

## Results from the 2023 Annual Town Meeting

March 11, 2023

The Annual Town Meeting of The Town of Cranberry Isles was held at the Congregational Church of Cranberry Isles, Great Cranberry Isles on March 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Denise McCormick, at 9:00 a.m. There were 50 Registered Voters present.

The Articles were acted on as written below.

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

Florence Sprague nominated Dana Reed.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes for Dana Reed.

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

Tammy Palmer nominated Denise McCormick.

8 Votes Cast, 8 Votes for Denise McCormick.

Barbara Fernald motioned to set compensation at \$8,000 for the year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katelyn Damon.

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.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara 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 2023 warrant.

Joanne Thormann motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

5. To elect by ballot a Select Board member for the term of three (3) years.

Serena Spurling nominates Florence J. Sprague.

Lorraine Bracy nominates Amanda Bracy.

40 Votes cast, 19 Votes Florence Sprague, 21 Votes Amanda Bracy.

Amanda Bracy is the new Select Board member.

6. To vote compensation for all Select Board members for the ensuing year.

Bruce Fernald motions to set the compensation at \$8,000 for Chair, \$7,500 for the others, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara 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.

Barbara Fernald nominated Denise McCormick.

6 Votes Cast, 6 Votes Denise McCormick.

Barbara Fernald motions to set compensation at \$11,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

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.

Bruce Fernald nominated Denise McCormick.

7 Votes Cast, 7 Votes Denise McCormick

Amanda Bracy motions to set compensation at \$29,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

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

Phil Whitney nominated C. Darlene Sumner.

9 Votes Cast, 9 Votes C. Darlene Sumner.

10. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of four Percent (4%) APR on all 2023 taxes not paid by December 1, 2023.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

11. To see of 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.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

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, February and March 2024 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operators Budget approved for the Year 2023.

Barbara Fernald motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

13. 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 2023 with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine for use of the church land on Joy Rd. in Northeast Harbor, Maine, for parking of residents of, and visitors to the Cranberry Isles.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

#### SCHOOLS:

14A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for REGULAR Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$363,795, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Dunbar.

Majority to approve, 1 vote to Oppose.

14B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$177,424, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theodore Spurling.

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 01. 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$-0-, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

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 01, 2023 and ending June 30. 2024.

Katie Truesdale motioned to approve \$11,144, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Majority Vote to approve, 1 Vote to oppose.

14E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$34,920., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theodore Spurling.

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 01, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$25,050, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

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 01, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$62,262, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeri Spurling.

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 01, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Katie Truesdale motioned to approve \$58,100, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

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 01, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.

Katie Truesdale motioned to approve \$133,860, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

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 01, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$71,031, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

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 01, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Katie Truesdale motioned to approve \$-0-, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Dunbar.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14L. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education for kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$255,278) 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 Funding Act in accordance with the Mine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 01, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Katie Truesdale motioned to approve \$216,700, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Hand Count is required. The results were 28 Votes Yes, -0- Votes 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 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$71,031, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Meyers.

Hand Count Required. The results were 21 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

14N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$384,217) for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30,2024, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend: \$384,217) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Written Ballot Vote Required.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$384,317, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeri Spurling.

12 Ballots Cast, 10 Votes YES, 2 Votes NO.

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 01, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 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.

HAND COUNT REQUIRED.

Katie Truesdale motioned to approve \$937,586, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

23 Votes Cast, 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 and State grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2023-2024 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$28,982, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

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 2023-2024 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately ten students.

Katie Truesdale motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theodore Spurling.

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 2023-2024 school year with an unknown number of students.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the completion of the Cistern Project on Great 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.

Barbara Fernald motioned to put it on the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Thormann.

Barbara Fernald motioned to amend the article to remove "to appropriate and", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous Vote to amend.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

16. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a ten (10) year lease agreement in 2023 with the Town of Mt. Desert for the continued use of the Cranberry Isles main parking lot located on land owned by the Town of Mt Desert in Northeast Harbor, Maine, for parking for residents of, and visitors to, the Cranberry Isles.

Barbara Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to install an automated parking permit system in the Cranberry Isles Northeast Harbor parking lot 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 reasonable necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Phillipe Donald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Connell.

Joanne Thormann motioned to amend the article to remove "to appropriate and", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Amend.

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 thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the construction of a winter float on the Sutton 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 the funds, and all other things reasonable necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Jeri Spurling motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Connell.

Barbara Fernald motioned to amend the article to remove “to appropriate and”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeri Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to Amend.

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 up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to purchase and install a Generac system at the Newman & Gray Boatyard on Great Cranberry Island to operate the broadband microwave equipment serving Sutton Island during power outages, 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.

Phillipe Donald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Dowling.

Barbara Fernald motioned to amend the article to remove “to appropriate and”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Thormann.

Unanimous Vote to Amend.

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 up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) that will be used to for local and state permitting for the future parking lot development at the Cranberry Isles Manset property, 15 Mansell Lane, in Southwest Harbor and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary on behalf of the Town, to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Tammy Palmer motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Thormann.

Barbara Fernald motioned to amend the article to remove “to appropriate”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Connell.

Unanimous Vote to Amend.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Richard Howland motioned to take a lunch break at 11:45 am, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Connell.

Unanimous Vote to take a lunchbreak until 12:30 pm.

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 ten thousand dollars (10,000) for structural repairs at the Little Cranberry Island town garage/transfer station 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.

Jeri Spurling motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cory Alley.

Jeri Spurling motioned to amend the article to remove “to appropriate and”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cory Alley.

Unanimous Vote to Amend the article.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow funds in the principal amount of up to sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to purchase a new plow truck and snow plow for 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.

Bruce Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara 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 twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the first, and to enter into a (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.

Jeri Spurling motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Meyers.

Barbara Fernald motioned to amend the article to remove “to appropriate and”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phillippe Donald.

Unanimous Vote to Amend.

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 eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) for the first year, and to enter into a (3) year plowing contract for Great 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.

Jeri Spurling motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phillippe Donald.

Joanne Thormann motioned to amend the article to remove “to appropriate and”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to Amend.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

25. To see if the Town of Cranberry Isles will enact a resolution to investigate the advantages of installing Community solar array(s) as an independent micro-grid for the purpose of making continuous power supply to the Cranberry Isles a better possibility during power outages, to establish a resilient system that does not rely on mainland power, and to move to cleaner energy in 2023.

Jeri Spurling motioned to Approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.



26. To see if the Voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to extend the term of the lease to the Cranberry Isles Realty Trust (CIRT) for property on the corner of Hadlock Rd. and Maple Ave, Islesford (Tax Map 26, Lot 25), from November 30, 2036 to November 30, 2070, for the purpose of building an additional apartment onto the existing CIRT house, in keeping with the original goal of expanding affordable housing opportunities to the community.

Jeri Spurling motioned to Approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

27. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2024, on 16, March 2024 at the Islesford Neighborhood House, Little Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 8:30 am.

Barbara Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Thormann.

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- \$393,000

Richard Howland motions to approve \$393,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept 52- Public Safety- \$187,500

Katelyn Damon motions to approve \$187,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Howland.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept 53-Health and Sanitation- \$202,310

Bruce Fernald motioned to approve \$202,310, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Connell.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 54- Public Transportation- \$224,370

Barbara Fernald motioned to approve \$224,370, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept 55- Schools- \$937,586

Amy Palmer motioned to approve \$937,586, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Thormann.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept. 56- Donations - \$33,250

Joe Connell motioned to approve \$33,250, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept 57 – Debt Service - \$508,395

Barbara Fernald motioned to approve \$508,395, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to Approve,

Dept 58 - \$346,100

Joe Connell motioned to approve \$346,100, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

TOTAL Appropriations for Town Operations - \$2,832,511.

Joe Connell motioned to approve total \$2,832,511 Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise McCormick

Town Clerk