Town of Chebeague Island
Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Wednesday, December 30th, 2009 @7:00PM
Chebeague Island Hall Community Center

Present: Herb Maine, Mark Dyer, David Hill, Donna Damon, Chris Rich and Scott Seaver.

Budget Workshop

Budget Workshop called to order @ 7:02PM
Budget Workshop adjourned @ 8:50PM

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Meeting called to order @ 8:50PM.

3.A To see if the Selectmen will set goals for 2010-2011 budget.
David Hill: The bottom line in setting goals is the mil rate. Looking at the Town side and say we do not want our share of the mil rate to go up it still comes back to the School Board. If our goal is to keep our taxes more or less level I can see making our operational cost more accurate. If we can do that and keep the tax rate relatively level, but I’m not drawing a line of no increase, but maybe a minimal increase we will be in good shape. It also needs to be the goal of the School Department.
Herb Maine: We can set it for our goal and see if they agree. I would like to see all ten of us setting around a table and agreeing on goals for the Town.
David Hill: We can talk about what the Towns side goals should be, but to do budget goal setting it should be done in conjunction with the School.
Herb Maine: I do not disagree with that.

Mark Dyer: My goal is always not to effect people adversely on their taxes and that is not easily done. I would like to think we can set down and come up with a common goal.

David Hill: We need to learn what the School side is facing in terms of the environment. What are they hearing from Augusta? What is the Town side hearing? We will face challenges.
Mark Dyer: One of my goals is to involve the employees. I would like to hear their views on how operations work day to day or maybe month to month. What they see as wasteful and/or necessary and bring the information back to us.

Mark Dyer: Motion to for two (2) Selectmen to sit with the Town Administrator to discuss management of operations of the Town of Chebeague and report back to the Board by the end of January.
David Hill: Second.
Discussion: I will volunteer to be one of the people to sit down with the Town Administrator. What I would like to see is a discussion on how things are going or we think they are going. Is it breaking down, is it going well, does it need tweaking. This will be just a general conversation.
Herb Maine: I guess before I vote for this will need a clear understanding of the end product and how it will affect the budget.
Mark Dyer: I think the end product would be knowingly allowing divisions of the Town to breakdown and that is not efficiently operating. That can affect the budget.

Vote: Unanimous.
Herb Maine: Is it my understanding that we will not be setting goals at this point is that where we are at.
David Hill: I think with word smith a goal and work with the School Committee to develop objectives for the Town as a whole. That would be a starting point.

**David Hill: Motion to work with the School Committee to develop objectives for the town as a whole. To establish goals and direction for the Town of Chebeague Island for the up coming fiscal year.**
Mark Dyer: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

3.B
To see if the Selectmen will set dates for public meetings related to the 2010-2011 budget process.
Herb Maine: Would we like to set a schedule for budget meetings or we can approve the schedule that Scott had provided.

**David Hill: Motion to set dates for January budget presentation. Suggestions January 9th, 13th, 20th, and 27th.**
Mark Dyer: Asked to amend motion to include January 23rd during the day.
David Hill: Agreed to amendment.
**David Hill: Motion to set date for January budget presentations January 9th, 13th, 20th, 23rd and 27th to consider the budget with exact agendas to be determined.**
Mark Dyer: I will second this with the change.
Vote: Unanimous.

3.C
Approve Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on January 9th, 2010.
Mark Dyer: Motion to approve January 9th, 2010 as drafted.
David Hill: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

3.D
Mark Dyer: Motion to approve Expense Warrant dated 12/28/2009 in the amount of $50,845.08.
David Hill: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

David Hill: Motion for the Town Administrator to open dialogue in regard to the outer islands with Bill Shane on payoff of the outer island taxes.
Mark Dyer: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.

**David Hill: Motion to adjourn.**
Mark Dyer: Second.
Vote: Unanimous.
**Meeting adjourned @ 9:25PM**
Respectfully submitted by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk.