



# *Town of Harpswell*



2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Dedication



We salute former Tax Collector Martha York, who retired in 2013 after serving Harpswell and its taxpayers for 27 years. Prior to being elected Tax Collector in 1998, she served as Deputy Tax Collector, learning the ins and outs of the position from her predecessor and mentor Beverly R. Bibber. Martha's warm personality and commitment to providing customer-friendly service endeared her to many. She had a quiet, low-key style, but more notably, for every person who transacted business with her across the counter in the Tax Office, she had a smile. Heartfelt thanks to Martha for her many years of public service and best wishes to her in retirement.



*Left to Right: Joyce Thomas, Retired as Rescue Chief of Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue, 32 years of service; Helen "Cricket" Tupper, Retired as Rescue Captain of the Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department, 23 years of service; Ed Sparks, Retired as Rescue Captain of the Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department, 20 years of service.*

Collectively, Joyce, Cricket, and Ed have provided, for the citizens of Harpswell, 75 years of dedicated service. It was service that did not know the time of day, service that did not know the weather, service that did not know whether they were tired or hungry. It was service that recognized only the needs of others. For that unstinting and unselfish service, we salute them and wish them all the best, in whatever they may turn to next.





## **Elected Town Officials**

January 1 to December 31, 2013

### **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:**

Elinor Multer, Chair (2015)

Alison S. Hawkes (2014)

Richard A. Daniel (2016)

**Town Clerk:** Rosalind M. Knight (2016)

**Tax Collector:** Jill M. Caldwell (2016)

**Road Commissioner:** Ronald D. Ponziani (2015)

### **M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors:**

Linda W. Hall (2016)

Joanne M. Rogers (2015)

Jane B. Meisenbach (2014)

Kay L. Ogrodnik (2014)



## **Town of Harpswell**

Incorporated the 13th Town

January 25, 1758

First Settled: Mid 1600's

Permanently Settled: 1727

2010 Census: 4,740

Registered Voters: 3,964

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8

Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

2013 State Valuation: \$1,791,200,000

## Boards & Committees

### **BANDSTAND**

Robert Modr '14  
Bryan Foster '14  
Julie Swol '14 (Resigned)  
Candis Hine '14  
Chris Huber '14  
Chris Hall '14  
Richard Meisenbach '14  
William Muldoon '14

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

John Perry '16  
Ellen Lebauer '16  
James Knight '14  
John Chiquoine '15  
Kent Simmons '15  
Ellen Shillinglaw '14 Associate  
Patricia Lawson '14 Associate

### **BUDGET ADVISORY**

Linda Hall '14  
Roberta Weil '15  
Burton Taylor, Jr. '15  
Ellen Shillinglaw '14  
Debora Levensailor '14

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

David Chipman '14  
Burton Taylor, Jr. '15  
James Henderson '16

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Ann Nemrow '16  
Anne Perry '16  
Sue Vachon '14  
Mary Ann Nahf '14  
Deirdre Strachan '15  
Sue Vachon '14  
Bradley Agius '15 (Resigned)

### **EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

William Beazley '14 (Resigned)  
Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '14  
Jonathan Burbank '14  
Eric Chipman '14  
Walter Johnson '14  
Frank Hilton '14  
Edward Blain '14

### **ENERGY**

Daniel Huber '16  
Paul Desjardins '16  
David Chipman '14  
John Monaghan, Jr. '15  
Aaron Despres '16

### **FIRE & RESCUE**

Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '14  
Frank Hilton '14  
Edward Blain '14  
Gail Hart '14  
William Beazley (Resigned)  
David Mercier (Resigned)  
Edward Sparks (Resigned)  
Joyce Thomas (Resigned)  
Helen Tupper (Resigned)

### **HARBOR & WATERFRONT**

Jacques Dostie '16  
Robert Bartley '14  
Henry Schwartz '14  
Paul Standridge '14  
Burton Taylor, Jr. '15  
Robert Muller '15 (Resigned)  
Richard Moseley '16 Non-Voting Member

### **MARINE RESOURCES**

Shelly Wilson '16  
David Wilson '16  
John Gormley '14  
Connie Bernier '14  
Michael Bernier Sr. '15  
Justin Farmer '15  
Bradley Agius '16 (Resigned)  
Jeffrey Conant '14  
John Holland '14 Non-voting Member (Resigned)

### **MITCHELL FIELD IMPLEMENTATION**

Robert Muller '16  
William Muldoon '16  
Jane Covey '16  
Jennifer VerPlanck '14  
David Chipman '15  
Donald Miskill, Jr. '15  
Robert Roark '15  
Daniel Boland '15  
Michael McCabe '14  
Nancy Sohl '14 (Resigned)

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Burton Taylor, Jr. '16  
David Chipman '16  
Debora Levensailor '16  
Aaron Fuchs '14  
Paul Standridge '15  
John Papacosma '14 Associate

### **RECREATION**

Susan Rich '16  
Anthony Barrett '16  
Judith Arndt '14  
Richard Meisenbach '14  
Janel Johnson '15 (Resigned)  
David Brooks '15  
Donald Miskill Jr. '15  
Raymond Sohl '14

### **RECYCLING**

John Holland '14  
Jeff Stann '14  
George Barker '14

### **SHORELAND ZONING REVIEW TASKFORCE**

James Knight '14  
Mary Ann Nahf '14  
William Saxton, Jr. '14  
Bruce Davis '14  
Ellen Shillinglaw '14

### **TOWN LANDS**

John Loyd, Jr. '16  
Jane Smith '16  
David Hackett '14  
Kenneth Oehmig '14  
Edward Perry '14  
Robert Waddle '15  
Ellen Shillinglaw '16  
Hope Hilton '14 Associate  
Jean Richter '14 Associate

## Selectmen's Report

A quick look at our activities and actions across 2013 reflects the geography of Harpswell. Our Town has 216 (some say 218) miles of coastline, the most of any town in Maine and perhaps in the U.S., and in 2013 those miles drew much of our attention.

Ocean access is a major concern. The pending purchase of a lot on Lookout Point is one effort to assure a route to the sea at a time when some owners of shore property do not want those seeking recreation or an income to traverse their lands. Among other projects enhancing ocean access, some largely carried out by volunteers, are a new ramp at Potts Point, improved parking for those hiking at Devil's Back, parking for commercial fishermen at Mackerel Cove and minor improvements at the Giant's Stairs. In 2013, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) approved 16 applications for construction or modification of wharves, as more landowners seek to take advantage of ocean-side locations as a way to explore their water neighborhoods. A BOS review of a wharf application looks to see that the wharf does not constitute an obstruction to navigation nor interfere with the public's right to fish, fowl and navigate in the intertidal zone.

Major problems are affecting clams and bedeviling clammers and the BOS approved funding for crab traps and water testing equipment, attended a seminar to learn more about the problems facing the industry and is proposing \$30,000 in 2014 to continue the battle.

The work of the Town's Shoreland Zoning Task Force was carried forward in 2013 by the Shoreland Zoning Review Committee, with recommendations on ways to "protect [the Town's] marine heritage . . . and support the future of commercial fishing." You can read that report on page 45.

Recreational activities along the shore are also highly valued by Harpswell and this traditional use is at the heart of the issues with Cedar/Robinhood Beach, where the road and shoreline are privately owned and traditional access has been lost. The 2013 Town Meeting authorized the issuance of up to \$220,000 in bonds or notes for acquisition of easement access down Cedar Beach Road and onto a portion of the beach. The issue is complicated by lawsuits (to which the Town has not been a party), one of which appears to have reached a settlement, but full access is not yet available. The Town stands ready to proceed when access to both road and beach is assured. Authorization of the borrowing is in place through 2014 and the matter may call for additional expenditures which would be put before the voters.

Sometimes the weather inundates us with too much ocean and crashing seas become a threat to life and property. Throughout 2013, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) was considering that problem as it studied the threats on the north Atlantic coast. Proposed changes in FEMA's classification of the flood plain along the coast has strong implications for the cost of federal flood insurance for property owners near the shore. To protect the Town and its property owners against errors in the FEMA calculations, Harpswell, and other coastal municipalities, engaged Robert Gerber of Ransom Consulting, an expert in these matters. Mr. Gerber's earlier work led FEMA to make changes to the proposed maps for Harpswell. Currently, he is monitoring FEMA's work and keeping Harpswell officials informed of any necessary action the Town should consider taking with regard to the latest FEMA map proposals. In the meantime, Sen. Angus King has introduced legislation requiring the federal government to reimburse towns and cities for costs incurred in successfully challenging FEMA.

Our ocean proximity notwithstanding, some of the time and efforts of the BOS are focused on land-based matters. Numerous negotiation sessions resulted in a one-year lease with Harpswell Coastal Academy (a

public charter school) for the use of the former West Harpswell School building. The lease provides the school with an appropriate location for its educational program and reduces the cost to Harpswell taxpayers of operating and maintaining the building. While much of the monthly rent will be used to make improvements in the building, that, in turn, will enhance the building's value. At this time, the Academy is considering whether it is interested in purchasing the building. Any purchase would be subject to Town Meeting approval.

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, with the help of the Town Planner and a consultant, thoroughly researched the various characteristics of conservation subdivisions, concluded that they had much to offer Harpswell and shepherded the needed changes to the BOS for consideration. The BOS has recommended that Town Meeting voters amend the ordinance language so that conservation subdivisions are an optional approach to subdivision construction.

After receiving a comprehensive analysis by a staff team, the BOS approved a switch from the then-current manner of collecting recyclables to the single stream process. This permits the recycling of more materials, particularly additional plastics, is easier for businesses and households to implement, and has freed space at the Recycling Center. More details can be found in the report of the Recycling Center Manager on page 17. For information on other subjects of Town focus, do read the report of the Town Administrator on page 6.

The work of the Board of Selectmen is ongoing and we want to hear from you. Your concerns and any compliments can be voiced at Selectmen's meetings, sent via the USPS or by email or delivered in person at the Town Office. We are your employees and you are our employers. We try not to forget that.



*Elinor Multer*



*Alison S. Hawkes*



*Richard A. Daniel*

## Town Administrator's Report

The Annual Town Report is a compilation of the year's activities, financial and otherwise, that provides understanding and insight into the priorities and accomplishments of the Town. It highlights the work performed by our elected and appointed officials, our Town staff, as well as by our many talented committee members and volunteers. The political and fiscal history of the Town is well documented in its annual reports—all of which are permanently preserved for future reference.

What are some of the priorities and highlights of 2013?

- Implementing Single-Stream Recycling
- Investing in Capital Projects—all requiring considerable planning
  - Shore Acres, Thompson, Hildreth, Wharf and Long Point Roads
  - Major Culvert Replacement on Bethel Point Road
  - Parking Area Upgrade for Devil's Back Trail on Orr's Island
  - Development of plan and contract for Emergency Medical Services building
- Building Partnerships with entities such as:
  - Harpswell Heritage Land Trust (HHLT) for its funding of the Community Garden at Mitchell Field and for developing a conservation easement on tax-acquired property on Hildreth Road
  - Harpswell Coastal Academy (HCA) for use of the former West Harpswell School and for its interest in assisting with marine resources fieldwork
  - Harpswell Business Association (HBA) for its promotion of tourism in Harpswell with the support of the Town
  - Curtis Memorial Library for hosting genealogy sessions in Harpswell
  - Bowdoin College for having students work with our Harbor and Waterfront Committee and for considering innovative ways to work with our Marine Resources Committee
- Negotiating for purchase of property at Lookout Point, adjacent to existing Town land, to enhance public access
- Voting in December to fund round-the-clock dedicated paramedic coverage
- Supporting the Harpswell Heating Assistance Program, an important safety net for those in our community who need financial help to keep their homes warm
- Showcasing the Mitchell Field Bandstand with a very successful Summer Concert Series
- Purchasing a pumper/tanker for leasing to the Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department
- Streaming Selectmen's meetings so they can be viewed in real time on any device with an internet connection

What will some of the priorities be in 2014 based on the proposed budget?

- Performing more capital road work, likely on Washington Avenue, Abner Point and Bayview Roads, to be funded by a \$600,000 bond
- Purchasing an ambulance for use by Harpswell Neck to be funded by an estimated \$150,000 from the Emergency Vehicles Reserve Account
- Continuing the 24/7 dedicated paramedic coverage year-round to be funded by an appropriation of \$238,920 combined with \$34,800 from fund balance previously approved
- Supporting improved management of marine resources and developing a sound shellfish conservation program to be funded by an appropriation of \$30,000 for professional assistance as well as by an additional \$14,000 for shellfish conservation activities such as netting, fencing and trapping to protect the flats from the devastation of the green crab
- Demolishing a building at Mitchell Field to be funded by a \$25,000 appropriation

- Upgrading a playground at Harpswell Community School to be funded by a \$15,000 appropriation toward a total project cost of \$70,000
- Reviewing the Town’s wage and salary structure to be funded by a \$12,000 appropriation

What are some of the ongoing priorities of the Town?

- Acquiring public access easements for Cedar Beach Road and Cedar/Robinhood Beach
- Securing purchase of the Lookout Point Property once clean-up occurs
- Making enhancements and improvements to Town properties
- Leasing or selling the former West Harpswell School property
- Developing the potential of Mitchell Field

The priorities of the Town cannot be accomplished without the support of its taxpayers, partners, officials, staff, and volunteers, including the fire and rescue volunteers. Town Administrator Kristi Eiane extends sincere gratitude to all—too numerous to mention—who provide their expertise and participate so capably in the successful operations of our Town; your time, efforts and contributions are highly valued.



Back Row: Jason Marshall, Cathy Doughty, Kristi Eiane, Jill Caldwell, Jim Hays  
 Front Row: Roz Knight, Linda Strickland, Diane Plourde, Bill Wells, Terri-Lynn Sawyer, Sandy Bichrest, Carol Eyerman  
 Absent: Jean Rand, Gina Perow, Marguerite Kelly, Lee Johnson, Debbie Turner

## Assessing Office

The Assessor's Office serves to provide the taxpayers of Harpswell with fair and equitable valuations of real estate and business personal property, for tax purposes, in accordance with Maine State Law. The Assessor's Office is committed to maintaining positive public relations and providing reliable public information.

As of April 1 2013, taxable valuation for the Town of Harpswell was \$1,778,636,000. This includes taxable real estate with a total of \$1,772,676,900 and taxable personal property with a total of \$5,959,100. The value of exempt property is \$64,541,400. There are currently 4,976 real estate accounts and 153 personal property accounts.

The Assessors committed the annual tax rolls to the Tax Collector on August 5, 2013 with the mil rate of \$5.78, the due dates of 9/16/2013 and 12/16/2013; interest rate of 6% and a total of \$10,280,516 to be collected for 2013 taxes.

The Town of Harpswell has land area of 14,224 acres and approximately 216.8 miles of ocean frontage. There are 4,976 land parcels, of which 4,148 are improved and 828 are vacant. We have 1,482.16 acres enrolled in the State of Maine Tree Growth program and 628.89 acres protected under the State of Maine Open Space program. We have 94 acres of Farm Land and 89 acres in Farm woodland enrolled in the State of Maine Farm Land Current Use Program. Under the local Harpswell Heritage Land Trust there are 327.9 acres of protected land. The Town of Harpswell owns over 406.2 acres, which means that over 21% of Harpswell is being preserved.

Annually, the Assessor's Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments to the valuations that include any additions and deductions [522 properties visited]. The department is also responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership [295 transfers]. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual "ratio study," which compares the actual selling price of property to assessments. The most recent study conducted for state valuation purposes indicated the assessed values, on average, to be at approximately 100% of market value. The Assessor's Office is also responsible for processing Homestead Exemptions [1,392], and Veterans and Veterans' Widow's Exemptions [252].

In 2013, using information obtained from the Maine Orthoimagery Program and new aerial photographs produced by Woolpert, Inc., new color aerial photographs of the Town were printed by Aerial Survey & Photo, Inc. These aerial photographs are available to view in the Assessing Office.

Please contact the Assessing Office by calling 833-5771 or visit our Town's website at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) and go to Town Department and click on Assessor for information about property cards, tax maps, sales data, deeds, plans and applications for the Current Use Programs and Exemptions that the State offers such as Veteran, Homestead & Blind Exemptions, Tree Growth, Open Space & Farmland Classifications, and Charitable & Benevolent Institutions.

## Code Enforcement Office

In July of 2012, the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) took effect in Harpswell. We would like to thank homeowners, contractors and tradespeople for their efforts, patience and understanding during this time of transition. If you're planning a project, remember that all construction must comply with MUBEC and be inspected for compliance. Please allow ample time for inspections – if it gets buried, encased or enclosed, we probably have to look at it first! Contact the Code Enforcement Office if you are unsure whether a project requires a permit, inspections, or a Certificate of Compliance and/or Occupancy.

The ongoing effort by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to modernize and digitize coastal flood hazard maps is back in full swing. Coastal Cumberland County preliminary maps were released in November and incorporate many changes from the original preliminary maps received in 2009. If you own waterfront property and have not reviewed the preliminary maps, they are available online from the Town's website and can be viewed in the Code Enforcement Office. Code Enforcement staff will be available to review preliminary flood maps with interested citizens and the Town's website will continue to be updated as new information is received.

In 2012, FEMA representatives conducted a Community Assistance Visit to review, assess and improve upon the Town's floodplain management processes. As a part of this review, some property owners with structures built or improved since 2000 may be contacted by the Code Enforcement Office for elevation information.

265 Building/Land Use Permits were issued in 2013, up from 252 in 2012. 168 plumbing permits were issued in 2013, compared with 160 in 2012. (Plumbing permit numbers include both internal plumbing and septic system permits.)

Please feel free to visit, call or e-mail Code Enforcement Officer Bill Wells or Alternate Code Enforcement Officer Jason Marshall with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Year	Permits Issued	Plumbing Permits	Mobile Homes	New Home	Access. Struct.	Add. / Reno.	Piers Docks	Rip-Rap Seawall	Misc.	Replacd Dwelling	Wharf Repl.	Condo
2008	321	192	0	23	70	113	21	18	54	7	15	0
2009	285	192	5	18	61	88	26	15	57	9	6	0
2010	291	158	5	20	92	71	6	15	68	12	2	0
2011	278	158	3	18	62	89	14	15	57	8	12	0
2012	252	160	1	16	43	97	11	8	55	11	10	0
2013	265	168	1	22	69	84	16	10	44	9	9	1

## Emergency Management Agency

There have been some major changes in our Rescue Departments. Some key personnel have retired and new personnel are filling these positions. One new fire truck was purchased this year for use by the Cundy's Harbor Fire Department. Our fire departments are looking for additional volunteers to reinforce their present members. A new building is now being built to house the Mid Coast Hospital paramedics and their emergency vehicle. It is located adjacent to the Recycling Center.

Emergency Management Agent William Labbe will continue to attend monthly meetings in Windham at the Cumberland County Emergency Management Center. Planning and preparedness are goals we continue to pursue.



*William "Pappy" Labbe*

*Note: Mr. Labbe is planning to retire from his position as Emergency Management Agent in 2014 after 12 years of service to the Town.*

## Town Caretaker

The Town Caretaker is responsible for the maintenance of Town-owned lands and buildings.

The ongoing projects and efforts performed by the Town Caretaker Bill Wells include:

- Continuous efforts to improve upon energy efficiency in the Town Office building.
- Regular inspections and routine maintenance of Town-owned buildings and lands.
- Working with various Town staff to facilitate upkeep, maintenance and storage of Town-owned landings, wharves, watercraft and vehicles.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Town-owned lands or buildings, feel free to contact the Town Office at (207) 833-5771 and ask for the Code Enforcement Office.

## Planning Office

The Planning Office wants to thank all the people who have made this a very enjoyable year! We both appreciate the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers we work to support. We welcome any assistance and comments on our continuing projects and if you have ideas for the future, please come in as we would love to hear them.

The Planning Office's role is to provide professional planning assistance to the Town's various boards and committees, which include the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC), and the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee (MFIC). The Office provided planning review services for the Planning Board which included reviewing subdivisions, site plans, shoreland zoning, and ordinance amendments. Staff in the department regularly attends scheduled Planning Board meetings. In addition, the Planning Office assisted the CPIC with the implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, which included developing amendments to various ordinances in order to implement flexible subdivisions. You may want to join this group; there is discussion about starting work on a new Comprehensive Plan, possibly in 2015.

The Office assisted the Conservation Commission in its ongoing efforts to implement portions of the Open Space Plan and the Harpswell element of the New Meadows River Watershed Partnership Plan. Last, but not least, we assisted the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee in its ongoing efforts to implement the Mitchell Field Master Plan.

Some additional activities of the staff include involvement with and participation with the MidCoast Economic Development District, Harpswell Business Association, New Meadows River Watershed Project, Community Development Block Grant Municipal Oversight Committee, MidCoast Housing Coalition, and the Ecosystem Indicator Partnership for Coastal Communities – Gulf of Maine Estuary Project.

Some of the ideas for 2014 projects include, but are not limited to:

1. assist in implementation of final recommendations from the 2013 Shoreland Zoning taskforce final report;
2. assist in creation of harbor and waterfront implementation plan; and
3. assist in Ordinance amendments – timber harvesting; combine Shoreland Zoning and Basic Land use ordinances; combine accessory residential unit in basic land use ordinance and “in-law suite” in Shoreland zoning ordinance; add additional criteria into Subdivision Ordinance (Public Law Chapter 622)

Do you have any ideas? Town Planner Carol Eyerman would love to hear them.

## General Assistance

Maine statute requires that all municipalities administer a service “for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities.” An annual audit is performed by the Department of Health and Human Services and Harpswell’s program was deemed compliant, ensuring that the Town will continue to be reimbursed by the State for 50% of its program costs.

Residents who apply for General Assistance are expected to provide documentation of income and repeat applicants are required to verify how they spent their income in the 30 days prior to making application. An applicant who is not in need of emergency assistance may be required to fulfill a workfare requirement prior to receiving the non-emergency assistance conditionally granted to that applicant.

The General Assistance Administrator also serves to connect clients to other available resources. Applicants are directed to apply for LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) which is administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and contracted to the Opportunity Alliance Program (PROP). Harpswell residents may call PROP at 1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800 for an appointment. If you have questions about any of the programs, please contact Linda Strickland at the Town Office.

### *General Assistance Statistics*

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Utilities</i>	<i>Heating</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Total</i>
2013	\$10,226	\$ 802	\$4,313	\$ 99	\$ 47	\$15,305
2012	\$ 5,206	\$1,329	\$4,789	\$ 741	\$202	\$12,267
2011	\$10,591	\$ 393	\$5,670	\$ 271	\$ 92	\$17,213
2010	\$ 8,853	\$1,005	\$4,110	\$ 388	\$311	\$14,800

## Harpswell Heating Assistance

The Harpswell Heating Assistance Program (HHAP) was started in March 2008. This program is a locally administered program intended to aid those who do not typically qualify for the General Assistance Program or other heating assistance programs, but who need help with heating costs. Eligibility is determined on the basis of household income that is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level.

In 2013, HHAP provided assistance to 54 applicants. For eligible households, this program may provide up to 200 gallons of fuel oil or propane or the equivalent value in wood during the winter season.

At the 2013 March Town Meeting, voters approved an appropriation of \$12,000 for HHAP; in addition the Town received donations of \$13,971 for the program in 2013 and \$24,636 was carried over from the prior year. Total expenditures in 2013 were \$19,251, leaving a balance at year’s end of \$31,356.

Thanks to the generosity of the fundraising efforts by Cook’s Lobster House, the Harpswell Festival and contributions from many other donors, the fund has been maintained at a healthy level.

The Town requires all HHAP applicants to apply to LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) which is federally funded and administered by the Maine State Housing Authority through the Opportunity Alliance Program (PROP). Harpswell residents may call 1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800 for an appointment. If you have questions about the various programs and their eligibility requirements, please contact Linda Strickland at the Town Office.

## Animal Control Officer

Beyond responding to routine calls, the focus of Animal Control Officer (ACO), Lee Johnson, has been following up on unregistered dogs. This includes previously registered dogs and dogs that have never been registered. The goal is to locate all dog owners to achieve 100% registration. In 2013, dog owners failed to register before the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline over 200 dogs, which had been registered in past years. There remain an undetermined number of dogs that have never been registered. Follow up on unpaid registration is very time consuming.

The ACO continues to rescue feral cats to assure the continued population decline that he has been working on for nine years. Please call if you are aware of a feral cat population.

The ACO helps needy residents with food and medical attention for pets. If you know of someone struggling to meet the needs of her or his pets, please consider helping or contact the ACO. Many animals are still being turned into the animal shelter because the owners cannot afford them. Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Arndt continues as deputy ACO. Please call 1- 800 -501-1111 Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Public Safety dispatch to reach the ACO. The ACO is on call 24/7.

The ACO continues to serve on the Board of Director of the Coastal Humane Society.

*If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and man. — Mark Twain*

*I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior. — Hippolyte Taine*

## Fire Warden

For 2013, 211 permits were issued by the Town fire wardens and an unknown quantity of permits were issued using the online system. Due to the Maine Forest Service system being rebuilt at this time, no information is available from the old system. The new system is being expanded to encompass the whole State not just the southern part of Maine.

Open Burning Permits can be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours Monday through Friday and at the Recycling Center when that facility is open. Permits can also be obtained online at [www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com) for a \$7.00 fee.

Harpswell Town Fire Warden Frank E. Hilton and Deputy Fire Wardens Dick Wyer, Ed Blain and Walter Johnson can issue permits at any time. Deputy Fire Wardens Linda Strickland and Diane Plourde can issue burning permits from the Town Office.

Open burning is not allowed in the Town of Harpswell without a permit. Thank you for burning responsibly.

Please remember that it is illegal to leave an open burn until it is 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.

Plan your burn when vegetation is damp and wind is calm. Burning when the ground is snow-covered, during a light drizzle, or just before precipitation is forecast is ideal.

Typically November through March offers the safest conditions for open burning.

When you receive a burn permit, you agree to follow a specific set of safe practices. Please review these carefully before burning. Burning must proceed with all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of fire and must not create any nuisance conditions to our neighbors. Do not burn when wind speed exceeds 10 mph (5 mph when burning grass), if the wind comes up you must extinguish the fire. Fires must be attended at all times by at least 2 adults with the necessary tools and water to assure safety.

You must have a written permit in your possession whether obtained online or issued by a warden. You are responsible for the fire if it escapes and may be liable for suppression costs up to \$10,000 as well as any damages caused to other properties.

## Harbormaster

The main function of the Harbormaster is the management of all harbors, anchorages, mooring fields, Town landings, and working with various Town committees associated with the harbors and waterfront. The Harbormaster continues to inventory moorings in a GPS system. These records allow for tracking mooring placements and validating mooring registrations.

Another function of the Harbormaster is to assess applications and perform site reviews of new wharf applications determining if the new construction will be an obstruction to navigation. After careful review, recommendations are made to the Board of Selectmen.

In addition, the Harbormaster provides Marine Wardens' training for the operation of the Marine Resources boat and maintains records for operations of the Marine Resources and Harbormaster boats.

### **Moorings**

Mooring fees for existing moorings are due by May 2014 and a late fee will be assessed if not paid by that date. The 2014 mooring fees have increased to \$25.00 for resident and non-resident taxpayers, \$125.00 for non-residents and \$100.00 for rental moorings. Applications for new moorings can be found on the Harpswell website or can be picked up at the Harpswell Town Office. Moorings are surveyed annually. In 2013 there were 2,487 moorings registered with 101 new mooring assignments. There were 1,966 in the water of which 183 moorings were without the registration number permanently on the mooring buoy/ball. **Unmarked moorings are subject to removal and the location reassigned to the next applicant on the waiting list.**

### **Harbor Management Plan**

The Harbor Plan has continued to be implemented in stages by associated Town committees. Access has been improved by performing repairs and maintenance on boat ramps and landings to allow greater access to the shore and aquaculture continues to be a topic of interest for the Harbor & Waterfront Committee. The Marine Resources Committee is continuing to identify how to protect shellfish resources. The main topic of interest and a concern to be addressed is the invasion of the Green Crab.

### **Green Crabs**

The Harbormaster attended the Green Crab Summit held in Orono in December. An overview of the Summit was presented at a February 2014 Selectmen's meeting. Green crabs affect the population of shellfish and eel grass beds changing the ecological make-up of the shoreline. Efforts to eradicate this invasive species are occurring statewide and in Harpswell. The Harbormaster will be working closely with the Marine Resources Committee and Shellfish Wardens to help with setting up a program to manage the green crab in order to prevent them from devastating our marine environment and marine resources.

### **Town Website**

The Town website has a section dedicated to the Harbormaster activities. This website includes items such as mooring applications, fees, maps of mooring fields, and will be used to post information related to waterfront activities and the harbor planning progress.

To contact the Harbormaster, Jim Hays, call (207) 833-5771 (ext. 106) or (207) 751-9298 (cell).

## Recreation

The Recreation Department's main objective is to provide recreational programs for all ages. The department is responsible for recreational programming and operating the Trufant Summerton Athletic Field. This is accomplished with one part-time employee and many, many volunteers.

Regular programs: Family Swim (twice yearly), Karate (twice yearly), PeeWee Soccer, XC running (twice yearly), Field Hockey, AYBL Basketball, Basketball FUNDamentals, Ski and Snowboard at Lost Valley, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Camp Harpswell, Red Cross Summer Swim, Abbot Fletcher Sailing School, Kayaking for Kids with H2Outfitters, Tuesday and Friday Bridge, and Yoga at the Town Office.

One time and new programming: Harpswell Family Outing Club, Tennis Clinic with HNPEA, Wednesday Tennis at HCS, Small Wonders Photo Hike, Lacrosse Clinic for girls, and Wild to Mild Yoga for kids.

All programs were well attended with the youth program registrations totaling roughly 652, with about 460 of those being residents and non-resident taxpayers.

Harpswell Recreation, Harpswell Heritage Land Trust (HHLT) and Harpswell Community Nursery School teamed up to form the Harpswell Family Outing Club. Adventures included tidal pool exploration, birdhouse building, trail hikes, and more! This group is a fun and exciting way to get outdoors and meet new folks with or without children!

The Recreation Committee has been busy keeping the trails beautiful and maintained. The largest project for the year was the expansion and grading of the Devil's Back parking lot. The lot is now larger and safer for all. A joint presentation by the Recreation Committee, Town Lands Committee and HHLT was held during the summer. This presentation included a slide show with information on recreational opportunities throughout the Town during all seasons.

The recreation Facebook page is up to about 150 likes and has become a great way to communicate with residents and surrounding community members. An email subscription is also available as another way to get up-to-date information.

A second printing of the Harpswell Guide, with updates, was done in 2013. Guides are available at the Town Office, local businesses, inns, and restaurants.

A special thank you to all the volunteers and parents who give their time, talents and positive contributions to Recreation programs and the Town. Volunteers allow the department to provide valuable services, programs and facilities which, in turn, create a true sense of community. New volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in volunteering we have opportunities for everyone.

More information can be found at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) > Town Departments > Recreation. Recreation Director Gina Perow can be reached at 207-833-5771 ext. 108 or [recreation@town.harpswell.me.us](mailto:recreation@town.harpswell.me.us).

## A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center

2013 was another eventful year. In August we transitioned to Single-Stream Recycling, which has improved our Recycling-to-Trash ratio. This transition has allowed us to reduce the footprint of our operation, and allowed for the storage of the Harbormaster and Marine Patrol boats inside the warehouse. Cleanliness of the facility has improved tremendously, due in no small part to the efforts of the residents as they separate their materials and to the elimination of stored recyclable materials. There has been a significant reduction in the amount of trash left at the gate during our closed hours, and the staff truly thanks everyone for their efforts.

Tonnage processed at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station is as follows:

<b>Waste Received</b>		<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	Recycling Center	1620.0	1623.6	1598.8	1502.8	1508.2
	Transfer Station	1187.7	1215.4	936.7	921.9	897.8
	Total Tons	2810.1	2839.0	2535.5	2424.6	2406.0
<b>Recycling Rate</b>						
	Recycling Center	31.9%	32.3%	32.5%	31.5%	33.4%
	Transfer Station	68.9%	70.9%	64.1%	66.8%	65.1%
	Annual Recycling Rate	47.4%	48.5%	44.2%	44.9%	44.8%

We continue to ensure your waste is processed in the most environmentally friendly yet cost-effective manner possible. 2013's waste disposal contract ensured that your waste is converted to energy in lieu of the landfill, and the current contract remains unchanged. The staff said goodbye to Cody King, who found employment opportunities elsewhere after serving Harpswell for 6 years. We also said goodbye to Jared Ricker, who served Harpswell for 1 year. As a result of those losses we welcomed Theresa Racine to the staff.



*Manager Fred Cantu, Mark Wallace,  
Theresa Racine, Greg King*

In order to further improve your facility, we ask all residents to adhere to the established guidelines at the facility, and feel free to ask the staff for answers to your questions. Hazardous Materials are not allowed in the facility due to Department of Environmental Protection regulations, so Hazardous Waste Collection Days are normally scheduled in May and October each year. We ask that all residents separate their trash from their recyclables, keep plastic bags out of the recycling compactor, and ensure all glass, metal and plastic containers are empty and rinsed before delivery to ensure the staff remains healthy and the facility remains clean.

# Tax Collector's Report

It has been a productive year in the Tax Office and also one full of changes. As you may know, Martha York retired last March. I am so thankful for her training in preparation for this job. I appreciate the support I have received from so many since being elected.

In mid-April, Sandy Bichrest was hired as the Deputy Tax Collector for four days a week. She works in payroll and bookkeeping one day a week. Sandy resides in Cundy's Harbor with her husband Dain. With her lovely personality, she is a great asset to the Town Office.

This year we began using a new State compliant program for automobile registrations. This involved learning a whole new system. You can re-register your automobiles, boats, snowmobiles and ATV's online, and pay your taxes at: [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov), click on online services. We also accept credit card transactions in person.

There were 5,129 tax bills sent out in 2013. Taxes were due on September 16th and December 16th. Over 95% of the Real Estate taxes have been collected for 2013.

Automobiles, trailers and duplicate registrations .....	5,962
Boats, milfoil upgrades and duplicate registrations .....	1,457
Documented boats .....	97
ATV's .....	108
Snowmobiles .....	128
Vehicles Online .....	222
Passport Applications .....	50

## 2013 Unpaid Taxes \* Indicates taxes paid in full after books are closed

2013 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES			
* 34 Reed Cove LLC .....	3,787.63	Beebe Christina T & Kenneth .....	960.06
* 45 Reed Cove LLC .....	2,377.89	Below Benjamin F & Lisa Ellen Haskins .....	907.17
* 95 Clark Shore LLC .....	1,381.42	Betjemann Christopher III .....	704.70
* Adams Douglas & Brandi .....	834.50	Bibber Charles A & Beverly B .....	606.90
Aldred Sandra .....	154.90	Bibber Michael, Charles, Mary Wilson, Elizabeth Hunter .....	356.90
Aldred Sandra .....	3,002.13	Bibber Sally .....	782.09
* Alexander John & Diane .....	205.14	Bissonnett Paul .....	742.15
Alexander Ruth .....	1,869.83	Bourgoin Marie P .....	1,808.56
Allen Harry R .....	402.87	Boyce Robert J .....	1,173.34
Allison G Christopher & Jean .....	1,969.82	Boyd Elizabeth .....	1,961.15
Allyn Robert, Kimberly & Daniel .....	123.81	* Bradbury Lynn .....	24.42
Anderson Donald & Rosa .....	990.69	* Brayman Sarah E .....	531.18
Andrew Joseph & Deborah .....	4,911.84	Brewer Connie .....	63.00
* Anthoine-Orlandini Maureen .....	1,044.73	Brillant Marie L .....	576.07
Applin Jane .....	1,345.58	Brockett Teresa .....	205.77
Arquette Ronald .....	628.29	Brown Anne .....	1,348.47
Auburn Colony .....	178.67	Brown Anne .....	1,127.10
Auburn Colony .....	481.52	Brown Brandon .....	120.22
* Austin Alfred .....	1,463.20	* Bullington Cynthia K .....	25.87
Austin David .....	116.76	Captain Morrill House LLC .....	736.37
* Baribeau David & Margaret .....	1,613.56	Caron-Kelley Christine M & Edward K Kelley .....	1,125.52
Baribeau Richard .....	2,418.35	* Catlin Lawrence .....	591.29
Baribeau Richard Sr .....	1,615.51	* Catlin Lawrence .....	531.47
Barker Martha .....	2,350.58	Center Island Terrace LLC .....	1,348.47
* Bateman Bruce D & Nancy M .....	1,093.28	Center Island Terrace LLC .....	2,125.88
Beckwith Michael & Angela .....	127.00	Chamberlin Roger & Holly Trust .....	24.63

## 2013 Unpaid Taxes (cont.) \* Indicates taxes paid in full after books are closed

Chapman Brett D.....	899.94	Hansen John Henry.....	94.79
Chapman Julie F.....	2,037.34	Harris Josephine A.....	508.45
* Charest Georges L & Pauline.....	1,120.16	Havas Peter.....	3,026.41
* Chipman David.....	257.79	* Hawkes Gary Jr & Alison S.....	821.91
* Chipman David.....	743.31	Heisey Janice & Wilson Edgar Hrs of.....	73.69
Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes.....	487.25	Heisey Janice & Wilson Edgar Hrs of.....	242.18
Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes.....	1,147.33	Hersom Janice L.....	537.25
Chisholm Drake C & Dorothy.....	610.65	Hill George.....	175.21
Coffin Jon Jr, Brian, Marie Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.....	28.90	Hodell (Bastarache) Lori.....	90.75
Colburn David.....	1,975.03	Hoebcke Daniel & Ellen.....	701.28
Colburn David.....	745.62	* Horner Eileen & James B.....	1,408.01
Colburn David.....	565.28	Howard Cynthia, Roger, Clyde, Wayne & Steven Driscoll.....	579.98
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N.....	908.32	Hunt Sandra, Robert & Kelly Fields.....	2,134.55
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N.....	314.14	Hyde Frederick G.....	837.30
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N.....	1,166.11	* Johnson Charles III & Gail.....	736.08
* Coles, James Reed Personal Rep.....	2,377.60	* Johnson Charles III & Gail.....	953.99
* Coles, James Reed Personal Rep.....	1,457.24	* Johnson Charles III & Gail.....	169.64
* Coles, James Reed Personal Rep.....	1,457.42	* Johnson Charles III & Gail.....	252.29
Conant Francis R & Hazel C.....	1,139.13	Johnson Damon E.....	905.74
Conant James W & Tammy L.....	424.17	* Johnson Douglas A & Janel D.....	1,909.13
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	2,339.17	Johnson Fred, Jeffrey, Millicent.....	499.39
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	484.94	Carolyn, Lyndon & Richard	
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	5,143.62	* Johnson Howard E Jr & Glenda L.....	2,565.16
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	631.75	Jones David W & Debra.....	681.46
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	121.96	Kane Mitchell E & Alice C.....	597.07
* Coombs William M & Denise B.....	458.93	Kelley Edward & Patricia.....	837.52
Cornwell Gary V & Patricia L.....	199.12	* Kelley Edward & Patricia.....	503.41
Cort Ann S.....	843.93	Kelly David.....	1,223.63
Coulombe Sandra W.....	2,646.08	Kennedy Deane O & Kathleen P.....	263.28
Coultas Carol & Kenneth Chutchia.....	1,048.49	Kennedy Joseph.....	169.35
Coyne John J.....	2,677.30	King Block Realty LLC.....	2,283.96
Crosman Jamie.....	510.95	Koenig Lisa, Linda, Ingram, Daniel & Laurie Bowie.....	1,332.29
Crosman Jamie.....	482.63	* Konecny Patricia A & Jan S.....	1,918.08
Crosman Jamie.....	1,960.00	Lavigne John.....	904.57
Curry Theresa B.....	357.78	Leahy Thomas, Patricia, Joseph & Dorothy.....	4311.88
Dalton Elizabeth.....	335.24	Leeman Christopher Per rep of Carol Leeman.....	637.53
Dammann Luella Pers Rep of Frederick Dammann.....	2,668.05	Letter Street LLC.....	264.72
Darling Brandy.....	1,692.38	Livesay E Christopher & Susan & Nicholas & C Reeves.....	842.72
Davis Michael.....	77.45	* Long Reach Camp LLC.....	11.21
Desjardins John.....	650.83	* Lord Helen S.....	674.52
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda.....	2,753.01	* Lumbert Robert.....	470.30
Dolan George C & Kathleen M.....	3,444.30	Lunde Thomas.....	2,916.59
Dorsey Mark M.....	2,496.96	Lynch Mary Anne.....	456.04
Eastman Elizabeth L.....	1,731.98	MacDuff David.....	295.36
Eastman Elizabeth L.....	960.93	Maclean Mabel.....	581.47
Eastman John D Jr.....	1,165.83	Maclean Mabel.....	332.93
Eastman John D Jr & Elizabeth.....	792.15	* MacMullen Howard Jr & Florence.....	1,304.54
Elliott Ricky & Wendy.....	1,053.69	Macomber Steven H & Jane.....	80.34
* Elvin James.....	486.38	Macomber Steven H & Jane.....	80.34
Evans Barry.....	551.99	Macomber Steven H & Jane.....	80.34
Farmer John L & Belinda D.....	580.60	Macomber Steven H & Jane.....	98.43
Fitzpatrick Kelly L.....	4,336.44	Manco Development LLC.....	1,755.09
* Flanagan Peter J.....	1,853.65	Maney Harold.....	57.80
Ford Robert G.....	843.01	Maney Harold Sr.....	918.44
* Foss Elaine M.....	370.50	Maney Harold Jr.....	38.15
Foster George A Jr & Glenn A.....	412.01	Marando Michael & Denise.....	614.70
Galanek Mitchell.....	2,471.38	Marquis Mary F.....	854.28
* Gauron James & Catherine E.....	968.15	Marr Maurita.....	2,690.01
Gilliam Levi & Marcia.....	712.10	* Marshall Gregory J.....	1,032.88
Gilliam Levi & Marcia.....	1,054.27	Marstaller David.....	753.42
* Goff Barbara Hrs of.....	835.50	Marstaller Nancy, David & Thomas.....	212.15
Goguen Wilfred & Cheryl.....	938.09	Martin William H III & Kathy A.....	969.88
* Gonsior Rudolph A & Meaghan B.....	357.20	Matthews Sandra.....	136.41
Goodenow Joey A.....	83.23	Mattsen Kenneth.....	391.30
Graham Robert.....	1,889.48	Mattsen Kenneth.....	416.16
Greene Holly S.....	782.03	McAuliffe Michael & Kimberly.....	2,077.18
Guernelli Gianelia F & Karen M.....	1,350.49	McCallum Mark & Caldwell Kathleen.....	960.06
* Haggerty Laurie & Eleanor French.....	934.63	McFadden Carole.....	569.41
Hanscom Linda.....	1,396.68	McKay Stephen Ekman.....	1,393.37

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McKnight Linda .....	573.38	Richter Charles & Melinda H .....	1,015.20
Mello Rosemarie & David.....	1,239.81	Ridlon Iris & William .....	110.67
Mitchell Lynette .....	513.84	Ring Scott .....	2,501.01
Monroe Paul J & Leigh I Kelly.....	793.59	Robbins Stephen.....	449.11
Montgomery Thomas III & Arlene.....	2,822.37	Roby Robert c/o David Jones .....	261.83
Moody Robert.....	539.85	Roby Robert c/o David Jones .....	261.83
* Morgan Chester E & George & Linda Furbish.....	602.56	* Rogers Glenn E.....	1,060.05
Morgan Linda .....	1,188.37	Rogers Jon.....	308.65
Morgan Mary.....	567.79	Rogers Jon.....	1,274.49
Morgan Maurice & Veronica .....	1,091.26	Rose Matthew & Jessica .....	435.52
Morin Raymond & Nancy .....	945.32	Rose Charles J & Joyce P .....	265.59
Morin Stacy Personal rep of John Bear .....	1,182.01	Savage George W .....	352.00
Morrell Jeffrey Jr.....	639.85	Savage George W .....	551.41
Moser David Q.....	2,105.36	Savage George W .....	902.84
Mukhopadhyay Sugata & Ritu Jun.....	1,005.72	Saxton Donald .....	2,538.58
* Murphy Jane E.....	1,491.82	Scholle Sally & Barbara Colby .....	1,039.82
Murray George A.....	676.26	* Sifton Samuel & Charles T & John PG .....	1,082.01
* Meyers Lenard A & Dana .....	863.53	Small Gary & Ania.....	1,913.76
* Nadell Sheryl C & Paul T.....	508.39	Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of.....	699.96
Nelson Joseph W & Elizabeth H.....	2,578.46	Sprague Sarah V .....	1,951.66
* Nesbit James IV Robert & James Alexander.....	1,065.03	* Stone Jennifer K .....	528.29
& John & Douglas Steele		Stone John F.....	290.15
* Nesbit James IV Robert & James Alexander.....	879.86	Sturges Sheldon B & Hale II.....	358.36
& John & Douglas Steele		Taylor G Donald .....	388.99
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	1,695.85	Tcheyan Nils & Karen .....	1,772.72
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	378.59	Thackery Ann M .....	1,066.99
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	312.12	Therriault John & Dorothy .....	1,785.44
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	319.63	* Thibault M Irene .....	5,043.05
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	319.63	Thompson Shirley.....	1,003.41
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	319.63	Thorburn Stanley B.....	423.09
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	309.23	Thorburn Stanley B.....	1,836.01
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	302.29	Tisdale Greg & Jennifer .....	1,613.20
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	302.29	Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer.....	2,585.39
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	319.63	Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer.....	1,135.77
Northey Peter & Marlene .....	382.64	Tobey Carol c/o Lynda Bobb.....	249.12
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet.....	113.29	Toothaker Earl .....	1,299.90
Ober Diane.....	2,664.87	Toothaker Rudolph O Jr & David.....	460.09
Ormsby Robert ID.....	466.45	* Tower Specialist.....	286.40
Orrino Anthony .....	254.90	Townsend James & Frances R.....	723.65
Ouellette Maurice E .....	2,751.28	Van Vlack Leann .....	641.00
* Owen Thomas & Jane.....	959.48	* Vance Stephen & Gloria.....	845.56
Palmer Carol A .....	559.50	Wallace James, William, Bea Cunningham, Mary & Amy Goodenow .....	640.42
Pancione Michael, Thomas & Christopher Upchurch .....	1,279.78	Walsh Laura, Diana Lederman & James .....	1,285.16
Paradis Richard C.....	597.63	* Walch Michael & Lindi.....	256.92
Parent Norman C .....	713.25	Warburton Paul D.....	553.72
Parent Norman C .....	3,118.60	Ward Lewis V .....	1,921.20
Parker Kristine Ellen.....	1,161.61	Ward Timothy .....	1,714.93
* Pelkey Beth Ann.....	13.32	Warner John M Jr & Prudence .....	1,304.55
Pennell Keith & Sarah McFadden.....	1,352.37	Waterledge LLC.....	866.42
Perry Alfred Jr.....	3,277.26	* Webster Lisa R.....	1,428.24
Perry Rosemarie & Daniel .....	4,178.36	Weinert Frederick & Stephen.....	294.20
* Phelan Amy K & William .....	845.03	Werler Edward .....	720.77
Piel Stobie .....	3,469.73	Wessel David & Kimberly.....	1,980.23
* Pond Road LLC .....	141.61	Whittemore Kelsey.....	560.68
* Potthoff Alan & Jennifer.....	720.47	Wille Margaret D, Margaret L & Charles.....	1,147.78
* Proctor Leon & Arlene.....	67.05	Wirs Elizabeth L.....	15.03
Purinton Bruce G Jr.....	995.89	Wright Melinda H.....	569.32
Purinton Bruce G Jr.....	2,525.86	York Adam.....	1,226.52
Ramsay Sherry, Richard, Arlene, Craig, Suzanna & Jamie .....	349.47	Zahradka Frank T.....	849.08
Randall William & Heather .....	2,105.45	Zarnfeller Erich L & Maureen .....	18.66
Reims Edgar A & Ellen Quinlan .....	810.06		
Rice-Gould Norma J.....	940.36		
		<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>32,4951.28</b>

# 2013 Unpaid Taxes (cont.)

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<b>2013 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	
* ADT LLC .....	9.83
Cooks Lobster House.....	92.66
Gail Peabody Attny.....	2.89
Jon of all Trades c/o Jon Moores .....	1.73
* Rainbow Upholstery c/o Steven Fish.....	5.78
Red Fish Assoc Inc c/o Ben Wallace.....	22.54
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>135.43</b>

<b>2012 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
Allen Harry R.....	352.93
Arquette Ronald.....	895.10
Boyce Robert J.....	1,025.51
Brown Anne G.....	1,343.81
Brown Anne G.....	1,157.76
Center Island Terrace LLC.....	1,343.81
Center Island Terrace LLC.....	2,118.53
Coffin Jon R Jr & Brian D & L Pennell .....	28.80
& Roger C Sirois & Alfred	
Colburn David.....	1,968.19
Colburn David.....	743.04
Colburn David.....	563.33
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	2,220.38
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	483.26
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	5,125.82
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	629.57
Coombs William M & Denise B.....	121.54
* Coombs William M & Denise B.....	457.34
Coulome Sandra W.....	2,636.93
Darling Brandy.....	1,686.53
Davis Michael.....	77.18
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda.....	2,743.49
Elliott Ricky & Wendy.....	1,050.05
Goodenow Joey A.....	82.94
Graham Robert E.....	1,863.93
Hodell Lori.....	90.43
Johnson Fred, Jeffrey, Millicent .....	870.91
Carolyn, Lyndon & Richard	
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C.....	595.01
Kennedy Joseph.....	168.77
Koenig Lisa & Linda Ingram Daniel T & Laurie A Bowie.....	1,327.68
Leahy Thomas J & Patricia M & Joseph M & Dorothy A.....	405.96
MacDuff David.....	251.05
Maney Harold Sr.....	447.38
Marr Maurita.....	1,589.78
Mitchell Lynette.....	47.52
Moody Robert.....	249.89
Morgan Linda.....	1,184.26
Morgan Maurice F & Veronica.....	1,087.49
Morin Stacy A Pers Rep Estate of John E Bear.....	413.27
Morrell Jeffrey Jr.....	637.63
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	1,689.98
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet.....	199.30
Ormsby Robert ID.....	464.83
Ouellette Maurice E.....	1,370.88
Ring Scott D.....	2,492.35
Savage George W.....	350.78
Savage George W.....	549.50
Savage George W.....	962.50
Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of.....	589.17
Therault John A & Dorothy J.....	1,779.26
Thompson Shirley.....	915.03
Van Vlack Leeann.....	550.38
Ward Timothy.....	1,708.99
Weinert Frederick & Stephen.....	293.18
Wessell David & Kimberly.....	1,973.38
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>55,976.31</b>

<b>2011 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
** Arquette Ronald.....	901.32
Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.....	29.00
Davis Michael.....	77.72
Hodell Lori.....	91.06
** Ward Timothy.....	1,573.54
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>2,672.64</b>

<b>2010 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
Hodell Lori.....	96.60
Davis Michael.....	80.40
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>177.00</b>

<b>2009 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
Hodell Lori.....	81.83
Davis Michael.....	82.95
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>164.78</b>

<b>2008 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
Hodell Lori.....	81.83
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>81.83</b>

<b>2007 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
Hodell Lori.....	77.09
Groves James.....	79.52
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>156.61</b>

<b>2006 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
Hodell Lori.....	152.92
Groves James.....	15.69
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>168.61</b>

<b>2005 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
Hodell Lori.....	146.96
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>146.96</b>

\*\* Tax- Acquired as of December 15, 2013

<b>2013 ABATEMENTS</b>	
Bruce & Melody Hanson.....	19.01
Jo Warner.....	162.43
Town of Harpswell.....	161.26
ADT Security Service Inc.....	9.83
Josephine Harris.....	552.57
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>905.10</b>

<b>2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT</b>	
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs.....	503.44
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>503.44</b>

<b>2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT</b>	
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs.....	520.80
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>520.80</b>

<b>2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS</b>	
Blackbird II.....	116.99
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs.....	537.29
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>654.28</b>

<b>2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS</b>	
Blackbird II.....	121.32
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs.....	537.91
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>659.23</b>

<b>2013 SUPPLEMENTAL</b>	
Rand Island Trust.....	780.00
ADT LLC.....	9.83
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>789.83</b>

# Town Clerk's Report

## Dogs: 981 dogs and 2 kennels licensed

All dogs six months and older must be licensed. You must provide a current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. All licenses expire December 31. Our office has held a rabies clinic at the Town Office the first Saturday in January for any dog or cat that needs to be vaccinated. Those who attend need to bring a copy of the animal's last rabies certificate if it is not on file at the Town Clerk's Office. You can also register your dogs online through a link at [harpwell.maine.gov](http://harpwell.maine.gov).

## Hunting/Fishing Licenses: 410 Licenses

When purchasing a hunting or archery license for the first time from our office, you must provide proof of having a previous license or proof of having taken a Safety Course. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased online through a link at [harpwell.maine.gov](http://harpwell.maine.gov).

## Registered Businesses: 11

Elections and Town Meetings:	Votes Cast	
March 9, 2013 Annual Town Meeting	693	17%
May 23, 2013 District Budget Meeting	14	.3%
June 11, 2013 M.S.A.D. #75 Budget Validation & Municipal Referendum	238	5.8%
November 5, 2013 State & Municipal Referendum	1,156	29%
December 7, 2013 Special Town Meeting	100	2.5%

## Shellfish Licenses:

Commercial Resident	65
Commercial Non-Resident	7
Commercial Senior Resident	5
Recreational Resident	154
Recreational Non-Resident	15
Senior Resident	26
Senior Non-Resident	2

## Moorings:

Residents & Taxpayers	2,247
Non-Residents	110
Rental	120
State of Maine	10

## Vital Records Requests: 572

Copies of Birth, Marriage and Death records are \$15.00 for the first copy and \$6.00 for each additional copy purchased at the same time.

## Notary Services: 325

## VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 22

Marriages: 42

Deaths: 53

### *We said farewell to the following people this past year:*

Bibber, Phillip H.	1/26	78	Reiner, A. William	8/18	69
Purinton, Geraldine J.	1/28	81	Uhde, Harry J.	8/30	88
Gaudet, Ruth M.	1/30	97	Lister, Olive	9/12	95
Dudak, Therese "Terry"	2/9	72	Johnson, Linda E.	9/13	71
Leeman, Grace E.	2/23	95	Patterson, Della J.	9/30	78
Kenney, Elwynne W.	2/24	70	Wilds, Dr. Preston L.	10/3	86
Wilson, Joseph E.	3/17	46	Phillips, Pamela J.	10/7	67
Johnson, Carlton B.	3/26	88	Jorgensen, Roland R. F.	10/13	81
Darling, Carroll "Bud" O.	3/31	83	Catlin, Lawrence H.	10/15	91
Johnson, Ryan L.	4/18	28	Weir, George B.	10/17	81
Hilbert, Mary B.	4/25	77	Martin, Malcolm St. Clair	10/21	73
Freeman, Helen M.	5/5	90	Raymond, Kathryn L.	10/21	98
Saldanha, Louise A. R.	5/5	82	Jean, Laurier (Larry) J.	10/24	65
Ganske, William J.	5/12	68	Baggett, Judith B.	10/25	79
Ogrodnik, Leon	5/15	77	Dunlap, Violet H.	10/29	76
Beattie, Gary J.	5/16	74	Hine, Dr. Peter L.	11/2	63
Crommett, Phillis H.	5/21	87	Thayer Jr., Jarvis M.	11/5	97
Webber, Ronald A.	5/21	74	Edgerton, Honour	11/10	93
Taylor, Karin J.	5/22	53	Alexander, Ruth F.	11/10	84
Staniszewski, Rosina	5/26	86	Rogus, Michael F.	11/10	92
Bird, Rev. Henry H. L.	6/13	86	Porter Ober Nicholas, Mary	11/13	94
Briscoe, Howard	6/15	82	Dewey, Zella T.	11/15	81
McGowen, Clara D.	6/18	92	Darling, Olive G. R.	11/16	85
Weymouth Jr., Dr. Roy	6/19	73	McGeorge, D. Stuart	11/30	66
Wilkins, William R.	6/22	88	Smith, Noble	12/2	80
Knight, Gertrude L.	6/24	88	Berry, Jean R.	12/3	91
Martin, Mary E.	7/12	86	Morgan, Leoline J.	12/5	85
Lawton, Alice F.	7/13	89	Saraydarian, Michael	12/9	75
Geiger, Jean R.	7/31	94	Lindsey, Todd A.	12/18	51
Johnson Jr., Reginald F.	8/15	63			

## Road Commissioner

The year 2013 has been a year full of things to do with the roads in Harpswell. The spring and summer were filled with capital road projects. On that list were Hildreth Road, Wharf Road, Shore Acres Road, Thompson Road and Long Point Road. In particular, Hildreth, Shore Acres, and Long Point Roads were all brought up to safe standards with base gravel, ditching and culverts as needed. Portions of Hildreth, Long Point and Wharf Roads were reclaimed with those portions receiving a base coat. Thompson and Shore Acres Roads were completely reclaimed and a base coat applied. All five roadways will receive final paving this spring. Harry C. Crooker & Sons got the bid and has done a great job. Thanks to all involved with this project.

The next project was a maintenance one on Basin Point Road. Eight culverts needed replacement and ditching. R.A. Webber received that bid and completed the project in late fall. They also did a great job.

A third big job that was done was on the Bethel Point Road. The bridge was replaced and finished with a top cover of asphalt and new guard rails for safety. This bid was awarded to Atlantic Mechanical Inc. During the work, a temporary bridge was used which allowed vehicular traffic while the work was being completed. Many thanks to Larry Paul, owner, and crew boss Warren for a job well done.

Spring and summer came and went without stopping. Winter has set in and what a winter it has been so far! Snow and freezing rain have kept Goodall's Landscaping and Snow Plowing crew working endless hours. Some have been putting in over one hundred hours a week in order to keep the roads passable. Thanks to Chuck Leonard, leader, and his crew for all their hard work.

In addition to the work listed above, road patching was done by Handy Harley Construction and grass cutting along the roadsides was done by Ralph Thompson Mowing. Additional areas will be added to the mowing list in 2014.

Contact Road Commissioner Ronald D. Ponziani at 751-0897 if you have any road related matters you wish to discuss.

## Treasurer's Report

The Town's financial condition continues to be strong. At the end of 2013, Town Treasurer Marguerite Kelly reported cash balances of \$5,230,431, which included approximately \$460,000 of unexpended bond proceeds and \$488,000 dedicated to the purchase of vehicles to be leased to one of the Town's three fire and rescue departments. The bond proceeds will be used to fund the completion of capital road projects begun in 2013.

The collection rate of real estate taxes continues to exceed 95% in the year of assessment. Despite this high collection rate and a policy which requires that the year-end general fund be able to cover three months of expenditures, the Town borrows on a short-term basis to fund its budgeted expenditures. \$2 million was borrowed in 2013 and repaid prior to year-end with an interest cost of \$5,895.

Long-term borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2013 totaled \$2,875,002, excluding interest. During 2013, \$313,333 in principal was repaid as scheduled and a general obligation bond of \$1,000,000 was issued. All borrowings were or will be used to fund either the Town's long-term road rehabilitation plan or its emergency services vehicle program, excepting the 2004 issue which included funds for the restoration of the Old Town Meetinghouse.

In 2012, the Town entered into a capital lease agreement pursuant to which it purchased equipment which upgraded the broadcasting ability of the community's television station. The equipment, which cost \$81,902, was funded in part by previous appropriations of the Town and in part by grants required under the franchise agreement with the Town's cable provider and is located in both the television studio building and in the media room at the Town Office. At the end of 2013, the Town's obligation under the capital lease agreement was \$36,000.

During 2013, capital outlays totaled approximately \$1.15 million.

- Work on the Town's five roads project and the replacement of the wide-span culvert on Bethel Point was begun. Expenditures for these projects totaled nearly \$780,000, including a new dry hydrant on Bethel Point. The road project will be completed in the Spring of 2014 at an estimated additional cost of \$320,000.
- The Town purchased a pumper/tanker truck, which was leased to Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department. The cost of this truck was \$281,744.
- Preliminary work with respect to the building which will house the dedicated paramedic and vehicle, primarily survey and design, was completed at a cost of \$12,756. The Town entered into a contract for construction of the building at an estimated cost of \$117,000. Completion of the project is expected to occur by May 2014.
- Parking improvements were completed at Mackerel Cove and at the Devil's Back trailhead at a cost of \$15,710.
- The recycling center and transfer station capital account was utilized to rebuild the existing compactors and purchase two new containers as part of the switch to single stream recycling at a combined cost of \$28,290. Additionally, new tires for the Town's backhoe were purchased for \$4,900.

- Finally, the boiler at the television studio building was replaced at a cost of \$8,444 and a new ramp for the Pott's Point dock was constructed for \$5,200.

The long range plan for the former West Harpswell School property is uncertain. Effective July 1, 2013, the Town entered into a 1-year lease with Harpswell Coastal Academy ("HCA") for the use of the property. Lease payments for the year are \$20,000, of which \$10,000 was received in 2013. The lease agreement also required the Town to set aside a \$9,400 reserve in the event that the gym floor requires remediation and to make certain specified improvements to the building provided that the cost of such improvements does not exceed the amount of lease payments received. Finally, the Town paid approximately \$10,000 of operating expenses (on behalf of HCA), primarily for heating oil.

The Town will continue to assess the needs to upgrade the infrastructure at Mitchell Field, a major asset with business development possibilities.

During 2012, a portion of the pier structure at Mitchell Field collapsed, and it is believed that certain of the remaining supports have been eroded. The Town must determine whether the pier should be replaced, demolished or rehabilitated in whole or in part. The cost of any of these alternatives has been estimated by an independent consultant to be in the \$1.7 to \$2 million range.

The Town has authorized the borrowing of \$220,000 to be used to acquire a public access easement in Cedar Beach Road and a portion of Robinhood Beach. Such acquisition did not occur in 2013.

The Town funds nearly 50% of its municipal budget with revenues from sources other than property taxes, e.g. excise tax, mooring fees, permitting fees, fund balance. Excise tax receipts increased in 2013 to \$1,021,000 from \$940,000 in 2012 after a number of years of having been flat. The decision to adopt single-stream recycling caused a slight decline in revenues in 2013, and will cause a larger one in future years, as the Town will no longer sell its recyclable materials. This decline will be offset by a reduction in operating costs and lower capital investment.

With respect to its 2013 operational budget, appropriated amounts were exceeded in two instances in the total amount of \$9,828. Approximately \$5,600 was expended in connection with the anticipated acquisition of a parcel abutting a Town landing. The remainder funded assistance with new flood plain maps.

2013 budgeted amounts that were not spent and therefore lapsed to the general fund included general administration (\$15,790), employee benefits (\$13,341), snow removal (\$20,690), road maintenance (\$37,289), and recycling and transfer station (\$29,490) These amounts are available to reduce the 2014 tax commitment.

For the last several years, the Town has enjoyed a stable tax rate. In 2013, the Town's assessments by MSAD 75 and Cumberland County increased and increases may continue. The administration of the Town will work, as always, to keep costs down and increase non-property tax revenues, without reducing the quality of services provided in order to avoid spikes in the tax rate.

**Debt Service on Long-Term Debt**

**2014 - 2023 (Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance 1/1/2014	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Amortization:</b>													
<b>Existing Debt</b>													
2004 G.O. Bond	4.18	\$700.0	\$175.0	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4							
2008 G. O. Bond	2.075 - 5.575	\$500.0	\$250.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0					
2009 G. O. Bond	2.08 - 5.58	\$650.0	\$390.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0				
2010 G. O. Bond	2.0 - 5.5	\$600.0	\$420.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0			
2011 G. O. Bond	2.12 - 5.62	\$800.0	\$640.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0		
2013 G. O. Bond	.60-2.38	\$1,000.0	\$1,000.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,875.0</b>	<b>\$413.3</b>	<b>\$413.3</b>	<b>\$413.4</b>	<b>\$355.0</b>	<b>\$355.0</b>	<b>\$305.0</b>	<b>\$240.0</b>	<b>\$180.0</b>	<b>\$100.0</b>	<b>\$100.0</b>
Interest:				\$65.6	\$54.0	\$44.0	\$35.8	\$29.10	\$19.80	\$13.3	\$8.40	\$4.6	\$2.40
<b>Total Debt Service</b>				<b>\$478.9</b>	<b>\$467.3</b>	<b>\$457.4</b>	<b>\$390.8</b>	<b>\$384.1</b>	<b>\$324.8</b>	<b>\$253.3</b>	<b>\$188.4</b>	<b>\$104.6</b>	<b>\$102.4</b>

Notes:

- 2004 Issue: Capital Road project (7 roads), Old Town Meetinghouse restoration.
- 2008 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles
- 2009 Issue: Ash Point Road rehabilitation
- 2010 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles
- 2011 Issue: Road projects, including Lowell's Cove, Lane & Little Island Roads; Bethel Point culvert replacement, other not yet specified.
- 2013 Issue: Road projects, including Shore Acres, Thompson, Hildreth, Wharf & Long Point roads

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer



# CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Kevin J. Joyce  
**SHERIFF**
- Naldo S. Gagnon  
**CHIEF DEPUTY**

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36 COUNTY WAY, PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

PHONE (207)774-1444 – FAX (207)828-2373

January 30, 2014

Dear Citizens of Harpswell,

On behalf of the men and women of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for the privilege of providing law enforcement and marine patrol services for the Town of Harpswell.

The law enforcement deputies participated in two National Drug Take back campaigns during 2013. These Drug Take Back Campaigns are designed specifically to help remove all expired and unused prescription medications from the medicine cabinets around Maine, and have them destroyed in a safe and ecological manner. The Harpswell deputies will be participating in another Drug Take Back campaign on Saturday April 26, 2014.

The deputies assigned to marine patrol have been working diligently with your Marine Resources Committee to mitigate the effects of green crabs on the Harpswell clam shellfish population. We appreciate the fact that the shellfish industry is a huge interest for your town, and we are happy to serve you in this capacity. We are committed to protecting life, property and the environment of Harpswell.

Lastly, I am honored to serve as your Sheriff and appreciate your support. Please know that I am open to your suggestions and input. Together we build a law enforcement agency that accepts only excellence.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Joyce".

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff

## Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Law Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents	Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Cell Hang up	53	Intoxicated Person	2
911 Hang up	38	Juvenile Problem	9
911 Misdial	20	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	4
Abandoned Vehicle	5	Lockout – Assist	1
Traffic Accidents	1	Lost Property	7
Accident w/ Property Damage	77	Loud Party Music	7
Accident, w/ Personal Injury	15	Marine Assist to DMR	21
Agency Assistance	154	Marine Conservation	109
Alarm	195	Marine Digger Inspection	222
Alcohol Offense	1	Marine Resource Boat Patrol	26
Animal Euthanize	6	Marine Resource Inspection	3
Animal Problem	122	Mental Subject	3
Assault – Simple	2	Official Misconduct	10
Assist Fire Department	3	Missing / Lost Person	8
Attempt to Locate	72	Operating Under Influence	1
Theft, Non-sufficient Funds	1	Parking Problem	1
Burglary	19	Pedestrian Check	8
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	7	Property Check	1111
Canine callout	6	Prostitution	1
Concealed Firearms Request	59	Rape	1
Child Abuse or Neglect	2	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1
Citizen Assist	207	Relay / Transfer	2
Citizen Dispute	18	Sex Offender Reg. 1yr Verify	8
Court Service	24	Sex Offender Reg. Violation	1
Criminal Mischief	34	Sex Offense	3
Criminal Trespass	6	Speed Complaint	8
Cruiser Accident	2	Suicide	16
Custodial Interference	1	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	79
Death Unattended/Attended	7	Theft	33
Debris in Road	5	Theft-Vehicle	5
Message Delivery	2	Threatening	8
Disabled Vehicle	31	Traffic Detail	11
Disturbance	31	Traffic Hazard	17
Domestic Violence	4	Traffic Violation	386
Domestic Assault	5	Underage Drinking	1
Domestic Verbal Argument	5	Unsecure Premise	3
Controlled Substance Problem	2	Unwanted Phone Calls	7
Equipment Problem	8	Vehicle off Road - No Damage	27
Escort	9	VIN Number Inspection	4
Fight in Progress	1	VIPS Detail/Event	2
Fireworks	21	VIPS Citizen Patrol	1
Fish and Game Violation	11	Wanted Person	8
Found Property	13	Weapons Offense	18
Fraud	22	Welfare Check	43
Harassment	19		
Information Report	22	Total Incidents This Report:	3631
Inspection Permit	16		

## HARPSWELL STATISTICS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls for Service</u>	<u>Citations</u>	<u>Written Traffic Warnings</u>	<u>Traffic Stops</u>	<u>Reportable Accidents</u>	<u>Non-Reportable Accidents</u>
January	286	11	11	23	7	3
February	267	2	27	44	1	3
March	326	8	30	43	1	1
April	268	10	12	23	5	0
May	337	10	16	36	6	0
June	363	12	12	33	10	2
July	326	10	6	26	8	1
August	346	10	16	38	6	8
September	272	10	15	28	8	2
October	345	9	22	33	4	2
November	266	9	13	26	5	2
December	229	12	13	30	9	1

## MARINE PATROL STATISTICS

Total Coves Checked	<b>3921</b>
Total Landings Checked	<b>882</b>
Total Marine Resource Inspections	<b>12</b>
Total Marine Digger Inspections	<b>236</b>
Total Bushels Checked	<b>807.55</b>
Total Assists to DMR	<b>13</b>
Total Fish and Game Violations	<b>11</b>
Total Property Checks	<b>234</b>
Total Assists to Patrol	<b>132</b>
Total Boat Hours	<b>93</b>

January 16, 2014

Town of Harpswell,  
263 Mountain Road,  
Harpswell, Maine 04079

Dear Friends,

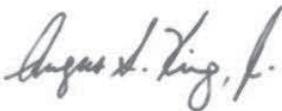
Since arriving to the U.S. Senate last January, I have been looking for ways to provide Mainers with improved access to federal services through the use of digital technology and on the ground outreach initiatives. Maine is a rural state and I know that traveling to our offices can present both logistical and financial challenges.

To help overcome those obstacles, I launched our signature **Your Government Your Neighborhood** outreach program in June 2013. Every other week members of my staff in Maine travel to different towns – ensuring that all 16 counties are served each month - to hold constituent office hours for local residents.

Over the past eleven months my work in Washington has been largely shaped by the four committees that I serve on: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget, and Rules. These appointments allow me to engage on issues important to Maine and help craft legislation before it comes to the Senate floor. On the Armed Services Committee I work with my colleagues to honor our obligations to members of our armed forces both past and present, as well as ensure the continued strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. On the Intelligence Committee I work to effectively mitigate security threats facing our country while also establishing measures to guarantee that the privacy rights of U.S. citizens are protected. On the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility, and my position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms that remove institutional inefficiencies and help move the country forward.

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and determined to keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington. As always, I welcome any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <http://www.king.senate.gov> and provide your input there, or call our toll free in state line at 1-800-432-1599. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, and Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344.

Sincerely,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
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RANKING MEMBER  
APPROPRIATIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of my work from the past year.

Encouraging the creation of more jobs remains my top priority. I have developed a Seven Point Plan for Jobs in Maine, which includes proposals to spur small business investment, ensure robust workforce education and training, reduce regulatory red tape that stifles job creation, support Maine agriculture and manufacturing, and invest in the infrastructure needed to expand our economy. Traditional industries and small businesses remain the backbone of Maine's economy, and innovation will be important for future jobs as well. I have supported Maine's effort to lead the world in deepwater wind technology and was proud when the University of Maine and its private sector partners launched the first prototype this year. This emerging industry has the potential to create thousands of good jobs here in Maine.

BIW remains a major Maine employer and is critical to our national security. I have worked hard to support the Navy's request for a 10<sup>th</sup> DDG-51 and to continue construction on the DDG-1000s at the shipyard. This year's annual defense policy bill also contains more than 30 provisions to eliminate sexual assault from our military, including several provisions that I authored.

Partisan divisiveness in Washington continues to prevent us from addressing some of our nation's most serious challenges. Gridlock reached a peak in October with the federal government shutdown that pushed our country to the brink of defaulting on its financial obligations and damaged our economy. As the shutdown continued with no end in sight, I presented a proposal I believed both sides could support. Within days, I was leading a bipartisan coalition of 14 Senators that worked night and day to craft a plan to reopen government, avert default, and restart negotiations on a long-term plan to deal with our nation's unsustainable debt of more than \$17 trillion. Known as the "Common Sense Caucus," we will continue to work to develop solutions and bridge the partisan divide.

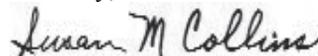
Earlier this year, across-the-board federal spending cuts known as "sequestration" took effect. These indiscriminate cuts jeopardized priorities from national security to medical research and stand in stark contrast to the thoughtful and thoroughly debated spending priorities set at town meetings throughout Maine. To bring some Maine common sense to this process, I authored bipartisan legislation to allow federal agencies to set priorities in administering the required cuts and wrote a new law to ensure that sequestration would not disrupt air travel, which plays such an important role in fueling Maine's tourism economy.

I have also enjoyed my work as the ranking member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging where, with Senator Bill Nelson of Florida, we work on issues of critical importance to Maine seniors. The committee has created a toll free hotline (1-855-303-9470) to make it easier for senior citizens to report fraud and scams and to receive assistance. I also serve as the Senate Co-Chair of the task force on Alzheimer's, a devastating disease that takes a tremendous personal and economic toll on more than five million Americans. Better treatment for Alzheimer's and ultimately finding a cure should be an urgent national priority.

Finally, I am proud to reflect our famous Maine work ethic by completing another year of service without missing a single roll call vote. I have not missed a vote since I was elected – a streak that stands at more than 5,300 in a row.

May 2014 be a good year for you, your community, and our great State of Maine.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



CHELLIE PINGREE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It is an honor to represent you in Congress and a pleasure to update you on the work I am doing in Maine and Washington.

You are probably aware that Washington is a very challenging place to get anything done these days. The partisan climate has kept many important issues from being addressed and even led to a shutdown of the federal government. Worst of all, it has created uncertainty for Maine families and the economy. It's the last thing we need. Over the next year, I will continue pressing Congressional leaders to bring the focus back to helping people rather than advancing ideologies.

As difficult as it's been, though, there are areas where I have been able to make progress on needed policy reforms. One has been support for local food producers. For decades now, federal agriculture policy has only benefited huge farms and commodity crops, not the kind of the diverse family farms we have in Maine. It's time for that to change. With small federal changes, we can capitalize on the huge economic potential of the local food movement. I've introduced the Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act to make some of those changes, and have been pleased to see many of these reforms gain bipartisan support.

Another issue is helping veterans who were sexually assaulted during their service. I've introduced the Ruth Moore Act—named after a Maine veteran who struggled for 23 years to get disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs after she was sexually assaulted while in the military. The bill would help veterans like Ruth get the assistance they need to recover from the debilitating trauma they suffered while serving the country. The bill passed the House and now awaits consideration in the Senate.

While policy in Washington is important, so is the work my staff and I do here in Maine. My office keeps close connections to Maine communities and their leaders to make sure we're doing all we can to help them succeed. This work might include providing letters of support for federal grant applications, getting answers from federal agencies, or bringing national officials to our state to raise awareness about the good things being done here.

We also work with hundreds of constituents who have issues with federal agencies and programs. Not everyone knows that you can call your Member of Congress for this kind of thing, but it's an essential part of my responsibilities and my commitment to the people I serve. Members of my staff are experts on issues ranging from veterans benefits and IRS questions to Social Security problems and passport inquiries. They can help you navigate the process, communicate with federal agencies, and, in certain circumstances, facilitate the expediting of claims. If there is an area where you need assistance, I encourage you to call my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 or go to my website, [www.pingree.house.gov](http://www.pingree.house.gov).

Again, it's a privilege to serve you in Congress. Please stay in touch.

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress



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Dear Residents of Harpswell,

It is my great pleasure and honor to serve as your State Senator during the 126<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature.

Maine faces serious challenges, and overcoming them will require hard work and a spirit of collaboration. We need to do more to bring good paying jobs to Maine. We need to address our healthcare costs, and we must continue to help our most vulnerable friends, family members, and neighbors through difficult times. Relevant to our local communities, I am continuing to work on policies that strengthen our fishing industries and working waterfronts.

We have many challenges, but also many opportunities that I hope we can take advantage of in the months ahead. Shortly after I was re-elected to the Senate in 2012, I was honored to be chosen as the Senate Chair of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. This committee oversees a broad array of public policy, from our laws to reduce domestic violence to how we manage our prison system.

As your State Senator, I am here to listen to your legislative needs and concerns, as well as act as a liaison between you and the State government. I can be reached by phone at the State House at 287-1515.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Senator Stan Gerzofsky  
Maine Senate District 10 - Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, and Pownal



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January, 2014

To the residents of Harpswell,

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. I feel very fortunate and grateful to be able to work in our citizen legislature on behalf of all Harpswell residents.

The Legislature has a short session this year, but it will be jam-packed with important bills that address some of Maine's most critical needs. We will also be working hard to make sure the state's budget remains balanced, as required by our state constitution.

Some of my top legislative priorities this year include increasing access to affordable health care, protecting funding for our public schools and preventing further cuts to revenue sharing, a decades-old law that asks the state to share some of its sales and income tax revenue with towns so that they can provide essential services and keep property taxes in check.

I spent much of last year's session working on some very difficult bills in the Marine Resources Committee. We passed bills on elvers, lobster marketing, opening up the St. Croix River to alewives and a number of other measures.

This session my committee will continue working to ensure a fair, sustainable elver fishery. We have also discussed the best ways to protect our clam harvest from green crabs, management plans for both rockweed and sea urchins, the increasing amount of acid in our coastal waters, and prospects for more lobster processing in Maine. Another committee is addressing a bill that could ban two harmful pesticides that devastated lobster populations on Long Island Sound.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or problems that you might have. My cell is: 751-7616, or email at: [RepJeremy.Saxton@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:RepJeremy.Saxton@legislature.maine.gov).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Saxton".

Jeremy Saxton

State Representative

District 64 Harpswell, Phippsburg and West Bath (part)

## Budget Advisory Committee

The Budget Advisory Committee met weekly for three months, and with the help of information supplied by the Town Office staff, reviewed every detail of the proposed 2014 budget. The Committee has recommended to the Board of Selectmen a 2014 municipal budget consisting of \$4,455,882 which is below the LD1 limit of \$4,466,617 by \$10,735.

The recommended 2014 budget shows a net increase of \$193,698 (about 4.5%) over the 2013 budget. New items and items of significant change are detailed below.

The recommended appropriations for 2014 reflect generally a 2% increase in salaries and wages, and no change in the employer/employee shares of the cost of health insurance. This 2% increase results in approximately a \$16,200 increase in the budget.

### New items in the 2014 Budget:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Harpswell Community School (HCS) Playground	\$15,000	One-time request to assist the HCS Parent Teacher Organization in its plans to upgrade the older portion of the school's playground. Estimate for the total project \$70,000. (Note: The MSAD 75 School District does not offer funding for playground projects.)
Marine Resources Consultant	\$30,000	A part-time consultant with scientific background in marine resources to assist the Town with development, implementation, and oversight of the Town's shellfish management and conservation program.
Salary/Wage Consultant	\$12,000	One-time request for a consultant to assist the Town in developing a systematic approach to establishing salaries and wages and raises for Town employees.
Harpswell Business Association (HBA)	\$3,000	An amount to go directly to the HBA to help in its efforts in promoting business in Harpswell.
Mitchell Field Demolition	\$25,000	Demolition of one building as recommended by the Mitchell Field Committee.
Trufant Summerton Athletic Field	\$3,500	Expected to be an ongoing request to help with field maintenance.
EMS Planning	\$3,500	One-time request for consulting services to assist with long-range planning for EMS.

**Items with significant changes:**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Emergency Services (ALS)	\$126,840	\$241,760	+\$114,920	+91%	Contracted paramedic service increased from 60 hours/week to 24 hours/day, 7 days/week (24/7).
Shellfish Conservation	\$6,000	\$14,000	+\$8,000	+133%	Additional funding of the Town's shellfish conservation efforts, including traps and netting to curtail the invasive green crab population.
Harpswell Community Broadcasting	\$55,000	\$63,750	+\$8,750	+16%	Funding to support increased operational expenses.
Debt Service	\$395,000	\$505,000	+\$110,000	+28%	Debt service increase due to the 2013 million-dollar borrowing for capital road improvements.
Road Maintenance	\$90,000	\$60,000	-\$30,000	-33%	It is felt that a higher level in this account is no longer needed due to the many improvements to Town roads during the past several years.
Recycling Center	\$293,671	\$275,683	-\$17,988	-6.1%	Changes in costs associated with the switch to single-stream recycling.
EMS Garage	\$76,000	0	-\$76,000	-100%	The reserve in this account is expected to be sufficient for the construction of this building.
West Harpswell School building maintenance	\$40,000	\$10,000	-\$30,000	-75%	It is expected that the tenant will assume responsibility for most of the operational expenses.
Local Circuit Breaker Program	\$10,000	0	-\$10,000	-100%	Currently discontinued as required by the State.

Finally, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the entire staff in submitting 2014 funding requests which have kept spending increases minimal. The administrative staff, as always, provided excellent assistance to the Committee in explaining budget items, answering requests for additional information and keeping the budget review process on track.

## Bandstand Committee

Bob Modr began talking about wanting to have a venue for performances at Mitchell Field and was encouraged to follow up on that idea. In 2009, Dan Huber and Bob Modr looked at other bandstands in Maine and built a model to scale. The model and idea were presented to the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee and the Selectmen and they unanimously approved proceeding with the project at no cost to the Town. In 2011 fundraising began with concerts, donations and the sale of personalized, engraved brick tops to be installed at the site. By the end of 2011 ground was broken and construction was started. The bandstand was completed in the spring of 2013 with the help of volunteer builders. Many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time and skills to this project.

The Harpswell Bandstand by the Sea was dedicated and given to the Town on June 16, 2013 with a performance by the newly formed Harpswell Concert Band. Selectman Multer accepted the “key” to the bandstand. Attendance at the dedication was in excess of 200 people. Nine more free and varied performances were presented on Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm with the average attendance over 150 people. The audiences were enthusiastic and excited for this first season of varied concerts with their lawn chairs and picnics.

In September 2013, a seven-person Town Committee was formed with liaisons from the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee and the Recreation Committee to coordinate bandstand activities, with Rick Daniel as the Selectman liaison. The Committee has undertaken facilitating usage, coordinating concert and usage dates, and improving output of the solar power system with support from the Town Energy Committee.

The Committee is looking forward to presenting future concerts to be held throughout the summer and is preparing to fundraise for that purpose. Any donations can be sent to the Harpswell Town Office with a notation that it is for the Bandstand fund.



*Photo by Kirk Daulerio*

## **Board of Appeals**

Harpswell's Board of Appeals (BOA), along with the Planning Board, differ from the many committees we have in a few fundamental ways:

- Boards are required by statute, committees are not.
- The process followed by the BOA is laid out in statutes or our local ordinances.
- The work done has legal standing.
- Board of Appeals decisions cannot be overturned by the Board of Selectmen but can be appealed to Superior Court.

The BOA is comprised of five full voting members and two associate members who are ready to step in when someone is absent.

Anyone may appeal a decision of the Codes Office and, through a formal procedure, the BOA will review the facts at a public meeting using the applicable statutes and ordinances, allow anyone to speak on the record, and reach a decision by vote.

The BOA meets monthly or as required, usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Town Office and open to the public.

The Harpswell Board of Appeals met nine times in 2013 hearing nine applications: one was approved, two were approved with conditions, three were denied, two were withdrawn by applicant, and one was continued.

## **Planning Board**

In 2013 the Planning Board addressed 20 applications for everything from wharves to forestry to buildings, carefully considering facts and ordinances.

Working with the Planning Office and the Codes Enforcement Office we reviewed all of Harpswell's land use ordinances to address language inconsistencies and made a proposal with regard to impermeable surface, which you will have before you at Town Meeting.

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee has developed a subdivision ordinance proposal which it is calling "Flexible Lot Size." The Planning Board has reviewed the proposal and is holding public hearings in preparation for Town Meeting.

The Planning Board meets at 6:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the large meeting room of the Town Office.

## Conservation Commission

In 2013, the Conservation Commission's projects continued to revolve around protecting the community's onshore and offshore waters from existing and future contamination. It worked with homeowners to alleviate polluted runoff and completed a guide advocating best home strategies for continuing the health of Casco Bay.

### Save Our Bay:

The *Resident's Conservation Guide to Casco Bay* provides steps to protect water quality. It covers best management procedures for landscape design, managing vegetation near the shore, caring for a yard and dealing with its pests. The section, *Around the House* deals with maintaining a healthy septic system and the proper disposal of prescription drugs and hazardous and animal waste. Each section explains the reason for its importance and improvement steps to take to prevent polluted run-off from flowing into Harpswell's waterways and the Bay. The 26-page booklet is available on the Town website, [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) ; click the *Save Our Bay* sidebar.

### Non-Point Source Pollution & Erosion Control:

As a member of the Lower New Meadows Watershed Partnership, in 2003 the Town and the Harpswell Conservation Commission (HCC) participated in a survey to document local sites where soil and sediment were running into the New Meadows River, affecting the health of shellfish beds and overall water quality. Over the years, many of the eroded sites were corrected, but others remain.

During 2013 the Commission became aware of locations still in need of remediation. Contact was made with homeowners on a private road in the vicinity of one of the higher impact sites to discuss the problem area and suggest ways to remediate.

The road runs through an area encompassing two streams that join in coastal wetland #7. At the point of convergence the stream flows through a disintegrating culvert into the New Meadows River. Working closely with the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership and the property owners of the affected area, grant funding was applied for to finance project engineering and replacement of the culvert. In January the project was awarded a substantial grant from the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program.

In addition to correcting the erosion and sediment issues, remediation of this site also alleviates a tidal restriction and its accompanying sediment buildup. It also will restore fish migration passage.

The HCC will continue to work with the Road Commissioner and private road homeowners on the remaining sites. To the homeowners, the Commission will provide information about maintaining roads to reduce erosion and runoff, and share sources of expertise and grant possibilities on costly projects.

The Commission continues to coordinate its activities with Town committees in order to conserve and safeguard Harpswell's natural resources. It will also continue to partner with local groups to address pest control, fertilizer usage and new environmental issues as they arise.

## Comprehensive Plan Implementation

The primary goal of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) for 2013 was to prepare amendments for Town Meeting approval that would allow Harpswell property owners to use Flexible Lot Size Subdivisions (aka conservation subdivisions) if they so choose. Flexible Lot Size Subdivisions allow the owner or developer to obtain the full property value of his/her property while leaving a substantial amount of the land in conservation. This will save wildlife habitat, preserve water (both drinking and Casco Bay), and recreational opportunities

**Consultant:** The CPIC recommended the hiring of Planning Decisions of Portland as the consultant to help the Committee develop the ordinance.

**Getting input:** The CPIC put considerable effort into publicizing and getting information from the public about how the public wanted Flexible Lot Size Subdivisions to take shape. The Committee had two public forums, and meetings with the Selectmen, Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, wrote several articles for the Anchor, prepared a brochure, researched similar ordinances around the State, made a presentation to a community group, identified and informed important stakeholders, updated the Committee's webpage, and invited Randall Arendt, a top national expert with conservation subdivisions, to speak at a forum.

**Discussions and Decisions:** The Committee discussed and resolved feedback from the forums, other events and committees, and considered additional issues raised by the consultant.

**The Ordinance:** Planning Decisions presented draft ordinance changes which the Committee discussed and amended as appropriate. The Committee had a call-in show on HCTV14 on January 13. With the ordinance changes finalized, the Committee had a public hearing with the Planning Board. The CPIC anticipates that the ordinance changes needed to implement the option of conservation subdivisions will be on the warrant at the upcoming Town Meeting.

## Emergency Vehicles Committee

The Town continues to invest in the vehicle replacement plan originally envisioned by the fire departments and supported by the 2008 Fire and Rescue Services Study. The Committee continues to monitor and review the condition of the vehicles serving the Town and make recommendations that reflect the condition of current fire department emergency vehicles.

In 2013 the Town of Harpswell took delivery, and placed in service, a new pumper-tanker for use by the Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department. This piece of fire equipment has a 2,000 gallon water tank and serves as a backup engine with a pumping capacity of 1,250 gallons per minute.

In 2014 specifications are to be developed for an ambulance for the Harpswell Neck Volunteer Fire Department and for two fire engines to be operated by the Orr's and Bailey Islands Volunteer Fire Department and the Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department with anticipated delivery of the ambulance in 2014 and the fire engines in 2015.

## Energy Committee

During 2013 the Energy Committee has been involved with a number of activities related to energy issues and the needs of the Town.

One of the Committee members worked again with the fifth grade at Harpswell Community School to teach an energy course based on an Efficiency Maine program. This course was part of the science curriculum and took place in the spring of 2013.

In addition, the Committee reviewed plans for the new EMS building adjacent to the Recycling Center from an energy efficiency perspective. Further, it assisted the Town in evaluating the former West Harpswell School building with respect to energy improvement measures.

The Committee also assisted the Bandstand Committee to complete the installation of the photovoltaic system for the bandstand.

At the request of the Selectmen, the Committee began work to develop guide lines for weatherization improvements through the fuel assistance fund to help leverage the money available. A dollar spent on weatherization can have a savings ratio of 3 to 1 over time for money spent on heating fuel. The Committee will be submitting its recommendations to the Selectmen shortly after the first of the year.

During the later part of the year, the Committee has been reviewing alternative energy projects that have the potential for reducing the Town's energy bills.

The Committee is seeking citizens who are interested in assisting it with ongoing projects.

## Harbor & Waterfront Committee

**Town Dock:** The Committee developed a set of rules for use of the Pott's Point Town Dock including rules related to keeping dinghies there. The rules were approved by the Selectmen.

**Aquaculture:** The Committee sponsored two students from Bowdoin College, Rainer Kenney and Ameena Khan. Mr. Kenny focused on a discussion of areas of conflict associated with aquaculture within a community. Ms. Khan focused on collecting as much readily available data as possible. The general purpose was to document as many aspects related to aquaculture on a GIS plan and thereby define Harpswell's available resources. Their research includes data supplied by the Friends of Casco Bay on salinity, DO (dissolved oxygen), pH and turbidity. They have produced a chart that displays these findings as well as moorings, buildings, eelgrass beds and shellfish habitat.

**Moorings Locations:** The Committee explored ways to more efficiently place moorings in harbors. It was unable to find any way simple enough to be useful.

**Major Fishing Docks:** The Committee fulfilled the Shoreland Zoning Committee's request to identify all major fishing docks within Harpswell

**Moorings Inventory:** The Committee rode along with the Harbormaster in his boat to help him improve the data collected on the moorings in Harpswell. 100 % of Harpswell's moorings have been surveyed and

recorded on GIS over the past summer. Twenty-four abandoned moorings have been removed. Approximately 150 moorings have no registration tags on them, which is less than last year's number of about 500.

**Mooring Fees:** The Committee approved a mooring fee increase recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

**Committee Members:** The Committee seeks more members.

## Fire & Rescue Committee

This year marked the retirement of Harpswell's three rescue chiefs: Cricket Tupper, Ed Sparks, and Joyce Thomas. We extend our gratitude for the over 20 years each has served our community.

During the summer, the Committee made a recommendation that the paramedic service contract with Mid Coast Hospital be expanded from weekdays to 24/7 and that this proposed change be submitted to the 2014 annual Town Meeting for approval; however with the retirement of Orr's and Bailey Island's only two resident EMTs the Committee informed the Town in October that it would be necessary to consider implementation effective January 1, 2014. In December a special Town Meeting approved the request for the period from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014.

In August, all three fire departments once again worked together to accomplish hose and ladder testing. Harpswell Neck hosted the full day of testing at Mitchell Field. This is one of many ways in which the three fire departments are working cooperatively.

The fire departments have also been emphasizing how we deliver quality pre-hospital care and emergency transport service to the community we serve. One initiative undertaken includes improving how the departments respond to cardiac arrests. Another is the hosting of the first EMT class in Town in a number of years. Fifteen students have enrolled with graduation expected in June of 2014.

The following are the emergency response totals for 2013:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>EMS</u>
Cundys Harbor	0	52	125
Harpswell Neck	2	64	110
<u>Orr's/Bailey Islands</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>130</u>
Total	16	224	365

## Marine Resources Committee

The Marine Resources Committee focused its efforts during 2013 on identifying the causes of the dramatic decline in the population of soft shell clams on the Town's tidal flats and to finding ways to slow or reverse that decline.

While much more work needs to be done, at both the state and town levels, to identify the causes of the problem, two primary suspects have emerged: the explosion in the population of green crabs that prey on clams and acidification of the mud in the flats that may be making it hard for clams to survive.

This year the Selectmen approved a budget of \$6,000 for the Committee's work. That money allowed the Town to purchase 24 specialized green crab traps that are being used to reduce the green crab population.

The trapping efforts so far have confirmed the extent of the green crab problem. For example, Harpswell was one of 28 towns that participated in a two-day trapping survey in August under the leadership of the Maine Department of Marine Resources. Using 10 of the Town's traps, the Harpswell participants captured an estimated 3,500 crabs, a number that was 50 percent higher than the next highest town, Brunswick with just over 2,360. Those numbers suggest that the green crab problem is particularly severe in Harpswell and neighboring towns.

On behalf of the Committee, the Town also purchased a pH meter that will be used to measure the acidity levels of the mud in the flats. Two people have been trained to use the meter, one of the marine wardens and one member of the Committee. The goal is to identify those flats with mud that are best suited for reseeded efforts, while avoiding those flats that offer the poorest chances of successful reseeded.

The Committee also oversaw the surveying of the clam populations in most of the Town's coves. Those surveys will help the Committee identify which coves would be best suited for exploring various conservation methods to determine which is the most effective in protecting and restoring clam populations.

The Committee continues to explore other ways to ensure that clam harvesting remains a viable industry that supports dozens of families in the Town. For example, the Committee held a public meeting on July 16 at the Harpswell Community School to discuss ways to improve relations between harvesters and owners of land adjoining clam flats. The aim was to ensure that harvesters would continue to have landowner permission to cross private land leading to productive clam flats.

As part of its oversight responsibilities for the Town's Shellfish Ordinance, the Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. One of the major changes adopted this year requires holders of commercial licenses to attend at least two meetings of the Marine Resources Committee annually. The aim is to make sure that the Committee's discussions benefit from the opinions and experience of the people whose livelihoods depend on the health of the Town's shellfish resources. At the same time, this new requirement will help the harvesters stay better informed of the Committee's efforts on their behalf.

## Shoreland Zoning Review Committee

The Shoreland Zoning Review Committee was established in 2013 to complete the shoreline review the 2012 Taskforce began. It would pick up where the taskforce left off and examine the areas for appropriate zoning and determine whether there is enough designated area to protect and maintain a viable fishing industry.

Following the steps outlined in the 2013 *Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Review Report*, the Committee reviewed the areas listed below with the aid of the shoreland zone map, commercial piers and boatyard layers and local knowledge:

- Long & Gun Point Peninsula;
- Middle Bay north of Lookout Point to Brunswick;
- East Harpswell – north of Cundy’s Harbor;
- Harpswell Sound – east shore of Orr’s and Great Island;
- Ewing Narrows, Quahog Bay, Long Reach;

The review determined the current zoning districts were consistent with zone standards.

### Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Section on Home Occupations:

The Committee determined the most practical way to foster the continuance of traditional marine uses and encourage the development of new uses, would be to clarify the Shoreland Zoning and Basic Land Use Ordinances as they pertain to *commercial fishing*. Currently, a commercial fisherman living and working from home is covered as a home occupation. It is less clear how to handle a "home occupation" size commercial fishing operation on vacant land. Commercial fishing as an occupation on vacant land is an outstanding point the Committee would like clarified and the ordinances made more definitive.

### Water Access and Public Parking:

As shoreland property becomes less available, public access to the water becomes more important for many marine businesses and for recreation. The Committee supports the goal of the *Coastal Management Plan* to develop a working inventory of the Town- owned/managed public access points. In addition, whether for commercial fishing or recreation, vehicle parking is an important component of all water access points. The Committee recommends:

- Accommodations for commercial fishing use should be considered on future additions and/or updates to water access points.
- The Town should continue to consider expanding, improving and providing good quality access with the appropriate upland/utility/parking assets around public water access points as opportunities arise.

## **Mitchell Field Implementation Committee**

Great things continue to happen at Mitchell Field! The biggest thing is that usage continues to grow. Every day, rain or shine, wind and/or snow, cold or hot, more and more people are enjoying this wonderful asset belonging to Harpswell. On a nice summer day the beach area is almost crowded with families enjoying the water, having picnics, taking walks. The place is really becoming a destination for residents and visitors alike.

A truly great addition to the field is the new community bandstand. Funded entirely by donations and built by a group of dedicated volunteers it was given to the Town last summer; it was quite an event with music provided by the Harpswell Community Band. The dedication was followed by a series of Thursday evening concerts that were well attended. The Town has established a Committee focused on managing the bandstand in the future. It is currently lining up this season's entertainment; if you missed last year, please come and enjoy a nice evening this year. Also, the bandstand is available for private functions if not otherwise in use. Check with the Town Office to reserve a spot.

The Community Garden really came into its own this year with completion of fencing to keep critters out and with a dedicated group of volunteers keeping the grounds looking well tended. The garden yield suffered at the hands of Mother Nature but the group was still able to provide some produce to area food banks. Further improvements to drainage and soil have been made in hopes of better output next year. Plots are still available so come join the group.

Plans for the upcoming year include recreational development of the bluff area along the water in the southwest corner of the property and removal of the middle building on the waterfront. Come on down and enjoy Harpswell's great public place.

## **Town Lands Committee**

The Town Lands Committee members serve as stewards of Town lands by monitoring, documenting and working with the Selectboard, Town administration and other committees on land improvements as necessary. During 2013, the Stewards of Town lands visited all of the Town lands and landings to ensure they are properly maintained and available to the public. We worked to clean up the Town's property on Mackerel Cove with the assistance of the Recreation Committee. Bushes were trimmed and trash taken to the Transfer Station.

As part of its efforts to promote awareness, use and respect for Town lands, the Committee coordinated two public informational forums; one in July on Orr's Island and one in August on Harpswell Neck. In a joint effort with members of the Recreation Committee and the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust - and supported by the Harbor and Waterfront Committee - a number of outdoor activities and Town landings and trails were highlighted. The forums - entitled "Enjoy the Variety of Harpswell's Public Lands" - were taped and could be viewed through the Harpswell Town webpage. Our intent is to again jointly plan and present a third forum in Cundy's Harbor to include more information and identification of Town properties and sites that we feel need in-depth exposure.

We will continue our efforts for better signage on Town roads to indicate locations of properties and trails. We have requested funds for the purchase of International Trail signs. A granite bench was donated and installed at one of the Town properties in October. More such donations would be welcome.

Research and current data on cemeteries will be undertaken pertaining to Maine State and Town maintenance requirements.

In 2013, Committee members convened onsite to extensively walk and investigate the Giant's Stairs trail in April, Lookout Point in May, Holbrook Landing in July, and Garrison Cove in September. In the coming months, the Committee will continue efforts to visit properties an hour before Committee meetings at the Town Office and likely will include Wharf Landing, Hildreth Landing, Potts Point Landing and wharf properties. As always, the Committee appreciates the work of many stewards who monitor Town lands and islands. We continue to look for more participants in our work days and individuals who would like to be Town Land Stewards.

## **Harpswell Historical Society**

The Harpswell Historical Society is alive and well in our 25<sup>th</sup> year. 2013 has seen an increase in both membership and interest in the Society's goals. This year we hope to increase the times that our museum will be open.

The Harpswell Historical Society Museum is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. The past 13 years have seen constant growth in our collections and visitation. We open on Memorial Day and will be open on Sunday from 2 to 4 until Columbus Day. We are also open by appointment (833-6322).

You are invited to our reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Old Town Meeting House at 11am on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Please come to our Halloween party in October and our Community Tree lighting in December. We also host other events throughout the year.

Visits to our Museum and our public events are provided at no cost to the public.

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 Hears House. The Society will aid those individuals and organizations with an interest in using these facilities.

## Harpswell Community Television

During 2013 Harpswell Community Television put the finishing touches on the digital conversion at the Community Drive studio and at the Town Office. The completion of our high definition digital recording and processing capability will carry us well into the future.

The summer and fall were dedicated to raising funds toward the replacement of the aging analog over-the-air capability. The current transmitter has served us faithfully for seventeen years and needs to be replaced only because it is not capable of digital transmission. The Federal Communications Commission will allow us to continue broadcasting in the analog format until July of 2015. After that it must be digital or nothing at all. The over-the-air broadcast, or free TV, is important for several reasons. While cable is still the best way to receive our signal, no matter how you get your television you can find us because a simple antenna added to your TV will pick up community television programming. As a broadcast station we have more clout when dealing with content carriers. As we expand our backup power capacity, we will be able to stay on the air to bring you local emergency information at times when the cable system is down due to broken poles and/or power outages. As of this writing we are more than half way to our funding goal of \$60,000. A big thank you goes out to everyone who responded to our appeal letter and a very big thank you to Al Moren for his matching grant. Donations to our returnable bottle shed are an important contribution to our operating costs and upgrade fund and are also greatly appreciated. We continue to seek grant funding and to explore other ways of raising the remaining funds to complete the digital upgrade.

During 2013 we provided facilities and assistance for many local programs from talk shows to programs featuring topics from music to duck decoys. In addition we provided coverage of governmental meetings. We have done our best to keep you abreast of what's going on and to get you ready for Town Meeting

Many community television programs may be viewed on the internet at [vimeo.com/harpwelltv](http://vimeo.com/harpwelltv) and we are now streaming Selectmen's meetings live on [livestream.com](http://livestream.com).

If you have questions, comments or suggestions feel free to contact us at [harpwelltv@yahoo.com](mailto:harpwelltv@yahoo.com), 833-2363 or stop by the station the next time you're on the Mountain Road.

Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corp. Board of Directors

David I. Chipman, President	Jenn Nelson
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Donnette Goodenow, Administrative Assistant

## Cundy's Harbor Library

The year 2013 was one of continued change and growth for the library. The most significant was the sudden illness of librarian Tim Belanger in the fall. Tim was replaced by Acting Librarian Denise Schwartz and Assistant Acting Librarian Joanna Damon.

The board continues to be humbled by the generosity of the community to our Annual Appeal. We are grateful too for memorial donations in honor of Jean Ruah Berry, who passed away at the end of the year.

In spring of 2013 the library approved its first logo. Created by a Cundy's Harbor graphic designer, it was inspired by a photo of one of the harbor children seated on a lobster trap reading a book. The logo is featured on our new sign, which is now in compliance with the Town ordinance and features a changeable board for easily announcing community events. Our website was also spruced up with the new logo.

We said goodbye and thank you to three board members who moved away. We took on three new board members to replace the retiring members. Our committed volunteers played a very large role in the day-to-day operations of the library. We instituted a new email newsletter complete with harbor news, book reviews, recipes, helpful hints, and news about our growing collection of books, dvds, and audio books. Generous donations of media made it possible for our collection to grow without great expense. Along with that growth comes the problem of where to put everything. Our annual book sale in July alleviated some of that problem.

As always, our goal is to build participation and create community. Our Cabin Fever Breakfasts in April and the Ice Cream Social, featuring Gelato Fiasco goodies during Cundy's Harbor Days in August brought many folks together. We ended the year with the Christmas Tree lighting and the Cookies and Cocoa event in December.

The Town of Harpswell's contribution provided about half of the library's 2013 budget. Our upcoming capital expenditures will include a new heating system and repairs to our driveway, as well as the removal of our old library sign. The board and staff of Cundy's Harbor Library look forward to improving our services, broadening our email base, and increasing patronage. Check out the calendar of events on our website, <http://www.cundysharbor.lib.me.us>. Join our email list on any page of our site by clicking the **Subscribe to our Email Newsletter button**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Schwartz, Acting Librarian  
Sue Hawkes, President  
Pam Bichrest, Vice President  
Jane Applin, Secretary  
Sam Schwartz, Treasurer

## Orr's Island Library

The Orr's Island Library is open to the residents of Harpswell, their guests and seasonal visitors. The Librarian, Joanne Rogers and others closely connected to our operation have heard "I have never been to your library" from residents from every corner of Harpswell. We would like to change that.

There is an active book discussion group that meets monthly. First Thursday evening community programs were begun this year. Coming up on May 24 there will be a special library sponsored, free shredding event, where Town residents can bring paper documents to be shred. There were four in 2013 and in 2014 there will be five children's summer educational programs, two of which will be presented by the Chewonki Foundation. Our very successful Annual Book Sale and Fair will return on August 6 for 4 days with a special children's event on the first day. October 11 will be the second "Orr's Island Library, Longest Yard Sale." This community-wide event was new this year and will return in 2014. In late 2013 a library supporter provided a grant to purchase an Orion Night Telescope to view the nighttime skies. The details on use and a lending strategy will be introduced shortly. The library is open 22 hours over 4 days a week. It's time to come and see what is happening in our expanded 109-year-old library building.

After a five-year expansion and renovation project, the library held a Grand Opening celebration on August 18. The \$475,000 project is fully paid for. Donations from our patrons and supporters from 29 states in the USA and from the Town of Harpswell made the successful project possible. The library Trustees also dedicated the Capital Reserve Fund to the project. In April the Bernier Book Fund was established through a legacy from the Mary C. and Armand L. Bernier estate. In December a private donation to re-fund the library Capital Reserve was received.

In December 2013 the Alfred M. Senter Fund in Brunswick awarded the library a \$5,000 grant for a new climate control system to protect the book collection from moisture and mold. This will be installed in the spring of 2014.

The annual library budget supports the purchase of new books, books on CD and DVD's, as well as the physical operation of our facility. The Trustees are grateful for the annual donation to our operations from the Town of Harpswell. The programs we provide and the library services delivered would not be possible without Town support. We continue to provide free WiFi for use inside and outside the building. We have two computers and a printer for patron use. A copy machine is also available.

There are new programs being developed and new ways to connect our residents being considered. Our programs and library services would not be at all possible without the exemplary commitment of the Board of Trustees and Joanne Rogers our Librarian. As one supporter recently wrote to us "Thank you for the wonderful resource that you are and for the spirit of community you represent." As a resident of Harpswell, come and visit, offer your suggestions and work one of our ever-present jigsaw puzzles. We are here to serve our community and look forward to making new friends.

## Curtis Memorial Library

2013 has been a busy year at Curtis Library. There were 264,706 visits to the library, the most ever! 1,832 new library cards were issued, up 2.2% compared to the past year. 396,383 items were borrowed, an increase of 4.7% from 2012. Additionally, 1,261 Harpswell households (1,752 individuals) had active library cards this year.

The library continues to maintain and refresh its traditional collection of books, while also building a digital library. Curtis library cardholders can now access any of the following for free from their home computers or tablets:

- **Overdrive ebooks and Overdrive Advantage** - Curtis, along with 140 other Maine libraries, offers over **5,000** eBooks through the Infonet Download Library. Because Curtis subscribes to Overdrive Advantage, Curtis library card holders also have access to additional best-sellers.
- **IndieFlix** – IndieFlix provides free access to thousands of streaming movies from independent filmmakers and film festivals.
- **Zinio** – Coming soon - an online newsstand that will provide Curtis card holders with access to hundreds of electronic magazines!

It would be difficult to find a day when there isn't something interesting to do at the library or at a library program in the community. From the weekly Current Events Forum discussion to the Craft Meet-up to a genealogy class at the Harpswell Town Offices, the library focuses consistently on providing the most up-to-date information, ideas, and resources.

Our thanks go to the citizens of Harpswell for their support of Curtis Memorial Library. Your participation in this institution has been a long tradition and one that we hope continues far into the future.

Elisabeth Doucett, Library Director  
Curtis Memorial Library

## Ash Point Library

Ash Point Community Library is celebrating the completion of its second year. We are still located in the library room in the old West Harpswell School, now the Harpswell Coastal Academy. We have 166 patrons, with many very happy to have internet access close to home. We are currently a State of Maine non-profit and are working toward becoming a Federal non-profit organization. We would like to thank the community for the many offerings of gently used books, which allowed us the opportunity to hand out free books to Harpswell's children last summer. We hope to be able to continue this project this summer. Ash Point Library also has a great selection of adult fiction and non-fiction to lend out as well as a very good selection of books for children to borrow.

Last year we requested and received funding from the Town to purchase two computers for the library and are happy to say they have received a great deal of use. We would like to thank Harpswell Coastal Academy for the very cooperative nature we experienced this year and are looking forward to this continued relationship in the year ahead.

Our hours are Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday from 10 am to noon. If you would like to become a volunteer librarian, please stop by for a visit.

Ash Point Library Board of Directors

## Mid Coast Hospital

Thank you for allowing Mid Coast Hospital's Paramedic Interceptor Program to provide emergency support to the residents of Harpswell. It is an honor to enhance the efforts of the volunteer emergency services to ensure best possible outcomes for those in an emergency medical situation. Your support for the program is invaluable to the health and safety of the community.

In 2013, we provided Harpswell with a centrally located, dedicated interceptor vehicle staffed with a paramedic, Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. We are happy to report that this service has had significant impact on providing emergency services to the Town. Here are some highlights from 2013 to share in your upcoming Town Report:

- The Town of Harpswell received 381 emergency medical calls in 2013.
- The Mid Coast Paramedic responsible for the Town of Harpswell responded to 180 calls during the dedicated service hours.
- The Mid Coast Paramedic responded to an additional 95 calls, outside of the dedicated service hours, for advanced life support services.
- 24% of calls responded to were for respiratory, cardiac, or stroke incidents.
- Average response time for emergency services has decreased by 11 minutes since the dedicated service began.

In situations involving cardiac and stroke care, time lost in accessing proper treatment can have significant impact on the patient's ability to heal and recover. I am so grateful that we can provide this service to speed access to care for Harpswell's residents, many of whom are older adults who are at greatest risk for emergency incidents.

Collaborating with the Town of Harpswell is evidence of Mid Coast's dedication to increasing access to high quality healthcare and improving the health of all community members.

Lois Skillings  
President and CEO  
Mid Coast Health Services

## MSAD #75

It is a pleasure to provide this report to the Town of Harpswell. Much has happened in the past twelve months!

Academically, we know the importance of building a solid foundation in reading, writing and math. **At the elementary schools**, we are in the fourth full year of implementing The Teachers College Project by providing professional development for teachers in the classroom, working directly with students. Teachers report that students are more excited about reading, talking more about reading, and better able to think and understand what they have read than previously. For the past three years, teachers in the **Middle School** have focused on increasing student engagement by providing opportunities for student choice in their learning. Students display their learning in different ways, and are becoming more responsible for their learning than ever before. **The High School** is in transition with changes in leadership. Donna Brunette is serving as interim principal along with two interim Assistant Principals. The emphasis has been on promoting relationships with our middle level colleagues through discussions about best teaching practices and laying the groundwork that supports creating a plan for implementing a proficiency-based teaching and learning system. (See below)

Providing a safe and respectful learning environment is one of the School Board's adopted goals. We have increased our efforts to address concerns about bullying and harassment, gather and use data that identifies students who present at-risk factors, and provide interventions or revision of practices to support student success. The tragedy of school violence, heightened by the Sandy Hook shooting in December 2012 confirmed the importance of emergency planning we began during the 2010-11 school year. All schools are developing comprehensive emergency plans in cooperation with local fire, law enforcement, and emergency management personnel. We applied for and received a grant that partially funded automatic door-locking systems, intercom and cameras at all schools. We have a full-time School Resource Officer at Mt. Ararat High School in partnership with the Topsham Police Department.

A major effort to bring our libraries into the 21<sup>st</sup> century has resulted in the implementation of a Learning Commons model. Here, technology and the traditional roles of library blend together in an active and inviting environment. A full-time staff member or more serves each Learning Commons.

The challenges we face in education are unprecedented. State initiatives, described in the most recent edition of *Foundations* ( <http://thecryeronline.com/bus/> ) impact every teacher and administrator. These include developing a "proficiency-based" system for graduation, where each district must decide what that means and how proficiency will be determined. This includes a requirement that students must be allowed multiple pathways for demonstrating their abilities. At the same time, the State is changing from the NECAP/SAT statewide assessment to Smarter Balanced Assessment system. The Smarter Balanced tests represent a significant departure from the "fill in the bubble" tests most of us remember. In addition, a new law significantly changes the way teachers and principals are evaluated, with a three-year timeline for full implementation. We are busy working on all of these initiatives, while continuing to teach the children who come to school each day!

We completed several capital projects this past year including phase one of upgrading our transportation bus area with additional drainage, lighting, and paving the existing lot. We upgraded sections of roofs to both Mt. Ararat High School and Bowdoinham Community School. We also replaced siding and trim at Bowdoinham.

We continue to appreciate the support and commitment to education that exists within our four towns. As a part of the budget development process, it was my pleasure to meet with parents from each school and hear their priorities for the budget developed and submitted to the voters last June. Parents overwhelmingly expressed their concern about the impacts of reductions in personnel and programs. They want a comprehensive education for their children. This includes courses for advanced learners, several foreign languages, strong music and art programs, support for at-risk students and high quality special education programs. Parents overwhelmingly expressed pride and confidence in their schools, but are concerned about the impact of reductions to staff and programs.

What it comes down to, as it always has, is the quality of the teacher who is in front of the students each day. I am proud of the teachers and other employees of MSAD No. 75 who display dedication and commitment to the students, families and communities we serve.

Bradley V. Smith  
Superintendent of Schools

# Harpswell Coastal Academy

HCA is off to a great start – we’re past the halfway point of year one with 60 students in grades 6 and 9. Enrollment for next year is already underway and signs are positive for another full class of 30-40 sixth and ninth graders. We anticipate reaching full size (240-280 students) in the fall of 2016.

## West Harpswell School

HCA has been thrilled with the opportunity to bring young people back to WHS. With the support of the Select Board and the hard work of Town staff, we’re working on a longer term lease or potential sale of the property to HCA. We’ve been able to operate the school within budget thanks to the absence (so far) of unanticipated facilities expenses. WHS continues to be home to the Ash Point Library, some Harpswell Recreation Department programs and other community uses.

## Expansion and Site Development

At present, WHS is large enough for about half of our eventual full enrollment. HCA’s Board of Directors, led by Joe Grady, and our Site Committee, led by Scott Ruppert, are working on developing a long-term home. The site committee has identified 3 scenarios: 1) Staying at WHS and expanding that site; 2) Keeping our Division 1 (middle school) at WHS and developing a second site for Divisions 2 and 3 (high school); 3) Developing an entirely new site. The variables involved are many, but again with the thoughtful collaboration of the Select Board and Town staff, we’re making progress. We recognize that the development of suitable long-term space could stretch beyond next fall – in all of the above cases, utilizing temporary space for a year or more is an option.

## Community Partnerships

HCA’s education model is built on our students making connections with the people and issues of MidCoast Maine. Our formal first year partnerships include:

- Working with Harpswell Heritage Land Trust and Harpswell Community Gardens on planning and maintaining gardens to serve healthy foods to HCS students and local residents.
- Working with Harpswell’s Marine Resources Committee, the Maine Department of Natural Resources, and the Mitchell Field Committee to research and propose solutions to three separate invasive species issues: Green Crabs, Winter Moths, and Asian Bitterroot.
- Next year, as our curriculum shifts to focus on Energy and Marine systems, we plan collaborations with Holbrook Community Foundation, the Maine Maritime Museum, and others.
- By far, the most significant story this year has been the degree to which individuals in Harpswell have contributed to our success. Our students have been welcome wherever Harpswell works: on lobster boats, in clam flats, orchards, and Land Trust properties. Community members have been welcome at HCA too, leading cider-making workshops, yoga classes and in general rising to the occasion whenever asked.

## Economic Impact

In addition to bringing young people back to WHS, HCA is helping generate economic energy throughout Harpswell. In our first year:

- 17 souls, all under 40, have moved to Harpswell, 4 landlords have tenants and one house has sold.
- 6 full-time and 6 part-time jobs have been created.
- The SchoolHouse Café is up and running, sourcing its food as locally as possible.
- When HCA reaches full scale, we anticipate a \$2.5 – 5 million annual budget and full-time staff of 25-30, some of whom surely will settle and raise families here.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The accompanying summary financial statements are derived from the audited basic financial statements of the Town of Harpswell, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013. We expressed unmodified audit opinions on those audited financial statements in our report dated January 29, 2014. A complete copy of this report can be found at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov).

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the Town of Harpswell, Maine.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion about whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. The procedures consisted principally of comparing the summary financial statements with the related information in the audited financial statements from which the summary financial statements have been derived.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the summary financial statements of the Town of Harpswell, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 referred to above are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which they have been derived.



January 29, 2014  
South Portland, Maine

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2013**

	General	Road Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 11,370,007	-	-	11,370,007
Intergovernmental	228,733	-	8,162	236,895
Miscellaneous	494,046	-	62,219	556,265
Total revenues	12,092,786	-	70,381	12,163,167
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,260,319	-	-	1,260,319
Public works	753,802	-	-	753,802
Protection and safety	949,396	-	-	949,396
Health and welfare	31,386	-	-	31,386
Cultural and recreation	241,491	-	61,215	302,706
Education	6,762,429	-	-	6,762,429
County taxes	1,128,378	-	-	1,128,378
Overlay/abatements	3,243	-	-	3,243
Debt service	393,366	-	-	393,366
Capital and special projects	250,750	772,723	291,093	1,314,566
Total expenditures	11,774,560	772,723	352,308	12,899,591
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditur	318,226	(772,723)	(281,927)	(736,424)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from long-term debt	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Transfers (to) from other funds	(1,160,850)	1,000,000	160,850	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(160,850)	1,000,000	160,850	1,000,000
Net change in fund balances	157,376	227,277	(121,077)	263,576
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	3,986,273	469,198	648,858	5,104,329
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 4,143,649</b>	<b>696,475</b>	<b>527,781</b>	<b>5,367,905</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Comparative Balance Sheets**  
**General Fund**  
**December 31, 2013 and 2012**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,425,627	4,984,508
Receivables:		
Taxes	345,631	374,372
Tax liens and acquired properties	64,944	84,330
Other	55,157	70,940
Prepaid items	16,627	16,089
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,907,986</b>	<b>5,530,239</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	240,989	80,046
Unearned revenue - taxes paid in advance	3,532	15,574
Unearned revenue - other	5,560	16,290
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	39,759	29,810
Capital Projects	1,184,497	1,088,246
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,474,337</b>	<b>1,229,966</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	290,000	314,000
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>314,000</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid Insurance	16,627	16,089
Committed:		
Land acquisition	85,000	-
Expanded paramedic coverage	34,800	-
Assigned	594,213	521,632
Unassigned	3,413,009	3,448,552
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>4,143,649</b>	<b>3,986,273</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,907,986</b>	<b>5,530,239</b>

**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, 2013**

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 10,280,516	10,280,516	10,281,306	790
Change in unavailable revenue	-	-	24,000	24,000
Interest and fees on property taxes	22,000	22,000	23,090	1,090
Excise taxes and registration fees	962,000	962,000	1,041,611	79,611
Total taxes	11,264,516	11,264,516	11,370,007	105,491
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	80,000	80,000	90,839	10,839
Local road assistance URIP	52,000	52,000	64,352	12,352
Homestead exemption and BETE	40,345	40,345	40,247	(98)
Tree growth	8,000	8,000	10,775	2,775
General assistance	6,000	6,000	8,995	2,995
Veterans exemption	3,000	3,000	2,921	(79)
Other	3,000	3,000	10,604	7,604
Total intergovernmental	192,345	192,345	228,733	36,388
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	8,500	8,500	5,361	(3,139)
Copies and records	4,000	4,000	4,515	515
Cable TV franchise fee	70,000	70,000	76,106	6,106
Cable technology & capital equipment	11,400	11,400	11,400	-
Licenses, fees and permits	146,100	146,100	156,643	10,543
Fines	-	-	700	700
Recycling center and disposal fees	165,000	165,000	165,638	638
Donations and gifts	10,000	10,000	25,446	15,446
Sale of property	1,500	1,500	7,301	5,801
West Harpswell School lease	-	-	10,000	10,000
Tower lease	19,500	19,500	19,963	463
Unclassified	2,400	2,400	10,973	8,573
Total miscellaneous	438,400	438,400	494,046	55,646
Total revenues	11,895,261	11,895,261	12,092,786	197,525

**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, 2013**

Article #	Account	Balances	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
		carried forward	Original	Final			
Expenditures:							
<i>General government:</i>							
13	Elected officials	\$ -	121,441	121,441	119,687	1,754	-
General administration:							
14	Administration	-	269,520	269,520	253,730	15,790	-
14	Public information	-	9,000	9,000	9,127	(127)	-
14	Risk management	-	60,111	60,111	50,781	9,330	-
14	Legal services	-	35,000	35,000	33,671	1,329	-
15	Memberships	-	15,863	15,863	15,863	-	-
16	Assessing	-	74,946	74,946	70,164	4,782	-
17	Tax collector's office	-	29,400	29,400	26,438	2,962	-
18	Town clerk's office	-	52,452	52,452	46,709	5,743	-
19	Treasurer	-	21,950	21,950	17,426	4,524	-
20	Code enforcement	-	108,371	108,371	108,198	173	-
21	Planning	-	77,352	77,352	72,593	4,759	-
22	Consultant re: Conservation Subd	-	15,000	15,000	14,000	1,000	1,000
29	Employee benefits	-	317,172	317,172	303,831	13,341	-
30	Boards and committees	-	6,431	6,431	5,392	1,039	-
Operations and maintenance:							
31	Municipal buildings and property	-	66,750	66,750	67,503	(753)	-
31	Old town house and commons	-	7,500	7,500	4,047	3,453	2,000
31	Town dock	-	13,550	13,550	10,652	2,898	-
31	Town lands and landings	4,993	20,750	25,743	24,907	836	-
32,33	Cemeteries	-	7,000	7,000	5,600	1,400	-
Total general government		4,993	1,329,559	1,334,552	1,260,319	74,233	3,000
<i>Public works:</i>							
40	Snow removal	-	403,756	403,756	383,066	20,690	-
40	Maintenance	-	90,000	90,000	52,711	37,289	-
40	Road, street signs	-	2,000	2,000	1,809	191	-
23	Recycling and transfer station	-	345,706	345,706	316,216	29,490	-
Total public works		-	841,462	841,462	753,802	87,660	-
<i>Protection and safety:</i>							
44,45	Emergency services	-	201,890	201,890	195,879	6,011	-
43	Emergency services garage	-	8,000	8,000	-	8,000	-
41	Contracted paramedic services	-	123,000	123,000	123,000	-	-
46	Street lighting	-	22,500	22,500	22,213	287	-
25	Harbor management	-	42,216	42,216	40,410	1,806	-
24	Animal control	-	25,412	25,412	23,880	1,532	-
47,48	Law enforcement and communication	-	352,635	352,635	352,635	-	-
49,50	Shellfish conservation	-	198,580	198,580	191,379	7,201	-
Total protection and safety		-	974,233	974,233	949,396	24,837	-
<i>Health and welfare:</i>							
Health and welfare restricted gift		-	-	-	-	-	300
51	Health and welfare	-	34,380	34,380	31,386	2,994	-
Total health and welfare		-	34,380	34,380	31,386	2,994	300
<i>Cultural and recreation:</i>							
52	Cultural and education programs	-	36,303	36,303	36,116	187	-
3	Curtis Memorial Library	-	123,904	123,904	123,904	-	-
53	Harpswell Community Broadcasting	-	55,000	55,000	55,000	-	-
27	Recreation - general	-	26,975	26,975	26,471	504	-
Total cultural and recreation		-	242,182	242,182	241,491	691	-

**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, 2013**

Article #	Account	Balances	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
		carried forward	Original	Final			
Expenditures, continued:							
CF, 58	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	48,342	30,000	78,342	32,356	45,986	45,986
<i>Other capital / carryovers / reserves:</i>							
CF, 58	Dry hydrant development	15,590	-	15,590	12,810	2,780	2,780
CF	Land acquisition	1,279	-	1,279	-	1,279	8,280 **
CF, 58	Vehicle replacement & vehicle equipment	43,463	45,000	88,463	41,985	46,478	46,478
CF	Update of assessing records	20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
CF, 58	Emergency communication equipment	6,521	5,000	11,521	-	11,521	11,521
11	Land acquisition map 42, lot 6	-	3,318	3,318	-	3,318	3,318
CF, 58	Boat and motor replacement	13,243	10,000	23,243	-	23,243	23,243
CF	Voting machines	12,300	-	12,300	-	12,300	12,300
CF	Generator replacement	41,000	-	41,000	-	41,000	41,000
CF	T/O & Facilities Improvements	54,000	-	54,000	8,445	45,555	45,555
CF, 42	Emergency Services Garage	74,000	76,000	150,000	12,756	137,244	137,244
CF, 58	Office equipment	7,705	5,000	12,705	-	12,705	12,705
CF	Conservation fund	5,000	-	5,000	10,572	(5,572)	- *
CF, 61	Cable related technology account	10,800	5,400	16,200	6,003	10,197	10,197 **
CF, 54	Public, educational & governmental equipment	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	- ***
CF	Legislative agent	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
CF	Economic development	9,813	-	9,813	4,303	5,510	5,510
CF	Self insurance reserve	1,254	-	1,254	511	743	743
CF, 57	Heating assistance	24,636	12,000	36,636	19,251	17,385	31,356 **
CF	Marine hazards	3,522	-	3,522	-	3,522	3,522
CF	Failed septic systems	22,649	-	22,649	-	22,649	22,649
16	Aerial map updates	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-
55	PEG Equipment warranty	-	6,400	6,400	6,390	10	-
CF	FEMA Consultant	3,529	-	3,529	7,785	(4,256)	- *
CF	Energy Conservation	2,502	-	2,502	-	2,502	2,502
CF, 56	Property tax assistance program	25,652	10,000	35,652	19,950	15,702	15,702
CF	Hildreth Road wetland delineation & survey	3,650	-	3,650	616	3,034	3,034
CF	Mitchell Field - infrastructure/demolition	8,373	-	8,373	8,373	-	-
CF	Mitchell Field - other	1,478	-	1,478	-	1,478	1,478
37	Mitchell Field - operations	-	14,800	14,800	11,144	3,656	-
	Mitchell Field - ramp or bandstand donation	-	-	-	-	-	1,800
39	Mitchell Field - pier	7,773	8,000	15,773	6,900	8,873	8,873
	West Harpswell School lease proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
36	West Harpswell School - capital	-	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
34	West Harpswell School - operations	-	40,000	40,000	30,600	9,400	9,400
Total capital and special projects		470,109	295,918	766,027	250,750	515,277	554,211
60	Debt service	-	395,000	395,000	393,366	1,634	-
CF	Contingency	46,530	-	46,530	-	46,530	36,702
Total budgeted expenditures		521,632	4,112,734	4,634,366	3,880,510	753,856	594,213
Other expenditures:							
	Educational appropriation	-	6,762,429	6,762,429	6,762,429	-	-
	County tax	-	1,128,378	1,128,378	1,128,378	-	-
	Overlay / abatements	-	122,870	122,870	3,243	119,627	-
Total other expenditures		-	8,013,677	8,013,677	7,894,050	119,627	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures							
		(521,632)	(231,150)	(752,782)	318,226	1,071,008	(594,213)
Other financing sources (uses):							
11-53	Proceeds from long-term debt	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-
	Transfer to Capital Projects - road projects	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	-
59	Transfer to Capital Projects - emergency vehicle	-	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-
28	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs	-	(10,850)	(10,850)	(10,850)	-	-
70	Use of unassigned fund balance - budget	-	392,000	392,000	-	(392,000)	-
	Use of carryforward balances	521,632	-	521,632	-	(521,632)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		521,632	231,150	752,782	(160,850)	(913,632)	-
Net change in fund balance		-	-	-	157,376	157,376	(594,213)
Fund balance, beginning of year, as restated					3,986,273		
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>					<b>\$ 4,143,649</b>		

\* Contingency transfer approved by selectmen to cover FEMA consultant and conservation fund \$9,828

\*\* Balances carried forward include 2013 revenues received for these purposes

\*\*\* Revenue received directly applied to capital lease payment

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2013**

	<u>Special Revenues</u>		<u>Capital Projects</u>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Restricted Grants</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Emergency Vehicles</b>	
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 8,162	-	-	8,162
Interest earned	-	-	718	718
Bandstand donations	-	12,681	-	12,681
Charges for services	-	48,820	-	48,820
Total revenues	8,162	61,501	718	70,381
Expenditures:				
For specified purpose	9,349	55,935	-	65,284
Bandstand	-	5,280	-	5,280
Capital outlay	-	-	281,744	281,744
Total expenditures	9,349	61,215	281,744	352,308
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,187)	286	(281,026)	(281,927)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers from general fund	-	10,850	150,000	160,850
Total other financing sources	-	10,850	150,000	160,850
Net change in fund balances	(1,187)	11,136	(131,026)	(121,077)
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	3,707	26,103	619,048	648,858
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,520</b>	<b>37,239</b>	<b>488,022</b>	<b>527,781</b>

## 2014 Proposed Summary Budget

	2013	2014	
	Appropriations	Proposed	% Change
General Government	\$1,314,559	\$1,313,685	
Public Works	\$841,462	\$800,334	-4.9%
Protection & Safety	\$974,233	\$1,123,232	15.3%
Health & Welfare	\$46,380	\$44,880	-3.2%
Cultural & Recreational	\$253,032	\$275,251	8.8%
Mitchell Field	\$22,800	\$46,100	102.2%
Special Projects	\$38,718	\$49,400	27.6%
West Harpswell School	\$55,000	\$10,000	-81.8%
Other Capital	\$171,000	\$140,500	-17.8%
Emergency Vehicles	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Debt Service	<u>\$395,000</u>	<u>\$505,000</u>	27.85%
Total	\$4,262,184	\$4,458,382	4.6%

The above Table compares the 2013 Annual Town Meeting appropriations with the proposed 2014 Annual Town Meeting appropriations of March 15. In addition, a \$600,000 bond is being proposed for capital road improvements, such bond to be repaid over a 10-year period, adding approximately \$60,000 to the Town's debt service beginning in fiscal year 2015.

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 2014, this assessment is slated to increase by 4.85% from \$1,128,378 to \$1,183,087. 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 first by open meeting, then by secret ballot in the budget validation process, which usually occurs in June. The SAD # 75 Budget is not shown above. (\$6,762,429 was paid to M.S.A.D. #75 in 2013).

*The Warrant that appears in the Annual Town Report may not be the final version. Articles may be added prior to posting of the Warrant which must be done seven (7) days prior to the Town Meeting.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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

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

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,283 for the Code Enforcement Office.** (\$108,371 raised and appropriated in 2013; \$108,198 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,100 for Mitchell Field.**

	<b>2014</b>	2013	2013 Expended
Building Demolition	\$25,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Water Tower Condition Report	2,500	0	0
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	11,400	9,400	7,632
Community Garden	5,000	0	1,922 (grant)
Fencing	0	3,000	1,450
Electricity	1,000	1,200	873
Portable Toilets	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,189</u>
	<b>\$46,100</b>	<b>\$14,800</b>	<b>\$13,066</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLE 33 – TOWN OF HARPSWELL

The issuance of bonds by the Town of Harpswell (the “Town”) is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town as of the date of this Town Meeting:

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

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

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Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 70 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$90,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,502,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, and \$425,000 of unassigned fund balance to reduce the tax commitment. (\$80,000 of Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,483,000 of non-property tax revenue, and \$392,000 of unassigned fund balance appropriated in 2013)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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

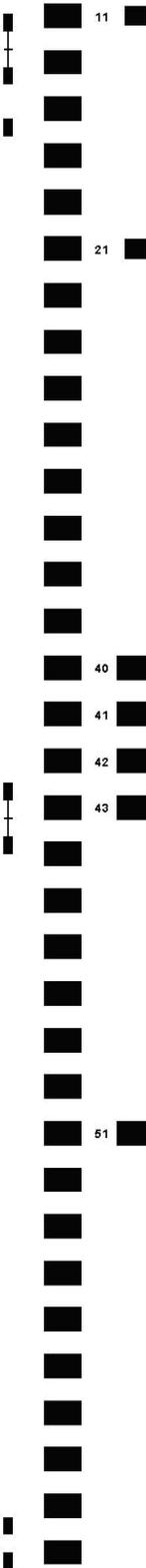
The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be available at the Town Office during regular business hours for the entire week preceding said meeting to receive applications of persons claiming the right to vote at said meeting and to make corrections to the list of voters. Registrations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

**Sample Ballot**  
**State of Maine**  
**Town of Harpswell**  
**Municipal Election**  
**March 15, 2014**

**Instructions to Voters**

- ◆ TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- ◆ Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- ◆ To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, **write the candidate's name and municipality of residence** on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

FOR SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR <small>3-Year Term</small> <b>Vote for ONE</b>	FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF M.S.A.D. NO. 75 <small>3-Year Term</small> <b>Vote for TWO</b>	<b>REFERENDUM QUESTION</b>
<input type="radio"/> HAWKES, ALISON S.	<input type="radio"/> JOHNSON, DAVID A.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Article 3</b></p> <p>To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,204 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. (\$123,904 raised and appropriated in 2013)</p> <p>Recommended by Selectmen</p> <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/> JOHNSON, KEVIN E.	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	
<input type="radio"/> RICH, C. MATTHEW	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	
<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in		



# MUNICIPAL & COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

## ADMINISTRATORS

Kristi Eiane ..... 833-5771 x124  
Terri-Lynn Sawyer (Deputy)..... 833-5771 x105

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Cumberland County ..... 1-800-501-1111

## ASSESSOR'S AGENT

Deborah Turner ..... 833-5771 x114

## CODE OFFICER/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

William Wells..... 833-5771 x112

## CODE OFFICER/ADDRESSING OFFICER

Jason Marshall ..... 833-5771 x111

## CODE ASSISTANT

Diane Plourde..... 833-5771 x113

## COMMUNITY TV STATION

Donna Frisoli (Manager)..... 833-2363

## EMA AGENT

William Labbe..... 725-7612

## FIRE CHIEFS

CUNDY'S HARBOR ..... Benjamin Wallace 373-0914  
HARPSWELL NECK..... Frank Hilton 833-0025  
ORR'S/BAILEY ..... Edward Blain 833-5199

## FIRE PERMIT

TOWN OFFICE..... 833-5771  
FIRE WARDEN..... Frank Hilton 833-0025

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

HEATING ASSISTANCE..... Linda Strickland 833-5771 x110

## HEALTH OFFICER

Terri-Lynn Sawyer ..... 833-5771 x105

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

David Hackett ..... 833-6322

## HARBORMASTER

James Hays..... 833-5771 x106

## LIBRARIES

Cundy's Harbor ..... 725-1461  
Orr's Island ..... 833-7811  
Curtis Memorial, Brunswick..... 725-5242

## MARINE/SHELLFISH WARDENS

Cumberland County ..... 1-800-501-1111

PLANNER..... Carol Eyeran 833-5771 x127

PLANNING ASSISTANT ..... Diane Plourde 833-5771 x125

## POST OFFICES

Harpswell ..... 833-5526  
Bailey Island ..... 833-5211  
Orr's Island ..... 833-6278

## RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT

Linda Strickland..... 833-5771 x110

## RECREATION DIRECTOR

Regina Perow ..... 833-5771 x108

## RECYCLING CENTER MANAGER

Fred Cantu..... 833-6472

## TRANSFER STATION.....

833-6447

## ROAD COMMISSIONER

Ronald Ponziani..... 751-0897

## SCHOOLS

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bradley Smith ..... 729-9961

### PRINCIPALS:

#### HARPSWELL COASTAL ACADEMY

John D'Anieri..... 833-3229

#### HARPSWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Kerry Bailey..... 729-5177

#### MT. ARARAT HIGH SCHOOL

Donna Brunette ..... 729-6751

#### REGION 10 TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Barry Lohnes ..... 729-6622

#### MT. ARARAT MIDDLE SCHOOL

William Zima ..... 729-2950

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/CUMBERLAND COUNTY

EMERGENCY..... 911

NON-EMERGENCY..... 1-800-501-1111

## TAX COLLECTOR

Jill Caldwell ..... 833-5771 x118  
Sandra Bichrest (Deputy) ..... 833-5771 x117

## TOWN CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Rosalind Knight ..... 833-5822 x116  
Catherine Doughty (Deputy)..... 833-5822 x115

## TREASURER

Marguerite Kelly ..... 833-5771 x122

**TOWN OFFICE**

263 Mountain Road

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday:  
1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**RECYCLING CENTER  
& TRANSFER STATION**

21 Community Drive

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday\*,  
Friday & Saturday: 8:00 a.m – 4:15 p.m.  
(Transfer Station Closes at 4:00 p.m.)

Closed Sunday & Monday

\*Closed Thursday from January 1 to May 1

**ONLINE SERVICES**

[www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov)

Real Estate Taxes

Motor Vehicle / Boat / ATV / Snowmobile  
Re-registration

Hunting / Fishing / Dog Licenses



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014  
HARPSWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Election of the Moderator at 9:00 a.m.

Polls Open until 5:00 p.m.

Business Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.