Harpswell 2006 Proposed Summary Budget

	2005 Appropriations	2006 Proposed	% Change
General Government	$ 1,085,773	$ 1,173,764	8%
Public Works	$ 788,120	$ 832,693	6%
Protection & Safety	$ 690,167	$ 727,068	5%
Health & Welfare	$ 26,350	$ 29,580	12%
Cultural & Recreational	$ 184,465	$ 195,271	6%
Capital	$ 168,500	$ 70,500	-58%
Contingency	$ 15,356	$ 30,000	95%
Debt Service	$ 552,772	$ 513,300	-7%
Mitchell Field	$ -	$ 45,000	100%
Land Acquisition	$ 29,703	$ -	-100%
Total	$ 3,541,206	$ 3,617,176	2%

The above Table compares the 2005 Annual Town Meeting raised and appropriated amounts with the majority recommendations of the Selectmen regarding the 2006 Annual Town Meeting raised and appropriated amounts.

In 2006 voters will be asked to appropriate $200,000 from undesignated fund balance for Articles 54 ($50,000 to replace the amount authorized to be borrowed by the Special Town Meeting Warrant of January 28, 2006) and 64 ($150,000 to reduce the tax commitment). Also, voters will be asked to approve a $350,000 bond issue for capital reconstruction of roads (Article 51).

Amounts appropriated are funded by a combination of sources: property taxes, non-property tax revenues, State payments including the homestead exemption, and general fund balance. Amounts appropriated do not directly determine the amount of property taxes to be raised.

The Cumberland County tax is set by the County Commissioners. The Town has not yet received an estimated tax amount for 2006. This figure is not reflected in the Table. (The 2005 County tax was $739,377).

The SAD # 75 Budget is developed independently. The School Board holds hearings as it is developing its budget and then votes on a budget proposal. Voters in all four towns in the District vote on the school budget by secret ballot, which usually occurs in June. The SAD # 75 Budget is not shown in the Table. ($6,714,259 was paid to M.S.A.D. #75 in 2005).