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3rd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Meeting came to order at 9:05 am.

Selectmen in attendance were Mark Dyer, Herb Maine, Donna Damon, Leon Hamilton, and Chris Rich.

Others in attendance were Scott Seaver, Town Administrator and Alton Hadley, School Superintendent, Meredith Strang Burgess, District one Representative and 119 Chebeague Island voters.

Meredith Strang Burgess was introduced and she talked about what was happening in Augusta pertaining to the State. She thanked the voters for allowing her to speak and encouraged them to contact her for information pertaining to state issues.

- Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
Karen Hamilton, Deputy Town Clerk asked for nominations for the Moderator. Deborah Bowman nominated Doug Clark, Lynne Priest second. Doug Clark declined.
Donna Damon nominated Jim Millinger, Cheryl Buxbaum second. David Hill asked to close the nomination. Peter Rice second.
Vote: Unanimous to close the nomination.
Vote for Jim Millinger for Moderator passed with 4 written ballots.
James Millinger was sworn in by Karen Hamilton.
- Article 2: To elect by written ballot two selectmen to serve on the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years from the annual town meeting of 2009 to annual town meeting of 2012.
Mabel Doughty nominated Nelson (Dave) Stevens, Doug Ross second. Loren Rich nominated Chris Rich, Lila Bisharat seconded.
Deborah Bowman nominated David Hill, Beverly Johnson second.
Leon Hamilton nominated Steve Todd, Tom Damon second. Steve Todd declined.
Leon Hamilton nominated Donna Colbeth, Robert Earnest second. Donna Colbeth declined. Cheryl Buxbaum asked to close the nomination.
Vote: Unanimous to close the nomination.
Donna Damon asked the Moderator if the candidates could speak. The Moderator gave three minutes to each candidate. Chris Rich spoke first, Nelson (Dave) Stevens spoke second and David Hill spoke third.
Moderator asked voters to vote on their paper ballot.
Ballots were counted and Chris Rich received 87 votes, David Hill received 78 votes and Nelson (Dave) Stevens received 69 votes. Chris Rich and David Hill will be sworn in as Selectmen for a three year term ending in 2012.

- Article 3: To elect by written ballot two School Committee members to serve for a term of three years from the town annual meeting of 2009 to annual town meeting of 2012. Doug Ross nominated Jen Belesca, Dianne Calder second. Cheryl Stevens nominated Ken Pelton, Vivian Boxer second. Robert Earnest asked to close the nomination, Peter Rice second.
Vote: Unanimous to close the nomination.
Moderator gave each candidate three minutes to speak. Jen Belesca spoke first and Ken Pelton spoke second.
Moderator asked voters to vote on their paper ballot.
Ballots were counted and Jen Belesca received 110 votes, and Ken Pelton received 111 votes. Jen Belesca and Ken Pelton will be sworn in as School Committee Members for a three year term ending in 2012.
- Article 4: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Administration and Selectmen Accounts (1300). Board of Selectmen recommends. **\$145,673**. Explanation: \$1,046 increase from 08-09 budget. The Moderator explained that articles 4 through 37 were open articles which meant that the amount of money allocated could be raised or lowered by the voters. Herb Maine moved that the Town appropriate \$145,673 for this Article. Lila Bisharat second. No discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.
- Article 5: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Assessor (1400). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$12,100**. Explanation: \$200 decrease from 08-09 budget. Herb Maine moved that the Town appropriate \$12,100 for this Article. Beverly Johnson second. No discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.
- Article 6: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Elections/Bd Regis (1650). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$5,500**. Explanation: \$2,050 decrease from 08-09 budget. Donna Damon moved that the Town appropriate \$5,500 for this Article. Peter Rice second. No discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.
- Article 7: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Planning (1700). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$3,000**. Explanation: \$2,300 decrease from 08-09 budget. Michael Porter moved that the Town appropriate \$3,000 for this Article. Robert Earnest second. No discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 8: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Legal Services (1900). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$15,000**. Explanation: \$10,000 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Lesley Clark moved that the Town appropriate \$15,000 for this Article.

Beth Howe second.

Discussion: *John Martin asked for an explanation on where the unexpended money that was appropriated for Legal Services in last year's budget went.*

Herb Maine said that the money that was not spent in the last year went into an Undesignated Fund. Herb said the Town expended approximately \$9,000 last year for legal fees. Approximately \$11,000 went to Undesignated Funds.

There are Articles for how the Town deals with Undesignated Funds.

No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 9: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Law Enforcement Services (2100). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$42,323**. Explanation: \$1,350 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Mark Dyer moved that the Town appropriate \$42,323 for this Article.

Beth Howe second.

Discussion: *Lesley Clark asked what this money is spent on. Herb Maine said \$29,000 goes to the sheriff salary, \$4,000 parking enforcement, \$1,300 fuel for sheriff vehicle, \$800 for maintenance of the Ford Explorer on the island, \$300 travel, \$5,700 sheriff housing and the rest is miscellaneous. Deborah Bowman asked when the sheriff was on the island. The Moderator called on Scott Seaver to answer this question. Scott Seaver said the sheriff is on island five 8-hour days with 2 days off in the summer and one 8-hour day a week after the summer. Vail Traina asked what the \$4,000 parking enforcement was. Herb Maine said it was for the parking enforcement at the Stone wharf and Chandler's Cove.*

No further discussion

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to combine the fire and rescue accounts into a single account and also combine the administrative oversight giving this authority and responsibility to the appointed fire chief.

Peter Rice moved to combine the fire department and rescue department.

Beth Howe second.

Discussion: *Jane Frizzell asked if this Article has been discussed with the Fire and Rescue Department. Herb Maine said the two departments asked for this Article.* No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire and Rescue Dept (2200). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$93,190**. Explanation: Based on a recommendation from the Fire and Rescue Departments the selectmen are recommending these departments be combined. The 08-09 fire budget was \$61,180 and the rescue budget was \$28,850 for a combined total of \$90,030.

The selectman's recommendation would increase the combined 08-09 budget by \$3,160.

Mark Dyer moved that the Town appropriate \$93,190 for this Article.

Beth Howe second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 12: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement (2400). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$11,990**. Explanation: \$750 increase from 08-09 budget.

John Ash moved that the Town appropriate \$11,990 for this Article.

Peter Rice second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to combine the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden accounts into a single account and create a single position to be known as "Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden (2500)" and change the compensation from hourly to salary and to direct the Board of Selectmen to make any necessary changes to local ordinances to accomplish this by the end of calendar year 2009. Explanation: Based on a recommendation from the Town Administrator the recommend the change in this position to the Town Meeting. The goal is to simplify the oversight of the position and allow more flexibility to meet the needs of each position.

Peter Rice moved that the Town combine the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden accounts into a single account and create a single position to be known as "Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden (2500)" and change the compensation from hourly to salary and to direct the Board of Selectmen to make any necessary changes to local ordinances to accomplish this by the end of calendar year 2009.

Lesley Clark seconded.

Discussion: *Ruth Houghton asked why the pay was being changed from hourly to salary and is there any week that this employee would work over 40 hours. She stated that the state says that the employee would get overtime if they work over 40 hours per week even if they are salary, unless they are exempt. Scott Seaver said "that our advice has been that as long the position doesn't have any overtime hours would not create a situation where the person is working for less than minimum wage and it is basically an odd hours unscheduled type position, does fit the classification of exempt." Ruth Houghton asked "are you saying that this person would not ever be paid overtime?" Scott Seaver said "yes." Ruth Houghton said to check with the state and Scott Seaver said that he has. Virginia Ballard asked about the need of combining this position. Herb Maine said that both of these positions, especially the Harbormaster, may have unforeseen events that need to be addressed and dealt with and if time can be shifted from one position to another without breaking any Ordinances and still giving reasonable protection control, it gives the Town Administrator and the Harbormaster more flexibility to respond to whatever situation is at hand. He stated that we have a template that says this salary is based on this many hours, this many days, this many weeks. The idea is to give more flexibility so that at the end of the year, like this year when there was the shellfish*

survey that took a lot of time and it wasn't budgeted for. The person can shift hours. Then next year there might be something in the Harbormaster that is unforeseen. This gives the position more flexibility for the Harbormaster/ Shellfish Warden to do their job. Leon Hamilton stated that the Transition Committee originally figured the Shellfish Warden would work 3 hours a day for 5 days for 52 weeks and the Harbormaster was to work 6 hours a day for 5 days for 6 months. He stated if the clam flats were frozen in the winter time and no one could go clamming, those hours could be put towards the Harbormaster duties and visa-versa. Donna Damon said the Marine Issue Committee said this position should be a salary position. State and Town Attorney agreed that this position would not have overtime pay. She said it is the most prudent thing to do by putting this position in as a salary position. Then we could see how this works over the next year and make necessary modification. Joe Ballard asked what would happen if the position needed to be split into two positions. Herb Maine said that we would go back to Town Meeting and vote on it again. No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 14: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden (2500). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$27,240**. Explanation: The Board of Selectmen proposes that the budgeted salaries for 08-09 for the Harbormaster (\$12,000) and Shellfish Warden (\$12,000) positions be combined into a salaried position funded at \$24,000. The overall 08-09 budget for the Harbormaster was \$15,450 and the Shellfish budget was \$14,390 for a combined total of \$29,840 for the 08-09 budget. The current proposal is a decrease of \$2,600 from the 08-09 budget. The savings comes primarily in the areas of training, marine supplies and fuel.

John Ash moved to have the Town appropriate \$27,240 for this Article.

Peter Rice second.

Discussion: *Virginia Ballard asked about the decrease in the training part of the budget. She asked if this meant that this position would not get paid for required training. She also asked if we are cutting the fuel budget does that mean the Harbormaster will not be able to drive the boat..*

Herb Maine said that the training budget is being changed from \$800 to \$350 because the amount used this year was \$300. The fuel budget is combined now where previously there was \$1,000 in each account and now it is being reduced to \$1200 for both. No further discussion.

Vote: passed with a majority vote. There were three nay votes.

Article 15: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Animal Control (2600). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$1,800**. Explanation: \$100 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Lesley Clark moved to have the Town appropriate \$1,800 for this Article.

Robert Earnest second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Shellfish (2700). Board of Selectmen recommends: \$0. Explanation: \$14,390 decrease from 08-09 budget.
The Moderator asked the voters to dismiss this article since the vote on article 14 covered this.
Robert Earnest moved to dismiss this Article.
Beth Howe second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 17: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Public Works (3100). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$178,700**. Explanation: \$1,125 increase from 08-09 budget.
Peter Rice moved that the Town appropriate \$178,700 for this Article.
Leon Hamilton second.
Discussion: *Deborah Bowman asked if it was appropriate to ask the Selectmen to post the DPW projects anticipated in the next year for the community to see. Scott Seaver said this could be done.* No further discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Solid Waste (3200). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$132,040**. Explanation: \$1,310 decrease from 08-09 budget.
Herb Maine moved that the Town will appropriate \$132,040 for this Article.
Robert Earnest second.
Discussion: *Dianne Calder asked if the Town has an idea of how much money we are saving by recycling. Scott Seaver said that the Town is recycling more because of the single stream containers because you don't have to sort items and it is more convenient, however that has increased our recycling side transportation costs, which is not broken out from the rest of the budget. But everything that gets recycled does not go to the incinerator, so the tonnage that we pay to the incinerator is less, however the cost to transport the recycling to wherever they go is more. So basically it is a wash. Selectmen will look at other ways to recycle and reduce the amount of barge trips. Pine Tree Waste will come out and talk to the Selectmen about this. Robert Earnest asked that if the transportation cost for recycled products goes up wouldn't there be a corresponding decrease in the transportation cost for non-recycled products? Scott Seaver said "no because we pay by the dumpster, not by the tonnage.* No further discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 19: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Cousins Island & Blanchard Lot (4400). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$15,001**. Explanation: \$10,000 increase from 08-09 budget. This account will support the approved agreement between the Towns of Chebeague Island and Yarmouth for the Cousin's Island Wharf. The increase is due to the improvements that the Town of Chebeague Island is making at Cousins Island, re: the turn around. This is a

contribution to a special fund held by Yarmouth for the wharf and turnaround replacement and repair.

Dianne Calder moved that the Town appropriate \$15,001 for this Article.

Peter Rice second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 20: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Library (4600). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$47,500**. Explanation: No change from 08-09 budget. Herb Maine moved that the Town appropriate \$47,500 for this Article. Virginia Ballard second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 21: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Recreation (4610). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$50,000**. Explanation: No change from 08-09 budget. Beverly Johnson moved that the Town appropriate \$50,000 for this Article. Vail Traina second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 22: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for General Assistance (5810). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$5,000**. Explanation: \$3,350 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Vail Traina moved that Town appropriate \$5,000 for General Assistance.

Beth Howe second.

Discussion: *John Ash asked what this was. Scott Seaver explained that that the Town is required to administer the state's General Assistance program which in an emergency, or if a person has issue paying their basic bills. The state has can be used for guidelines, if the people meet those guidelines, we assist them and the state reimburses us fifty percent. Virginia Ballard stated she was concerned from a fuel assistance standpoint. There were double the amount of people asking for fuel assistance over last year and she is concerned that there needs to be more publicity about the General Assistance program. Scott Seaver said he has spoken to groups on the island that lend assistance and they want to create an information brochure and distribute them to places around the island. He also makes sure that applicants know what other agencies are out there on the island and in Portland that could help. Robert Earnest asked why the decrease for this program. Herb Maine said it was based on the prior year. Deborah Bowman asked if this amount included being a member of PROP. Scott Seaver stated that we are no longer a member of PROP. Herb Maine stated that Scott Seaver is the administrator of the General Assistance program Donna Damon stated that if in fact we had people who needed more than what was in the General Assistance fund that the Town also has a Contingency fund. She stated that we could put information on the web site and in the Calendar about General Assistance.* No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 23: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Health Services (5910). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$3,100**. Explanation: \$400 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Lila Bisharat moved that the Town appropriate \$3,100 for Health Services.

Peter Rice seconded.

Discussion: *Virginia Ballard asked for an explanation of what Health Services is. Scott Seaver stated that Health services includes the \$2,000 stipend for the Town Health Officer \$1,000 is for the Island Health Committee, the rest is other expenses for the Health Officer. Virginia Ballard asked what the Island Health Committee is. Donna Damon said it was the request of people to create a committee. She said we are looking at people to form this committee. The \$1,000 is to be used for publications and training once the committee is formed.* No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Cemetery (6200). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$5,000**. Explanation: \$4,000 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Herb Maine moved that the Town appropriate \$5,000 for this Article.

Beverly Johnson second.

Discussion: *Tina Runge asked why this Article had a decrease in funding. Donna Damon said that last year the Cemetery Committee bought a new lawn mower.* No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Debt Service (6900). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$506,704**. Explanation: \$26,782 decrease from 08-09 budget. The decrease is due to the bond payment schedule.

Herb Maine moved that the Town appropriate \$506,704 for this Article.

Robert Earnest second.

Discussion: *Donna Damon said that people asked about the Town paying off the debt early. She said that paying off the debt early isn't that easy. The selectmen are still researching it.* No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Benefits & Insurance (7500). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$97,026**. Explanation: \$6,888 decrease from 08-09 budget.

Leon Hamilton moved that the Town appropriate \$97,026 for this Article.

Beverly Johnson seconded.

Discussion: *Virginia Ballard asked if any employees were loosing health insurance due to the decrease in the amount being asked for. Scott Seaver said "no".*

No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights (8100). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$8,514**. Explanation: No change from 08-09 budget.
Dianne Calder moved that the Town appropriate \$8,514 for this Article.
Robert Earnest seconded.
Discussion: *Lesley Clark asked why we are asking for the same amount as last year, if we are over budget already this year. Scott Seaver stated the Central Maine Power Company billed us for 13 months in this past year. We should be billed for 11 months this year and it will wash out at the end of the year. John Wilson asked to see if we could turn off the street lights. Dianne Calder said they are needed in winter when the Public Works crew are snow plowing. Donna Damon said some of the street lights are used as navigational aids near Colman's Cove. The light at the Transfer Station was asked for by the children using the Recreation Center. She said it is pretty dark from the Recreation Center to Littlefield Road and the Town of Cumberland asked Central Maine Power Company to put one at the Transfer Station.* No further discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 28: 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). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$30,000**. Explanation: \$10,000 decrease from 08-09 budget.
Robert Earnest moved that the Town appropriate \$30,000 for this Article.
Lesley Clark second. No Discussion
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Abatements (8500). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$4,000**. Explanation: No change from 08-09 budget.
Herb Maine moved that the Town appropriate \$4,000 for this Article.
Peter Rice second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Tax paid to Cumberland (8800). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$40,000**. Explanation: \$3,000 increase from 08-09 budget.
Donna Damon moved that the Town appropriate \$40,000 for this Article.
Herb Maine second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for County Tax (8900). Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$125,335**. Explanation: \$4,623 increase from 08-09 budget.
Herb Maine moved that the Town appropriate \$125,335 for this Article.

Donna Damon second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 32: Shall the Town 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.
 Lila Bisharat moved to accept this Article.
 Robert Earnest second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 33: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to change the name of account 9000-9040 from “**General Reserves**” to “**Grant Fund**” and to designate the use of this account as a reserve fund to be used for the Town portion of matching grants that the Town may be awarded.
 Lesley Clark moved to accept this Article.
 Beth Howe second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously

Article 34: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from Grant Fund (9000-9040) in fiscal year 2009-2010 for sole purpose meeting the Town’s responsibility in any matching grant awarded during the fiscal year 2009-2010.
 Herb Maine moved to accept this Article.
 Robert Earnest second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 35: 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 in fiscal year 2009-2010. Board of Selectmen recommends raising **\$281,000**. Board of Selectmen recommends authorization to spend **\$236,000** for fiscal year 2009-2010. Explanation: \$158,000 increase from 08-09 budget. The table below shows the sum recommended by the Board of Selectmen each capital account:

Capital Account	Proposed	Balance 7/01/09	Purchase 09/10
9010 Dredging	15,000	45,620	0
9012 Fire Pond Dredging	5,000	5,000	5,000
9015 Wharf Reserve	160,000	179,789	170,000
9016 Boat Ramp	9,000	9,000	9,000
9020 Floats & Ramps	5,000	17,661	10,000
9025 Fire truck Reserve	10,000	50,827	0
9030 Roofs	0	4,082	0
9035 Vehicle Reserve	0	8,165	8,000
9040 General Reserves	0	10,164	0
9045 Revaluation Reserve	0	40,827	0
9050 Paving	30,000	30,620	0

9055 Public Works Equipment	32,000	67,723	31,000
9058 Easements & Drainage	10,000	10,000	3,000
9060 Harbormaster Vessel	0	0	0
9192 New Ambulance Fund	5,000	6,020	0
TOTAL	281,000	485,498	236,000

The following purchases shall be made from the above funds during the 2009-2010 fiscal year: Repairs to Stone Pier (\$170,000), Repairs to Boat Ramp (\$9,000), Dredging of Fire Ponds (\$5,000), Construct Float (\$10,000), Replace Red Car (\$8,000), Lease/Purchase Loader/Backhoe for 72 months and repair existing Loader/Backhoe as a spare (\$31,000), Maintain Drainage ways and Easements (\$3,000) for a total of \$236,000 in purchases.

Robert Earnest moved that the Town raise \$281,000 and spend \$236,000 for this Article.

Beth Howe second.

Discussion: *Lesley Clark asked if the Selectmen have devised a plan to pave the roads and if so when will they be paved. Herb Maine stated that he, Mark Dyer, and Scott Seaver met with Jerry Douglas and Phil Curtis from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to look at all of the roads on the island. They plan to GPS the culverts and map out all the roads. The paving of the roads will be a big job and we are getting professional help with this project. Peggie Jones stated that Littlefield Road and the Roy Hill Road are wonderful and wanted to thank the Public Works crew for their hard work. Lesley Clark asked if there was any chance of Chebeague Island getting any of the Federal Stimulus package money. Scott Seaver said that the State has kept most of the Federal money for it's' projects. Milo Matrazzo stated that the bulk of the stimulus money went for the interstate roads. John Martin asked why this Article asks for \$281,000 and we will be spending \$236,000 which is an increase of \$158,000 from last year. Donna Damon stated that the unexpected project at the Stone Wharf has increased the Capital Improvements budget. She stated that there are places on the Stone Wharf that are dangerous. John Martin asked if there were bids out for this repair. Donna Damon said that bids are not out yet and that this figure is just an estimate from Prock Company who repaired the wharf the last time. Leon Hamilton stated that people of the Town don't recognize all the projects that have been done to the roads in the past two years, such as the John Small Road and the culverts. He congratulated the Public Works crew for their hard work on the roads and the work on the new ramp at the Stone Wharf. Doug Clark asked for a time table for the repair work at the Stone Wharf. Scott Seaver said that he hoped they would wait until after Labor Day. John Martin asked how much money would be allocated for the Stone Wharf project. Herb Maine said \$169,000 is for the Stone Wharf and a little work at Chandler's, which consisted of three pilings to secure the float. Herb Maine also stated that part of the increase in the Capital Improvements budget was for a back hoe for Public Works because the old one needs to be replaced.*

No further discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 36: 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 4 through 31 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.
Lesley Clark moved to accept this Article.
John Ash second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 37: 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 the fiscal year 2009/2010. Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$ 80,000.**
Chris Rich moved that the Town appropriate \$80,000 for this Article.
Lila Bisharat second. No Discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ARTICLES 38-48 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN EDUCATION IN EDUCATION COST CENTER CATEGORIES

The Moderator explained to the voters that that these Articles are capped. Voters can vote for the amount in the Article or decrease the amount, but they can not increase the amount.

The Moderator asked the voters if they would like to vote on Articles 38-48 in one vote. He asked for a Yeah or Nay vote.
The voters unanimously voted Yeah.
Articles 38-48 were read by the moderator.

Article 38: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$238,142** for Regular Instruction?

Article 39: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$40,424** for Special Education?

Article 40: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Career and Technical Ed?

Article 41: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Other Instruction?

- Article 42: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$13,631** for Student and Staff Support?
- Article 43: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$41,629** for System Administration?
- Article 44: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$31,013** for School Administration?
- Article 45: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$88,358** for Transportation and Buses?
- Article 46: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$113,748** for Facilities Maintenance?
- Article 47: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$296,120** for Debt Service?
- Article 48: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$29,105** for all Other Expenditures?

Herb Maine moved to accept and appropriate the money as listed in each Article 38 through 48.

Leon Hamilton second.

No discussion

Vote: passed unanimously

**ARTICLES 49 THROUGH 50 RAISE FUNDS FOR
THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET.**

- Article 49: Shall the Town appropriate **\$657,933** 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 **\$490,152** 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.

Leon Hamilton moved to accept this Article as is.
Peter Rice second.

Discussion: Donna Damon stated that she wanted the community to realize that this cost does not include the agreement with SAD 51 to tuition our children 6-12 grade. That money is in another Article.

No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously

Article 50: Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$234,237** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$224,675 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?
Article 50 is required to be voted by written ballot.

The School Committee recommends \$234,237 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$224,675: 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 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.

Discussion: Alton Hadley spoke about this vote. The vote in this meeting was to approve the School Budget and that a validation vote would be held at the Chebeague Island Hall and Community Center on Wednesday, June 24th from 10 am to 8 pm. Ruth Slagle asked what happens if the vote is defeated on Wednesday. Alton Hadley said that the school would operate on the last proposed budget, as per the state.

No further discussion.

Written vote passed 87 for and 1 against.

ARTICLE 51 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 51: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$892,170** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 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 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 \$892,170. 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.

Lesley Clark moved to accept this Article as is.

Robert Earnest second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ARTICLES

Article 52: 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?
Chris Rich moved to accept this Article as it.

Mabel Doughty second.

Discussion: *Dianne Calder asked why this Article is in the Warrant. Alton Hadley said that the only checking account the school has to deposit any donations received to benefit the students and school. He said these funds are audited. Money from the cookie dough sales, pizza nights, fundraisers and private donations, such as from the Cacoulidis family, are deposited in this account. Two people sign all checks written from this account.*

No further discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously

Article 53: 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, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 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), Special Education Services (Local Entitlement), and ARRA (federal stabilization funds).

Lila Bisharat moved to accept this Article as is.

Ken Hamilton second. No discussion

Vote: passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL RELATED ARTICLES

- 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.
Leon Hamilton moved to accept this Article as is.
Peter Rice second.
Discussion: *John Martin asked what this Article meant. Herb Maine said it gives the Municipal authority to decide whether or not to plow roads where homes are not occupied. Tina Runge asked about the safety of not plowing roads in case of fire. Mark Dyer said the Town will talk with Rescue and Fire chief before closing the road. Lesley Clark asked if in the past two years has a road been closed and not plowed. Scott Seaver said "no". Cecil Doughty asked if Indian Point road will be plowed since there are commercial clam diggers that dig in that area. Donna Damon wanted to clarify that there are Town roads that have not been plowed in the past but the Town has not made a decision not to plow them. This is something the Town needs to look at..*
No further discussion
Vote: passed unanimously.
- Article 55: To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that FY 09/10 Real and Personal Taxes are due as September 30th, 2009 and March 31st, 2010 and to charge interest at the rate of 9.0% per annum for FY 09/10 Real and Personal taxes paid after those dates.
Beverly Johnson moved to approve this Article as is.
Robert Earnest second.
Discussion: *Deb Hall asked what Personal Property tax was. Scott Seaver said that this was a tax assessed on business equipment.* No further discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.
- Article 56: 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 9.0%. Explanation: This rate must be equal to or no more than 4% lower than the rate set in the previous article.
Chris Rich moved to accept this Article as is.
Herb Maine second. No discussion.
Vote: passed unanimously.
- Article 57: 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.
John Ash moved to approve the Article as is.

Herb Maine second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 58: To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against Fiscal Year 09/10 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 09/10.

Board of Selectmen recommend: **\$ 365,186**

Revenue Account	Proposed Budget
302 - AGENT FEE	\$ 2,000
303 - EXCISE TAX	\$ 73,000
304 - BOAT EXCISE TAX	\$ 6,000
305 - INTEREST & PENALTIES	\$ 1,980
308 - ABATEMENTS	\$ -
311 - HUNTING & FISHING LIC	
312 - MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ -
313 - BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$ -
314 - DEATH CERTIFICATES	\$ -
316 - SHELLFISH LICENSES	\$ 6,000
328 - VETERANS EXEMPTION REIMB	\$ -
330 - TREE GROWTH PENALTY	\$ -
331 - STATE REVENUE SHARING	\$ 18,000
351 - POLICE ISSUED FINES	\$ 250
364 - GROWTH PERMITS	\$ -
365 - BOARD OF APPEALS	\$ -
366 - BUILDING PERMITS	\$ -
367 - ELECTRICAL PERMITS	\$ 1,500
368 - PLUMBING PERMITS	\$ 1,500
369 - OTHER PERMITS	\$ 1,000
378 - EDUC-AID	\$ 203,281
380 - INTEREST ON SAVINGS	\$ 9,000
401 - DOG REVENUE	\$ 275
403 - MOORING FEES	\$ 6,100
411 - URBAN RURAL INIT PROGRAM	\$ 16,000
418 - CHEB. ISLAND SOLID WASTE	\$ 12,000
501 - STONE WHARF PERMITS	\$ 5,000
502 - TRANSIENT TIE-UP FEES	\$ 2,300

Herb Maine Moved to accept this Article as is.

Robert Earnest second.

Discussion: Donna Damon wanted to clarify that this doesn't mean the Town can't take in more money than what is listed. David Hill asked if Meredith Strang Burgess would talk about the bill to reduce excise tax. She explained the bill that is before the legislature. John Ash asked if the state requires excise tax on boats. The Moderator said John was out of order. Leon Hamilton asked about the excise tax on gasoline. The Moderator said Leon was out of order. Cheryl Buxbaum stated that excise tax is the biggest income to the town.

Robert Earnest asked for a call to vote.

The Moderator asked for a yeah or nay vote on the call to vote.

Vote: passed unanimously on the call to vote.

Vote: on the Article passed unanimously.

Article 59: Shall the Town authorize 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.

Herb Maine moved to accept this Article as is.

Lesley Clark second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously

Article 60: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain piece of property on Littlefield Road identified on tax map I02 as lot 25A according to the selectmen's policy for tax-acquired property. Explanation: The tax-acquired property review committee met on 5/3/2009 and submitted a written report recommending the sale of this parcel; the parcel is 20,909 square feet and currently assessed at \$3,300. The Selectmen will set a minimum bid, not to be lower than the current assessed value.

Robert Earnest moved to accept this Article as is.

Leila Bisharat second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 61: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain piece of property on Roy Hill Road identified on tax map I03 as lot 133 according to the selectmen's policy for tax-acquired property except that the lower limit for an acceptable bid shall be the sum of \$1. Explanation: The tax-acquired property review committee met on 5/3/2009 and submitted a written report recommending the sale of this parcel; the parcel is 1,307 square feet and valued at \$600.

Herb Maine moved to accept this Article as is.

Robert Earnest second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Article 62: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to possibly convey a certain structure situated on Little Jewell Island and identified on tax map I10 as lot 001A-001 and owned by the State of Maine according to the selectmen's policy for tax-acquired property.

Herb Maine moved to accept this Article as is.

Peter Rice second. No discussion.

Vote: passed unanimously.

All Articles have been voted on.

Leon Hamilton moved that the Annual Town Meeting be adjourned.

Lesley Clark second.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Hamilton, Deputy Town Clerk