

TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 8, 2019

Town Clerk Viktoria Wood opened the meeting at 9:15 AM on Saturday, June 08, 2019 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 John Ash and voted affirmatively in writing by five members of the community.

Moderator Peter Rice appointed Karen Corson as Deputy Moderator.

ELECTION VOTING ARTICLE: 2

VOTING – JUNE 11, 2019 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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:

Selectmen:	School Board Committee:
John H. Corson Jr.	Suzanne Rugh
Donna Miller Damon	Christin Nadeau

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 Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Warrant.

Motion: Herb Maine moved to open the floor, seconded by Jean-Louis Beupre.

Article 3: Passed

Unanimous

BROADBAND QUESTION

Article 4: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to create a capital reserve account named “Broadband Reserve” (account number 9034) for a capital project to create an island-wide fiber optic broadband internet network with the capability of serving every home and business on Chebeague Island and raise and appropriate **\$250,000** to be placed in the Broadband Reserve.

Motion: Moved by David Hill to accept Article 4 as written, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Motion: Moved by David Hill to use written ballots to decide Article 4, seconded by Sue Burgess.

Motion Passed

Majority Vote

Motion: Moved by John Ash, and seconded by Joseph Ballard to call the question.

Motion Failed

Yes: 68

No: 72

Motion: Moved by Cheryl Buxbaum, and seconded by John Ash to call the question.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Article 4: Failed

Yes: 30

No: 138

SUNSET LANDING QUESTION

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to require that the Select Board, prior to June 1, 2020, shall act to ensure that the property known as Sunset Landing and shown on the Town of Chebeague’s tax maps at Map I05, Lot 9, is kept forever wild. In order to accomplish this mandate, the Select Board shall convey a deed to a land trust or other preservation entity, or ensure that such restrictive covenants are placed on the property, in order to guarantee that the property shall be protected from development and shall be retained for open space and non-intensive public outdoor recreational uses. The Select Board or its designee shall have the authority to enter any agreements, execute any deeds or perform any other executive or administrative duties necessary to accomplish this mandate.

Motion: Moved by Karen Corson to accept Article 5 as written, seconded by Patricia Festino.

Motion: Moved by Maggie Vaughan to use written ballots to decide Article 5, seconded by John Ash.

Motion Passed Unanimous

Motion: Moved by Maggie Vaughan to call the question, seconded by Alan Malony.

Motion Passed Unanimous

Article 5: Failed Yes: 31 No: 125

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE ARTICLES

Article 6: Shall an ordinance entitled PROHIBITION OF SALE OR USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS identified in Exhibit A be enacted?

There was no Motion to accept Article 6, but the intent to do so was clear.

Motion: Moved by Maggie Vaughan to use written ballots to decide Article 6, seconded by David Hill.

Motion Failed

Motion: Moved by Polly Wentworth to call the question, seconded by Erika Neumann.

Motion Passed Unanimous

Article 6: Failed

Article 7: Contingent on the defeat of Article 6, shall an ordinance entitled CONSUMER FIREWORKS ORDINANCE and identified in Exhibit B be enacted?

Motion: Moved by Maggie Vaughan to accept Article 7 as written, seconded by John Ash.

Motion: Moved by John Rent to call the question, seconded by Maggie Vaughan.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Article 7: Passed

Copies of the proposed ordinances are available at the Town Office and will be available at Town Meeting.

EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES

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

Motion: Moved by Karen Corson and seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to bundle Article 8-Article 18.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

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Article 8: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$632,875** for Regular Instruction?

Article 9: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$89,041** for Special Education?

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

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

Article 12: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$18,767** for Student and Staff Support?

Article 13: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$73,617** for System Administration?

Article 14: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$59,675** for School Administration?

Article 15: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$105,544** for Transportation and Buses?

Article 16: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$52,351** for Facilities Maintenance?

Article 17: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$138,974** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

Article 18: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$145,221** for All Other Expenditures, Including School Lunch?

Articles 8-18 Passed

Unanimous

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

Article 19: Shall the Town appropriate **\$680,477.19** 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 **\$608,080.48** 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?

Motion: Moved by David Hill, and seconded by John Ash to accept Article 19 as written.

Article 19: Passed

All in Favor, save 1

Article 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$635,587.81** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$635,587.81** 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 **\$635,587.81** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential

Programs and Services funding model by **\$635,587.81**. 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.

There was no Motion to accept Article 20, but the intent to do so was clear.

Article 20: Passed

Yes: 66

No: 3

Article 21: SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 21: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$1,316,065** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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?

Motion: Moved by Herb Maine, and seconded by John Ash to accept Article 21 as written.

Article 21: Passed

Unanimous

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ARTICLES

Motion: Moved by Herb Maine, and seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to bundle Articles 22-25.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Article 22: Shall the School Committee be authorized to accept and 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 23: Shall the Town vote to approve and authorize the Superintendent to sign the Tuition Contract Agreement between the Yarmouth School Committee and the Chebeague Island School Committee commencing on July 1, 2021 and

through June 30, 2031 found as Exhibit C attached to this Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

Copies of the proposed agreement are available at the Town Office and will be available at Town Meeting.

Article 24: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to accept and expend any state, federal and other grants, aid and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 for school purposes provided that such grants, aid, and receipts do not require expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

Article 25: 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	\$ 40,000
General Purpose Aid	\$ 72,397
School Lunch Sales	\$ 6,000

Articles 22-25 Passed

Unanimous

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration and Board of Selectmen Accounts (1300).

The Board recommends: **\$ 247,118**

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to raise and appropriate \$247,118, seconded by Deb Bowman.

Article 26 Passed

Unanimous

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor (1400).

The Board recommends: **\$ 13,450**

Motion: Jean-Louis Beaupre moved to appropriate 13,450, seconded by Jay Corson.

Article 27: Passed

Unanimous

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elections (1650).

The Board recommends: \$ **2,500**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$2,500, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 28: Passed

Unanimous

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning. (1700).

The Board recommends: \$ **6,000**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$6000, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 29: Passed

Unanimous

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Services (1900).

The Board recommends: \$ **7,000**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$7000, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 30: Passed

Unanimous

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Law Enforcement Services (2100).

The Board recommends: \$ **42,756**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$42,576, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 31: Passed

**All in Favor,
save one**

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department (2200).

The Board recommends: \$ 104,650

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$104,650, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 32: Passed Unanimous

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement (2400).

The Board recommends: \$ 26,460

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$26,460, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 33: Passed Unanimous

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden account (2500).

The Board recommends: \$29,755

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$29,755, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 34: Passed Unanimous

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control (2600).

The Board recommends: \$ 5,250

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$5,250, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 35: Passed Unanimous

Article 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Services (3100).

The Board recommends: \$ 229,479

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$229,479, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 36: Passed

Unanimous

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste (3200).

The Board recommends: \$ 165,315

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$165,315, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 37: Passed

**All in Favor,
save one**

Article 38: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cousins Island Dock Reserve Fund (4400).

The Board recommends: \$20,427

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$20,427, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 38: Passed

Unanimous

Article 39: 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 18-19 To be Raised	Notes
3150 Chebeague Island Library	25,000	Same as last year
3151 Chebeague Community Ctr.	34,500	Same as last year
3166 Island Council	7,000	Same as last year
3167 Chebeague Recreation Center	56,500	Same as last year
3169 Island Commons Res. Center	1,500	Same as last year
TOTAL	124,500	

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$124,500, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 39: Passed

Unanimous

Article 40: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Chebeague Recreation Center – Kids Place (4600-3168), and authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse the full amount upon execution of a Memorandum of Understanding to be drafted.

The Board recommends: **\$10,000**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$10,000, seconded by Jay Corson.

Motion: Moved by John-Louis Beaupre to appropriate \$20,000, seconded by Jen Corson.

Motion: Moved by Erika Neumann to call the question and increase the amount to \$20,000, seconded by Mark Dyer Motion Passed

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Motion: Bob Earnest moved to appropriate \$20,000, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 40: Passed

**All in Favor,
save 5**

Article 41: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance (5810).

The Board recommends: **\$500**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$500, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 41: Passed

Unanimous

Article 42: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health Services (5910).

The Board recommends: **\$ 2,000**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$2,000, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 42: Passed

Unanimous

Article 43: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery (6200).

The Board recommends: **\$ 13,325**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$13,325, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 43: Passed

Unanimous

Article 44: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service (6900).

The Board recommends: **\$ 388,249**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$388,249, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 44: Passed

Unanimous

Article 45: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Benefits & Insurance (7500).

The Board recommends: \$ 181,960

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$181,960, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 45: Passed

Unanimous

Article 46: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights (8100).

The Board recommends: \$ 20,191

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$20,191, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Motion: Moved by Bob Earnest to call the question, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Article 46: Passed

**All in Favor
save 8**

Article 47: 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: \$ 14,000

Motion: Moved by Donna Damon to amend the amount to \$16,000, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 47: Passed as amended

**All in favor
save 8**

Article 48: 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: \$ 48,045

Motion: Moved by Herb Maine to change the amount recommended to \$46,500, seconded by Mark Dyer.

Article 48: Passed as amended

Unanimous

Article 49: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for County Tax (8900).

The Board recommends: \$ **149,526**

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$149,526, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 49: Passed

Unanimous

Article 50: 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 26: through Article 49: 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 Karen Corson, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to accept Article 50 as written.

Article 50: Passed

Unanimous

Article 51: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements (9000).

Board of Selectmen recommends raising **\$249,000.**

Capital Account	Approximate Current Balance	Proposed FY19 to be Raised	Estimated Balance
9010 Dredging	83,515	17,000	100,515
9012 Fire Ponds	4,771	0	4,771
9015 Stone Wharf Reserve	301,292	0	301,292
9016 Barge Ramps	10,241	0	10,241
9020 Floats & Gangways	32,289	0	32,289
9025 Fire Truck Reserve	54,255	0	54,255
9030 Facilities	5,082	0	5,082
9031 New Town Office	25,163	10,000	35,163
9032 Land Acquisition & Development	5,447	5,000	10,447
9033 Solar Array Purchase	0	10,000	10,000
9035 Vehicle Reserve	2,005	2,000	4,005
9040 Grant Matching Funds	27,476	0	27,476
9045 Revaluation Reserve	9,380	5,000	14,380
9050 Paving	264,777	150,000	414,777
9055 Public Works Equipment	324	10,000	10,324
9057 Recycling Compactors	15,088	5,000	20,088
9058 Easements & Drainage	29,166	35,000	64,166
9059 Cemetery Capital Reserve	6,174	0	6,174
9060 Harbormaster Vessel	10,289	0	10,289
9070 Coastal Access Fund	10,008	0	10,008
9192 Rescue Vehicles & Equipment	121,735	0	121,735
TOTAL	1,018,477	249,000	1,267,477

Motion: Karen Corson moved to appropriate \$249,000, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre.

Article 51: Passed

Unanimous

Article 52: To see if the Town will vote to clarify the purpose of the Facilities (9030) Reserve as available to renovate and make improvements to Town owned buildings to include the Town Garage, Sand Shed, Transfer Station and Public Safety Building.

Motion: Moved by Karen Corson, and seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to accept Article 52 as written.

Article 52: Passed

Unanimous

MUNICIPAL REVENUE BUDGET

Article 53: 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 2019-2020.

Motion: Moved by Karen Corson, and seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to accept Article 53 as written.

Article 53: Passed

Unanimous

Article 54: 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 2019-2020.

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$ 150,000**

Motion: Moved by Karen Corson, and seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to accept Article 54 as written.

Article 54: Passed

Unanimous

Article 55: To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against fiscal year 2019-2020 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 2019-2020.

Board of Selectmen recommend: **\$ 444,465.**

118,397 Article 25 176,068 as shown in the chart on page 16

150,000 Article 54

Motion: Moved by Karen Corson, and seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to accept Article 55 as written.

Article 55: Passed

Unanimous

Revenue Account	Proposed Budget
302 AGENT FEE	3,000
303 EXCISE TAX	100,000
304 BOAT EXCISE TAX	7,500
305 INTEREST & PENALTIES	5,000
316 SHELLFISH LICENSES	2,500
351 POLICE ISSUED FINES	2,500
366 BUILDING PERMITS	2,800
367 ELECTRICAL PERMITS	1,000
368 PLUMBING PERMITS	1,500
369 OTHER PERMITS	500
379 INTEREST INCOME	3,500
403 MOORING FEES	3,500
411 URBAN RURAL INIT PROGRAM	14,768
418 CHEB. ISLAND SOLID WASTE	20,000
501 STONE WHARF PERMITS	5,500
502 TRANSIENT TIE-UP FEES	2,500
TOTAL	\$176,068

OTHER MUNICIPAL ARTICLES

Article 56: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend gifts provided that such gifts do not require expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated.

Article 57: 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 of general administration or project-specific expenditures, to accept such grants, and to expend them for their required purpose.

Article 58: 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 59: To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that fiscal year 2019-2020 Real Estate Taxes are due as September 30, 2019 and March 31, 2020 and to charge interest at the rate of 8.0% per annum for fiscal year 2019-2020 Real Estate Property taxes paid after those dates.

Article 60: 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 4.0%.

Motion: Moved by David Hill, and seconded by Beverly Johnson to bundle Articles 56-62.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Article 61: 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.

Article 62: 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.

Motion: Moved by Karen Corson, seconded by Jean-Louis Beaupre to accept Articles 56-62 as written.

Articles 56-62: Passed

Unanimous

Article 63: 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 selectmen 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.

Motion: Moved by Jean-Louis Beaupre, seconded by Herb Maine to accept Article 63 as written.

Article 63: Passed

**All in Favor,
save one**

Article 64: To adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until June 11, 2019 8:00 AM so that secret ballot votes for local elections (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 Aaron Rugh to adjourn the meeting at 1:10PM, seconded by Suzanne Rugh.

Article 64: Passed

Unanimous

These minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Auffant, Deputy Town Clerk



*Christine A. Auffant
Deputy Town Clerk
Chebeague Island, ME*

6/18/19