

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2017

Town Clerk Gloria Brown opened the meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 4, 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 Nancy Hill, seconded by Peter Pellerin, and voted affirmatively in writing by five members of the community.

Article 2: 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 Warrant.

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

Motion: Moved John Ash and seconded by Nancy Hill to 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 Warrant.

Article 2: Passed

Unanimous

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine to amend the shoreland overlay district on Tax Map I04, Lot 64 from Limited Commercial (LC) to Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities (CFMA).

Explanation: This amendment to the Zoning Map is needed to maximize the number of parking spaces that can be constructed in this space. See Exhibit A.

Planning Board: A motion by the Planning Board to recommend the zone change failed by a vote of 2 for and 3 against (two members absent).

Motion: Moved by David Hill and seconded by Claire Ross to vote this article by paper ballot.

Vote: Passed

All, Save 3

Motion: Moved by David Hall and seconded by Nancy Hill to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine to amend the shoreland overlay district on Tax Map I04, Lot 64 from Limited Commercial (LC) to Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities (CFMA).

Motion: Moved by Sandra McLean and seconded by Cheryl Stevens to call the question.

Vote: Passed

All, Save 4

Vote: Article 3: Failed

26 Yes; 40 No

Article 4: **Contingent upon passage of Article 3.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for the construction of a parking lot on Map I04, Lot 64.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$20,000 from Fund Balance and \$90,000 from the Stone Wharf Reserve Fund.

Explanation: The preliminary amount estimated for construction is \$98,095. Included in the recommended amount is \$10,000 to be set aside for the 8-foot wooden stockade fence and evergreen plantings for screening the abutting property. If the total cost of the fence and plantings is less than the \$10,000, the remaining funds will be used for the general construction of the project. If the cost is more than \$10,000, the additional amount will be taken from general construction funds.

No action

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to amend the **Shellfish Conservation Ordinance** Section 110. OPENING/CLOSING OF FLATS by adding the following two paragraphs:

It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest, take or possess shellfish from any areas closed by the Town of Chebeague Island in accordance with DMR Regulation, Chapter 7. Harvesting shellfish in a closed area is a violation of this municipality's ordinance and is punishable under MRSA Title 12 § 6671.

Boundaries of conservation closures are explicitly defined in the conservation closure application submitted by the Town of Chebeague Island to DMR and are part of the resulting permit issued by DMR. These permits are posted at the town office and online:
<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/programs/municipal/ordinances/towninfo.html>

*Explanation: The addition of these paragraphs is as suggested by the State of Maine Department of Marine Resources. All municipal shellfish ordinances should include explicit language identifying conservation closures **and must also prohibit** harvest within these areas.*

Motion: Moved by Christopher Loder and seconded by Karen Corson to amend the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Section 110 as shown above.

Article 5: Passed

Unanimous

Article 6: To adjourn this Special Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

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