

RESULTS OF THE MARCH 12, 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

FOR THE TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Cranberry Isles was held on March 12, 2016 at the Neighborhood House on Islesford. The Town Clerk, Denise McCormick, called the Meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. There were 68 Registered Voters present.

The following articles were voted on as follows:

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

Richard Beal nominated Barbara Fernald.

There were no other nominations.

3 Votes Cast, 3 Votes for Barbara Fernald.

The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Moderator.

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

Kelly Sanborn nominated Denise McCormick.

There were no other nominations.

4 Votes Cast, 4 Votes Denise McCormick.

The Moderator administered the Oath of Office to the Town Clerk.

William Dowling motions to set compensation for the Town Clerk at \$7,000 annually, seconded by Tammy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to Approve compensation of \$7,000.

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

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, seconded by Thomas Powell.

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 2016 Warrant.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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

Kelly Sanborn nominated Richard Beal.

Karin Whitney nominated William Dowling.

59 Votes Cast, 42 Votes Richard Beal, 17 Votes William Dowling.

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

Ingrid Gaither motions to set the compensation at \$3,000 for the Chairman and \$2,000 for others, seconded by Phil Whitney.

Jason Pickering motions to amend the amounts to \$4,000 for the Chairman and \$3,000 for others, seconded by Eric Sandberg.

17 Votes Yes, 11 Votes No to amend the compensation amounts to \$4,000 and \$3,000.

Cory Duggan motions to amend the amounts to \$8,000 for the Chairman and \$7,500 for others, seconded by Kaitlyn Duggan.

30 Votes Yes, 16 Votes No to amend the compensation amounts to \$8,000 and \$7,500.

After a lengthy discussion, Katelyn Damon motions to call the question, seconded by Jason Pickering.

Majority votes to call the question, with 2 Votes to oppose.

57 Votes Cast to set compensation at \$8,000 for the Chairman, and \$7,500 for others.

39 Votes Yes, 18 Votes No.

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

Sheila Krasnow nominated Denise McCormick.

There were no other nominations.

4 Votes Cast, 4 Votes Denise McCormick.

Sheila Krasnow motions to set compensation at \$10,000, seconded by Serena Spurling.

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.

Beverly Sanborn nominated Denise McCormick.

There were no other nominations.

4 Votes Cast, 4 Votes Denise McCormick

Josh Gray motions to set the compensation at \$28,000, seconded by Richard Beal.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

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

Serena Spurling nominated Amy Palmer.

There were no other nominations.

8 Votes Cast, 8 Votes Amy Palmer.

10. To elect by ballot a member of the Municipal Advisory Commission, which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve a period of three years each.

Ingrid Gaither nominated Branden Stubbs.

4 Votes Cast, 4 Votes Branden Stubbs.

11. To elect by ballot a member of the Municipal Advisory Commission, which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve a period of three years each.

Ingrid Gaither nominated Jasmine Samuel.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Jasmine Samuel.

12. To elect by ballot a member of the Municipal Advisory Commission, which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voter of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve a period of three years each.

Cory Duggan nominated Nicholas Barton.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Nicholas Barton.

13. To elect by ballot a member of the Municipal Advisory Commission, which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve a period of three years. (Term expiring in 2017, to fill a vacant seat whose term would have expired in 2017.)

Patricia Bailey nominated Chris White.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Chris White.

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

Richard Beal motions to set amounts to \$12 to \$25 per hour, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

15. 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 2016 taxes not paid by December 01, 2016. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2016 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.

Cory Duggan motions to approve, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

16. 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.

Bruce Fernald motions to approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2017, February 2017, and March 2017 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operations Budget approved for the Year 2016. 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 2017.

Jeri Spurling motions to approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Unanimous vote to Approve.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ARTICLES 18A-18K AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES:

18A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Regular Instructions for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Jeri Spurling motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$273,728 for Regular Instruction, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Majority Vote to Approve, 2 Votes to Oppose.

18B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Kelly Sanborn motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$53,427 for Special Education, seconded by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017.

Bruce Fernald motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend -0- for Career and Technical Education, seconded by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Other Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017.

Rick Alley motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$10,505 for Other Instruction, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning on July 01, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017.

Jeri Spurling motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$24,469 for Student & Staff Support, seconded by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18F. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for System Administration for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017.

Kelly Sanborn motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$16,084 for System Administration, seconded by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18G. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Sheila Krasnow motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$34,383 for School Administration, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18H. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Transportation & Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Richard Beal motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$47,600 for Transportation & Buses, seconded by Beverly Sanborn.

Majority Vote to Approve, 1 Vote to Oppose.

18I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Richard Beal motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$51,919 for Facilities Maintenance, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18J. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Sheila Krasnow motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$71,031 for Debt Service and Other Commitments, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18K. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Bruce Fernald motions that the School Committee be authorized to expend \$-0- for All Other Expenditures, seconded by Ted Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Note: Articles 18A-18K authorize a total budget of \$583,146.

Articles 18L, 18M & 18N raise funds for the Proposed School Budget.

18L. 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 \$145,080) 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 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Hand Count Required.

William Dowling motions that the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles appropriate \$145,080 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and raise \$131,603 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, 2016 to June 30, 2017, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Hand Count Votes were 30 Votes Yes, 1 Vote No.

18M. 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, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Hand Count Required.

William Dowling motions that the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles raise and appropriate \$71,031 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, 2016 to June 30, 2017, seconded by Kelly Sanborn.

Hand Count Votes were 32 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

18N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$305,354) for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend: \$302,085) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee. Written ballot Vote Required.

Katelyn Damon motions that the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles raise and appropriate \$305,354 in additional funds for school purposes for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$302,085 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee, seconded by Barbara Meyers.

31 Written Votes Cast, 28 Votes Yes, 3 Votes No.

Note: Articles 18L, 18M & 18N raise a total town appropriation of \$507,988

Note: Article 18O summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

18O. 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, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 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.

William Dowling motions that the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles authorize the School Committee to expend \$583,146 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 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, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Hand Count Votes were 31 Votes Yes, -0- Votes No.

18P. In addition to the amount in Articles 18A-18O, 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 2016-2017 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Richard Beal motions that in addition to the amounts in Articles 18A-18O, that 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 2016-2017 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated, seconded by Beverly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18Q. 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 2016-2017 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Donna Isaacs motions to approve, seconded by Kelly Sanborn.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

18R. 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 2016-2017 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately seventeen students.

Ingrid Gaither motions to approve, seconded by Richard Beal.

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 sixty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$67,700) to continue the Cranberry Isles Commuter Ferry Service, a portion of which will be funded by Federal Transportation Administrative (FTA) grant monies, and to authorize Municipal Officers to enter into a multi-year contract if financially advantageous.

Sheila Krasnow motions to approve, seconded by Ingrid Gaither.

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 up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the construction of a new float for Manset, 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 motions to approve, seconded by Richard Beal.

Majority Vote to Approve, 2 Votes to Oppose.

21. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in capital reserve funds for a future Town Office building for the Town of Cranberry Isles.

Richard Beal motions to approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

After a lengthy discussion of where the Town Office should be located and that maybe the School buildings should be utilized, Barbara Meyers motions to call the question, seconded by Jason Pickering.

Unanimous Vote to call the question.

Unanimous Vote Oppose. Article does not pass.

22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in capital reserve funds for the purchase of a new plow truck, sander and related equipment for Little Cranberry Island (Islesford).

Rick Alley motions to approve, seconded by James Fortune.

Majority Vote to Approve, 4 Votes to Oppose.

At 12:10 p.m., Richard Beal motions to adjourn the meeting until 1:15 p.m. for a lunch break, seconded by Katie Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to take a recess.

At 1:15 p.m., Barbara Fernald, moderator, calls the meeting to order.

23. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a multi-year contract (Municipal Joinder Agreement) with the Municipal Review Committee, Inc. (MRC), an agreement that would send municipal solid waste to a new processing facility, if financially advantageous. Adoption of this warrant article will authorize the following:

- (i) to authorize the Town to continue as a charter member community of the Municipal Review Committee, Inc. (MRC), organized as a Maine nonprofit corporation and acting as a regional association pursuant to Title 13B and Title 38 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended (and specifically Section 1304-B (5-A) of Title 38) for the purpose of managing and facilitating solid waste disposal;
- (ii) to adopt, ratify and confirm the Restated Articles of Incorporation and the Restated Bylaws of the MRC in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk and posted as part of this Warrant;
- (iii) to authorize the Town to execute and deliver a Municipal Joinder Agreement with the MRC in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk and posted as part of this Warrant (the "Municipal Joinder Agreement") pursuant to which the Town will become a Joining Member of the MRC (as defined therein) and deliver its municipal solid waste for disposal to a waste management facility being developed by Fiberight, LLC and/or its affiliates (collectively, "Fiberight") in Hampden, Maine, or other waste disposal facility;
- (iv) to authorize the MRC to take certain actions on behalf of the Town as set forth in the Municipal Joinder Agreement; and
- (v) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen or their duly authorized designee or designees to execute and deliver the Municipal Joinder Agreement on behalf of the Town and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town in conjunction therewith such other documents and to take such further actions as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to effect the transactions contemplated by the Municipal Joinder Agreement.

Richard Beal motions to approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for capital expenditure for a well to be located on Town property for the municipal garage at Islesford, 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 motions to approve, seconded by Thomas Powell.

Richard Beal motions to amend the article to read "...for the Municipal Fire House on Islesford", seconded by Ted Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to Amend the article.

Majority Vote to Approve the article, 2 Votes to Oppose.

25. 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 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for capital purchase of a new fire truck for Great Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into a purchase and sales agreement on behalf of the Town, expend the borrowed funds, and all other things reasonable necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Article.

Ted Spurling motions to approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Majority Vote to Approve, 1 Vote to Oppose.

26. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate and authorize the Municipal Officers to expend up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) toward the cost of restoring and renovating the Spurling Point Cemetery on Great Cranberry Island.

Richard Beal motions to approve, seconded by Carl Brooks.

Richard Beal motions to amend the article to read "the Revolutionary War (oldest) Spurling Point Cemetery on Great Cranberry Island", seconded by Ted Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to Amend the article.

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 2016 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.

Richard Beal motions to approve, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Richard Beal motions to amend the article to read, "a six (6) month lease agreement in 2016", seconded by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous Vote to Amend the article.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

28. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next Annual Town Meeting in 2017, on 11, March 2017 at the Longfellow School, Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9 A.M.

Katelyn Damon motions to approve, seconded by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

29. 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

Recommended: \$328,685.

Richard Beal motions to approve Dept 51 total of \$328,685, seconded by Sheila Krasnow.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept 52- Public Safety

Recommended: \$354,300.

Richard Beal motions to approve Dept 52 total of \$354,300, seconded by Serena Spurling.

Majority Vote to Approve, 1 Vote to Oppose.

Dept. 53- Health & Sanitation

Recommended: \$110,150

Sheila Krasnow motions to approve Dept 53 total of \$110,150, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept 54- Public Transportation

Recommended: \$190,300

Sheila Krasnow motions to approve Dept 54 total of \$190,300, seconded by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept. 55- Education

Recommended: \$583,146

Richard Beal motions to approve Dept 55 total of \$583,146, seconded by Jeri Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept 56- Donations

Recommended: \$22,800

Cari Alley motions to approve Dept. 56 total of \$22, 800, seconded by Katelyn Damon.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept. 57- Debt Service

Recommended: \$355,211

Richard Beal motions to approve Dept 57 total of \$355,211, seconded by Jeri Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Dept 58- Municipal Facilities

Recommended: \$290,725

Richard Beal motions to approve Dept 58 total of \$290,725, seconded by William Dowling.

Richard Beal motions to amend the Dept 58 total to \$240,725 as Article 21 did not pass, seconded by Carl Brooks.

Unanimous Vote to Amend the amount to \$240,725.

Unanimous Vote to Approve.

Total Appropriations for Town Operations for 2016= \$2,185,317

Town Operations Budget 2016

Applied Resources:

Loans: \$250,000

Estimated General Funds Receipts: \$194,481

From Reserve Accounts: 9,861

EMS Reserve: 6,800

Public Safety Reserve: 3,061

School Dept (State Subsidies & Misc.) 75,158

Commuter Service Subsidy: 22,000

Property Taxes (2016)

1,633,817

Total:

\$2,185,317

At 2:47 p.m., Sheila Krasnow motions to adjourn the 2016 Town Meeting, seconded by Richard Beal.

Unanimous Vote to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:



Denise McCormick

Town Clerk

