

TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE
FY 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

TO: John Wilson, 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 Island Hall Community Center, 247 South Road, Chebeague Island, Maine on Saturday, the 7th day of June, 2014 at 9 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon the following Articles:

The meeting was opened by the Town Clerk

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

William Lund nominated by Mark Dyer seconded by Herb Maine and voted affirmatively in writing by five members of the community.

Article 2: To see if the Town would hear brief messages from any representatives of candidates for state government elections.

Explanation: If this article passes the moderator will immediately allow any candidate representatives to briefly address the assembly.

Motion: David Hill, seconded by Nancy Hill

Article 2: Passed

Unanimous

Steve Moriarty spoke a word of thanks.

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 2014 Warrant.

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

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to accept, seconded by Nancy Hill

Article 3: Passed

Unanimous

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE ARTICLES

Article 4: To see if the Town will amend the Coastal Waters Ordinance as identified in Exhibit A.

Explanation: This ordinance revision amends the existing Coastal Waters Ordinance following its separation from the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance in June of 2013.

Motion: David Hill moved to accept, seconded by Susan Campbell

John Ash asked for clarification regarding temporary anchorage.

Bob Ernest asked about the differences between last year and this year.

Tad Runge asked about the involvement of the Coastal Waters Commission in regards to the hiring of the Harbor Master.

Article 4: Passed

Unanimous

Article 5: To see if the Town will create a new article of the Town of Chebeague Island Code of Ordinances and enact an ordinance entitled Fire and Rescue Department (Exhibit B) as Article VIII of Chapter 11.

Explanation: Maine Statutes (30-A M.R.S.A. §3151 et seq.) allows municipalities to provide fire protection by forming a municipal fire department by ordinance. The proposed ordinance forms a department of the Town that provides fire protection and emergency medical services. The proposed ordinance has been developed and reviewed by the fire and Rescue chief, current officers and members of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to accept, seconded by Nancy Hill

John Ash had some questions regarding some of the content of the Ordinance, regarding the proper person that the Chief reports to.

Donna Damon clarified that the Board of Selectmen is responsible for everything and the delegation for reporting has been given to the Town Administrator.

Herb Maine: better to have one boss instead of five separate bosses.

Article 5: Passed

Unanimous

ARTICLE 30 TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire and Rescue Department (2200).

The Board recommends: \$ 90,384

Explanation: 1.2% (\$1,059) increase from FY14 budget.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 30 with the dollar amount of \$90,384, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 30: Passed \$90,384

Unanimous

Article 6: To see if the Town will amend the Road Plan Committee Ordinance as follows:

Section 102. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) **Membership.** The Committee shall consist of three to five members who shall be appointed by the municipal officers. No technical experience is required but members must commit to understanding MDOT guidance.
- c) **Term.** Members shall serve for staggered terms of 3 years.

Explanation: Increasing committee membership and staggering terms may allow for more civic engagement opportunities and enhance committee operation.

Motion: Cheryl Buxbaum moved to accept, seconded by David Hill

Karen Corson asked for clarification between selectman and municipal officers.

Article 6: Passed

Unanimous

EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES

**ARTICLE 7: THROUGH ARTICLE 17: AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN
EDUCATION COST CENTER CATEGORIES**

Motion: Nancy Hill made a Motion to bundle Article 7 through 18 all of the School Articles, as proposed, seconded by Bob Earnest.

Nancy Hill moved to amend her motion to exclude 18 from the bundling, seconded by Bob Earnest.

Unanimous amendment passed

Unanimous motion to bundle has passed

Motion to approve Articles 7 through 17 as written, seconded by Nancy Hill

Deborah Hall asked if these funds were in addition to funds in article 18; Alton Hadley said that is not true. Articles 7-17 are to expend and then article 18 is to appropriate the money.

Jane Frizzell asked questions regarding what monies are from the town and the state.

Articles 7 – 17: Passed as written

Unanimous save one (1)

INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES:

Article 7: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$463,995** for Regular Instruction?

Article 7: Passed \$463,995

Unanimous save one (1)

Article 8: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$37,430** for Special Education?

Article 8: Passed \$37,430

Unanimous save one (1)

Article 9: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Career and Technical Ed?

Article 9: Passed \$0

Unanimous save one (1)

Article 10: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend \$0 for Other Instruction?

Article 10: Passed \$0 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 11: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend \$31,600 for Student and Staff Support?

Article 11: Passed \$31,600 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 12: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend \$50,128 for System Administration?

Article 12: Passed \$50,128 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 13: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend \$35,357 for School Administration?

Article 13: Passed \$35,357 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 14: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend \$88,353 for Transportation and Buses?

Article 14: Passed \$88,353 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 15: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend \$89,277 for Facilities Maintenance?

Article 15: Passed \$89,277 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 16: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend \$222,016 for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

Article 16: Passed \$222,016 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 17: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend \$30,757 for All Other Expenditures, Including School Lunch?

Article 17: Passed \$30,757 Unanimous save one (1)

ARTICLE 18: THROUGH ARTICLE 19: RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 18: Shall the Town appropriate \$673,956.77 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 \$559,306.83 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.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to accept article with the dollar amounts indicated, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 18: Passed \$673,956.77 in total with \$559,306.83 being the Town's contribution. Unanimous

Article 19: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$127,923.17 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$116,288.67 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

Article 19 is required to be voted by written ballot.

The School Committee recommends \$127,923.17 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$116,288.67. 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, workers comp; and (4) escalating fuel and electricity costs.

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.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to vote by secret ballot, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 19: Passed

Results of the Vote: 79 yes -- 1 no

ARTICLE 20: SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 20: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$1,048,913.00** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 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 **\$1,048,913.00**. 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 to approve article 20 with the dollar amounts indicated, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 20: Passed \$1,048,913.00

Unanimous save one (1)

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ARTICLES

Motion: David Hill moved to bundle Articles 21 & 22, seconded by Mark Dyer.

Motion passed

Unanimous

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to pass Articles 21 & 22, as written seconded by Karen Corson.

Motion passed

Unanimous

Article 21: 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?

Article 22: 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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 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).

ARTICLE 23:

Article 23: 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.

| | |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Town of Chebeague Island Revenue Reserve | \$160,000 |
| School Undesignated Fund Balance | \$87,033 |
| General Purpose Aid | <u>\$114,650</u> |
| Total | \$361,683 |

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

(1) The Town Revenue transfer is the balance of the reserve account setup by the Town over the past several years ago to accommodate the overlapping tuition and debt service payment that originated with the delayed start of bond payments in 2008.

(2) The School Undesignated Fund Balance identifies a reserve account transfer made to help lower the tax rate while maintaining a safe level of reserve savings as determined by the School Committee.

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

Motion: Mark Dyer, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum to approve article 23 in the amount of \$361, 383.

Article 23: Passed \$361,383.

Unanimous

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Administration and Selectmen Accounts (1300).

The Board recommends: \$ 191,538

Explanation: 8.3% (\$14,688) increase from FY14 budget. The increase is primarily due to additional bookkeeper wages.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 24 with the dollar amount \$191,538, seconded by Herb Maine.

Article 24: Passed \$191, 538 Unanimous save four (4)

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Assessor (1400).

The Board recommends: \$ 11,600

Explanation: 4.9% (\$600) decrease from FY14 budget.

Motion: Cheryl Buxbaum moved to accept article 25 with the dollar amount of \$11, 600, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 25: Passed \$11,600 Unanimous

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Elections/Voter Registration (1650).

The Board recommends: \$ 3,148

Explanation: 17.2% (\$652) decrease from FY14 budget. This decrease is a result of labor savings realized through the automation of the ballot process.

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to approve article 26 with the dollar amount of \$3, 148, seconded by Chery Buxbaum.

Article 26: Passed \$3,148 Unanimous

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Planning. (1700).

The Board recommends: \$ 22,350

Explanation: 851.1% (\$20,000) increase from FY14 budget. The Sunset Landing committee has recommended raising \$20,000 to contract with Milone & MacBroom Engineers to continue an ongoing study, survey, and investigation (Phase 1) to detail the limitations of the Town's property, known as Sunset Landing. Phase 2 will include an investigation of adjacent waters including studies of eelgrass, bathymetry (depth/ocean bottom), and wind and wave impact. Phase 2 will also include a prehistoric archeological investigation, required by the state if evidence of Native American occupation is found during Phase 1. If the prehistoric archeological investigation is not necessary any funds raised for that part of the project would be applied to future phases of the project relating to direct costs or used as grant matching funds.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 27 with the dollar amount of \$22, 350, seconded by Sandra McLean.

Donna Damon made a presentation regarding the Sunset Committee and the status of the process.

Article 27: Passed \$22,350

Unanimous

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Legal Services (1900).

The Board recommends: \$ 8,000

Explanation: No change from FY14 budget.

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to approve article 28 with the dollar amount of \$8,000, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Jane Frizzell asked if the money doesn't get spent what happens to the money.

Eric Dyer answered that the unspent funds go into the undesignated fund.

Article 28: Passed \$8,000

Unanimous

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Law Enforcement Services (2100).

The Board recommends: \$ 37,536

Explanation: 3.6% (\$1,321) increase from FY14 budget.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 29 with the dollar amount of \$37,536, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 29: Passed \$37,536

Unanimous

Taken out of order after article 5

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire and Rescue Department (2200).

The Board recommends: \$ 90,384

Explanation: 1.2% (\$1,059) increase from FY14 budget.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 30 with the dollar amount of \$90,384, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 30: Passed \$90,384

Unanimous

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement (2400).

The Board recommends: \$ 19,870

Explanation: 2% (\$390) increase from FY14 budget.

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to approve article 31 with the dollar amount of \$19, 870, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Geoff Summa asked for the average amount of hours for Code Officer, Eric responded with 12 hours average per week.

Deb Hall asked for the reason behind the increase.

Jane Frizzell asked what the hours for overtime was; in regard to the cause of overtime. The split of the position will occur and the overtime will not happen.

Deb Hall is stating that the 12 hours don't equate to the increase request.

Motion: Deb Hall moved to amend the amount to \$18,720 seconded by Ester Knight.

Ken Hamilton moved the question

Vote to move the amendment question: Passed Unanimous

Vote to amend to \$187,720: Failed Unanimously opposed, save two (2)

Article 31: Passed as originally written \$19, 870 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden (2500).

The Board recommends: \$ 29,479

Explanation: 19.5% (\$7,131) decrease from FY14 budget. The decrease is due to fewer hours and no overtime pay.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article with the dollar amount of \$29,479, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Pam Curran asked if the shellfish program includes conservation.

Eric answered yes it does include conservation efforts.

Ester Knight asked for the hours of the Harbormaster and who decides the hours.

Eric Dyer answered that the Ordinance as well as the Selectmen.

Pam Curran asked if the green crab effort will be part of this item.

Ernie Burgess objects to the decrease of hours regarding the overtime budget.

David Hill said that if overtime pay is required it will come from the contingency fund.

Article 32: Passed \$29, 479 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Animal Control (2600).

The Board recommends: \$ 4,350

Explanation: 8.8% (\$350) increase from FY14 budget. This increase is primarily due to training and apparel.

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to approve article 32 with the dollar amount of \$4,350 seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Tad Runge asked who the Animal Control Officer was and the response was Pam Pulsifer.

Diane Calder commented that Pam Pulsifer is very good at her job and deserves recognition.

Article 33: Passed \$4, 350 Unanimous

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Public Services (3100).

The Board recommends: \$ 184,202

Explanation: 8.9% (\$15,027) increase from FY14 budget. The increase is due to rising costs, extra wages and a transfer from the Harbormaster & Shellfish account for marine supplies.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article with the dollar amount of \$184,202, seconded by Susan Campbell.

Article 34: Passed \$184, 202 Unanimous

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Solid Waste (3200).

The Board recommends: \$ 126,435

Explanation: 1.7% (\$2,115) increase from FY14 budget. The increase is due to rising monitoring, disposal, and building maintenance costs as well as wages to support additional open hours at the Transfer Station.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 35 with the dollar amount of \$126,435, seconded by Herb Maine.

Article 35: Passed \$126, 435 Unanimous

Article 36: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Cousins Island & Blanchard Lot (4400).

The Board recommends: \$ 16,791

Explanation: 4% (\$646) increase from FY14 budget.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 36 with the dollar amount of \$16,791, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 36: Passed \$16,791

Unanimous

Article 37: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for Contributions (4600) and if it will authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse the full amount.

Board of Selectmen recommends raising **\$107,750** and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to disburse the full amount according to this table:

| Contribution Disbursement | Proposed 14 -15 to be Raised | Notes |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 3150 Community Center | 50,000 | Same as last year |
| 3164 VNA Home Health Hospice | 750 | Same as last year |
| 3166 Island Council | 7,000 | 1,000 additional |
| 3167 Recreation | 50,000 | Same as last year |
| TOTAL | 107,750 | |

Explanation: 0.9% (\$1,000) increase from FY14 budget. If approved, the Selectmen will disburse the appropriated funds to the appropriate entities.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 37 with the dollar amount of \$107,750, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Diane Calder asked for an explanation for the increase.

Ginny Ballard answered that the increase in funding is in response to the increased demand for services.

Article 37: Passed \$107,750

Unanimous

Article 38: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for General Assistance (5810).

The Board recommends: \$ 1,000

Explanation: 16.7% (\$200) decrease from FY14 budget. The \$200 decrease is a savings from no longer using PROP.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 38 with the dollar amount of \$1,000 seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 34: Passed \$1, 000

Unanimous

Article 39: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Health Services (5910).

The Board recommends: \$ 2,100

Explanation: No change from FY14 budget.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 39 with the dollar amount of \$2,100, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 34: Passed \$2, 100

Unanimous

Article 40: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Cemetery (6200).

The Board recommends: \$ 4,670

Explanation: 16.8% (\$670) increase from FY14 budget. The increase is due to additional hours for maintenance work.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 40 with the dollar amount of \$4,670, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 40: Passed \$4, 670

Unanimous

Article 41: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Debt Service (6900).

The Board recommends: \$ 532,606

Explanation: 6.5% (\$37,038) decrease from FY14 budget. The decrease is a result of the \$40,000 reduction in need for Deferred Debt Service savings.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article with the dollar amount of \$532,606, seconded by Susan Campbell.

Carla Clarke asked how many more years are payable.

Eric Dyer answered that this will pay off the schedule A bond that was taken out and there are 13 years remaining on the schedule B bond with a total of \$3,046,000.

Article 41: Passed \$532,606 Unanimous

Article 42: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Benefits & Insurance (7500).

The Board recommends: \$ 143,650

Explanation: 17.9% (\$21,814) increase from FY14 budget. The increase is due to increased use of benefits and new staff.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 42 with the dollar amount of \$143,650, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Susan Campbell made a statement regarding the cost of insurance.

Article 42: Passed \$143,650 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 43: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights (8100).

The Board recommends: \$ 8,500

Explanation: No change from FY14 budget.

Motion: Cheryl Buxbaum moved to approve article 43 with the dollar amount of \$8,500, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 43: Passed \$8,500 Unanimous save one (1)

Article 44: To see what sum the Town will raise, appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend for unexpected expenses as they deem necessary for Contingency (8300).

The Board recommends: \$ 21,000

Explanation: No change from FY14 budget.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 44 with the dollar amount of \$21,000, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 44: Passed \$21,000 Unanimous

Article 45: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Tax paid to Cumberland (8800).

The Board recommends: \$ 42,000

Explanation: 2.4% (\$1,000) increase from FY14 budget. The increase is based on an estimated increase in valuation. As required in the law allowing Chebeague to secede from the Town of Cumberland, this article appropriates 50% of the property taxes committed to the Town of Chebeague Island from the Outer Islands.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 45 with the dollar amount of \$42,000, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 45: Passed \$42,000 Unanimous

Article 46: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for County Tax (8900).

The Board recommends: \$ 128,910

Explanation: 2.9% (\$3,675) increase from FY14 budget. Assigned to the municipality by Cumberland County.

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to approve article 46 with the dollar amount of \$128,910, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 46: Passed \$128,910 Unanimous

Article 47: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon a majority vote of the full Board of Selectmen, to exceed by no more than 10% annually, the amount authorized for each account approved in Article 24: through Article 46: 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: David Hill moved to approve article 47 as presented, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 47: Passed

Unanimous

Article 48: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements (9000), and to see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend from the capital reserves in fiscal year 2014-2015.

Board of Selectmen recommends raising **\$320,000** and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to spend **\$417,874** for fiscal year 2014-2015 utilizing current & previously budgeted reserve accounts.

Explanation: The table below shows the sum recommended by the Board of Selectmen for each capital account:

| Capital Account | Approximate Current Balance | Proposed FY15 to be Raised | Proposed FY15 Expenditures | Estimated Balance 06/30/15 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 9010 Dredging | 159,248 | 45,000 | 0 | 204,248 |
| 9012 Fire Ponds | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| 9015 Wharf Reserve | 124,351 | 0 | 124,351 | 0 |
| 9016 Barge Ramps | 10,046 | 0 | 0 | 10,046 |
| 9020 Floats & Gangways | 0 | 12,000 | 0 | 12,000 |
| 9025 Fire Truck Reserve | 83,442 | 30,000 | 0 | 113,442 |
| 9030 Facilities | 10,919 | 2,000 | 10,919 | 2,000 |
| 9035 Vehicle Reserve | 10,287 | 5,000 | 0 | 15,287 |
| 9040 Grant Matching Funds | 14,030 | 10,000 | 24,030 | 0 |
| 9042 Paper Streets | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| 9045 Revaluation Reserve | 43,813 | 0 | 43,813 | 0 |
| 9050 Paving | 1,339 | 175,000 | 176,339 | 0 |
| 9055 Public Services Equipment | 124,741 | 15,000 | 8,000 | 131,741 |
| 9057 Recycling Compactors | 5,013 | 0 | 0 | 5,013 |
| 9058 Easements & Drainage | 11,240 | 0 | 11,240 | 0 |
| 9059 Cemetery Capital Reserve | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| 9060 Harbormaster Vessel | 141 | 2,000 | 0 | 2,141 |
| 9070 Coastal Access Fund | 9,812 | 0 | 9,182 | 0 |
| 9192 Rescue Vehicles & Equipment | 32,324 | 14,000 | 0 | 46,324 |
| TOTAL | 641,746 | 320,000 | 417,874 | 496,918 |

The total current balance of reserve accounts is available to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose defined for each account. The Board provides an estimate of FY15 expenditures as a planning tool.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 48 raising \$320,000 and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend \$417,874 as per the chart above, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 48: Passed

Unanimous save one (1)

MUNICIPAL REVENUE BUDGET

Article 49: 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 2014-2015.

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

Motion: Bob Earnest moved to approve article 49, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 49: Passed \$184,202

Unanimous

Article 50: 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 2014-2015.

Board of Selectmen recommends: \$ 45,000

Explanation: If this article is approved the total amount taken from the fund balance for fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$45,000 which leaves an estimated fund balance of \$248,500 as of July 1, 2014. This is approximately 9% of the current operating budget and is within allowable limits (8%-15%) based on the current fund balance policy.

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to approve article with the dollar amount of \$45,000, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 50: Passed \$45,000

Unanimous

Article 51: To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against Fiscal year 2014-2015 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 2014-2015.

Board of Selectmen recommend: \$ 588,233

Explanation: The total revenues from receipts, sources and designations includes: \$361,683 (from Article 23) plus \$45,000 (from Article 50) and \$181,550 from the following table:

| Revenue Account | Proposed Budget |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 302 AGENT FEE | 2,500 |
| 303 EXCISE TAX | 75,000 |
| 304 BOAT EXCISE TAX | 8,000 |
| 305 INTEREST & PENALTIES | 6,000 |
| 307 LIEN COST | 800 |
| 310 DONATIONS | 200 |
| 311 HUNTING & FISHING LIC | 50 |
| 312 MARRIAGE LICENSES | 250 |
| 313 BIRTH CERTIFICATES | 50 |
| 314 DEATH CERTIFICATES | 50 |
| 315 CLERK LICENSES | 50 |
| 316 SHELLFISH LICENSES | 2,500 |
| 327 HOMESTEAD STATE REIMB REV | 7,000 |
| 328 VETERANS EXEMPTION REIMB | 550 |
| 330 TREE GROWTH PENALTY | 50 |
| 331 STATE REVENUE SHARING | 12,000 |
| 334 SNOW REGISTR | 50 |
| 351 POLICE ISSUED FINES | 3,000 |
| 364 GROWTH PERMITS | 200 |
| 365 BOARD OF APPEALS | 200 |
| 366 BUILDING PERMITS | 8,000 |
| 367 ELECTRICAL PERMITS | 1,000 |
| 368 PLUMBING PERMITS | 2,000 |
| 369 OTHER PERMITS | 1,000 |
| 401 DOG REVENUE | 300 |
| 403 MOORING FEES | 10,000 |
| 411 URBAN RURAL INIT PROGRAM | 16,000 |
| 412 COLLECTED CEMETERY FEES | 50 |
| 418 CHEB. ISLAND SOLID WASTE | 15,000 |
| 500 RENTAL MOORING FEES | 1,000 |
| 501 STONE WHARF PERMITS | 5,000 |
| 502 TRANSIENT TIE-UP FEES | 1,500 |
| 511 CTC ESCROW - BLANCHARD LO | 2,000 |
| 512 COPY FEE REVENUE | 200 |
| TOTAL | \$181,550 |
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Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 51 with the dollar amount of \$588, 233, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 51: Passed \$588, 233

Unanimous

Article 52: Article 52: 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 private enterprise checking account and respect the wishes of the donor regarding use of donated funds or assets.

Motion: Bob Earnest moved to approve article 52 as stated, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 52: Passed \$184, 202

Unanimous

OTHER MUNICIPAL ARTICLES

Article 53: 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.

Motion: Beverly Johnson moved to approve article 52 as stated seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 52: Passed \$184, 202

Unanimous

Article 54: 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.

Motion to bundle articles 54-57 David Hill, seconded by Beverly Johnson.

Motion to bundle passed

Unanimous

Articles 54 – 57: Passed

Unanimous

Article 55: To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that fiscal year 2014-2015 Real and Personal Taxes are due as September 30, 2014 and March 31, 2015 and to charge interest at the rate of 7.0% per annum for fiscal year 2014-2015 Real and Personal taxes paid after those dates.

Article 56: 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 57: 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 58: 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 10, 2014, 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: David Hill moved to approve article 58 as stated, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 58: Passed

Unanimous save (2)

Article 59: To adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until June 10, 2014 8:00 AM so that secret ballot votes for local and state elections and issues may be held at the Chebeague Island Hall and 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: Susan Campbell moved to approve article 59 as stated, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 59: Passed

Unanimous save (2)

These minutes respectfully submitted by: Michelle J. Jackson, Town Clerk