

RESULTS OF THE 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 01, 2021

The annual Town Meeting was held on May 01, 2021 in the Ladies Aid Ballfield on Great Cranberry Island.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by the Town Clerk, Denise McCormick. There were 45 voters present.

To note, this was the first Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Cranberry Isles that was held outside, due to restrictions of Indoor Gatherings during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The following articles were acted upon:

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

Beverly Sanborn nominates Barbara Fernald. There were no other nominations.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes for Barbara Fernald.

Denise McCormick administered the Oath of Office for Barbara Fernald.

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

Cory Alley nominates Denise McCormick. There were no other nominations.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Denise McCormick.

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

Unanimous Vote for compensation at \$7,000.

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

Jeri Spurling motioned to put on the floor, 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

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 2021 warrant.

Amy Palmer motions to approve, 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

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

Nanette Hadlock nominated Cory Alley. There were no other nominations.

8 votes cast, 8 votes Cory Alley.

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

Nanette Hadlock motions to set compensation at \$8,000 for Chair and \$7500 for other board members, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Majority vote to Approve, 1 vote Opposed.

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

Richard Beal nominated Denise McCormick. There were no other nominations.

5 votes cast, 5 votes Denise McCormick.

David Thomas motions to set compensation at \$10,000 for the year, 2nd by Cory Alley.

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.

Cory Alley nominates Denise McCormick. There were no other nominations.

6 votes cast, 6 votes Denise McCormick.

Cari Alley motions to set compensation at \$28,000 for the year, 2nd by Serena Spurling.

Unanimous vote to approve.

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

Amy Palmer nominates Cari Alley. There were no other nominations.

6 votes cast, 6 votes Cari Alley.

10. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of Six Percent (6%) APR on all 2021 taxes not paid by December 1, 2021. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2021 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA ss 505.4 is six percent (6%) APR.

Cory Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Majority vote to approve, 2 votes to oppose.

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.

Amy Palmer motions to approve, 2nd by Nanette Hadlock.

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 2022, February 2022, and March 2022 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2021. 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 2022.

Beverly Sanborn motions to approve, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Unanimous vote to approve.

SCHOOL:

13A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning on July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Cory Alley motions to approve \$377,363, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning on July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve \$164,029, 2nd by Serena Spurling.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve \$-0-, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Other Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve \$11,205, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Cari Alley motions to approve \$24,025, 2nd by Hannah Folsom.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13F. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for System Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Cari Alley motions to approve \$21,317, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13G. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Cari Alley motions to approve \$34,980, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13H. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Transportation & Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Amy Palmer motions to approve \$54,950, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Richard Beal motions to approve \$55,304, 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13J. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve \$71,031, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13K. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Cari Alley motions to approve \$-0-, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13L. 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, 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 01, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve appropriate \$250,680 and raise \$190, 845, 2nd by Nanette Hadlock.

Hand Count Vote was taken. 19 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No.

13M. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate for the annual payments of 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 01, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Cari Alley motions to approve \$71,031, 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

Hand Count Vote was taken. 17 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No.

13N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes for the period of July 01, 2021 to June 30, 2022, which exceeds the State's Essential Program and Services allocation model as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

Cari Alley motions to approve \$319,311, 2nd by Richard Alley.

Written ballot count was taken. 15 ballots cast, 15 votes Yes, -0- votes No. Article is approved.

13O. 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 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.

Amy Palmer motions to approve \$814,204, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Hand Count Required.

22 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

13P. In addition to the amount in Articles 13A-13O, 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 2021-2022 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Cari Alley motions to approve \$56,469 (including CRF grants), 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13Q. 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 2021-2022 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Cari Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13R. 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 2021-2022 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately eleven students.

Cari Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

14. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and spend up to one hundred and fifteen dollars (\$115,000) for reconstruction of 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 funds, and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Cory Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Nanette Hadlock.

Majority vote to approve, 2 votes opposed.

Article passes.

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 fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) for capital improvements to construct a new, year round, stand alone public restroom 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.

Nanette Hadlock motions to approve, 2nd by Hannah Folsom.

27 Votes cast, 11 Votes Yes, 16 Votes No.

Article does not pass.

Richard Beal makes a motion to take a 10-minute recess, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous vote to take a break to hear Dave Norman, Versant Rep, discuss the plans that Versant has for replacing the underwater cable between Great Cranberry and Little Cranberry Islands this coming fall.

16. 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 2021 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.

Mary Schuch motions to approve, 2nd by Richard Beal.

Unanimous vote to approve.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve the selling of the property at 15 Mansell Lane, in Southwest Harbor, Maine, and to authorize the proceeds to pay down current Town debt.

Cory Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

After a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of selling the property, Cory Alley motions to call the question, 2nd by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous vote to Call the Question.

There were 36 written ballots cast, 17 Votes Yes, 19 Votes No.

Article does not pass.

18. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2022, on 12, March 2022 at the Islesford Neighborhood House, Little Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Kelly Dickson motions to approve, 2nd by Cory Alley.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Katelyn Damon motions to take a Lunch Recess at 12:00, 2nd by Cory Alley. Unanimous vote to have Lunch.

The Ladies Aid of Great Cranberry served a delicious lunch that was enjoyed by all! The Moderator called the meeting back to Order at 12:50 p.m.

19. 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 \$359,420.

Richard Beal motions to approve \$359,420, 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 52 Public Safety \$89,000

Katelyn Damon motions to approve \$89,000, 2nd by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 53 Health and Sanitation \$178,830

Katelyn Damon motions to approve \$178,830, 2nd by Cory Alley

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 54 Public Transportation \$257,429

Cory Alley motions to approve \$257,429, 2nd by Laurie Dobson

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 55 Education \$814,204

Cari Alley motions to approve \$814,204, 2nd by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 56 Donations \$28,250

Jeri Spurling motions to approve \$28,250, 2nd by Joanne Thormann

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 57 Debt Service \$440,840

Hannah Folsom motions to approve \$440,840, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 58 Municipal Facilities \$299,754

Laurie Dobson motions to approve, 2nd by Mary Schuch.

Denise McCormick motions to amend the amount to \$249,754, as Article 15 did not pass, 2nd by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Total Appropriations for Town Operations was approved for 2021= **\$2,417,727.00**

Town Operations Budget was amended by Denise McCormick, 2nd by Laurie Dobson.

Commuter Ferry Subsidy was increased to \$50,000.

Property Tax for 2021 was decreased to \$1,938,679.

Estimated General Funds Receipts \$196,031

School Dept (State Subsidies & Misc.) \$233,017

Unanimous vote to Approve Revenues: **\$2,417,727.00**

The meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise McCormick

Town Clerk 2021