

The University of Maine

DigitalCommons@UMaine

---

Maine Town Documents

Maine Government Documents

---

2008

## Chebeague Island Maine Annual Town Meeting Minutes 2008

Chebeague Island, Me.

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs>

---

This Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Town Documents by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact [um.library.technical.services@maine.edu](mailto:um.library.technical.services@maine.edu).

**Town of Chebeague Island  
Second Annual Town Meeting  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am at the Chebeague Island Recreation Center. In attendance were: Selectmen Mark Dyer, Donna Damon, Leon Hamilton, Herb Maine and Christopher Rich, along with Scott Seaver, interim Town Administrator and Alton Hadley, School Superintendent. One hundred twelve Chebeague Island voters were in the audience.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Peter Rice nominated Gerald Wiles for Moderator. Deborah Bowman seconded.

No other names were announced.

**Vote was done by three written ballots and Gerald Wiles was unanimously voted to be the Moderator.**

Mr. Wiles asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, he stated that he will use the *Guidelines of Maine Moderator's Manual* 6<sup>th</sup> edition in conducting the meeting. Mr. Wiles asked if there were any non-voters in the audience who might want to speak and there was none.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect by written ballot a selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years to serve from annual meeting of 2008 to annual meeting of 2011.

The Moderator asked for nominations. Michael Porter nominated Donna Damon. Peter Rice seconded. Deborah Bowman nominated David Hill. Virginia Ballard seconded. Sharon Bowman asked for a call to vote on closing nomination. Donald Buxbaum seconded. Vote passed with one opposed.

**Vote for the Selectman was done by a written ballot. Donna Damon received 66 votes, David Hill received 28 votes and 16 people abstained. Donna Damon remains a selectman.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect by written ballot a School Committee member for a term of three years to serve from annual meeting of 2008 to annual meeting of 2011.

The Moderator asked for nominations. Donna Colbeth nominated Beverly Johnson and Jennifer Belesca seconded. Jim Millinger asked for a call to vote on closing nomination. Jennifer Belesca seconded.

Vote passed with one opposed.

Vote for School Committee member was done by three written ballots.

**Vote was unanimous for Beverly Johnson. She remains as a School Committee member.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To vote whether to amend the Coastal Waters Ordinance as shown in Attachment A, to remove the provisions for parking for vehicles on town ways and properties, the amendment being effective upon the adoption of a Parking Ordinance by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Hamilton moved to approve the amendment to the Coastal Waters Ordinance as shown in Attachment A. Peter Rice seconded. Ruth Houghton asked for clarification of this Article. Selectman Hamilton explained that the amendment was to remove the parking part of the ordinance out of Coastal Waters Ordinance and make it a separate ordinance. Selectman

Damon said the State allows Selectmen to vote on Parking Ordinances without a town meeting. Michael Porter stated he was against the change to the ordinance. He doesn't see the urgency to take out parking from the existing ordinance based on six months of being a town. Porter wants the Harbor Master to enforce the parking along with the sheriff. Porter urged the people to vote against Article #4. Cheryl Buxbaum stated people should attend meetings to hear the arguments on why Coastal Waters and the Selectmen are trying to change this ordinance. David Hill agreed with the intent of the ordinance and agrees that the town should take out the parking part of it.

**David Hill asked that the Article be amended to add “at Town Meeting” to the end of the article. Mary Holt seconded. The amendment reads** To vote whether to amend the Coastal Waters Ordinance as shown in Attachment A, to remove the provisions for parking for vehicles on town ways and properties, the amendment being effective upon the adoption of a Parking Ordinance by the Board of Selectmen at Town Meeting.

Jim Phipps asked for clarification of amendment. Jeff Putnam asked that people support the original article without David Hill's amendment. Selectman Hamilton stated again that the original article would only remove the parking part out of the Coastal Waters Ordinance and make it a separate ordinance. Barbara Porter stated that the town needed to leave the parking part to the Harbor Master which is stated in the Coastal Waters Ordinance. Selectman Damon read section 13-4 page 21 of the Coastal Waters ordinance to let people know what the article is referring to. John Wilson called point of order to keep the discussion only about David Hill's amendment. Ernie Burgess asked if Hill's amendment will give us the same rights as before. Jim Phipps agrees with Hill's amendment. He wants citizens to see the new ordinance and vote on it not just the selectmen. Sue Burgess asked for motion to vote. Peter Rice seconded.

**Vote to close discussion was unanimous with 2 opposed.**

**Vote on David Hill's amendment.** To vote whether to amend the Coastal Waters Ordinance as shown in Attachment A, to remove the provisions for parking for vehicles on town ways and properties, the amendment being effective upon the adoption of a Parking Ordinance by the Board of Selectmen at Town Meeting.

**Vote to include amendment was unanimous with 5 opposed.**

Discussion of Article with amendment continued. Tom Adams asked what the time frame was for a new parking ordinance if it were taking out of Coastal Waters Ordinance. Selectman Damon stated that it can not happen until the town has another Town Meeting because of the amendment that was just passed. Sue Burgess was concerned on who would be enforcing the parking during the time a new ordinance is being created. Beth Howe stated that no changes would be made in the enforcement until the new ordinance was voted upon at Town Meeting. Sam Ballard said he would like to see the selectmen set a time frame for the new ordinance. Selectman Hamilton asked to move the question. Doug Ross seconded.

**Vote to move the question was unanimous with one opposed.**

**Vote on Article 4 as amended was unanimous with 6 opposed.**

**Article 4 passed as amended.**

To vote whether to amend the Coastal Waters Ordinance as shown in Attachment A, to remove the provisions for parking for vehicles on town ways and properties, the amendment being effective upon the adoption of a Parking Ordinance by the Board

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for  
**ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS.**

Board of Selectmen recommends : **\$248,541**

ADMINISTRATION:	\$144,627
BENEFITS & INSURANCE:	\$103,914
Total	\$248,541

*The Administration Budget includes memberships in various organizations including Greater Portland Council of Governments, Maine Municipal Association, the Island Institute, and the Island Coalition.*

Selectman Damon moved to accept Article 5 for \$248,541. Beth Howe seconded. Selectman Maine advised that the articles are not capped and can be amended up or down in amount of money. Jim Phipps asked what the mil rate is expected to be for 2009. Selectman Maine stated that the selectmen wanted to keep the mil rate at or below \$20.49. But the actual mil rate has not been set yet. Scott Seaver, Town Administrator, said that there are two budget sections combined in Administration Accounts, they are account 1300 (administration) and 7500 (benefits).

No further discussion.

**Vote was unanimous with one opposed. Article 5 passed**

Jim Millinger asked that the Moderator dispense with reading of the Articles.

**Vote was unanimous. The Moderator will only read the Article number.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for  
**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.**

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$50,100**

ASSESSING:	\$ 12,300
ELECTIONS/BOARD OF REGISTRATION:	\$ 7,500
PLANNING:	\$ 5,300
LEGAL SERVICES:	\$ 25,000
Total	\$50,100

Selectman Maine moved to accept Article 6 for \$50,100. Sue Burgess seconded.  
No Discussion.

**Vote was unanimous. Article 6 passed.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC SAFETY.

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$133,703**

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES:	\$ 43,673
FIRE DEPARTMENT:	\$ 61,180
RESCUE:	\$ 28,850
Total	\$133,703

Selectman Hamilton moved to accept Article 7 for \$133,703. Peter Rice seconded. Selectman Dyer thanked Cumberland County for their cooperation in negotiating this contract. No Discussion.

**Vote was unanimous with one opposed. Article 7 passed.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$42,980**

CODE ENFORCEMENT:	\$ 11,240
HARBORMASTER:	\$15,450
ANIMAL CONTROL:	\$1,900
SHELLFISH CONSERVATION OFFICER:	\$14,390
Total	\$42,980

Selectman Damon moved to accept Article 8 for \$42,980. Sue Burgess seconded. No Discussion.

**Vote was unanimous with three opposed. Article 8 passed.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for TOWN - INFRASTRUCTURE.

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$324,440**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:	\$ 177,575
SOLID WASTE:	\$ 133,350
COUSINS ISLAND WHARF AND BLANCHARD LOT LEASE:	\$ 5,001
STREET LIGHTS:	\$ 8,514
Total	\$324,440

Selectman Maine moved to accept Article 9. Sue Burgess seconded. No Discussion.

**Vote was unanimous with three opposed. Article 9 passed.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$117,350**

LIBRARY SERVICES:	\$ 47,500
RECREATION CENTER:	\$ 50,000
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:	\$ 8,350
HEALTH SERVICES:	\$ 2,500
CARE OF CEMETERIES:	\$ 9,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$117.350</b>

Selectman Maine moved to accept Article 10 for \$117,350. Peter Rice seconded. Selectman Hamilton asked for clarification of the \$9,000 for Cemetery. Scott Seaver said that \$5,000 is for general costs and \$4,000 is for a new town lawn mower.

**Selectman Damon moved to amend the Health Services line from \$2,500 to \$3,500.**

**Mary Holt seconded.** Jim Phipps stated that he will vote against the amendment because it hasn't been thought through completely. Beth Howe agreed with Jim Phipps, Deborah Bowman asked that the community support Selectman Damon's amendment. Sue Burgess requested call to vote. Lynn Priest seconded.

**Vote was unanimous to close discussion on the amendment.**

Voting was done and passed on the amendment but people were confused on what they were voting on. The Moderator asked that people stand if they approved of the amendment. Cheryl Buxbaum stated that the Moderator was out of order in voting by making the people stand to vote instead of using their voting cards.

**Vote on amendment (change health services from \$2,500 to \$3,500).**

**Article on amendment passed with 48 people voted for and 29 opposed.**

Discussion continued on Article 10 with amendment. Jim Phipps asked if the extra \$1,000 will be contributed to an organization on the island that promotes health care. Selectman Damon said it could be used in many different ways. Mary Cushman said there was to be a health services committee that could use these funds. John Wilson said the Selectmen should not amend their own budget at Town Meeting. Barbara Porter said we should vote for community health services for the town. Cheryl Stevens supported John Wilson's statement. No further discussion.

**Vote on Article 10 with amendment passed with 3 opposed.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for  
**TOWN OBLIGATIONS.**

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$574,486**

DEBT SERVICE:	\$533,486
ABATEMENTS:	\$ 4,000
OUTER ISLAND REBATE – CUMBERLAND:	\$ 37,000
Total	\$574,486

Selectman Maine moved to accept Article 11 for \$574486. Selectman Hamilton seconded.  
No Discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 11 passed.

**ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 22 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN EDUCATION  
COST CENTER CATEGORIES.**

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$239,970** for Regular Instruction?

Selectman Maine to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$239,970** for Regular Instruction. Selectman Hamilton seconded. Selectman Maine stated that these are capped Articles and can only be amended downward in money. Jim Phipps asked if the school articles impact the mil rate. Mr. Hadley answered that the school budget will not impact the proposed mil rate. Selectman Hamilton said the school budget is a decrease from last year. No further discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 12 passed.

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$40,424** for Special Education?

Selectman Hamilton moved to authorize the School Committee to expend \$40,424 for Special Education. Mary Holt seconded. No discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 13 passed.

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Career and Technical Ed?

Selectman Hamilton moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Career and Technical Ed. Barbara Porter seconded. No discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 14 passed.

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Other Instruction?

Selectman Hamilton moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Other Instruction. Carol White seconded. No discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 15 passed.

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$14,014** for Student and Staff Support?

Selectman Maine moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$14,014** for Student and Staff Support. Selectman Dyer seconded. No discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 16 passed.

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$40,318** for System Administration?

Michael Porter moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$40,318** for System Administration. Joan Robinson seconded. No discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 17 passed.

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$27,894** for School Administration?

Lesley Clark moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$27,894** for School Administration. Jane Abrahamson seconded. No discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 18 passed.

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$85,553** for Transportation and Buses?

Beth Howe moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$85,553** for Transportation and Buses. Cheryl Buxbaum seconded. Selectman Hamilton wanted clarification on what transportation this included. Mr. Hadley stated that it includes school bus, after-school bus, CTC boat transportation, and taxi service. No further discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 19 passed.

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$92,548** for Facilities Maintenance?

Barbara Porter moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$92,548** for Facilities Maintenance. Beverly Johnson seconded. No discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 20 passed.

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$328,935** for Debt Service?

John Ash moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$328,935** for Debt Service. Cheryl Buxbaum seconded. Jane Frizzel asked for clarification on what this is for. Mr. Hadley said the is for our share of the building of the Greely Middle School and other school debts incurred while we were part of Cumberland. Lesley Clark asked how many years will the Town of Chebeague Island be paying for these debts. Mr. Hadley said 15 years.

No further discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 21 passed.

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$34,605** for all Other Expenditures?

Lesley Clark moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$34,605** for all Other Expenditures. Jane Abrahamson seconded. Cheryl Buxbaum asked what other expenditures are. Mar Hadley stated this would be for food services and contingency fund. No further discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 22 passed.

## **ARTICLES 23 THROUGH 24 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the Town appropriate **\$577,180** 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 **\$388,996** as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education 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.*

David Hill moved to appropriate **\$577,180** 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 **\$388,996** as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education 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. Peter Rice seconded. Mr. Hadley stated that this Article is what the Town will raise as per the State of Maine requirement and what the State will give us if we raise this amount. No further discussion.

**Vote was unanimous.** Article 23 passed.

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$304,282** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$295,880** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

*Article 24 is required to be voted by written ballot.*

**The School Committee** recommends **\$304,282** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$295,880**: EPS does not fully support all the necessary costs of a Pre-k12 educational program, such as

- (1) special education cost
- (2) 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.*

Barbara Porter moved for the Town to raise and appropriate **\$304,282** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$295,880** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee. Peter Rice seconded.

Vote was done by written ballot.

**Vote 83 for and 3 opposed. Article 24 passed.**

#### **ARTICLE 25 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$904,261** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 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 **\$904,261**. 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.*

Jim Millinger moved to authorize the School Committee to expend **\$904,261** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 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. Beth Howe seconded. Selectman Dyer thanked Mr. Hadley and the School Committee for creating a budget that is less than last year with no additional impact to the Town's budget. No further discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 25 passed.

#### **ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 26:** 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?

Cheryl Buxbaum moved to authorize the School Committee 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. Beth Howe seconded. Jim Millinger asked how much money does this entail. Mr. Hadley explained that it could be from \$2,500 to \$7000 donation only. No further discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 26 passed.

**ARTICLE 27:** 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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 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. Examples would be Title I (Federal reading intervention program) and Special Education services (Local Entitlement).*

John Ash moved to authorize the School Committee to expend any state, federal and other grants, aid and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 for school purposes provided that such grants, aid, and receipts do not require expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated. Beth Howe seconded. No further discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 27 passed.

## **TOWN RELATED ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use it to meet unexpected costs and emergencies that may occur in fiscal year 2008-2009.

Board of Selectmen recommend: \$ 40,000

Cheryl Buxbaum moved that the Town raise **\$40,000** and appropriate for **CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use it to meet unexpected costs and emergencies that may occur in fiscal year 2008-2009. Virginia Ballard seconded. Lesley Clark asked how the selectmen came up with the \$40,000 figure. Selectman Dyer stated that last years budget had the same figure and they decided that this was a good figure for this year. No further discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 28 passed.

**ARTICLE 29:** Shall the Town 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 Articles 5 through 11 and 28 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.

Jane Abrahamson moved to 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 Articles 5 through 11 and 28 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. Peter Rice seconded. David Hill asked if this was the same policy from last year. Selectman Dyer said yes it is with the exception of the School Budget which is mandated by the State. Doug Ross asked if the monies are moved within the article itself. Selectman Maine said yes. No further discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 29 passed.

**ARTICLE 30:** To see what sum the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from the undesignated surplus funds to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that may occur during fiscal year 2008/2009.

Board of Selectmen recommend: \$ 0

*Explanation: Many municipalities authorize the Selectmen to use undesignated funds as a contingency. The Town of Chebeague Island has not had time to build up a sufficient balance in undesignated surplus therefore the Selectmen recommend not spending these funds. The request to raise an amount for a specific contingency fund is intended to cover these costs.*

Peter Rice moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate **\$0** from the undesignated surplus funds to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that may occur during fiscal year 2008/2009. Cheryl Buxbaum seconded. David Hill asked if this Article was just a place holder for a future time. Selectman Maine said yes. No further discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 30 passed.

**ARTICLE 31:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Board of Selectmen recommend: \$ 123,000

*Explanation: Last year the Town raised \$156,000 for 11 reserve accounts. Exhibit 1 shows the status of the reserve accounts balance and the requested funding levels for fiscal year 2008-2009.*

Cheryl Buxbaum moved for the Town to raise \$123,000 and appropriate for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. Peter Rice seconded. David Hill asked for the Capital Improvements in Exhibit 1 to be read. Scott Seaver read the list from Exhibit 1. Peter Rice asked what the John Small Road Embankment improvement was. Scott Seaver stated that it was the replacement of the large culvert and reconstruction of the bridge. Lesley Clark asked what the road funding for \$15,000 was for. Selectman Damon said that a road plan will be started. Steven Todd said that the Town of Cumberland set aside \$15,000 for our roads to be repaired. This fund should keep building in order to repair a good section of our roads at one time. No further discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 31 passed.

**ARTICLE 32:** 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.

Cheryl Buxbaum moved 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. Virginia Ballard seconded. No discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 32 passed.

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that FY 08/09 Real and Personal Taxes are due as September 30th, 2008 and March 31st, 2009 and to charge interest at the rate of 11.0% per annum for FY 08/09 Real and Personal taxes paid after those dates.

Peter Rice moved to set the date(s) that FY 08/09 Real and Personal Taxes are due as September 30th, 2008 and March 31st, 2009 and to charge interest at the rate of 11.0% per annum for FY 08/09 Real and Personal taxes paid after those dates. Cheryl Buxbaum seconded. No discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 33 passed.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the town will vote to set the interest rates to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36M.R.S.A § 506-A at 11.0%.

*Explanation: This rate must be equal to or no more than 4% lower than the rate set in the previous article.*

Jane Abrahamson moved to set the interest rates to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36M.R.S.A § 506-A at 11.0%. Lesley Clark seconded. No discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 34 passed.

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes without interest 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.*

Cheryl Buxbaum moved to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes without interest not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A § 506. Lesley Clark seconded. No discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 35 passed.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against Fiscal Year 08/09 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 08/09.

Revenue	07/08	Actual to date	08/09
	Budget	Of printing	Budget
Excise Tax	48500	71165	70000
Boat Excise	5290	4320	6000
Interest/Penalty	1980	2120	1980
IF&W Fees	300	125	175
Marriage Lic	150	75	150
Birth Certs	150	10	50
Death Certs	100	130	120
Shellfish Lic.	5000	6530	7000
State Rev Sharing	25730	16662	20000
MDOT URIP		13947	16000
Fines	500	160	200
Building Permits	6327	5748	5500
Electrical Permits	900	1904	1500
Plumb Permits	2686	1358	1500
Other Permits	3487	1983	2000
Invest. Interest	500		500
Savings Interest	30000	12276	20000
Dog Licenses	500	242	275
Mooring Fees	6000	7344	6100
Solid Waste Fees	22000	13046	12000
Stone Wharf Fee	3000	4975	4500
Transient Fees	200	593	600
Blanchard Lot	<u>2000</u>	2000	<u>        </u>
	175300	166713	176150

Cheryl Buxbaum moved for the Town to take monies from the above receipts, sources and designations, to apply against Fiscal Year 08/09 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 08/09. Peter Rice seconded. Jennifer Hamilton said she would like to see the actual date on the budget for next years budget. No further discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 36 passed.

**ARTICLE 37:** To vote whether to 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.

Peter Rice moved to 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. Vivian Boxer seconded. No discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 37 passed.

**ARTICLE 38:** To vote whether the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to accept prospective 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 spend the funds in the best interests of the Town.

Peter Rice moved to authorized the Board of Selectmen to accept prospective 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 spend the funds in the best interests of the Town. Vivian Boxer seconded. No discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 38 passed.

**ARTICLE 39:** To vote whether to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a promissory note or other debt instrument in anticipation of tax collections for the purpose of securing short term funds for municipal and school expenditures approved in this and upcoming years.

Peter Rice moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a promissory note or other debt instrument in anticipation of tax collections for the purpose of securing short term funds for municipal and school expenditures approved in this and upcoming years. Barbara Porter seconded. No discussion.

**Vote unanimous.** Article 39 passed.

Cheryl Buxbaum thanked Scott Seaver for being our Town Administrator. Gerry Wiles also said his thanks to Scott Seaver. Gerry Wiles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Hamilton moved to adjourn the Second Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Rich seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Hamilton, Deputy Clerk.**