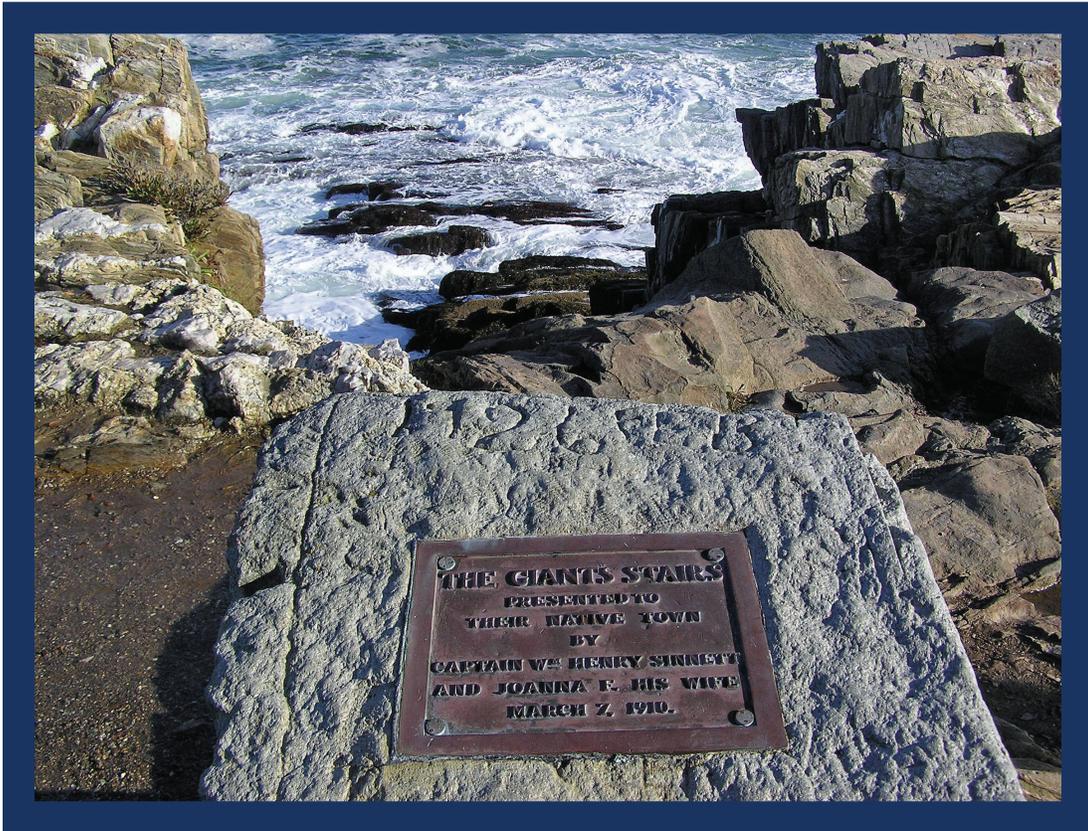


Harpswell Maine



2007 Annual Town Report

Dedication

In honor of 250 years of the Town of Harpswell's incorporation, the 2007 Annual Town Report is dedicated to those **"Inhabitants of Merriconeag Neck, and the Islands adjacent, [who] have humbly represented to this Court, the difficulties and great inconveniences they labour under in their present situation, and have earnestly requested that they may be invested with the powers, privileges and immunities of a District."** (excerpted from the act of incorporation printed below and on file at the Harpswell Historical Society)

An act for incorporating a neck of land, called Merriconeag Neck, and certain islands adjacent, in the County of York, into a separate District by the name of _____

Whereas the Inhabitants of Merriconeag Neck, and the Islands adjacent, have humbly represented to this Court, the difficulties and great inconveniences they labour under in their present situation, and have earnestly requested that they may be invested with the powers, privileges and immunities of a District:

Therefore, be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and the House of Representatives,

That the said Neck of Land, beginning whence Brunswick line intersects the upper end of said neck, which is four rods above the Narrows of said neck, commonly called the Carrying Place, from whence including the whole said neck down to the Sea, together with the Islands adjacent, herein after mentioned; Great Sebascodegin Island alias Shapleigh's Island, Little Sebascodegin Island, and Wills' Island, lying to the Southeast side of said neck; Birch Island, White's Island, and the two Goose Islands, lying on the Northwest side of said neck; and Damariscove Islands, lying at the lower end of said neck, be and hereby are incorporated into a separate District, the name of Harpswell.

And the Inhabitants of said neck of land and Islands, shall be and hereby are invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities, that the several towns in this Province by law do or may enjoy; that of sending a Representative only excepted.

And be it further enacted, that John Minot, Esq. be, and hereby is empowered to issue his warrant to some principal Inhabitant of the said District, requiring him in his Majesty's name, to warn and notify the said Inhabitants, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet together at such time and place in said District as by said warrant shall be appointed to choose such officers as the law directs, and may be necessary to manage the affairs of said District; And the said Inhabitants being so met, shall be and hereby empowered to choose officers accordingly.

January 20, 1758. This bill having been read threew several times in the House of Representatives, passed to be enacted.

T. Hubbard, Speaker

January 20, 1758. This bill having been read threew several times in Council, passed to be enacted.

A. Oliver, Secretary

January 25, 1758. By the Governor

I consent to the enacting of this bill.

T. Pownall

Copy. Examined

A. Bradford
Secretary of Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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*Cover photo
by
Liz Bouve*

*Giant's Stairs
Bailey Island*

*This scenic public site is
scheduled for
improvements in 2008*

Staff photos by Office Assistant Linda Strickland

Directory & General Information

Town Office & All Offices.....833-5771
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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 39, Harpswell, ME 04079
E-mail Address: harpwell@gwi.net
Website: www.harpwell.maine.gov

EMERGENCY
FIRE, POLICE, RESCUE
MARINE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL
911
Non-emergency: 1-800-266-1444

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Closed Holidays*

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Friday 6:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.*

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION CLOSED

*Every Thursday & Sunday; Tuesdays from January 1 – May 1
Closed on March 8, 2008 for Town Meeting*

Elected Town Officials

January 1 to December 31, 2007

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Samuel W. Alexander, Chairman (2008)

Amy N. Haible (2009)

James S. Henderson (2010)

TOWN CLERK

Rosalind M. Knight (2010)

TAX COLLECTOR

Martha L. York (2010)

TREASURER

Marguerite M. Kelly (2010)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Robert E. Venard (2010)

M.S.A.D. # 75 DIRECTORS

Dorothy D. Carrier (2010)

David A. Johnson (2008)

Joanne Rogers (2009)

Jane B. Meisenbach (2008)

Incorporated the 13th Town, January 25, 1758

First Settled Mid 1600's

Permanently Settled 1727

2000 Census: 5,239

Registered Voters: 4,347

Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8

2007 State Valuation \$1,729,700,000

Town Officials

Town Administrator *Kristi K. Eiane*
Deputy Town Administrator *Terri-Lynn Sawyer*

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Deputy Treasurers *Rosalind M. Knight, Martha L. York*
Deputy Tax Collector *Jill M. Caldwell*
Deputy Town Clerk *Catherine J. Doughty*
Registrar of Voters *Rosalind M. Knight*
Deputy Registrars of Voters *C. Jean Richter, Catherine J. Doughty,
Shirley C. Thompson, Pauline B. Toothaker*
Voter Registration Appeals Board *James Reed Coles, Beverly P. Gelwick,
Loring F. Nies, Donald S. Otto*
Codes Enforcement Officers *Tracey E. Thibault, William B. Wells*
Plumbing Inspectors *Tracey E. Thibault, William B. Wells*
Harbormaster *James M. Hays*
Health Officer *Terri-Lynn Sawyer*
General Assistance Administrators *Kristi K. Eiane, Linda J. Strickland*
Animal Control Officer *George Lee Johnson*
Emergency Management Agent *William P. Labbe*
Fire Warden *Frank R. True, Jr.*
Deputy Fire Wardens *Patricia B. Frank, Jim P. Gordon, Linda J. Strickland,
Greg R. Tisdale, Lisa A. True, Richard E. Wyer,
Donna L. Wyer*
Tree Warden *Timothy J. Vail*
Fire Chiefs *David S. Mercier, Harpswell Neck
William R. Beazley, Orr's/Bailey Island
Robert W. Miller, Cundy's Harbor (Retired)
Benjamin A. Wallace, Jr. Cundys Harbor*

OTHER OFFICIALS

Ambulance Captains *Joyce D. Thomas, Harpswell Neck
Edward M. Sparks, Orr's-Bailey Island
Helen C. Tupper, Cundy's Harbor*
Deputy Sheriffs *Andreas Schenk, Clayton T. Stromski, Jay Ward*
Marine Patrol *George Lee Bradbury
Ray L. McIntire (Transferred), Sam Cafone*
D.A.R.E. Officer *Joachim J. Schnupp*
Superintendent of Schools *J. Michael Wilhelm*
Principals *Craig P. King, Mt. Ararat High School
Brenda Brown, Middle School
Brenda L. French, Harpswell Islands School
Michael J. Estes, West Harpswell School*

Boards & Committees (terms expire in 2008 unless otherwise noted)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Hildegarde Bird
Dan Boland
Sally Carignan
Paula Conley
Hope Hilton

BOARD OF APPEALS

James Knight '08
Ellen Lebauer '10
John Perry '10
Kent Simmons '09
Roland Weeman '10 (Resigned)
George Every '08, Associate

BUDGET ADVISORY

Robin Brooks
Marguerite Kelly
Ellen Lebauer
Burr Taylor, Jr.
Clara Varney

COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY

David Brooks
CV Noyes
Andy Paulhus (Resigned)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Dan Boland
Robin Brooks
Kenneth Cichon
Louise Huntington
Ellen Lebauer
Elsa Martz
Richard Neiman
John Papacosma

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Anthony Barrett '09
Patricia L'Heureux '08
Mary Ann Nahf '08
Ann Nemrow '10
Anne Perry '10
Deirdre Strachan '09

EMERGENCY SERVICES STUDY

David Fey
Robert Hawkes
Charles Johnson
David Mercier
Robert Miller
Mary Ann Nahf
Joyce Thomas, Alternate
Helen Tupper, Alternate
William Beazley, Alternate

FIRE & RESCUE

William Beazley
David Mercier
Ed Sparks
Joyce Thomas
Helen Tupper
Benjamin Wallace

HARBOR & WATERFRONT

Robert Bartley '08
William Blood '08
Peter Darling '09
Len Duda '08
Walter "Scott" Moody, Sr. '10
Stephen Rowe '10
Burr Taylor, Jr. '09

LIBRARY

David Hackett
Hope Hilton
Helene Mandelbaum
Kate McGowen
Ellen Lebauer

MARINE RESOURCES

George Bradbury
Walter "Scott" Moody, Sr.
Weston Watts
Walter Ward (Resigned)
David Wilson
Shelly Wilson

MITCHELL FIELD

Anthony Barrett
Sally Carignan
David Hackett
Kimberley Johnson
Judith Redwine
Melinda Small
David Wessel
James Hays, Associate
Don Miskill, Jr., Associate

PIPELINE EASEMENT

Richard Barton
Richard Daniel
Nancy Dimmick
Len Freeman
Patricia McGovern
Walter Norton
Kay Ogrodnik
Roland Weeman (Resigned)

PLANNING BOARD

Robin Brooks '09
Dorothy Carrier '08
Kenneth Cichon '08
Roberta Floccher '08
John Papacosma '08
Joanne Rogers '10

RECREATION

Anthony Barrett
David Brooks
George Every
Rick Meisenbach
Don Miskill, Jr.
Susan Rich
Jerry Turner

SIGN TASK FORCE

Michelle Henning
Cathy Martinez
Hati Modr
Elinor Multer
Jennifer VerPlanck

SOLID WASTE

Jay Dwyer
Thomas Haible
Prescott McCurdy
Anita Veilleux

TOWN LANDS

Chris Coffin
George Every (Resigned)
David Hackett
Bernice Kenney (Resigned)
John Loyd, Jr.
Stephanie Miele
Lee Overall (Resigned)
Melinda Richter
Jane Smith
Robert Waddle

Selectmen's Report

Under the able leadership of first selectman Sam Alexander and joined by newcomer Jim Henderson and second year member Amy Haible, the 2007-2008 Selectboard dealt with a wide range of first-ever challenges to the Town of Harpswell beginning with the April 19th Patriot's Day storm.

Actually, it was the Town's Fire and Rescue/Emergency Services volunteers who were primarily called upon to respond to the Patriot's Day storm. Their hard work in sometimes-impossible conditions must be recognized. As a result of the storm, the Selectmen did authorize the application for emergency funds from FEMA and they voted to eliminate, for a period of time, the fees for brush and stump deposits at the recycling center. This helped defray costs for the many households in Harpswell faced with repairs and clean up from the storm, the after affects of which are still visible nearly a year later.

Also in response to the storm, new Selectman Jim Henderson met with CMP officials to call their attention to the quality of service in Town. They recognize the "spotty" nature of our electrical service and attribute it to the age of the lines, many of which have simply been extended over the years without any real system upgrades.

In a major turnaround, the March 2007 Town Meeting saw voters end the MSAD # 75 withdrawal effort at the same time the state began its initiative to form RSU's or regional school units. At present, it appears that Harpswell will stay with its neighbors from Topsham, Bowdoin and Bowdoinham, with the possible addition of the Town of Lisbon. Initial calculations show some savings to Harpswell taxpayers under this scenario, which will be finalized and presented to voters by the school board later this year.

Perhaps the next "biggest" issue for the Board was the negotiation process with Washburn and Doughty shipbuilders. Following Chairman Alexander's successful motion to place the subject on a June secret ballot warrant, voters overwhelmingly approved granting Selectmen authorization to enter into lease negotiations with the company for a five-acre shorefront parcel on Mitchell Field. Following the vote, selectmen appointed a negotiating team composed of Tony Barrett, Keith Brown and Jack Sylvester. The team met at least once a week for most of the summer in an effort to come to agreeable terms with Mr. Doughty. In the end Mr. Doughty decided to purchase land next door to his current facility in East Boothbay, much to the disappointment of many Harpswell citizens. The Selectmen wish Mr. Doughty well and note that Hodgdon boat builders (a neighbor and sometimes business partner to Washburn & Doughty) is proposing to locate a facility in the Town of Richmond to complete a Navy contract there.

On a positive note, Harpswell voters did approve a Master Plan for Mitchell Field calling for nine acres of waterfront business and four acres of workforce housing, with the remainder of the Field to be held for public recreation, open space and conservation. The Selectmen will now move to appoint an implementation committee and look forward to working with members of the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee on this important task.

Equally positive is the news on the removal of the Navy's former fuel pipeline. Again, working with a committee of volunteers, as well as our very able Town Administrator, Kristi Eiane, the Selectmen are now confident that the Navy will begin removal of the pipeline in 2009 with a final completion date of about 18 months. Following removal of the pipe, clean up and remediation, easement holdings should be returned to property owners. This process has been two years in the making and all are very pleased to have reached this point. Again, thanks to the Pipeline Committee and Kristi Eiane for helping to make this happen.

Briefly, other important issues overseen by Selectmen include the Cribstone Bridge and the potential for installing utility cables beneath the structure. Such a move would remove the (to many) unsightly and dangerous telephone poles and relocate the lines. Selectmen placed an item on the 2007 warrant and voters decided to contribute an initial \$30,000 toward costs of this proposal. This is not a final commitment however, as the cost of actually installing the cables will likely be in the \$600,000 range and will need another, separate vote at a later date.

Selectman supported Harpswell's first low-income housing proposal off Route 123. Called Hamilton Place, the development will provide affordable, single family housing for 15 families on a 22-acre site with 11 acres of open space conserved. Families whose income is approximately 50% to 120% of the area's median income will qualify. The median income is about \$57,500. Harpswell residents, graduates of Mt. Ararat, children or parents of Harpswell residents and those employed by the Town of Harpswell will get first preference to purchase homes.

The Selectboard also responded to a request to accept the generous donation of an easement at the Giant's Stairs. Following several meetings and a site visit, the Board gratefully declined the donation in response to the dozens of individuals who felt additional public access would exacerbate an already troublesome parking situation on Washington Street.

The Selectboard has also proposed that we continue funding for two projects that may help provide important information about the future of our community.

First, after a defeat on the floor of Town Meeting, the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) proposed, and, the Selectboard agreed, to recommend approval of funds to prepare revisions to proposed regulations. These funds would be used to establish scientific, historical and cultural criteria for defining village and rural areas and create visual aids to show what their recommendations might look like, if adopted. Visual depictions of what the Town might look like if no recommendations are adopted may also be created to give voters a better sense of what they might or might not prefer.

The CPIC will incorporate scientific information from the second study, also recommended by the Selectboard: the water and septic update. This study will review critical water resources in Town and make recommendations to help protect existing sources of fresh water.

Last, thanks to the hard work of the Budget Committee, under the able leadership of Treasurer Marguerite Kelly, the Selectmen are able to recommend a budget that meets the requirements of LD 1 and keeps increases at about 4%. The Town's total proposed budget of about \$4.15 million keeps Harpswell financially sound without putting off critical projects. It

does so however, by recommending that we borrow funds for long-term capital projects. This sum of about \$540,000 is to be used for the purchase of emergency service vehicles and equipment. The Board recommends this approach because it is in keeping with established guidelines for the payment of long-term capital equipment needs and will not overly burden taxpayers.

It is only fitting that the Selectboard ends its year-end report by noting that Harpswell has just celebrated the 250th anniversary of its incorporation. Following a celebratory kick-off at the Old Meeting House, every Harpswell resident is encouraged to take some time to reflect upon our community and the men and women who have labored to make it what it is today. Thanks to each and every one of them, named and nameless, who have helped weave the fabric of this Town.

The Selectmen thank you for allowing them the opportunity to serve.



*Samuel W. Alexander
Selectman*



*Amy N. Haible
Selectman*



*James S. Henderson
Selectman*

Administrative Staff



*Pat Frank
Receptionist*

*Paul Gamache
Bookkeeper*

*Terri-Lynn Sawyer
Deputy Town Administrator*

*Linda Strickland
Office Assistant*

Administrator's Report

Approval of the 2007 municipal budget demonstrated the Town's recognition that professional expertise was needed in certain areas for the purposes of evaluating and developing recommendations for future considerations, notably in the areas of emergency services, salary levels and water/septic concerns. Consulting services were also utilized in the areas of planning, specifically for the development of a conceptual master plan at Mitchell Field, approved in November 2007, and of an Open Space Plan, which is ongoing in 2008. Consultants, working together with Town staff, elected officials, committee members and community participants help the Town to accomplish established goals.



Kristi Eiane
Town Administrator

Emergency Services Study: The Town received a \$25,000 grant to hire a consultant to review a 20-year capital vehicle replacement plan submitted to the Town in 2006 by the three fire and rescue departments. Given that the 20-year expenditures in this area have the potential to exceed \$3.5 million (in 2007 dollars), the Town sought an independent professional review. In addition, the consultant was asked to analyze existing service levels at each of the departments and offer recommendations that would help sustain the volunteer forces well into the future. The study supports the premise that spending significant time on fundraising events is a major disincentive to the retention of volunteers. Given the large sums of money now needed to purchase ambulances, engines, trucks and other vehicles, the time of emergency services volunteers is better spent on obtaining training and providing the level of services needed.

Salary Survey Study: The Town engaged the services of a consultant to perform a market survey of the salaries of certain Town employees—Administrator, Deputy Administrator, Planner, Codes Officers, Recycling/Transfer Station Manager, Recreation Director and Harbormaster. In most cases, the salaries of the Harpswell positions were below comparables in other similarly sized municipalities. While not fiscally prudent to implement all adjustments within a one-year timeframe, the Town should make an effort to address salary matters over time in conjunction with performance standard reviews.

Water/Septic Study: The Town has requested proposals from professional firms to meet the following performance objectives: an update of data since the 2001 study, analysis of road salt use, development of carrying capacity models of Harpswell's soils and natural resources and preparation for the next phase of study. Accomplishing these tasks will take about eight months, and will assist the Town in further identifying the costs of protecting its water supply and in understanding the capacity of its geography to support more development with regard to wastewater disposal and water resources.

Mitchell Field: The planning process for Mitchell Field produced a master plan approved by the voters in November. The plan will serve as a guide that moves the Town into an implementation phase. Of the parcel's 119 acres, nine acres are to be set aside for marine business, four acres for housing, and the remaining 100+ acres to be used for recreation or conservation purposes.

Open Space Plan: The Conservation Commission, with the assistance of planning consultants, is developing a plan for the Town's consideration that will address the preservation of areas recognized as worthy of protection because of their open space value. Countless hours have been spent gathering public input, analyzing data, and researching in an effort to develop a plan that will guide the Town in preserving identified open space areas for future generations.

Budgetary Matters, Compliance with LD 1 and Major Capital Programs

The 2008 budget being presented strives to maintain existing service levels, as well as to ensure compliance with the state law known as LD 1. This law limits the amount that can be collected from property taxes for municipal purposes by tying it to the increase in new valuation of the community and the 10-year average of growth in real personal income. Harpswell's 2007 limit of \$1,935,913 has been increased by 4.34% in 2008 to \$2,020,125. To be compliant with LD 1, the remainder of the municipal budget must be funded by non-property tax revenue sources including excise tax, fees, use of the Town's fund balance, homestead reimbursement and State revenue sharing (a total of \$2,106,000 estimated for 2008). Therefore, a municipal budget of \$4,126,125 or less is compliant with LD 1.

Capital expenditures for emergency vehicles and roads are recognized as long-term budgetary matters. The Budget Advisory Committee recommends that as the Town's long-term debt drops off in 2011, after the Town Office building is fully paid off, the Town should consider annual appropriations potentially in the range of \$300,000 for the purchase of emergency services vehicles and \$500,000 for road reconstruction efforts. Until that time, the Town should consider bonding, setting aside fund balance or new appropriations for these purposes as needed.

FEMA declared disaster

Emergency services providers performed admirably in response to the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) declared disaster in April more commonly referred to as the Patriot's Day Storm. High winds and major rainfall caused downed trees and utilities lines all over the Town. FEMA reimbursed the Town 75% of its costs for cleaning up debris and repairing Town ways. FEMA also set up a mobile office in Harpswell for three days to handle individual and business claims.

It is a privilege and honor to be the Town's Administrator. By having the Town Administrator assume day-to-day responsibility of Town management, the Selectmen are positioned to more fully concentrate on setting policy for the Town. In order for sound policy level decisions to be made, they must have confidence and reliability in the Town's staff for producing the information and detail necessary to guide thoughtful decision-making. This is a responsibility taken seriously and is foremost when recommending new employees to the Selectmen for hire. In 2007 and early 2008, the following joined our staff: Carol Tukey as Town Planner, Cody King as Recycling Center Attendant, Paul Gamache as Bookkeeper and Melissa Swanson as Planning Assistant.

The dedicated service provided to the Town by its elected officials, staff and volunteers is impressive. The commemoration of 250 years of the Town's incorporation, is an appropriate time to reflect on the dedication of those determined to achieve the creation of a separate and distinct municipal entity—the Town of Harpswell—in 1758!

Assessing Department

The Assessors are responsible for the discovery and determination of just value of all real and personal property in the municipality subject to taxation. These duties and responsibilities are completed annually and must comply with Maine's property tax laws.

Summary of the Year 2007:

Since the last Town-wide revaluation in 2005, Harpswell's real estate market has continued to be active. Although nationally real estate markets have suffered in 2007, Harpswell's market has continued to experience moderate growth as a whole. The Assessing Department will continue to analyze sales data and make a recommendation to the Board of Assessors to implement any adjustments necessary to maintain equity in taxation and remain in compliance with all State Laws in 2008.



*Curt Label
Assessor Agent*

*Debbie Turner
Assessor Agent*

The Assessors committed the annual tax rolls to the Tax Collector on August 8, 2007, with the mil rate of \$6.07 per \$1,000.

2007 Statistics:

4,880	Real Estate Parcels @ 4,574 residential, and 306 exempt
155	Personal Property business accounts
1,554	Homestead Exemption @ \$13,000
273	Veteran's Exemption @ \$5,000, \$47,500 paraplegic
3	Blind Exemption @ \$4,000
50	Parcels classifying 1,466 acres in Tree Growth Classification Program
2	Parcels classifying 54 acres in Farmland Classification Program
17	Parcels classifying 507.33 acres in Open Space Classification Program
1	Parcels classifying .03 acres in Working Waterfront Classification Program
360	Deeds recorded @ Registry of Deeds
616	Site inspection for data collection of building changes
14	New lots created

\$1,737,095,500.00	Total Real Property Value
\$ 3,500,600.00	Total Person Property/Business Equipment Value
\$ (47,340,900.00)	Less Exempt Real Property
\$ (1,419,500.00)	Less Personal Exemption(Veteran, Blind, Parsonage) not reimbursed by state
\$ (10,094,800.00)	Less 50% Homestead Exemption not reimbursed by state
\$1,681,740,900.00	Total valuation for 2007
\$ 6.07	Mil Rate (per \$1,000)
\$ 10,146,891.83	Total Taxes to be collected for the 2007 tax year

Property Tax Relief

Homestead Exemption: This is available to all legal residents, for their principal residence, if they have lived there 12 months or have moved from a similarly qualifying residence. The exemption reduces the assessed value of the residential property each year. Presently, the exemption reduces the taxable value by \$13,000. Once qualified, taxpayers need not reapply annually.

Veteran's Exemption: This is available to veterans who served honorably during a federally recognized war period and have reached the age of 62 on or before April 1 of the year first qualifying. The exemption is also available to widows of same and to veterans of any age who have a 100% service connected disability. Presently, the exemption reduces the taxable value by \$5,000. Again, once qualified, annual reapplication is not necessary.

Blind Exemption: This is available to residents who are legally blind and have a signed letter from a licensed Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Optometry. Presently, the exemption reduces the taxable value by \$4,000. Once qualified, taxpayers need not reapply annually.

Farmland: This is available to landowners who have 5 acres or more and are using them for farming, agriculture, or horticultural activities. There is a penalty for any changes in use. Application needs to be updated and/or reviewed every 5 years.

Open Space: This is available to landowners who are interested in permanently protecting their land. The assessed value of the land can be reduced by using one or all of the following categories for open space: first open space (20% deduction), permanently protected from development under a perpetual conservation easement, 30% deduction; forever wild which provides opportunities for low-impact outdoor recreation, nature observation and studies, 20% deduction; and finally, public access by reasonable means under landowners provisions, 25% deduction. There is a penalty for any changes in use. Once qualified, landowners need not reapply annually, but the landowners are required to give the assessor(s) notice of any change in land classification.

Tree Growth: This is available to landowners who have at least 10 acres of forestland for commercial harvesting. There is a penalty for any changes in use. Applications need to be updated by a licensed professional forester at least every 10 years.

Working Waterfront: This is available to landowners whose ***land*** is primarily used for commercial fishing activities only up to a 20% deduction on the land. If the deed shows a restriction for commercial use only, 30% deduction on the land. There is a penalty for any changes in use. The assessor shall determine annually whether any classified land continues to meet the requirements.

The above is just a summary of the exemptions and the current use programs that are offered to Maine property owners. Please contact the Assessing Office for more detailed information prior to or on April 1, 2008 by calling 833-5771 or going to our website at www.harpswell.maine.gov to also view and/or print property information, tax maps, sales data, and applications for the current use programs and exemptions.

Code Enforcement Office

This has been another booming year in the Code Enforcement Office. The Office issued a total of 399 land use permits and 234 plumbing permits in 2007. The number of permits increased by approximately 22% over 2006. This was the strongest year for permits since Harpswell started tracking them in 1991. In addition, the Code Enforcement Office investigated more than 28 complaints this year.

Harpswell carried over funds from the 2006 State Small Community Grant Program and used those funds to replace one system this year. The State's Overboard Discharge Grant Program allowed Harpswell to replace and eliminate three overboard discharge systems, with several in the hopper. Additionally, the Town has a new grant loan program to replace failed septic systems for low to moderate income homeowners. This program replaced two failing septic systems this year and two are in the works. Please contact the Codes Office for more information.

The Codes Enforcement Office spent a great deal of time working with the Department of Marine Resources on surveying the shoreline for septic problems. In this process the Office identified problem areas and is working with the landowners to resolve them.

The Code Enforcement Office team encourages everyone to stop by, call or e-mail with any questions, concerns or ideas as the staff would be pleased to offer assistance in any way it can.



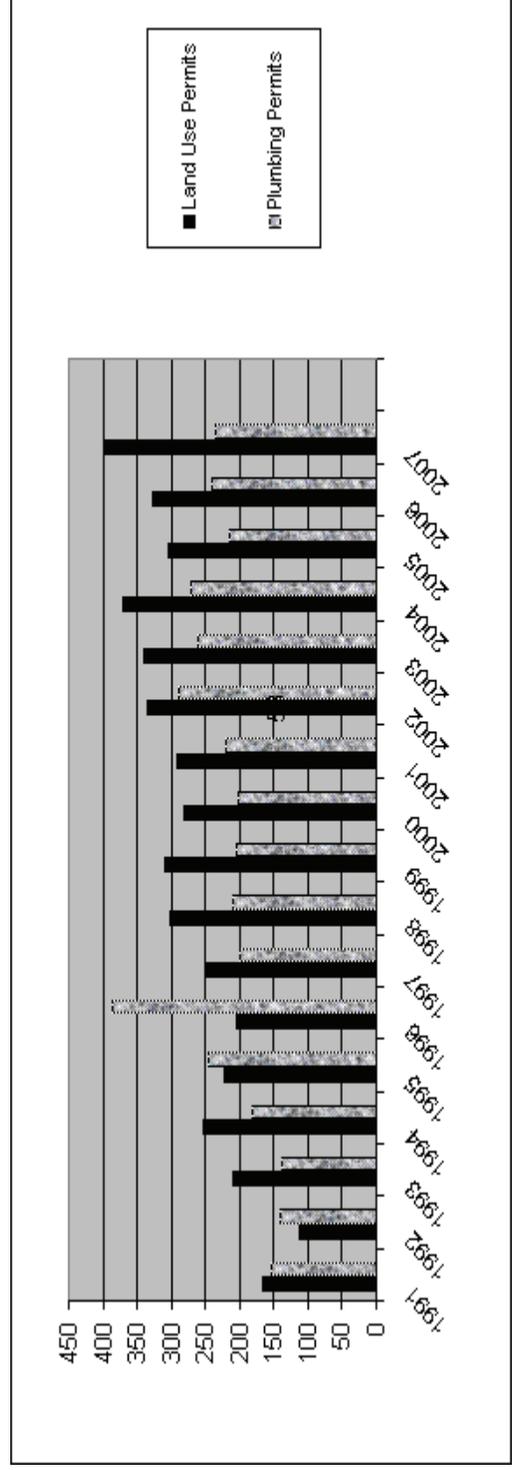
Tracey Thibault
Code Officers & Plumbing Inspectors

Bill Well

Jean Rand
Codes Office Secretary

Trendline of Plumbing and Building Permits

Year Issued	Permits Issued	Plumbing Permits	Mobile Homes	Home New	Accessory Structures	Additions Renovations	Piers Docks Floats	Rip-Rap Seawall	Other/repairs /maintenance	Modular Homes	Replacement Dwellings	Replace Wharf	Condos
1991	166	153	0	40	34	65	22	4	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1992	112	140	1	23	11	40	27	5	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1993	209	139	5	46	47	70	30	4	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1994	253	181	7	54	46	99	29	6	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1995	223	245	9	47	36	77	46	1	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1996	205	386	14	33	40	86	24	3	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1997	251	199	10	44	53	94	34	6	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1998	302	210	8	43	49	122	52	15	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1999	310	204	9	57	53	109	36	12	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2000	282	201	12	47	74	85	18	3	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2001	292	219	7	53	85	79	37	2	29	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2002	336	290	9	66	87	107	33	4	20	10	N/A	N/A	
2003	340	262	3	50	79	125	33	4	36	10	N/A	N/A	
2004	372	271	12	59	83	125	28	10	48	2	5	N/A	
2005	304	214	0	25	86	114	27	10	16	6	11	9	
2006	327	241	2	31	112	80	23	8	41	4	7	18	1
2007	399	234	2	43	114	104	27	10	63	2	4	30	



Planning Office

Through quality relationships with all citizens, the Planning Office encourages community participation in the town's planning processes. We want all citizens in Harpswell to feel that they have been heard throughout all planning endeavors.

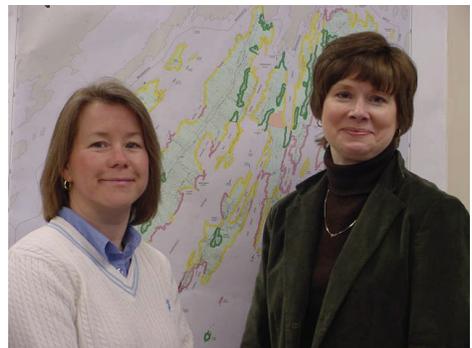
The planning goals of the Town are many and with your assistance the Planning Office hopes to achieve each of them. In 2007, the town worked on several planning projects. They included:

1. **Mitchell Field Master Plan** - This plan is a result of two years of work for the town with assistance from Jay Chace, former Town Planner; Mitchell Field Committee members; and Alan Holt, Holt & Lachman Architects & Planners. Mitchell Field is a 119.3 acre coastal property with deep water access and a beautiful shoreline. The Plan generally lays out areas for recreation, marine business, and workforce housing on this property.
2. **Open Space Plan** – This planning process is still underway with the assistance of Fred Dillon, Environmental, and the Conservation Commission. The group has held several workshops for the sharing of information with the citizens and is in the process of fine tuning a draft Plan for review by the town.
3. **Comprehensive Plan Implementation** – This committee's focus is to put into action those goals set out in the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. The planning office provides ongoing support to this committee.

In addition, the planning office provides assistance to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Housing Committee and others as needed. This may include research on specific issues or may be administration and coordination for development projects.

As in the past, the Planning Office continues to: update and revise Town ordinances for consideration by the citizens; maintain informational resources; provide grant writing and administration; and coordinate with other departments on new developments and projects.

It is the goal of the Planning Office to provide quality, professional services to all people who may utilize its support. The Office welcomes any discussion on the future of the community and hopes that you will join it during any of the committee gatherings or stop by the Planning Office for a chat.



*Carol Tukey
Town Planner*

*Melissa Swanson
Planning Assistant*

Thank you for joining the Planning Office in its commitment to keep Harpswell a great place to live and work!

General Assistance

General Assistance according to State law is “a service administrated by a municipality for immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities essential to maintain themselves or their families.” The General Assistance Administrator must follow the Town ordinance as well as State statute and policy in order to administer the program consistently. The General Assistance Administrators work closely with the State Department of Health and Human Services and have been advised to require receipts from repeat applicants to verify how their income was spent in the 30 days prior to applying. If this documentation is not provided, administrators must consider that income available to the household. The General Assistance Administrator can also assign workfare for the applicant to perform for the Town. This consists of an assigned number of hours to be performed to fulfill the requirements of a General Assistance re-application.

The Town provides an important service by connecting people to the proper resources for assistance. Once again, area churches have been most charitable in helping to meet the needs of those in Town. In 2007 fuel prices went up substantially, as well as other household expenses. This year 26 total applications were submitted, 24 were approved, 2 were denied. Of the 24 approved, 13 were new applicants, 11 were repeats. If General Assistance is needed, please call the Town Office at 833-5771 to make an appointment. All applications for General Assistance are confidential.

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Utilities</i>	<i>Heating</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Total</i>
2007	\$6,675	\$540	\$2,698	\$509	\$80	\$119	\$10,621
2006	\$4,678	\$1,752	\$1,476	\$695	\$785	\$153	\$9,539
2005	\$7,498	\$1,134	\$2,738	\$701	\$49	\$313	\$12,433
2004	\$3,588	\$939	\$1,466	\$1,878	\$700	\$203	\$8,774
2003	\$4,822	\$1,261	\$339	\$967	\$188	\$188	\$7,765

Health Officer

With the help of CHANS, the Town held a successful flu clinic this past fall, with 108 persons vaccinated at no charge to the residents, although donations were accepted. The flu clinic for 2008 will be scheduled for mid-October, providing the vaccine is available. Please call the Town Office or watch Harpswell Community TV in October for this important date and mark your calendars!

Several calls involving potential health hazards were received and investigated with the assistance of the Code Enforcement Office.

Animal Control

*"The worst sin to our fellow creatures is not to hate them but to be indifferent to them – that's the essence of inhumanity."
George Bernard Shaw*



A few folks in Town call Lee Johnson “the dog catcher”, his family prefers, “Ranger Rick” but his official title is Animal Control Officer. Whatever the title, his role is to:

1. Respond to calls made by residents to the Sheriff’s Office (800-266-1444)
2. Pick up stray dogs and cats and take them to the Coastal Humane Society.
3. Connect owners of missing animals with found animals.
4. Insure compliance with ordinances requiring dog registration.
5. Provide referral phone numbers for a variety of services, including but not limited to, those offering assistance for various wild animals and birds that are injured or trapped.
6. Remind residents that Harpswell is primarily a rural area where wild animals have roamed for years. Coexistence is the goal.

In addition to support from residents and the Town Office, the organization that provides the key to the success of the Animal Control Officer is the Coastal Humane Society where humane treatment of all animals is the primary goal. The CHS provides food, shelter, medical care and kindness to an abandoned or abused animal; this accomplishes the first half of that goal. Providing an animal, whether a vibrant youngster or an "oldie, but goody", with the chance to find love in his or her own permanent home, completes that goal. This facility only takes the life of an animal when it is a danger to others or incurably sick.

The Coastal Humane Society is a private, nonprofit charitable corporation, founded in 1950 and incorporated in 1965. CHS receives no federal or state funds, and local funds only through animal control fee-for-service contracts with 12 area towns. Such fees amount to less than 20% of CHS’s total income. CHS serves as many as 2500 animals a year.

Emergency Management Agency

The year 2007 has been a very busy one for the EMA. The agent has been appointed, by the town to two new committees. The first is the REACT Committee to study the county-wide mutual aid agreement. This committee meets in Portland. The second appointment is to the Fire and Rescue Service Study Committee to determine the future needs of this service

The Patriot's Day storm of April 2007 hit the Town of Harpswell with full force. A Declaration of Emergency was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Much of the Town was without power for three days and for some residents it was even longer than that. The Emergency Management Agent was involved for some 70 hours. Harpswell Neck Road (Route 123) was closed for over eight hours due to toppled power lines. Trees were coming down at a rapid pace bringing down power lines all over the Town. Approximately 750 trees were downed along public roads alone--there was no estimate available of damage on private roads.

The three local Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments worked around the clock. The communication throughout was outstanding--everyone worked together as part of a team, doing everything possible to keep our Town safe and all public roads accessible. Many used their own vehicles and chainsaws. Most of the volunteers have radios in their vehicles and when announcements by the dispatcher came on the air, volunteers would respond immediately indicating that they were in the neighborhood and would handle that particular problem. It went like clockwork. Sincere thanks are extended to Harpswell's volunteers for all the fine work that they did for the Town of Harpswell.



William "Pappy" Labbe
Emergency Management Agent

Around the first of December, the Maine Forest Department provided helicopter service to the Town to help further evaluate additional damage due to the April 20th storm. Chief Mercier of Harpswell Neck Fire Department and Emergency Management Agent Labbe found many areas that had heavy damage but that had not previously been visible from roadways.

Your agent will continue to attend monthly meetings in Windham at the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency headquarters. The goal is to ensure that the Town of Harpswell will be in a ready status should a disaster occur.

Fire Warden

For 2007 just over 1100 permits were issued by the Town fire wardens and 122 permits were issued online.

Open burning is not permitted in the Town of Harpswell without a permit. Permits can be obtained from Fire Wardens: Frank True, Dick Wyer and Lisa True at any time. In addition, permits may be obtained at the Town Office, during normal business hours Monday – Friday, from Pat Frank and Linda Strickland, and from Jim Gordon at the Recycling Center on Saturdays.

In 2007, the number one complaint received was fires that were too large. To burn legally, the fire must remain under control at all times. The second most common complaint was unattended burns. It is illegal to leave an open burn if it isn't completely extinguished.

In the interest of public safety, permits are not issued when the fire danger is determined to be "extreme" or "very high" by the Maine Forest Service, and only a limited number of permits are issued when the danger is "high." The Forest Service posts current fire hazard conditions daily on its website.

Burns should be planned for times when vegetation is damp and the wind is calm. Burning when the ground is snow-covered, during a light drizzle, and/or just before precipitation is forecast is ideal. Typically November-March offer the safest conditions for open burning.

When a burn permit is issued, the recipient agrees to follow a specific set of safe practices. These should be carefully reviewed before burning.

Burning must proceed with all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of fire and it must not create any nuisance conditions for neighbors. There should be no burning when wind speed exceeds 10 mph (5 mph when burning grass.) If the wind comes up the fire must be extinguished. Fires must be attended at all times by at least 2 adults with the water and tools needed for safety.

A written permit, whether issued by a warden or online, must be in the possession of the burner at the time of the burn. The person who signs for the permit is responsible for the fire. If fire escapes, that individual may be liable for suppression costs up to \$10,000 as well as for any damage caused to other property. Thank you, for burning responsibly,



*Frank True
Fire Warden*

Harbormaster

2007 has been a busy year for overall management of the moorings within Harpswell waters. In 2007 a survey of moorings was completed and the GPS locations of all personal moorings and float moorings in Harpswell waters were recorded. This task took the better part of the summer to complete, and represented time well spent. The locations of 403 moorings were recorded and tagged with notice stickers stating that moorings without the registration number displayed are considered abandoned and subject to removal 10 days from date of notice. The locations of relocated and newly registered moorings were verified. The total number of GPS mooring readings was 2,186.



James Hays
Harbormaster

Mooring Data

Mooring data was compiled by taking raw data from the GPS Plotter C-Map program and converting it into a spreadsheet for sorting and cataloging printouts of mooring field diagrams. A complete book of all Harpswell mooring plot layouts was developed and mooring data entered into a User Data Points booklet. These books are sorted by GPS plotter number, mooring number, owner name, and color-coded lists. The color-coded lists include registered/unregistered boat and float moorings and abandoned moorings that need to be removed. This information is being used to determine the number of moorings, exactly where each mooring is, if the mooring is being used, what the mooring is used for, to whom it belongs, and if the mooring should be considered abandoned. This data will continue to be updated on an annual basis.

Mackerel Cove

Mackerel Cove has been closed to new moorings for at least 8-10 years. In 2007, 35 unused mooring assignments/abandoned moorings were eliminated to allow evaluation of available mooring space in Mackerel Cove. Several moorings were repositioned to maximize available space between moorings. These actions allowed for the approval and assignment of 12 new mooring locations. An outer boundary line for placement of moorings within the mooring field was established. This boundary line will be used to determine the capacity for moorings within the Cove and as a guideline for determining when to close the harbor to new moorings. This same methodology will be used to open more mooring locations in other closed harbors.

Moored Floats

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), a government agency, requires by definition that individuals obtain a permit for the following, “without limitation: a pier, boat dock, boat ramp, wharf, dolphin, weir, boom, breakwater, bulkhead, revetment, riprap, jetty, artificial island or reef, permanent mooring structure, power transmission lines, permanently moored floating vessel, piling, aid to navigation, or any other obstacle or obstruction.” The ACE records from 1984 to the present show that only 12 moored floats in the Town of Harpswell have been approved by the agency.

A review of applications indicates that only three applications were submitted to ACE for its approval from 2005-2007. This past summer, 89 locations for moored floats were recorded in the waters of Harpswell. Of these floats 61 had no mooring number or any indication of being registered through the Town or the ACE. The remaining 28 floats with mooring registration numbers displayed on the mooring buoys show no indication of being approved as a float mooring with Harpswell or the ACE. Owners of moored floats will continue to be asked to register their floats as required by The Army Corps.

Mooring Status:

- 147 Mooring applications received
- 135 Mooring applications approved
- 117 Increase of new mooring locations (a new site that did not have a previous mooring)
- 183 Mooring registrations with no mooring in the water
- 403 Moorings with no registration number displayed on mooring buoy.
- 2,186 Physical mooring locations (number of moorings in the water)
- 2,263 Mooring registrations (number of moorings registered in Harpswell)

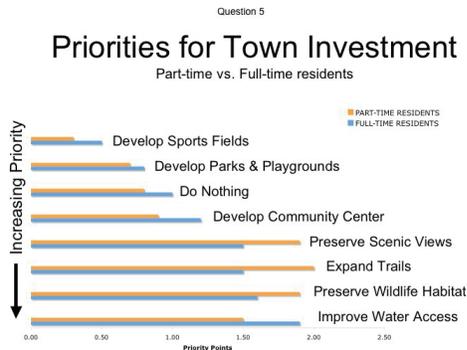
The Harpswell Harbormaster can be reached at 833-5771.



Mackerel Cove, Bailey Island

Recreation

The Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission, utilizing Town staff and volunteer resources, have conducted an opinion survey of Harpswell taxpayers regarding their views on recreation facilities, water access and open space. An impressive 60% responded. The results were shared with the Town in May 2007 and the final report and presentation are available on the Recreation Department’s webpage.



Although there was interest in a centrally located community center, Harpswell taxpayers appear to be inclined towards neighborhood dispersed recreation, improved water access and open space features rather than facilities-based recreation.

Walking and hiking are popular-year round examples of this type of recreation. A flyer, listing seven off-road hiking and walking routes with public access and parking, is available at the Town Office or

can be downloaded from the “Programs” section of the Recreation Department’s webpage.

Because the popular Cliff Trail loop still posed a navigation challenge for new visitors, trail maps were posted at key junctions in 2007 to assist hikers. One of the most popular walking routes in Town is the 1.3-mile loop around the perimeter of Mitchell Field. This path is plowed for year-round walking. The recently approved Mitchell Field Master Plan maintains this perimeter walk and envisions additional interior paths. Improvement plans for 2008 should make this walk even more attractive.

The Recreation and Town Lands Committees have been planning repair and rehabilitation work for the 100-year old Giant’s Stairs path during 2007. Contingent on state grants, the project work is tentatively scheduled for September and October, 2008. Anyone interested in volunteering for trail work should contact the Recreation Department and your name will be passed on to the volunteer coordinator.

A wide variety of recreation programs for children and adults is offered. See the Town website for a complete list at www.harpswell.maine.gov. In 2007, several popular new programs were added: Sailing Divas, Socrates Café (now being done by Blackbird Café), and higher level Digital Photography classes. Offerings for 2008 include Yoga and Plato’s Blue Plate Specials which combines philosophical discussion with gourmet chef prepared meals. Due to generous anonymous donors the community swim and youth basketball are free to Town residents. Contributions from adult basketball and bridge fund scholarships for children.



*Liz Bouve
Recreation Director*

Recycling Center & Transfer Station

Total tonnage processed at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station during 2007 increased 345.8 tons over 2006. Tonnage received at the Recycling Center was slightly lower than 2006, however, tonnage increased almost 400 tons at the Transfer Station compared to 2006. The April storm was responsible for the increase. Over 500 tons of storm related brush and trees from the storm were accepted at the Transfer Station at no charge.

The Recycling rate at the Recycling center was 36% for the year. The rate has held constant since 2002 at 35%-36%. The recycling rate could be easily increased if everyone would simply recycle all of their mixed paper. A large quantity of mixed paper continues to be thrown in to the compactors. (Cereal, cookie, soap, kitty liter boxes etc. and junk mail. Tonnage and recycling rates follow:

Recycling Center & Transfer Station summary 2002 through 2007

Waste Received	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Recycle Center (Tons)	1667.0	1798.8	1778.8	1768.6	1702.6	1659.5
Transfer Station(Tons)	1479.9	1652.8	1497.4	1555.8	1570.8	1959.7
Total Tons	3156.9	3451.6	3276.2	3324.4	3273.4	3619.2
Material Recycled						
Recycle Center(Tons)	599.6	649.1	628.7	635.1	605.1	598.2
Transfer Station(Tons)	1188.4	1274.1	1093.1	1179.4	1109.2	1495.8
Total Tons	1788	1923.2	1721.8	1814.5	1714.3	2094
Recycling Rates%						
Recycle Center %	35.8%	36.1%	35.3%	35.9%	35.5%	36.0%
Transfer Station %	80.3%	77.1%	73.0%	75.8%	70.6%	76.3%
Annual Combined Recycle Rate	56.6%	55.7%	52.6%	54.6%	52.4%	57.9%

Revenues increased substantially from 2006 due the disposal fee being increased from \$75 to \$100/ton on sorted demo debris and from \$150 to \$200 per ton on unsorted demo debris. Prices on recycled paper, plastic and metal were also higher in 2007 vs. 2006. As a result of the disposal fee increases and higher prices on recycled materials revenue



Mark Wallace Greg King Cody king Lester Goodwin
Jim Gordon, Recycling Center Manager

Revenues Generated by Recycling/ Transfer Operations

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 (as of 1/6/6)	2006	2007	Increase 2007/2006
Disposal Fees:									
Brush	\$3,869	\$5,694	\$5,957	\$7,130	\$9,869	\$18,584	\$11,434	\$11,051	(383.51)
Demo Material	\$61,583	\$63,451	\$33,348	\$48,124	\$69,862	\$77,970	\$101,835	\$113,993	12,157.58
Household									
Debris	\$4,362	\$3,550	\$2,838	\$2,914	\$4,873	\$12,780	\$7,349	\$9,604	2,254.85
Refrigerators	\$670	\$830	\$1,022	\$1,424	\$2,075	\$1,905	\$1,866	\$1,741	(124.50)
Metal			\$3,128	\$4,029	\$6,839	\$8,812	\$5,731	\$6,518	787.60
Tires	\$820	\$1,141	\$1,882	\$1,585	\$2,170	\$2,959	\$1,731	\$1,718	(13.25)
Universal Waste			\$3,453	\$3,674	\$3,723	\$4,678	\$6,249	\$4,927	(1,322.90)
White goods						\$41	\$45		(45.25)
Subtotal	\$71,304	\$74,665	\$51,626	\$68,879	\$99,412	\$127,729	\$136,240	\$149,551	13,310.62
Sales:									
Cans & Bottles	\$2,579	\$2,111	\$4,307	\$6,009	\$6,565	\$6,771	\$7,024	\$6,877	(147.05)
Cardboard	\$5,910	\$2,933	\$9,323	\$5,496	\$7,964	\$7,141	\$6,494	\$9,768	3,274.58
Glass	\$381	\$268					\$4	\$0	(4.25)
Metal	\$8,134	\$9,156	\$2,494	\$4,061	\$8,046	\$8,546	\$10,741	\$6,609	(4,132.13)
Newspaper	\$13,797	\$8,603	\$11,785	\$16,146	\$23,154	\$15,106	\$21,683	\$26,967	5,284.62
Paper	\$2,538	\$5,041	\$2,581	\$6,656	\$1,926	\$6,867	\$6,096	\$5,831	(265.36)
Plastic	\$2,851				\$7,114	\$12,010	\$5,642	\$8,541	2,898.54
Reclaim			\$165	\$1,061	\$5,328	\$1,823	\$4,626	\$3,201	(1,424.20)
Wood Chips				\$586	\$780		\$2,698	\$6,555	3,856.89
Composter								\$474	474.00
Subtotal	\$36,190	\$28,111	\$30,654	\$40,015	\$60,876	\$58,264	\$65,007	\$74,823	9,815.64
Other:								\$30.55	
	\$2,930	\$446							
Total	\$110,424	\$103,223	\$82,280	\$108,894	\$160,288	\$185,993	\$201,248	\$224,404	23,156.81
									11.507%

Amounts for the most recent 5 years taken from Revenue Control Reports. Amounts for 2000 taken from Treasurer's Report.

Town Caretaker

The maintenance of Town-owned land and buildings is administered by the Caretaker.

Most of the Caretaker's responsibilities for the past year were centered on the routine upkeep, maintenance/repair and monitoring of all of the Town's assets. Considerable time was devoted to one of Town's largest assets, Mitchell Field; the site is routinely patrolled and requires much attention.

Additional tasks included:

- Retrofitting Town properties with energy efficient fluorescent lighting.
- Solicitation of information from contractors to assist the Selectmen with their review of potential Mitchell Field projects, such as removing the water tower and generators.
- Coordinating the handicap accessible improvements at the Town's four voting sites.
- Solicitation of estimates for improvements at multiple Town-owned landings and properties.

If you have any concerns regarding Town-owned land and buildings, feel free to email Bill Wells at bwells@town.harpswell.me.us.

Tax Collector's Office

The primary function of the Tax Collector's Office is collecting the majority of Town revenue through real estate, excise tax and town fees. Our Office has collected over Eleven Million dollars this year.

The Tax Collector's Office has been very busy this year. On a daily basis we are registering automobiles and trailers with full service. We issue license plates, collect sales tax and submit title applications to the State. We also register ATV's, boats and snowmobiles and collect the sales tax for private sales.

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were due on September 15th and December 15th in 2007. You are always welcome to come in and make payments at any time.

As always it has been a pleasure serving you at the Tax Office.



*Martha York
Tax Collector*

*Jill Caldwell
Deputy Tax Collector*

UNPAID TAXES

2007 UNPAID TAXES

* Indicates taxes paid in full

Adams John Stanley Etc	411.49	* Chapman Julie F Trustee	2139.37
Albiston Bruce & Charles Etc	1120.82	Chatterjee Roy & Rogers Maya	3955.21
* Albiston Sharon R	487.72	* Chipman David	270.72
Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	812.17	Chipman David I	794.56
Alexander James	813.99	Chipman Stephen & Noyes Carol	511.70
Allen Harry R	423.08	Chouinard Gerald C	1081.67
Allen Willis R Jr	928.10	Coffin George & Jill D	2458.96
Allyn Robert & Kimberly	134.36	Colburn David	2074.12
Anthione Margaret T	1356.04	Colburn David N	783.03
* Anthoine Thomas J Sr	922.64	Colburn David N	593.65
* Arndt John Etc	6.09	Colburn David & Susan Nevler	953.90
* Arnold Robert G & Lynne L C/O Robert Hartman	2180.95	Colburn David & Susan Nevler	1224.62
Arquette Ronald	943.28	Colburn David & Susan Nevler	329.90
Auburn Colony	373.08	Comeau Glenn E	1496.86
Auburn Colony	1009.92	Connolly Maria	27.92
Austin Warren H c/o Alfred Austin	30.35	* Connolly Ronald c/o P & M Northey	172.99
Austin Warren H c/o Alfred Austin	1183.04	Connolly Ronald J	1064.07
* Bailey Island Library	2674.44	* Connolly William E Jr Trustee	361.16
Baldwin Thomas T III	772.10	* Connolly William E Jr Trustee	447.05
* Barclay Bruce E	664.36	* Connolly William E Jr Trustee	49.77
Barker Martha	2004.11	* Conrad Charles & Barbara	10.84
* Barrett Robert S & Harriet	879.24	Coombs H Leo	1078.64
Bastrache Lori	77.09	Coombs H Leo & Janet	1645.58
Baum Kathleen M & Scott	2396.21	Coombs William M	1360.28
* Beebe Christine T & Kenneth	504.11	Coombs William M & Denise B	1240.40
* Below Benjamin F & Lisa Haskins	914.75	Coombs William M & Denise B	452.82
* Below Charolin C Trustee	972.41	Coombs William M & Denise B	254.63
Bernstein Jane	1081.67	Coombs William M & Denise B	331.72
Bibber Charles & Beverly	3211.99	Coombs William M & Denise B	451.61
Bibber Charles A & Beverly	2360.02	Coombs William M & Denise B	64.04
* Bibber Michael & Etc	244.90	Coombs William M & Denise B	276.18
Bibber Sally M	894.11	* Crawford John M Jr & Jodi L Johnson	1127.20
Bilodeau Normand	1513.80	* Crooker Larry G	19.90
* Bowie Dorothy	978.79	* Crooker Larry G	5.74
Brockett Ellsworth	104.40	Darling Earland O & Soper Julie	668.25
* Brown Douglas W & Elizabeth	1021.58	Davis Jill	210.02
Brown James E	1201.86	Davis Laurel A Carrick	1802.79
Brown James E & Anne G	1416.13	Davis Michael	81.34
* Bulkeley William & Debra	1671.37	Davis Peter C/O Niko Davis	550.86
Bullington Cynthia	33.86	Dingley Sandra & Bard Linda	2891.14
Butler Howard D Hrs of	2104.47	* Dostie Daniel G & Susan R	1971.54
Butman Nancy Etc	1205.20	* Downing Karen Johnson	1611.28
Cappello Paula	486.21	Drake Clayton H	204.56
* Caron Jeffrey C	267.68	* Dunkerly Allan & Mary c/o J Mezzacappa	3023.47
Caron Scott L	369.06	Durant Robert A	1041.01
Caron Wayne H & Christine M	1362.11	* Ellis Christal L	933.02
Carrick Dianne	11.73	Estes Patti	203.29
* Cassidy James E & Rita M	669.82	Eutin Harry J	448.57

Farmer John L & Belinda D	1207.32	*	Howard Scott F & Valerie L	2720.57
* Favreau Neal & Susan	17.12		Huston Irene E Hrs	1620.69
* Feeney Leonora Etc	1414.31		Hyde Kristi	466.62
* Field Richard & Suzette	253.42	*	Jackson Robert Fifield	1227.05
Fischer Michael & Kathleen	621.57		Johansen Sherman & Cheryl	883.66
Fischer Michael & Kathleen	1760.30		Johnson Chanda Etc	1000.94
Ford Benson	775.47		Johnson Fred Etc	859.52
* Fortier Michael c/o L Buthlay	4267.21		Johnson Howard Jr & Glenda L	2676.24
Galanek Mitchell S	2633.84		Johnson Krista L	16.48
* Gardner David A	1726.91		Johnson Lawrence Hrs of	1904.77
Gaudet Jason	266.17	*	Johnson Steven & Shannon	1016.42
* Gaudreau Robert & Dorothy Wentworth	22.05		Jones David & Debra	715.65
Goff Barbara	877.42		Kane Mitchell & Alice	430.97
Golz Ronald A & Noel Y	2902.06	*	Kapela Charles & Mylissa	1216.43
Goodenow Joey A	69.20	*	Kaufman Lorna	934.47
* Goodwin Pamela J	1206.70	*	Kaufman Lorna	3946.10
* Goss Paul H& Laura	458.59		Kaynor Sandra	999.73
* Gosselin Henry V	2224.66		Kelley Brian L & Kathleen	931.44
Gracey Jerome	1280.77	*	Kelley Kimberly & Melissa	419.29
Gracey Jerome B	1210.36		Kelley David Trustee	659.05
Graffam Gene	1412.72		Kenney Elwynne & Bernice	488.63
Graham Robert E	1409.45	*	Kent Brown Katherine	18.51
Graves Roger	386.05	*	Kildreth James & Elizabeth	751.16
* Graves Patricia & Allan	678.62	*	King Dorothy Etc	752.37
* Gray McGregor Jr	501.38		Kirker Sharon	191.81
Graybill Warren & Catherine	901.40		Kirker Sharon	5722.19
Graybill Warren D Sr	330.82		Koenig Lisa Etc	1399.14
Greenleaf Virginia & Calvin c/o Dennis Greenleaf	181.19	*	Lamberton Cynthia	25.38
* Griffin Timothy	307.89		Lamphere Renfield & Gilbert	1197.61
* Griffin Timothy	513.36	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	353.27
Grimes Gilbert & Norma c/o T Himes & W				
* Millner	1740.27	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	81.03
Groves James	79.52	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	54.02
* Guernelli Gianelia & Karen	1258.61	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	84.98
* Gushee Marion & Lawrence	1408.84	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	185.13
* Hackett David H III	700.48	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	67.98
Halpin Timothy F	804.88	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	74.36
Hamlin Morton & Diane c/o E Robinson	2353.95	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	67.37
Hansen James & Elizabeth	2298.11	*	Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	65.86
Hansen John Henry	99.55	*	Lappas Fayne A	17.24
* Hartig Kathleen M	403.16		Larson Barbara Etc	1025.83
Heather Lane Assoc	24.32	*	Lavan Susan	1396.10
Henning Paul Etc	1117.79		Lavigne John	543.87
Hernandez Victor & Isis	909.28		Leach Donald	2933.63
* Hillery Robert P	730.22		Leach Donald	253.12
Hillman Barbara E	1042.10	*	Leavitt Stephen & Tracy c/o Datti Bianchi	650.20
* Himes Thomas A & Michele L	6135.25		Leeman Carol	669.52
Hiscock Carlton & Sandra J	166.62	*	Leeman Margaret	750.55
Hoebeke Daniel G & Ellen L	2684.09		Leeman Walter	2015.54
Hook John & Kathleen c/o Chuck & Joyce Rose	279.82		Leeman Walter A	2145.44
* Horns Paul & Jeanne c/o J & N Roch	4809.26		Lleewellyn M Viviane	2166.38
* House Belmont W & Bessie	384.84	*	Locke John F & Stephanie G	1734.20

* Long Island Assoc	297.12	* Olympus at Orr's Island Limited Liability Co	1342.99
* Long Island North Corp	276.49	Ormsby Robert ID	489.85
Longley Rebecca L	1390.03	* Osborne Louise	1057.70
Lunde Thomas	3062.92	Ouellette Maurice E	699.26
* MacAdam James J & Marijo J	6333.44	Owen Thomas M & Jane L Furbeck-Owen	2003.10
MacDonald Virginia H	335.67	* Packard Albert E Etc	459.61
* MacDuff David L	309.73	Paige Richard Etc	1007.62
* MacGillivray Earle P III & Sarah	1397.01	Paige Richard Etc	273.75
MacLean David	349.63	Parker Fay Hrs of c/o Ray Parker Jr	1542.39
MacLean David P & Mabel	610.64	Parker Raymond I Jr	1188.51
MacLean David P & Mabel J	89.84	Pennell Keith & Sarah McFadden	712.92
Maney Harold Sr	971.81	Perkins Joan M & Therdore J	672.86
* Maney Lillian & Harold	34.60	* Petroff Holman Hrs of c/o N Strandskov	312.00
* Manos Laurie A	11.22	* Pickard Donald L & Etal	121.07
* Manter Priscilla W c/o Patricia Watson	1598.23	Piel Stobie	1800.25
* Marando Michael L & Denise E	650.70	* Potts Point LLC	1838.60
Marr Maurita	2268.97	Potvin Richard W & Eileen W	1871.08
Matthews Sandra	143.19	* Poulin John E & Anne Bowen	1885.95
McAuliffe Michael D & Kimberly	1647.75	* Pray Norrine c/o Betty McCrillis	1094.42
McCallum Mark B & Caldwell Kathleen A	1007.76	Prentice Mary H	1691.10
McCarthy William E & Mary B	738.41	* Prosser Paul c/o Glenice Ritchie	2193.41
* McColl Thomas c/o P & P Riley	708.37	Prosser Paul S	1207.93
McCray Jane K	480.44	Prosser Paul S & Elizabeth P	198.49
* McElwey Karen A	1241.22	Prosser Paul S & Elizabeth P	1312.33
* McEwen C Etc	2320.26	Prosser Paul S & Elizabeth P	4173.73
McIlvaine Charles Lee III & Ellen Farnum	1673.50	Pulk Elaine	1062.25
McIlvaine Charles Lee III & Ellen Farnum	1685.03	Purinton Bruce G Jr	1045.86
McKay Stephen Ekman	1569.10	Purinton Bruce G Jr	1363.93
* McKenney Ellen & Fallon Mary C	75.70	Purinton Bruce G Jr	2232.55
Mitchell Lynette	521.41	Purinton Bruce G Jr	2652.59
* Monroe Paul J & Leigh I Kelly	873.24	* Pynchon Timothy M	14.17
Montgomery Thomas A III & Arleen	2963.98	Quinn Charles R III	2469.88
Moody Maurice K Jr & Judy	1525.39	Quohog Bay Lot & Dock c/o R Pfeffer	366.32
Moody Robert A	627.64	Reppucci David K & Victoria V	631.28
Moore Robin	139.61	Rice-Gould Norma J	1722.67
* Moreau Richard J & Sandra M	147.50	Ring Lynda L	498.95
Morgan Linda	1247.99	Ring Lynda L	1308.08
Morgan Mary P	629.46	* Roberts Marvin & Kristen	1132.66
Morgan Maurice F & Veronica	1125.99	* Robinson James Trustee	2668.98
Morrell Carrol Hrs of c/o Shirley Thompson	262.67	* Robinson James Trustee	1542.38
Morrell Jeffrey Jr	671.95	* Robinson Patricia S I	2506.91
* Munsey Russell F & Martha A	526.57	Roby Robert H c/o David Jones	274.97
Murray Paul J III & Sandra S	2347.27	Roby Robert H c/o David Jones	274.97
Myers Wilbur S & Michael K	1189.72	Rogers Nancy Hrs of c/o Rogers-Duffy	111.62
* Nicholson Emily Hrs of c/o J Williams	281.04	* Rouillard Mary	193.02
* Nowakowski Mark R	4384.97	* Royall Mark S	259.49
O'Brien Howard F III c/o Esther O'Brien	1071.96	* Russell Paul M & Barbara F	15.60
O'Brien Lauren Whittemore	542.68	* Russell Virginia A	980.91
* O'Connell Daniel & Rebecca	855.26	* Savage George W	369.66
* O'Connell Patrick L c/o Daniel O'Connell	332.03	* Savage George W	579.08
O'Connor Kristine E	1258.31	* Savage George W	1014.30

Scolfield Lawrence F & Suzanne	3906.35	Ward Lewis V	1405.81
* Seagales Limited Partnership	13.21	Ward Lewis V & Loretta L	430.36
* Sheehan Michael & Denise Saldana	308.35	Warner John M Jr & Prudence	1351.79
* Sheehan Michael & Denise Saldana	834.62	Watson Mark E & Jennifer O	648.28
* Shorey Frances & Mary c/o Sarah Wilkinson	63.61	Weaver Lloyd E & Rhonda H	783.36
Sifton Samuel & Charles & John c/o John Sifton	5623.52	* Webber Alan R	242.80
Small Sherman M & Claire O	1980.64	* Webber Richard A & Linda L	3831.87
Smith Frederick C	700.14	* Weidemeyer Diane D Etc	1071.35
Smith Gail & Kent Peterson	104.40	Weinert Frederick W & Stephen	308.96
* Snow Ronald F Living Trust	289.25	Werler Edward G	651.31
Soper Julie & Brian	1868.60	* Wille Charles K	1270.45
* Spalding Edward L Etc	516.25	* Wille Charles K	1647.40
Sparks William M Jr & Linda	523.23	Wille Charles K	1207.93
Spinelli Susan & John R Tyson	2169.42	William Elizabeth Etc	1526.60
Sprague Sarah V	2050.45	Wilson David	694.41
Stadnik Walter & Doris Revocable Trust	1346.33	* Wilson Leneler	410.63
* Stansel Paul & Marie	2497.33	* Wilson Leneler A	769.07
* Stauder Timothy F & Juliann	1150.57	* Wilson Leneler A	352.97
Steele David A & Deborah	508.06	* Wilson; Vancott; Robinson Common Land	159.64
Stehfest Cynthia & Merrill Susan	1246.17	* Wirkala David Etc	524.75
Steinbeiser Andrew F & Terry F	2036.49	* Wiswall David	982.12
Stephens Scott S c/o JKM Enterprise LLC	1629.19	* Wolaver Peggy Schmitt Family Trust	4393.47
* Strachan Deirdre	6188.37	* Woolley Charles & Estate Gloria W Cobb	359.89
* Strange Gerald & Michael	304.65	Wright David F Jr	325.96
Taylor Jeffrey F	877.40	Wyer Richard	2077.15
Thackeray Ann M	1120.52	Yanok Robert	331.60
* Thalheimer William G & Caroline	1370.30	* Yuille Carole & Lorna Libby	46.74
Therault John & Dorothy J	1967.29		
* Thibault Lucien A & M Irene	70.12	TOTAL	\$416,041.42
* Thibault Lucien A & M Irene	38.22		
Thibeault Patricia & Thomas J	1006.80	2007 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Thompson Family Limited Partnership	3034.39	Bailey Island Market c/o R & M Kandur	17.00
Thompson Shirley Hrs of Carroll Morrell	1035.54	Breton Lynette	52.81
Toothaker Earl	754.80	Crystal Springs Water Co	6.68
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred B c/o Shelden Morse	311.59	H L Coombs Construction c/o H Coombs	526.88
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred B c/o Shelden Morse	362.58	H2 Outfitters c/o JCooper & C Pirth	49.17
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred B c/o Shelden Morse	1437.29	Harpwell Auto Sales c/o Gene Graffam	13.35
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred B c/o Shelden Morse	1546.63	* Leblanc Assoc Inc c/o Joseph Leblanc	1.82
Toothaker Martin	267.69	Longley Heath Ctr c/o James Kneebone	36.42
Toothaker Martin	1219.46	Moe's Country Store c/o M Ouellette	21.55
Toothaker Rudolph Jr & David		Ponziani Ronald	60.70
c/o David Toothaker	562.38	Putnam Investments	6.07
* Turgeon Normand F & Elizabeth	528.09	* Quahog Lobster Inc	12.44
Unknown Owner	33.39	Rent A Center	86.19
Upchurch Joan M c/o Pacione Michael Etc	1303.23	TOTAL	\$891.08
* Utley William T	2248.93	2006 TAXES TO LIEN	
* Vachon-Frisch Ulrike	1464.08	Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	796.11
* Vance Stephen	875.60	Arquette Ronald	921.13
Vigna Victor J Jr & Ruth E	15.69	Austin Warren H c/o Alfred Austin	29.75
Waddle Matthew & Donna M	3022.25	Austin Warren & Ruth Hrs of c/o A Austin	1052.56
Wallace James Etc	672.55	Bastarache Lori	152.92
Ward Lewis V	2242.87	Baum Kathleen M & Scott W Paul	1449.02

Brown James E	1178.10
Brown James E & Anne G	1361.99
* Cappello Paula	476.60
Caron Scott L	361.76
Chipman Stephen & Carroll Noyes	58.38
Davis Laurel A Carrick	1767.15
Davis Michael	79.73
Dingley Sandra A & Baard Linda	2833.71
Graham Robert E	1290.44
Graves Roger E	378.42
Graybill Warren D & Catherine	883.58
Graybill Warren D Sr	324.28
Groves James	77.95
Hansen John Henry	97.58
Huston Irene E Hrs of c/o B Wagner & I Lube	1588.65
Johnson Charda L & Damon c/o E Johnson	296.30
Johnson Lawrence Hrs of	1639.04
Kirker Sharon A	5609.07
Longley Rebecca L	1362.55
Maney Harold Sr	586.87
Marr Maurita	1822.98
Mitchell Lynette	511.11
Moore Robin E	136.85
Morgan Linda E	1223.32
Morrell Jeffrey Jr	658.67
Murray Paul J III & Sandra A	1104.32
Ormsby Robert ID	25.77
Parker Ray Hrs of c/o Raymond I Parker Jr	1511.90
Parker Raymond I Jr	1284.61
Prosser Paul S	1082.41
Prosser Paul S & Elizabeth P	1164.08
Prosser Paul S & Elizabeth P	4029.11
Pulk Elaine	1041.25
Quinn Charles R III	2421.06
Rice-Gould Norma J	1688.61
Roy Scott A	142.21
Sleeper Carol	7.14
Sparks William M Jr & Linda	512.89
Stadnik Walter & Doris Trust	659.85
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred c/o Sheldon Morse	305.44
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred c/o Sheldon Morse	355.42
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred c/o Sheldon Morse	1408.89
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred c/o Sheldon Morse	1530.23
Toothaker Martin	262.40
Unknown Owner	32.73
Ward Lewis V	2198.53
Ward Lewis V	1378.02
Ward Lewis V & Loretta L	389.95
* Webber Alan R	119.00
Weinert Frederick W & Stephen	298.31
TOTAL	\$55,960.70

2006 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Brenton Lynette	28.86
H2 Outfitters c/o J Cooper & C Pirth	6.32
* Holbrooks Wharf & Grill c/o J Saxton	11.90
Harpswell Auto Sales c/o Gene Graffam	13.09
Newport Leasing Corp	44.63
Ponziani Ronald	59.50
Seltzer & Rydholm Inc	71.40
TOTAL	\$235.70

2005 TAXES TO LIEN

Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	384.67
Bastarache Lori	146.96
Graybill Warren D & Catherine	853.88
Graybill Warren D Sr	313.38
Groves James	75.33
Parkers Ray Hrs of c/o Ray I Parker Jr	1461.08
Parker Raymond I Jr	1241.43
Roy Scott A	137.43
Sleeper Carol	6.90
Unknown Owner	31.63
TOTAL	\$4,652.69

2005 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Avtech	23.72
* Holbrooks Wharf & Grill c/o J Saxton	6.01
Newcourt Leasing Corp	43.13
Ponziani Ronald	57.79
TOTAL	\$130.65

2004 TAXES TO LIEN

Roy Scott	55.62
Sleeper Carol	13.93
TOTAL	\$69.55

2004 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Avtech	43.78
Criz Prop Tax Solutions	27.86
Newcourt Leasing Corp	82.59
NMHG Financial Services Inc	189.05
Ponziani Ronald	93.53
TOTAL	\$436.81

2003 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Avtech	41.36
Ponziani Ronald	88.36
TOTAL	\$129.72

2001 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Ponziani Ronald	101.74
TOTAL	\$101.74
2000 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Ponziani Ronald	100.07
TOTAL	\$100.07
1999 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Ponziani Ronald	296.64
TOTAL	\$296.64
2007 ABATEMENTS	
Barrett Anthony & Marguerite Kelly	1077.43
Howe Robert & Kathleen Coleman	299.86
Copper Top/James Welner & Andrew Miller	71.63
Baker Harold & Linda	2176.70
Lamarre Robert Jr	125.04
DLK Revocable Trust	763.00
Pennell Darrell	63.13
Peabody Gail	177.24
Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	108.05
Plourde Mark	1023.40
	\$5,885.48

2002 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Ponziani Ronald	85.09
TOTAL	\$85.09
2006 ABATEMENTS	
Field Raymond R Jr	134.47
Field Raymond R Jr	226.10
Green Joanna	51.77
Gott Elizabeth	374.26
Wilder Revocable Trust Philip S Wilder Jr	684.25
Field Dana	132.69
Rockland Trust Company	230.27
	\$1,833.81
2005 ABATEMENTS	
Field Dana	128.23
	\$128.23
2007 SUPPLEMENTAL	
Patterson Kent	167.78
Dennis Family Revocable Trust	299.86
Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	108.05
Chipman Eric	339.92
Benaquist Anne	28571.81
	\$29,487.42

Town Clerk's Report

In addition to carrying out all its regular activities, this office must also comply with changes mandated by State and Federal government. This year the focus was on polling place accessibility.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Help America Vote Act come together and impact Harpswell, specifically the polling places. Most of the polling places used in Harpswell are privately owned, but federal law stipulates that while any government program is being conducted at any of these facilities, they must be ADA compliant. Detailed review procedures, including measurements, were conducted multiple times and data was submitted to the State. Three of the polling places were deemed out of compliance with Federal and State law based on ADA accessibility requirements.

The State of Maine was given a federal grant and the Secretary of State, through the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, provided assistance to municipalities, including Harpswell, to improve polling places and make them physically accessible by September 27, 2007.

The job of managing this was made easier by Bill Wells, Code Enforcement Officer. Once the owners of the polling places gave their approvals, the Clerk worked with Bill who coordinated with the contractors who performed the work, and then managed the inspections and follow-ups. A special thank you to Bill Wells!

Some of these up-grades included paving, striping and marking with signs the spaces designated for the handicapped. The State funded 80% of these costs and the Town paid 20%. These improvements will serve the Town for many years to come.

Few folks in Town realize how hard all of the election workers work each time Harpswell votes. Their selfless dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated. Their enthusiasm is remarkable and it seems that no matter how much preparation and planning go into elections, their endurance is tested each time.

Above all else, special mention is necessary for Sue Cary who passed away on October 1st. She was the Registrar at the Orr's/Bailey polls and was one of Harpswell's dedicated election workers mentioned above. She always had a smile and was willing to help anyone in any way she could. All will miss her happy face and positive disposition. Sue, from all of your election coworkers over the years: Thank you. You are missed as a part of the team.



*Rosalind Knight
Town Clerk*

*Cathy Doughty
Deputy Town Clerk*

Vital Statistics

Births 35

Those who passed on in 2007

Thomas, Isabella M 84
 Smith, Dorothy M. 86
 Butler, Eleanor L. 90
 Barker, Walter F. *Brunswick* 75
 Walker, William B. 76
 Thompson, Helen L. *Massachusetts* 87
 Robie, Constance S. 86
 Chipman, Irving F. 85
 Kelleter, Alice A. 92
 Huff, Harriett M. 93
 Caron, Donald D. 71
 Ross, Norma C. 71
 Pennell, Janice M. *Florida* 62
 Galbreath, Robert J. 73
 Holman, Joseph H. III 88
 Swallow, Alice D. 86
 Whitney, Mildred D. 97
 O'Connor, Dorothy S. 64
 Smith, Velma L. 82
 Brown, Mary R. *Brunswick* 97
 Tyndall, Katherine W. 98
 Rich, Wallace W. 73
 Johnson, Kimberly A.O. *Iowa* 37
 Decker, Shirley M. 74
 Hudson, William R. *Florida* 76
 Hyde, Geraldine P. 81
 Ricker, Leslie R. *Brunswick* 77
 Foley, Clarice 89
 Toothaker, Venona L. 80
 Horsley, Inez J. 84
 Coffin, Thomas H. 81
 Minot, Eva L. *Brunswick* 73
 Rowe, Priscilla T. *Michigan* 91
 Reneau, Carolyn J. 72
 Jefferson, Shirley C. *Brunswick* 82
 Rose, Francis L. *Brunswick* 61
 Olivo, Dorothy M. 93
 Winn, Dustin K. 20

Marriages 51

LeBourdais, Bernice H. *Brunswick* 91 7/7
 Herrick, James E. *Bath* 102 7/9
 Eves, Lillian S. 91 7/18
 Simpson, Harold S. *Florida* 82 7/22
 McFarland, Walter M. Jr. 81 8/8
 Davis, Norman A. *Brunswick* 80 8/8
 Jones, Earline J. 58 8/16
 Theberge, Althea I. *Lewiston* 94 8/20
 Thistle, Joan M. *Brunswick* 79 8/23
 Banester, Arthur W. III *South Carolina* 39 8/25
 Nowasacki, Chester J. Jr. 67 8/26
 Goulet, Maurice L. 83 8/31
 Bear, Faith C. 64 9/14
 Merriman, Barbara E. 91 9/14
 Breton, Eliana L. 84 9/20
 Cary, Susan C. 81 10/1
 Houghton, Russell G. *Arizona* 85 10/2
 Hayden, Malcolm S. 80 10/4
 Reed, Eileen E. 84 10/7
 Gearhart, Elmira M. 82 10/15
 Henderson, Bruce A. 58 11/5
 Esty, Julia C. *Massachusetts* 96 11/7
 Thomas, Hugh P. 49 11/11
 Peters, Charles J. *Freeport* 85 11/11
 McKinney, Walter R. 85 11/14
 Irwin, Ruth L. 91 11/15
 Chatterjee, Manu M.D. 87 11/19
 Coolidge, Burna S. *Farmington* 87 11/19
 Whiteside, William B. 86 11/25
 Estes, George A. *Virginia* 88 11/28
 Goddard, Russell R. *Gray* 51 12/2
 Spencer, Thomas M.S. 91 12/13
 Powers, Arthur G. 78 12/13
 MacDonald, Jean M. *Bath* 79 12/16
 Coughlan, Cecily C. 43 12/19
 McAuley, Mary C. 63 12/23
 Bodine, David M. III 79 12/25
 Morin, Dominic J. Jr. 70 12/30

Deaths 74

Licenses & Permits

INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES

Supersort	5
Hunt	115
Fish	96
Archery	42
Hunt/Fish Combo	139
Jr. Hunting	24
Small Game	2
Muzzleloading	67
Migratory Waterfowl	50
Pheasant	7
Fall Turkey	21
Spring Turkey	51
Bear	15
Coyote Night Hunt	11
Military Hunt/Fish	1
Military Dependent Fish	1
Exp Archery Antlered	27
Exp Archery Antlerless	24
Superpack	2
Resident 3 Day Fish	1
Non Resident Hunt	2
Non Resident Fish	3
Non Resident Small Game	2
Non Resident 3 Day Small Game	1
Over 70 Lifetime	7
Complimentary Bear	20
Complimentary Waterfowl	21
Complimentary Pheasant	19
Complimentary Muzzleload	19
Complimentary Spring Turkey	1
Complimentary Fall Turkey	2

SHELLFISH LICENSES

Resident Commercial	69
Senior Resident Commercial	4
Non Resident Commercial	7
Senior Non Resident Commercial	1
Resident Recreational	291
Non Resident Recreational	26
Resident Over 65 Recreational	7
Non Resident Over 65 Recreational	1

DOG LICENSES

Dogs	902
Kennels	2
	2

MOORINGS

Residents & Taxpayers	2,203
Non Residents	123
Rentals	124
State of Maine/Eagle Island	10

PASSPORTS

	94
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CERTIFIED COPIES

	416
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REGISTERED BUSINESSES

	15
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NOTARY SERVICES

	206
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Treasurer's Report

The Town ended 2007 with cash bank balances of \$3,804,889.65, an increase of \$243,954.06 from the prior year. Non-property tax revenues, including amounts received from the State of Maine, totaled \$2,050,418. Of this amount, \$1,826,275 was used to reduce the 2007 tax commitment. The remainder is available to offset the 2008 tax commitment.

Outstanding borrowings decreased by \$415,833. The Town borrowed \$75,000 during 2007 which it in turn loaned to the Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue and made principal payments on existing debt of \$ 490,833. The Town paid \$97,398 in interest on its long-term debt.

The Town's General Fund Balance was \$3,745,156 at the end of 2007 having increased by \$115,976 over the prior year. Of this, \$519,018 is designated for specific purposes, leaving an undesignated fund balance of \$3,226,138. The undesignated portion of the Fund Balance increased by \$ 43,783. Additionally, the Town has special revenue and capital projects funds, including a fund dedicated to the purchase of emergency services vehicles, which total \$377,043.

The Town's General Fund balance was used during the year to fund expenditures until such time as 2007 real and personal property taxes were received. To supplement these funds, the Town established a line of credit in the amount of \$3,240,000 against which periodic draws were made. The interest rate on this line was 3.73%. The maximum outstanding short-term borrowing was \$3.05 million and the interest cost for the year was \$ 39,492. Interest earned on the General Fund totaled \$119,266.92. An additional \$5,277.33 was earned on the emergency vehicles account.



Marguerite Kelly
Treasurer

**Town of Harpswell
Treasurer's Report of Bank Balances
December 31, 2007**

Bank Balances, beginning of period		\$3,560,935.06
Deposits:		
Tax collector receipts:		
Property taxes	\$10,206,903.07	
Other receipts	\$1,514,170.04	
Other Town receipts	\$606,300.10	
Receipts from State of Maine	\$348,111.14	
Other Governmental Receipts	\$38,413.34	
Interest Earned	\$124,544.25	
Bond and Grant Proceeds	\$100,000.00	
TAN Borrowings	\$3,050,000.00	
	Total Deposits	\$15,988,441.94
Payments:		
MSAD #75	\$7,198,882.08	
Cumberland County Tax	\$921,909.00	
Town Meeting Warrant:	\$4,572,868.57	
TAN Repayments	\$3,050,000.00	
	Total Payments	\$15,743,659.65
Other (NSF checks, bank corrections)		(\$827.70)
Bank Balances, end of period		\$3,804,889.65

Debt Service on Long-Term Debt

2008 - 2016

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance May-08	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Amortization:												
Existing Debt												
1993 G.O. Bond	5.3 - 5.32	\$600.0	\$40.0	\$40.0								
2000 G.O. Bond	5.25 - 5.41	\$1,209.8	\$370.0	\$150.0	\$110.0	\$110.0						
2003 G.O. Bond	2.291 - 3.166	\$840.0	\$485.0	\$105.0	\$190.0	\$190.0						
2004 G.O. Bond (tax-exempt)	4.18	\$700.0	\$525.0	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4
2004 G.O. Bond (taxable)	5.7	\$300.0	\$120.0	\$60.0	\$60.0							
2006 G. O. Bond	2.05 - 5.45	\$350.0	\$280.0	\$70.0	\$70.0	\$70.0	\$70.0					
2007 G. O. Bond	3.84	\$75.0	\$75.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0						
Total			\$1,895.0	\$508.3	\$513.3	\$453.4	\$128.3	\$58.3	\$58.4	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4
Interest:				\$79.6	\$57.5	\$35.7	\$17.7	\$13.2	\$11.9	\$8.4	\$3.2	\$0.6
Total Debt Service				\$587.9	\$570.8	\$489.1	\$146.0	\$71.5	\$70.3	\$66.7	\$61.5	\$59.0

Notes:

The 2004 G.O. Bond (taxable) is with BankNorth, N.A.. The 2007 G. O. Bond is with Bangor Savings Bank. All other debt has been placed through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

1993 Issue: Improvements to Waste Disposal Center & Town offices.

2000 Issue: Town office renovation and expansion, Waste Disposal Center improvements, land purchase (LeMay).

2003 Issue: Town office renovation and expansion, land purchase (Doughty Point), contrib. to HHT land purchase (Skolfield, Mackerel Cove).

2004 Issue (tax-exempt): Capital Road project (7 roads), Old Town Meetinghouse restoration.

2004 Issue (taxable): Town revaluation

2006 Issue: Capital Road Project (Dingley Island Rd., Holbrook & Merritt).

2007 Issue: Loan to Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer

Road Commissioner

In 2007, Harpswell completed a major capital reconstruction, of certain Town roads, which was initiated in 2006. Pursuant to a contract with Crooker and Sons, major road improvements were made to Dingley Island Road, Holbrook and Prosser Roads (including the Town Landing access), and Merritt Roads, all on Great Island. A final layer of pavement was put in along with some finishing touches for ditching and drainage and the addition of a new culvert to improve drainage along Dingley Island Road.

General maintenance and ditching included replacing several collapsed culverts and several rounds of filling potholes. The Town also replaced the ramp extension at the Bethel Point Road boat launching area which had become unusable at low tide due to erosion. The Patriots Day storm left many road shoulders in need of repair and this was accomplished under the subsequent major cleanup effort with some costs later reimbursed by FEMA.

In 2007, Harpswell also worked on the development of a comprehensive capital improvement plan, for all Town roads, to project required work over the next five years. An outside consulting firm was hired to assess the current pavement condition of the Town roads and this study resulted in an incremental plan for repair and resurfacing of the roads in future years.

The unusual amount of snow in December, 2007 led to a deficit in the snow removal budget for 2007. Fortunately, there were unused funds in the road maintenance budget to cover this shortage so there was no need to go to the Town's contingency budget to cover snow removal for this unpredicted weather. Harpswell continues to strive to reduce the use of sand and salt on its roads without sacrificing public safety.

In March 2007, Bob Venard was elected to serve out the remaining two years of the Road Commissioner's term previously held by Mike Webber, who had resigned in late 2006.



*Robert "Bob" Venard
Road Commissioner*



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January 30, 2008

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Dear Citizen,

On behalf of myself and all the members of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for the privilege of providing law enforcement services to your town.

The deputies assigned to Harpswell were very active during the past year responding to 2,396 calls for service during the year. During 2007, the Town of Harpswell experienced a 1% decrease in reported criminal activity. Although criminal acts can vary from year to year and from town to town, we hope that our pro-active enforcement initiatives and the community involvement has discouraged individuals from victimizing the citizens of Harpswell.

As the Sheriff of Cumberland County, I would like to thank the citizens of Harpswell for their continued support and cooperation during the past year. It is my belief that the successful relationship the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has with the residents of Harpswell, will continue during the coming year. I hope that our interaction with each of you who have called upon us was a positive experience. I trust that the deputies who serve in the town of Harpswell have earned your trust and respect in their collective ability to help solve your community problems.

Respectfully

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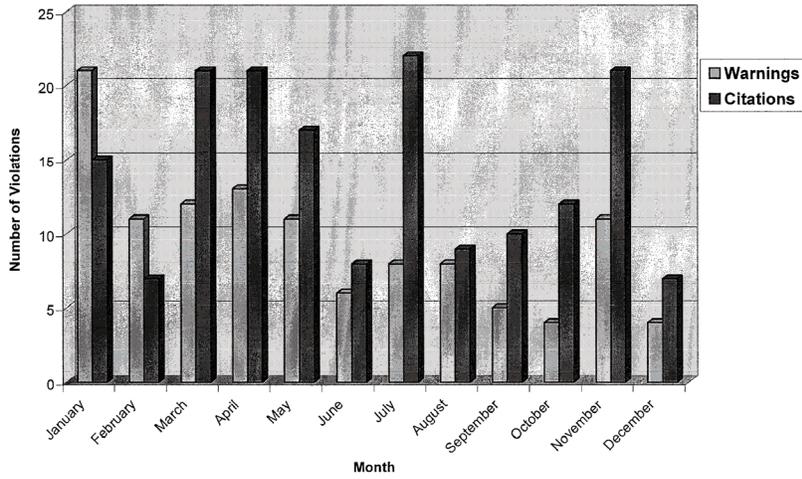
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Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

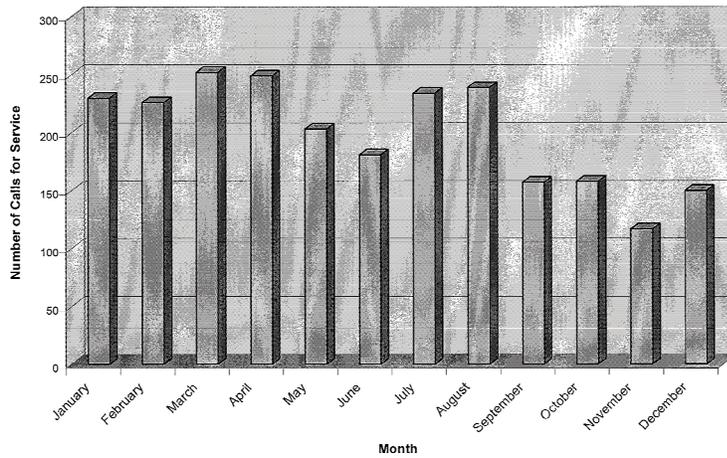
Incident Report
for January 1 - December 31, 2007

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Hangup	57	Harassment	23
911 Misdail	25	Illegal Parking	4
Abandoned Vehicle	70	Information Report	2
Accident w/Property Damage	103	Inspection Permit	18
Accident w/Personal Injury	28	Intoxicated Person	1
Accident Reconstruction	1	Juvenile Problem	7
Agency Assistance	190	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	3
Alarm	205	Lost Property	6
Animal Problem	189	Mental Subject	2
Assault - Simple	6	Miscellaneous CAD Call Record	1
Attempt to Locate	70	Official Misconduct	10
Theft, Non-sufficient Funds	1	Missing/Lost Person	14
Boating Accident	2	Operating Under Influence	4
Burglary	31	Parking Problem	8
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	16	Pedestrian Check	24
Canine Callout	1	Property Check	503
Citizen Assist	122	Property Damage, Non Vandalism	1
Citizen Dispute	12	Prowler	4
Community Policing	4	Rape	1
Court Service	64	Relay/Transfer	1
Criminal Mischief	35	Runaway Juvenile	2
Criminal Trespass	20	Sex Offense	3
Cruiser Accident	1	Sex Offender Registry	7
Custodial Interference	3	Speed Complaint	15
Dead Body	4	Suicide	5
Debris in Road	26	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	91
Message Delivery	3	Theft	32
Direct Traffic	7	Theft-Vehicle	4
Disturbance	52	Threatening	14
Domestic Violence	11	Traffic Detail	12
Controlled Substance Problem	4	Traffic Hazard	24
Equipment Problem	6	Traffic Violation	35
Escort	14	Unsecure Premise	1
False Information to Police	1	Unwanted Phone Calls	3
Fight in Progress	1	VIN Number Inspection	2
Fireworks	7	Wanted Person	11
Fish and Game Violation	23	Weapons Offense	13
Found Property	14	Welfare Check	38
Fraud	18		

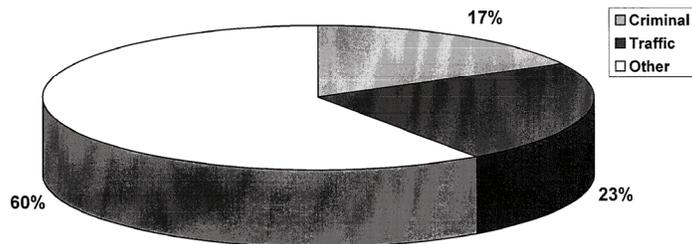
**Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Town of Harpswell
Traffic Totals
1/1/2007 - 12/31/2007**



**Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Town of Harpswell
Calls for Service
1/1/2007 - 12/31/2007**



**Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Town of Harpswell
Calls for Service Analysis
1/1/2007 - 12/31/2007**



Calls for Service

The total "Calls for Service" in 2007 was 2396. Traffic related incidents totaled 616 (included in this figure were traffic related "Calls for Service.")

<u>Month</u>	<u>Traffic Warnings</u>	<u>Traffic Citations</u>	<u>Calls for Service</u>
January	21	15	230
February	11	7	226
March	12	21	252
April	13	21	249
May	11	17	203
June	6	8	181
July	8	22	234
August	8	9	239
September	5	10	157
October	4	12	158
November	11	21	117
December	4	7	150

Marine Patrol

Incidents

Total Warnings	35
Total Pecks Checked	1380
Total Bushels Checked	552
Total Diggers Checked	494
Total Boat Days	34
Total Marine Citations	9
Total Traffic Citations	41
Total Patrol Assists	109
Total Arrests	<u>8</u>
Total	2662

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Dear Friends,

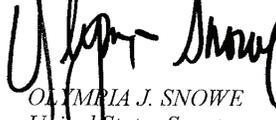
Thank you for this opportunity to offer my best wishes and warmest greetings as the Town of Harpswell proudly looks ahead to 2008. With the New Year upon us, many of us have no doubt made resolutions that we will be striving to keep. For my part, I have renewed my pledge to tirelessly serve you as your Senior Senator in the United States Senate and to do so always with our great state of Maine at the forefront of every issue I consider and decision I make.

Our challenge, as Mainers, will be to build on the successes of 2007 evident in many parts of our state. In the past year alone, we've witnessed progress in sustaining and providing employment opportunities from Aroostook County with the location of Maine Mutual Group's headquarters in Presque Isle, to York County with the welcomed presence of Pratt & Whitney and Saco Defense – with advancements in both small business and in the industrial sector of our economy. We've seen developments from the City of Brewer with the leadership of Cianbro at the old Eastern Fine Mill to manufacture infrastructure for the oil industry, to Belfast with the recent announcement of AthenaHealth where Mainers will help the health care industry operate more efficiently. There have been signs of economic resurgence in places such as Auburn with the recent announcement of Safe Handling, Inc., Maine's first ethanol manufacturer, and in Madison with the unique nature of Backyard Farms where tomatoes are being grown in a new way in our state. But no matter the town or city in our state's sixteen counties, Maine's legendary can-do spirit, work-ethic, and ingenuity remain indispensable to furthering innovation and new ventures.

Certainly, we recognize that many hurdles remain in ensuring a strong economic future for all our citizens – and I will continue my steadfast work to improve the quality of life for Maine's hardworking people. That's why, as Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I redoubled my efforts to extend the vital New Market Tax Credit program through 2009, enabling critical economic investments throughout the state to add vital jobs – and I have introduced and championed legislation to spur our economy through much-needed incentives. And there are many other issues that must be addressed in this New Year – from the ongoing war in Iraq to sky-rocketing energy costs. We must continue to improve the security of our homeland; tackle the pressing issue of access to affordable, quality health care; address the pervasive housing crunch and persistent credit crisis; confront and reduce the impact of global climate change; and lessen our dependence on foreign oil. In fact, Congress made a tremendous stride in passing a provision, which was enacted into law, that I helped spearhead to improve vehicle fuel efficiency for the first time since 1975. Yet, we must continue fighting to ensure assistance for those most vulnerable to the high cost of heating their homes. And, above all, we must focus on forging solutions!

Thank you again for allowing me the enormous honor of representing you. I strongly encourage you to continue that dialogue by visiting www.snowe.senate.gov or phoning toll free in Maine at 1-800-432-1599.

Sincerely,



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January 2008

Dear Citizens of Harpswell:

As we mark the beginning of 2008, I welcome this opportunity to share some of the work I've done during the past year representing Maine in the United States Senate.

Maine plays a critical role in our national security through the men and women who serve in our active duty forces and our National Guard and Reserves and through the skilled employees who work at our defense businesses and installations. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I successfully supported the vital work at Bath Iron Works, Pratt & Whitney, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the Defense Finance and Accounting Center, as well as at smaller companies like Hodgdon Yachts and Global Research Technologies.

On the Senate Homeland Security Committee, I have worked to better protect our nation against the threat of terrorist attacks and to strengthen the federal partnership with our emergency managers and first responders in responding to natural disasters. The disruption of terrorist plots last year and the improved federal response to natural disasters, such as the Patriots' Day storm here in Maine and the wildfires in California, demonstrate that these efforts are producing real results. Building on our past successful efforts to reform the intelligence community and to increase security at our nation's seaports and chemical facilities, I worked with Senator Joe Lieberman again, to gain approval of a new law further strengthening our homeland security.

With so many pressing needs in this country, we cannot afford to see taxpayers' dollars lost to waste, fraud, and abuse. Working with the Inspectors General, I have written a bipartisan bill to reform wasteful government contracting practices. The Senate approved this bill in November, and I hope it will become law later this year.

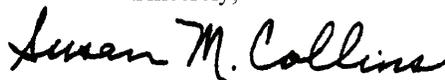
Congress last year passed several bills that I advocated to improve health care, expand aid for education, and protect our environment. These include increased funding for the program to expand access to dental services in rural communities, additional funding for diabetes research, and an extension of a tax deduction for teachers. As a member of the Special Committee on Aging, I worked to create a Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and introduced a bipartisan bill to block cuts in home health care.

Record-high energy costs are imposing a tremendous burden on our low-income families, truckers, and small businesses. With a bipartisan coalition of Senators, including Olympia Snowe, I fought for increased funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). We secured a \$400 million increase over last-year's level and will continue to press for additional funding. I also have called upon the Department of Energy to stop buying oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until prices moderate. There is no compelling justification for the Department to take oil off the market at a time when prices are sky high and consumers are struggling to heat their homes and fill their gas tanks.

We need to embrace the goal of energy independence to reduce our reliance on imported oil by developing bio fuels, such as cellulosic ethanol, by increasing fuel efficiency standards for vehicles, and by supporting research into better technology. The new energy law takes significant steps in the right direction.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maine. If ever I may be of assistance to you, please do contact my Portland office at 780-3575.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins



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January 18, 2008

To the citizens of Harpswell:

I am pleased to extend my greetings to the people of Harpswell.

This year I was pleased to assist the Town in finding a solution to the pipeline problem. The Navy installed a fuel pipeline from the former Navy fuel depot (now Mitchell Field) to Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS) in the 1950s pursuant to easements obtained from about 100 Harpswell property owners. The pipeline is no longer operational, and the Brunswick Naval Air Station is set to close in 2011. Accordingly, it was clear to affected property owners and the Town Selectmen that the asbestos-lined pipeline was not being maintained and therefore should now be removed, since it is close to the surface and in danger of contaminating the immediate area.

After Maine congressional delegation representatives met several times last year with Department of Defense officials, the Department agreed to remove the pipeline. I am especially pleased that \$9.4 million in Fiscal Year 2008 funds are available for the Navy to use in removing and remediating the pipeline.

As the closure of BNAS approaches, planning is well underway for its future development. The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority has assumed responsibility for implementation of plans crafted by the Brunswick and Topsham Local Redevelopment Authorities. The future use of base property and related economic development efforts will affect the people of Harpswell in important ways. Accordingly, I urge you to get involved, to attend public sessions and to share your concerns and suggestions with the MRRA.

I also invite you to share your opinions, concerns and questions with me on any federal matter. In addition to the contact information that appears at the top of this letter, you can email me at rep.tomallen@mail.house.gov. I also invite you to visit my website, www.tomallen.house.gov, which is continually updated to reflect legislative and other activities that I am working on. You can be assured that I share your concerns and will continue to fight for what matters to the people of Harpswell.

Sincerely,

Tom Allen
Member of Congress

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Winter 2008

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It is an honor to represent you, the citizens of Harpswell, in Augusta as your State Senator. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some major Legislative topics. A significant part of our work this Session is fashioning a State budget that answers the call for more efficient government, quality education and the improvement of Maine's quality of life. State funds flow back to townspeople through support for K-12 education, revenue sharing, homestead reimbursements and "Circuit Breaker" property tax rebates.

This is the final year of the 123rd Legislative Session. The Legislature is continuing to address energy independence, school administration costs, educational opportunities, and the strengthening of our innovation economy. We are striving to control health care costs and expand access to health care. I am working to forge bipartisan agreements to build a better future for Maine people.

On a special note, many Maine residents are eligible to apply for the Maine Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, otherwise known as "Circuit Breaker" mentioned above. Under the plan, eligible Maine residents can receive a partial refund of property taxes or rent paid on their primary residence. Freeport residents are eligible for refunds as high as \$2,000. For information on how to apply, call my office in Augusta at 287-1500 for an application or visit www.president.maine.gov and go to the link for "Circuit Breaker".

In closing, this is my final term in the Senate and I look forward to accomplishing significant work for the people of Maine. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you, the people of Harpswell.

If you have any questions or concerns about Legislative issues, or anything else you would like to bring to my attention, please do not hesitate to contact me at the State House at 287-1500 or toll free at 1-800-423-6900.

Sincerely,



Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate



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Hello Everyone,

The second session of the 123rd Legislature has begun and we are tackling issues important to our coastal communities.

A quick review: In the first session we passed legislation that is very important to all of us – making domestic violence a crime in Maine. 50% of the homicides in Maine are directly related to domestic violence. The devastating effects that domestic violence has on our children and on our economic development needs to be addressed and this law is a good start.

We also passed a predatory lending law that changes the truth in lending laws of the Maine Consumer Credit Code to protect homeowners from predatory lending practices. We did this before the full impacts of these lending practices in the sub prime mortgage market became clear. As a result of this law Maine is now on a more stable footing for our future growth in the housing market.

And we passed a law that is an investment in Maine's future prosperity. The Opportunity Maine law, which received broad bipartisan support, will allow more of our children and grandchildren to go to college in Maine and stay in Maine after they graduate. Students from Maine in our colleges and universities will have some or all of their college loan debt forgiven for as long as they remain in Maine after graduation. This should both encourage more of our high school graduates to go to college in Maine, but also provide employers with an even more skilled work force.

This session is a challenging one as national economic challenges driven by skyrocketing fuel prices and a struggling housing market are being felt here in Maine. We're facing at least a \$95 million revenue shortfall due largely to these slumping industries, and we will need to adjust our state budget to recognize the drop.

Maine's shortfall is considerably less than the deficits that many other states are facing because of our responsible budgeting, but we will still have to make difficult choices to bring the budget back into balance. Unfortunately our situation is even more dire given recent rules changes made by the current administration in Washington, D.C. Over \$14 dollars of Federal funding is proposed to be taken away from school programs and other community services that are mandated on our towns by the Federal government. While \$45 million in these cuts to services to children, seniors, and people with developmental disabilities comes directly from the state budget, the vast majority of this money will come from our local school budgets and community

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providers. As your legislator I will work to protect state services that are crucial to our community, and reduce the burdens of these Federal decisions. I appreciate your support.

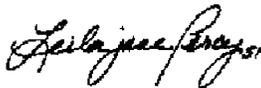
Adjustments to the school district consolidation law continue to be a top priority this year, as many of you and folks from around the state continue to bring forth legitimate concerns about the law as it was originally passed.

Although we face challenges, the 2008 session of the Legislature is filled with potential – and we can do a lot of good things for Maine people this year. In the coming months we will consider measures to expand access to affordable health care and keep costs down; develop renewable energy resources and lower energy costs; and continue to develop policies to grow businesses, increase wages and lower our tax burden.

I am proud to continue serving as the chair of the Marine Resources Committee because there is still much work to be done to protect our working waterfront. My energies this session are focused on further protecting all our natural resources departments, but especially the Department of Marine Resources, in the current climate of consolidation and budget shortfalls. As always I will continue to educate my fellow representatives on the challenges facing rural, coastal communities and their natural resource based industries.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative in Augusta. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at home at 389-2133.

Sincerely,



Leila Jane Percy
State Representative

Affordable Housing Committee

The Harpswell Affordable Housing Committee met monthly throughout the year at the Town Office with the intent to present a draft proposal of an affordable housing ordinance to the Selectmen. To that end, the Committee has reviewed several successfully enacted affordable housing ordinances from similar communities. These can be used as resources for preparing Harpswell's ordinance. The Committee is grateful for the help it received from Code Enforcement Officer Tracey Thibault and Town Planner Carol Tukey.

Budget Advisory Committee

In January, 2008, the Budget Advisory Committee submitted to the Board of Selectmen its municipal budget recommendation. The Committee recommended that \$4,117,283 be raised and appropriated from 2008 property taxes and that this amount be supplemented by certain carryovers and reserves. Additionally, the Committee recommended that \$540,000 be raised through a general obligation bond to fund the Emergency Services Vehicles Account (\$500,000) and to purchase certain communications equipment which would be placed on the proposed cell tower (\$40,000, supplemented by a \$5,000 carryover).

The Committee recommends using non-property tax revenues of \$1,721,000, revenue sharing of \$160,000 and fund balance of \$255,000 in calculating the 2008 commitment.

This recommended budget complies with LD1, which limits the increase in the net municipal budget to 4.35%. In addition, this budget anticipates the same level of services as in 2007 and a 3% increase in the total payroll of the Town.

The Committee believes that long-term capital programs, i.e., capital road projects and the purchase of emergency vehicles should be funded in a level manner so as to avoid significant swings in the total budget from year to year and to facilitate compliance with LD1. The Committee believes that level appropriations for road improvements and emergency service vehicles can be accomplished in the 2011/2012 timeframe, when the Town's debt service obligations decline significantly. In the meantime, some combination of raise-and-appropriate, use of reserves and carryovers, and borrowings will be required.

With respect to the Emergency Services Vehicle Account, specifically, the Committee recommends moving toward the target of \$350,000 per year proposed by the Fire Departments in 2007. The first step would be a borrowing of \$500,000 in 2008. This borrowing, when supplemented by a 2009 appropriation, will allow for the purchase of the first four vehicles on the replacement schedule.

The Committee recommends that each of the fire departments receive \$60,000 in funding for a combination of operations and non-vehicle capital needs. This is a decrease from prior years, but recognizes the Town's acceptance of the responsibility to fund the vehicle needs of the departments.

With respect to capital road projects, the Committee recommended a more drawn out schedule than that proposed by the Road Commissioner. For 2008, we recommend the Town raise and appropriate \$240,000 which would be combined with the existing capital reserve account of \$110,000 and a carryover of approximately \$40,000. This provides \$390,000 for use in 2008.

New items in the 2008 budget include:

- \$14,000 for a 4-wheel drive used vehicle to be used primarily by the Codes Enforcement Office.
- Funds for a new part-time employee to supervise the children's recreational programs. The current director's hours will be reduced and she will continue to manage the department and supervise the adult programs.
- \$10,000 to provide the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee with consulting assistance in designating areas as rural or village. This amount would be supplemented by the carryover of \$5,000 in the Planner's budget.
- \$5,000 for playground equipment at the Harpswell Island School
- \$5,000 to make the front doors of the Town office accessible by the handicapped.
- \$2,000 for the celebration of the anniversary of the Town's incorporation.
- \$20,000 for Town landings, primarily for improvements to parking at Tide Mill Cove (\$5,500) and improvements to the access to the Giant's Stairs (\$10,500).
- \$6,000 for basic maintenance services at Mitchell Field. Use of carryover funds in the amount of \$12,127 is recommended for fence replacement and removal of the water tower.
- \$5,000 to compensate camera people for filming certain Town meetings.

Other line items of note include:

- The Assessing Office's budget, which is lower than 2007 by \$3,861, reflecting fewer hours to be worked by the Town's contracted assessing agent.
- Road maintenance, for which \$68,000 is recommended, only \$18,000 of which is a raise-and-appropriate item, with the remainder from carryover.
- An increase of \$35,000 in the snow removal item to reflect higher salt and sand usage
- The purchase of a new vehicle for one law enforcement deputy, as well as new equipment for that vehicle. Previously, Cumberland County was able to fund the equipment purchases with grant money, but such funds are no longer available.

- The purchase of a new vehicle for one of the marine patrol deputies, using \$15,000 from the vehicle reserve to offset part of this cost.
- Provision of \$10,000 for the maintenance of existing dry hydrants and the carryover of the \$12,000 provided in 2007 for the development of a new dry hydrant.

All other line items are largely unchanged from the prior year.

The Committee greatly appreciates the efforts of the Town Administrator, Deputy Town Administrator and the Budget Coordinator in preparing the 2008 municipal budget and in guiding the Committee through its review.

Planning Board

The Planning Board for the Town of Harpswell was very busy in 2007. It heard and acted on a range of applications that varied from those that involved upholding setbacks to the greatest practical extent, to those that concerned sub-divisions.

One of the highlights of the year was the application of Hamilton Place, a sub-division for workforce housing submitted by the Brunswick Housing Authority. We were pleased that the application was approved with conditions and are hopeful that, in the future, young families will be able to purchase a house in the Town and raise their families in the Town in which they themselves were raised. As with all applications the Planning Board prides itself in applying the ordinances fairly and equally.

Toward the end of the year we lost our Town Planner, Jay Chace, and Assistant to the Planner, Marsha Hinton, to both of whom we say "thank-you" for your dedicated service to not only the Planning Board but to the Town of Harpswell. To that end we wish them both the very best in the years to come. We also say a big "Welcome aboard!" to the new Town Planner Carol Tukey and wish her the very best as she takes on the challenge of filling some big shoes and taking charge of the Planning Department for the best coastal town in the state of Maine. We would also like, at this time to say "Thank you" to the Code Enforcement Office for its continuing support of the Board and for its knowledge and input. The Planning Department provides resources that enable the Board to recommend appropriate ordinance changes to effectively manage growth in a way that is consistent with the character of the Town.

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals met ten times in 2007, and heard and decided four applications for variances, eight administrative appeals of decisions by the Codes Enforcement Office, and one request for extension of time to obtain a Certificate of Compliance.

The Board will miss the able service of Marsha Hinton, who recently left her position as Planning Assistant, and calls to the attention of the Townspeople the dedicated work of Codes Enforcement Officers Bill Wells and Tracey Thibault.

Conservation Commission



Participants identifying their special places during workshop.

In 2007 the Conservation Commission focused on developing an Open Space Plan as directed by the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. At the beginning of the project, two public workshops were held to find out how the citizens viewed the Town's natural areas. Townspeople identified their special places and were also asked to rank the types of natural areas. Their preferences and the results of the *Recreation Department and Conservation Commission Opinion Survey* (see below) were combined to provide a basis for prioritizing areas for preservation. By utilizing a \$10,000 grant, received from the Wharton Trust, the Commission was able to obtain professional advice as it began working on the plan's development. When completed, the Plan will present a framework by which the town can protect its natural areas for recreation, groundwater and wildlife habitat protection and for enjoyment of our scenic views and town character. The latest draft of the Open Space Plan will be presented to the Selectmen and the residents for comment before final completion.

The Conservation Commission and the Recreation Committee conducted an opinion survey of Harpswell taxpayers regarding their views on recreation facilities, water access and open space. An impressive 60% responded. The results were shared with the Town in May 2007 and the final report and presentation are available on the Recreation Department's webpage. Preservation of scenic views & wildlife habitat and the expansion of trails were desired by the majority who responded.

The Adopt-a-Road Program, inaugurated in 2006, encourages residents and groups to recognize the advantages of litter-free roadways. The program has been well received and continues to grow with 31 individuals and/or groups committing to clean up over 100 miles of Harpswell's roads. Members are preparing for the annual Town Clean-Up on Earth Day, April 19. A map of the adopted roads and miles left for adoption is on the Town website. If you or

your group would like to become part of the program, you can pick up a registration form at the Town Office.

Over 350 backyard composters have been purchased since that program's introduction in 2004. The Commission continues to work with the Recycling Center to offer the "Earth Machine" a compost bin that turns kitchen scraps, grass clippings, and dead leaves into a dark, crumbly, earthy-smelling product. It is estimated that 25% of an average household's waste is kitchen scraps and yard trimmings. Compost added to the soil enriches it and increases water absorption as well, making it the perfect addition to Harpswell's predominantly clay soils. Not only do the owners benefit from the rich compost, but its use saves tax dollars by reducing the waste that is trucked out of town. You may order your wholesale-priced composter at Town Meeting or by dropping off a completed form at the A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center through April 11, 2008. This year, a compost collection pail and turning tool have been added to the sale. Forms are available at www.harpswell.maine.gov. Summer residents are encouraged to submit their orders now via the mail and the composters will be held at the Recycling Center until you arrive at the start of the summer.

Established in 1970 by vote at Town Meeting, The Harpswell Conservation Commission has the responsibility of conducting research and giving advice that will help better utilize, protect and plan for the Town's natural resources and open areas. The Conservation Commission seeks to coordinate its activities with existing Town committees and departments, and with other conservation bodies.

To coordinate efforts and re-enforce its mission, Commission members continue to be active on the Mitchell Field and Recreation Committees. Two members are Trustees on the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust.

There is a vacancy on the Commission. Any Town resident, interested in the Commission's efforts, who would like to join, is urged to contact the Town Office or any Commissioner for details. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. Meeting minutes and current projects are viewable on the Commission's webpage.



Comprehensive Plan Implementation

Following the adoption of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan at the March 2005 Town Meeting, the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) was appointed by the Selectmen to carry out the Plan's goals for growth management, a job that takes a matter of several years in most Maine communities.

At the Town Meeting in March 2007, voters passed two ordinance changes proposed by the CPIC: 1) the use of accessory structures as rentals to non-family members was approved as was; 2) a requirement for building a single common dock rather than a number of individual docks in new subdivisions on the shore.

It is the CPIC's task to identify the best areas to which to direct future growth in order to protect the rural character of the Town, to prevent sprawl, and to preserve open space, while ensuring a good quality water supply and adequate provisions for sewage disposal for all new construction, in accordance with existing codes and knowledge of Harpswell soils and water supply.

At the 2008 Town Meeting, two ordinance changes will be presented: 1) a revised set-back proposal for new construction on state roads, reflecting voter preference as expressed at the 2007 Town Meeting; and 2) changes in the subdivision ordinance that provide for clustered housing linked with preserved open space.

The CPIC is requesting funding for professional assistance in establishing criteria for future growth areas and for developing and presenting a well-reasoned growth plan to the townspeople for their consideration at the 2009 Town Meeting.

The CPIC said goodbye to Town Planner Jay Chace in December before he left for his new position with the Scarborough Planning Office. The Committee valued his diligence, knowledge, and endless courtesy and will miss him. Carolyn Tukey came from Topsham December 31st to be our new Town Planner, and CPIC looks forward to working with her.

Communications Advisory Committee

(formerly Cable Advisory Committee)

The Board of Selectmen asked the Communications Committee to review and make recommendations on a few matters in 2007:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed some rule changes that we felt would adversely affect Harpswell's bargaining position in the re-franchising process with the cable company (now Comcast). Among other things, the new rules, designed in anticipation of the entry of entities such as telephone companies into the business of delivering TV programming, threaten the elimination of franchise fees and could significantly weaken the power of municipalities when bargaining over franchises. Upon our recommendation, the Selectmen communicated their objections during the FCC's public comment session.

The Committee also advised the Board of proposed legislation in Maine that would further protect consumer rights regarding video services.

During the coming year the Committee will be working with Town staff as the re-franchising process begins with Comcast.

Emergency Services Study Committee

The Emergency Services Study Committee was created in August, 2007. The Committee's mission has been to provide information, insight, and feedback to the consultant hired by the Town to conduct a study of the emergency services needs of Harpswell.

Committee members include Town officials, representatives of the Town's volunteer fire departments, and community representatives who were not affiliated with the fire departments. To fulfill this mission the Committee toured the fire departments' facilities, held discussions with the consultant and reviewed the preliminary findings and recommendations of the consultant. This comprehensive study evaluated the current and projected demand for fire protection and emergency medical services in Harpswell, the facilities, vehicles and staffing of the three volunteer fire departments and the supporting infrastructure provided by the Town.

The recommendations of the consultant supported Town funding for the vehicle replacement plan proposed last year by the fire departments and provided strategies for improving department operations and volunteer sustainability.

The work of the Committee concluded in February with the delivery of the consultant's final report and presentation to the Selectmen and citizens of Harpswell.

Fire & Rescue Committee

The AFC championship game was in the final moments of the fourth quarter. The Patriots were ahead. The fire/rescue tones sounded! NO! NOT NOW! A structure fire was reported. The wind was blowing. The temperature was in the single digits. Patriots fans (and non-fans) from all three fire departments responded quickly and efficiently. “Who won?” everyone wanted to know. The true winner that night was a Harpswell homeowner...

A “Patriots Day” of another kind also put our departments to the test. Patriots Day 2007, Harpswell was hit by a storm that delivered hurricane force winds, widespread power outages, forests of trees down, road closures, phone lines down, flooded basements, etc. Five utility poles were snapped in two at the Town line on Rt. 123. Live wires were in the road and there was a vehicle accident within the wreckage. Problem encountered, problem solved. Over the next few days, the volunteer FIRE and EMS departments of Cundy’s Harbor, Orr’s/Bailey Island and Harpswell Neck worked nearly non-stop to ensure the safety of the people of Harpswell.

Every time our personnel were called out, they left their own storm darkened homes and their families to answer a call out for assistance from the public. They did so without question, but with selflessness, dedication and professionalism. We are blessed with a great group of people.

Following are the response totals for 2007:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>EMS</u>
Cundy’s Harbor	96	124
Harpswell Neck	139	112
Orr’s/Bailey Island	<u>98</u>	<u>120</u>
Totals	333	356

Harbor & Waterfront Committee

The Harbor and Waterfront Committee was established to oversee the marine activities within the Town of Harpswell, to work closely with the Harbormaster and to act as an advisory body to the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee has surveyed resident's issues with the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance and with the supervision of moorings. The survey was available on the Town website.

The Committee has reviewed the Harpswell Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance, and has made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for amendments to be presented on the warrant at the Town Meeting. Per request from the Board of Selectmen, the Committee reviewed and made recommendations on the mission statement.

The next project will be the development of a Harbor Management Plan. The Plan will include mooring plans for Mackerel Cove and Cundy's Harbor, as well as other locations, in order to provide for additional mooring placements.

To help the Town protect its 216 miles of coastline from indiscriminate location of moorings, the Committee will be proposing revisions to the Waters Classification Plan map. The map will classify the boundaries of the many harbors and anchorages and show the open coastline areas in Harpswell. Approval of the Plan by Harpswell residents will be sought at a future Town Meeting.

Library Committee

The Library Committee was originally appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose is to assess Town-wide library needs and to help residents become more aware of the services, activities and events provided by the libraries for the Town.

The committee meets on a regular basis. It is made up of interested Harpswell residents from all parts of Town. Represented also are the Orr's Island Library, the Cundy's Harbor Library and the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. The current chairman is David Hackett.

All three libraries offer children's summer programs, book fairs and fundraisers. Curtis Memorial Library's many offerings for children, teens and adults are enjoyed by Harpswell citizens. Curtis Memorial Library holds a one-day event at the Kellogg Church each summer and has installed a book drop at the Town Office. Curtis Memorial Library also offers Community Health Information Partnership (CHIP) books and Cornerstones of Science information to the smaller libraries.

Orr's Island Library and the Cundy's Harbor Library continually expand their services, adding videos, audio books and local Maine books to their collections. They are improving internet and wireless connections and adjusting hours to meet community needs.

Orr's Island Library offers computer classes and Cundy's Harbor Library now has Notary Public services. Both of the smaller libraries are looking into expanding and/or improving their building space.

Fostering and facilitating strong support and cooperation for the three libraries continues to be the focus of the Committee. All three Libraries publicize events for each other. It is during the monthly meetings of the Committee that much information is passed on. Meetings are open to the public and can be found on the Town's website.

Marine Resources Committee

In 2007, the Marine Resources Committee was involved with the State Legislature. Committee members, as well as harvesters, attended several meetings in Augusta. Water quality sampling was a top concern. The shellfish industry has formed the Maine Clammers Association and this Association is very active with the State, seeking to come to agreements in several areas that will benefit both the public and the clam harvesters. The Association raised over \$60,000 to have an independent review done on the Shellfish Sanitation Program at the Department of Marine Resources (DMR). With the Selectmen's approval, Harpswell provided \$3,000 toward that review.

Once again, the Committee is working on the closures, resulting from poor water quality that affects productive clam flats. The DMR did extensive shoreline surveying in Harpswell in 2007. In 2008, when the reports are complete, the Committee will work toward correcting any problems found. Several problems causing poor water quality in some very productive coves have already been identified and addressed. The Code Enforcement Office is very active and helpful with this process. Water quality will continue to be closely monitored.

Every year, each commercial shellfish harvester in Harpswell is required to donate time on two dates to conservation efforts. In 2007, the time was spent reseeding coves, doing resource surveys, and shoreline cleanup. Each year, the area biologist does an annual review of clam management performance. Harpswell is at the top for overall performance. Each program is evaluated on management performance and reporting compliance.

As always, the Committee encourages anyone interested in becoming a member of this Committee to contact the Selectmen's Office. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

In closing the Committee would like to acknowledge the passing of Dale Dunkin, a fellow harvester. Condolences go out to his loved ones.

Mitchell Field Committee

The year ended with a Master Plan in place for Mitchell Field. This was very gratifying for the Committee. The November vote by secret ballot was a yes vote all over town. The plan provides for recreation, conservation, business, and housing. The plan has the potential to range from revenue neutral to revenue positive when brought to fruition.

In order to accomplish the Plan the Committee had a very busy year. Jay Chace, Town Planner in 2007, wrote a successful grant and the Town and one donor contributed the remainder of the money enabling us to hire an objective, outside planner-Alan Holt from Holt and Lachman Architects/Planners in Portland.

With the combined efforts of Alan Holt, Amy Haible, and Jay Chace, the Committee hosted multiple meetings including two planning forums, a five-hour design workshop to formulate the plan, two plan presentations, one a draft, the other the final plan, a Town hearing, a staked out plan at Mitchell Field, visits with all abutters who would meet with us, a call-in show on Harpswell Television, and many talks at various groups all over Town.

As you may remember, the previous year the Committee planned for this, holding multiple walks and talks at the Field, meeting with individuals and groups and gathering suggestions, concerns, hopes and dreams to enter into the planning phase. To that end the Committee felt it had been as comprehensive as it could be in gathering input from the Town about its land.

The Committee has accomplished its goals and is now in transition to an Implementation Committee. Harpswell residents interested in serving on this committee can apply. There is room for four more members.

Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee

The Selectmen established the Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee in 2006 with the objective of returning pipeline easements to property owners without incurring liability to the Town or to the property owners. The Committee and Selectmen agreed that return of the easements is best accomplished following removal of the asbestos-covered pipes by the Federal Government.

At a September 21, 2006 public meeting there was overwhelming support for pressing the Navy to remove the pipes at their expense, relinquish the easements and restore the land. In addition, there was strong sentiment to request that our Congressional delegation intercede with the Navy on our behalf. We are happy to report that our Congressional delegation has been very helpful. Senator Snowe's Office was immediately responsive to the Town's desire to remove the pipeline. She facilitated meetings between the delegation, the Navy and DOD officials where pipeline issues were discussed and solutions sought. A series of such meetings resulted in a contract to GZA GeoEnvironmental Engineering, Inc., of Portland, to conduct a pipeline survey and cost estimate for removal of the pipeline. The study report was issued in September, 2007. The Navy used that report as a basis for establishing a budget for pipeline removal.

In October, 2007, our Congressional delegation informed us that funding was being pursued for fiscal year 2009. The Pipeline Committee felt that waiting until 2009 might be necessary, but noted that the 2008 budget had yet to be approved. The Committee drafted letters to our member of the House of Representatives and our two Senators requesting their immediate support for funding in 2008. The Selectmen agreed with the Committee, signed and forwarded those letters on October 26th. We subsequently learned in December, 2007 that \$9.4 million for pipeline removal had been transferred to the Navy.

This is good news for both Harpswell and Brunswick since those asbestos-wrapped pipes traverse portions of both towns. The Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee has been vigilant in maintaining focus on getting those pipes removed. Our Board of Selectmen has been supportive of the Committee's work. Our Congressional delegation recognized that removal of the pipes was the only way to eliminate the asbestos liability and safety concerns. The Navy and DOD officials understood their responsibility and have provided funds to remove the pipes, restore the land and return the easements to the property owners. This is a marvelous example of government at all levels working together to solve a problem.

In 2008, we anticipate the Navy will finalize detailed engineering plans and obtain the necessary environmental permits. Actual removal of the pipes is expected to begin in 2009 and could take two years to complete. Following that, the government easements should be extinguished and the Harpswell landowners along the current right of way should have their full property rights returned. The Committee will monitor events until this process is successfully concluded.

Sign Ordinance Task Force Committee

The creation of the Sign Ordinance Task Force arose from concerns over the impact of the current Town Sign Ordinance on local businesses. The Board of Selectmen appointed a five member task force of both business and non-business owners to study the Town's existing sign laws and their effect on businesses with the objective of developing recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Through the course of weekly meetings beginning on October 25, 2007, the group researched current federal, state and local sign laws and ordinances and their evolution. In the acquisition of factual and practical information, the Task Force consulted various professionals at the state and local level, including the Maine Department of Transportation, municipal officials in bordering and comparable towns, public safety officials including the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, and the Harpswell Town attorney. The Task Force invited and received public comment and community participation through notices on the Town website, Harpswell cable TV, The Anchor, and direct mailings to business owners.

The response from the public demonstrated the nature of this small rural community where businesses and citizens are closely integrated. Historically, Harpswell has been a community replete with self-employed citizens and small businesses which provide both economic and social vitality. The goods and services they offer make the Town a more friendly and accommodating place for residents and more attractive to tourists and seasonal visitors. Over one hundred people responded to the Task Force, virtually all in favor of amendments to the Sign Ordinance in order to support local businesses and their signage.

With consideration of all information collected and community feedback, the Task Force was unanimous in its recommendations for revision of the current Sign Ordinance, and mindful of addressing key factors including the safety of motorists and pedestrians, reasonable advertising opportunities and the protection of scenic beauty.

The full report is available at the Town Office. Recommendations for changes in the ordinance will appear on the March Town Meeting Warrant for voter approval.

The Task Force thanks the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to work on this Committee, as well as Tracey Thibault and the staff at the Town Office for their help with its endeavors. The Board has approved the continuation of the Task Force in order to further study the Sign Ordinance for areas of improvement. Community feedback is welcome.

Solid Waste Committee

The main focus of the Solid Waste Committee during the past year was to study single stream recycling. Single stream facilities accept unsorted recyclables. If Harpswell changes to single stream recycling, all recyclables would be thrown into one of the compactors and municipal solid waste (garbage) would go into the other. The single stream facility that Harpswell utilized would haul the recyclables to their processing facility and separate the recyclables in to newspaper, corrugated, cans, plastics, glass, etc. A cost study has shown that, at present, changing to single stream would increase the Town's Recycling Center cost by approximately \$15,000 per year. This increase in cost is due to the reduction in recyclable materials revenue and the trucking expense to haul the recyclables to the processing facility.

During April, Beth Young with Casella Waste attended our Solid Waste Committee Meeting to explain single stream recycling. Spike Haible visited the Phippsburg single stream collection facility and the entire Solid Waste Committee visited ECO Maine's single stream facility in Portland in June. The general consensus was that the facility did only a fair job (at best) of separating the recyclables.

The decision was made not to recommend a change to single stream recycling at this time. The Solid Waste Committee plans to revisit single stream during the 2008 calendar year to see what kind of progress is being made with this relatively new recycling concept.

Town Lands

This year, the Town Lands Committee worked with the Recreation Committee on a plan for improving the Giant's Stairs path. This plan will be implemented in 2008. The Committee also spent time on site visits at all of Harpswell's Town lands, making recommendations in the areas of signage, cleanup and usage. In particular, the Committee concentrated on Mackerel Cove, Tide Mill Landing and the Orr's Island Bridge.

In 2008, the focus will be on finding stewards for Town properties, developing a plan for a hiking trail at Devil's Back and improving public awareness of Town properties. The Committee will also continue its work on the Giant's Stairs, make recommendations of usage at the Town wharf and produce a map, for the Harpswell Town Office, of all Town properties.

Cundy's Harbor Library

What a year this has been!

The Library's newest fundraising effort for 2007 was its Saturday morning community breakfasts. A total of seven were held, three in the winter and two each in the spring and fall. The Cundy's Harbor Community Hall was the place to be for a delicious variety of homemade dishes, from the specialty egg casseroles to fantastic hash browns seasoned with moose meat. The hall was full of friends and neighbors visiting. More breakfasts are planned in 2008.

The Library continued the tradition of hosting a Community Read in March, and a summer reading program for children.

In May, Library members worked at the Bowdoin College Give & Go and held a successful two-day Book and Food Sale in July. On Election Day in November and at the Harbor Christmas Fair in December, homemade casseroles, desserts, raffle tickets, coffee mugs and tote bags were offered for sale.

In August the Library kicked off Cundy's Harbor Day with the annual ice cream social, Blessing of the Fleet and the recognition ceremony for the participants in the summer reading program.

I's are dotted and t's are crossed for the Library building expansion to begin. The well is drilled, the plans in place, the contractors raring to go! Thank you, thank you for your generous support to the Capital Campaign.

Library patronage and computer use are up this year with more good books and videos. Remember, the Library has notary service and wifi service for the convenience of the community. All is well at the Cundy's Harbor Library with the continued hard work and support from the community, the volunteers, librarian, Pam Kenney and the board members.

Sue Hawkes, President
Anne Perry, Secretary

Harry Rich, Vice President
Pam Bichrest, Treasurer

Orr's Island Library

The Orr's Island Library continues to expand its inventory of books and other media, and add to the special events that bring in more and more Harpswell residents and visitors every year. The Library thanks the Town for the support which enables the Library to fulfill its mission.

During the year 2007, some 3,486 adults and children, summer residents, visitors and tourists, came in to check out new books and other older ones that they wanted to read or reread, borrow from the growing collection of DVD's, audio and classic video tapes and cassettes, and/or to take advantage of our new wireless capacity or to use our computers for access to the internet.

As always, the summer was especially busy – 782 visits in July alone. During the same month there were 109 guests of all ages for the popular children's program, four of them presented by the Chewonki Foundation. At one program, the Library hosted a busload of children from the Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association.

It was a stellar year for the annual book sale and fair, which took place on a breezy, sunny August day. Both events were set up on the library grounds, thanks to the generous help of volunteers and neighbors. Tables and chairs were available for lunch, for buying baked goods, jewelry, caps with the library logo, mementos from the 100th birthday year, and books that document the history of the library, Bailey and Orr's Islands, and all of Harpswell.

But mostly, the sale was about books – tables under the tents that held fiction and non-fiction, mysteries and romances, books about history and politics, biographies and autobiographies, and an unusually large selection of children's books, from board books for the littlest ones to classics and new book series for older readers. Many of the books came from donors who brought them into the library all year, and sent them from all over the country.

Indoors, and for all seasons, there is a refurbished room dedicated to books about Maine, and by and about Maine authors that is now open to all.

Planning is underway for a new addition that will make it easier for staff and volunteers to deal with the ever-increasing numbers of books that must be boxed, carried down a flight of steps, and stored in an inadequate shed that is not fully protected from Maine weather.

Continuing support from the Town will help the Library realize its goals; the Orr's Island Library thanks you all.

Roberta Floccher, President
John Webster, Treasurer
Peri Lanoue, Corresponding Secretary

Helene Mandelbaum, Vice President
Peg Bonarrigo, Recording Secretary
Joanne Rogers, Librarian

Curtis Memorial Library

Curtis Memorial Library is the full-service public library available to all Harpswell residents. We are a stand-alone nonprofit organization supported by a combination of municipal funds from the Towns of Brunswick and Harpswell (for Library operations) along with private donations (for books and other Library materials, equipment and programming). The Library's Board of Directors and staff are grateful to the citizens of Harpswell for their financial support over the years.

Citizen financial support of the Library allows for the democratic, free access to services by all residents of the two towns. Curtis Memorial Library serves as a multi-generational community center, promotes literacy for all citizens and enhances economic development in the area.

The Library thanks the Board of Selectmen for approving the Memorandum of Understanding in 2005. The MOU delineates the commitments the Library and the Town of Harpswell have made to each other. Among these commitments are specified Library services and programming in and for Harpswell, as well as the Director's participation on the Harpswell Library Committee. The Town has agreed to consider an annual budget request in the amount of 10% of the municipal funding level in the previous fiscal year and name a representative on the Library's Board of Directors, currently Keith Brown.

Service Highlights from the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year

- 351,460 items loaned, consistently the third most active public library in Maine (separate Harpswell use data is not available)
- 9,854 cardholders active in the past year, including 1331 or 13.5% Harpswell residents (1125 adult cards, 206 juvenile)
- 15,798 attendance at 638 library sponsored programs and group visits
- 8,584 attendance at 483 community group (non-library) events in the Morrell Meeting and Seminar Rooms. Space is available for no fee to community groups offering free events; donations are requested of those that can afford it.
- 5,740 volunteer hours contributed by 324 individuals providing services resulting in a direct savings of \$50,000 of unpaid library labor.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the 2008 funding request from Curtis Memorial Library.

Elisabeth Doucett, Library Director

Harpswell Community Television

HCBC (Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corp.)

It has been an incredible pleasure serving the people of Harpswell over the last year. The challenges and rewards of operating, maintaining, and growing Maine's premier community television station have been many and varied. This is an interesting time for television operations as digital functions evolve and change almost daily and high-definition schemes become the norm. These great opportunities to improve both viewing pleasure and HCBC's operational capability come with a great price tag, so the station is exploring all options, asking lots of questions and lining itself up to enter the digital world gracefully and efficiently.

Although the Town has been setting money aside each year toward the expense of converting the over-the-air transmitter to digital in 2009, HCBC, the non-profit corporation which operates the community channel, has also been busy fundraising and setting money aside. HCBC will be ready to convert when the FCC allows it to do so. In addition to the over-the-air digital conversion the station must also consider the extensive analog portions of the facility that are both approaching the end of their projected life expectancy and unable to meet the needs of the future. When the station was built much of the equipment installed at that time, was carefully chosen for its capability to be converted to digital with minimal expense.

There is still much to consider, including expanding the storage capacity of the recording system, as high definition requires twice as much space on the digital drives, and purchasing new cameras capable of acquiring high resolution images. Be assured HCBC is seeking non-tax funds to cover the least expensive way to accomplish the best possible result. Your tax deductible contributions are very welcome and will help with the digital conversion.

In 2007 Harpswell Community Broadcasting continued its efforts to provide viewers with everything possible concerning municipal affairs from the regular and special Selectmen's meetings to hearings and presentations on subjects ranging from shipbuilding to the Cribstone Bridge repairs. Regular viewers of Channel 14 should be up to speed on issues they will be voting on. The staff and volunteers worked with a number of community members to produce programs to inform viewers. HCBC also works with school students, helping them gain extra academic credits as they learn how TV works. Few community stations provide the services and opportunities that are every day experiences at Harpswell Community TV. Let HCBC know what you think. In your travels take the opportunity to view other local community TV stations and let us know how we compare.

Harpswell Historical Society

The Harpswell Historical Society is thriving in its 30th year. This past year has seen an increase in both membership and interest in the Society's goals. In 2008 the Society hopes to increase the hours that its Museum will be open.

The year 2008 is our Town's 250th anniversary. There will be a number of special events at the museum and around our Town.

The Harpswell Historical Society Museum is now in its 8th year. Please find the time to visit. All Harpswell residents are encouraged to find the time to visit the Museum where they will be able to see many items of historic interest. The Museum will be open on Memorial Day and on Sundays in July and August from 2 to 4. It is also open by appointment (833-6322).

The Harpswell Historical Society in agreement with the Town of Harpswell has the responsibility for the continued care and maintenance of the Old Town Meeting House, the Town Pound and the Hearse House. The Society will aid those individuals and organizations with an interest in using these facilities.

David Hackett III, President

M.S.A.D. #75 Directors

The M.S.A.D. 75 Board of Directors would like to express its appreciation to the Harpswell citizens for their ongoing support of the education provided by our district. You recognize that education is the key to success for the children in your community. We continue to strive to do our best to provide a high level of learning, even though this involves the challenge of balancing the ever-increasing cost of education with your needs as taxpayers.

The district is currently devoting considerable time to the work of the Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC) which is developing the plan for the reorganization with Lisbon. The committee needs to submit its plan to the State by the end of March. Public hearings have been tentatively scheduled for March 15. M.S.A.D. 75, and Lisbon residents will vote to accept or reject the plan in a referendum on June 10. For more information we encourage you to visit the district's website (www.link75.org) or read articles about the current work of the committee in The Times Record, Forecaster, and in The Cryer which contains the M.S.A.D. Foundations letter. As always, Harpswell Community Television provides excellent coverage of the sessions of your school board and the RPC proceedings. We urge you to avail yourself of these opportunities to become more informed about the reorganization.

The schools in the district met national standards this year as 7 out of 8 of our schools met the criteria of No Child Left Behind. Woodside did not meet the standards because it houses the District's elementary special education programs for students with severe disabilities. This subgroup did not meet the standards so the Woodside School did not. M.S.A.D. 75 qualified as a high performing school district by State definition, having a number of our schools achieve high scores on the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA).

The State of Maine has joined five other states in the Partnership for 21st Century Learning (www.21stcenturyskills.org/index.php). Administration and faculty of M.S.A.D. 75 are engaged in building an academic road for all students which will provide them with the necessary skills to be successful in the 21st century. We value your input as we continue building our 21st century road and invite you to take our survey. The survey can be located at our home page at www.link75.org.

The district's commitment to professional growth is evidenced by the large number of high school teachers who have earned national board certification (17). This is the largest number of teachers earning this distinction in any high school in the state. Our high school teachers regularly use teaching methods that ensure a challenging and personalized learning experience, thus helping students become effective communicators, problem solvers and informed thinkers. This has direct implications for and measurable results in the performance of the students. One measurement is the SAT scores in the high school, where Mount Ararat continues to score above the state average in both reading and math.

In November, a group of 68 Mt. Ararat students and 18 staff participated in a program called "Challenge Day", designed to bring change to the world. Challenge Day's vision "is that every child lives in a world where they feel safe, loved and celebrated." Challenge Day's mission "provides youth and their communities with experimental workshops and programs that demonstrate the possibility of love and connection through the celebration of diversity, truth and full expression." The Mt. Ararat participants in this program believe strongly in the benefits and have formed a group that meets every week to keep the spirit of the program alive. They plan to organize fundraisers in the community to keep this program going. Mimi Sorg, who coordinated Challenge Day, encourages anyone in the school and community who would like to join this effort to contact her.

This January the middle school implemented a program from the National Guard called "Stay On Track." Designed to prevent and reduce substance abuse (alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, and other drugs) in adolescents, the Stay On Track Drug Abuse Prevention Program is a research-based, substance abuse prevention curriculum, using motor sports as its theme to teach lessons about personal health, decision-making, peer pressure and media influences. On April 2 between 5 and 8 PM, the students of the middle school are putting on a Health Education Wellness Fair. During this fair students and guests will be able to attend presentations, view exhibits and appreciate the accomplishments of the students as well as donate blood.

There are currently 61 students at the middle school enrolled in the mentor program. The presence of significant, caring adults in a child's life is extremely important to success in school and life in general. Mentors spend about 45 minutes each week with their assigned students in activities such as reading, working on school work, playing games, listening to concerns and helping each student discover his/her unique interests and talents. Mentors come from the community, from Bowdoin College and, this year, 10 came from the high school to help students with their transition to the high school. There is always a waiting list of students who would like to be matched with a mentor. If you are interested in volunteering to be a mentor, please call the middle school or either of the elementary schools.

Harpwell Island School has begun Phase 2 of its playground project. Phase 1 is completed and now the School will be installing equipment for upper body strength, including a climbing wall. The HIS PTO and the district have contributed to this project and the school hopes that the Town will join their efforts to complete this phase.

Students at Harpswell Island School are able to participate in two programs coordinated by Bowdoin College, America Reads and America Counts. Both programs are popular with students. In the performing arts, Al Miller of the Brunswick Theater Project is producing a school play to be performed on March 19. The fifth grade is involved in a community service project with the Atlantic Salmon Commission. Students will become involved in a hands-on, integrated learning experience about salmon, environmental pollution and its effects on humans and wildlife, and the links between energy production and environmental health.

West Harpswell School's (WHS) mentor program is alive and growing. As at Harpswell Island and Mount Ararat Middle Schools, the students at West Harpswell are enjoying another year of collaboration with Bowdoin College. Every Friday, 15 Bowdoin College students arrive to work with 15 of our students. The students are very appreciative and enjoy this program. The WHS students made Adequate Yearly Progress in state testing in both reading and math. The MEA results demonstrate that most students are meeting or exceeding state standards. In addition, the students and faculty are enjoying the new community gardens and looking forward to harvesting this year's crop of vegetables for their lunches.

In spring of 2007, the district created the MSAD 75 Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization created to support innovative projects and programs that enhance our public schools. The foundation is fully up and running now and welcomes your tax deductible donations. The goal of the foundation is to expand educational opportunities, foster partnerships between schools and community groups and advance academic excellence in SAD 75. To learn more about this, please visit the district's website (www.link75.org) or call our Assistant Superintendent, Sally Loughlin .

As we continue to work through the reorganization process, please feel free to express your thoughts and questions. Thank you for your support.

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Dee Carrier	729-1340	Jane Meisenbach	833-0509



Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the government activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Harpswell, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town of Harpswell, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2008.

The accompanying summary financial information (listed below) represents excerpts from the Town's complete financials statements and therefore is not a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- ✓ Statement 4
- ✓ Exhibit A-1
- ✓ Exhibit A-2
- ✓ Exhibit B-2

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the portion of the basic financial statements from which it has been derived.

Runyon Kersteen Ouellette

February 5, 2008
South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2007

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 11,196,054	-	11,196,054
Intergovernmental	299,842	-	299,842
Fines and violations	492	-	492
Miscellaneous	688,580	212,279	900,859
Total revenues	12,184,968	212,279	12,397,247
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,130,835	-	1,130,835
Public works	797,581	-	797,581
Protection and safety	710,229	-	710,229
Health and welfare	25,602	-	25,602
Cultural and recreation	193,705	62,910	256,615
Education	7,198,882	-	7,198,882
County taxes	921,909	-	921,909
Overlay/abatements	12,113	-	12,113
Debt service	628,134	-	628,134
Capital and special projects	261,902	259,990	521,892
Total expenditures	11,880,892	322,900	12,203,792
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	304,076	(110,621)	193,455
Other financing sources (uses):			
Proceeds from long-term debt	75,000	-	75,000
Transfers (to) from other funds	(263,100)	263,100	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(188,100)	263,100	75,000
Net change in fund balances	115,976	152,479	268,455
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,629,180	210,931	3,840,111
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 3,745,156	363,410	4,108,566

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets
General Fund
December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,750,055	3,483,569
Receivables:		
Taxes	517,179	555,686
Tax liens and acquired properties	61,708	47,954
Other	43,491	34,379
Notes receivable	75,000	-
Prepaid items	13,687	14,247
Total assets	\$ 4,461,120	4,135,835
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	124,407	95,485
Taxes paid in advance	8,457	10,984
Deferred revenues	215,000	184,000
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	89,983	60,561
Capital Projects	278,117	155,625
Total liabilities	715,964	506,655
Fund balance:		
Reserved for long-term receivable	75,000	-
Unreserved:		
Designated for subsequent years expenditures	444,018	446,825
Undesignated	3,226,138	3,182,355
Total fund balance	3,745,156	3,629,180
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 4,461,120	4,135,835

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting)
For the year ended December 31, 2007

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 10,146,894	10,146,894	10,177,553	30,659
Change in deferred property tax revenue	-	-	(31,050)	(31,050)
Interest and fees on property taxes	17,000	17,000	20,793	3,793
Excise taxes and registration fees	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,028,758	(21,242)
Total taxes	11,213,894	11,213,894	11,196,054	(17,840)
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	155,000	155,000	171,470	16,470
Local road assistance	45,300	45,300	45,300	-
Homestead exemption	61,275	61,275	61,327	52
Tree growth	4,000	4,000	10,858	6,858
General assistance	3,500	3,500	5,882	2,382
Veterans exemption	2,000	2,000	2,468	468
Other	3,000	3,000	2,537	(463)
Total intergovernmental	274,075	274,075	299,842	25,767
Fines and violations	21,500	21,500	492	(21,008)
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	110,000	110,000	119,267	9,267
Cable TV franchise fee	45,000	45,000	53,975	8,975
Licenses, fees and permits	102,500	102,500	159,357	56,857
Recycling center and disposal fees	175,300	175,300	224,404	49,104
Donations and gifts	10,000	11,000	11,497	497
Sale of property	17,000	17,000	110,501	93,501
Unclassified	3,900	3,900	9,579	5,679
Total miscellaneous	463,700	464,700	688,580	223,880
Total revenues	11,973,169	11,974,169	12,184,968	210,799

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued
For the year ended December 31, 2007

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures:							
General government:							
33	Elected officials	-	111,158	111,158	108,445	2,713	-
34	General administration:						
	Administration	-	267,537	267,537	251,601	15,936	-
	Assessing	-	86,545	86,545	82,662	3,883	-
	Public information	-	9,000	9,000	8,716	284	-
34	Tax collector's office	-	33,234	33,234	28,071	5,163	-
34	Town clerk's office	-	48,735	48,735	41,315	7,420	-
34	Code enforcement	-	102,331	102,331	101,780	551	-
34	Planning	5,000	75,794	80,794	62,445	18,349	5,000
34	Treasurer	-	2,000	2,000	801	1,199	-
34	Employee benefits	-	277,639	277,639	272,868	4,771	-
34/50	Risk management	-	54,176	54,176	46,980	7,196	-
34	Legal services	-	45,000	45,000	35,569	9,431	-
	Withdrawal committee	5,459	-	5,459	-	5,459	-
34	Membership	-	15,596	15,596	15,595	1	-
34	Committees & commissions	-	4,770	4,770	3,841	929	-
34	Operations and maintenance:						
	Municipal buildings and property	-	71,245	71,245	61,437	9,808	-
	Old town house & commons	-	3,580	3,580	4,081	(501)	-
	Town dock	-	2,000	2,000	1,708	292	-
	Mackerel cove / town landings	3,000	3,000	6,000	2,920	3,080	3,000
	Total general government	13,459	1,213,340	1,226,799	1,130,835	95,964	8,000
Public works:							
35	Public works:						
	Snow removal & street signs	-	391,500	391,500	419,890	(28,390)	-
	Maintenance	22,371	75,000	97,371	23,695	73,676	44,206
	Road, Street Signs	-	3,000	3,000	4,080	(1,080)	-
35	Recycling and transfer station	-	369,583	369,583	349,916	19,667	-
	Total public works	22,371	839,083	861,454	797,581	63,873	44,206
Protection and safety:							
36	Emergency services	5,710	170,750	176,460	171,955	4,505	4,505
40	Dry hydrant development	2,982	12,000	14,982	-	14,982	14,982
37	Law enforcement and communication	-	285,905	285,905	285,905	-	-
37	Shellfish conservation enforcement	-	167,132	167,132	165,597	1,535	-
36	New Meadows River Watershed	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-
36	Street lighting	-	30,000	30,000	28,134	1,866	1,205
36	Harbor management	1,300	39,911	41,211	37,536	3,675	-
36	Animal control	-	22,400	22,400	20,102	2,298	-
	Total protection and safety	9,992	729,098	739,090	710,229	28,861	20,692
Health and welfare:							
38	Health and welfare	-	27,230	27,230	25,602	1,628	-
	Total health and welfare	-	27,230	27,230	25,602	1,628	-
Cultural and recreation:							
4	Curtis memorial library	-	108,378	108,378	108,378	-	-
36	Cultural and education programs	-	26,200	26,200	26,089	111	-
39	Harpswell community broadcasting	-	35,000	35,000	35,000	-	-
36	Recreation - general	-	24,696	24,696	24,238	458	-
	Total cultural and recreation	-	194,274	194,274	193,705	569	-

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued
For the year ended December 31, 2007

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures, continued:							
41	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	101,407	-	101,407	12,779	88,628	88,628
Other capital / carryovers:							
46	Loan to HNFR	-	75,000	75,000	-	75,000	-
36	OB fire capital	10,827	25,000	35,827	35,797	30	30
36	CH fire capital	21,053	25,000	46,053	46,053	-	-
36	HN fire capital	25,000	25,000	50,000	50,000	-	-
CF	Land acquisition	1,279	-	1,279	-	1,279	1,279
40	Vehicle replacement	29,500	12,000	41,500	26,000	15,500	15,500
CF	Update of assessing records	20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
40	HCBC digital conversion	15,000	5,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
CF	Cemetery restoration	950	-	950	-	950	950
CF	Repeater	5,100	-	5,100	-	5,100	5,100
40	Boat and motor replacement	10,000	4,000	14,000	-	14,000	14,000
40	Voting machines	6,300	3,000	9,300	-	9,300	9,300
40	Copier	2,500	1,500	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
40	Generator replacement	-	8,000	8,000	-	8,000	8,000
	Computer equipment	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	-
	Holbrook foundation	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	-
Special projects / carryovers:							
	Cribstone Bridge	-	-	35,000	-	35,000	35,000
	Town incorp. Planning	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
	Legislative agent	-	6,000	6,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
	Water septic study	-	20,431	20,431	-	20,431	20,431
	Economic development	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
CF	Town landing signage	2,758	-	2,758	305	2,453	2,453
CF	Self insurance reserve	3,875	-	3,875	-	3,875	3,875
Spec.	Salary survey	3,500	6,000	9,500	7,750	1,750	-
CF	GIS	2,976	-	2,976	1,500	1,476	1,476
CF	Marine hazards	18,522	-	18,522	-	18,522	18,522
CF	Failed septic systems	14,272	-	14,272	-	14,272	14,272
CF	Mitchell field - hazard materials removal	13,055	-	13,055	328	12,727	12,727
CF	Mitchell field - deeds	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
CF	Mitchell field - legal	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	Mitchell field - gifts	7,000	-	8,000	7,950	50	50
CF	Mitchell field - annual maintenance reserve	8,236	-	8,236	4,980	3,256	3,256
CF	Boundary survey	2,662	-	2,662	-	2,662	-
	Total capital and special projects	332,507	275,431	643,938	247,942	395,996	316,584
42	Debt service	-	633,231	633,231	628,134	5,097	-
CF	Contingency	68,496	-	68,496	13,960 *	54,536	54,536
	Total budgeted expenditures	446,825	3,911,687	4,394,512	3,747,988	646,524	444,018
Other expenditures:							
	Educational appropriation	-	7,198,882	7,198,882	7,198,882	-	-
	County tax	-	921,909	921,909	921,909	-	-
	Overlay / abatements	-	100,867	100,867	12,113	88,754	-
	Total other expenditures	-	8,221,658	8,221,658	8,132,904	88,754	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures							
		(446,825)	(160,176)	(642,001)	304,076	946,077	(444,018)
Other financing sources (uses):							
	Proceeds from long term debt	-	75,000	75,000	75,000	-	-
	Transfer to Capital Projects - road projects	-	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	-	-
	Transfer to Capital Projects - emergency vehicle	-	(135,000)	(135,000)	(135,000)	-	-
	Transfer from Grant fund - Oil tank replace. admin	-	7,431	7,431	7,431	-	-
	Transfer to Grant fund - Handicap Access/ Vault	-	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	-	-
	Transfer to Grant fund - Emer services study	-	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	-	-
	Transfer from Grant fund - Administrative costs	-	-	-	1,724	1,724	-
	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs	-	(7,255)	(7,255)	(7,255)	-	-
	Use of undesign. fund balance - budget	-	240,000	240,000	-	(240,000)	-
	Use of undesign. fund balance - roads	-	110,000	110,000	-	(110,000)	-
	Use of undesign. fund balance - Cribstone bridge	-	-	35,000	-	(35,000)	-
	Use of carryforward balances	446,825	-	446,825	-	(446,825)	-
	Total other financing sources (uses)	446,825	160,176	642,001	(188,100)	(830,101)	-
	Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	115,976	115,976	(444,018)
Fund balance, beginning of year					3,629,180		
Fund balance, end of year					\$ 3,745,156		

* Contingency transfer approved by Selectmen to replace computer server.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended December 31, 2007

	Special Revenues		Capital Projects		Totals
	Restricted Grants	Recreation	Emergency Vehicle	Road Projects	
Revenues:					
Intergovernmental	\$ 155,081	-	-	-	155,081
Interest earned	-	-	5,277	-	5,277
Charges for services	-	51,921	-	-	51,921
Total revenues	155,081	51,921	5,277	-	212,279
Expenditures:					
For designated purpose	132,205	51,232	-	-	183,437
Expenditures from carryover funds	-	11,678	-	-	11,678
2007 capital roads project	-	-	-	127,785	127,785
Total expenditures	132,205	62,910	-	127,785	322,900
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	22,876	(10,989)	5,277	(127,785)	(110,621)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers (to) from general fund	10,845	7,255	135,000	110,000	263,100
Total other financing sources (uses)	10,845	7,255	135,000	110,000	263,100
Net change in fund balances	33,721	(3,734)	140,277	(17,785)	152,479
Fund balances, beginning of year	25,810	29,496	-	155,625	210,931
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 59,531	25,762	140,277	137,840	363,410

Harpswell 2008 Proposed Summary Budget

	2007	2008	
	Appropriations	Proposed	% Change
General Government	\$1,208,840	\$1,287,603	6.5%
Public Works	\$839,083	\$832,880	-.7%
Protection & Safety	\$792,098	\$822,984	3.9%
Health & Welfare	\$27,230	\$27,230	
Cultural & Recreational	\$201,529	\$216,033	7.2%
Mitchell Field	\$0	\$6,000	
Contingency	\$30,000	0	
Capital Reserves	\$48,000	\$63,500	32.3%
Capital Roads Project	\$0	\$220,000	
New Items/Special Projects	\$241,500	\$41,000	-83%
Debt Service	<u>\$633,231</u>	<u>\$600,053</u>	-5.2%
Total	\$3,991,511	\$4,117,283	3.2%

The above Table compares the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Raised and Appropriated amounts with the 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant of March 8. Categories, as reflected in the Table, correlate with the 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Proposed New Items and Special Projects consist of a utility vehicle for the Town (\$14,000), Wind Study on Long Reach (\$10,000), Filming for Public Meetings (\$5,000), Harpswell Island School Playground Equipment (\$5,000), Handicap-Accessible Front Door at Town Office (\$5,000), and Town's Incorporation Celebration (\$2,000). Additionally, voters in 2008 will be asked to raise and appropriate \$240,000 for a Capital Roads Project. Bonding articles are proposed for the purchase of emergency services vehicles (\$500,000) and emergency communications equipment (\$40,000). If borrowed in 2008, principal and interest payments will begin in the 2009 budget year.

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. In 2008 this tax is scheduled to increase by 11.92% from \$921,909 to \$1,031,777. This figure is not reflected above.

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 above. (\$7,198,882 was paid to M.S.A.D. # 75 in 2007).

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 8, 2008**

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:

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 Islands School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the eighth day of March, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 4.

The business meeting to act on Article 5 and others that follow will begin at noon.

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 for three-year terms.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$113,538 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 4 — To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Shall an ordinance entitled “2008 Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance Regarding Cluster Development” be enacted?

*Recommended by Selectmen Haible and Henderson
Not Recommended by Selectman Alexander*

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and the Town Planning Office.)

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Art. 5 — Shall an ordinance entitled “2008 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance Regarding a 40’ Buffer Setback along State Aid Roads” be enacted?

The Town of Harpswell Basic Land Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows (deletions are ~~struck out~~ additions are underlined):

11.3. Principal and Accessory Structures

...

11.3.3 Buffer. If the land proposed for development is located on Route 24, Route 123, Cundy's Harbor Road or Mountain Road and at the time of application is forested, a wooded buffer strip no less than forty (40) feet in width shall be left along the road right-of-way. The buffer strip may be modified to accommodate for driveways and essential utilities. As of March 8, 2008, clearing may only occur within the forty (40) foot buffer for town approved activities such as driveways, utilities, and timber harvesting.

The maximum width of the clearing for driveway and utility installation shall be twenty four (24) feet. If the utilities cannot be installed along the driveway then the utility clearing shall be the minimum necessary for safe installation.

Pruning of dead branches on the bottom 1/3 of trees is permitted. Removal of storm damaged, diseased, unsafe or dead trees is permitted.

Recommended by Selectmen Haible and Henderson

Not Recommended by Selectman Alexander

Art. 6 — Shall an ordinance entitled “2008 Amendments to the Sign Ordinance” be enacted?

The Town of Harpswell Sign Ordinance shall be amended as follows (deletions are ~~struck out~~ additions are underlined):

1. Preamble and Purpose

~~The proliferation of advertising signs along and beside the public and private roads of the Town of Harpswell constitutes a serious hazard to the motoring public in that such advertising signs distract a driver's attention, block sight distances on curves and can cause dangerous traffic conditions when motorists slow down or stop to read the signs. These signs can also increase the hazard to pedestrian traffic by diverting driver's attention and despoil the natural scenic beauty of the Town of Harpswell and its countryside.~~

It is the intent of this ordinance to reduce ~~such~~ roadside hazards and to provide for the safety of the motoring public and pedestrians by regulating the location and use of advertising signs, ~~and, at the same time, provide~~ while providing directional information to travelers, and provide reasonable opportunities for the advertisement of goods, services and other attractions in the Town of Harpswell.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the public safety and promote the general welfare of the Town of Harpswell and to preserve the natural scenic beauty of the Town and its countryside for the enjoyment of all.

3. Regulations

3.1 No new, additional or enlarged display advertising sign shall be erected adjacent to any highway, street, road or private road within the Town of Harpswell that is visible to the passing motorist on a public way, except as provided in Sections 3.3 and 3.4.

3.5.3 Except for signs constructed pursuant to Section 3.4.5. all signs shall be setback ~~33~~ a minimum of five (5) feet from the centerline edge of the traveled way of any Highway, Street, Road or Private Road.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 7 — Shall an ordinance entitled “2008 Amendments to the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance” be enacted?”

Recommended by Selectmen

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will also be available at Town meeting.)

Art. 8 — To see if the Town will vote to ratify the action of the Board of Selectmen in accepting delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from James E. and Jennifer S. Talbot on property located off Goose Ledge Road, a portion of Tax Map 14, Lot 14-1.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 9 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from Richard S. and Eleanor C. French on property located off Doughty Cove Road, a portion of Tax Map 49, Lot 11.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 10 — To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for elected officials salaries and travel reimbursement, 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.

	2008	2007
Selectman, Chair	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	39,737	38,579
Town Clerk*	37,677	36,579
Treasurer	6,000	6,000
Road Commissioner	6,000	6,000
Travel Reimbursement	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	\$113,414	\$111,158

**Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,060 which is budgeted in Article 11.*

*\$113,414 Recommended by Selectmen
\$113,414 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,174,189 for General Administration, Offices, Employee Benefits, Risk Management, Legal, Memberships, Boards & Committees and Operations and Maintenance of Town-owned buildings, properties and vehicles.

	2008	2007
Administration & Registrar	\$274,920	\$267,537
Assessing	82,684	86,545
Public Information	9,700	9,000
Tax Collector's Office	33,992	33,234
Town Clerk's Office	51,165	48,735
Codes Enforcement Office	105,773	102,331
Planning Office	94,570	75,794
Treasurer's Office	1,450	2,000
Employee Benefits: Retirement	44,297	41,060
Employee Benefits: Health Insurance	186,984	177,295
Employee Benefits: Social Sec/Medicare	65,158	57,064
Employee Benefits: Disability	2,280	2,220
Risk Management	52,630	49,676
Legal	48,000	45,000
Memberships: Maine Municipal Assoc.	7,337	6,987
Memberships: Midcoast Council of Business Develop. & Planning	7,859	7,859
Memberships: Chamber of Commerce	750	750
Town Boards/Committees	4,770	4,770

Town Buildings, Property & Vehicles	72,070	71,245
Old Town House & Commons	4,000	3,580
Town Dock	3,800	2,000
Town Landings	<u>20,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	\$1,174,189	\$1,097,682

\$1,174,189 Recommended by Selectmen

\$1,164,189 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Note: Increases in Article 11 pertain primarily to salary and wage compensation levels, health insurance premiums, energy costs, \$20,000 in contracted services in the Planning Office budget for consulting services to assist the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee and an additional \$17,000 in Town Landings for improvements at Tide Mill Cove and the Giant's Stairs.

Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$832,880 for Public Works and for operations and personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station.

	2008	2007
Snow Removal	\$426,500	\$391,500
Road Maintenance*	18,000	75,000
Road/Street Signs	4,000	3,000
Recycling & Transfer	<u>384,380</u>	<u>369,583</u>
	\$832,880	\$839,083

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

**Additionally, \$44,206 of 2007 unexpended road maintenance was carried over to 2008.*

Note: Greater use of sand and salt as well as an increase in salt prices are anticipated due to 2007 experience.

Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$298,335 for Protection & Safety.

	2008	2007
Emergency Services		
▪ Operations & Capital	\$180,000	\$225,000
▪ ALS, Phone & Central Comm.	17,500	16,000
▪ Fire Warden	2,000	2,000
▪ Emergency Management	3,100	2,750
New Meadows River Watershed	1,000	1,000
Street Lighting	31,000	30,000
Harbor Management	40,633	39,911
Animal Control	<u>23,102</u>	<u>22,400</u>
	\$298,335	\$339,061

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Note: A decrease in the operations and capital line for emergency services is proposed because of the significant request for capital funding of emergency services vehicles in Article 28.

Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$524,649 and appropriate \$15,000 from the Vehicle Replacement Account for Law Enforcement, Communications Services and Shellfish Conservation.

	2008	2007
General Law Enforcement	\$312,248	\$259,657
Communications	26,247	26,248
Shellfish Conservation: Marine Patrol	184,154	165,132
Shellfish Conservation: Boat Operations	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$524,649	\$453,037

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Note: Increases in General Law Enforcement and Marine Patrol are largely attributable to the purchase of new vehicles & vehicle equipment in both contracts plus higher costs for wages and health insurance benefits.

Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,230 for Health and Welfare and related Agencies.

	2008	2007
General Assistance	\$12,250	\$12,250
Community Health & Nursing	2,000	2,000
Independence Association	1,500	1,500
CED	730	730
Coastal Transportation	1,000	1,000
People Plus	1,500	1,500
Senior Spectrum	1,500	1,500
Hospice	1,500	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250
Tedford Shelter	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500
Respite	1,000	1,000
Hunger Prevention	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$27,230	\$27,230

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 16 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,495 for Cultural and Recreational Programs.

	2008	2007
Orr’s Island Library	\$11,500	11,000
Cundy’s Harbor Library	11,500	11,500
Harpswell Historical Society	2,000	2,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,200	1,200
Harpswell Community Broadcasting	35,000	35,000
Recreation Department	33,545	24,696
Recreation Programs	<u>7,250</u>	<u>7,255</u>
	\$102,495	\$93,151

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Note: The increase in the Recreation Department budget is attributable to the proposed addition of a new part-time employee (15 hours per week) responsible for the supervision of Children’s Programming under the direction of the Recreation Director whose hours will be reduced from 22 per week to 15.

Art. 17 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the videotaping/programming of Town administrative board meetings.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 18 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year agreement with Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation relating to the use of Town-owned property located off Community Drive for community media programming on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 19 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,500 for capital reserve accounts.

	2008	2007
Boat & Motor Replacement	\$6,000	\$4,000
Voting Machines	3,000	3,000
HCBC Digital Conversion	5,000	5,000
Vehicle Replacement	0	12,000
Copier Replacement	1,500	1,500
Generator Replacement	13,000	8,000
Computer Server	0	2,500
Dry Hydrant	10,000	12,000
Vehicle Equipment Replacement	3,000	0
Town Office Improvements	6,000	0
Recycling/Transfer Station	<u>16,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$63,500	\$48,000

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$627,938 and raise \$600,053 for Debt Service (with the remainder of the Debt Service, \$27,885, to be funded by a loan repayment by Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue, Inc.).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for general maintenance and operations at Mitchell Field.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,727 from the Mitchell Field hazardous material removal account for the removal of certain existing fencing, construction of new fencing on the pier, removal of the water tower, generators and certain buildings, and other improvements to Mitchell Field as such funding permits.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to (i) authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms and conditions of an agreement for a one-year meteorological wind study on Town owned property known as Long Reach Mountain (Tax Map 42, Lots 54 & 70); (ii) accept gifts or grants from non-Town sources for this purpose, and (iii) raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the funding of said study, only if sufficient non-Town sources funds are received by August 1, 2008, for funding the balance of the cost of said study.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Not Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for the purchase of a vehicle for Town use.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for playground equipment at Harpswell Islands School.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,000 and appropriate \$137,840 from the capital road reserve account for capital road projects in 2008.

*\$220,000 Recommended by Selectmen
\$240,000 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 27 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to enter an Emergency Services Agreement with Cundy’s Harbor Volunteer Fire Department and Orr’s and Bailey Island Fire Department on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 28 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$500,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for the purchase of certain emergency services vehicles, as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, and to be owned by the Town, such amount to be held in the Emergency Vehicle Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until such time as the vehicles are purchased, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds to be determined by the Board of Selectmen , provided that such vehicles are to be 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.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$630,258, of which principal is \$500,000 and estimated interest at 4.47% over 10 years is \$130,258.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – TOWN OF HARPSWELL

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Marguerite M. Kelly, Town Treasurer

Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,100 from the repeater replacement reserve account and authorize the issuance of up to \$40,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for the purchase of emergency communications equipment once a commitment for tower construction is reached, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds 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 \$43,482, of which principal is \$40,000 and estimated interest at 4.35% over 3 years is \$3,482.

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Marguerite M. Kelly, Town Treasurer

Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for improving handicap access to the front door of the Town Office.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for commemorating 250 years of the Town’s incorporation.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 32 – 38 The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 32-38 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.

Art. 32— To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2008 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, 2008 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 10% rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a services 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 2009 taxes).

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 34 — 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 undesignated fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 35 — 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. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept conditional and unconditional gifts of money and to appropriate such funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 37 — 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 2008 budget from January 1, 2009 to the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 38 — 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. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$160,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,670,000 from non-property tax revenue, and \$255,000 of undesignated fund balance to reduce the tax commitment.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 40 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.

Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,020,125 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.

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.

SPECIMEN BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF HARPSWELL
MARCH 8, 2008**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice (s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**FOR SELECTMAN
ASSESSOR AND
OVERSEER OF THE POOR**

- Vote for ONE 3-Year Term
- CHIPMAN, DAVID I.**
HARPSWELL NECK
- LEVENSAILOR, DEBORA A.**
GREAT ISLAND
- WALLACE, MARK E.**
HARPSWELL NECK
- (Write-in)

**FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR
OF M.S.A.D. NO. 75**

- Vote for TWO 3-Year Term
- JOHNSON, DAVID. A.**
BAILEY ISLAND
- MEISENBACH, JANE B.**
HARPSWELL NECK
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

ARTICLE 3 To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

- YES** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$113,538 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.
- NO**

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 4 To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

- YES** Shall an ordinance entitled "2008 Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance Regarding Cluster Development" be enacted?
- NO**

*Recommended by Selectmen Haible and Henderson
Not Recommended by Selectman Alexander*

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Planning Office.)

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