

TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Town Clerk Gloria Brown opened the meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Chebeague Island Hall Community Center, 247 South Road, Chebeague Island, Maine.

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

Peter Rice was nominated by Nancy Hill, seconded by David Hill, and voted affirmatively in writing by five members of the community.

Moderator Peter Rice appointed Jill Malony as Deputy Moderator.

Rob Snyder from Island Institute was introduced.

David Hill commended administration staff and Caroline Loder for production of Chebeague's first Town Report.

The meeting gave unanimous consent to allow recognition of Carol White and an announcement by Susan Campbell when these people arrived.

ELECTION AND REFERENDUM VOTING ARTICLE: 2

Deputy Moderator Jill Malony opened the polls at 8:00 AM, June 14, 2016.

After the polls closed at 8:00 PM, Deputy Jill Malony announced the results:

Article 2: To elect two Selectmen for three-year terms and two School Board Committee members for three-year terms.

Article 2 results: The following candidates were elected:

Selectman:

Jean-Louis Beaupré "Bo"

John Corson, Jr. "Jay"

School Committee:

Suzanne Rugh

Stephen Todd

At Saturday's open meeting:

Article 3: To see if the Town 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 2016-2017 Warrant.

Explanation: This article must be passed by a 2/3 majority of those present in the hall.

Motion: Philip Jordan moved to approve, seconded by Karen Corson

Article 3: Passed

Unanimous

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE ARTICLES

Article 4: Shall an ordinance entitled “Shellfish Conservation Ordinance of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine” as amended June 2015, be amended as follows:

Section 109. REQUIREMENTS, ff) Implements: Shellfish may be harvested by hand implement only, such as clam hoes. ~~Spades and shovels are not allowed.~~

Explanation: The Town may not restrict what hand implements are used to harvest clams.

Motion: John Ash moved to approve, seconded by Claire Ross

Article 4: Passed

Unanimous

Article 5: Shall an ordinance entitled “Tax Acquired Property Policy Statement” adopted April 12, 2010 and identified in Exhibit A, be **repealed?**

Explanation: This ordinance will be completely repealed. See Article 61.

Motion: Beth Howe moved, seconded by Claire Ross to repeal.

Discussion for and against the Article.

Motion: Bob Earnest moved to call the question; Nancy Hill seconded.

Vote to call the question: Passed by more than two-thirds.

Vote on Article 5: Failed

Overwhelmingly Opposed

Article 6: Shall an ordinance entitled “Planning Board Ordinance of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine” and identified in Exhibit B, be amended as shown?

Explanation: This ordinance will be amended as shown in Exhibit B.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve, seconded by Karen Corson.

Discussion for and against the Article.

Article 6: Passed

All in favor, save one

Out of order by unanimous consent: Carol White having arrived, Beverly Johnson rose to commend Carol for her service to the Town since secession, during transition and on the school committee since we became a town. Carol received a standing ovation.

Article 7: Shall amendments to the ordinance entitled “Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine as they pertain to shoreland zoning be enacted?

Explanation: Copies of the ordinance as amended are available on our website and at the Town Office.

Motion: Cheryl Stevens moved to approve, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Discussion for and against the Article.

Article 7: Passed

Unanimous

EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 8: THROUGH ARTICLE 18: AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN EDUCATION COST CENTER CATEGORIES

Motion: Moved by Bob Earnest, seconded by Karen Corson to combine Articles 8 through 19 for one vote.

Vote: Passed **All in favor, save one**

INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES:

Article 8: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$559,435** for Regular Instruction?

Article 8: Passed **\$559,435** **All in favor, save one**

Article 9: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$46,287** for Special Education?

Article 9: Passed **\$46,287** **All in favor, save one**

Article 10: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Career and Technical Ed?

Article 10: Passed **\$0** **All in favor, save one**

Article 11: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Other Instruction?

Article 11: Passed **\$0** **All in favor, save one**

Article 12: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$23,546** for Student and Staff Support?

Article 12: Passed **\$23,546** **All in favor, save one**

Article 13: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$89,182** for System Administration?

Article 13: Passed **\$89,182** **All in favor, save one**

Article 14: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$46,807** for School Administration?

Article 14: Passed **\$46,807** **All in favor, save one**

Article 15: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$88,046** for Transportation and Buses?

Article 15: Passed **\$88,046** **All in favor, save one**

Article 16: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$84,321** for Facilities Maintenance?

Article 16: Passed **\$84,321** **All in favor, save one**

Article 17: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$157,000** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

Article 17: Passed **\$157,000** **All in favor, save one**

Article 18: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$33,321** for All Other Expenditures, Including School Lunch?

Article 18: Passed **\$33,321** **All in favor, save one**

Article 19: THROUGH Article 20: RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 19: Shall the Town appropriate **\$658,790.12** 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 **\$583,082.61** as 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 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 19: Passed **\$658,790.12 for total cost and**
\$583,082.61 as Town's contribution
All in favor, save one

Article 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$469,154.88** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$456,329.73** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

Article 20 is required to be voted by written ballot.

The School Committee recommends **\$469,154.88** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$456,329.73**. EPS does not fully support all the necessary costs of a Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 educational program, such as:

(1) Special Education costs; (2) ferry transportation and bus costs; (3) staff benefits, including health insurance, FICA, Medicare, unemployment benefits, and workers compensation.

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.

Results of written ballot: **In favor: 59** **Opposed: 5**
Article 21: Passed **\$469,154.88**

Motion: Moved by David Hill and seconded by Chris Loder to take Article 22 out of order while ballots from Article 20 were being counted.

Vote: Passed **Unanimous**

ARTICLE 21: SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 21: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$1,127,945** 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 Pre-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?

*Explanation: This is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of **\$1,127,945.00**. 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.*

Motion: David Hill moved and Pete Pellerin seconded to accept as read.

Article 21: Passed **All in favor, save one.**

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ARTICLES

Article 22: 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?

Motion: Donna Damon moved to approve, seconded by Herb Maine.

Article 22: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 23: 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, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 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. Example would be Special Education services (Local Entitlement).

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve as read, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 23: Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 24:

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to cover the expenditures appropriated in the previous articles with the remaining funding required to be raised by taxation.

School Undesignated Fund Balance	0
General Purpose Aid	\$ 75,708

Explanation: This article identifies and summarizes the various revenue sources to be appropriated for school purposes.

(1) The School Unassigned Fund Balance identifies a fund balance transfer made to help lower the tax rate while maintaining a safe level of fund balance as determined by the School Committee. As the School Unassigned Fund Balance has been reduced to \$103,072 at June 30, 2015, the School Committee has determined that no fund balance will be used to reduce the 2017 school budget.

(2) General Purpose Aid is received from the State of Maine to be used for school purposes and has been reduced in recent years.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to accept with the dollar amount of \$75,708, Beth Howe seconded.

Article 24: Passed \$75,708 Unanimous

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration and Board of Selectmen Accounts (1300).

The Board recommends: \$ 226,740

Explanation: 2.27% (\$5,510) decrease from FY16 budget. The decrease is due to reductions in various line items.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to accept the amount of \$226,740, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Motion: David Hill moved to amend the amount to \$236,740, Chris Loder seconded the amendment.

Vote on the amendment: Unanimous

Vote on the amended motion: Unanimous

Article 25: Passed \$236,740

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor (1400).

The Board recommends: \$ 13,200
Explanation: 4.76% (\$600) increase from FY16 budget for mapping purposes.

Motion: Beth Howe moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$13,200, Nancy Hill seconded.

Article 26: Passed \$13,200 All in favor, save one

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elections (1650).

The Board recommends: \$ 3,038
Explanation: 4.76% (\$138) increase from FY16 budget. This increase is a result of a presidential election year.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$3,038, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 27: Passed \$3,038 Unanimous

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning. (1700).

The Board recommends: \$ 12,350
Explanation: 13.94% (\$2,000) decrease from FY16 budget. The Planning Board has requested \$5,000 for outside consulting services, \$5,000 for legal review and \$2,000 for GIS contracting for maps and any necessary GIS updates. Another \$350 was added for miscellaneous costs.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$12,350, Karen Corson seconded.

Article 28: Passed \$12,350 Unanimous

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Services (1900).

The Board recommends: \$ 12,000
Explanation: 0% increase from FY16 budget. This estimate is based on actual costs for the past four years.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$12,000, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 29: Passed \$12,000 Unanimous

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Law Enforcement Services (2100).

The Board recommends: \$ 40,966
Explanation: 2.37% (\$994) decrease from FY16 budget.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$40,966, Dave Stevens seconded.

Discussion for and against the article.

Motion: Chris Loder moved to call the question; Nancy Hill seconded.

Vote to call the question: Passed All in favor, save one

Vote on Article 30: Passed \$40,966 All in favor, save five

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department (2200).

The Board recommends: \$ 95,650

Explanation: .66% (\$634) decrease from FY16 budget.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$95,650, David Hill seconded.

Article 31: Passed \$95,650 All in favor, save two

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement (2400).

The Board recommends: \$ 21,415

Explanation: 1.25% (\$265) increase from FY16 budget. The wage line was increased to allow for the increased cost of the Code Enforcement Officer attending municipal meetings.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$21,415, Bob Beaupré seconded.

Article 32: Passed \$21,415 All in favor, save one

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden account (2500).

The Board recommends: \$ 28,750

Explanation: 1.52% (\$430) increase from FY16 budget.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$28,750, Dave Stevens seconded.

Article 33: Passed \$28,750 All in favor, save one

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control (2600).

The Board recommends: \$ 4,450

Explanation: 2.99% (\$129) increase from FY16 budget.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$4,450, Pete Pellerin seconded.

Motion: Bob Earnest moved to call the question; Herb Maine seconded.

Vote to call the question: Passed Unanimous

Vote on Article 34: Passed \$4,450 All in favor, save one

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Services (3100).

The Board recommends: \$ 219,277

Explanation: 9.64% (\$19,277) increase from FY16 budget. This budget was reduced from \$216,153 to \$200,000 at last year's town meeting. \$5,000 was added under contracted services to hire an engineering firm to assess the amount and quality of gravel available on Town owned property.

Motion: Chris Loder moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$219,277, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 35: Passed \$219,277 All in favor, save one

Article 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste (3200).

The Board recommends: \$ 137,094
Explanation: 5.77% (\$8,388) decrease from FY16 budget.
Motion: Pete Pellerin moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$137,094, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 36: Passed \$137,094 Unanimous

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cousins Island & Blanchard Lot (4400).

The Board recommends: \$18,161
Explanation: 4% (\$699) increase from FY16 budget per agreement with Yarmouth.
Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$18,161, Dave Stevens seconded.

Article 37: Passed \$18,161 Unanimous

Article 38: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Contributions (4600) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse the full amount.

Board of Selectmen recommends raising \$113,000 and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to disburse the full amount according to this table:

Contribution Disbursement	Proposed 16-17 To be Raised	Notes
3150 Library/Community Center	50,000	Same as last year
3164 VNA Home Health Hospice	1,000	Same as last year
3166 Island Council	7,000	Same as last year
3167 Recreation	55,000	\$5,000 additional
TOTAL	113,000	

Explanation: 4.63% (\$5,000) increase from FY16 budget. If approved the Selectmen will disburse the appropriated funds to the appropriate entities.

Motion: Chris Loder moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$113,000, seconded by Pete Pellerin.

Article 38: Passed \$113,000 All in favor, save two

Article 39: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance (5810).

The Board recommends: \$500
Explanation: 50% (\$500) decrease from FY 16 budget.
Motion: Dave Stevens moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$500, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 39: Passed \$500 Unanimous

Article 40: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health Services (5910).

The Board recommends: \$ 2,100
Explanation: No change from FY16 budget. This is to pay the duly appointed Health Officer.

Motion: Bo Beaupré moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$2,100, Chris Loder seconded.

Article 40: Passed \$2,100 Unanimous

Article 41: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery (6200).

The Board recommends: \$ 10,550
Explanation: .29% (\$30) increase from FY16 budget.

Motion: Dave Stevens moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$10,550, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 41: Passed \$10,550 All in favor, save one

Article 42: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service (6900).

The Board recommends: \$ 268,902
Explanation: 21.65% (\$47,860) increase from FY16 budget. The increase is the result of the new Fire Truck debt. Our Maine Bond Bank payment is down by 4.88%.

Motion: Pete Pellerin moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$268,902, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 42: Passed \$268,902 Unanimous

Article 43: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Benefits & Insurance (7500).

The Board recommends: \$ 153,737
Explanation: 10.0% (\$13,982) increase from FY16 budget.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$153,737, David Hill seconded.

Article 43: Passed \$153,737 All in favor, save one

Article 44: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights (8100).

The Board recommends: \$ 10,644
Explanation: 12.04% (\$1,144) increase from FY16 budget. The increase reflects the actual cost of the Street Lights which includes the additional lights at the Stone Wharf.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$10,644, Binkie Boxer seconded.

Article 44: Passed \$10,644 All in favor, save one

Article 45: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend for unexpected expenses as they deem necessary for Contingency (8300).

The Board recommends: \$ 16,000

Explanation: 23.81% (5,000) decrease from FY16 budget.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$16,000, Bo Beaupré seconded.

Article 45: Passed \$16,000 Unanimous

Article 46: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Tax paid to Cumberland (8800).

The Board recommends: \$ 42,000

Explanation: 2.33% (\$1,000) decrease from FY16 budget. As required in the law allowing Chebeague to secede from the Town of Cumberland, this article appropriates 50% of the property taxes committed by the Town of Chebeague Island from the Outer Islands.

Motion: Chris Loder moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$42,000, David Hill seconded.

Article 46: Passed \$42,000 Unanimous

Article 47: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for County Tax (8900).

The Board recommends: \$ 131,188

Explanation: .72% (\$948) decrease from FY16 budget. Assessed to the municipality by Cumberland County.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve with the dollar amount of \$131,188 Chris Loder seconded.

Article 47: Passed \$131,188 Unanimous

Article 48: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, to exceed by no more than 10% annually, the amount authorized for each account approved in Article 25: through Article 47: 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.

Motion: Chris Loder moved to accept Article 48 as read, Nancy Hill seconded.

Article 48: Passed All in favor, save one

Article 49: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements (9000).

Board of Selectmen recommends raising **\$399,000.**

Explanation: The table below shows the sum recommended by the Board of Selectmen for each capital account. 22.81% increase (\$73,000) from FY16 budget. The purpose of the capital account appropriations is to set aside funds for future infrastructure investment as well as vehicle and equipment expenditures. This reduces or avoids a large, one time, appropriations for major expenses in the future.

Capital Account	Approximate Current Balance	Proposed FY17 to be Raised	Estimated Balance
9010 Dredging	249,924	25,000	274,924
9012 Fire Ponds	4,711	0	4,711
9015 Wharf Reserve	78,957	20,000	98,957
9016 Barge Ramps	10,111	0	10,111
9020 Floats & Gangways	6,068	6,000	12,068
9025 Fire Truck Reserve	43,690	0	43,690
9030 Facilities	6,547	0	6,547
9031 New Town Office	0	5,000	5,000
9032 Land Acquisition & Development – Stone Wharf Parking	4,000	20,000	24,000
9035 Vehicle Reserve	5,350	2,000	7,350
9040 Grant Matching Funds	29,137	5,000	34,137
9042 Paper Streets	9,156	6,000	9,156
9045 Revaluation Reserve	10,447	0	10,447
9050 Paving	10,316	265,000	275,316
9055 Public Services Equipment	74,743	15,000	89,743
9057 Recycling Compactors	5,200	5,000	10,200
9058 Easements & Drainage	8,561	5,000	13,561
9059 Cemetery Capital Reserve	6,000	0	6,000
9060 Harbormaster Vessel	12,860	0	12,860
9070 Coastal Access Fund	9,882	0	9,882
9192 Rescue Vehicles & Equipment	60,509	20,000	80,509
TOTAL	646,169	399,000	1,039,169

The total current balance of reserve accounts is available to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose defined for each account. This balance reflects the audited balance at June 30, 2015 plus 2016 appropriations and expenditures.

Motion: Chris Loder moved to accept with the dollar amount of \$399,000, Pete Pellerin seconded.

Motion: Donna Damon moved to amend the amount to \$379,000 by removing the \$20,000 from line item 9032, seconded by Mary Holt.

Discussion for and against the amendment.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to call the question; David Hill seconded.

Vote to call the question: Passed by more than two-thirds.

Vote on the amendment to reduce the amount in the original motion to \$379,000.

Vote on amendment: Failed

All opposed, save twelve

Vote on the original motion in the dollar amount of \$399,000:

Article 49

Passed

All in favor, save one

MUNICIPAL REVENUE BUDGET

Article 50: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate all funds raised for the overlay to fund any tax abatements and interest for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Explanation: This article allows the use of funds from the overlay (calculated by the Assessor when the mil rate is set) to be used for any abatements (including any interest).

Motion: Moved by David Hill to approve, seconded by Dave Stevens

Article 50: Passed Unanimous

Article 51: 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 fiscal year 2016-2017.

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$ 0**

Explanation: A transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance is made to help lower the tax rate. According to the audited Financial Report at June 30, 2015, our undesignated fund balance was \$371,604. This is approximately 15.6% of the current FY16 operating budget and is within allowable limits (8%-15%) based on the Board of Selectmen Undesignated Fund Balance Policy. It is difficult to determine whether or not this amount will increase as of June 30, 2016. As it has been the recommendation of our auditor to increase the current amount of Undesignated Fund Balance, we are not using any of the existing fund balance to reduce taxation.

Motion: Moved by David Hill to approve, seconded by Chris Loder

Article 51: Passed Unanimous

Article 52: To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against fiscal year 2016-2017 appropriations, and to accept any such funds from the State of Maine and the U.S. Government as provided by the State Legislature or Federal Government for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Board of Selectmen recommend: **\$ 273,841**

Explanation: The total revenues from receipts, sources and designations includes: \$80,708 (from Article 24) plus \$0 (from Article 51) and \$193,133 from the following table:

Revenue Account	Proposed Budget
302 AGENT FEE	3,000
303 EXCISE TAX	85,000
304 BOAT EXCISE TAX	7,800
305 INTEREST & PENALTIES	5,500
316 SHELLFISH LICENSES	2,500
327 HOMESTEAD STATE REIMB REV	15,461
328 VETERANS EXEMPTION REIMB	450
331 STATE REVENUE SHARING	12,422
351 POLICE ISSUED FINES	3,000
366 BUILDING PERMITS	8,000
367 ELECTRICAL PERMITS	1,200
368 PLUMBING PERMITS	2,500
369 OTHER PERMITS	500
403 MOORING FEES	7,500
411 URBAN RURAL INIT PROGRAM	14,000
418 CHEB. ISLAND SOLID WASTE	18,000
501 STONE WHARF PERMITS	5,000
502 TRANSIENT TIE-UP FEES	1,300
TOTAL	\$193,133

Motion: Moved by David Hill to approve in the corrected amount of \$268,841 (the amount in Article 24 was 75,708), seconded by Nancy Hill
Article 52: Passed \$268,841 Unanimous

OTHER MUNICIPAL ARTICLES

Article 53: Shall the Town of Chebeague Island form a Standing Healthcare Advisory Committee with the charge being to assess and evaluate the healthcare needs of the Island and make appropriate recommendations?

Motion: Moved by Pete Pellerin to accept as written, seconded by Nancy Hill

Discussion for and against the article.

Article 53: Passed All in favor, save three

Motion: Herb Maine moved to consolidate Articles 54-60 into one vote, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Vote to consolidate: Passed Unanimous

Vote on Articles 54-60: Passed Unanimous

INDIVIDUAL MOTIONS:

Article 54: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts under the following conditions: That the Board place unanticipated gifts or donations of money in the Town of Chebeague Island checking account and respect the wishes of the donor regarding use of donated funds or assets.

Article 54: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 55: To see if the Town will 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 55: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 56: 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 56: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 57: To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that fiscal year 2016-2017 Real and Personal Taxes are due as September 30, 2016 and March 31, 2017 and to charge interest at the rate of 7.0% per annum for fiscal year 2016-2017 Real and Personal taxes paid after those dates.

Article 57: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 58: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rates to be paid by the town on abated and overpaid taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A at 3.0%.

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

Article 58: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 59: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept, without interest, prepayments of taxes 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 59: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 60: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of town-owned assets (excluding land) with a value of \$10,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Explanation: This article avoids the necessity of calling a special town meeting every time the town has personal property of little value that the Board of Selectmen wish to sell or otherwise dispose of.

Article 60: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 61: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Chebeague Island to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Explanation: If the Tax Acquired Property Policy Statement adopted April 10, 2010 is repealed earlier in the meeting under Article 5, the Town will need to adopt this alternative or some other version.

No action taken.

Article 62: To see if the Town will conduct a candidates forum here and now to allow the voters to hear statements from candidates (if they wish to make a statement) for the office of selectperson and school committee (both candidates whose names appear on the ballot as well as those interested in being write-in candidates). Each statement is limited to 3 minutes.

Explanation: The Town adopted the secret ballot election and voting method on November 19, 2011. This means that the election of both selectpersons and school committee members, shall be conducted by secret ballot at the voting polls on June 14, 2016, rather than during the open town meeting. Although any party interested in being elected may speak, no nominations are accepted as part of this forum. In order for a candidate's name to appear on the ballot he or she must have filed nomination papers in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2528.

Motion: Moved by David Hill and seconded by Chris Loder to allow a candidates forum.

Motion: Moved by Donna Damon and seconded by Chris Loder.

Vote to call the question: Passed Unanimous

Vote to hear from the candidates:

Article 62: Passed Unanimous

Candidates Bo Beaupré, Jay Corson, Suzanne Rugh and Stephen Todd spoke.

David Hill made the announcement that Susan Campbell had planned to make that Nadine Daniels, former Cumberland Town Clerk, is on Tuesday's ballot as a candidate for Registrar of Probate.

Article 63: To adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until June 14, 2016 8:00 AM so that secret ballot votes for local and state elections and issues (Article 2) may be held at the Chebeague Island Hall Community Center, 247 South Road, and then after the closing of the poll at 8:00 PM and the announcement of the results by the moderator, to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Motion: Moved by Donna Damon and seconded by Pam Curran to adjourn.

Article 63: Passed Unanimous

These minutes respectfully submitted by: Gloria J. Brown, Town Clerk