

**TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 10, 2017**

**Town Clerk Gloria Brown opened the meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 10, 2017 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 Karen Corson and voted affirmatively in writing by five members of the community.**

**Moderator Peter Rice appointed Karen Corson as Deputy Moderator.**

**Peter asked Beverly Johnson to come to front where she received tributes from the School Committee Chair Suzanne Rugh and from State Representative Janice Cooper for her many contributions to our community.**

**ELECTION AND REFERENDUM VOTING ARTICLE: 2**

**VOTING – JUNE 13, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Article 2: To elect one Selectman for a three-year term and one School Board Committee member for a three-year term.

**Article 2 results: The following candidates were elected:**

<b>Selectman:</b>	<b>School Committee:</b>
<b>Herbert Maine</b>	<b>Courtney Doughty</b>

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 2017-2018 Warrant.

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

**Motion: Bo Beaupré moved to open the floor, seconded by Karen Corson.**

**Article 3: Passed** **Unanimous**

**Motion: Donna Damon moved, seconded by Vail Traina, to use written ballots to decided Articles 4 and 5. (requires 2/3 majority)**

**Motion Failed** **Vote: All opposed, save 19 (not a 2/3 majority)**

**Motion: Jane Frizzell moved, seconded by Donna Damon, to take Article 6 out of order.**

**Motion Failed** **Vote: All opposed, save 15 (not a 2/3 majority)**

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## PAPER STREET ARTICLES

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### *Merriam Point Subdivision*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the incipient dedication of Willow Street (from Chebeague Avenue to the shore), as shown on Plan of Merriam Point dated June 15, 1907 and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 11, Page 53, confirming the Town's historic use and maintenance of the road as a Town Road.

*Explanation: Willow Street is already maintained and treated as a Town Road.*

**Motion: Moved by Bob Earnest, seconded by Karen Corson, to accept Article 4 as written.**

**Article 4: Passed** **Unanimous**

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to **vacate Hamilton Circle (from Willow Street to Beach Street)** as shown on Plan of Merriam Point, dated June 15, 1907 and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 11, Page 53. The right to accept the paper street will not be extended.

*Explanation: This article was placed on the warrant as a competing article to Article 6 which was petitioned by the voters of the Town of Chebeague Island.*

**Motion: Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to accept Article 5 as written.**

**Motion: Ruth Houghton, seconded by Nancy Hill to call the question.**

**Motion Passed** **All in favor, save 2**

**Article 5: Failed** **Yes 45; No 54**

*Article 6 was petitioned by the Voters of the Town of Chebeague Island*

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to: Extend the Town’s right to accept the section of the paper street known as Hamilton Circle (from the current Martindale/Brown line to the intersection of Cross Street) for 20 years as shown on the Plan of Merriam Point and recorded June 15, 1907 in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 11, Page 53.

*Explanation: This section of Hamilton Circle runs along or near Hamilton Beach and may include part of the beach. Its exact location is not known. It is in the citizens’ best interest to determine the exact location of Hamilton Circle in order to make an informed decision about its value to the Town. By extending the rights to accept the property for another 20 years the Town will have adequate time to evaluate the location and the importance of this paper street to the residents of the island.*

*If this article does not pass, the land under the 50-foot-wide road will revert to the abutters in September 2017, and the public’s right to evaluate Hamilton Circle’s value to the residents of Chebeague will be lost.*

**Motion: Moved by Donna Damon, seconded by David Hill to accept Article 6 as written.**

**Motion: Moved by Nancy Earnest, seconded by Donna Damon to amend the parenthetical phrase to “(from Willow Street to the intersection of Cross Street.)”**

**Motion Passed**

**All in favor, save 2**

**Article 6: Failed**

**Yes 45, No 48**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the incipient dedication of **Cross Street (from Hamilton Circle on the north side to Hamilton Circle on the south side)**, as shown on Plan of Merriam Point dated June 15, 1907 and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 11, Page 53, confirming the Town’s historic use and maintenance of the road as a Town Road.

*Explanation: Cross Street is already maintained and treated as a Town Road.*

**Motion: Moved by Bob Earnest, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to accept Article 7 as written.**

**Article 7: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and accept a turnaround easement at the northwest end of Cross Street.

*Explanation: This turnaround will most likely be located on property owned by the Searway and Brown families who have publicly stated their willingness and commitment to work with the Town to provide a safe and practical turnaround at the end of Cross Street.*

**Motion: Moved by Sue Burgess, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to accept Article 8 as written.**

**Article 8: Passed Unanimous**

**Motion: Carol White moved, seconded by Beverly Johnson, to take Articles 14 through 30 out of order.**

**Motion Passed by more than 2/3 of the voters present.**

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## EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES

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### ARTICLE 14 THROUGH ARTICLE 24 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE IN EDUCATION COST CENTER CATEGORIES

Article 14: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$572,714** for Regular Instruction?

**Motion:** David Hill moved, seconded by Karen Corson, to approve with the dollar amount of \$572,714.

**Article 14: Passed \$572,714 Unanimous**

Article 15: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$65,146** for Special Education?

**Motion:** Sue Burgess moved, seconded by Beth Howe, to approve with the dollar amount of \$65,146.

**Article 15: Passed \$65,146 Unanimous**

Article 16: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Career and Technical Ed?

**Motion:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to approve with the dollar amount of \$0.

**Article 16: Passed \$0 Unanimous**

Article 17: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Other Instruction?

**Motion:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Aaron Rugh to approve with the dollar amount of \$0.

**Article 17: Passed \$0 Unanimous**

Article 18: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$25,552** for Student and Staff Support?

**Motion:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Suzanne Rugh, to approve with the dollar amount of \$25,552.

**Article 18: Passed \$25,552 Unanimous**

Article 19: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$68,425** for System Administration?

**Motion:** David Hill moved, seconded by Karen Corson, to approve with the dollar amount of \$68,425.

**Article 19: Passed** **\$68,425** **Unanimous**

Article 20: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$49,375** for School Administration?

**Motion:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Allyson Smith, to approve with the dollar amount of \$49,375.

**Article 20: Passed** **\$49,375** **Unanimous**

Article 21: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$98,882** for Transportation and Buses?

**Motion:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to approve with the dollar amount of \$98,882.

**Article 21: Passed** **\$98.882** **Unanimous**

Article 22: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$120,194** for Facilities Maintenance?

**Motion:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Sarah Van Fleet, to approve with the dollar amount of \$120,194.

**Article 22: Passed** **\$120,194** **Unanimous**

Article 23: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$139,680** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

**Motion:** Nancy Olney moved, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to approve with the dollar amount of \$139,680.

**Article 23: Passed** **\$139,680** **Unanimous**

Article 24: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$43,936** for All Other Expenditures, Including School Lunch?

**Motion:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to approve with the dollar amount of \$43,936.

**Article 24: Passed** **\$43,936** **Unanimous**

#### **ARTICLES 25 AND 26 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

Article 25: Shall the Town appropriate **\$655,111.32** 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 **\$579,759.02** 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?



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 \$1,183,904.00. 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, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to approve in the dollar amount of \$1,183,904.00.

**Article 27: Passed** **\$1,183,904.00** **Unanimous**

### ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ARTICLES

Article 28: 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, seconded by Karen Corson, to approve in the dollar amount of \$1,183,904.00.

**Article 28: Passed** **Unanimous**

Article 29: 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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 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:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Beverly Johnson, to approve as read.

**Article 29: Passed** **Unanimous**

Article 30: 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	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
General Purpose Aid	<b>\$ 75,352</b>
School Lunch Sales	<b>\$ 8,000</b>

*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. The School Unassigned Fund Balance has been reduced to \$40,737 at June 30, 2016 with transfers of \$133,072 to the School Reserve Funds. \$15,000 of the \$40,737 fund balance will be utilized to reduce taxation as shown above.

(2) General Purpose Aid is received from the State of Maine to be used for school purposes.

(3) School Lunch Sales is just that, revenue from the sale of lunches.

**Motion:** Karen Corson moved, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to approve as read with dollar amounts of

School Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 15,000
General Purpose Aid	\$ 75,352
School Lunch Sales	\$ 8,000

**Article 30: Passed**

**Unanimous**

### ***Sunset Beach Subdivision***

#### ***Article 9 and the explanation were petitioned by the voters of the Town of Chebeague Island***

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to:

- A. Extend the Town's right to accept the section of the paper street known as Elizabeth Road (currently Sunset Road) for 20 years (from North Road to the intersection of Elizabeth Road and Lot 5) as shown on the Plan of Sunset Beach Subdivision and recorded July 22, 1907 in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 11, Page 55.
- B. Extend the Town's right to accept the section of the paper street known as Maquoit (from Elizabeth Road to Sunset Avenue) for 20 years as shown on the Plan of Sunset Beach Subdivision and recorded July 22, 1907 in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 11, Page 55.
- C. Extend the Town's right to accept the section of the paper street known as Sunset Avenue (from Maquoit Road to the intersection the Town's Sunset property\*) for 20 years as shown on the Plan of Sunset Beach Subdivision and recorded July 22, 1907 in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 11, Page 55.

\*The Town's Sunset property is shown on the boundary survey by Nadeau Land Surveys for the Town of Chebeague Island dated 7/21/2014.

*Explanation: Although there is legal access to the Town's property at Sunset over Elizabeth Road and Old Pier Road (the road that runs through the field at Sunset) via a private right-of-way, such access may only pertain to residential use of the Town's property. The Town's attorney has stated that the Town's ability to widen and improve the road might be challenged if the Town decided to develop the property for uses other than residential. An improved Town road to Sunset may be necessary in the future. While Elizabeth Road has been surveyed, Maquoit and Sunset Avenue (from Maquoit to the Town's parcel) have not, so it is uncertain if the current access to the Sunset property follows the path of a paper street after it leaves Elizabeth Road. This*

*question needs to be answered before the Town gives up its rights in paper streets that have the potential to access the Town's property. Therefore, it is in the Town's best interest to reserve its rights in these roads to keep the Town's access options open.*

*If this article does not pass, the Town's ability to improve the road could be challenged, and therefore the Town's use of its Sunset property could be limited.*

**Motion:** Donna Damon moved, seconded by Nancy Hill, to approve as read.

**Motion** to amend Article 9 for the Town to act to retain the right to decide the status of the portion of Elizabeth Road that runs from the North Road to Maquoit Road and the Maquoit Road to the Town property.

**Vote on the amendment: Yes 26, No 40** **Amendment Failed**

**Article 9: Vote on the original motion: All opposed, save 19** **Motion Failed**

#### *Nubble View Subdivision*

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to accept **Cove Road (20' road along shore from Bennett's Cove Road)** as shown in Nubble View Subdivision, Plan Book 14, Page 40, dated January 3, 1922 and recorded 1922 as a Public Recreational Easement.

*Explanation: By show of hands, the majority of people at the August 31, 2016 meeting favored a Public Recreational Easement. As explained above, the Town could be challenged through some court action; and we would have to make improvements to the path to accommodate the public use, the cost of which is unknown.*

**Motion:** Donna Damon moved, seconded by Vicki Emery, to approve as read.

**Article 10: Passed** **By a majority of 45**

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to accept a section of Bennett's Lane (30' road from Bennett's Cove Road to Shore Lane) extending from Bennett's Cove Road to Nubble Road as a Town Road AND vacate the remainder of Bennett's Lane from Nubble Road to Shore Lane as shown in Nubble View Subdivision, Plan Book 14, Page 40, dated January 3, 1992.

*Explanation: Part of Bennett's Lane is currently used as a turnaround for barging traffic and should be maintained as a town road.*

**Motion:** Chris Loder, seconded by Michael Porter, to approve as read.

**Motion:** Jackie Trask moved, seconded by Donna Damon to amend Article 11 and substitute the following language: Shall the Town vote to extend its right to accept the street known as Bennett's Lane for 20 years as shown in Nubble View Subdivision, Plan Book 14, Page 40, dated January 3, 1992.

**Vote on the amendment: All in favor, save 6** **Amendment Passed**

**Article 11 as amended: Passed** **All in favor, Save 4**

***Division Point Subdivision***

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to accept **Broad Reach Road from Ship Lane** (currently named Division Point Road) **to and including the intersection of Starboard Tack** as a Town Road as shown in Division Point Subdivision, Plan Book 99, Page 36, recorded May 15, 1974.

*Explanation: There was a consensus at the public meetings to designate Broad Reach Road as a Town Road. There is a 20' Central Maine Power easement from Starboard Tack to the shore. This right-of-way is access to the main power cable to Chebeague Island at the end of the road on the shore. The costs to bring this road up to reasonable local standards are minimal.*

**Motion:** Moved by David Hill, seconded by Donna Damon to approve as read.

**Article 12: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the incipient dedication of Bar Point Road from Ship Lane (currently named Division Point Road) to Tax Map I07, Lots 68 and 69 as shown on Division Shores Subdivision, dated October 21, 1975 and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 110, Page 14; and as shown on Division Shores, dated March 2, 1976 and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 113, Page 24; and as shown on Division Shores, dated June 21, 1983 and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 139, Page 10, confirming the Town's historic use and maintenance of the road as a Town Road.

*Explanation: Bar Point Road is already maintained and treated as a Town Road.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Chris Loder to accept the road as presented.

**Article 13: Passed**

**Unanimous**

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**MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES**

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Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration and Board of Selectmen Accounts (1300).

The Board recommends: \$ 246,201.00

*Explanation: 4% (\$9,461) increase from FY17 budget. The increase is due primarily to the addition of \$10,500 for fireworks for the 10-year Anniversary Celebration on July 1, 2017.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Chris Loder, to approve in the dollar amount of \$246,201.

**Article 31: Passed**

**\$246, 201**

**Unanimous**

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor (1400).

The Board recommends: \$ 13,250

*Explanation: .38% (\$50) increase from FY17 budget for Registry of Deeds expenses.*

**Motion:** Moved by David Hill, seconded by Karen Corson, to approve in the dollar amount of \$13,250.

**Article 32: Passed** **\$13,250** **Unanimous**

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elections (1650).

The Board recommends: \$ 2,690

*Explanation: 11.45% (\$348) decrease from FY17 budget. This decrease is due to an analysis of previous years expenditures.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Joe Ballard, to approve in the dollar amount of \$2,690.

**Article 33: Passed** **\$2,690** **Unanimous**

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning. (1700).

The Board recommends: \$12,350

*Explanation: 0% increase from FY17 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:** Moved by David Hill, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum, to approve in the dollar amount of \$2,690.

**Article 34: Passed** **\$12,350** **Unanimous**

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Services (1900).

The Board recommends: \$ 15,000

*Explanation: 25% (\$3,000) increase from FY17 budget. This estimate is based on actual costs for the past four years.*

**Motion:** Moved by David Hill, seconded by Karen Corson, to approve in the dollar amount of \$15,000.

**Article 35: Passed** **\$15,000** **Unanimous**

Article 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Law Enforcement Services (2100).

The Board recommends: \$ 41,431

*Explanation: 1.14% (\$465) increase from FY17 budget.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Chris Loder, to approve in the dollar amount of \$41,431.

**Article 36: Passed** **\$41,431** **All in favor, save 1**

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department (2200).

The Board recommends: \$ 97,991

*Explanation: 2.45% (\$2,341) increase from FY17 budget is primarily due to increased cost of supplies which will not be replenished by the hospitals any more.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$97,991.

**Article 37: Passed** **\$97,991** **Unanimous**

Article 38: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement (2400).

The Board recommends: \$ 20,915

*Explanation: 2.33% (\$500) decrease from FY17 budget. We purchased needed building code publications in FY17.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$20,915.

**Article 38: Passed** **\$20,915** **Unanimous**

Article 39: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden account (2500).

The Board recommends: \$30,550

*Explanation: 6.26% (\$1,800) increase from FY17 budget to reflect actual wage and equipment maintenance expenses.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$30,550.

**Article 39: Passed** **\$30,550** **All in favor, save 5**

Article 40: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control (2600).

The Board recommends: \$4,750

*Explanation: 6.74% (\$300) increase from FY17 budget for supplies.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$4,750.

**Article 40: Passed** **\$4,750** **Unanimous**

Article 41: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Services (3100).

The Board recommends: \$ 229,010

*Explanation: 4.44% (\$9,733) increase from FY17 budget due to various increases and decreases in several line items.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$229,010.

**Article 41: Passed** **\$229,010** **Unanimous**

Article 42: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste (3200).

The Board recommends: \$ 158,057

*Explanation: 15.29% (\$20,963) increase from FY17 budget primarily due to funds needed for chipping brush.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$158,057.

**Article 42: Passed \$158,057 Unanimous**

Article 43: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cousins Island & Blanchard Lot Reserve Fund (4400).

The Board recommends: \$18,887

*Explanation: 4% (\$726) increase from FY17 budget per agreement with Yarmouth.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$18,887.

**Article 43: Passed \$18,887 Unanimous**

Article 44: 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 \$124,500 and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to disburse the full amount according to this table:

Contribution Disbursement	Proposed 17-18 To be Raised	Notes
3150 Chebeague Island Library	25,000	Part of Community Center Last Year
3151 Chebeague Community Ctr.	34,500	\$9,500 more than last year
3166 Island Council	7,000	Same as last year
3167 Chebeague Recreation Center	56,500	\$1,500 additional
3169 Island Commons Res. Center	1,500	New Donation
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124,500</b>	<b>\$11,500 Increase</b>

*Explanation: 10.18% (\$11,500) increase from FY17 budget. If approved the Selectmen will disburse the appropriated funds to the appropriate entities. As the Town will no longer perform snow plowing for private non-profit organizations, a donation of \$1,500 was added for the Community Center, Chebeague Recreation Center, and the Island Commons Resource Center.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the full amount of \$124,500, to be disbursed according to the printed table.

**Article 44: Passed \$124,500 All in favor, save 1**

Article 45: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance (5810).

The Board recommends: \$500

*Explanation: No change from FY 17 budget.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$500.

**Article 45: Passed** **\$500** **Unanimous**

Article 46: 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 FY17 budget. This is to pay the duly appointed Health Officer.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$ 2,100.

**Article 46: Passed** **\$ 2,100** **Unanimous**

Article 47: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery (6200).

The Board recommends: \$ 12,950

*Explanation: 22.75% (\$2,400) increase from FY17 budget primarily for wages and supplies.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$ 12,950.

**Article 47: Passed** **\$12,950** **Unanimous**

Article 48: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service (6900).

The Board recommends: \$ 271,278

*Explanation: .88% (\$2,376) increase from FY17 budget. \$222,453 for the Maine Bond Bank debt from the secession payout to Town of Cumberland and \$48,825 for the Fire Truck note.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$271,278.

**Article 48: Passed** **\$271,278** **Unanimous**

Article 49: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Benefits & Insurance (7500).

The Board recommends: \$ 155,240

*Explanation: .98% (\$1,503) increase from FY17 budget.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$155,240.

**Article 48: Passed** **\$155,240** **Unanimous**

Article 50: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights (8100).

The Board recommends: \$ 10,650

*Explanation: .06% (\$6) increase from FY17 budget.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$10,650.

**Article 50: Passed** **\$10,650** **All in favor, save 3**

Article 51: 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: No change from previous year.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$16,000.

**Article 51: Passed** **\$16,000** **Unanimous**

Article 52: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Tax paid to Cumberland, 50% of Outer Islands Tax (8800).

The Board recommends: \$ 44,500

*Explanation: 5.95% (\$2,500) increase from FY17 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:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$44,500.

**Article 52: Passed** **\$44,500** **All in favor, save 1**

Article 53: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for County Tax (8900).

The Board recommends: \$ 125,326

*Explanation: 4.47% (\$5,862) decrease from FY17 budget. Assessed to the municipality by Cumberland County.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve in the dollar amount of \$ 125,326.

**Article 53: Passed** **\$ 125,326** **Unanimous**

Article 54: 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 31: through Article 53: 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:** Moved by Chris Loder, seconded by Karen Corson, to approve as read.

**Article 54: Passed** **Unanimous**

**Motion:** Herb Maine, seconded by Karen Corson, to take Article 59 out of order.

Motion Passed by more than 2/3 of the voters present

**Motion Passed by more than 2/3 of the voters present.**

Article 59: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute any and all necessary agreements, including up to a 20-year site license or lease, with ReVision Energy for the installation and operation of a 60.3 kilowatt grid-tied solar electric array to be located on the grounds of the Public Works property, and to take actions and execute documents reasonably related thereto that are necessary to facilitate a Power Purchase Agreement for a solar energy system that will serve the Town of Chebeague Island municipal and school facilities, with the purchase of solar electricity during the first six years of the Power Purchase Agreement at rates comparable to the Town's utility rates and with an option for the Town's purchase of the solar generation system for \$78,177.

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by David Hill, to approve as read.

**Article 59: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 55: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements (9000).

Board of Selectmen recommends raising \$360,000.

*Explanation: The table below shows the sum recommended by the Board of Selectmen for each capital account. 9.77% decrease (\$39,000) from FY17 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 and avoids a large, one time, appropriations for major expenses in the future.*

Capital Account	Approximate Current Balance	Proposed FY18 to be Raised	Estimated Balance
9010 Dredging	95,341	10,000	105,341
9012 Fire Ponds	4,727	0	4,727
9015 Stone Wharf Reserve	99,282	100,000	199,282
9016 Barge Ramps	10,144	0	10,144
9020 Floats & Gangways	12,094	5,000	17,094
9025 Fire Truck Reserve	43,812	0	43,812
9030 Facilities	68	0	68
9031 New Town Office	5,008	10,000	15,008
9032 Land Acquisition & Development – Stone Wharf Parking	5,396	0	5,396
9040 Grant Matching Funds	31,592	15,000	46,592
9042 Paper Streets	15,200	0	15,200
9045 Revaluation Reserve	9,292	0	9,292
9050 Paving	54,652	175,000	229,652
9055 Public Services Equipment	88,057	10,000	98,057
9057 Recycling Compactors	10,226	5,000	15,226
9058 Easements & Drainage	10,693	5,000	15,693
9059 Cemetery Capital Reserve	6,116	0	6,116
9060 Harbormaster Vessel	12,582	0	12,582
9070 Coastal Access Fund	9,914	0	9,914
9192 Rescue Vehicles & Equipment	80,729	25,000	105,729
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>604,925</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>964,925</b>

*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 current balances at March 31, 2017.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve as read in the amount of \$360,000.

**Article 55: Passed** **\$360,000** **All in favor, save 1**

#### MUNICIPAL REVENUE BUDGET

Article 56: 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 2017-2018.

*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 Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve as read.

**Article 56: Passed** **Unanimous**

Article 57: 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 2017-2018.

Board of Selectmen recommends: \$ 50,000

*Explanation: A transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance is made to help lower the tax rate. According to the audited Financial Report at June 30, 2016, our undesignated fund balance was \$567,437. This is approximately 18% of the current FY17 operating budget and is higher than the allowable limits (8%-15%) based on the Board of Selectmen Undesignated Fund Balance Policy. We are using \$50,000 toward the FY18 budget in an effort to reduce taxation.*

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve as read in the amount of \$ 50,000.

**Article 57: Passed** **\$ 50,000** **Unanimous**

Article 58: To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against fiscal year 2017-2018 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 2017-2018.

Board of Selectmen recommend: \$ 311,642

*Explanation: The total revenues from receipts, sources and designations includes: \$98,352 (from Article 30) plus \$50,000 (from Article 57) and \$163,290 from the following table:*

Revenue Account	Proposed Budget
302 AGENT FEE	3,000
303 EXCISE TAX	85,000
304 BOAT EXCISE TAX	7,500
305 INTEREST & PENALTIES	5,000
316 SHELLFISH LICENSES	2,500
328 VETERANS EXEMPTION REIMB	450
351 POLICE ISSUED FINES	2,500
366 BUILDING PERMITS	8,000
367 ELECTRICAL PERMITS	1,200
368 PLUMBING PERMITS	2,500
369 OTHER PERMITS	500
403 MOORING FEES	3,500
411 URBAN RURAL INIT PROGRAM	14,940
418 CHEB. ISLAND SOLID WASTE	20,000
501 STONE WHARF PERMITS	5,000
502 TRANSIENT TIE-UP FEES	1,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,290</b>

**Motion:** Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Bo Beaupré, to approve as read including the table.

**Article 58: Passed**

**\$311,642**

**Unanimous**

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### OTHER MUNICIPAL ARTICLES

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**Motion:** David Hill moved, seconded by Karen Corson to bundle Articles 60 through 67 into one vote.

**Motion to consolidate: Passed by more than 2/3 of the voters present.**

**Vote on Articles 60 through 67: Unanimous**

Article 60: 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 60: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 61: 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 61: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 62: 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 62: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 63: To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that fiscal year 2017-2018 Real and Personal Taxes are due as September 29, 2017 and March 30, 2018 and to charge interest at the rate of 7.0% per annum for fiscal year 2017-2018 Real and Personal taxes paid after those dates.

**Article 63: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 64: 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 64: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 65: 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 65: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 66: 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 66: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 67: To determine whether the Town of Chebeague Island will vote to accept the secret ballot process of voting as set forth in Title 30-A M.R.S.A., Section 2528 for municipal referenda elections.

*Explanation: The Town of Chebeague Island approved secret ballot voting for Elections on November 19, 2011. The Town did not vote on the approval of secret ballot voting for municipal referenda elections.*

**Article 67: Passed**

**Unanimous**

Article 68: 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 13, 2017, 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 Karen Corson, seconded by Suzanne Rugh, to approve as read.

**Article 68: Passed**

**Unanimous**

**Candidates Herb Maine and Courtney Doughty each spoke very briefly.**

Article 69: To adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until June 13, 2017 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 Pete Pellerin, seconded Aaron, to adjourn at 1:10 PM.

**Article 69: Passed**

**Unanimous**

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