

**TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**TO: Christine Auffant, a resident of the Town of Chebeague Island, in the County of
Cumberland and State of Maine,**

GREETINGS:

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 Chebeague Island Hall Community Center, 247 South Road, Chebeague Island, Maine on **Saturday, the 24th day of JANUARY, 2026 at 9 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 6;**

Minutes

OPEN TOWN MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Peter Rice was nominated and voted affirmatively by five members of the community.

Article 2: Move that the Town appropriate **\$11,500** from the Undesignated Fund Balance, to eliminate the negative balance in the Public Works Equipment Work Reserve Account.

***Explanation:** This transfer represents a corrective adjustment resulting from the F.Y.25 financial restatement, completed with the assistance of the Town's contracted accounting professional.*

Motion: Moved by Herb Maine that the Town appropriate \$11,500 from the Undersigned Fund Balance, to eliminate the negative balance in the Public Works Equipment Work Reserve Account, seconded by Gail Errera.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

Article 3: Move that the Town appropriate **\$19,500** from the Undesignated Fund Balance to cover the difference between the anticipated County Tax assessment listed in the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 46 and the actual assessment.

Explanation:

This article corrects a clerical mistake in the 2025 Town Meeting Warrant Article 46 that resulted in an appropriation of \$214,624 instead of the intended \$234,049. The proposed action uses available undesignated fund balance to cover the shortfall and ensure compliance with budgetary requirements. Taxpayers are legally required to pay the County Property Taxes.

Motion: Moved by Herb Maine that the Town appropriate \$19,500 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to cover the difference between the anticipated County Tax assessment listed in the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 46 and the actual assessment, seconded by David Hill.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

Article 4: Move that the Town appropriate **\$30,000** from the Undesignated Fund Balance to Selectboard Contingency to be used for Contracted Services.

Explanation *The Selectboard intends to apply these funds toward contracted services, including engineering and accounting work.*

Motion: Moved by David Hill that the Town appropriate \$30,000 for, the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Selectboard Contingency to be used for Contracted Services, seconded by Gail Errera.

All in Favor; Save 1; Motion Carried

Article 5: Move that the Town appropriate of **\$44,500** from School Undesignated Fund Balance to eliminate the negative balance in the School Transportation Reserve Account.

Explanation: *This transfer represents a corrective adjustment resulting from the F.Y.25 financial restatement, completed with the assistance of the Town's contracted accounting professional.*

Motion: Moved by David Hill that the Town appropriate \$44,500 from School Undesignated Fund Balance to eliminate the negative balance in the School Transportation Reserve Account, seconded by Gail Errera.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

Article 6: Shall an ordinance entitled “2025 Amendments to the Board of Selectmen Ordinance of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine” be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, town website and will be available at the Town Meeting.)

Motion: Moved by David Hill that an Ordinance entitled “2025 Amendments to the Board of Selectmen Ordinance of the Town of Chebeague Island Maine” be enacted, seconded by Robert Earnest.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

Motion: Moved to adjourn at 9:20AM by Davil Hill and seconded by Robert Earnest.

All in Favor; Motion Carried

These minutes respectively submitted by Christine A. Auffant