

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 10, 2012**

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Community School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the tenth day of March, 2012 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; Road Commissioner for a three-year term; and one M.S.A.D. # 75 Director for a three-year term.**
- Art. 3 — To vote by secret ballot on a Non-Binding Referendum Question on the Future of West Harpswell School (vote in order of preference, with first choice being the most important and fourth choice being the least important):**
- 1. Keep building and land for town activities.**
 - 2. Develop the building and property primarily as a business center.**
 - 3. Develop the land and building primarily for housing for senior and/or working families.**
 - 4. Sell the building and property with restrictions to protect the neighborhood.**
- Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale and Restrict the Use of Consumer Fireworks” be enacted?**

Recommended by Selectmen

**Town of Harpswell
Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale and Restrict the Use of Consumer Fireworks**

Section 1. Purpose

This ordinance governs the sale and use of consumer fireworks within the limits of Harpswell to ensure the safety of residents, taxpayers and visitors of the Town of Harpswell.

Section 2. Title and Authority

This ordinance shall be known as the “Town of Harpswell Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale and Restrict the Use of Consumer Fireworks.” It is adopted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001 and 8 M.R.S.A. § 223-A(2), both as may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. Definitions

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings respectively ascribed to them:

Consumer Fireworks shall have the same meaning as the term set forth in 27 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 555.11, as may be amended from time to time, but includes only products that are tested and certified by a third party testing laboratory as conforming with United States Consumer Product Safety Commission standards, in accordance with 15 United States Code, Chapter 47. "Consumer fireworks" does not include the following products:

- (1) Missile-type rockets, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule;
- (2) Helicopters and aerial spinners, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule; and
- (3) Sky rockets and bottle rockets. For purposes of this paragraph, "sky rockets and bottle rockets" means cylindrical tubes containing not more than 20 grams of chemical composition, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule, with a wooden stick attached for guidance and stability that rise into the air upon ignition and that may produce a burst of color or sound at or near the height of flight.

Display shall have the same meaning as that term is defined under State law, 8 M.R.S.A § 221-A(3), as may be amended from time to time.

Fireworks shall have the same meaning as that term is defined under State law, 8 M.R.S.A. § 221-A(4), as may be amended from time to time.

Person shall mean any individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, governmental entity, association, or public or private organization of any character.

Town shall mean the Town of Harpswell.

Section 4. Prohibitions

No person shall sell, possess with the intent to sell or offer for sale consumer fireworks in the Town. No person shall use consumer fireworks in the Town except in accordance with Section 5 below.

Section 5. Limitation on the Use of Consumer Fireworks.

- (a) Consumer fireworks may be used on the following dates and during the following times:
 - (1) July 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.;
 - (2) July 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:30 a.m. on July 5;
 - (3) July 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.;
 - (4) December 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:30 a.m. on January 1;
 - (5) January 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.; and
 - (6) The weekends immediately before and after July 4 and December 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.
- (b) A person may use consumer fireworks only on that person's property or on the property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on that property.
- (c) Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to apply to a person issued a fireworks display permit by the State of Maine pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A. § 227-A, as may be amended from time to time.
- (d) Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to allow the use of any fireworks or consumer fireworks that are prohibited by State law.

Section 6. Penalties

Any person who sells consumer fireworks, possesses consumer fireworks with the intent to sell, or offers consumer fireworks for sale shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus costs. For second and subsequent offenses, a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation plus costs shall be imposed. Any person who uses consumer fireworks in violation of Section 5 above in the Town shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus costs. For second and subsequent offenses, a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per violation plus costs shall be imposed.

Section 7. Seizure and Disposal

The Town may seize consumer fireworks that the Town has probable cause to believe are sold or used in violation of this Ordinance or in violation of State law and shall forfeit the seized consumer fireworks to the State of Maine for disposal.

Section 8. Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Town’s duly authorized law enforcement provider or any other duly authorized agent of the Town approved by the Selectmen to enforce this Ordinance.

Section 9. Severability

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by Town Meeting.

Articles 5 and 6 may be passed over if Article 4 passes.

Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale of Consumer Fireworks” be enacted?

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

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 6 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Ordinance to Restrict the Use of Consumer Fireworks” be enacted?

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

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 7 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2012 Amendments to the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?

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

Recommended by Selectman

Art. 8 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2012 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to Amend the Eagle Island Historic District” be enacted?

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

1. Amend Section 13.7, regarding the Eagle Island Historic District, as set forth below:

13.7. Eagle Island Historic District.

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13.7.2. Land Use Standards.

- 13.7.2.1.** Permitted land uses include (a) single family dwellings, museums, visitor’s centers, water related uses, boat houses, wharves, and piers; (b) structures accessory to the uses set forth in subsection (a); and (c) any educational, park, recreational, cultural or historic preservation uses related in any way to the uses set forth in subsection (a). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, there shall only be one (1) single family dwelling use allowed within the Eagle Island Historic District.

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Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 9 – To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elected officials salaries and travel reimbursement as shown below; Tax Collector and Town Clerk are full-time positions. Should 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:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Selectman | \$6,000 | \$6,000 |
| Selectman | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Selectman | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Tax Collector | 43,437 | 42,585 |
| Town Clerk* | 41,185 | 40,377 |
| Treasurer | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Road Commissioner | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Travel Reimbursement | <u>4,000</u> | <u>4,000</u> |
| | \$122,622 | \$120,962 |

**Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,252 which is budgeted in Article 10.*

*\$122,622 Recommended by Selectmen
\$122,622 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 10 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,378 for General Administration.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Administration & Registrar | \$258,173 | \$259,248 |
| Public Information | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Legal | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Risk Management/Insurance | <u>57,205</u> | <u>52,141</u> |
| | \$364,378 | \$360,389 |

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,766 for memberships as follows:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Maine Municipal Association | \$7,980 | \$7,784 |
| Midcoast Council of Governments | 7,011 | 7,859 |
| New Meadows River Watershed | 0 | 1,000 |
| Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce | 750 | 750 |
| Harpwell Business Association | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u> |
| | \$15,766 | \$17,418 |

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,552 for the Assessing Office. (\$81,600 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for updating aerial maps.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,963 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$34,123 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,433 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$45,552 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,150 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$1,750 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,075 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$92,315 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,624 for the Planning Office. (\$74,513 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$306,020 for Employee Benefits.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Retirement | \$47,632 | \$44,814 |
| Health Insurance | 195,350 | 182,681 |
| Social Sec/Medicare | 60,038 | 60,264 |
| Disability | <u>3,000</u> | <u>3,000</u> |
| | \$306,020 | \$290,759 |

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,111 for Boards and Committees. (\$5,405 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,900 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, properties and vehicles.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Buildings, property & vehicles | \$64,900 | \$62,900 |
| Old Town House & Commons | 5,500 | 11,500 |
| Town Dock | 3,500 | 3,000 |
| Town Landings | <u>31,000</u> | <u>11,500</u> |
| | \$104,900 | \$88,900 |

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the construction and related maintenance of a second float at the Pott's Point Town Dock, and to accept gifts and grants from non-Town sources for the construction of the same, which funds are all to be held in a reserve account until such time as at least \$5,000 in gifts and grants from non-Town sources have been received.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for maintenance, operation and use of the former West Harpswell School property, including building management as well as planning expenses related to future use of the property.

| | 2012 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Heat | \$15,000 |
| Maintenance/Grounds/Supplies | 14,000 |
| Electricity | 12,000 |
| Unanticipated Needs | 10,000 |
| Testing/Inspections/Insurance | 7,000 |
| Building Management | 6,000 |
| Site Planning & Other Services | <u>6,000</u> |
| | \$70,000 |

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for site and parking improvements to Town-owned property on Orr's Island known as Devil's Back.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$539,663 for Roads.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Snow Removal | \$412,663 | \$398,973 |
| Road Maintenance | 125,000 | 100,000 |
| Road/Street Signs | <u>2,000</u> | <u>2,000</u> |
| | \$539,663 | \$500,973 |

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract for a period of not more than 3 years for the purpose of providing winter road maintenance on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$373,423 for Operations and Personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$374,844 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract with Mid Coast Health Services for a period of not more than 5 years for the purpose of obtaining enhanced paramedic services and administrative support services and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,000 for the same for 2012. (\$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2011 for regional paramedic level response service will continue to be provided and is included in the proposed contract).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,000 for site planning, design and construction of a garage to be used primarily for emergency medical services vehicle and equipment storage purposes with unexpended funds to be held in reserve.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 30 — 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:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue | \$60,000 | \$60,000 |
| Orr's-Bailey Island Fire and Rescue | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire | <u>60,000</u> | <u>60,000</u> |
| | \$180,000 | \$180,000 |

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,390 for other Emergency Services and Management.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ALS, Phone & Central Communications | \$ 18,840 | \$18,720 |
| Fire Warden | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Emergency Management | 3,550 | 4,350 |
| Dry Hydrant Operations | <u>5,000</u> | <u>2,000</u> |
| | \$29,390 | \$27,070 |

Note: If Article 28 passes, Article 31 may be reduced by \$15,000

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 32 — To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lighting.
(\$27,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*\$22,500 Recommended by Selectmen
\$22,500 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,682 for Harbor Management. (\$39,026 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,623 for Animal Control. (\$23,947 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$519,484 and appropriate \$64,050 from the Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment Replacement Account for Law Enforcement, Communications Services and Shellfish Conservation.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| General Law Enforcement | \$305,065 | \$288,098 |
| Communications | 31,329 | 30,438 |
| Shellfish Conservation: Marine Patrol | 179,090 | 168,789 |
| Shellfish Conservation: Boat Operations | <u>4,000</u> | <u>3,500</u> |
| | \$519,484 | \$490,825 |

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,930 for General Assistance and Health & Welfare Agencies as follows:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Assistance | \$21,000 | \$19,000 |
| Community Health & Nursing (CHANS) | 0 | 2,000 |
| Independence Association | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Midcoast Maine Community Action | 730 | 730 |
| Coastal Transportation | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| People Plus | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Spectrum Generations | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Family Crisis Shelter | 500 | 500 |
| Sexual Assault Response | 250 | 250 |
| Tedford Shelter | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Big Brothers/Big Sisters | 500 | 500 |
| Respite | 1,200 | 1,000 |
| Hunger Prevention | 3,000 | 2,000 |
| American Red Cross | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Day One | 250 | 250 |
| Family Focus | 500 | 0 |
| Oasis Health Network | 1,000 | 0 |
| Habitat for Humanity | 500 | 0 |
| People's Regional Opportunity Program | <u>1,000</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | \$37,930 | \$33,730 |

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,820 for the Cultural purposes as follows:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Orr's Island Library | \$13,000 | \$13,000 |
| Cundy's Harbor Library | 13,800 | 13,800 |
| Harpwell Historical Society | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Pejepscot Historical Society | 500 | 500 |
| Memorial Observances | 1,600 | 1,200 |
| Bailey Island Library Hall | 2,420 | 2,503 |

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|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Five River Arts Alliance | 500 | 500 |
| Harpswell Scouting Association | 0 | 60 |
| Harpswell Festival | <u>1,000</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| | \$35,820 | \$35,563 |

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 38 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$119,484 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. (\$114,988 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen Multer and Henderson
Not Recommended by Selectman Hawkes
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 39 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$58,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 40 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,505 for the Recreation Department. (\$25,545 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 41 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,120 for Recreation Programs, 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. (\$7,250 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 42 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,100 for maintenance and operations of Mitchell Field.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Mowing/Repairs/Signage | \$6,700 | \$5,950 |
| Electricity | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Portable Toilets | 1,200 | 1,500 |
| Fencing | <u>5,000</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | \$14,100 | \$8,650 |

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 43 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for continued infrastructure planning and demolition of buildings at Mitchell Field, including the use of such funds as the Town’s share to match grants and/or other funding sources for these purposes. (\$20,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 44 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for economic development purposes, including the use of such funds as the Town’s share to match grants and/or other funding sources for these purposes, with specific projects to be approved in advance by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 45 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the Property Tax Assistance Program. (\$60,000 was raised and appropriated in 2011; \$22,467 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 46 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Harpswell Heating Assistance reserve account to be used for heating assistance and improving home energy efficiency. (\$5,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 47 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the replacement of failed septic systems with unexpended funds to be held in reserve. (\$5,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 48 – To see if the Town will vote to accept a grant in the amount of \$29,000 from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a pump-out station in Cundy’s Harbor and to accept gift or grants from non-Town sources for this purpose, including, without limitation, a gift from the Holbrook Community Foundation for the same.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 49 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the tax acquired property located on the Hildreth Road (Tax Map 3, Lot 73), for which the Town has successfully quieted title by a final District Court judgment, by a means and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute such contracts, deeds and other instruments and to take such other actions as may in the Board’s judgment be advisable to effect the sale of such property, including, without limitation, the imposition of a conservation easement on a portion of the property to be held by the Town or by a third party to prevent development of that portion of the property; and to authorize the proceeds from the sale to be held in the Land Acquisition Fund until such time as Town Meeting appropriates the same.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 50 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for capital reserve accounts as follows:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Boat & Motor Replacement | \$35,000 | \$6,000 |
| Recycling/Transfer Station | 30,000 | 25,000 |
| Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement | 25,000 | 25,000 |

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Town Office & Facilities Improvements | 10,000 | 16,000 |
| Dry Hydrant | 10,000 | 0 |
| Office Equipment | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Emergency Communications Equipment | <u>5,000</u> | <u>3,000</u> |
| | \$120,000 | \$80,000 |

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Orr’s Island Library expansion project. (\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2009, \$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2010, \$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 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. (\$200,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$1,000,000 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 \$1,204,484 of which principal is \$1,000,000 and estimated interest at 3.5% over 10 years is \$204,484.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLE 55 – 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:

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|---|--------------|
| * Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid | \$ 2,541,668 |
| * Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds | \$ 323,849 |
| * Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued | \$ 2,865,517 |
| * Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued | \$ 50,000 |
| * Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued | \$ 2,300 |
| * Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters | \$ 1,000,000 |
| * Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such | |

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Additional Bond | \$ 204,484 |
| * Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters | \$ 1,204,484 |

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


 Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer

Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$460,000 for debt service. (\$433,500 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a capital lease-purchase agreement for a period not to exceed 7 years for equipment related to public, educational and governmental (PEG) needs of community television broadcasting in a total contract principal amount not to exceed \$82,500, and to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the community broadcast digital reserve and the sum of \$8,902 from the PEG equipment reserve to be used for lease payments, such funds to be held in a reserve account until such time as lease payments are made. (\$11,000 appropriated in 2011 for PEG equipment)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 56 — 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 the purchase and/or lease of equipment related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting, with such funds to be held in a community broadcasting reserve account.

*Recommended by Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 57 — 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.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2013 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2012 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Recommended by Selectmen

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Art. 59 – 65 The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 59-65 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.

Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 17, 2012 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 17, 2012 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. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a services to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid in over the amount finally committed shall be repaid without interest. (36 M.R.S.A. § 506). (Excess payment of \$10.00 or less may be credited to 2011 taxes).

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from undesignated fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 62 — 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. 63 — 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. 64 — 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 2012 budget from January 1, 2013 to the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 65 — 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. 66 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$120,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,510,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, and \$350,000 of unassigned fund balance to reduce the tax commitment.

Recommended by Selectmen

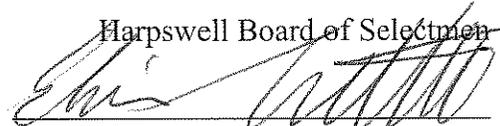
Article 67 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.

Art. 67 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,336,431 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.

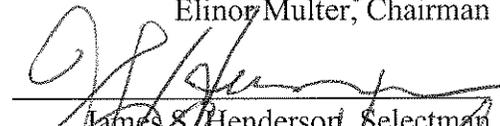
The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be available at the Town Office during regular business hours for the entire week preceding said meeting to receive applications of persons claiming the right to vote at said meeting and to make corrections to the list of voters. Registrations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

Given our hands this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2012

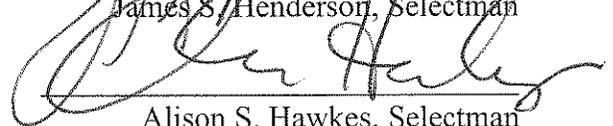
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