

**Town of Chebeague Island**  
**Special Town Meeting - Minutes**  
**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**  
**Chebeague Island Hall & Community Center**

*Susan Campbell – Town Clerk*

*Present: Mark Dyer, Donna Damon, Chris Rich, Herb Maine & Leon Hamilton*

*Total Registered Voters in attendance: 49*

*1. Meeting called to order at 9:06AM.*

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

*Floor opened for nominations for moderator.*

*David Hill nominated Jerry Wiles.*

*Leon Hamilton seconded.*

*Karen Hamilton asked for any other nominations.*

*Motion from Jim Millinger to close nominations.*

*Vote: Unanimous.*

*Article #2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to join with other participating municipal and quasi-municipal employers in a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement for the provision of employee health benefits, as authorized by 24-A MRSA § 6601 et.seq., said Arrangement on behalf of the Town and take whatever other actions may be necessary. The authority granted herein shall continue until revoked.*

***Explanation:** The current insurance contract does not allow part-time employees. In the process of addressing this issue it was discovered that by switching carriers the Town could realize a savings and the coverage provided would be preferred by the employees.*

*Jerry Wiles read Article #2 and asked for a motion.*

*Leon Hamilton – Motion – To accept Article #3 as written.*

*Peter Rice seconded.*

*Jerry Wiles asked for discussion.*

*Ginny Ballard asked if this covers all Town employees. Leon Hamilton discussed how this will cover all full and part-time employees. Donna Damon explained how we will have more flexibility in insuring employees. Sylvia Ross asked the amount needed to pay for this insurance. Donna Damon discussed the cost differences. David Hill discussed the original insurance plan of the Transition Team. Jerry Wiles as for any further discussion. Leon Hamilton asked to move Article #2.*

*David Hill seconded.*

*Vote: In favor – Unanimous, Opposed – None.*

*Article #3: To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen authority to deal with tax acquired properties according to such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.*

*Jerry Wiles read Article #3 and asked for motion.*

*David Hill - Motion to approve Article #3 as written.*

*Donna Daman seconded.*

*Jerry Wiles asked for discussion.*

*Donna Damon discussed the development of policies. Bob Earnest spoke about not having any policies in place and this should go to town meeting. John Ash asked if the policies will come back to public by town meeting. Mark Dyer discussed that no decisions will be made with out town meeting. Beth Howe made motion to amend to develop policies for town meeting, and not to sell any land until policies are in place. Jane Frizzel seconded. David Hill asked to reject Howe's amendment and discussed that we should take care of what we have now and develop policies for the future. Peggie Jones stated that all we need is a basic policy with better wording. Bruce Riddle stated we should work with the prior owners and try to return property if at all possible. Mark Dyer asked for help from other committees in developing policies. John Ash asked to move the question. Jim Millinger asked to make motion amendment to read.*

*Jim Millinger – Motion – Amend Article #3 to read:*

*To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen authority to Develop policies to deal with tax acquired properties; and once Approved at a Town Meeting, to act according to these policies As the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.*

*David Hill seconded.*

*Vote: In favor – Unanimous. Save two.*

*Article #4: To see if the Town will vote to repeal and replace "Chapter 18 Marine Resources – Article 1 Coastal Waters – Section A-10 Shellfish Conservation Ordinance – Paragraph 10.7.4".*

*From: 10.7.4 Daily Recreational Shellfish Licenses: This license is available only during the months of June, July, August, and September, and is valid only for the day for which it is issued. Daily Recreational Licenses will be sold commencing on the first day of the month during which beginning two weeks prior to the day for which the license is valid. Only one license will be available for each day of the month and only one daily license per month may be issued to any one person.*

*To: 10.7.4 Daily Recreational Shellfish Licenses: This license is available only during the months of June, July, August, and September, and is valid only for the day for which it is issued.*

*Bob Earnest discussed the need to make this change. Tom Calder asked if more than one can be sold each day. Bob Earnest, yes.*

*Vote: In favor – Unanimous. Opposed – None.*

*Article #5: To see if the Town will vote to participate in the Cumberland County housing and Community Development Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including but not limited to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME program; to designate its population to be included in the calculation of Cumberland County's funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute an agreement with Cumberland County to formalize the same.*

*Jerry Wiles asked for a motion to approve.*

*David Hill - Motion – Motion to approve Article #5 as written.*

*Donna Damon seconded.*

*Jerry Wiles asked for any discussion.*

*David Stevens asked if there was any cost to the Town. Donna Damon advised no. John Ash asked if we were getting a little ahead of ourselves. David Hill advised that we cannot get any grant money if we do not apply and that it is better to be in the Cumberland County Pool than the State Pool.*

*Jerry Wiles asked for further discussion, seeing and hearing none asked for vote.*

*Vote: In favor, Unanimous. Opposed, None.*

*Jerry Wiles as for a motion to adjourn meeting.*

*Bob Earnest – Motion to adjourn.*

*Bruce Riddle seconded.*

*Vote: Unanimous.*

*Respectfully submitted by : Susan Campbell, Town Clerk*