

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Saturday, June 20, 2009

TO: Karen Hamilton, a resident of the Town of Chebeague Island, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Chebeague Island in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Chebeague Island Community Hall, 247 South Road, Chebeague Island, Maine on Saturday, the 20th day of June, 2009 at 9 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon the following Articles:

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect by written ballot two selectmen to serve on the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years from the annual town meeting of 2009 to annual town meeting of 2012.

Article 3: To elect by written ballot two School Committee members to serve for a term of three years from the town annual meeting of 2009 to annual town meeting of 2012.

Article 4: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Administration and Selectmen Accounts (1300).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$145,673**

Explanation: \$1,046 increase from 08-09 budget.

Article 5: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Assessor (1400).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$12,100**

Explanation: \$200 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Elections/Bd Regis. (1650).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$5,500**

Explanation: \$2,050 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 7: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Planning (1700).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$3,000**

Explanation: \$2,300 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 8: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Legal Services (1900).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$15,000**

Explanation: \$10,000 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 9: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Law Enforcement Services (2100).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$42,323**

Explanation: \$1,350 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to combine the fire and rescue accounts into a single account and also combine the administrative oversight giving this authority and responsibility to the appointed fire chief.

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire and Rescue Dept (2200).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$93,190**

Explanation: Based on a recommendation from the Fire and Rescue Departments the selectmen are recommending these departments be combined. The 08-09 fire budget was \$61,180 and the rescue budget was \$28,850 for a combined total of \$90,030. The selectman's recommendation would increase the combined 08-09 budget by \$3,160.

Article 12: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement (2400).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$11,990**

Explanation: \$750 increase from 08-09 budget.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to combine the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden accounts into a single account and create a single position to be known as “Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden (2500)” and change the compensation from hourly to salary and to direct the Board of Selectmen to make any necessary changes to local ordinances to accomplish this by the end of calendar year 2009.

Explanation: Based on a recommendation from the Town Administrator the recommend the change in this position to the Town Meeting. The goal is to simplify the oversight of the position and allow more flexibility to meet the needs of each position.

Article 14: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden (2500).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$27,240**

Explanation: The Board of Selectmen proposes that the budgeted salaries for 08-09 for the Harbormaster (\$12,000) and Shellfish Warden (\$12,000) positions be combined into a salaried position funded at \$24,000. The overall 08-09 budget for the Harbormaster was \$15,450 and the Shellfish budget was \$14,390 for a combined total of \$29,840 for the 08-09 budget. The current proposal is a decrease of \$2,600 from the 08-09 budget. The savings comes primarily in the areas of training, marine supplies and fuel.

Article 15: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Animal Control (2600).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$1,800**

Explanation: \$100 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Shellfish (2700).

Board of Selectmen recommends: \$0

Explanation: \$14,390 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 17: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Public Works (3100).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$178,700**

Explanation: \$1,125 increase from 08-09 budget.

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Solid Waste (3200).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$132,040**

Explanation: \$1,310 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 19: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Cousins Island & Blanchard Lot (4400).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$15,001**

Explanation: \$10,000 increase from 08-09 budget. This account will support the approved agreement between the Towns of Chebeague Island and Yarmouth for the Cousin's Island Wharf. The increase is due to the improvements that the Town of Chebeague Island is making to the Cousin's Island Wharf.

Article 20: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Library (4600).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$47,500**

Explanation: No change from 08-09 budget.

Article 21: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Recreation (4610).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$50,000**

Explanation: No change from 08-09 budget.

Article 22: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for General Assistance (5810).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$5,000**

Explanation: \$3,350 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 23: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Health Services (5910).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$3,100**

Explanation: \$400 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Cemetery (6200).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$5,000**

Explanation: \$4,000 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Debt Service (6900).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$506,704**

Explanation: \$26,782 decrease from 08-09 budget. The decrease is due to the bond payment schedule.

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Benefits & Insurance (7500).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$97,026**

Explanation: \$6,888 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights (8100).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$8,514**

Explanation: No change from 08-09 budget.

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will raise, appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend for unexpected expenses as they deem necessary for Contingency (8300).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$30,000**

Explanation: \$10,000 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Abatements (8500).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$4,000**

Explanation: No change from 08-09 budget.

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Tax paid to Cumberland (8800).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$40,000**

Explanation: \$3,000 increase from 08-09 budget.

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for County Tax (8900).

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$125,335**

Explanation: \$4,623 increase from 08-09 budget.

Article 32: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit grant proposals to other governmental entities or private, non-profit foundations for funding for general administration or project-specific expenditures.

Article 33: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to change the name of account 9000-9040 from "General Reserves" to "Grant Fund" and to designate the use of this account as a reserve fund to be used for the Town portion of matching grants that the Town may be awarded.

Article 34: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from Grant Fund (9000-9040) in fiscal year 2009-2010 for sole purpose meeting the Town's responsibility in any matching grant awarded during the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements (9000), and to see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend in fiscal year 2009-2010.

Board of Selectmen recommends raising **\$281,000**.

Board of Selectmen recommends authorization to spend **\$236,000** for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Explanation: \$158,000 increase from 08-09 budget. The table below shows the sum recommended by the Board of Selectmen each capital account

Capital Account	Proposed	Balance 7/01/09	Purchase 09/10
9010 Dredging	15,000	45,620	0
9012 Fire Pond Dredging	5,000	5,000	5,000
9015 Wharf Reserve	160,000	179,789	170,000
9016 Boat Ramp	9,000	9,000	9,000
9020 Floats & Ramps	5,000	17,661	10,000
9025 Fire truck Reserve	10,000	50,827	0
9030 Roofs	0	4,082	0
9035 Vehicle Reserve	0	8,165	8,000
9040 General Reserves	0	10,164	0
9045 Revaluation Reserve	0	40,827	0
9050 Paving	30,000	30,620	0
9055 Public Works Equipment	32,000	67,723	31,000
9058 Easements & Drainage	10,000	10,000	3,000
9060 Harbormaster Vessel	0	0	0
9192 New Ambulance Fund	5,000	6,020	0
TOTAL	281,000	485,498	236,000

The following purchases shall be made from the above funds during the 2009-2010 fiscal year: Repairs to Stone Pier (\$170,000), Repairs to Boat Ramp (\$9,000), Dredging of Fire Ponds (\$5,000), Construct Float (\$10,000), Replace Red Car (\$8,000), Lease/Purchase Loader/Backhoe for 72 months and repair existing Loader/Backhoe as a spare (\$31,000), Maintain Drainage ways and Easements (\$3,000) for a total of \$236,000 in purchases.

Article 36: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon a majority vote of the full Board of Selectmen, to exceed by no more than **10%** annually, the amount authorized for each account approved in Articles 4 through 31 above, so long as the overall amount spent for the sum total of those articles does not exceed the total appropriation approved for those articles.

Article 37: To see what sum the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from the undesignated surplus funds to reduce the tax burden for the fiscal year 2009/2010.

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$ 80,000**

ARTICLES 38 THROUGH 48 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN EDUCATION COST CENTER CATEGORIES.

Article 38: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$238,142** for Regular Instruction?

Article 39: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$40,424** for Special Education?

Article 40: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Career and Technical Ed?

Article 41: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Other Instruction?

Article 42: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$13,631** for Student and Staff Support?

Article 43: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$41,629** for System Administration?

Article 44: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$31,013** for School Administration?

Article 45: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$88,358** for Transportation and Buses?

Article 46: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$113,748** for Facilities Maintenance?

Article 47: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$296,120** for Debt Service?

Article 48: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$29,105** for all Other Expenditures?

ARTICLES 49 THROUGH 50 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 49: Shall the Town appropriate **\$657,933** for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise **\$490,152** as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688?

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Article 50: Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$234,237** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$224,675 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee? **Article 50 is required to be voted by written ballot.**

The School Committee recommends \$234,237 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$224,675: EPS does not fully support all the necessary costs of a Pre-k12 educational program, such as

(1) Special education cost, (2) transportation and bus costs, (3) staff benefits, including health insurance, FICA, Medicare, unemployment benefits, workers comp, and escalating fuel and electricity costs.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 51 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 51: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$892,170** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional 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?

Explanation: This is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$892,170. This article authorizes the School Committee to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. This article does not raise any additional money.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ARTICLES

Article 52: Shall the School Committee be authorized to spend through the Chebeague Island School private enterprise checking account unanticipated gifts or donations of money in accordance with their policies in the best interests of the school system?

Article 53: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend any state, federal and other grants, aid and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 for school purposes provided that such grants, aid and receipts do not require expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

Explanation: This article has no relation to previously voted articles pertaining to the general operating budget's expenditures and revenues. The question authorizes the School Board to expend any other related receipts such as state and federal grants to assist in the operation of Chebeague Island School. Examples would be Title I (Federal reading intervention program), Special Education Services (Local Entitlement), and ARRA (federal stabilization funds)

ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL RELATED ARTICLES

Article 54: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A § 2953.

Article 55: To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that FY 09/10 Real and Personal Taxes are due as September 30th, 2009 and March 31st, 2010 and to charge interest at the rate of 9.0% per annum for FY 09/10 Real and Personal taxes paid after those dates.

Article 56: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rates to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36M.R.S.A § 506-A at 9.0%.

Explanation: This rate must be equal to or no more than 4% lower than the rate set in the previous article.

Article 57: To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes without interest not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A § 506.

Explanation: This article is necessary to ensure that the bonds covering the treasurer and tax collector will apply to any property tax accepted by them which has not yet been legally committed by the assessors to the collector.

Article 58: To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against Fiscal Year 09/10 appropriations, and to accept any such funds from the State of Maine and the US Government as provided by the State Legislature or Federal Government for the Fiscal Year 09/10.

Board of Selectmen recommend: **\$ 365,186**

Revenue Account	Proposed Budget
302 - AGENT FEE	\$ 2,000
303 - EXCISE TAX	\$ 73,000
304 - BOAT EXCISE TAX	\$ 6,000
305 - INTEREST & PENALTIES	\$ 1,980
308 - ABATEMENTS	\$ -
311 - HUNTING & FISHING LIC	
312 - MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ -
313 - BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$ -
314 - DEATH CERTIFICATES	\$ -
316 - SHELLFISH LICENSES	\$ 6,000
328 - VETERANS EXEMPTION REIMB	\$ -
330 - TREE GROWTH PENALTY	\$ -
331 - STATE REVENUE SHARING	\$ 18,000
351 - POLICE ISSUED FINES	\$ 250
364 - GROWTH PERMITS	\$ -
365 - BOARD OF APPEALS	\$ -
366 - BUILDING PERMITS	\$ -
367 - ELECTRICAL PERMITS	\$ 1,500
368 - PLUMBING PERMITS	\$ 1,500
369 - OTHER PERMITS	\$ 1,000
378 - EDUC-AID	\$ 203,281
380 - INTEREST ON SAVINGS	\$ 9,000
401 - DOG REVENUE	\$ 275
403 - MOORING FEES	\$ 6,100
411 - URBAN RURAL INIT PROGRAM	\$ 16,000
418 - CHEB. ISLAND SOLID WASTE	\$ 12,000
501 - STONE WHARF PERMITS	\$ 5,000
502 - TRANSIENT TIE-UP FEES	\$ 2,300

Article 59: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept prospective gifts under the following conditions: that the Board place unanticipated gifts or donations of money in the Town of Chebeague Island private enterprise checking account.

Article 60: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain piece of property on Littlefield Road identified on tax map I02 as lot 25A according to the selectmen's policy for tax-acquired property.

Explanation: The tax-acquired property review committee met on 5/3/2009 and submitted a written report recommending the sale of this parcel; the parcel is 20,909 square feet and currently assessed at \$3,300. The Selectmen will set a minimum bid, not to be lower than the current assessed value.

Article 61: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain piece of property on Roy Hill Road identified on tax map I03 as lot 133 according to the selectmen's policy for tax-acquired property except that the lower limit for an acceptable bid shall be the sum of \$1.

Explanation: The tax-acquired property review committee met on 5/3/2009 and submitted a written report recommending the sale of this parcel; the parcel is 1,307 square feet and valued at \$600.

Article 62: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to possibly convey a certain structure situated on Little Jewell Island and identified on tax map I10 as lot 001A-001 and owned by the State of Maine according to the selectmen's policy for tax-acquired property.

Given unto our hands this 10th day of June, 2009, at Chebeague Island, Maine

Mark Dyer, Chair

Herbert Maine

Donna Damon

Christopher Rich

Leon Hamilton

Chebeague Island Board of Selectmen