

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 15, 2014**

To Catherine J. Doughty, a resident, of the Town of Harpswell, in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Community School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the fifteenth day of March, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 3. The business meeting to act on Article 4 and others that follow will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Art. 1 — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

(POLLS WILL OPEN AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE HAS BEEN ACTED UPON AND WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M.)

Art. 2 — To choose by secret ballot one Selectman, who shall be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; and two M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors, each for a three-year term.

Art. 3 — To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,204 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. (\$123,904 raised and appropriated in 2013)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2014 Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance, Basic Land Use Ordinance, Road Ordinance, and Definitions Addendum regarding Flexible Lot Size Subdivision” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at *harpswell.maine.gov* and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2014 Amendments to the Definitions Addendum, Basic Land Use Ordinance, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Site Plan Review Ordinance to clarify Use of the Terms Impermeable Surface/Area, Impervious Coverage, and Lot Coverage” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance is attached, available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at *harpswell.maine.gov* and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 6 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from David Etnier, on property located off Basin Point Road, a portion of Tax Map 15, Lot 1.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 7 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from Janet Richards, Gail Federico, Howard Thorburn, Jr., Richard Lilly, and Marion Small, on property located off Allen Point Road, a portion of Tax Map 10, Lot 138.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 8 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from Scott and Valerie Howard, on property located off High Head Road, a portion of Tax Map 7, Lot 85.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 9 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver an easement deed in substantially the same form as shown on the attached [to the warrant] to Bruce L. Allen and Joanne R. Allen, or their successors or nominees, for a four-foot-wide private underground utility line installation within the Abner Point Road right-of-way on Bailey Island.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 10 — To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elected officials salaries and travel reimbursement as follows, for which Tax Collector and Town Clerk are full-time positions, and when the Selectmen fill a vacancy in any elected position, they are authorized to establish the annual payment, at their discretion, but in no case in an amount less than three-quarters of the amount in this Article:

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Selectmen (3)	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
Tax Collector*	40,800	40,823	40,823
Town Clerk**	44,500	42,009	42,009
Treasurer***	0	1,909	1,909
Road Commissioner	15,300	15,000	15,000
Travel Reimbursement	<u>3,100</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>1,946</u>
	\$121,700	\$121,441	\$119,687

**The 2013 expenditure reflects combined compensation for outgoing Tax Collector and incoming Tax Collector.*

***Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,343 which is budgeted in Article 11.*

****The Treasurer is no longer elected; see Article 16 for the Treasurer's Office budget.*

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365,426 for General Administration.

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Administration Salary & Wages	\$175,503	\$185,919	\$175,550
Computers & Computer Services Agreements	32,400	37,040	33,081
Audit	14,000	13,260	13,600
Other	37,801	33,301	31,503
Public Information	9,000	9,000	9,127
Legal	40,000	35,000	33,671
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>56,722</u>	<u>60,111</u>	<u>51,919</u>
	\$365,426	\$373,631	\$348,451

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,037 for memberships as follows:

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Maine Municipal Association	\$8,402	\$8,228	\$8,228
Midcoast Council of Governments	7,110	7,110	7,110
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	500	500	500
Harpswell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$16,037	\$15,863	\$15,863

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,723 for the Assessing Office. (\$78,946 raised and appropriated in 2013 for assessing including \$4,000 for aerial mapping; \$70,164 expended for assessing and \$4,000 expended for aerial mapping)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,550 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$29,400 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$26,438 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,456 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$52,452 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$46,709 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,250 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$21,950 raised and appropriated for the Treasurer's Office in 2013; \$17,426 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,283 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$108,371 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$108,198 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,956 for the Planning Office. (\$77,352 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$72,593 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$327,368 for Operations and Personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$345,706 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$316,216 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,707 for Animal Control to include \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society. (\$25,412 raised and appropriated in 2013 for Animal Control including \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society; \$23,880 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,249 for Harbor Management. (\$42,216 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$40,410 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,336 for the Recreation Department. (\$26,975 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$26,471 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for a wage and salary consultant.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,350 for Recreation Programs and \$3,500 for maintenance of Trufant-Summerton Field, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate revenue generated by recreation programs for recreational purposes and revenue generated by advertising for operating expenses and capital improvement of Trufant-Summerton Field. (\$10,850 raised and appropriated in 2013)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$324,319 for Employee Benefits.

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Health Insurance	\$211,911	\$204,712	\$200,309
Social Sec/Medicare	61,662	59,798	60,584
Retirement	47,146	49,362	40,532
Disability	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>2,406</u>
	\$324,319	\$317,172	\$303,831

Note: Elected Officials may participate in the health plan pursuant to terms of the Town's personnel policy.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,685 for Boards and Committees. (\$6,431 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$5,392 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,300 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, properties and vehicles. (\$108,550 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$107,109 expended)

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$69,950	\$66,750	\$67,503
EMS Garage	8,000	8,000	0
Old Town House & Commons	6,000	7,500	4,047
Town Dock	4,850	13,550	10,652
Town Landings	24,500	13,250	14,814
Devil's Back	<u>0</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>10,093</u>
	\$113,300	\$116,550	\$107,109

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the maintenance and repair of cemeteries and graves in accordance with State law. (\$7,000 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$5,600 expended in 2013)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for updating the playground at Harpswell Community School.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the maintenance and operation of the former West Harpswell School.

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Heat	\$ 0	\$11,000	\$10,048
Maint./Grounds/Supplies	8,000	15,000	10,949
Electricity	0	4,000	2,920
Testing/Inspections	0	3,500	3,366
Building Management	<u>2,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>3,317</u>
	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$30,600

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,100 for Mitchell Field.

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Building Demolition	\$25,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Water Tower Condition Report	2,500	0	0
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	11,400	9,400	7,632
Fencing	0	3,000	1,450
Electricity	1,000	1,200	873
Portable Toilets	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,189</u>
	\$41,100	\$14,800	\$13,066

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$472,966 for snow removal, road maintenance and road/street signs.

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Snow Removal	\$410,466	\$403,756	\$383,066
Road Maintenance	60,000	90,000	52,711
Road/Street Signs	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,809</u>
	\$472,966	\$495,756	\$437,586

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$600,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for the capital improvement of roads, including, without limitation, drainage improvements, utility relocations, engineering, survey and other related costs, all as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds or notes to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$666,700 of which principal is \$600,000 and estimated interest at 1.75% over 10 years is \$66,700.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLE 33 – TOWN OF HARPSWELL

The issuance of bonds by the Town of Harpswell (the “Town”) 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 as of the date of this Town Meeting:

* Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$ 2,875,002
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 276,950
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 3,151,952
* Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 270,000
* Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 30,017
* Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$ 600,000
* Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bond	\$ 66,700
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 666,700

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.


Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer

Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for emergency medical services planning assistance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$238,920 to continue round-the-clock, 24/7 dedicated paramedic coverage and related administrative support services provided by Mid Coast Health Services. (\$123,000 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$123,000 expended).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the operating and capital expenses of three fire and rescue providers as follows:

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr’s-Bailey Island Fire and Rescue	60,000	60,000	60,000
Cundy’s Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>60,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
	\$180,000	\$190,000	\$190,000

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,090 for other Emergency Services and Management.

	2014	2013	2013 expended
Back-up ALS, Phone & Central Communications	\$2,840	\$3,840	\$ 807
Fire Warden	2,200	2,000	1,700
Emergency Management	8,550	3,550	3,372
Dry Hydrant Operations	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$16,090	\$11,890	\$5,879

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for professional services related to monitoring and analysis of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance rate maps for the Town of Harpswell. (\$7,785 expended in 2013, \$4,256 of which was from contingency)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 for Street Lighting. (\$22,500 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$22,213 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,625 for communication services with Cumberland County and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a service agreement, up to three years in length, with Cumberland County on such terms and conditions deemed by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town. (\$30,735 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$30,735 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$324,415 and appropriate \$35,630 from the Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment Replacement Account for Law Enforcement services, to include the replacement of a vehicle, with Cumberland County. (\$321,900 raised and appropriated in 2013 and \$34,630 appropriated from the vehicle reserve; \$321,900 expended and \$8,658 committed)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 42 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,226 for Marine Wardens and Shellfish Conservation related services with Cumberland County. (\$186,580 was raised and appropriated in 2013; \$186,580 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 43 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to contract for management and oversight of Marine Resources and Shellfish Conservation activities.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for boat operations and shellfish conservation related activities.

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Boat operations (Marine Patrol)	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$1,250
Shellfish conservation activities	<u>14,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>3,549</u>
	\$20,000	\$12,000	\$4,799

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,880 for General Assistance and Health & Welfare Agencies as follows:

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
General Assistance	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$15,006
Independence Association	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730	730
Coastal Transportation	1,200	1,200	1,200
People Plus	1,500	1,500	1,500
Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250	250
Tedford Shelter	1,000	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500	500
Respite	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Hunger Prevention	3,000	3,000	3,000
American Red Cross	1,250	1,250	1,250
Day One	250	250	250
Oasis Health Network	1,200	1,200	1,200
Habitat for Humanity	500	500	500
Family Focus	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$34,880	\$34,380	\$31,386

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,311 for Cultural purposes as follows:

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Orr's Island Library	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	13,800	13,800	13,800
Harpswell Historical Society	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,600	1,600	1,413
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,411	2,403	2,403
Five River Arts Alliance	500	500	500
Ash Point Library	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	\$36,311	\$36,303	\$36,116

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 47 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the Harpswell Business Association, a Maine non-profit corporation.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 for the Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association, a Maine non-profit corporation.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,750 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$55,000 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$55,000 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$6,000 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town's cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same for a principal payment on a lease-purchase agreement pursuant to which equipment, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting, acquired by the Town. (\$6,000 accepted and expended in 2013)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,400 for a warranty on equipment, acquired by the Town in a lease-purchase agreement, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting. (\$6,400 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$6,390 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Harpswell Heating Assistance Program reserve account to continue to provide heating assistance to Harpswell residents pursuant to existing program requirements as well as start to provide home energy efficiency improvements for Harpswell homeowners, such latter program requirements to be determined by the Board of Selectmen after notice and hearing. (\$12,000 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$19,251 expended; \$31,356 carried forward including donations of \$13,971)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for capital reserve accounts as follows:

	2014	2013	2013 Expended
Boat & Motor Replacement	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ 0
Recycling/Transfer Station	30,000	30,000	32,356
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	65,000	45,000	41,985
Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	0
Emergency Communications Equipment	5,000	5,000	0
Dry Hydrant	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,810</u>
	\$125,000	\$95,000	\$87,151

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$10,000 for the Land Acquisition Fund reserve account and to rename such reserve account the Land Acquisition and Town Property Improvement Fund.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 for the Pott's Point Town Dock System reserve account to replace a float, including the use of such funds as the Town's share to match grants for this purpose.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 56 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Conservation Fund reserve account for studies to support the potential conservation of land for public use. (\$10,572 expended in 2013; \$5,572 of which was from contingency)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 57 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the Self-Insurance reserve account. (\$511 was expended in 2013)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$2,500 of assigned fund balance for an appraisal of the Hildreth Road tax acquired property.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the purchase of emergency services vehicles, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such vehicles to be owned by the Town, and leased to the local Fire Departments that have an Emergency Services Agreement with the Town on such lease terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town, with such funds to be held in the Emergency Vehicle Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until vehicle purchase. (\$150,000 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$281,744 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$505,000 for debt service including interest on a tax anticipation note and interest on an equipment lease-purchase agreement for community broadcasting. (\$395,000 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$393,366 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$5,400 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town's cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same as a pro-rata reimbursement to the Town, Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation and the three local Fire Departments for internet and cable television costs incurred by the same. (\$6,003 expended in 2013)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2015 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2014 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Recommended by Selectmen

The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 63-69 as recommended by Selectmen unless a vote requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.

Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2014 as the date when the first one-half of taxes shall be due and payable, with interest on the first installment to start after that date, and the date of December 15, 2014 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start after that date, and to see if the Town will vote to charge a 6% rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a service to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid in over the amount finally committed shall be repaid without interest. (36 M.R.S.A. § 506). (Excess payment of \$10.00 or less may be credited to 2014 taxes).

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 65 — To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 6% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 66 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen, at its discretion, to sell by sealed bid or public auction and to convey by quit-claim deed any real estate acquired from tax sources by the Town, or to convey the property to the prior owner upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 67 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, signing contract and related documents and accepting conditions of approval; and to expend such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 68 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2014 budget from January 1, 2015 to the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 69 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by public bid or other competitive process any and all personal property deemed excess by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to such restrictions as the Board of Selectmen may impose.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 70 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$90,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,502,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, and \$392,000 of unassigned fund balance to reduce the tax commitment. (\$80,000 of Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,483,000 of non-property tax revenue, and \$392,000 of unassigned fund balance appropriated in 2013)

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 71 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.

Art. 71 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,454,617 established for Harpswell by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Art. 72 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept delivery of a public access easement deed, in substantially the same form as shown on Attachment A, as the Board determines to be in the Town's best interests, and agreeing that the Town will be subject to the various affirmative obligations set forth therein, provided that prior to accepting delivery of such public access easement deed, and only after public notice and hearing before the Board, the Board shall have first received:

- (a) pursuant to Article 12 of the March 9, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, a sufficient easement deed, or deeds, allowing public pedestrian access for recreational purposes from all persons, firms or entities who own or control all properties necessary to get from the public terminus of Robinhood Road to the triangular Robinhood Beach parcel (a portion of Lot 161 on Tax Map 25 shown for illustrative purposes only on Attachment B as the shaded area labeled "Aspatores' Property") (hereinafter the "Robinhood Beach Parcel") including, without limitation, sufficient release(s), or partial release(s), from those holding a security interest, such as a mortgage, therein; and**
- (b) pursuant to Article 12 of the March 9, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, a sufficient easement deed, or deeds, allowing use of the Robinhood Beach Parcel for public recreational purposes from its owners including, without limitation, a release of the restriction that the Robinhood Beach Parcel may only be used for a private dwelling or residence and a release of the right of the owner of the lot or parcel of land currently owned by Joan Lester (Lot 163 on Tax Map 25) to attach an outhaul on the Robinhood Beach Parcel including, without limitation, sufficient release(s), or partial release(s), from those holding a security interest, such as a mortgage, therein; and**
- (c) a sufficient easement deed, or deeds, the acceptance of delivery by the Board of Selectmen of which is authorized without the need for further Town Meeting authority, allowing public access for recreational purposes in Cedar Island for the benefit of the Town, Town residents and their guests and Town non-resident taxpayers and their guests (including bed and breakfast guests and motel guests) on substantially the same terms and conditions as shown on Attachment A from Joan Lester or her successor in interest, as the co-owner of an undivided one-half interest in Cedar Island (Lot 167 on Tax Map 25 and shown for illustrative purposes only as "Cedar Island" on Attachment B), and providing an off-street parking location for the Town's beach monitor on the parcel shown as "(Lester)" on Attachment B.**

(Note: Future Town Meeting(s) will need to appropriate the funds necessary to fulfill the Town's affirmative obligations set forth in the public access easement deed, Attachment A.)

Recommended by Selectmen

The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be available at the Town Office during regular business hours for the entire week preceding said meeting to receive applications of persons claiming the right to vote at said meeting and to make corrections to the list of voters. Registrations will be accepted at the meeting.

Given under our hand this sixth day of March, A.D. 2014.



Elinor Multer



Alison S. Hawkes



Richard A. Daniel

Harpswell Board of Selectmen