Town of Chebeague Island  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen  
Wednesday, April 14th, 2010  
Joint Workshop with School Department, 6PM at the Island School  
& Regular Selectmen's Meeting, 7PM at the Island Hall


1. Call to order at 7:08PM.

Herb Maine: Asked the Board is they would like to take items out of order while Town Administrator is wrapping up meeting with the School.  
Board of Selectmen in agreement.

Items taken out of order:

4.D To appoint Election Clerks for the Town.  
   Mark Dyer: Motion to approve Election Clerks as presented.  
   Donna Damon: Second.  
   Vote: Unanimous.

6. Approve Warrant.  
   Mark Dyer: Motion to approve Expense Warrant in the amount of $174,496.94  
   David Hill: Second.  
   Vote: Unanimous.

4.I To see if the Selectmen will approve the contract with the Animal Refuge League for fiscal year 2010-2011.  
   Mark Dyer: Motion to approve contract with the Animal Refuge League and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign.

4.E To set a date for the budget presentation by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.  
   David Hill: Motion to set a date of May 19th, 2010, 7:00PM at the Island Hall.  
   Chris Rich: Second.  
   Vote: Unanimous.

4.C To consider a letter of resignation from the Coastal Waters Commission from Jeff Putman.  
   Donna Damon: Motion to accept resignation with regrets.  
   Mark Dyer: Second.  
   Unanimous.

Agenda Item #2.

Scott Seaver delivered a Treasury Report to the Board and Administrators Report.  
- Creation of a planning calendar  
- Floats and Ramps are in  
- Cousins Island Project will start on June 20th  
- Discussed Stone Pier repairs that may be able to be done under FEMA and Ship Grants.  
- Advised of the blow downs on Deer Point, will talk to Dick Clark on Long Island about cleanup.

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3. Public Comment.

Cheryl Buxbaum advised of problems with a ditch on East Shore Drive.
Scott Seaver advised he will look into it.

Leon Hamilton asked of any chance to pay back some of the bond money early.
Scott Seaver advised he is looking into this with the Bond Bank.

4.B To hear a report from the CICA Affordable Housing Committee.

Herb Maine asked what CICA thought would be the next step(s).
Donna Damon stated that we may not be able to take any action tonight.

Herb Maine asked what is expected from the Town.
- Memo of proposal 9/30/09.
- The two parcels of land for housing were School House Road and Curit Property.
- Workshop held 10/28/2010 with CICA and Town advised that the School House Road property was not suitable to build on and would pursue the Curit Property.
- On November 18th, 2010 the Town Administrator was advised to draft a warrant article, but the motion failed.
- On March 10th, 2010 motion was made by Donna Damon for Town to co-sponsor discussion with CICA. Motion passed.

Beth Howe addressed the early actions last summer, but advised that we did not know about State Bond that is available for island housing. We needed more time to explore this. Beth Howe also explained that CICA had held two public meetings and the public stated ideas to look into.

Debra Hall asked the expense of developing the Curit Property. She would like to see the figures on how much it will cost for the road and power lines to be done. The process needs much more transparency. How does this compare to the School House Road property?

Cecil Doughty asked if the Town owns small parcels for this use and save the Curit property for open space.

Leila Bisharat stated that the process has to be widened and transparent. Maybe the use of Planners would help the process. Leila stated that the need is bigger than the Curit Property.

John Ash asked what the long term expense would be, such as maintaining the road. He stated that we need to look at the reality of people affording to live here and pay for housing.

Diane Lukac advised that she worked with Chuck Varney on Second Wind Farm. She stated that we need to look at preserving open spaces. We need to remember we have limited resources and land.

Carol White asked if we shouldn’t have a Town sponsored meeting with Maine State Housing. We need to use caution and not be driven by bond money.

Leon Hamilton stated he is support of affordable housing and CICA. He feels that the Town should not be in the real estate business. He also feels that CICA is going in the wrong direction due to the money. We need to look at what it will do to the water and our community. We need to put a lot of thought into this.
4.B Continued:

Claire Ross stated concerns due to the economic situation. We need to slow down and not jump into anything. We need to exercise caution.

Nathan Doughty stated he also feels the Town should not be in the Real Estate Business. We need to look at the foreclosed properties. What happens if the people can’t afford to keep the homes? Does it fall back on the Town?

Penny Asherman advised that the Land Trust would be part of the process. We need to be responsible for the resources we have.

Suhail Bisharat stated that CICA needs to be open to ideas. We need to look at this very closely.

Bob Earnest stated that all the information and incite is very valuable. We need to hear what everyone is thinking.

Leon Hamilton thanked the Board for listening and stressed the importance of this decision and how it will affect the Town and the community.

David Hill stressed that the island needs young families and children in the school. We need to look into the future of the island. He asked what the warrant article would look like.

Donna Damon stated that she did not feel anyone is in a position to make a decision and we need to do more research. We need to make sure we hear from the population.

Mark Dyer stated that the voters make the decision on how Town property is or will be used. He stated that he appreciates all the work the individuals involved have done. We need to look at the actual need. We need to use caution in this and not jump into anything just to use the available money.

Chris Rich stated his concerns of economics. We need to look at this from every angle.

Herb Maine thanked everyone. This is how it should work. We have to look at the best way to do this and set benchmarks. We need to make sure the public is informed and the Board should be prepared to work with CICA on the future of Chebeague.

**Donna Damon: Motion to co-sponsor informational meeting April 18th, 2010 at 1PM at the hall and to send a postcard to all residents as a reminder.**

David Hill: Second.

**Vote: Two (2) in favor, Three (3) Opposed.**

4.F To hear a proposal for the Selectmen’s meeting in July at which representatives from the Maine State Planning Office will provide information and take questions regarding FEMA Floodplain Maps, associated local ordinances, insurance program and local government’s role.

Herb Maine advised this is an informational packet. No action is required.
4.G To see if the Board will take up unfinished budget business:

Scott stated that he is withdrawing request at this time and will revisit.
David Hill: Motion to put this item on hold.
Chris Rich: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

G.ii Compensation review: Town Clerk, Harbormaster/Warden, Public Works Foreman, Health Officer.
Scott advised that he is leaving the Parking Attendant and Health Officer as is.
Scott advised that the salary survey does not tell him how long the individuals have been in the positions.
Scott advised he is leaving the Transfer Station Attendant as is.

Mark Dyer: Motion to leave the Parking Attendant, Health Office and Transfer Station Attendant as is.
David Hill: Second.
Vote: Four (4) in favor with One (1) abstained.

Scott advised that he will be leaving the Town Clerk pay as is. He has a plan that will increase pay over a one to three year time frame.
Chris Rich asked when to start implementing this plan.
Chris Rich: Motion to increase pay scale to $13.00 hourly.
David Hill: Second.
Vote: Two (2) in favor, Two (2) abstained with One (1) Opposed.

Scott Seaver asked to stop here. He has done what the Board requested, but we need to review what exactly they wanted to do.
David Hill: Motion that an Executive Session be held May 12th before or after the Regular Meeting to reconsider all but the Public Works Department with input from the Town Administrator.
- Range of salaries
- Performance of incumbent personnel
Chris Rich: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

G.iii To reconsider the Planning (1700) Budget.

Herb Maine asked Donna Damon if she would like to reconsider plan.
Donna Damon stated no.
Not action taken.

Scott Seaver advised that he had been in contact with Neil Allen at COG. They do not have any planners of this type available. He advised that he has been trying to contact a gentlemen that may be able to help with no response.
G.iv To approve the 2010/2011 Budget.

David Hill: Motion to table this item.
Mark Dyer: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

G.h To set a date for Road Plan Workshop.

Mark Dyer: Motion to combine workshop with meeting of May 26th.
David Hill: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

8. Adjourn.

David Hill: Motion to adjourn at 9:23PM.
Herb Maine: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk.