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TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE FY 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Town Clerk Michelle Jackson opened the meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 6, 2015 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 Marjorie Stratton seconded by Bill Calthorpe and voted affirmatively in writing by five members of the community.

Susan Campbell expressed the Town's appreciation and thanks to Dick and Dianne Calder for their years of service to the community through their work managing and maintaining our cemetery.

Christopher Loder expressed appreciation of Donna Damon's four decades of service to our community with the presentation of a golden gavel and plaque and art supplies for her retirement. (Donna was not able to attend and receive her gifts.)

Gerry Wiles expressed appreciation for Bump Hadley, our school superintendent and principal for the past eight years. Bump received a standing ovation. Mary Holt introduced our State Representative Janice Cooper.

Moderator Peter Rice appointed Jane Harrington as Deputy Moderator.

ELECTION AND REFERENDUM VOTING ARTICLES: 2 AND 3

Deputy Moderator Jane Harrington opened the polls at 8:00 AM, June 9, 2015.

After the polls closed at 8:00 PM, Moderator Peter Rice announced the results:

Article 2: To elect two Selectmen for three-year terms and two School Board Committee members for three-year terms.

Article 2 results:

Selectman:

David R. Hill

Peter L. Pellerin

School Committee:

Jennifer L. Belesca

Jeffrey W. Putnam

Article 3: Do you favor continuing discussions and negotiations with the Great Chebeague Golf Club and the Holmbom Family regarding the construction of a parking lot near the Stone Wharf?

Explanation: In an effort to reduce the number of vehicles parked on Wharf Road, the Great Chebeague Golf Club (GCGC) has offered to donate a parcel

of land to the Town of Chebeague Island. The land is located next to the Stone Wharf, adjacent to the Holmbom's property across from the 6th green and would serve as an added parking area (approximately 40 cars) to serve the Stone Wharf. Since late last year, the Town has been in contract negotiations with the GCGC and with the Holmbom family regarding details of the land transfer, parking lot design and associated costs, yet to be determined. The Board of Selectmen presents a non-binding question to the voters to measure support for pursuing this idea.

Article 3 results: In favor: 84 Opposed: 50 Blank: 1

At Saturday's open meeting:

Article 4: 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 2016 Warrant.

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

Motion: David Hill moved to accept, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 4: Passed Unanimous

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE ARTICLES

Article 5: Shall an ordinance entitled "Shellfish Conservation Ordinance of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine" as amended June 2015, and identified in Exhibit A, be enacted?

Explanation: This ordinance revision replaces the existing Shellfish Conservation Ordinance. All changes have been reviewed and approved by the State of Maine Department of Marine Resources. This brings our ordinance into compliance with the state rules and regulations.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to accept, seconded by David Hill.

Article 5: Passed Unanimous

Article 6: Shall an ordinance entitled "Board of Selectmen Ordinance of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine" as amended June 2015, and identified in Exhibit B, be enacted?

Explanation: This ordinance revision amends the existing Board of Selectmen Ordinance.

Motion: David Hill moved to accept, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 6: Passed Unanimous

Article 7: Shall an ordinance entitled "Capital Planning & Finance Committee Ordinance" adopted June 4, 2011 and identified in Exhibit C, be repealed?

Explanation: This ordinance will be completely repealed. The Board of Selectmen with the assistance of the Town Administrator will develop the Capital Plan.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to accept, seconded by Tad Runge.
Article 7: Passed **Unanimous**

Article 8: Shall an ordinance entitled “Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance of the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine” and identified in Exhibit D, be enacted?
Explanation: This ordinance is in accordance with Maine’s Enhanced 9-1-1- Emergency Service.
Motion: David Hill moved to accept, seconded by Susan Campbell.
Article 8: Passed **All in favor save six (6)**

EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 9 THROUGH ARTICLE 19: AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN EDUCATION COST CENTER CATEGORIES

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to bundle Article 9 through 19 for one vote, seconded by Nancy Hill. **All in favor save one (1)**

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to approve Articles 9 through 19 as written, seconded by Nancy Hill

Articles 9 – 19: Passed as written **All in favor save one (1)**

INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES:

Article 9: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$522,439** for Regular Instruction?

Article 9: Passed **\$522,439** **All in favor save one (1)**

Article 10: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$37,430** for Special Education?

Article 10: Passed **\$37,430** **All in favor save one (1)**

Article 11: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Career and Technical Ed?

Article 11: Passed **\$0** **All in favor save one (1)**

Article 12: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$0** for Other Instruction?

Article 12: Passed **\$0** **All in favor save one (1)**

Article 13: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$15,700** for Student and Staff Support?

Article 13: Passed **\$15,700** **All in favor save one (1)**

Article 14: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$73,823** for System Administration?
Article 14: Passed \$73,823 All in favor save one (1)

Article 15: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$43,274** for School Administration?
Article 15: Passed \$43,274 All in favor save one (1)

Article 16: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$87,448** for Transportation and Buses?
Article 16: Passed \$87,448 All in favor save one (1)

Article 17: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$89,156** for Facilities Maintenance?
Article 17: Passed \$89,156 All in favor save one (1)

Article 18: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$180,131** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?
Article 18: Passed \$180,131 All in favor save one (1)

Article 19: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend **\$31,156** for All Other Expenditures, Including School Lunch?
Article 19: Passed \$31,156 All in favor save one (1)

Article 20: THROUGH Article 21: RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 20: Shall the Town appropriate **\$635,652.09** 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 **\$559,526.14** 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?

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.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to appropriate \$635,652.09 and raise \$559,526.14 as the Town's contribution, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 20: Passed \$635,652.09 in total with \$559,526.14 being the Town's contribution All in favor save two (2)

Article 21: Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$444,903.91** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by

\$432,490.92 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

Article 21 is required to be voted by written ballot.

The School Committee recommends \$444,903.91 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$432,490.92. 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, 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.

Results of written ballot: In favor: 72 Opposed: 6
Article 21: passed \$444,903.91

Motion: David Hill moved to table Article 22 until results of the written ballot on Article 21 are available.

Article 22 taken out of order after Article 33

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ARTICLES

Article 22: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,080,556 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 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 \$1,080,556.00. 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.

Motion: David Hill moved to accept, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 22 passed \$1,080,556.00 Unanimous

Article 23: 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?

Motion: Karen Corson moved to accept as written, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 23 passed

Unanimous

Article 24: 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, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 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. Example would be Special Education services (Local Entitlement).

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to accept, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 24 passed

Unanimous

ARTICLE 25:

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	0
General Purpose Aid	\$ 76,126

Explanation: This article identifies and summarizes the various revenue sources to be appropriated for school purposes.

(1) The School Undesignated Fund Balance identifies a fund balance transfer made to help lower the tax rate while maintaining a safe level of fund balance as determined by the School Committee. As the School Unassigned Fund Balance has been reduced to \$146,649 at June 30, 2014 with another \$87,033 budgeted for 2015, the School Committee has determined that no fund balance will be used to reduce the 2016 school budget.

(2) General Purpose Aid is received from the State of Maine to be used for school purposes and has been reduced in recent years.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to accept as written, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 26 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: \$ 242,250

Explanation: 26.5% (\$50,712) increase from FY15 budget. The increase is primarily due to additional town administrator and bookkeeper wages and technology.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 26 with the dollar amount of \$242,250, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 26 passed \$242,250

Unanimous

- Article 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor (1400).
The Board recommends: \$ 12,600
Explanation: 8.6% (\$1,000) increase from FY15 budget.
Motion: Cheryl Buxbaum moved to approve article 27 with the dollar amount of \$12,600, seconded by David Hill.
Article 27 passed \$12,600 Unanimous
- Article 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elections (1650).
The Board recommends: \$ 2,900
Explanation: 7.9% (\$248) decrease from FY15 budget. This decrease is a result of a non-presidential election year.
Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 28 with the dollar amount of \$2,900, seconded by Nancy Hill.
Article 23 passed Unanimous
- Article 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning. (1700).
The Board recommends: \$ 14,350
Explanation: 35.8% (\$8,000) decrease from FY15 budget. The Planning Board has requested \$5,000 for outside consulting services, \$5,000 for legal review and \$2,000 for GIS contracting for maps and any necessary GIS updates. Another \$2,350 was added for surveying costs.
Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 29 with the dollar amount of \$14,350, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.
(During discussion, an alternate motion was proposed by Bob Earnest, seconded by Herb Maine; the alternate motion was withdrawn.)
Article 29 passed \$14,350 All in favor save one (1)
- Article 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Services (1900).
The Board recommends: \$ 12,000
Explanation: 50% (\$4,000) increase from FY15 budget. This estimate is based on actual costs for the past four years.
Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 30 with the dollar amount of \$12,000, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.
Article 30 passed \$12,000 All in favor save three (3)
- Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Law Enforcement Services (2100).
The Board recommends: \$ 41,960
Explanation: 11.8% (\$4,424) increase from FY15 budget.
Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 31 with the dollar amount of \$41,960, seconded by Nancy Hill.
Article 31 passed \$41,960 Unanimous

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department (2200).
The Board recommends: \$ 96,284
Explanation: 6.5% (\$5,900) increase from FY15 budget. This includes \$5,000 to assist with the funding for the Island Fellow Program.
Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 32 with the dollar amount of \$96,284, seconded by Kim Munroe.
Amendment: John Ash moved to amend the amount in article 32 to \$91,284, seconded by Beth Howe.
Nancy Hill called the question, David Hill seconded. Vote: affirmative to end discussion.
Vote to amend the article 32 dollar amount to \$91,284: Unanimous opposed, save five (5). The amendment failed.
Nancy Hill called the question, David Hill seconded. Unanimous in favor.
Vote on the original motion: All in favor save two (2)
Article 32: Passed \$96,284

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement (2400).
The Board recommends: \$ 21,150
Explanation: 6.4% (\$1,280) increase from FY15 budget. The wage line was increased to allow for the increased cost of the Code Enforcement Officer attending municipal meetings.
Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 33 with the dollar amount of \$21,150, seconded by Karen Corson.
Amendment: Beth Howe moved to amend the amount in article 33 to \$19,870, seconded by Herb Maine.
Karen Corson called the question, David Hill seconded. Unanimous in favor.
Vote to amend the article 33 dollar amount to \$19,870. All opposed save eight (8). The amendment failed.
Vote on original motion: All in favor save three (3)
Article 33 passed \$21,150

Article 22 was taken out of order here, after article 33

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden accounts (2500).
The Board recommends: \$ 28,320
Explanation: 3.9% (\$1,159) decrease from FY15 budget.
Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 34 with the dollar amount of \$28,320, seconded by Nancy Hill.
Karen Corson called the question, Nancy Hill seconded. Unanimous
Vote on original motion: All in favor save one (1)
Article 34 passed \$28,320

- Article 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control (2600).
The Board recommends: \$ 4,321
Explanation: .7% (\$29) decrease from FY15 budget.
Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 35 with the dollar amount of \$4,321, seconded by Karen Corson.
Article 35 passed \$4,321 Unanimous
- Article 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for P (3100).
The Board recommends: \$ 216,153
Explanation: 17.4% (\$31,951) increase from FY15 budget. The increase is due to the need for an increased amount of road materials for both summer and winter roads and increased costs for barging.
Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 36 with the dollar amount of \$216,153, seconded by Karen Corson.
Amendment: Mark Dyer moved to amend the amount in article 36 to \$200,000, seconded by Herb Maine.
Chris Loder called the question, Nancy Hill seconded. Unanimous
Vote to amend the article 36 dollar amount to \$200,000. In favor: 28.
Opposed: 12. The amendment carried.
Vote on the amended motion: Unanimous
Article 36 passed \$200,000
- Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste (3200).
The Board recommends: \$ 145,482
Explanation: 15.1% (\$19,047) increase from FY15 budget. The increase is primarily due to rising costs of barging and hauling solid waste.
Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 37 with the dollar amount of \$145,482, seconded by Nancy Hill.
Article 37 passed \$145,482 Unanimous
- Article 38: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cousins Island & Blanchard Lot (4400).
The Board recommends: \$17,462
Explanation: 4% (\$671) increase from FY15 budget.
Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 38 with the dollar amount of \$17,462, seconded by Nancy Hill.
Article 38 passed \$17,462 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 **\$108,000** and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to disburse the full amount according to this table:

Contribution Disbursement	Proposed 15-16 To be Raised	Notes
3150 Community Center	50,000	Same as last year
3164 VNA Home Health Hospice	1,000	\$250 additional
3166 Island Council	7,000	Same as last year
3167 Recreation	50,000	Same as last year
TOTAL	108,000	

Explanation: .2% (\$250) increase from FY15 budget. If approved the Selectmen will disburse the appropriated funds to the appropriate entities.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 39 as written with the dollar amount of \$108,000, seconded by Susan Stavropoulos.

Article 39 passed \$108,000 Unanimous

Article 40: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for an additional contribution to the Community Center to assist with the funding of a new furnace. (4600-3150).

The Board recommends: **\$5,000**. The estimated cost of the new furnace is from \$15,000 to \$25,000. The Community Center requested an additional \$10,000. The Board of Selectmen recommends \$5,000.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 40 as written with the dollar amount of \$5,000, seconded by Susan Stavropoulos.

Amendment: John Thaxter moved to amend the amount in article 40 to \$10,000, seconded by Susan Stavropoulos.

Vote to amend the article 40 dollar amount to \$10,000. In favor: 32.

Opposed: 24. The amendment carried.

Vote on the amended motion with the amended dollar amount of \$10,000:

Article 40 passed \$10,000 All in favor save fifteen (15)

Article 41: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for an additional contribution to the Recreation Center to assist with the funding of a swimming pool filtration system.

The Board recommends: **\$5,000**. The estimated cost of the filtration system is \$20,000. The Recreation Center request was \$10,000. The Board of Selectmen recommends \$5,000.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 41 as written with the dollar amount of \$5,000, seconded by Susan Stavropoulos.

Article 41 passed \$5,000 All in favor save sixteen (16)

Article 42: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance (5810).

The Board recommends: **\$1,000**.

Explanation: No change from FY 15 budget.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 39 with the dollar amount of \$1,000, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 42 passed \$1,000 Unanimous

Article 43: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health Services (5910).

The Board recommends: **\$2,100.**

Explanation: No change from FY15 budget.

Motion: Mark Dyer moved to approve article 43 with the dollar amount of \$2,100, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 43 passed \$2,100 Unanimous

Article 44: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery (6200).

The Board recommends: **\$10,520.**

Explanation: 125.3% (\$5,850) increase from FY15 budget. The increase is due to the cost of contracting with someone for cemetery maintenance.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 44 with the dollar amount of \$10,520, seconded by Vivian "Binkie" Boxer.

Article 44 passed \$10,520 Unanimous

Article 45: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service (6900).

The Board recommends: **\$221,042.**

Explanation: 58.5% (\$311,564) decrease from FY15 budget. The decrease is a result of the payoff of the \$1,800,000 Maine Bond Bank note for SAD 51 tuition and the payoff of the Backhoe lease-purchase agreement.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 45 with the dollar amount of \$221,042, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 45 passed \$221,042 Unanimous

Article 46: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Benefits & Insurance (7500).

The Board recommends: **\$139,755.**

Explanation: 2.71% (\$3,895) decrease from FY15 budget.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 46 with the dollar amount of \$139,755, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 46 passed \$139,755 Unanimous

Article 47: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights (8100).

The Board recommends: **\$9,500.**

Explanation: 11.76% (\$1,000) increase from FY15 budget. The increase reflects the actual cost of the Street Lights which includes the additional lights at the Stone Wharf.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 47 with the dollar amount of \$9,500, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 47 passed \$9,500 All in favor save ten (10)

Article 48: 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: **\$21,000.**

Explanation: No change from FY15 budget.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 48 with the dollar amount of \$21,000, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 48 passed \$21,000 Unanimous

Article 49: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Tax paid to Cumberland (8800).

The Board recommends: **\$43,000.**

Explanation: 2.4% (\$1,000) increase from FY15 budget. The increase is based on an estimated increase in valuation. As required in the law allowing Chebeague to secede from the Town of Cumberland, this article appropriates 50% of the property taxes committed to the Town of Chebeague Island from the Outer Islands.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 49 with the dollar amount of \$43,000, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 49 passed \$43,000 All in favor save two (2)

Article 50: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for County Tax (8900).

The Board recommends: **\$132,136.**

Explanation: 2.5% (\$3,226) increase from FY15 budget. Assessed to the municipality by Cumberland County.

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 50 with the dollar amount of \$132,136, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 50 passed \$132,136 All in favor save one (1)

Article 51: To see if the Town will 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 Article 26: through Article 50: 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: David Hill moved to approve article 51 as written, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 51 passed All in favor save two (2)

Article 52: To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of small Capital Project balances plus any accumulated interest, as follows, to the Wharf Capital Reserve.

Public Works Hydroseeder: \$162.66; Indian Point: \$936.87; and Public Services Furnace: \$20.68 – For a total of **\$1,120.21.**

Explanation: These balances were identified in the June 30, 2014 audit and require a vote at town meeting to transfer the amounts to another reserve fund.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 52 as written, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 52 passed

Unanimous

Article 53: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements (9000).

Board of Selectmen recommends raising **\$406,000**.

Explanation: The table below shows the sum recommended by the Board of Selectmen for each capital account. 26.9% increase (\$86,000) from FY15 budget. The purpose of the capital account appropriations is to set aside funds for future infrastructure investment as well as vehicle and equipment expenditures. This avoids a large, one time appropriation for major expenses.

Capital Account	Approximate Current Balance	Proposed FY16 to be Raised	Estimated Balance
9010 Dredging	204,416	45,000	249,416
9012 Fire Ponds	5,005	0	5,005
9015 Wharf Reserve	122,321	55,000	177,321
9016 Barge Ramps	10,080	0	10,080
9020 Floats & Gangways	0	6,000	6,000
9025 Fire Truck Reserve	13,563	30,000	43,563
9030 Facilities	2,634	10,000	12,634
9032 Land Acquisition & Development	0	15,000	15,000
9035 Vehicle Reserve	15,310	10,000	25,310
9040 Grant Matching Funds	24,066	5,000	29,066
9042 Paper Streets	5,013	10,000	15,013
9045 Revaluation Reserve	36,513	5,000	41,513
9050 Paving	176,059	175,000	351,059
9055 Public Services Equipment	140,016	15,000	155,016
9057 Recycling Compactors	5,021	0	5,021
9058 Easements & Drainage	8,530	0	8,530
9059 Cemetery Capital Reserve	1,000	5,000	6,000
9060 Harbormaster Vessel	2,150	5,000	7,150
9070 Coastal Access Fund	9,851	0	9,851
9192 Rescue Vehicles & Equipment	46,394	15,000	61,394
TOTAL	827,942	406,000	1,233,942

The total current balance of reserve accounts is available to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose defined for each account. This balance reflects the audited balance at June 30, 2014 plus 2015 appropriations and expenditures.

Motion: David Hill moved to approve article 53 with the dollar amount of \$406,000, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Amendment: Paul Belesca moved to amend the amount in article 53 to \$320,000, seconded by Mark Dyer.

Bob Earnest called the question, Karen Corson seconded. All in favor save one (1).

Vote to amend the article 53 dollar amount to \$320,000. All in favor save four (4). The amendment carried.

Vote on an amended motion: All in favor save one (1)
Article 53 passed \$320,000

Article 54: Do you favor continuing discussions and negotiations with the owners of the property at Map I03, Lot 073 (Barbara Thorp, Martha Hough and Heirs of Elizabeth Gosselin) regarding the purchase of this property?

The Board of Selectmen recommend vote by written ballot.

The Town was recently approached by the Heirs of Barton and Marjorie Curit who offered to give the Town the right of first refusal on the 7 acre parcel of land that abuts the Chebeague Island Hall Community Center. During the development of the Comprehensive Plan, the parcel was identified as significant to the community because of its location in the center of the island and being adjacent to the Hall and Library. At that time, suggested use of the property included location for a new town office, Community Center expansion, affordable housing (homesteading), growth area, trail preservation, open space or any combination of the above. The property needs to be evaluated to determine the monetary value of the land and the feasibility of possible uses. This article authorizes the Selectmen to evaluate the property but does not authorize them to purchase it. A future town meeting would vote on a question to buy the property.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 54, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 54 passed All in favor save seventeen (17)

MUNICIPAL REVENUE BUDGET

Article 55: 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 2015-2016.

Explanation: This article allows the use of funds from the overlay (calculated by the Assessor when the mil rate is set) to be used for any abatements (including any interest).

Motion: Nancy Hill moved to approve article 55 as written, seconded by Karen Corson.

Article 55 passed Unanimous

Article 56: 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 2015-2016.

Board of Selectmen recommends: **\$ 0**

Explanation: A transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance is made to help lower the tax rate. According to the audited Financial Report at June 30,

2014, our undesignated fund balance was \$230,740. This is approximately 8.8% of the current operating budget and is within allowable limits (8%-15%) based on the Board of Selectmen Undesignated Fund Balance Policy. Since this amount is on the low side of the limit, and the Selectmen do not expect this amount to increase at June 30, 2015, they are not using any of the existing fund balance to reduce taxation. It has been the recommendation of the auditor to increase the current amount of Undesignated Fund Balance.

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 56, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 56 passed

Unanimous

Article 57: To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against fiscal year 2015-2016 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 2015-2016.

Board of Selectmen recommend: **\$275,076**

Explanation: The total revenues from receipts, sources and designations includes: \$76,126 (from Article 25) plus \$0 (from Article 56) and \$198,950 from the following table:

Revenue Account	Proposed Budget
302 AGENT FEE	3,000
303 EXCISE TAX	85,000
304 BOAT EXCISE TAX	8,000
305 INTEREST & PENALTIES	6,000
316 SHELLFISH LICENSES	2,500
327 HOMESTEAD STATE REIMB REV	8,000
328 VETERANS EXEMPTION REIMB	600
331 STATE REVENUE SHARING	9,000
351 POLICE ISSUED FINES	3,000
364 GROWTH PERMITS	200
366 BUILDING PERMITS	8,000
367 ELECTRICAL PERMITS	1,200
368 PLUMBING PERMITS	2,500
369 OTHER PERMITS	1,000
401 DOG REVENUE	300
403 MOORING FEES	8,000
411 URBAN RURAL INIT PROGRAM	14,000
418 CHEB. ISLAND SOLID WASTE	30,000
500 RENTAL MOORING FEES	150
501 STONE WHARF PERMITS	5,000
502 TRANSIENT TIE-UP FEES	1,300
511 CTC ESCROW - BLANCHARD LO	2,000
512 COPY FEE REVENUE	200
TOTAL	\$198,950

Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 57, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 57 passed \$275,076

Unanimous

Article 58: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts under the following conditions: That the Board place unanticipated gifts or donations of money in the Town of Chebeague Island checking account and respect the wishes of the donor regarding use of donated funds or assets.
Motion: Karen Corson moved to approve article 58 as written, seconded by David Hill.
Article 58 passed **Unanimous**

OTHER MUNICIPAL ARTICLES

Motion: Bob Earnest moved to bundle articles 59 through 64 for one vote, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Motion to bundle passed **Unanimous**

Articles 59 – 64 passed **Unanimous**

Article 59: 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 for general administration or project-specific expenditures.

Article 60: 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 61: To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that fiscal year 2015-2016 Real and Personal Taxes are due as October 1, 2015 and April 1, 2016 and to charge interest at the rate of 7.0% per annum for fiscal year 2015-2016 Real and Personal taxes paid after those dates.

Article 62: 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 3.0%.
Explanation: This rate must be equal to or no more than 4 percentage points lower than the rate set in the previous article.

Article 63: 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.
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.

Article 64: 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.

Explanation: This article avoids the necessity of calling a special town meeting every time the town has personal property of little value that the Board of Selectmen wish to sell or otherwise dispose of.

Article 65: 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 selectperson 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.

Explanation: The Town adopted the secret ballot election and voting method on November 19, 2011. This means that the election of both selectpersons and school committee members, shall be conducted by secret ballot at the voting polls on June 9, 2015, rather than during the open town meeting. Although any party interested in being elected may speak, no nominations are accepted as part of this forum. In order for a candidate's name to appear on the ballot he or she must have filed nomination papers in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2528.

Motion: Chris Loder moved to approve article 65, seconded by Cheryl Buxbaum.

Article 65 passed

Unanimous

Candidates David Hill and Peter Pellerin each addressed the audience.

Article 66: To adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until June 9, 2015 8:00 AM so that secret ballot votes for local and state elections and issues (Articles 2 and 3) 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: Karen Corson moved to approve article 66, seconded by Nancy Hill.

Article 66 passed

Unanimous

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