

**TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT 2008**

State of Maine
County of Hancock, §

To: A Constable of the Town of Cranberry Isles, in said County

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cranberry Isles, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Islesford Neighborhood House, in said Town, on the 10th day (Second Monday) of March AD 2008, at 8:30 AM to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article:

1. To elect by ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Recommended: \$6,500.

3. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve use of the Maine Municipal Association's recommended Maine Moderator's Manual "Rules of Procedures" for the conduct of this Town Meeting.
4. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve opening the floor of this Town Meeting to all non-registered citizens for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of this 2008 Warrant.
5. To elect by ballot a Selectman for a term of three years. (Term Expiring: Daniel S. Lief)
6. To vote compensation for all Selectman for the ensuing year.

Recommended: \$1,700 for the chairperson, \$1,400 for others. (No change since 2001).

7. To elect by ballot a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Recommended: \$8,500. (No change since 2005).

8. To elect by ballot a Collector of Taxes and Collector of Excise Taxes for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Recommended: \$24,500. (No change since 2007).

9. To elect by ballot a member of the Superintending School Committee for a term of three years. (Term expiring Kate Chaplin).

10. To vote the hourly rate of pay for Town officials and employees.

Recommended: \$12 to \$20, at the discretion of the Board of Selectman for the type of work performed. (No change since 2001).

11. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of eleven percent (11%) on all taxes not paid by December 1, 2008. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2008 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA §505.4 is eleven percent (11%).

12. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to allow a two percent (2%) discount on all taxes which are paid in full within thirty (30) days of the date shown on the original bill as submitted by the Tax Collector.

13. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2009, February 2009, and March 2009 equal in aggregate to 3/12^{ths} of the Operations Budget approved for the Year 2008. This authorization will permit the Treasurer to prepare Financial Warrants for approval by the Board of Selectman, prepare checks, and legally pay bills pending approval of the entire Operations Budget by the Voters in March 2009.

SCHOOLS

14A To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$197,923) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Hand Count Required

School Committee recommends **\$ 191,923**

Explanation: The Town of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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.

14B. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$202,261) for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$ 195,795.

Written Ballot Vote Required School Committee recommends **\$ 202,261**

Reason: To raise additional monies in order to fully fund the 2008-09 budget.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Cranberry Isles' local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the Town of Cranberry Isles' budget for educational programs.

Note: Articles 14A & 14B equal a total appropriation of \$394,184

- 14C. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, from the Town of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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.

Hand Count Required School Committee recommends **\$ 223,238**

- 14D. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, from the Town of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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.

Hand Count Required School Committee recommends **\$ 71,426**

- 14E. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, from the Town of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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.

Hand Count Required School Committee recommends **\$ 3,500**

Lise Merrill Pratt	Little Cranberry	2008
Jason Pickering	Little Cranberry	2009
Malcolm Fernald	Little Cranberry	2009

16. To elect by ballot two members of the Shellfish Conservation Committee, one who shall serve for a period of three years and one who shall serve for one.

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2011)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2009)

For information of the voters: The elected membership of this Committee is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Richard Alley Jr.	Little Cranberry	2010
Norman Sanborn	Great Cranberry	2009
Debbie Wedge	Great Cranberry	2010
Bruce Komusin	Great Cranberry	2009 (resigned)
Wendy Rackliff	Little Cranberry	2008

17. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow on behalf of the municipality for purchase of a replacement timber float measuring 20 feet X 30 feet at the municipal pier facility on Great Cranberry Island.

The Board of Selectmen recommends a total amount of \$15,000.

18. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from the undesignated fund balance for the purpose of capital improvements to the municipal pier on Great Cranberry Island.

Note: Undesignated fund balance was \$160,057 as of January 1st, 2007.

19. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract with the State of Maine, Department of Transportation for a Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant of one hundred thirty eight thousand dollars (\$138,600), in which the Town of Cranberry Isles will match the grant by appropriation of fifty nine thousand four hundred dollars (\$59,400), for the purpose of repairing and improving access to the municipal pier facility on Great Cranberry Island, and using these funds to perform said construction.

20. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend for repair of the sea wall at Manset, owned by the Town of Cranberry Isles, and located in the Town of Southwest Harbor, Maine.

The Board of Selectmen recommends a total amount of \$15,000.

21. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend in support of the Island Institute Fellow for 2008.

The Board of Selectman recommends a total amount of \$5,000.

22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate and authorize the Treasurer to expend up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) toward the cost of restoring and renovating the cemetery on Baker Island. Said sum to be matched by Islesford Historical Society.

Request made by Hugh Dwelley. The Board of Selectman recommends approval.

23. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to spend for the computerization of our assessment records and associated taxation information.

The Board of Selectmen recommends \$6,000 for computerization.

24. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5 month lease agreement in 2008 with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine for use of the church land on Joy Road in Northeast Harbor, for parking of residents of, and visitors to, the Cranberry Isles.

The Board of Selectmen recommends \$4,000.

25. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a revised multi-year contract with Ed Gray Enterprises, Inc. for the operation of municipal solid waste collection and disposal services within the Town of Cranberry Isles. This article does not change the previously voter approved contract value.

26. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sign a three (3) year contract for the launching, handling, disconnecting, hauling, storage and maintenance of floats and associated ramps owned by and located within the Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine. Said contract to be put out to bid in the summer of 2008 and have a duration extending from the fall of 2008 through the spring of 2011.

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28. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract for sanding and the removal of snow on the public ways of Great Cranberry Island. Said contract to be put out to bid in the summer of 2008 and have a duration of not less than three (3) and not more than five (5) years.

29. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow on behalf of the municipality for purchase of a snow plowing truck and associated equipment, for snow removal and sanding on the public ways of Little Cranberry Island.

The Board of Selectmen recommends authorization of \$35,000.

30. Shall the Town of Cranberry Isles vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town of Cranberry Isles, to join with other participating municipal and quasi-municipal employers in a Multiple Employer Welfare Agreement for the provision of employee health benefits, as authorized by 24-A M.R.S.A. § 6601 et seq., said Agreement to be known as the "Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust" (Health Trust); and for that purpose and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements among the participating employers, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Participation Agreement on behalf of the Town of Cranberry Isles and take whatever other actions may be necessary. The authority granted herein shall remain until revoked.

Note: Passage of this article does not enter the municipality into the health trust, but is a legal requirement for membership if that option is chosen.

31. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the establishment of a transportation committee for a period of one year, the purpose of which is to address, on behalf of TCI, issues related to boat transportation between the islands (Great Cranberry, Little Cranberry, and Sutton) and the mainland (Northeast Harbor and Southwest Harbor). Sustaining year-round communities on the islands is only possible if our ferry service is operated with a year-round schedule that will accommodate the broad needs and desires of community members to easily move back and forth between the islands and the mainland to access schools, jobs, health care, shopping, and other services. The committee will be expected to prepare a Transportation Plan addressing these needs to be brought to the 2009 Town Meeting for approval.

The committee will be governed by a board consisting of a) the three town Selectmen, b) two voter registered residents of the Cranberry Isles appointed by the Board of Selectmen and c) two seasonal residents of the Cranberry Isles appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

32. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote their support for the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and authorize the Selectmen to sign this agreement on behalf of the municipality. This agreement is contained in the Town Report in its entirety.
33. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend for the promotion and support of local renewable energy feasibility studies, energy conservation efforts and related projects. Unexpended funds are to be carried forward for use in succeeding years and shall not be credited to the general fund.

The Board of Selectmen recommends \$10,000.

34. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend for the purchase of electrical power from “Maine Interfaith Power and Light” or a similar organization, with the intent of using renewable energy as the sole source for meeting municipal electrical needs. Authorization is for one year of expenditure over cost of power from Bangor Hydro Electric Co.

The Board of Selectmen recommends \$2,000.

35. Future Town Meeting:

To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2009, on March 9 (Monday) at the Great Cranberry Fire House, Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9:00 AM.

36. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to raise and appropriate for each function of Town operations as shown in the Town Operations Budget. Each function shall be voted upon separately:

<u>2008 TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>DEPT. TOTAL</u>
Dept. 51 - General Government		247,780.
Town Office: Rent & Utilities	14,100.	
Office Supplies & Postage	7,500.	
Administrative Expenses		
Insurance	16,000.	
Legal	5,000.	
Accounting	5,000.	
Web Site	3,600.	
Green Program & Policy	10,000.	
Admin. Expense	10,000.	
Selectmen Compensation	4,500.	
Contingency Fund	20,000.	
Treasurer / Tax Collector / Clerk	39,500.	
Elections	1,450.	
Planning Board	1,330.	
Tax Assessor	30,700.	
Facilities Supervisor	40,000.	
Deputy Clerk / Treasurer	16,000.	
Comprehensive Plan	5,000.	
Payroll Taxes	9,400.	
Employee Health Benefits	8,000.	
Retirement Obligation	700.	

Dept. 52 - Public Safety **89,500.**

Fire Dept. Zone 1 (Cranberry)	
Utilities	6,200.
Ambulance	10,000.
Dry Hydrant	6,000.
Equipment	4,000.
Admin. Expense	200.
Insurance	6,000.
Training	1,000.
Community Safety	200.
EMS Program	3,500.
Maintenance	2,500.
Contracts	1,500.

Fire Dept. Zone 2 (Islesford)	
Utilities	2,900.
Equipment	5,000.
Tanker Truck	5,000.
Insurance	7,000.
Training	3,000.
EMS Program	4,500.
911 Services	500.
Streetlights	5,000.
Animal Control Officer	1,000.
Constable	
Compensation	3,000.
Admin. Expense	2,000.
Harbormaster	
Compensation	2,000.
Training	2,500.
Shellfish Warden	1,000.
Insurance	4,000.

Dept. 53 - Health & Sanitation **132,200.**

Solid Waste	
Compensation	2,300.
Acadia Disposal District	500.
Other	10,000.
GCI Contract	37,500.
Islesford	37,500.

Barging	400.	
Tipping Fees	22,600.	
Hazardous Waste	2,000.	
Capital Improvements	7,700.	
CEO / Plumbing		
Compensation	7,200.	
Plumbing Permits	500.	
General Assistance	3,500.	
Health Officer	500.	
Dept. 54 - Public Transportation		133,900.
Town Roads		
Maintenance	15,000.	
Capital Improvements	55,000.	
Contingency	5,900.	
Snow Removal		
Contract	11,000.	
Compensation	5,000.	
Sand & Salt	3,000.	
Misc. Compensation	400.	
Town Truck		
Oil & Gas	1,000.	
Maintenance	1,500.	
Truck Reserve	35,000.	
Insurance	1,100.	
Dept. 55 - Schools	448,543.	448,543.
Dept. 56 - Unclassified		33,100.
GCI Library	3,700.	
Islesford Library	3,700.	
GCI Community Ctr.	6,200.	
Islesford Neighborhood House	6,200.	
Town Cemeteries	500.	
Baker Island	2,000.	
Island Explorer	1,500.	
NEH Library	300.	
NEH Ambulance	1,000.	
Life Flight	1,000.	
Human Service Donations	2,000.	
Island Institute Fellow	5,000.	

Dept. 57 - Debt Service		320,812.
GCI Wharf Repair	41,903.	
SWH Parking - Taxable Bond	47,176.	
SWH Parking - Tax Exempt Bond	134,733.	
LCI Town Garage	6,000.	
Plow Truck	8,000.	
GCI Float	3,000.	
County Tax	80,000.	
Dept. 58 - Municipal Facilities		546,149.
Teleconference	1,200.	
NEH Parking Lot		
Snow Removal	2,500.	
Lease	33,624.	
Joy Road Parking Lot		
Insurance	750.	
Lease	4,000.	
Manset Parking Lot		
Utilities	500.	
Grounds	3,150.	
Snow Removal	1,200.	
Insurance	3,150.	
SWH Property Tax	20,550.	
Warehouse / Apartment		
Maint. & Improvements	1,000.	
Utilities	1,000.	
Insurance	2,000.	
Mansell Road Building		
Maint. & Improvements	1,000.	
Insurance	1,000.	
SWH Property Tax	5,650.	
Restrooms		
Maint. & Improvements	5,300.	
Cleaning	5,400.	
Supplies	600.	
Wharves, Floats & Ramps		
Administrative	900.	
Electricity	1,400.	
Maintenance	10,000.	
Capital Improvements	218,000.	

Moorings	6,025.
Insurance	6,400.
Contracts	22,000.
Town Land Maintenance	11,500.
LCI Municipal Garage	175,000.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TOWN OPERATIONS = 1,949,709

**TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET
APPLIED RESOURCES**

Loans	295,000.
Ship Grant	138,600.
Estimated General Fund Receipts:	183,025.
Undesignated Funds	160,000.
School Dept. (Subsidies & Grants):	54,359.
Property Taxes (2008):	1,121,000.

TOTAL = 1,951,984

NOTICE

The Registrar of Voters, Denise McCormick, gives notice that she will be in the Cranberry Isles Town Office, 59 Main Street, Islesford, Maine on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of March 2008 between the hours of 09:00 AM and 03:00 PM, and at the Neighborhood House on Islesford and at 08:00 AM on the day of the meeting, March 10th, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters for said Town.

Given under our hand and Town seal this 5th day of February, 2008.

Daniel S. Lief, Chairman

Aaron W. Gray

Richard F. Beal

Selectmen of the Cranberry Isles

True copy of the WARRANT 2008

ATTEST: I, Denise McCormick, Clerk of the Town of Cranberry Isles do hereby attest and certify this document to be a true copy of the Warrant 2008 to be placed before the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles on 10 March 2008.

Denise McCormick