry House 2,500

Island Explorer 1,000

NEH Library 300

NEH Ambulance 1,000

Life Flight 1,000

Human Service Donations 500

Hospice of Hancock County 500

Scholarship 1,000

Chris Hathaway motions to approve Dept 56 budget \$23,300, seconded by Phil Whitney.

Unanimous vote to approve amount.

Dept. 57 - Debt Service 360,130

SWH Parking - Taxable Bond 43,202

SWH Parking - Tax Exempt Bond 123,433

LCI Municipal Garage 22,610

Town Office 20,000

LCI Pumper Truck 10,985

County Tax 79,900

Capital Roads Project 60,000

Richard Beal motions to approve Dept 57 budget \$340,130, as the Town Office article did not pass so there will be no Town Office debt service of \$20,000, seconded by Chris Johnston.

Unanimous vote to approve amount of \$340,130

Dept. 58 - Municipal Facilities 372,000

Teleconference 500

NEH Parking Lot

Snow Removal 3,800

Lease 38,500

Joy Road Parking Lot

Insurance 750

Lease 4,000

Manset Parking Lot

Grounds 4,000

Maint. & Improvements 5,000

Snow Removal 2,000

Insurance 3,200 SWH Property Tax 24,000 Enforcement 5,000 Warehouse / Apartment Maint. & Improvements 2,000

Utilities 2,400 Insurance 2,000 Mansell Road Building Maint. & Repair 2,000 Insurance 1,000

Grounds 1,000 Snow Removal 1,000 SWH Property Tax 7,200

Restrooms

Maint. & Improvements 1,500

Cleaning 6,800 Supplies 600

Wharves / Floats / Ramps

Electricity 2,000 Maintenance 15,000 Moorings 4,500 Insurance 6,400 Contracts 30,000

Town Office Construction 190,000

Town Land

GCI Gravel Pit 3,000 LCI Town Field 1,650

Cemeteries 1,200

Bruce Fernald motions to approve Dept 58 budget at \$182,000, as the Town Office Construction Article failed to pass. Seconded by Vicki Johnston.

Unanimous vote to approve amount of \$182,000

TOTAL APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS FOR TOWN OPERATIONS \$1,812,556

TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET APPLIED RESOURCES

Loans: \$175,000

From Manset Reserve: \$43,202

Estimated General Fund Receipts: \$197,175 School Dept. (State Subsidies and Misc.): \$13,600 School Dept Carryover \$75,827

Commuter Service Subsidy: \$22,000 Property Taxes (2012): \$1,285,752 Total Approved Budget: \$1,812,556

The meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted and Attested to:

Denise McCormick Town Clerk Town of Cranberry Isles

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