

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2022

The Town of Cranberry Isles held their annual Town Meeting on March 12, 2022. The meeting was attended by 45 registered Voters at the Neighborhood House on Islesford. The Town Clerk, Denise McCormick called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. to act on the following articles.

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

Richard Beal nominated Dana Reed. There were no other nominations.

4 Votes Cast for Dana Reed.

After certifying the Oath of Office, Dana continued the Meeting.

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

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

5 Votes Cast for Denise McCormick.

Richard Beal motions to set compensation at \$8,000, 2nd by Bruce Fernald.

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.

Nanette Hadlock motions to approve, 2nd by Richard Beal.

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 2022 warrant.

Cory Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

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

Joshua Gray nominated Joe Connell.

Nanette Hadlock nominated Richard Beal. Richard declined the nomination.

9 Votes cast for Joe Connell.

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

David Thomas motions to set compensation at \$8,000 for chairman, \$7,500 for the others, 2nd by Malcolm Fernald.

Majority Vote to approve, 1 Vote to oppose.

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

Cory Alley nominated Denise McCormick. No other nominations.

10 Votes Cast for Denise McCormick.

Nanette Hadlock motions to set compensation at \$11,000, 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.

Cari Alley nominated Denise McCormick.

Nanette Hadlock motions to set compensation at \$29,000, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

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 Amy Palmer.

10 Votes cast for Amy Palmer.

10. To see if voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of four percent (4%) APR on all 2022 taxes not paid by December 01, 2022.

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

Unanimous Vote to approve.

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.

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

12. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2023, February 2023, and March 2023 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2022.

Richard Beal motions to approve, 2nd by Thomas Powell.

Unanimous vote to approve.

SCHOOLS:

13A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for REGULAR INSTRUCTION for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Cari Alley motions to set the amount at \$417,776, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Majority vote to approve, 1 vote to oppose.

13B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for SPECIAL EDUCATION for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Amy Palmer motions to set the amount at \$152,753, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Cari Alley motions to set the amount at \$-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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Amy Palmer motions to set the amount at \$11,205, 2nd by Cari Alley.

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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Cari Alley motions to set the amount at \$25,638, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Amy Palmer motions to set the amount at \$24,799, 2nd by Cari Alley.

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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023

Cari Alley motions to set the amount at \$54,129. 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, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023.

Amy Palmer motions to set the amount at \$57,450, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Majority vote to approve, 2 votes to oppose.

13I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for FACILITIES MAINTENANCE for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Cari Alley motions to set the amount at \$122,872, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Amy Palmer motions to set the amount at \$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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Cari Alley motions to set the amount at \$-0-, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

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 (Recommend \$298,327) 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 of July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Amy Palmer motions to approve \$298,327 and raise \$215,419, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Hand Count is Required.

30 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 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 of July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Cari Alley motions to set the amount at \$71, 031, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Hand Count is Required.

27 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 (Recommend: \$357,140) for the period July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2023, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend: \$357,140)

As required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

Amy Palmer motions to approve the amount of \$357,140, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Written ballot vote is required.

13 votes Yes, 1 vote No.

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 01, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the Town's contribution for 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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of the Schools.

Cari Alley motions to set the amount at \$937,653, 2nd by Amy Palmer.

Hand count is required.

29 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 2022-2023 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Amy Palmer motions to set the amount at \$25,695, 2nd by Cari Alley.

Unanimous vote to approve.

13Q. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to have the Ashly Bryan School remain open for the 2022-2023 school year with an unknown number of 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 2022-2023 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately ten students.

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

Unanimous vote to approve.

14. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a twelve (12) month lease agreement in 2022 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.

Joanne Thormann motions to approve, 2nd by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous vote to approve.

15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) to do necessary improvements for

a parking lot 15 Mansell Lane, Southwest Harbor (M 17 L 112) and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Joanne Thormann motions to approve, 2nd by Nanette Hadlock.

Majority vote to approve, 2 votes to oppose.

16. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$31,500) to demolish or otherwise remove the building at 15 Mansell Lane, Southwest Harbor (M 17 L 112) and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Jason Pickering motions to approve, 2nd by Thomas Powell.

Unanimous vote to approve.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to further study potential investments and improvements for the building and property at 15 Mansell Lane, Southwest Harbor (M 17 L 1120), for housing or other potential uses, and do all other things that reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Joe Connell motions to act on the article, 2nd by Thomas Powell.

Joe Connell motions to amend the article to remove “for the building and”, 2nd by James Fortune.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Thomas Powell motions to take a lunch break 11:30 to 12:15, 2nd by Jeffrey Pease.

Unanimous vote to adjourn for lunch.

At 12:15, 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 appropriate and expend twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$28,500) and enter into a multi-year contract for launching, handling, disconnecting, hauling, storage and maintenance of flats and associated ramps and gangways owned by the Town of Cranberry Isles and located within the Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary 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.

Thomas Powell motions to approve, 2nd by James Fortune.

Unanimous vote to approve.

19. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) and enter into a multi-year contract for launching, handling, disconnecting, hauling, storage and maintenance of floats and associated ramps and gangways owned by the Town of Cranberry Isles and located at the Town’s Manset property in Southwest Harbor, Maine, 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.

Thomas Powell motions to approve, 2nd by Colleen Bunker.

Unanimous vote to approve.

20. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend sixty-three thousand four hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$63,495), for the first year, and to enter into a (3) 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.

Thomas Powell motions to approve, 2nd by James Fortune.

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 twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) for construction of a float for Great Cranberry Island Town Dock, 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.

Phil Whitney motions to approve, 2nd by Cameron Frothingham.

15 votes Yes, 6 votes No. Article passes.

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 twelve-thousand dollars (\$12,000) for 2 additional moorings for each harbor (Great Cranberry, Little Cranberry and Sutton) 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.

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

Majority vote to approve, 2 votes to oppose.

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 ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) to drill a well for the Cranberry Isles 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 contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and all other things necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Thomas Powell motions to approve, 2nd by Jason Pickering.

The well would be a joint use well for (M 23 L33-Town) and (M23 L32-Wriggins), after a discussion of the agreement between landowners, Voters felt the need to have an easement in place.

Thomas Powell motions to amend the article to read, “to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary Easements and contracts”, 2nd by Nanette Hadlock.

Majority vote Yes, 1 vote opposed to amend the article.

Majority vote Yes, 1 vote No. Article Passes.

24. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to un-encumber twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) that was approved for solar panels at the Town Office and use the funds for a new electric generator system 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.

Cory Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Oscar Delagarza.

Majority vote to oppose, 1 vote to approve. Article does not pass.

25. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) for engineering and design services for a capital project for the purpose of constructing a year-round dock at the Cranberry Isles Manset property, 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 necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Cory Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Oscar Delagarza.

Unanimous vote to approve.

26. 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) for engineering and design services for a capital project for the purpose of developing additional parking in the Cranberry Isles Manset property, 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.

Cory Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Oscar Delagarza.

Unanimous vote to approve.

27. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to raise and appropriate \$5,000 and create a reserve account entitled Transportation Assistance within the Public Safety budget. The purpose of this account is to offset barging costs to residents to help facilitate easier transportation between islands and the mainland due to illness or immobility.

Cari Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Katelyn Damon.

Majority vote to approve, 5 votes to oppose. Article passes.

28. To see if the Town will appropriate \$14,583.45 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Broadband Infrastructure Improvement.

James Fortune motions to approve, 2nd by Jeffrey Pease.

Unanimous vote to approve.

29. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles concur today with the votes expressed by the voters at earlier Town Meetings concerning the sale of liquor or spirits for consumption as indicated.

Written ballot Required.

Thomas Powell motions to approve, 2nd by Bruce Fernald

20 Votes Yes, -0- votes No. Article passes.

30. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2023, on 11 March 2023 at the Longfellow School, Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Cari Alley motions to approve, 2nd by Oscar Delagarza.

Unanimous vote to approve.

31. 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 on separately.

Dept 51- General Government \$366,085

Katelyn Damon motions to approve, 2nd by Thomas Powell.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 52-Public Safety \$140,650

Thomas Powell motions to approve, 2nd by Nanette Hadlock.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 53-Health & Sanitation \$193,080

Thomas Powell motions to approve, 2nd by Nanette Hadlock.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 54-Public Transportation \$146,779

Thomas Powell motions to approve, 2nd by Oscar Delagarza.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 55-Education \$937,653

