

Results for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting

March 14, 2020

The Town of Cranberry Isles held their Annual Town Meeting, March 14, 2020, at the Islesford Neighborhood House. There were 32 Voters present. Town Clerk, Denise McCormick, opened the Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

The Town Meeting Articles acted upon as follows:

Article:

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

Laurie Dobson nominated Barbara Fernald.
7 Ballots Cast, 7 Votes for Barbara Fernald.

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

Cari Alley nominated Denise McCormick.
7 Ballots Cast, 7 Votes for Denise McCormick

Bruce Fernald made a motion to set the compensation for the year at \$7,000, 2nd by Theodore Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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

Tom Powell motioned to Approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

4. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will approve opening the floor of this Town Meeting to all non-registered persons for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of this 2020 warrant.

Theodore Spurling motioned to Approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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

Barbara Caldwell-Pease nominated Florence Joy Sprague.
9 Ballots Cast, 9 Votes Florence Joy Sprague.

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

Bruce Fernald motioned to set compensation at \$8,000 for Chairman, and \$7,500 for the others, 2nd by Paul Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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

Theodore Spurling nominated Denise McCormick.

10 Votes Cast, 10 Votes Denise McCormick.

Tom Powell motioned to set compensation at \$10,000, 2nd by Laurie Dobson.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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

Cari Alley nominated Denise McCormick.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes for Denise McCormick.

Richard Beal motioned to set compensation for the year at \$28,000, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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

Cari Alley nominated C. Darlene Sumner.

9 Votes Cast, 9 Votes for C. Darlene Sumner.

10. 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 2020 taxes not paid by December 1, 2020.

Bruce Fernald motions to Approve, 2nd by Tom Powell.

Carl Brooks motions to amend the interest rate to 5% (five %), 2nd by Laurie Dobson.

12 Votes Yes, 10 Votes No to Amend. Interest rate is amended to 5%.

13 Votes Yes, 10 Votes No. Interest rate for 2020 is set at 5%.

11. 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.

Lindsay Eysnogle motioned to Approve, 2nd by Laurie Dobson.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

12. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2021, February 2021, and March 2021 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2020. 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 2021.

Cari Alley motioned to Approve, 2nd by Laurie Dobson.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

SCHOOLS

13. Are you in favor of the School Board continuing planning efforts for a combined, district-wide middle school?

Katelyn Damon made a motion to Table this Article, 2nd by Richard Beal.
There were 9 Votes Yes, 14 Votes NO. Article is not Tabled.

Tom Powell motioned to Approve, 2nd by George Dickson.
20 Votes Yes, 6 Votes No.

SCHOOLS (14A – 14R)

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, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Amy Palmer motioned to Approve \$350,252, 2nd by Tom Powell.
Unanimous Vote to Approve \$350,252.

14B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Tom Powell motioned to Approve \$161,038. 2nd by Cari Alley.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Joanne Thormann motioned to Approve \$-0-, 2nd by Amy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Tom Powell motioned to Approve \$10,705, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Tammy Palmer motioned to Approve \$23,844, 2nd by Laurie Dobson.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14F. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Cari Alley motioned to Approve \$21,508, 2nd by Amy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14G. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Tom Powell motioned to Approve \$37,153, 2nd by Cari Alley.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14H. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Amy Palmer motioned to Approve \$48,300, 2nd by Cari Alley.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Tammy Palmer motioned to Approve \$49,850, 2nd by Tom Powell.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14J. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Tammy Palmer motioned to Approve \$71,031, 2nd by Cari Alley.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14K. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve \$-0-, 2nd by Cari Alley
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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 \$200,841**) 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021. School Committee recommends **\$165,603**

Cari Alley motioned to put the Article on the floor, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Cari Alley motioned to Amend the amounts to \$210,072 & \$171,454, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to Approve the amended amount.

Hand Count Vote to Approve, 25 Yes, -0- No.

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, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends **\$ 71,031**

Tom Powell motioned to Approve, 2nd by Tammy Palmer.

Hand Count Votes to Approve, 23 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

Written Ballot Vote Required

14N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$326,348**) for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$326,348**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee. The School Committee recommends **\$ 326,348** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$326,348**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2020-2021 budget.

Amy Palmer motioned to put the Article on the floor, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Amy Palmer motioned to Amend the amount to \$320,497.

Unanimous Vote to Amend.

Written ballot cast to Approve, 8 Votes Yes, -0- No.

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, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 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 **\$ 773,681**

Cari Alley motioned to Approve, 2nd by Tammy Palmer.
Hand Count Votes to Approve, 23 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

14P. In addition to the amount in Articles 14A – 14O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2020-2021 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: **\$ 24,089**

Cari Alley motioned to Approve \$24,089, 2nd by Tammy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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 2020-2021 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Cari Alley motioned to Approve, 2nd by Tammy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

14R. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the school committee to have the Longfellow School remain open for the 2020-2021 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately eleven students.

Cari Alley motioned to Approve, 2nd by Amy Palmer.
Majority Vote to Approve, 1 Vote Opposed.

15. 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) for dock maintenance, and installation of three (3) Town guest moorings, for Sutton Island and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve, 2nd by Tom Powell.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

16. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend sixteen thousand, one hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$16,124.00) and to enter into a three (3) year contract to continue the Cranberry Isles Commuter Ferry Service 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.

Amy Palmer motioned to Approve, 2nd by George Dickson.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

17. 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 2020 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 motioned to Approve, 2nd by Tom Powell.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for engineering services for capital road projects for Harding Point Road and Jimmy's Point Road on Great Cranberry Island and Co-Op Road on Little Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Colleen Bunker motioned to approve, 2nd by Jason Pickering.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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 four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) for reconstruction of Harding Point Road on Great Cranberry Island and Co-Op Road on Little Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Jason Pickering motioned to Approve, 2nd by Tammy Palmer.
Cory Alley motioned to Amend the Article to take out "and Co-op Road on Little Cranberry Island", 2nd by George Dickson.
Majority Vote to Amend, 1 Vote to Oppose.
Unanimous Vote to Approve Article as amended.

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-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for capital improvements at the municipal garage on Little Cranberry Island and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Tom Powell motioned to Approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

21. 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-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) for a new Generac system, and to complete renovations, at the Town Office on Little Cranberry Island and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Katelyn Damon motioned to Approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.
Tom Powell motioned to amend the Article, take out “new Generac System”, to read “for a new Auxiliary power solution”, 2nd by Laurie Dobson.
Majority Vote to Amend, 1 Vote to Oppose.
Majority Vote to Approve, 1 Vote to Oppose.

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 capital improvements at 15 Mansell Lane, Southwest Harbor, for the purpose of establishing two (2) residential apartments, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Richard Beal motioned to Approve, 2nd by Paul Fernald.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

23. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to eleven thousand, six-hundred dollars (\$11,600.00) for capital improvements at the Cranberry Isles Manset dock in Southwest Harbor, for the purpose of rebuilding the shorefront retaining wall, 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.

Cari Alley motioned to Approve, 2nd by Tammy Palmer.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

24. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to fourteen thousand, three hundred dollars (\$14,300.00) for capital improvements to install a video monitoring system at the Great Cranberry and Little Cranberry Town Docks, 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.

Tammy Palmer motioned to Approve, 2nd by Hannah Folsom.
15 Votes Yes, 7 Votes No.

25. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will direct the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee to ascertain unknown property owners for the purpose of assessment and collection of property taxes.

Laurie Dobson motioned to Approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

26. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will direct the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee to enact a ninety day moratorium on the construction of telecommunications facilities in order to prepare ordinance amendments or a new ordinance to address any new or proposed telecommunications facilities in the Town of Cranberry Isles for future consideration by Town voters; such ordinance amendments or new ordinance to be retroactive to protect the Town's safety and welfare to the extent permitted by law.

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve, 2nd by Joanne Thormann.
Majority of votes to Approve, 1 Vote Opposed.

27. FUTURE TOWN MEETING

To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2021, on 13, March 2021 at the Longfellow School, Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9 A.M.

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve, 2nd by Cari Alley.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

28. 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.

Dept. 51- General Government - \$390,870.

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve, 2nd by Richard Beal.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept. 52- Public Safety - \$88,300

Katelyn Damon motioned to Approve, 2nd by Jason Pickering.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept 53- Health & Sanitation - \$147,100

Paul Fernald motioned to Approve, 2nd by Katelyn Damon.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept. 54- Public Transportation - \$575,244

Katelyn Damon motioned to Approve, 2nd by Richard Beal.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept. 55- Schools - \$773,681

Barbara Meyers motioned to Approve, 2nd by Cari Alley.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept. 56-Donations - \$28,500

Cari Alley motioned to Approve, 2nd by Jason Pickering.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept. 57-Debt Service - \$401,845

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve, 2nd by Katelyn Damon.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept. 58- Municipal Facilities - \$330,630

Bruce Fernald motioned to Approve, 2nd by Theodore Spurling.
Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Total Appropriations Approved for Town Operations in 2020: **\$2,736,170.**

At 1:15 p.m., Cory Alley motioned to Adjourn the Meeting, 2nd by Jason Pickering.
Unanimous Vote to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise McCormick
Town Clerk