SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TO: Susan D. Campbell, 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 Recreation Center, 382 North Road, Chebeague Island, Maine on Saturday, the 9th day of January, 2010 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.

Meeting called to order at 9:10AM by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk.
Opened floor for nominations for Moderator.
David Hill: Motion to nominate Peter Rice for Moderator.
Herb Maine: Second.
Vote: Unanimous, by hand vote.
Peter Rice sworn in by Clerk as Moderator for Special Town Meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will accept an offer for re-purchase of a parcel of land on North Road as designated on Assessor’s Map 106 Lot 026A by the previous owner for an amount equal to all back taxes, interest and applicable fees for a total amount of $3,848.50.

Explanation: This parcel was automatically foreclosed on December 13, 2006 by the Town of Cumberland then again on December 12, 2007 by the Town of Chebeague Island pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §943. The tax-acquired property policy for the Town of Chebeague Island was approved by Town Meeting on 4/12/08. The Town properly noticed the landowner at that time who failed to contact the Town within the time (6 months) specified in the policy. The previous owner has indicated that it was not their intention to let
the taxes lapse and has made payment of taxes, interest and fees in full. If this article passes the Town will accept the payment and issue a quit claim deed.

Leon Hamilton: Motion to approve Article #2 as written.
Philip Jordan: Second.
Vote: 80 Yes / 8 No. Vote by paper ballot. Article #2 passes.

Article 3: To see if the Town will amend Section 8.3 of the Coastal Waters Ordinance as follows to be consistent with Section 10.22 of the Coastal Waters Ordinance (Shellfish Conservation Warden Compensation):

8.3 Salary

The salary of the Harbormaster shall be recommended by the Board of Selectmen and approved by vote at the Annual Town Meeting.

8.3 Compensation/Removal of a Harbormaster

The Selectmen shall appoint a Harbormaster and shall recommend the Harbormaster’s compensation annually. The Selectmen, for cause by them declared in writing, after due notice to the officer and hearing, if requested, shall remove the Harbormaster and appoint another one.

Explanation: The Town meeting directed the Board to make any required changes to the Coastal Waters ordinance when it combined (from a budgetary standpoint) the Shellfish Warden and Harbormaster positions. If this article passes the language in the current ordinance requiring the Annual Town Meeting to explicitly approve Harbormaster salary will be removed and replaced with language that is consistent with the language that determines the Shellfish Warden compensation.

Beth Howe: Motion to pass Article #3 as written.
Louise Doughty: Second.
Vote: Unanimous. Vote by voice vote. Article #3 passes.

Article 4: To see if the Town will create a new article (Article I) in Chapter 21 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances and enact a new ordinance entitled Off-Highway Vehicle Ordinance under that article.
Explanation: The proposed Off-Highway Vehicle Ordinance is a citizen initiative to allow the use of vehicles registered through Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (such as All-Terrain Vehicles) to travel on public ways. Public hearings were held on 10/7/09 and 11/04/09, and text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Town Office and www.townofchebeagueisland.org.

Leon Hamilton: Motion to approve Article #4 as written.
Dianne Calder: Second.
Vote: 60 Yes / 25 No. Vote by paper ballot. Article #4 passes.

Article 5: To see if the Town will create a new article (Article II) in Chapter 21 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances, approve a new ordinance entitled Traffic and Parking Ordinance to be enacted by the Board of Selectmen under that article, and repeal sections 13.3.3, 13.3.4, 13.3.5, 13.3.6, 13.3.7, 13.3.8, 13.3.9, 13.3.11, 13.3.12 and 13.6.5 of the Coastal Waters Ordinance.

Explanation: The Selectmen directed the Town Administrator to remove traffic and parking regulations from the Coastal Waters Ordinance and to draft a separate ordinance that can be enacted and altered by the Board without Town Meeting approval pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3009. Text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Town Office and www.townofchebeagueisland.org. NOTE: Upon approval of this Article, the Board of Selectmen will meet immediately after Town Meeting to enact the Traffic and Parking Ordinance in accordance with the Board’s statutory authority.

Beth Howe: Motion to approve Article #5 as written.
Leon Hamilton: Second.
Leon Hamilton: Motion to call the question.
Deborah Bowman: Second.
Vote: Unanimous
Vote: Unanimous, Vote by voice. Article #5 passes.

Philip Jordan: Motion to adjourn meeting
Beth Howe: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.
Meeting adjourned @ 11:08AM.
Respectfully submitted by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk.