TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Chebeague Island in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Volunteer Field (next to the Chebeague Island School), 14 School House Road, Chebeague Island, Maine on Saturday, the 12th day of June, 2021 at 9 o’clock in the morning, then and there to act upon Articles 1 and 3 through 61;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Chebeague Island Hall Community Center in said town on Tuesday, the 15th of June, 2021 at 8 o’clock in the morning, then and there to act on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours are from 8:00 o’clock in the morning until 8 o’clock in the evening.

OPEN TOWN MEETING – JUNE 12, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

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

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ELECTION VOTING ARTICLE: 2

VOTING – JUNE 15, 2021 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Article 2: To elect by secret ballot:

A. Two Selectmen for three (3)-year terms.

B. Two (2) School Board members for three (3)-year terms.

C. One (1) School Board member for a one (1)-year term.

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Article 3:    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 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Warrant.

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

EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES

AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN EDUCATION COST CENTER CATEGORIES

Article 4:    Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $509,124 for Regular Instruction?

Article 5:    Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $129,162 for Special Education?

Article 6:    Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $0 for Career and Technical Education?

Article 7:    Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $0 for Other Instruction?

Article 8:    Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $21,647 for Student and Staff Support?

Article 9:    Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $76,553 for System Administration?

Article 10:   Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $60,610 for School Administration?

Article 11:   Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $110,251 for Transportation and Buses?

Article 12:   Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $57,947 for Facilities Maintenance?

Article 13:   Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $134,035 for Debt Service and Other Commitments?
Article 14: Shall the Town Authorize the School Committee to expend $41,812 for All Other Expenditures?

RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 15: Shall the Town appropriate $639,996.58 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise $569,298.56 as the Town’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?

Explanation: The Town’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 is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Town must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Article 16: (Written ballot required.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $501,144.42 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by $469,332.42 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model: EPS does not fully support all the necessary costs of a Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 education program, such as (1) special education costs; (2) ferry transportation and bus costs; (3) staff benefits, including health insurance, FICA, Medicare, unemployment benefits, and workers compensation.

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 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.

Article 17: SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 17: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend $1,141,141 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Town’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, 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?

AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

Article 18: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Article 19: 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.

<table>
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<th>Source</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>School Undesignated Fund Balance</td>
<td>$ 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Purpose Aid</td>
<td>$ 70,698</td>
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<td>School Lunch Sales</td>
<td>$ 0</td>
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Explanation: This article identifies and summarizes the various revenue sources to be appropriated for school purposes.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration and Board of Selectmen Accounts (1300).

The Board recommends: $254,938

Explanation: 2.87% ($7,144) increase from FY21 budget. The increase is primarily due to the implementation of a pay scale plan for town employees and training and travel costs related to the Town Administrator’s contract.

Article 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor (1400).

The Board recommends: $13,250

Explanation: 0% ($0) increase from FY21 budget.
Article 22: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elections (1650).

The Board recommends: $1,000

Explanation: 44.44% ($800) decrease from FY21 budget to reflect reduction in actual expenditures.

Article 23: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning. (1700).

The Board recommends: $6,500

Explanation: 8.33% increase from FY21 budget. The increase is to pay for the annual maintenance of the new GIS mapping system.

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Services (1900).

The Board recommends: $10,000

Explanation: 11.11% ($1,000) increase from FY21 budget. This increase is in anticipation of additional legal fees for upcoming projects.

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Law Enforcement Services (2100).

The Board recommends: $50,248

Explanation: 9.54% ($4,376) increase from FY21 budget. This increase is due to increased costs associated with the summer sheriff deputy.

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department (2200).

The Board recommends: $117,135

Explanation: 7.84% ($8,520) increase from FY21 budget. This is primarily due to the creation of a 1-day per week per-diem paramedic position for the summer months.

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement (2400).
The Board recommends: $26,460

Explanation: 0.00% ($0) change from FY21 budget.

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden account (2500).

The Board recommends: $29,275

Explanation: 4.60% ($1,730) increase from FY21 budget. The increase is due to the implementation of pay scale plan.

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control (2600).

The Board recommends: $5,250

Explanation: 0.00% ($0) change from FY21 budget.

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Services (3100).

The Board recommends: $221,750

Explanation: 2.55% ($5,510) increase from FY21 budget. This is primarily due the implementation of the pay scale plan and an increase in bargeing costs.

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste (3200).

The Board recommends: $195,980

Explanation: 7.86% ($14,280) increase from FY21 budget. This is primarily due to the collapse of the recycling market and the increase in costs to dispose of MSW and related hauling and the implementation of a pay scale plan.

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cousins Island Dock Reserve Fund (4400).

The Board recommends: $22,094

Explanation: 4% ($850) increase from FY21 budget per agreement with the Town of Yarmouth. This reserve fund is for the sole purpose of providing for
the maintenance, capital repairs and eventual replacement of the Cousins Island Dock and/or the improvements to Wharf Road as described in the Agreement with Yarmouth.

Article 33: 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 **$145,750** and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to disburse the full amount according to this table:

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<th>Contribution Disbursement</th>
<th>Proposed 21-22 To be Raised</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tr>
<td>3150 Chebeague Island Library</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>Same as last year</td>
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<td>3151 Chebeague Community Ctr.</td>
<td>34,500</td>
<td>Same as last year</td>
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<td>3164 Visiting Nurse and Hospice</td>
<td>1,250</td>
<td>Same as last year</td>
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<td>3166 Island Council</td>
<td>7,000</td>
<td>Same as last year</td>
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<tr>
<td>3167 Chebeague Recreation Center</td>
<td>56,500</td>
<td>Same as last year</td>
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<td>3168 CRC - Kids Place</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>Same as last year</td>
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<tr>
<td>3169 Island Commons Res. Center</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>Same as last year</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>145,750</strong></td>
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*Explanation: 0% (0) increase from FY21 budget. If approved the Selectmen will disburse the appropriated funds to the appropriate entities.*

Article 34: To see whether the Town will authorize the additional donation of municipal employee time and materials for the occasional snow plowing and sanding of the parking lots of the Chebeague Recreation Center and Chandler's Wharf during significant winter weather events.

*Explanation: These properties are not owned by the Town so it is unlawful to use public monies to support their operations without the express consent of the Town.*

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance (5810).

The Board recommends: **$500**

*Explanation: No change from FY21 budget.*
Article 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health Services (5910).

The Board recommends: $2,000

Explanation: No change from FY21 budget. This is to pay the duly appointed Health Officer.

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery (6200).

The Board recommends: $14,050

Explanation: 3.50% ($510) decrease from FY21 budget. Reduction is due to aligning salary costs with actual expenditures.

Article 38: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service (6900).

The Board recommends: $340,980

Explanation: 11.06% ($42,401) decrease from FY21 budget. $212,630 for the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) debt from the secession payout to Town of Cumberland; $118,350 for the MMBB debt from the School Construction Project, and $10,000 for the purchase of a Public Services plow truck. The final payment on the fire truck loan will be paid in June 2021.

Article 39: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Benefits & Insurance (7500).

The Board recommends: $196,912

Explanation: 3.05% ($15,518) increase from FY21 budget due primarily to an increase in health insurance costs and the implementation of a pay scale employee evaluation program.

Article 40: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights (8100).

The Board recommends: $8,400

Explanation: 32.42% ($4,030) decrease from FY21 budget. This decrease is due to the installation of LED lights.
Article 41: 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 from Contingency (8300).

The Board recommends: $16,000

Explanation: 0.00% ($0) change from FY21.

Article 42: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment to the Town of Cumberland for 50% of Outer Islands Tax (8800).

The Board recommends: $48,045 (estimate)

Explanation: As required in the law allowing Chebeague to secede from the Town of Cumberland, this article appropriates 50% of the property taxes committed by the Town of Chebeague Island from the Outer Islands.

Article 43: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for County Tax (8900).

The Board recommends: $162,283

Explanation: 2.57% ($4,070) increase from FY21 budget. Assessed to the municipality by Cumberland County.

Article 44: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, to exceed by no more than 10% annually, the amount authorized for each account approved in Article 20: through Article 43: 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.

Article 45: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements (9000).

Board of Selectmen recommends raising $343,290.

Explanation: The table below shows the sum recommended by the Board of Selectmen for each capital account. The purpose of the capital account appropriations is to set aside funds for future infrastructure investment as well as vehicle and equipment expenditures. This reduces and avoids a large, one time, appropriation for major expenses in the future.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Capital Account</th>
<th>Approximate Current Balance</th>
<th>Proposed FY22 to be Raised</th>
<th>Estimated Balance</th>
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<tr>
<td>9010 Dredging</td>
<td>251,415</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>251,415</td>
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<tr>
<td>9012 Fire Ponds</td>
<td>4,816</td>
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<td>4,816</td>
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<tr>
<td>9015 Stone Wharf Reserve</td>
<td>304,131</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>304,131</td>
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<tr>
<td>9016 Barge Ramps</td>
<td>10,337</td>
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<td>10,337</td>
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<td>9020 Floats &amp; Ramps</td>
<td>32,592</td>
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<td>32,592</td>
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<tr>
<td>9025 Fire Truck Reserve</td>
<td>20,624</td>
<td>34,090</td>
<td>54,714</td>
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<td>9030 Facilities</td>
<td>19,257</td>
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<td>19,257</td>
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<td>9031 New Town Office</td>
<td>35,466</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>45,466</td>
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<td>9032 Land Acquisition &amp; Development</td>
<td>2,810</td>
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<td>9033 Solar Array Purchase</td>
<td>27,592</td>
<td>17,500</td>
<td>45,092</td>
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<td>9034 Broadband Reserve</td>
<td>10,015</td>
<td>40,000</td>
<td>50,015</td>
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<td>9035 Vehicle Reserve</td>
<td>3,281</td>
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<tr>
<td>9040 Grant Matching Funds</td>
<td>27,734</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>27,734</td>
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<tr>
<td>9045 Revaluation Reserve</td>
<td>34,732</td>
<td>20,200</td>
<td>54,932</td>
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<td>9050 Paving</td>
<td>101,228</td>
<td>125,000</td>
<td>226,228</td>
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<tr>
<td>9055 Public Works Equipment</td>
<td>10,393</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>20,393</td>
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<tr>
<td>9057 Recycling Compactors</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>9058 Easements &amp; Drainage</td>
<td>54,080</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>74,080</td>
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<tr>
<td>9059 Cemetery Capital Reserve</td>
<td>6,232</td>
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<td>6,232</td>
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<tr>
<td>9060 Harbormaster Vessel</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>9070 Coastal Access Fund</td>
<td>9,321</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>10,821</td>
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<tr>
<td>9192 Rescue Vehicles &amp; Equipment</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>96</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9195 Indian Point Retaining Wall</td>
<td>5,308</td>
<td>65,000</td>
<td>70,308</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>971,465</strong></td>
<td><strong>343,290</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,314,755</strong></td>
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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 current balances at March 31, 2021.

**MUNICIPAL REVENUE BUDGET**

Article 46: 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 2021-2022.

*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).*

Article 47: 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 2019-2020.
Board of Selectmen recommends: $120,000

Explanation: A transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance is made to manage the fund balance and help lower the tax rate. According to the audited Financial Report at June 30, 2020, our undesignated fund balance was $528,416. This is approximately 19.5% of the current FY21 operating budget and is higher than the allowable limits (8%-15%) based on the Board of Selectmen Undesignated Fund Balance Policy. In accordance with the policy, we are using $120,000 toward the FY22 budget in an effort to reduce taxation.

Article 48: To see what sum the Town will vote to take from receipts, sources and designations, to apply against fiscal year 2021-2022 appropriations, and to accept and appropriate 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 2021-2022.

Board of Selectmen recommend: $254,898.

Explanation: The total revenues from receipts, sources and designations includes: $70,698 (from Article 19) and $184,200 from the following table:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Revenue Account</th>
<th>Proposed Budget</th>
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<tr>
<td>302 AGENT FEE</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>303 EXCISE TAX</td>
<td>87,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>304 BOAT EXCISE TAX</td>
<td>7,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>305 INTEREST &amp; PENALTIES</td>
<td>2,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>316 SHELLFISH LICENSES</td>
<td>2,400</td>
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<tr>
<td>331 REVENUE SHARING</td>
<td>27,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>351 POLICE ISSUED FINES</td>
<td>2,400</td>
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<tr>
<td>366 BUILDING PERMITS</td>
<td>3,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>367 ELECTRICAL PERMITS</td>
<td>800</td>
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<tr>
<td>368 PLUMBING PERMITS</td>
<td>1,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>379 INTEREST INCOME</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>403 MOORING FEES</td>
<td>3,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>411 URBAN RURAL INIT PROGRAM</td>
<td>15,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>418 CHEB. ISLAND SOLID WASTE</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>501 STONE WHarf PERMITS</td>
<td>5,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>502 TRANSIENT TIE-UP FEES</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>$184,200</td>
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OTHER MUNICIPAL ARTICLES

Article 49: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to $250,000 in general obligation bonds or notes of the Town or, in the alternative, to enter into a lease-purchase agreement to finance up to $250,000 or combination thereof as determined by the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of financing the Town’s share of the costs of dredging the channel leading to the Stone Wharf, with the details of such borrowing or lease-purchase financing (including provisions that the bonds may be prepaid or subject to call for redemption with or without premium and the dates, maturities, denominations, and interest rates(s)) to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Financial Statement: The issuance of bonds by the Town of Chebeague Island is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Chebeague Island as of June 30, 2020:

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid: $3,037,356
Bonds Authorized and unissued: $0
Bonds to be issued if this article is approved: $250,000

Bonding Costs:
At an estimated interest rate of 0.79%, the estimated costs of this bond will be (5 years):

Principle: $250,000
Interest: $5,144.15
Total Debt Service: $255,144.15

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

/s/ Justin L. Poirier
Treasurer, Town of Chebeague Island

Article 50: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to $200,000 in general obligation bonds or notes of the Town or, in the alternative, to enter into a lease-purchase agreement to finance up to $200,000 or combination thereof as determined by the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose
of purchasing a replacement plow truck, with the details of such borrowing or lease-purchase financing (including provisions that the bonds may be prepaid or subject to call for redemption with or without premium and the dates, maturities, denominations, and interest rates(s)) to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

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<tr>
<td>Bonds Authorized and unissued</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bonds to be issued if this article is approved</td>
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**Bonding Costs:**
At an estimated interest rate of 0.79%, the estimated costs of this bond will be (10 years):

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<tr>
<td>Principle</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest</td>
<td>$12,214.11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Debt Service</td>
<td>$212,214.11</td>
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/5/ Justin L. Poirier  
Treasurer, Town of Chebeague Island

**Article 51:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into leases for vehicles for Town use, and to appropriate funds from the Vehicle Reserve Capital Account to pay the annual costs of such leases.

**Article 52:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept federal monies related to the COVID recovery legislation and appropriate them for purposes deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Board of Selectmen estimate the Town will receive $30,000 to $35,000.
Article 53: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into permanent drainage easement agreements with Capps Point Chebeague Island Trust (Map 104, Lot 58), Jennifer Hubbell (Map 104, Lot 47) and the Hubbell Family Trust (Map 104, Lot 60), Phillip E. Tonks (Map 104, Lot 82), and Alexandra Christina Zaugg-Swaффord (Map 104, Lot 59). The agreed upon drainage work will only commence once the Town receives 50 percent of the funds needed to complete the work from the impacted landowners. A copy of the easement agreement is available for review at the Town Office and on the Town of Chebeague Island website.

Article 54: 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 of general administration or project-specific expenditures, to accept such grants, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for their authorized purposes, as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town during the upcoming fiscal year.

Article 55: 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 56: To see if the Town will vote to set the date(s) that fiscal year 2021-2022 Real Estate Taxes are due as September 30, 2021 and March 31, 2022 and to charge interest at the rate of 4.0% per annum for fiscal year 2021-2022 Real Estate Property taxes paid after those dates.

Article 57: 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 1.0%.

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

Article 58: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, with no interest to be paid on same, 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 assessor to the collector.

Article 59: 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 60: 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 selectmen and school committee (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 selectmen and school committee members, shall be conducted by secret ballot at the voting polls on June 15, 2021, 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.

Article 61: To adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until June 15, 2021 8:00 AM so that secret ballot votes for local elections (Article 2) 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.
Given unto our hands this 19th day of May, 2021, at Chebeague Island, Maine

Donna Miller-Damon, Chair
David Hill
John Corson Jr.
Mark Dyer
Jean-Louis Beaupré

Chebeague Island Board of Selectmen

A True Copy, ATTEST

Viktoria Wood, Town Clerk
Town of Chebeague Island, Maine