

Harpswell

2010



Annual Town Report

The 2010 Annual Town Report is dedicated to

Harpswell Heritage Land Trust

whose mission is to preserve and protect Harpswell's natural open spaces, islands, shoreline, and cultural heritage for current and future generations through education, conservation and landowner assistance.

The Trust has been very successful in pursuing its mission. Its most recent accomplishment was to garner a federal grant in excess of \$600,000 for the purchase and protection of 87 acres at Curtis and Basin Coves on Harpswell Neck.

As of 2010, the Trust had conserved 256 acres of lands through its 11 preserves—lands the Trust owns—and over 1,000 acres through its 20 conservation easements on privately owned lands. In addition, the Trust holds preservation easements on five historic structures. The Trust also sponsors a variety of educational and recreational events for the community including an annual Nature Day Camp for kids, and a Community Gardens Program.

We salute this organization and the work its members and staff have accomplished in furthering the preservation and protection of Harpswell's special places and in creating more opportunities for public access to Harpswell's natural world.



*Boathouse at Skolfield Shore Preserve
Photo taken by Mary Ann Nahf*

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*Cover Photo
“Iced In”
by Harpswell
Recreation Director
Gina Perow*

Elected Town Officials

January 1 to December 31, 2010

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

James S. Henderson, Chairman (2013)

Mark E. Wallace (2011)

Elinor Multer (2012)

TOWN CLERK

Rosalind M. Knight (2013)

TAX COLLECTOR

Martha L. York (2013)

TREASURER

Marguerite M. Kelly (2013)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Robert E. Venard (2012)

M.S.A.D. # 75 DIRECTORS

Joanne Rogers (2012)

Linda W. Hall (2013)

David A. Johnson (2011)

Jane B. Meisenbach (2011)

Directory & General Information

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 39, Harpswell, ME 04079

E-mail Address: harpswell@town.harpswell.me.us

Website: www.harpswell.maine.gov

EMERGENCY 911

FIRE, POLICE, RESCUE, MARINE PATROL & ANIMAL CONTROL

Non-emergency: 1-800-501-1111

TOWN OFFICE HOURS 833-5771

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

Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Closed Holidays

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS 833-6472

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Recycling Center & Transfer Station CLOSED

Every Sunday, Monday & Thursdays from January 1-May 1 & Town Meeting Day

Incorporated the 13th Town, January 25, 1758

First Settled Mid 1600's Permanently Settled 1727

2000 Census: 5,239 Registered Voters: 4,146

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8 Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

2010 State Valuation \$2,005,900,000

Town Officials

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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Deputy Treasurers *Rosalind M. Knight, Martha L. York*
Deputy Tax Collector *Jill M. Caldwell*
Deputy Town Clerk *Catherine J. Doughty*
Registrar of Voters *Rosalind M. Knight*
Deputy Registrars of Voters *Catherine J. Doughty, Shirley C. Thompson,
Pauline B. Toothaker, Joanne Gordon*
Voter Registration Appeals Board *James Reed Coles, Barbara C. Knox,
Beverly P. Gelwick, Donald S. Otto,
Susan B. Lowery*
Codes Enforcement Officer *William B. Wells*
Plumbing Inspector *William B. Wells*
Harbormaster *James M. Hays*
Health Officer *Terri-Lynn Sawyer*
General Assistance Administrators *Kristi K. Eiane, Linda J. Strickland*
Animal Control Officer *George Lee Johnson*
Alternate Animal Control Officer *Monica G. Graves*
Emergency Management Agent *William P. Labbe*
Fire Warden *Frank R. True, Jr.*
Deputy Fire Wardens *Linda J. Strickland, Fernando R. Cantu,
Lisa A. True, Greg R. Tisdale,*
Tree Warden *Timothy J. Vail*
Fire Chiefs *David S. Mercier, Harpswell Neck
William R. Beazley, Orr's/Bailey Island
Benjamin A. Wallace, Jr., Cundy's Harbor*

OTHER OFFICIALS

Ambulance Captains *Joyce D. Thomas, Harpswell Neck
Edward M. Sparks, Orr's-Bailey Island
Helen C. Tupper, Cundy's Harbor*
Deputy Sheriffs *Andreas Schenk, Clayton T. Stromski,
Jay Ward*
Marine Patrol *George Lee Bradbury, Kyle Neugebauer*
D.A.R.E. Officer *Joachim J. Schnupp*
Superintendent of Schools *J. Michael Wilhelm*
Principals *Craig P. King, Mt. Ararat High School
Dawn Baker, Donna Burnette, Middle School
Michael J. Estes, West Harpswell School
Darren Akerman, Harpswell Islands School*

Boards & Committees

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Hildegarde Bird '11
Sally Wessel '11
Dan Boland '12
William Ewing '12
Hope Hilton '13
Paula Conley '13

BOARD OF APPEALS

James Knight '11
Daniel Huber '11 Associate
John Chiquoine '12
Kent Simmons '12
John Perry '13
Ellen Lebauer '13

BUDGET ADVISORY

Robin Brooks '11 Resigned
Linda Hall '11
Burton Taylor, Jr. '12
Alison Hawkes '12
Ellen Lebauer '13

COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY

CV Noyes '11
Alan Shaver '11
David Chipman '11

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION

Chris Hall '11
David Chipman '11
Paul Desjardins '11
Robin Brooks '12 Resigned
Burton Taylor, Jr. '12
Louise Huntington '13

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Donald Jones '11
Mary Ann Nahf '11
Sue Vachon '11 Associate
Burton Taylor, Jr. '11
Anthony Barrett '12
Deirdre Strachan '12
Ann Nemrow '13
Anne Perry '13

DESIGN REVIEW

Jennifer VerPlanck '11
Bradford McFadden '11
Harriet Modr '11
Gail Kass '11
David Hackett '11

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Richard Leary Jr. '11
William Beazley '12
David Mercier '12
Edward Sparks '12
Helen Tupper '12
Benjamin Wallace Jr. '12
Mark Wallace, ex officio
Marguerite Kelly, ex officio

ENERGY

Robert Bartley '11
David Chipman '11
Trudi Riesenbergl '11
John Monaghan Jr. '12
Daniel Huber '13

FIRE & RESCUE

William Beazley
David Mercier
Edward Sparks
Joyce Thomas
Helen Tupper
Benjamin Wallace Jr.
Leonard Freeman
John Chiquoine
J. Katherine Chatterjee

HARBOR & WATERFRONT

Robert Bartley '11
George Lee Bradbury '11
Henry Schwartz '11
Len Duda '12
Richard Moseley '12
Jack Dostie '13
Stephen Rowe '13

MARINE RESOURCES

Connie Bernier '11
Michael Bernier, Sr. '12
Walter Scott Moody, Sr. '12
Shelly Wilson '13
David Wilson '13

MITCHELL FIELD IMPLEMENTATION

Jennifer VerPlanck '11
Chris Duval '12
Daniel Boland '12
David Chipman '12
James Hays '12
Donald Miskill, Jr. '12
Judith Redwine '12
Robert Roark '12
Karin Blake '13

PIPELINE EASEMENT

Walter Norton '11
Nancy Dimmick '11
Leonard Freeman '12
Richard Daniel '12
Kay Ogrodnik '12

PLANNING BOARD

Dorothy Carrier '11 Resigned
John Papacosma '11
Debora Levensailor '11
Paul Standridge '11 Associate
Burton Taylor, Jr. '11 Associate
Robin Brooks '12 Resigned
Roberta Floccher '12
Joanne Rogers '13 Resigned

RECREATION

Judith Arndt '11
Richard Meisenbach '11
Lori Hodell '11
David Brooks '12
Don Miskill Jr. '12
Susan Rich '13
Anthony Barrett '13

SOLID WASTE

William Ewing '11
Henry Schwartz '11
Anita Veilleux '12
Thomas Haible '13

TOWN LANDS

Chris Coffin '11 Resigned
David Hackett '11
Ken Oehmig '11
Edward Perry '11 Associate
Paula Conley '11 Associate Resigned
Melinda Richter '12
Robert Waddle '12
John Loyd, Jr. '13
Jane Smith '13

Selectmen's Report

During 2010 the Board held 39 regular or special meetings (compared to 33 in 2009), taking about 113 hours to deal with over 542 administrative and substantive agenda items, not counting routine procedural matters. In June the Board conducted the annual Non-Resident Taxpayers meeting and a hearing at the Old Orr's Island Schoolhouse regarding Cedar Beach.

During our regular meetings, the Board addressed a substantial number of significant issues affecting the community:

- Mounting a vigorous response to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) proposals to alter flood plain designations that would affect many coastal properties in town;
- Anticipating the possible closing of the West Harpswell School and seeking options for supporting educational opportunities, including those for adults;
- Commissioning the excellent report of the West Harpswell School Workgroup, which detailed the condition of, and costs associated with, the school, as a resource to be considered should it be offered to the Town;
- Supporting efforts to reestablish the Town's historic boundary in cooperation with the Carrying Place Assembly;
- Responding to an offer of a public access easement to Cedar Beach, by negotiating with its owner, conducting a public hearing, and obtaining an independent appraisal of the value of such an easement;
- Focusing aggressively, with the hard-working Mitchell Field Implementation Committee, to draft clear standards to guide economic development proposals on Mitchell Field;
- With the valued support of Harpswell Community Broadcasting, posting on our web site videos of all Select Board meetings, and many other board and Town-related meetings;
- Monitoring, with the assistance of the Pipeline Committee, the removal of the Navy's fuel pipeline;
- Instituting the first restrictions on heavy vehicles on our roads in the spring, to protect the Town's substantial investment and reduce maintenance costs;
- Agreeing to work with the Maine Department of Transportation to fund improvements to sections of the Cundy's Harbor Road;
- Authorizing on-line boat registrations and vehicle registration renewals, as recommended by the Town Administrator;
- Concluding a 10-year franchise agreement with Comcast, the cable television provider;
- Commemorating the completion of the Cribstone Bridge Project;
- Instituting a strategic planning process to assess future challenges to providing rescue services; and
- Keeping the Town's budget stable and allowing the property tax rate to be reduced modestly (though the County and SAD 75 portions are not under our control).

We anticipate continuing close attention to several issues in 2011, including

- FEMA's floodplain map proposals
- Cedar Beach access
- The Town Boundary
- Assessing feasible reuse options for the West Harpswell School Building, should it be offered to the Town

- If the Mitchell Field development standards and leasing authority are adopted by the 2011 Town Meeting, receiving and evaluating economic development requests at that location.

As members of the Board we realize we could not have considered all these issues and responded to them effectively were it not for the Town's dedicated and skilled staff, especially Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator; and Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer. The members of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Planning Board deserve special recognition for their contributions.



James S. Henderson



Mark E. Wallace



Elinor Multer



Town Administrator's Report

Tax Rate and Budget. The economic climate appears to be slowly improving and in recovery. The Town was able to keep the tax rate from increasing throughout the downturn and even reduce it in 2010. The reduction in the 2010 tax rate was largely a result of a decrease in MSAD # 75's assessment to the Town. Since the school assessment is the single largest area of expenditure affecting the tax rate, it is anticipated that the tax rate will again be lowered as a result of the school assessment further decreasing in 2011. In addition, municipal appropriations are proposed to increase modestly, projected revenue estimates are improving, and fund balance is available to offset the tax commitment.

The 2011 proposed municipal budget of \$4,020,097 is one that essentially maintains existing levels of service. It complies with LD 1 legislation which limits the amount that can be collected from property taxes for municipal purposes by tying it to the increase in new value (1.41%), the 10-year average of growth in real income (1.66%) and the change in revenue sharing from the prior year. The new levy limit of \$2,285,410 coupled with the use of estimated revenue sources of \$1,825,000 allows for a budget of up to \$4,110,410 to be deemed LD 1 compliant.

Borrowing for Capital Needs. In 2011, the annual debt obligation payment will be reduced by approximately \$200,000 given primarily that the borrowing for the Town Office building expansion has been entirely repaid. This allows the Town to consider new long-term (10-year) borrowing, specifically for capital road improvements as part of the proposed 2011 municipal budget. With interest rates at low levels and the Town's fiscal capacity solid, it is appropriate to consider borrowing for long-term capital items and spreading the repayment over time to avoid burdening taxpayers in any one year.

Grants. Town staff and committee volunteers continue to seek grant funding sources to assist the Town in achieving objectives without impacting the local tax rate. Some of the more recent grant awards are (1) up to \$73,604 from Efficiency Maine through the Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG) for energy improvements to the Town Office, Recycling Center and Community Television building; (2) \$14,322 from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for replacing overboard discharge systems, which if not corrected will cause pollution to coastal waters; (3) \$8,450 from the Maine DEP for replacing a failed septic system; (4) \$5,000 from the Davis Foundation for performing an ecological survey of Town properties; and (5) \$2,500 from the State Planning Office (SPO) for researching legal access to the Hildreth Road Town Landing. At the annual Town Meeting, voters will be asked to accept \$20,000 from the State Planning Office for a feasibility study and design of a boat ramp at Mitchell Field.

Online Initiatives. Over the past year, the Town has created more opportunity for business to be conducted through the use of online connections. Examples include re-registering an automobile or licensing a dog (from October 15 to January 31). The Town now offers a subscription service which allows staff to e-mail Selectmen's agendas, announcements, minutes, the Bulletin and updated calendars with public meeting notices once an e-mail address has been provided. Further upgrades to the Town's Web site are planned for 2011. Through the efforts of Harpswell Community Television, videos of Selectmen's Meetings, Planning Board Meetings and other meetings of public interest are available for online viewing at <http://vimeo.com/harpswelltv>. There is a direct link on the Town's homepage to the video site. Wifi is also available at the Town Office.

Tax Relief. The State of Maine has a property tax program that provides relief if rent or property taxes are more than 4% of a qualifying household's income. The Town Treasurer will assist taxpayers in Harpswell with filling out applications for this property tax relief program. In addition, the Town Meeting voters will be asked to create a local refund program modeled after the State's program so that there will be further tax relief available to those who qualify. In order to be eligible for the Town's reimbursement program, one must apply and have received relief from the State program and have paid in full one's property taxes.

Thanks and Appreciation. Harpswell continues to be served by a committed staff as well as many volunteers of considerable talent and expertise who enable the Town to accomplish important goals and projects. The input and service of our volunteers contributes to a sense of community and civic mindedness that is highly respected and of incalculable value.



*Back Row: Jean Rand, Roz Knight, Terri-Lynn Sawyer, Linda Strickland, Martha York, Gina Perow, William (Pappy) Labbe
Front Row: Jason Marshall, Debbie Turner, Melissa Moretti, Kristi Eiane, Marguerite Kelly, Jill Caldwell, Jim Hays
Absent: Lee Johnson, Bill Wells, Frank True, Cathy Doughty, Carol Tukey*

Assessing Department

The Assessing Department is responsible for discovering, listing, and determining value and equalization of all taxable property, real and personal, within the Town of Harpswell for the purpose of taxation. These duties and responsibilities are completed annually and must comply with Maine's property tax laws.

These duties have been performed under the direction of the Selectmen/Assessors by full-time Assessors Agent Deborah Turner and part-time Agent Curt Lebel. Jean Rich provides valued, part-time assistance to the Assessing Office.

The Assessors committed the annual tax rolls to the Tax Collector on July 26, 2010, with the mil rate of \$6.00 per \$1,000.

2010 Statistics:

4956	Real Estate Parcels (4092 improved 864 vacant)	51	Tree Growth Current Use Program (1,459.96 acres)
143	Personal Property Business	3	Farmland Current Use Program (89 acres)
1455	Homestead Exemption	16	Open Space Current Use Program (517.95 acres)
262	Veterans Exemption	1	Working Waterfront Current Use Program
3	Blind Exemption	353	Deeds recorded at the Registry of Deeds
127	Parcels with Exemption from taxation	686	Site inspections for data collection of building changes
		30	New Lots Created

\$ 1,815,624,500.00	Total Real Property Value
\$ 3,604,400.00	Total Personal Property/Business Equipment Value
\$ (56,212,500.00)	Less Exempt Real Property
\$ (1,580,640.00)	Less Personal Exemption (Veteran, Blind, Parsonage) Not Reimbursed By The State
\$ (6,984,000.00)	Less 50% Homestead Exemption not reimbursed by the state
\$ 1,754,451,760.00	Total Valuation For 2010
\$ 6.00	Mil Rate (per \$1,000)
\$ 10,526,710.56	Total Taxes To Be Collected For The 2010 Tax Year
96%	Assessing Ratio

Important Deadlines:

April 1, 2011: All owners of real estate and taxable personal property are required to declare what they own.

April 1, 2011: Property tax relief applications are due for owners applying for the following Exemptions and Current Use Programs: Veterans, Homestead, Blind, Tree Growth, Open Space, Farmland, Working Waterfront, and Charitable & Benevolent Institutions.

The above is just a list of the Exemptions and the Current Use Programs that are offered to Maine property owners. Please contact the Assessing Office for more detailed information prior to or on April 1, 2011 by calling 833-5771 or going to our website at www.harpswell.maine.gov to also view and /or print property information, such as, tax maps, sales data, and applications for the Current Use Programs and exemptions.

Emergency Management Agent

Through liaison efforts with its local Forest Ranger, John Leavitt, the Town was able to obtain a forest fire danger sign at no cost. It is located near the front door to the Town Office building and tracks the level of forest fire danger as it rises and falls. Awareness of the level of fire danger is very important to the Town of Harpswell, and the sign can help citizens recognize the need for extra precautions at times when the danger is high.

March of 2010 brought another ice storm. Most of the Town was without power for several days. Central Maine Power Company had crews in Harpswell clearing around power lines this summer and fall and they did an excellent job.

Although there has not been much discussion regarding the H1N1 flu this season, it is being monitored very closely. Goals for 2011 continue to ensure that the Town of Harpswell will be in a ready status should a disaster occur.

Town Caretaker

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

Ongoing projects and efforts on the part of the Town Caretaker include:

- Assisting the Selectmen, Planning Board and associated committees in the review and implementation of projects at Mitchell Field.
- Regular site-visits to and maintenance of Town-owned buildings.
- Working to improve energy efficiency in the municipal office building.
- Working with the Harbormaster to facilitate maintenance of Town-owned landings and wharf systems.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Town-owned lands or buildings, feel free to stop by the Code Enforcement Office, or contact Mr. Wells via telephone at 833-5771 x 113, or e-mail at bwells@town.harpswell.me.us.

Code Enforcement Office

As many residents are aware, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of a nationwide conversion to digital format for their Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Earlier in the year, the preliminary maps for many communities in York and Cumberland Counties were withdrawn by FEMA in the interest of creating the most accurate flood maps possible. FEMA is working with officials from the affected communities as well as representatives from the offices of Maine's Senators and Representatives to implement a more accurate and more collaborative method of identifying and mitigating flood risk. Property owners should stay tuned for more information as it becomes available throughout 2011.

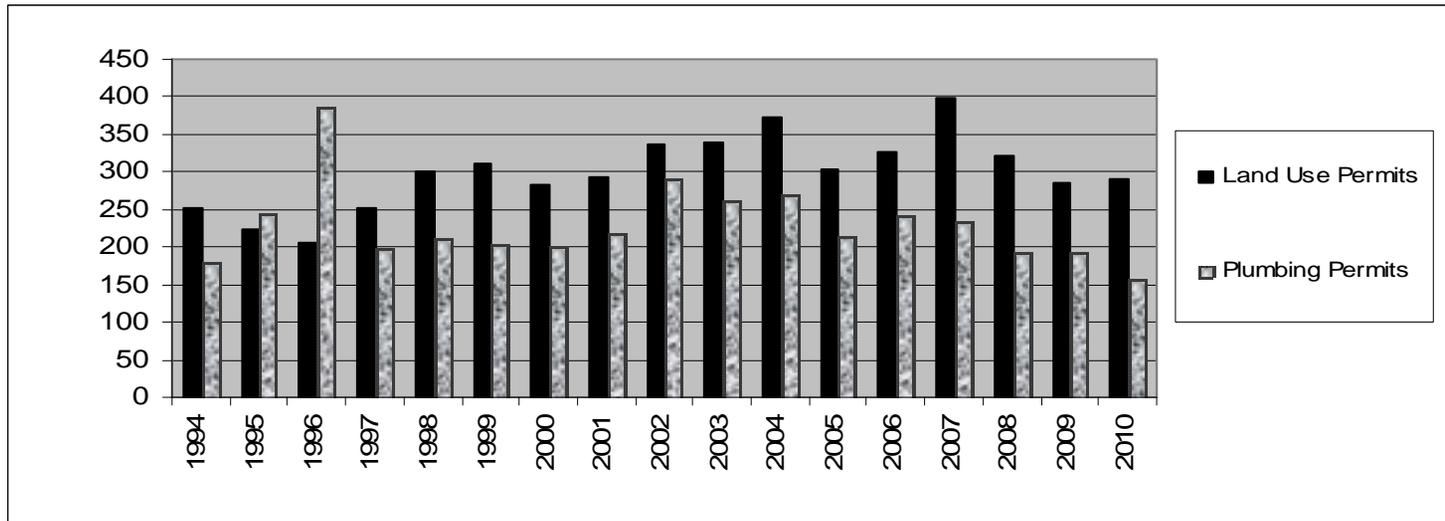
In December, Maine enacted the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) which now governs all construction in Maine. While Harpswell is among a group of communities that will not begin to enforce the new building code until mid-2012, the code is in effect now. Homeowners and builders are required to adhere to the 2009 editions of the International Building, Residential and Energy Conservation Codes, as well as Codes and Standards on radon and ventilation systems.

291 Building/Land Use Permits were issued in 2010, up from 285 in 2009. Plumbing permits were down compared to 2009, with 158 permits issued for internal plumbing and septic systems compared to 177 last year.

With another round of maps from FEMA to look forward to, as well as preparations for administering Harpswell's first building code, the Code Enforcement Office anticipates another very busy year in 2011. Please feel free to visit, call or e-mail with questions, concerns or suggestions.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL
Trendline of Plumbing and Building Permits

Year Issued	Permits Issued	Plumbing Permits	Mobile Homes	New Home	Accessory Structures	Additions Renovations	Piers Docks Floats	Rip-Rap Seawall	Other/repairs /maintnance	Replaced Dwellings	Replace Wharf	Condos
1994	253	181	7	54	46	99	29	6	12	N/A	N/A	
1995	223	245	9	47	36	77	46	1	7	N/A	N/A	
1996	205	386	14	33	40	86	24	3	5	N/A	N/A	
1997	251	199	10	44	53	94	34	6	10	N/A	N/A	
1998	302	210	8	43	49	122	52	15	13	N/A	N/A	
1999	310	204	9	57	53	109	36	12	34	N/A	N/A	
2000	282	201	12	47	74	85	18	3	43	N/A	N/A	
2001	292	219	7	53	85	79	37	2	29	N/A	N/A	
2002	336	290	9	76	87	107	33	4	20	N/A	N/A	
2003	340	262	3	60	79	125	33	4	36	N/A	N/A	
2004	372	271	12	61	83	125	28	10	48	5	N/A	
2005	304	214	0	31	86	114	27	10	16	11	9	
2006	327	241	2	35	112	80	23	8	41	7	18	1
2007	399	234	2	45	114	104	27	10	63	4	30	
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



Planning Office

What Do Planners Do?

Professional planners help create a broad vision for the community. They also research, design, and develop programs; lead public processes; perform technical analyses; manage; and educate. The most basic element of planners' work is the creation of a plan. In the creation of a plan, planners identify the strategies by which the community can reach its goals and vision and implement or enforce of many of the strategies, often coordinating the work of many groups.. It is important to recognize that a plan can take a variety of forms including: policy recommendations, community action plans, comprehensive plans, neighborhood plans, regulatory and incentive strategies, or historic preservation plans, among others.

A Typical Day for the Town Planner

Planning is a highly collaborative field, and much of the time is spent working with others. The Planner may start with a staff meeting to discuss the management of a planning project or the current week. Other meetings might include a team meeting with engineers, architects, and landscape architects to review the specifics of a plan or meetings with developers as part of a pre-application process. The Town Planner's role is to provide the big picture and to relate the project to various goals and guidelines, such as ordinances or design review, in order to achieve a final project that meets the needs of the community. The Planner is responsible for knowing state and federal legislation and court rulings and technical information related to the project or other matter under consideration.

Most of the Planner's day involves working alone conducting research and gathering data from a variety of sources, including economic development, market research studies, census reports, or environmental studies. Reports are then prepared on these findings and analyses. Often, the Planner provides alternatives for policy makers and committees to consider. The Planner may also manage projects such as the village and rural planning process and the creation of a marine business district with performance standards for Mitchell Field. In addition, I also oversee planning related grant programs, such as the community development block grant (CDBG).

What happened in the Planning Office over the past year?

The Planning Office assisted the Town's committees and boards with:

1. Mitchell Field – Creation of a marine business district with performance standards and management of the CDBG grant associated with it
2. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee - Implementation of the Village Growth Area portion of the Comprehensive Plan
3. Conservation Commission - Implementation of the Open Space Plan
4. Planning Board – Review of several reconstruction projects in the Shoreland Zone, and review of all of the planning-related, proposed 2011 Town Meeting ordinance amendments.

5. Affordable Housing – Review and creation of a covenant to be used with the housing ordinance

The Town Planner serves on several boards outside of the Town’s government to better understand or keep contact with critical resources. These include:

Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG), Southern MidCoast Chamber of Commerce, New Meadows River Watershed Partnership (NMRWP), MidCoast Housing Coalition, Governor’s Advisory Council (GAC), and the Community Development Block Grant Municipal Oversight Committee (CDBG MOC).

Thank you to all the people who have made this a very good year! We want to hear from **YOU** and if you have ideas for the future, please come in as we would love to hear them.

General Assistance

In 2010, the General Assistance Program has again been effective in helping people who have needed assistance with basic necessities. While aggregate expenditures in 2010 were lower than 2009, there is still cause for concern, particularly in the area of heating. It can be a difficult step to take to ask for help, but there are times when that step is necessary to take and there are staff members at the Town Office available to help applicants through the process.

General Assistance eligibility is determined primarily on the basis of household income over a 30-day period, the number of household members and the financial resources available to that household. Once eligibility is determined there are essentially five basic areas that are considered for funding: (1) housing; (2) heating; (3) food; (4) electricity and (5) household/personal supplies.

If you wish to schedule an appointment or have specific questions about the General Assistance Program or the federally-funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), please contact Linda Strickland at the Town Office at 833-5771. All applications are confidential.

General Assistance Statistics

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Utilities</i>	<i>Heating</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Total</i>
2010	\$ 8,853	\$1,005	\$4,110	\$ 388	\$133	\$311	\$14,800
2009	\$13,277	\$2,149	\$2,494	\$ 416	\$ 0	\$171	\$18,509
2008	\$ 9,769	\$1,492	\$2,528	\$ 602	\$318	\$196	\$14,905
2007	\$ 6,675	\$ 540	\$2,698	\$ 509	\$ 80	\$119	\$10,621
2006	\$ 4,678	\$1,752	\$1,476	\$ 695	\$785	\$153	\$ 9,539
2005	\$ 7,498	\$1,134	\$2,738	\$ 701	\$ 49	\$313	\$12,433

Harpwell Heating Assistance Program

In March 2008, the Town Meeting established the Harpswell Heating Assistance Program (HHAP). This is a locally administered program intended to aid those who do not typically qualify for other heating assistance programs, but who need help with heating costs. In 2010, the HHAP provided over \$7,500 of assistance to a total of 32 households, (29 first-time and 3 repeat), at an average benefit of \$236 per application.

This program has been generously funded by Town Meeting appropriations as well as by private donations which totaled \$1,450 in 2010. In 2011, Town Meeting voters are being asked to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for this beneficial purpose.

Animal Control Officer

Love of animals is a universal impulse, a common ground on which all of us may meet. By loving and understanding animals, perhaps we humans shall come to understand each other.

Louis J. Camuti

The most efficient and reliable way to contact the Harpswell Animal Control Officer (ACO), Lee Johnson or the deputy, Monica Graves, is through the Cumberland County Dispatcher at 1-800-501-1111, who will page the ACO on duty. Calls to ACO's home or cell phone may not be picked up for several hours or even a few days. Protocol requires Cumberland County to keep records of calls.

2010 was a year of feral cat colonies and unleashed dogs running loose. There were three cat colonies consisting of adult cats and kittens. After repeated trappings, trips to Coastal Humane for medical treatment, including spaying and neutering, some were adopted and some returned to owners. Two colonies were adopted and the third was reduced to two cats that were returned to the landowner who wished to continue caring for them.

Owners who allowed their unattended dogs to run loose, bark excessively and trespass on other people's property caused unnecessary strife among neighbors. There has been an increase in dogs attacking other dogs and biting humans. The dog owners are responsible for the actions of their pets and they are liable for bites, damage etc. Fines can also be incurred.

The Coastal Humane Society continues to provide care and support for the pets of Harpswell visitors and residents. The Animal Control Officer is pleased to note the continued vigilance, help, concern and caring of these Harpswell residents and visitors.

Fire Warden

For 2010, 925 permits were issued by the town fire wardens and 183 permits issued online. Town-issued permits increased by 75 permits from 2009, while online permits stayed about the same.

Open burning is not allowed in the Town of Harpswell without a permit so please stop by the Town Office and see Linda Strickland during normal business hours M-F and Fred Cantu at the Recycling Center on Saturdays. Fire Permits can be obtained on-line at

www.maineburnpermit.com for a \$7.00 fee. Fire Warden Frank True, Deputy Fire Wardens Dick Wyer, Greg Tisdale and Lisa True can issue permits at any time.

Online Permits are good for 48 hours and only after 5:00 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m., unless it's raining or snow covers the ground. In 2010, the top complaint continued to be unattended burns. It is illegal to leave an open burn until it is completely extinguished. To burn legally, the fire must remain in your control at all times.

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, and/or just before precipitation is forecast is ideal. Typically November-March offer 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 for neighbors.

Don't 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 burn safely.

You must have a written permit in your possession, whether issued online or 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 property.

Thank you for burning responsibly,

Harbormaster

The main job function of the Harbormaster is the management of all harbors, anchorages, mooring fields and Town landings. 2010 was the fifth year that moorings were inventoried in a GPS system. These records allow for tracking mooring placements and are used to compare GPS readings to mooring registration payments. They also show trends of mooring assignments in past years.

Over the past year the harbormaster has been heavily involved with the consultant, Noel Musson, and the Harbor & Waterfront Committee in developing the Harbor Management Plan. This has required gathering data to inventory the Harpswell waterfront. This information is being used for waters classification, issues identification, resource inventories, and setting goals and priorities for future planning.

Moorings

Mooring fees for existing moorings are due by **May 1, 2011** and the fee is doubled if not paid by that date. Applications for new moorings can be found on the Harpswell website or can be picked up at the Harpswell Town Office. The mooring registration number for all moorings is to be permanently marked on the mooring buoy.

Mitchell Field

A focus of the Harbormaster was to address the possibility of building a boat launch at Mitchell Field. A grant was applied for and the State Planning Office has approved a \$20,000 grant for a feasibility, study and design of a boat launch. Town Meeting voters will be asked to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of these grant funds.

Navigational Aids

A red channel marker was placed on the west side of the Cribstone Bridge to direct boat traffic around Rueben's Ledge. Channel markers were placed from Long Reach to Gurnet to mark the narrow channel.

Website

The Town website has a section dedicated to the Harbormaster. 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. The final draft of the Harbor Management Plan is now available online.

Recreation

Programs: Sixteen kids' programs were offered in 2010 including, Basketball (AYBL and "Fun"amentals), Learn to Ski & Ride, Karate, Harpswell Harriers Cross Country, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Pee Wee Soccer, Field Hockey, Camp Harpswell, Red Cross Summer Swim, Family Swim, Abbot-Fletcher Sailing School Lessons, Kayaking with H2Outfitters and Wild to Mild Yoga. Five adult programs were offered including, Yoga, Photography, Tuesday Bridge (experienced), Beginning Bridge and a new Self Defense course.

Art at the Town Office: The art displays at the Town Office have given many local artists a chance to display their work and beautify the halls of the Town Office. There is a different artist featured each month of the year. If you are interested please contact the Recreation Dept. at 833-5771 ext. 108 or recreation@town.harpswell.me.us.

Trufant Summerton Athletic Field: The February 2010 wind storm produced some damage at the Athletic Field. A section of the chain link fence had to be repaired and one of the dugouts had to be uprighted due to the wind flipping it on its roof. There was also significant vandalism that occurred sometime between the seasons that was discovered during the springtime cleanup. Law Enforcement was notified and extra patrols have been arranged. All repairs have been made and the field is looking great. Thank you to everyone who helped with the cleanup. On a lighter note, Goodall Landscaping won the mowing contract bid and *donated all their mowing services for the 2010 and 2011 seasons stating they want to give back to the community*. Thank you Goodall your support is appreciated!

Trails: Devil's Back Trail located on Orr's Island will be opening in Spring 2011. Committee members of multiple Town committees and other volunteers have put in a lot of time, energy and hard work to bring this project to fruition. This trail will be a wonderful addition to the numerous trails Harpswell has to offer.

Recreation Committee: The Recreation Committee is an active and engaged group of people. In June the Committee, in partnership with HHLT, launched a Hiking Challenge in conjunction with National Trails Day. The challenge consisted of hiking Cliff Trail, Long Reach Preserve, Skolfield Shores Preserve, Giant's Stairs and Mitchell Field Loop all in one day. Cliff Trail and Long Reach Preserve were tied in the title of Most Challenging Trails of Harpswell. Prizes were given to those who participated. Keep on the lookout in 2011 for another Harpswell Hiking Challenge. The Committee also brought the Maine Bike Rally (held in Brunswick for 2010 and 2011) to Harpswell by cosponsoring the Harpswell Fine Arts & Crafts Ride on July 10. The turnout was great and local businesses down Route 123 were visited by many new people.

Volunteers: A special thank you to all the volunteers who give their time, talents and positive contributions to the recreation programs and the Town. Volunteers allow the Recreation Department to provide valuable services, programs and facilities which in turn create a true sense of community. New volunteers are always needed and it truly does make a difference in the lives of our youth. If you do not wish to volunteer, but would like to contribute, you can provide a scholarship for a child for any of our programs. We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. ~Franklin Roosevelt

Website: The department has a wealth of information located under Town Departments Recreation. Program registrations and information, calendars, sport schedules and goings on are all included and it is updated frequently. There is also an option for a Harpswell Recreation Subscription and by joining subscribers will receive periodic notices with regard to upcoming programs and program deadlines and will receive program flyers the day they are released.

Road Commissioner

In 2010, the Harpswell Selectmen decided to use the capital budget initially authorized for the reconstruction of several Town roads to participate with the state on a project to reconstruct a portion of Cundy's Harbor Road from just before the Grover Lane intersection to Bethel Point Road intersection. Several culverts were replaced and shoulder/ditching work was completed in the fall of 2010. The under-road base and resurfacing work is scheduled for the spring of 2011.

General maintenance in 2010 included road sweeping, tree removal, replacing collapsed culverts, several rounds of filling potholes, ditching and shoulder repair. Due to several major storms, the general maintenance budget was barely enough to perform all of the shoulder repair and ditching work necessary. As a result, we have increased our request for general maintenance funds in the 2011 budget and anticipate doing some larger projects to reconstruct shoulders and clean out ditches to improve drainage.

For the winter snow removal activities, efforts continue to reduce the use of sand and salt on Harpswell roads without sacrificing public safety. We now are in the second year of a three-year contract with Goodall Landscaping of Topsham for our snow removal activities. Goodall has added several new trucks dedicated to Harpswell and has been very proactive in managing this difficult activity. The 2010/2011 winter so far has been quite a challenge and the Town is quite satisfied with their efforts to-date.

Work continues with the Selectmen and Budget Committee to project our capital improvement plan for the next few years. Hopefully, with Town warrant approval, Harpswell will be able to make major improvements to several Town roads in the coming year.

Recycling Center/Transfer Station

2010 was an eventful year at the Recycling Center. The staff conducted or oversaw several renovations and major maintenance projects, which included repairing an interior wall, repainting the trash compactors, redesigning the glass and can slots on the building, rebuilding the inside stair system to the light bulb slot, installing a switching unit that assists with power distribution, and last, but not least, purchasing a new forklift. All of these projects help streamline the processes at the facility, and ensure the longevity of your investments.

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

Waste Received		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Recycling Center	1702.6	1659.5	1622.8	1620.0	1623.6
	Transfer Station	1570.8	1959.7	1327.0	1187.7	1215.4
	Total Tons	3273.4	3619.2	2949.8	2810.1	2839.0
Recycling Rate						
	Recycling Center	35.5%	36.0%	34.4%	31.9%	32.3%
	Transfer Station	70.6%	76.3%	59.7%	68.9%	70.9%
	Annual Recycling Rate	52.4%	57.9%	44.6%	47.4%	48.5%

Through a grant from the Maine State Planning Office the staff was able to produce a video that provides a tour of the facility and guidelines for proper recycling, and it has been aired on Harpswell TV. With assistance grants from the Maine Municipal Association, the facility purchased two storage cabinets for flammable liquids, and received funding for the purchase of a Propane cylinder storage cabinet, further enhancing the safety posture of the facility. The Transfer Station has also seen a great deal of work, with the removal of several sheds and buildings, eliminating a significant amount of clutter.



In order to increase our recycling rates, all residents are asked to adhere to the established guidelines at the facility, and to feel free to ask the staff for answers to your questions. Please separate all materials and deposit them in the proper locations.

Please rinse all glass, metal and plastic containers before delivery to ensure the cleanliness of the facility and the health of the staff.

Revenues Generated by Recycling/ Transfer Operations

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Disposal Fees:											
Brush	\$3,869	\$5,694	\$5,957	\$7,130	\$9,869	\$18,584	\$11,434	\$11,051	\$11,031	\$15,955	\$15,828
Demo Material	\$61,583	\$63,451	\$33,348	\$48,124	\$69,862	\$77,970	\$101,835	\$113,993	\$125,462	\$106,525	\$112,373
Household Debris	\$4,362	\$3,550	\$2,838	\$2,914	\$4,873	\$12,780	\$7,349	\$9,604	\$5,405	\$1,286	\$558
Refrigerators	\$670	\$830	\$1,022	\$1,424	\$2,075	\$1,905	\$1,866	\$1,741	\$1,375	\$1,697	\$1,281
Metal			\$3,128	\$4,029	\$6,839	\$8,812	\$5,731	\$6,518	\$3,276	\$8,961	\$5,005
Tires	\$820	\$1,141	\$1,882	\$1,585	\$2,170	\$2,959	\$1,731	\$1,718	\$1,580	\$1,887	\$1,508
Universal Waste			\$3,453	\$3,674	\$3,723	\$4,678	\$6,249	\$4,927	\$2,745	\$3,095	\$2,784
White goods						\$41	\$45				
Subtotal	\$71,304	\$74,665	\$51,626	\$68,879	\$99,412	\$127,729	\$136,240	\$149,551	\$150,874	\$139,407	\$139,337
Sales:											
Cans & Bottles	\$2,579	\$2,111	\$4,307	\$6,009	\$6,565	\$6,771	\$7,024	\$6,877	\$4,376	\$7,291	\$7,385
Cardboard	\$5,910	\$2,933	\$9,323	\$5,496	\$7,964	\$7,141	\$6,494	\$9,768	\$9,633	\$4,201	\$13,495
Glass	\$381	\$268					\$4	\$0			
Metal	\$8,134	\$9,156	\$2,494	\$4,061	\$8,046	\$8,546	\$10,741	\$6,609	\$15,838	\$10,597	\$18,146
Newspaper	\$13,797	\$8,603	\$11,785	\$16,146	\$23,154	\$15,106	\$21,683	\$26,967	\$19,658	\$13,510	\$13,165
Paper	\$2,538	\$5,041	\$2,581	\$6,656	\$1,926	\$6,867	\$6,096	\$5,831	\$10,760	\$3,082	\$7,530
Plastic	\$2,851				\$7,114	\$12,010	\$5,642	\$8,541	\$5,604	\$7,667	\$5,056
Reclaim			\$165	\$1,061	\$5,328	\$1,823	\$4,626	\$3,201	\$2,572	\$4,167	\$2,664
Wood Chips				\$586	\$780		\$2,698	\$6,555			
Composter							\$474	\$675	\$1,500	\$770	
Subtotal	\$36,190	\$28,111	\$30,654	\$40,015	\$60,876	\$58,264	\$65,007	\$74,823	\$69,116	\$52,015	\$68,210
Other:	\$2,930	\$446						\$31	\$142	\$32	\$24
Total	\$110,424	\$103,223	\$82,280	\$108,894	\$160,288	\$185,993	\$201,248	\$224,404	\$220,131	\$191,455	\$207,571

Tax Collector's Office

We had another busy year in the Tax Collector's Office. We have collected over 90% of the 2010 Real Estate taxes. This Office has collected the majority of the Town's revenue through Real Estate taxes, excise tax and Town fees. Our Office has collected over a total of Twelve Million dollars (\$12,000,000) for the year.

Deputy Tax Collector Jill Caldwell is now accepting Passport applications. Jill will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 to 3:30 and Thursday 1:00 to 5:30.

Automobile re-registrations can now be done on line at: www.harpswell.maine.gov/ click ON LINE SERVICES.

Real Estate Taxes are due September 15th and December 15th. We accept tax payments at any time. We also accept credit card transactions in person.

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

Unpaid Taxes

**Indicates taxes paid in full*

2010 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

Abrahamson Charles & Sally	8467.20	Bibber Sally	883.80
* Adams Douglas	843.30	Bissonnett Paul	750.60
Adams Lillian	1959.14	Bober David & Jonathan	993.40
Aldred Sandra 1/2 Unknown Owner	802.80	Bonito Dorothy & Donald	911.70
Alexander John & Diane	537.65	Boyce Robert J	1218.00
Allen Harry R	418.20	Bradbury Lynn A	3053.40
Allen M c/o Nathan Ackerman	746.87	* Brewer Connie	65.40
Allyn Florence	2292.30	Brillant Leon C	1617.54
Ames Persis Lee	778.50	Brillant Leon C & Marsha L	1249.80
* Anderson Donald & Rosa	513.90	Brockett Teresa	168.60
Arquette Ronald	932.40	Brown David	28.20
* AT & T	169.80	Brown James	1208.40
Bailey Clifford & Kristina	430.20	Brown James & Anne G	1399.80
Baker Linda, Clifford, Brian & Guy	440.10	Brown Mary	2426.50
* Baribeau Richard	2510.12	Bryant Cynthia	3012.00
* Baribeau Richard Sr	1676.81	Bulkeley William & Debra	32.29
Barker Martha	2440.20	Burns Steven & Barbara	1084.38
Bastarache Lori	96.60	Butler Howard D Hrs of	2080.20
Beebe Christina T & Kenneth	504.14	Butman Nancy, John, Jere & Henry	1191.30
Below Benjamin F & Lisa Ellen Haskins	1885.80	Cairns Kelly	153.00
Bernier Michael Sr & Connie	2861.40	* Calderwood Jean & Andrew Bernier	915.60
Betjemann Christopher III	727.60	Campbell Sue Living Trust	1662.30
Bibber Carol, Jeffrey & Janis Morrell	335.40	Caron Scott L	385.20
Bibber Michael, Charles, W Williams & E Hunter	123.36	* Caron-Kelley Christine M & Edward K	1366.80
		Kelley	

Center Island Terrace LLC	1424.37	Dorsey Mark M	1304.15
Center Island Terrace LLC	2203.84	Doughty Jean, David & Susan	472.80
Chan Yue Chung & Shui Won	3351.00	Dunning Clayton Hrs of c/o Mary Judkins	560.10
Chatterjee Roy & Maya Rogers	1954.80	Dunning Clayton Hrs of c/o Mary Judkins	409.90
Chipman David	267.60	* Eaton Robert	497.40
Coffin Jon Jr , Brian, Pennell, Roger & Al	30.00	Elliott Ricky & Wendy	502.96
Coghlan Gregory & Elisabeth	1069.20	* Estes Patti Trusiani	324.60
Colburn David	2050.20	* Estes Paul, Carolyn, Robert Jr & Richard	1921.20
Colburn David	774.00	Farmer John & Belinda	1209.24
Colburn David	586.80	Fischer Michael	245.70
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	942.90	Fischer Michael	1600.20
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	1210.50	* Fortier M c/o Lisa Buthlay	2060.10
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	326.10	Galanek Mitchell	2604.60
Comeau Glenn	1479.60	* Gerschefski John & Jean	1718.09
Conant James W & Tammy L	373.20	Gill Robert & Margaret	1579.80
* Connolly William Jr	357.00	Gilliam Levi & Marcia	739.20
* Connolly William Jr	441.90	Gilliam Levi & Marcia	1036.80
* Connolly William Jr	49.20	Goguen Wilfred & Cheryl	973.80
Coombs H Leo	992.40	Goodenow Joey A	88.80
Coombs H Leo & Janet	1626.60	Graybill Warren Sr	163.50
Coombs William M	2535.60	Graham Robert	1961.40
Coombs William M & Denise B	2452.20	Graves Roger	177.63
Coombs William M & Denise B	640.20	Green Holly	811.80
Coombs William M & Denise B	503.40	Green Jere & Sandra	403.72
Coombs William M & Denise B	1950.58	Hacker T c/o M Sheehan & Mary Hacker	3183.00
Coombs William M & Denise B	655.80	Halpin Timothy F	795.60
Coombs William M & Denise B	126.60	Hanscom Linda C	1450.80
Coombs William M & Denise B	475.80	Hansen John Henry	98.40
Cort Ann S	603.05	Harley Scott & Lillian	138.30
Coulombe Sandra W	2746.80	Harpwell Freezers LLC	1061.70
Coultas Carol & Kenneth Chutchian	1030.20	Havas Peter	3123.00
Crockett Scott & Susan	557.70	Hawkes Corydan & Sheryl	1221.00
* Dalton Elizabeth	348.00	Heather Lane Assoc	25.19
Dammann Luella Pers Rep of Frederick	1386.72	Heisey Janice & Wilson Edgar Hrs of	76.50
Darling Brandy	1759.20	Heisey Janice & Wilson Edgar Hrs of	251.40
Darling Earland, Brian & Julia Soper	659.84	Heron Lane c/o Richard Morrison	238.20
Davis Jill	207.60	Hill George	180.24
Davis Michael	80.40	Hilton-Cavanaugh Ann & Daniel	322.50
Davis Michael Sr & Doreen	655.06	Hilton-Cavanaugh Ann & Daniel	309.90
Davis Stephen W	1384.80	* Himes Thomas & Michelle	6250.50
Desjardins John	337.80	Hoebeke Daniel G & Ellen L	5322.00
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2857.80	Hoffman Junius Richmond	3666.60

Hoffman Junius Richmond	1410.00	Leeman Margaret	752.10
Howard Marjorie Jean Trust	3539.14	Leeman Walter	3974.40
* Hurd Elizabeth	180.60	Leeman Walter A	4874.64
* Hurd Elizabeth & Jeffrey	318.60	* Lemaistre Mary	1105.20
* Hurd Elizabeth & Jeffrey	174.60	Lesneski Patricia	252.00
* Hurd Jeffrey & Elizabeth	1652.70	Lesneski Patricia	442.20
Hutchins Ronald	2718.60	Lesneski Patricia	184.80
Hyde Frederick	966.00	Lindroth B c/o Mary Hunter & J. Parakil	1390.44
* J & A Construction Co Inc	359.40	Loiselle Donald & Rebecca	2856.51
Johnson Damon	942.00	Loiselle Rebecca & Donald	2974.65
* Johnson Ethelyn	195.30	Lombo Peninsula c/o Steven Williams	876.90
* Johnson Ethelyn	468.82	Lombo Peninsula c/o Steven Williams	573.60
Johnson Fred, Jeff, Millicent, Carol, Lyndon, Richard	943.80	Lombo Peninsula c/o Steven Williams	697.80
Johnson Howard E Jr & Glenda L	2660.39	* Lucas Tracy	288.30
Johnson Kimberly T	1075.80	Lumbert Robert	994.92
* Jones David W & Debra	707.40	MacDuff David	306.60
* Jones Howard Jr	981.38	Maclean David & Mabel	345.60
Jukes Jane & Michael	2238.99	Maclean David & Mabel	603.60
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C	627.00	Maclean David & Mabel	88.80
* Karchmer Adolf & Barbara	2948.10	Maney Harold Sr	957.24
Kaynor Sandra	537.73	Maney Harold Jr	39.60
Kelley Edward & Patricia	864.25	Maney Lillian & Harold	60.00
Kelley Edward & Patricia	519.23	* Manter P c/o Patricia Watson	1590.00
Kelly Richard & Debbie	749.70	Marando Michael L & Denise	643.20
Kennedy Joseph	175.80	Marquis Steven & Deborah	307.50
Kenney Elwynne W & Bernice W	490.92	Marr Maurita	1561.20
Keystone LLC	814.80	Marstaller David	1564.20
* Kimball Louis & Robin Casey	2747.70	Martin Dennis & Barbara	855.00
King Block Realty LLC	4741.80	Matthews Sandra	141.60
Kirker Sharon	132.00	McAuliffe Michael & Kimberly	1080.00
Kirker Sharon	1954.59	McCallum Mark & Caldwell Kathleen	996.60
Kitchener-Jones Loraine	2122.32	McCoig Kathryn	583.14
Koenig Lisa, Linda, Ingram, Dan & Laurie	1383.00	McFadden Arlene	157.20
* Kramer Thomas & Kelly	58.50	McFadden Arlene	805.02
* Kramer Thomas & Kelly	826.50	McKay Stephen Ekman	1516.14
Lafleur Andrew & Deborah	435.90	Mello Rosemarie & David	1289.40
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	80.10	Michelson Andrea Trustee	2718.60
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	53.40	Millar Daniel & Lorrie	424.30
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	84.00	* Millar Robert & Christine	509.10
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	349.20	Mitchell Lynette	535.80
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	66.90	* Monnelly Cynthia, Susan Jocelyn & Katherine Stebbin	82.20
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	183.00	Monroe Paul & Leigh Kelly	825.00
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	67.20	Montalvo Jacob	969.00
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	73.50	Moody Robert	562.80
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	66.60	* Moody Walter Scott	697.20
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	65.10	Moore Robin	138.00
Lattimore Geraldine	300.00	Moreau Robert	858.60
Lavigne John	941.40	Morgan Linda	1233.60
Leahy Thomas, Patricia, Joe & Dorothy	4473.00	Morgan Mary	642.60
* Leeman Chris Estate of Carol Leeman	661.80	Morgan Maurice & Veronica	1132.80
		Morin Raymond & Nancy	481.30

Morrell Jeffrey Jr	664.20	* Roby Robert c/o David Jones	271.80
Moser David	2135.10	* Roch James & Nancy	6956.10
Myers Lenard & Dana	896.40	* Royall Mark	136.34
Myers Wilbur & Michael	594.09	Salo Sandra & Damaris Gilbert	153.00
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	393.00	Sarna Tyler & Susan	212.22
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	324.00	* Satterthwaite Walter Jr & Anne	799.51
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	331.80	Savage George W	365.40
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	331.80	Savage George W	572.40
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	1760.40	Savage George W	1002.60
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	331.80	* Sawyer Alan & Cynthia	3085.80
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	349.80	Saxton Donald	1317.60
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	313.80	Shaw Peter & Barbara	2498.10
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	313.80	* Skelton Alfred & Carol	510.90
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	331.80	* Skelton Carol	613.50
O'Brien Francis	643.80	Small Gary & Ania	1986.60
* O'Connell Brian K	328.20	Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of	446.60
Ober Diane & Meador Josephine	5532.60	Spinelli Susan & John Tyson	159.91
Ormsby Robert ID	484.20	Sprague Sarah	2026.80
Ouellette Maurice E	2014.74	Stacombe Richard & Kris	275.40
* Page Helen	1192.20	* Stebbins W c/o Susan Jergesen	1733.10
Paige Peter & Susan	1108.20	Steinbeiser Andrew & Terry	2033.40
Pancione Michael, Thomas & Chris Upchurch	1337.02	Taylor Linda	411.30
Paradis Richard	465.90	Taylor Raymond III & Karin	1346.10
Parker Kristine Ellen	1243.80	Taylor Stephen & Linda	702.90
* Pellerin Jacqueline & Yvon	1707.90	* Thackeray Ann	553.80
Pelta Edmond & Helen	4222.20	The Glew Harpswell Realty Trust	2216.10
Pennell Keith & Sarah McFadden	1409.40	Therault John & Dorothy	1853.21
* Perkins Joan	1512.00	* Thibault Lucien Hrs & M Irene	4200.50
Perkins Joan	1350.60	* Thibault Lucien Hrs & M Irene	2277.77
Perry Rosemarie & Daniel	2169.90	Thompson Shirley	1044.00
Phelan Amy & William	853.06	* Thorburn Stanley Patricia Family Trust	439.52
Pierce Angela	258.60	* Thorburn Stanley Patricia Family Trust	1907.26
* Pineau Susan	1324.20	Tisdale Greg & Jennifer	1674.60
* Potthoff Alan & Jennifer	747.90	Tisdale Greg & Jennifer	2686.20
Potvin Joshua	488.10	Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer	1179.00
* Powers James & Kimberly	1648.80	Tobey Caroll c/o Lynda Bobb	258.60
Pozzy Jennifer Jean	2917.20	Toothaker Rudolph Jr & David	402.60
Prosser Richard & Melinda	420.30	Trask Claire	253.80
* Pulsifer Coleman	376.20	Tuck Kathleen & Thomas	1540.80
* Pulsifer Coleman, David, Keith & Morgan	1502.70	* Tucker Christopher	647.10
Purinton Bruce G Jr	1033.80	Unknown Owner	33.00
Purinton Bruce G Jr	2622.00	Vallee Robert & Juliette	838.20
Purinton Geraldine J	1439.64	Van Vlack Leeann	665.40
* Remley Robert	1920.55	Vance Stephen & Gloria	865.50
Reppucci David & Victoria	624.00	Walsh Michael & Lindi	475.80
Reynolds June	979.80	Ward Lewis V	2170.80
Rice-Gould Norma J	1702.80	Ward Lewis V	1410.00
Richards Timothy & Dawn	1221.60	Ward Nancy	1261.20
Ring Thomas	560.40	* Ward Richard E & Timothy	1630.20
* Roby Robert c/o David Jones	271.79	Ware David c/o David Duhme	1094.88
		Warner John M Jr & Prudence	1356.60

Watson Mark & Jennifer	320.40	Comeau Glenn	1525.19
* Webber Richard Blackstone II & John	14.86	Coombs H Leo	1023.83
Weinert Frederick & Stephen	304.78	Coombs H Leo & Janet	1678.11
Werler Edward	664.20	Coulombe Sandra	2667.98
Wessel David & Kimberly	2055.60	Darling Brandy	1591.92
Wille Charles	1065.00	Davis Michael	82.95
Wille Charles	1646.40	Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2948.3
Wille Charles	1193.28	Fischer Michael	1650.87
Wille Charles	1127.40	Graham Robert E	1080.47
Wille Kathryn	1134.60	Graybill Warren Sr	336.53
Wille Kathryn & Margaret L	828.00	Halpin Timothy	820.79
Wille Margeret L	1054.20	Hansen John Henry	101.54
Wille Margeret D	669.30	Havas Peter	3221.9
* Williams Bruce & Douglas	803.10	Hyde Frederick	996.59
Wyer Richard	2069.04	Johnson Fred, Jeff, Millicent, Carolyn, & Lyndon, Richard	973.69
Yancey Charles Jr & Sherod	2459.40	Johnson Kimberly	1097.75
York Adam	1273.20	Kane Mitchell E & Alice C	442.71
TOTAL	399,514.71	Kirker Sharon	118.35
2010 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY		Leahy Thomas, Patricia, Joseph & Dorothy	4596.82
Craig Associates c/o James G Craig	4.80	Leeman Walter	4100.26
Estes Lobster House c/o Larry Crooker	42.30	Leeman Walter	5011.18
* Fields Auto Inc	24.00	MacDuff David	316.31
H L Coombs Const c/o Herman Coombs	520.80	McCallum Mark & Kathleen Caldwell	1028.16
Hughes Network System	2.40	Mitchell Lynette	534.94
* J C Hurd Construction	27.00	Moore Robin E	142.37
Longley Health Ctr c/o James Kneebone	14.05	Morgan Linda	1272.66
Lucas Auto Repair	12.90	Morgan Maurice & Veronica	686.13
* Moodys Seafood	9.60	Morrell Jeffrey Jr	141.98
Morgans Garage	25.80	Ormsby Robert ID	499.53
* Northeast Marine Survey	3.00	Rice-Gould Norma J	1756.72
Perkins Seafood	24.00	Richard Timothy & Dawn	1260.28
Ponziani Ronald	60.60	Thompson Shirley Hrs of Carroll Morrell	1059.23
Rachel Miller LMT	7.80	Unknown Owner	34.05
TOTAL	779.05	Ward Lewis V	2239.54
2009 TAXES TO LIEN		Ward Lewis V	1436.82
Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	828.22	Wessel David & Kimberly	2119.49
Arquette Ronald	689.21	TOTAL	68,937.28
Bastarache Lori	81.83	2009 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Bissonnett Paul	7053.35	Blackbird II	116.99
Boyce Robert	287.11	H L Coombs Construction c/o H. Coombs	537.29
Brockett Teresa	173.94	TOTAL	654.28
Brown James E	1228.84	2008 TAXES TO LIEN	
Brown James E & Anne G	1444.13	Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	414.11
Bryant Cynthia	3035.70	Bastarache Lori	81.83
Colburn David	2115.12	Davis Michael	82.95
Colburn David	798.51	Moore Robin E	142.37
Colburn David	605.38	Unknown Owner	34.05
			755.31

2008 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Blackbird c/o Alan Jr & Michelle Nordwall	121.32
Fish House c/o Bob Graves	9.90
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs	537.91
TOTAL	669.13

2007 TAXES TO LIEN

Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	406.08
Bastarache Lori	77.09
Davis Michael	18.44
Groves James	79.52
Moore Robin E	139.61
Unknown Owner	33.39
TOTAL	754.13

2006 TAXES TO LIEN

Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	398.05
Bastarache Lori	152.92
Groves James	15.69
Moore Robin E	136.85
Unknown Owner	32.73
TOTAL	736.24

2005 TAXES TO LIEN

Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	384.67
Bastarache Lori	146.96
Unknown Owner	31.63
TOTAL	563.26

2010 ABATEMENTS

Claire Trast	225.00
Linda Melton	138.60
Kathryne Henry & Robert Center	255.00
Pacific Rim Capital LLC	1.20
Paul Allen	1052.40
Thomas Young	61.20
Janet H Chatterjee	158.40
Mirian Webber	60.00
Ruth Nies	207.00
TOTAL	2,158.80

2009 ABATEMENTS

Stephen Davis	44.57
Suzanne & Jeff Boeke	1291.85
George LaPolice	216.65
GE Capital Information Tech	35.90
Carroll W Wonson	428.97
John Eberly	362.73
TOTAL	2,380.67

2009 SUPPLEMENTAL

Paul Bissonett	14697.40
TOTAL	14,697.40

2008 ABATEMENTS

Bailey Island Market c/o Robert & Marylou Kander	19.34
TOTAL	19.34

2007 ABATEMENTS

Rent A Center	86.19
TOTAL	86.19

2005 ABATEMENTS

Avtech	23.72
Newcourt Leasing Corp	43.13
TOTAL	66.85

2004 ABATEMENTS

Avtech	43.78
Newcourt Leasing Corp	82.59
Criz Prop	27.86
TOTAL	154.23

2003 ABATEMENTS

Avtech	41.36
TOTAL	41.36

Town Clerk's Office

The saying, "the more things change the more they stay the same" applied in 2010 to the Town Clerk's Office. There have been some minor but significant changes to the issuance of vital records and passports.

On July 12, a new law preventing fraudulent use of vital records went into effect. Vital records include birth, death and marriage certificates and domestic partner registrations. Maine's new law will require a person requesting a copy of records less than 100 years old to provide documentation establishing his/her direct and legitimate interest in the records.

Until now, Maine has been one of just a handful of states that have allowed anyone access to these records. Now applications presented to the Town Clerk's Office must be accompanied by positive identification that clearly shows that persons requesting the records are who they say they are. Identification requirements apply whether the records are requested in person or by mail.

The maintenance of vital records has also affected the issuance of passports. Over the past ten years, the Department of State has expressed concern about passport application facilities that have the ability to print, create or amend birth certificates. In 2003 the Department stopped designating new passport-acceptance facilities that also issue primary birth documentation, unless the two functions are physically separated and agents could not issue birth certificates. At that time Harpswell was already a designated agent issuing birth documentation and was "grandfathered" into the passport acceptance program pending further action.

New rules have been implemented and the Town Clerk's Office is no longer "grandfathered". Passport responsibilities have been shifted to the Deputy Tax Collector, Jill Caldwell. While preserving this service for our community we are in the process of transitioning the passport process to conform to federal regulations. The Town Clerk's Office has been pleased to provide this service for the past twelve years.

Licenses & Permits

<u>INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE LIC.</u>	731	<u>SHELLFISH LICENSES</u>	
		Resident Commercial	67
<u>DOG LICENSES</u>		Senior Resident Commercial	3
Dogs	918	Non-Resident Commercial	6
Kennels	2	Senior Non-Resident Commercial	1
		Resident Recreational	213
<u>PASSPORTS</u>	75	Non-Resident Recreational	20
		Resident Over 65 Recreational	15
<u>REGISTERED BUSINESSES</u>	12	Non-Resident Over 65 Recreational	1
		Student Commercial	5
<u>CERTIFIED COPIES</u>	369	<u>MOORINGS</u>	
<u>NOTARY SERVICES</u>	235	Resident & Taxpayers	2303
		Non-Residents	119
		Rentals	102
		State of Maine/Eagle Island	10

Vital Statistics

Births 28

Marriages 34

Deaths 44

Those who passed on in 2010

Isaacson, Shirley B.	86	1/3		Lamphere, Renfield D.	93	8/2	
Cumback, Nancy G.	72	1/18		Alexander, Keith E. Sr.	76	8/3	
Morgan, Mary E.	86	1/18	<i>Florida</i>	May, William J. Sr.	89	8/7	
Wilson, Mary D.	86	1/23		Smith, Joan C.	78	8/23	
Ring, Lynda L.	64	1/31		Gardner, Mary B.	90	9/6	<i>Maryland</i>
Alexander, Emore G.	80	2/4	<i>Burlington, MA</i>	Gilliam, Grace	91	9/12	<i>Topsham</i>
Morgan, Richard A.	60	2/7		Giguere Hilda Betty	87	9/13	
Shiras, G. Peter	83	2/9	<i>Boston, MA</i>	Morgan, Dodge	78	9/14	<i>Boston, MA</i>
Ricker, Wayne A.	65	2/10		Douglas, Clive H.	74	9/14	
Fisher-Moren, Hersha	71	2/16		Whalen, Karen E.	67	9/26	
Williams, Lisa R.	43	2/25		Brown, Richard L.	51	9/28	
Johnson, Jeffrey A.	69	3/6	<i>Florida</i>	Stevens, Joseph W.	79	10/5	
Lucas, Virginia M.	82	3/12		Ward, Richard E.	78	10/15	
Nahf, Robert W. Jr.	73	4/21		Smith, Jayne R.	88	10/15	
Leland, Douglas P.	56	4/22		Sinibaldi, Yvonne M.	91	10/26	
Bernier, Pauline R.	78	4/29		Quayle, Ronald J.	74	10/28	
Davis, Alan R.	60	5/19		Bailey, Kevin E.	53	10/31	<i>Brunswick</i>
McFadden, Arlene	86	6/1		Andersen, Leesa L.	54	11/2	
Lindgren, Betty L.	89	6/2		Groves, Peter E.	49	11/3	
Randazza, John B.	81	6/13	<i>Florida</i>	Sinnett, Clifford H.	91	11/15	<i>Portland</i>
Taylor, Michael R.	43	6/14		Larsen, Clemence Zezette	81	11/23	
Jenson, Louise	96	6/16		Carrier, Hector	87	11/24	
Leet, Susan L.	63	6/21		Bianchi, Elma E.	97	11/27	
Dammann, Frederick O.	76	6/22		O'Connell, Gloria J.	81	11/28	<i>Rhode Island</i>
Newman, Portia A.	80	6/22		Litchfield, Arthur E. Jr.	77	12/12	
Whitehead, Carol S.	88	6/23		Doughty, John III	87	12/13	<i>Topsham</i>
Merrill, Constance S.	83	7/14	<i>Topsham</i>	Koppenhaver, Leroy H.	81	12/16	
Weeks, Harold C. Jr.	77	7/24		Clark, Wanda A.	88	12/22	
Haines, Monte E.	54	7/26		O'Connell, David C.	91	12/28	
Prince, Pauline C.	76	7/29					

Treasurer's Report

The Town ended 2010 with bank balances of \$4,794,689. Of this amount, \$883,316 is dedicated to the purchase of emergency services vehicles. The remainder is available for general purposes.

The Town's outstanding long-term borrowings increased by \$46,667 as scheduled repayments of \$553,333 were offset by a new \$600,000 issue. Scheduled repayments included the final payments on borrowings made in 2000 and 2003, primarily to fund the renovation of the Town offices. Additionally, the Town used funds paid to it by Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue to make the final payment on a borrowing which supplemented funds used to purchase a pumper for that fire department.

These final payments contributed to a substantial reduction (more than \$200,000) in the recommended 2011 debt service appropriation relative to 2010, despite the additional borrowing completed in 2010 and one proposed to be completed in 2011.

The proceeds of the 2010 debt issue are included in the emergency services vehicles account. This account was established in 2007 to support a 20 year vehicle replacement plan developed by the 3 fire and rescue departments that serve the Town. To date, 4 vehicles have been purchased at a cost of \$533,315, however, no purchases were completed in 2010. The Town has a contract to purchase a compressed air foam system pumper for \$362,335 which is expected to be delivered in early 2011. This pumper will be leased to Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue. It is anticipated that contracts for 2 additional vehicles, each to be used by one of the other fire & rescue departments, will be entered into in 2011.

The Town's General Fund balance increased slightly in 2010 to \$3,769,667 as the excess of revenues over expenses was offset primarily by a transfer of \$140,000 to the capital road reserve. The capital road reserve totaled \$237,900 at the end of 2010 and \$198,000 of that total is committed for the rehabilitation of a portion of the Cundy's Harbor Road.

The Town borrows on a short-term basis during the year to fund expenditures made prior to the receipt of property taxes. A total of \$2,550,000 was borrowed during 2010 at a cost of \$11,174. This borrowing was repaid prior to the end of the year.

The 2010 tax levy totaled \$10,526,710 of which 96% was collected by December 31, 2010.

Revenues other than property tax totaled \$1,708,282, excluding recreation fees, grants and gifts with specified purposes and interest earned on the emergency services vehicles account. Of this amount, \$1,582,000 was used to reduce the 2010 tax commitment. The remainder is in the Town's general fund balance and is available to reduce the 2011 commitment.

In preparing the 2010 budget, receipts from the State of Maine, particularly revenue sharing, were expected to decline and did so, although not to the extent anticipated. All other revenue sources, excluding interest income, were expected to stabilize or increase slightly from 2009 levels. These expectations were met, although forecasts proved somewhat conservative, particularly with respect to excise taxes and to the prices received from the sale of recyclable materials.

Total appropriations declined in 2010 by \$313,442 relative to 2009 as assessments by Cumberland County and MSAD 75 declined by 1.97% and 3.4%, respectively, and total municipal appropriations decreased by .97%.

For 2011, total appropriations are expected to decline again as the school assessment will be further reduced. Non-property tax revenues are expected to recover slightly in 2011 and in tandem with the appropriation decline should provide the Board of Selectmen the flexibility to again reduce the 2011 mil rate. Additionally, under the Town's fund balance policy, there is approximately \$375,000 available to further reduce the 2011 commitment or fund special projects or reserves. Even with such use, the Town will have sufficient funds to pay its costs until such time as Town Meeting approves a 2011 budget and a tax anticipation borrowing can be made.

During 2010, the Town began accepting credit cards for payments made in person. These payments are being processed by InForMe using the State of Maine's merchant account. The processor charges a fee which is calculated as a percentage of the transaction. Additionally, the Town has made available to residents on-line payment of automobile & boat registrations (excluding initial registration). The State of Maine forwards to the Town the excise tax collected on these transactions, but retains the registration fee. We are committed to identifying and implementing opportunities to use electronic banking for both Town receipts and expenditures.

Debt Service on Long-Term Debt

2011 - 2020

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance Jan-11	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Amortization:													
Existing Debt													
2004 G.O. Bond	4.18	\$700.0	\$350.0	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4				
2006 G. O. Bond	2.05 - 5.45	\$350.0	\$70.0	\$70.0									
2008 G. O. Bond	2.075 - 5.575	\$500.0	\$450.0	\$75.0	\$75.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0		
2009 G. O. Bond	2.08 - 5.58	\$650.0	\$585.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	
2009 G. O. Bond	2.85	\$40.0	\$30.0	\$15.0	\$15.0								
2010 G. O. Bond	2.0 - 5.5	\$600.0	\$600.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0
Total			\$2,085.0	\$343.3	\$273.3	\$233.4	\$233.3	\$233.3	\$233.4	\$175.0	\$175.0	\$125.0	\$60.0
Interest:				\$62.9	\$56.7	\$48.5	\$37.5	\$29.1	\$21.1	\$15.09	\$10.55	\$6.1	\$2.17
Total Debt Service				\$406.2	\$330.0	\$281.9	\$270.8	\$262.4	\$254.5	\$190.1	\$185.6	\$131.1	\$62.2

Notes:

The 2009 \$40,000 Bond is with Bangor Savings Bank. All other debt has been placed through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

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

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

2008 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles

2009 Issue: Ash Point Road rehabilitation (\$650) and Emergency Communications Equipment (\$40)

2010 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

- **Kevin J. Joyce**
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- **Naldo S. Gagnon**
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Dear Citizens,

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 services for the Town of Harpswell.

As we embark on a new year, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing prompt, efficient and professional law enforcement services to the citizens of Harpswell.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office will be making some technological improvements that should make some of the activities performed by the patrol deputy, more efficient. For instance, the Sheriff's Office will be updating our records management system so that pertinent information will be available in a timely manner that can be plotted on GIS maps, in order to see trends of crimes being committed throughout various areas of Cumberland County. This crime mapping will allow the supervisors to see trends and deploy resources effectively in order to solve or alleviate the issue.

Also, we will be installing and upgrading software that will expedite the way information is entered into the computerized reporting system utilizing a license scanning module. It is our hope that the expedited transfer of biographical information will allow the deputy to spend more time investigating the incident or reduce the amount of time doing paperwork, in either case making the deputy more efficient.

We anticipate that this new technology will further enhance the efficiency and information sharing capabilities between each deputy assigned to the Town of Harpswell, as well as those working throughout Cumberland County.

Lastly, I am honored to serve as your Sheriff and look forward to your support, any suggestions and input as we continue to strive for increased excellence in law enforcement services.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Joyce", written in a cursive style.

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Incident Report For January 1-December 2010

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Hang Up	72	Information Report	3
911 Misdial	22	Inspection Permit	20
Abandoned Vehicle	8	Juvenile Problem	13
Accident w/ Property Damage	72	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Accident, w/ Personal Injury	14	Lost Property	8
Accident Reconstruction	1	Loud Party Music	13
Agency Assistance	218	Marine Conservation	486
Alarm	199	Marine Digger Inspection	341
Animal Euthanize	2	Marine Resource Inspection	21
Animal Problem	127	Mental Subject	2
Armed Robbery	1	Official Misconduct	6
Assault – Simple	6	Missing / Lost Person	5
Assault with a Knife	1	Operating Under Influence	6
Assist Fire Department	1	Overdose	1
Attempt to Locate	76	Parking Problem	6
Theft, Non-Sufficient Funds	4	Pedestrian Check	12
Burglary	29	Property Check	1026
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	2	Prowler	3
Canine Callout	5	Rape	1
Concealed Firearms Request	4	Recovered Stolen Property	2
Chase In Progress	1	Runaway Juvenile	1
Child Abuse or Neglect	1	Search Warrant	1
Citizen Assist	183	Sex Offender Reg 1yr Verify	9
Citizen Dispute	6	Sex Offense	1
Civil Dispute	11	Speed Complaint	11
Community Policing	2	Suicide	11
Court Service	30	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	98
Criminal Mischief	24	Theft	28
Criminal Trespass	8	Theft-Vehicle	2
Crusier Accident	2	Threatening	8
Custodial Interference	1	Traffic Detail	100
Dead Body	8	Traffic Hazard	39
Debris in Road	11	Traffic Violation	991
Message Delivery	1	Unsecured Premise	6
Direct Traffic	4	Unwanted Phone Calls	2
Disabled Vehicle	43	Vehicle Off Road - No Damage	4
Disturbance	34	Vicious Animal	1
Domestic Violence	17	VIN Number Inspection	5
Drowning	1	Wanted Person	9
Controlled Substance Problem	2	Weapons Offense	17
Equipment Problem	8	Welfare Check	38
Escort	4		
Explosives Problem	1		
False Information to Police	1		
FI Motor Vehicle Accident	1		
Fireworks	10		
Fish and Game Violation	6		
Found Property	11		
Fraud	7		
Harassment	9		
Illegal Parking	5		

Calls for Service

“Calls for Service” were 4675.

Month	Calls for Service	Citations	Written Traffic Warnings	Verbal Traffic Warnings
January	424	18	13	41
February	337	5	4	20
March	408	8	25	58
April	326	13	8	39
May	394	8	14	77
June	383	9	13	50
July	464	12	18	80
August	408	22	21	81
September	417	11	10	96
October	380	24	10	62
November	373	13	6	85
December	361	11	12	84

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Harpwell Marine Patrol

2010 Calls for Service

Total Incidents: 980

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Hang Up	3	Inspection Permit	1
Accident w/ Property Damage	3	Juvenile Problem	1
Accident, w/ Personal Injury	1	Lost Property	1
Agency Assistance	64	Loud Party Music	5
Alarm	15	Marine Conservation	310
Assault - Simple	1	Marine Digger Inspection	258
Assault with a Knife	1	Marine Resource Inspection	21
Attempt to Locate	3	Missing / Lost Person	2
Citizen Assist	19	Pedestrian Check	1
Court Service	1	Property Check	127
Criminal Mischief	1	Recovered Stolen Property	1
Cruiser Accident	1	Speed Complaint	2
Dead Body	2	Suicide	1
Debris in Road	3	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	7
Direct Traffic	3	Threatening	1
Disabled Vehicle	8	Traffic Detail	4
Disturbance	1	Traffic Hazard	3
Equipment Problem	2	Traffic Violation	86
Fireworks	1	Unsecure Premise	2
Fish and Game Violation	5	Weapons Offense	2
Found Property	2	Welfare Check	4

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RANKING MEMBER, SMALL BUSINESS

January 28, 2011

Dear Friends:

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

Undeniably, our economy remains the foremost challenge facing us today. We are confronted by an economic crisis that has already lasted for more than three years. There is still much to be done, with some Maine counties still experiencing an unemployment rate over 9 percent. The climate of economic uncertainty created by myriad new federal health care mandates and tax increases has created additional obstacles for our nation's small businesses and resulted in a consistently high unemployment rate. Indeed, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has calculated that the U.S. economy would require an annual real GDP growth rate of 4.2 percent to return to a 5 percent unemployment rate by the end of 2015. As such, recent GDP growth of just 2 percent has been far too tame to move our economy forward in a robust way. As Ranking Member of the Senate's Small Business Committee, it is unfortunate that several actions for which I have advocated that could have immediate and measurable effects on job creation nationwide have not been put into action.

At this very moment our nation's primary job creators – small businesses – are wrestling with the onerous reporting requirements that will force employers to file '1099' statements on all transactions over \$600. I will continue to fight alongside my colleagues from both sides of the aisle for decisive policies that simultaneously thwart tax increases and repeal the policies that devastate potential for job growth in the economy so that our nation's small businesses have an opportunity to expand, thrive, and put Mainers and all Americans back to work.

Additionally, for far too long our country's energy strategy has prioritized the technologies of the past while our policy debate has languished in partisanship. The world is moving ahead with action on innovative technologies and it is past time that we set a new course for how we think about energy. Energy efficiency has emerged as one of the most effective and expeditious initiatives that can be taken to preserve valuable resources for producers and consumers. I believe we can build upon the success of past tax credits with critical energy efficiency tax incentives, which will spark innovation in our building and industrial sector and afford our constituents and businesses financial incentives to simultaneously reduce energy bills and invest in our economy. This is why I introduced and will work to pass a comprehensive package of advanced energy tax incentives that will create thousands of clean-energy and manufacturing jobs; enable American businesses and families to make long-term energy-savings investments; reduce pollutants; and increase U.S. energy security.

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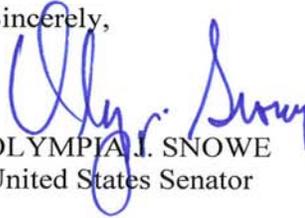
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Looking ahead, we will continue to grapple with such urgent matters as strengthening our nation's homeland security. And, of course, we remember today – and every day – the extraordinary contributions and courage of our brave men and women in uniform in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world who are the faces of the world's finest defense force.

Again, you may be assured I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Maine and America and – in so doing – I deeply appreciate the input of all those who share with me their insights, concerns, and opinions. I encourage you to visit my Senate website at www.snowe.senate.gov for additional details on my efforts, to obtain helpful government information, and to share any concerns or legislative input you may have. You may also visit with members of my staff at my Regional Office located at Portland or by calling 874-0883 or toll free in Maine at 1-800-432-1599.

Sincerely,



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January 14, 2011

Town of Harpswell
263 Mountain Road
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Dear Town of Harpswell:

As the new session of Congress began, I was honored to become the longest, currently serving member of the U.S. Senate to have never missed a roll call vote. As the 111th Congress ended, I cast my 4,563rd consecutive vote. It is a privilege to represent you in Washington, D.C. and I appreciate this opportunity to share some of my recent work as we look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in the 112th Congress.

Creating jobs and strengthening our economy remain our nation's most pressing challenges. Far too many families and individuals throughout Maine and our nation are still suffering from a sluggish economy and high unemployment. That is why it was so vital for Congress to extend the 2001 and 2003 tax relief laws. I strongly supported a two-year extension because allowing these laws to expire would have resulted in one of the largest tax increases in our nation's history, and job killing tax hikes could well have plunged our economy deeper into recession.

Last year, I spoke to small business owners throughout Maine who told me that a tax increase could result in a loss of jobs and threaten the viability of their businesses. It is good news that Congress passed the two-year extension of these tax relief laws before 2010 came to a close, providing more certainty to businesses and relief for all taxpayers.

After years of repeated but unsuccessful attempts by the Maine delegation to address the federal truck weights law, I authored a successful truck weights pilot program in 2009 that was in effect for one year. The pilot program permitted trucks weighing up to 100,000 pounds to travel on Maine's federal interstates, where these trucks belong, rather than being diverted to secondary roads, through small communities, downtown areas, and school zones. The benefits have been evident: improved safety, lower costs, reduced energy use, and reduced emissions. I was disappointed that the U.S. House of Representatives failed to take action either to extend the pilot program or to make it permanent. Making the truck weights program permanent will be one of my top priorities this year and will be the first bill I introduce in the new Congress.

The President signed into law a number of bills that I authored or coauthored. I was proud to join Senator Joe Lieberman in leading the effort to repeal the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law that applied to our armed forces. This long-overdue repeal enables the U.S. to join 35 of our closest allies in welcoming the military service of any qualified individual who is willing and capable of serving our country.

My efforts to counter the smuggling of illegal drugs across the Canadian border into Maine, and vice versa, were advanced when the President signed the "Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act." I was the lead Republican sponsor of this law, which requires the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a counternarcotics strategy similar to that of the Southwestern border in collaboration with our Canadian partners. The Senate Homeland Security Committee also conducted an extensive investigation into the Fort Hood terrorist attack. We will soon release a report with recommendations on how to reduce the possibility of such an attack in the future.

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Former Senator Evan Bayh and I authored a new law that establishes a new Advisory Council to develop a national plan for combating Alzheimer's disease. For the first time, this law charges federal agencies to develop a strategy to advance efforts to fight this devastating disease, at no additional cost to taxpayers. As far too many people know, Alzheimer's disease inflicts pain and hardship on families, and costs Medicare and Medicaid billions, yet our nation has been lacking a national strategy to focus on this disease.

Maine's natural resource industries are essential to our prosperity. Last October, along with other Delegation members, I testified at an International Trade Commission hearing that resulted in a ruling that Chinese and Indonesian paper companies had been engaging in illegal trade that is unfair to our domestic industry. During the debate on the Food Safety Modernization Act, I successfully advocated for an amendment, backed by Maine's small and organic farmers, to protect our small farms from excessive regulation.

In my ongoing efforts to save jobs in Maine, I succeeded in convincing the EPA to rework regulations known as "boiler MACT" in a manner that protects the environment and public health without jeopardizing jobs in the forest products industry. I also authored successful legislation to provide small contractors more time to comply with EPA lead-based paint regulations. The high fines for non-compliance would have put many small contractors in Maine out of business.

Working with the University of Maine, I helped advance the development of deep water, off-shore wind energy. Last summer, Energy Secretary Steven Chu visited UMaine at my request, which resulted in an announcement that the Department would dedicate \$20 million to develop and test deepwater offshore wind technologies. UMaine remains on the cutting edge of this work, which has the potential to create 15,000 jobs.

I secured funding for a number of important transportation projects in 2010. For example, following my request, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that the Department would award \$10.5 million for Maine's effort to save freight railroad service in Northern Maine, and \$20 million for the rehabilitation of the Memorial Bridge between Kittery and Portsmouth.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure that our men and women in uniform have the resources and support they need to protect our freedom. In 2010, I supported efforts to improve health care and other services for our military personnel and veterans, and authored key provisions to strengthen our national defense by supporting the vital work at Bath Iron Works, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Pratt & Whitney, the Maine Military Authority, and other Maine industries. Following my letter last year to the President's top budget official urging him to include increased funding for the DDG-51 program in next year's budget, Defense Secretary Gates recently announced that the Pentagon would seek an additional DDG-51 in its five-year budget.

The 112th Congress will bring extraordinary challenges as we work to improve the economy, lower the unemployment rate, seek ways to reduce federal spending to bring the federal debt under control, and debate a host of other important issues. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Harpswell and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland Office at (207) 780-3575, or visit my website at <http://collins.senate.gov>. May 2011 be a good year for your family, your community, our state and our nation.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONGRESSWOMAN
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1ST DISTRICT
MAINE

Dear friends,

I'm proud to live in a state where individuals work so hard to sustain their communities.

We hold town meetings where neighbors can find compromise amid their disagreements, while still being able to say hello the next morning at the corner store. We help our neighbors through tough times by sending care packages to overseas troops, donating to local food pantries, and raising money for sick members of the community. And we work with each other to make the most out of bad situations.

There's no doubt that times are still hard for Maine's working families, but I'm optimistic about the future because all this hard work is starting to pay off. This year, Mainers have been able to turn bad news into good for Maine's economy. In Brunswick, Kestrel Aviation announced that it would start making airplanes with composite materials on the site of the closing naval base. In Biddeford, small businesses are thriving in the space once occupied by the now closed North Dam Mill. In Port Clyde, fishermen are starting to create jobs after forming a co-op in the wake of declining prices.

What's more, Maine communities are doing what's needed to take full advantage of these and other opportunities.

We're strengthening the infrastructure on which we do business by protecting Memorial Bridge in Kittery, bringing the Downeaster to the Midcoast, and expanding broadband Internet.

Local groups and businesses are working with me to fight for regulations that recognize the successful conservation efforts of our fishermen, don't overburden our small family farms, and protect our paper companies from Chinese trade practices meant to undercut them.

We're educating workers for new jobs, like in Kennebec Valley to train solar technicians, at SMCC for composite materials, and the University of Maine for other green jobs.

And we're taking care of our people by making sure veterans get the benefits they've earned, families aren't bankrupted by illness, and seniors don't lose their hard-earned savings to the excesses of Wall Street.

It's an honor working with your communities to move Maine forward and to represent your families in Washington. If you have comments, or need help with any federal issue, please contact me at (207) 774-5019 or www.pingree.house.gov/contact.

Hope to see you in Maine soon,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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125th Legislature
Senate of Maine
Senate District 10
Senator Stan Gerzofsky



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. It is an honor to represent the people, businesses, and interests of Harpswell.

We started the legislative session this year with some fresh faces, a new governor and a new perspective for Maine's future. Unfortunately, we still face some of the same old challenges like a budget shortfall, the need for more jobs, and jumpstarting our economy. Despite the national recession that forced many hardships on state and local government, the business community, and just about every household around the state; we continue to work toward an economic recovery and stronger future for our state.

Just like we did with the closing of the Brunswick Navel Air Station (BNAS), our region pulled together with a common vision to redevelop the site. Because of this kind of resolve, the region has seen the addition of over 600 jobs and certainly more to come in the near future. We remain poised and ready for better times ahead.

I always welcome your opinion and feedback as the Legislature does its work. Feel free to contact me anytime by email at SenStan.Gerzofsky@legislature.maine.gov. I can also be reached by phone locally at (207) 373-1328 or the State House at (207) 287-1515.

No matter how complex or challenging the issue, it is an honor to represent you. As your State Senator, it is my pledge to keep you informed about what is happening in the Maine Legislature. Please go to www.mainesenate.org/gerzofsky to sign up for legislative email updates.

I appreciate the trust and support put in me to represent you and the Town of Harpswell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan'.

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February 10, 2011

Town of Harpswell

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would first like to thank the residents of Harpswell for electing me as your State Representative. It is a responsibility to be taken very seriously. With nearly 2,000 pieces of legislation submitted for the upcoming session I know I will be very busy.

Legislative leadership has appointed me to serve Marine Resources Committee. This committee has jurisdiction over all commercial fishing and aquaculture issues. It is especially important to mid-coast Maine because of the role the fishing industry plays in our economy. There will be many pieces of legislation heard in this committee that will have a major effect in our community here. Your input, as citizens and constituents, will be greatly appreciated as we work to make the Marine Resources Committee truly work for Maine.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 64. To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your comments and concerns. Please call me anytime at **389-2237** or email at kimolsendistrict64@hotmail.com to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Representative Kim Olsen

Serving Harpswell, Phippsburg and part of West Bath

Affordable Housing

The Affordable Housing Committee completed one of its mandates in 2010, the creation of an ordinance to promote affordable housing in Harpswell. This ordinance was enacted at Town Meeting in March 2010.

Following enactment, and consistent with its mission (see below), the Committee invited members of the public, the Harpswell Community Housing Trust and the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust to discuss the ordinance and housing in Harpswell. Prior to the March 2010 Town Meeting, the Committee had held several public forums to seek comments on the proposed ordinance.

More recently, the Committee has taken up completion of the drafting of a sample affordable housing covenant to be used in conjunction with the ordinance. With feedback from the Selectmen, the town attorney, and various entities familiar with affordable housing in Maine, the Committee expects to complete a draft covenant by June of 2011.

The Committee works with the able assistance of Town Planner Carol Tukey under the following mission statement, approved by the Board of Selectmen in June 11, 2009:

“The mission of the Affordable Housing Committee shall be to cooperate with the Selectboard in promoting affordable housing in the Town of Harpswell. Specifically, the Committee shall work with the Town Planner on housing needs as recommended in the Comprehensive Plan. The Affordable Housing Committee will work with the Selectboard and the Town Planner to create an affordable housing ordinance. In addition, the Committee shall be a liaison between the Selectboard and the Harpswell Community Housing Trust and other entities who promote affordable housing in Harpswell. The Committee will report periodically to the Selectboard to share information and ideas and receive the Board suggestions, advice, and approvals as needed.”

Budget Advisory Committee

The Budget Advisory Committee has recommended to the Board of Selectmen a total municipal budget of \$4,020,097. This budget is \$90,313 below the LD1 limit of \$4,110,410. The Committee has also recommended that the Town borrow \$800,000 for the capital improvement of three of the Town roads. The roads to be improved, as outlined by the Road Commissioner are: Lane Road, Lowell’s Road and Little Island Road. Also included would be the upgrade or replacement of the Bethel Point Bridge/Culvert.

The recommended appropriations for 2011 include a total increase of 2% in salaries and wages, and no anticipated reduction in services. The Committee further recommends the continuation of the contract for two marine patrol deputies with the Cumberland County Sheriff, in addition to the three law enforcement deputies. The Committee also recommends continuing to support the Curtis Memorial Library and contributing to the social service agencies which benefit Town residents.

Each of the three fire departments would receive the recommended amount of \$60,000 for maintenance and operations. The Town would continue to fund the emergency vehicles as needed by each fire department.

A third installment of \$15,000 is recommended for the Orrs Island Library for their expansion project. This expansion will allow improved parking, drainage, landscaping, provide ADA access, and add space and further improvements.

HCBC has requested a large increase in funding by the Town over the prior year. The Committee has recommended \$58,000 for the 2011 funding. This includes an increase in the hours and the hourly rate of the part-time employee, and a salary adjustment for the manager. Also included in this increase would be some repairs to the building.

New items in the 2011 budget include: 1. local circuit breaker program: \$60,000 has been recommended for this new program. This would provide a maximum of \$800 to qualified Harpswell residents. 2. Wetlands delineation for a Hildreth Road Town owned property 3. Harpswell Festival 4. Conservation fund and 5. Emergency Services Strategic Planning.

The Budget Advisory Committee truly appreciates the help of the entire staff in providing information and explanations, and answering all requests made by Committee members. Without their assistance, the Committee would not have been able to complete the budget process.

Planning Board

In 2010, the Planning Board held eleven monthly meetings and heard twenty-four issues. Board members also attended nine site visits.

The Board heard four applications for site plan review which were approved with conditions, and one pre-application for site review which required a follow up conference.

The Board heard applications for (1) approval of land use for reconstruction of nonconforming structure; (2) shoreland zoning-essential services; (3) two plans involving the removal of trees; and (4) proposed new construction in a resource protection zone, all of which were granted, some with conditions.

One pre-application for subdivision review was also heard, with the determination that the applicant should proceed to the Codes Enforcement Officer, as it was determined not to be a subdivision. One additional application for work being performed in a resource protection zone was tabled at the applicant's request.

Of the twelve jurisdictional applications presented to the Board, one for the reconstruction of a non-conforming structure was approved with conditions, one was tabled, and one was informational. The remaining nine were reviewed with the Board voting to not take jurisdiction.

The Board reviewed a number of proposed revisions to various land use ordinances.

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals met seven times in 2010. The Board heard four variance requests, and four administrative appeals of decisions of the Code Enforcement Officer. Two variances were granted with conditions; two were denied. Three administrative appeals were denied and one withdrawn by the applicant.

The cooperation of the Code Enforcement Office and Planning Office is critical to the efficient functioning of the Board of Appeals. The Board benefits in particular from the able service of Planning Assistant Melissa Moretti and Code Enforcement Officer William Wells, and the board members thank them for their assistance.

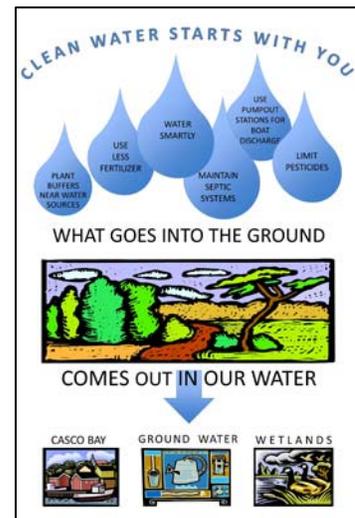
Conservation Commission

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

Clean Water Starts with You

In 2010 the Conservation Commission expanded the *Save Our Bay* Campaign to include groundwater, streams, and wetlands. Since the campaign's inception over 200 residents have "Taken the Pledge" to limit their usage of fertilizers, pesticides, and other things that pollute Harpswell waters. Pamphlets developed on natural yard and lawn care methods were distributed at the Harpswell Festival and were used by members to discuss green gardening methods with citizens at the Recycling Center and with local organizations. Pamphlets are also available online and at the Town Office.

Realizing Harpswell's marine and ground waters are affected by the improper disposal of medications, the Commission worked with the Town Administrator and Merrymeeting TRIAD to introduce a medication collection site in Harpswell. Held in November, the program was enthusiastically received with 60 people participating. The Commission appreciates their help in keeping these contaminants out of our marine and ground waters.



The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is overseeing the cleanup of the superfund sites at the Brunswick Naval Air Station. Harpswell's representative, David W. Chipman, reported to the Commission that progress has been made in the cleanup of the contaminated groundwater of the Eastern Plume. The Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System (GWETS) has been markedly improved by the substitution of three new extraction wells and a high-pressure oxidation (HiPOx) system has been added to the treatment stream. Details on the progress of the cleanup are available on the Navy's web site <http://nasbrunswick.navy-env.com/>

Harpswell Conservation Fund

The Commission is requesting that voters establish a Conservation Fund. The fund would allow the Town to have monies available for studies to support the potential conservation of land for the public's use. The Fund is not intended for land purchases and expenditures from the fund would need authorization by the Selectmen.

Grant Received for Ecological Survey

The Commission was successful in obtaining a \$5000 grant from the Davis Conservation Foundation. Plans are underway to proceed with the ecological assessment of the five parcels of Town land in the vicinity of the Town Office and Long Reach. In order to establish an overall long-term plan, the information from the assessment will be made available to the other Town Land Use Committees. The study is expected to be completed in early summer and the results will be presented to the Selectmen and citizens at a public meeting.

The Adopt-a-Road Program

Each April, the HCC partners with the coordinators in each section of Town for a special one-day clean up of all roadsides. The result is a spruced up Town. The Adopt-a-Road Program, coordinated by the Commission, offers an opportunity to help keep our roads clean throughout the year. Trash, both accidental and careless, appears on roadsides all the time. Several stretches of Rtes 123, 24, and other roads need people who can step in and keep them from accumulating stuff. Please call the Adopt-a-Road coordinator at 729-9755, sign up online, or pick up sign-up forms at the Town Office. To those who have adopted a road, a big thank you!

Awards

In 2010, the Commission received a Citizen Planner of the Year Award from the Maine Association of Planners, in recognition of its work preparing Harpswell's Open Space Plan. Also, Ecomaine presented their eco-Excellence Award to the group for its local environmental activities.

Conservation Resources on-line

The Commission invites you to visit <http://www.harpswell.maine.gov> and click on *Conservation Commission* located on the left sidebar. You can sign up to *Save Our Bay*, download Green Gardening tips, follow links to on-line conservation resources or join the Adopt-a-Road program. We hope you find it informative.

Town residents interested in supporting the Commission's efforts are encouraged to contact any Commissioner or attend its meetings the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

This year the Committee worked with Town Planner, Carol Tukey, and consultants, Beth Della Valle and Judy Colby-George, to select village districts throughout Town where future development could be encouraged. If present development patterns were to continue, using the Town's current land use regulations, it is predicted that all of the existing open space in Harpswell would be fully developed in 50 years. The rural character of the Town would be lost forever.

In order to address this problem, smaller lot sizes are being considered in village districts and larger lot sizes are under consideration for rural areas. As newer technologies are developed for common septic systems, and existing requirements regulate the placement of wells, allowing lots smaller than one acre becomes a reasonable option. Clustering subdivision houses will continue to be encouraged since this arrangement of housing includes setting aside common open space in each subdivision.

The Committee has communicated regularly with Townspeople as its work progresses. During the year, the Committee has prepared two slide shows that have been shown on community TV, are available on the Town website, and have been presented at two public meetings. The Committee has met with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen to discuss its proposals. Articles have been submitted to the Anchor on a regular basis.

In the summer, a questionnaire was distributed throughout the Town to gather citizen opinions. All comments were considered carefully by the Committee, and people requesting responses received them promptly.

Maps of the proposed village districts are on display in the lobby of the Town Offices, and informational materials are available there as well.

Design Review Committee

In April of 2010 the Board of Selectmen asked that a Committee be formed to solicit and select designs for a “Welcome to Harpswell” sign stemming from a proposal that was initiated by The Harpswell Business Association. In planning for the project, the 2010 March Town Meeting approved the sum of \$3,480 for the project.

The mission of the Welcome to Harpswell Sign Committee is to solicit and select a design from those submitted to the Committee by the residents of the Town of Harpswell. The winning entry will best depict the character of our Town.

The Committee was formed in May to write a Request for Proposal to be sent out the residents of Harpswell. The Committee received proposals from 7 Artists for a total of 9 designs, by the Nov.1, 2010 deadline. The Committee selected the two designs that the members best felt represented the “feel” of Harpswell. The signs (two of same design) are to be placed approximately in the areas of Gurnet Bridge (Rt. 24) and Skolfields Farm (Rt.123).

The residents of Harpswell will be able to view the two designs on the Town’s Website and at the Town Meeting with voting by ballot at a table inside at the Town Meeting on March 12, 2011.

Energy Committee

The Committee’s activities have included work on ongoing projects and undertaking new projects.

The most successful project was the award to Harpswell of a grant for \$ 73,000 as part of the Mid Coast Council of Governments' block grant award to make energy efficiency improvements to Town buildings and to support an educational outreach program for young people and citizens of the Town. The majority of the funding was for energy improvements to the Town Office Building, Recycling Center and Community TV station. The outreach program includes another Energy Market Place, display of an energy efficient model house, small scale solar energy systems, educational programs for the Town's elementary schools and incentives to conduct energy audits for home energy improvements. A Request for Proposals has been issued for the work and the Committee is developing the outreach activities.

The study of the Town's street lights continues. A draft standard to measure criteria for street lighting was developed by the Committee, forwarded to the Selectmen and approved by them. A local Eagle Scout candidate, Tad Bond, has undertaken a field survey of the street lights as his Eagle Scout project. He is currently working on the project and looking for individuals to work with him in conducting the survey.

The Committee was asked by the Selectmen to develop a proposed Small Wind Turbine Ordinance. Committee member Daniel Huber researched and prepared a draft ordinance which was reviewed and approved by the Committee. The draft ordinance was recently forwarded to the Selectmen and Town Planner for their review and discussion.

The Committee recommended to the Selectmen that the Town adopt a Property Accessed Clear Energy (PACE) ordinance that is being administered by Efficiency Maine. This program allows residents to borrow money at reasonable rates to make energy improvements to their homes. The improvements will save electricity and fuel costs and there is no cost or liability to the Town. The Committee assisted in the preparation of the ordinance, which was approved by the Selectmen and by the voters at the November election.

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

Emergency Vehicle Committee

The Committee, with the assistance of the Town Treasurer and Town Administrator, reviewed and updated the current emergency vehicle replacement schedule. This discussion included whether or not adjustments were necessary to the order of vehicle replacement, the primary criterion being the serviceability of the vehicle identified for replacement. In addition, the Committee considered how changes would affect the future balance in the capital account.

The Committee approved the specifications for a new Pumper for Harpswell Neck Fire Department and recommended to the Selectmen that the Town proceed with issuing a Request for Proposals. A contract was awarded to Ferrarra Fire Apparatus in July, with delivery expected in February of 2011.

This partnership between the Town and the three Fire & Rescue Departments continues to be successful. The vehicles purchased have met the needs of the community and the departments and will continue to do so well into the future.

Fire & Rescue Committee

The Three Harpswell Fire and Rescue Departments are independent in origin yet united in purpose. This was demonstrated in the cooperative effort displayed in the extinguishing of the house fire on Pole Island and more recently at the house fire on Reach Road, Great Island. The support and assistance provided by the fishing community at the Pole Island fire was critical in getting the necessary resources to the island to successfully fight that fire.

The Committee, in preparation for the future, has formed a strategic planning group to study the Emergency Medical Service needs of the community. This group will evaluate the current delivery system and see how best to provide this service as the needs of the community change in the next 5 years.

The following are the response totals for 2010

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>EMS</u>	<u>MUTUAL AID</u>
Cundy's Harbor	76	114	6
Harpswell Neck	77	125	3
Orrs's/Bailey Island	<u>55</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>11</u>
Totals	208	367	20

Harbor & Waterfront Committee

In early 2010, the Harbor and Waterfront Committee undertook the process of developing and providing the Town of Harpswell with a Harbor Management Plan. With a state grant the Committee conducted interviews with several engineering firms. An agreement was finalized with the engineering firm CES.

The Committee worked on various issues that are part of the total plan. The Committee started with a resources inventory, water classification and issue identification and set goals and priorities. Committee members met weekly and broke up into groups working on specific items for each of these areas.

The plan started out with fifteen possible harbors and this was later condensed into five working harbors in the Town. Members went out into the field and inspected area landings and area sites that may have had issues that were to be discussed in future meetings.

The Committee conducted two public forums to gain valuable information from the citizens of Harpswell. This information was later discussed and used as part of the plan and inventory. The work of the Committee was then presented to the Board of Selectman for review.

Members of the Committee assisted the Harbormaster with mooring inventories which gave the members a perspective of the waterfront and a working knowledge of the Harbormaster's duties. The Committee and the Harbormaster worked on issues such as mooring management, aids to navigation, and ordinance amendments.

The Committee looks forward to presenting the harbor plan to the Town and implementing specific goals from this plan.

Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee

The Selectmen established the Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee in 2006 with the objective of returning pipeline easements to property owners without incurring liability to the Town or to the property owners. The Committee and Selectmen agreed that return of the easements is best accomplished following removal of the asbestos-covered pipes by the Federal Government. The Navy was persuaded to commit \$9.4 million for pipeline removal.

During the past year the Navy through its contractor, Charter Environmental, Inc. of Wilmington, MA, removed all physical aspects of the pipeline. Following that, another Navy contractor, Tetra Tech NUS, Inc., began to sample the ground for any residual signs of pollution. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) is monitoring all aspects of the work.

Once the soil sampling is complete and necessary reports are approved by MEDEP, the government easements should be extinguished and the Harpswell landowners along the current right of way should have their full property rights returned. The Navy has indicated the easements will be conveyed directly to the landowners without involving the Town of Harpswell in the chain of ownership. The Committee will monitor events until this process is successfully concluded.

Marine Resources Committee

In 2010 the Marine Resources Committee was busy working with the Department of Marine Resources in Boothbay on keeping our current clamming areas open as well as working on areas that have been closed.

There were a few setbacks this past year. However, Committee members assisted the Town Wardens with obtaining clams to be tested for Red Tide. Sample stations were established and monitored during the red tide bloom and as a result, areas were able to be open longer keeping our harvesters busy. The extra testing paid off with a longer digging season this past summer. Mother Nature was a little nicer this year with a few less rain events and flood closures as compared to previous years.

In 2010 the "Quahog" was king. The quahog beds and areas made a huge comeback. The New Meadows Lake in West Bath had a plentiful supply of quahog and quahog seed. This helped our flats as some of our full time commercial harvesters gave their hands a try at harvesting quahogs in the lake. Thus, there were fewer harvesters on the flats, thus, letting our

clams grow. Some Committee members applied to the Department of Marine Resources and obtained permits, thereby allowing several bushels of quahog seed to be obtained in October and planted in the Cundy's Harbor area of Town. The Committee hopes to get additional permits in 2011 and plant seed in other areas in Harpswell.

The Committee was asked by the Department of Marine Resources to develop a Priority List of our most valuable flats and areas that the Committee would want to focus on. Quahog Bay was at the top of the list, and many discussions were held on this topic. Extra water samples were taken in this area, the Town Wardens worked on shoreline surveys and clam surveys in this area. Part of Quahog Bay was opened in the fall of 2010 and there is great anticipation of the rest of Quahog Bay coming open in early 2011.

During the middle of the year, the Committee lost two of its members due to other obligations. The Committee is currently looking to replace these members. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this Committee is strongly encouraged to apply. Please contact the Town Office, for a committee application. The Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

In closing, the Committee would like to acknowledge the passing of a Harpswell fellow harvester in 2010. Michael Taylor will be sadly missed. Condolences go out to his loved ones.

Mitchell Field Implementation Committee

The primary effort of the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee (MFIC) in 2010 year was the development of zoning and performance standards for the business zone at Mitchell Field. The Town was able to secure a grant to fund the hiring of a planning consultant who worked with the Committee in this effort and the product was developed based on Committee research and state guidelines. Supporting research included trips to other business parks and marine-related businesses in towns from South Portland to Belfast. It also included review of zoning and performance standards in place in other towns. Finally, as our product emerged, business people were asked to comment on it.

The result of all the year's work will be put to a vote at the Town Meeting in March 2011. The pending ordinance amendments represent a balance that considers business interests, protection for abutters in this otherwise residential area and the shared use of Mitchell Field envisioned in the voter-approved Master Plan. They should be viewed as enabling factors in attracting businesses to the property while, at the same time, protecting and preserving a wonderful recreational resource. The Committee asks for your positive vote on this work.

Other activity in the past year involved preparing the pier for public access. Using materials salvaged in removing fencing at the property, a railing is being constructed around the entire pier to create a safe place for people to utilize. It was hoped that work would be completed prior to the Festival and Boat Races last summer; that was not accomplished but the small boat basin and the main east-west portion of the pier is completed. Volunteers will continue work this year when the weather permits.

Solid Waste Committee

The Solid Waste Committee met several times in 2010 to discuss a small number of issues related to recycling and the Dennis Moore Recycling Center (DMRC). Since the naming of Fred Cantu, as director of the DMRC in 2008, the recycling activities of the Town have become more highly systematized and organized. Improvements to the physical plant to make it more efficient and easier to use for residents have been ongoing and the DMRC crew is to be commended for their efforts to make recycling in Harpswell simple, effective and as profitable to the Town as the markets will allow.

The Solid Waste Committee worked with the DMRC director to prepare a proposal to the Board of Selectmen exploring the benefits and issues related to a pay-per-throw (PPT) system. It was decided not to pursue PPT further after that meeting. Otherwise, the Committee assisted the director with the implementation of a grant he acquired for the Town to promote recycling. The grant monies covered the cost of producing a video in concert with Harpswell TV14, a brochure, and a public “thermometer” to show residents graphically how well they are doing with recycling. The theme: “It’s Easy!”

Finally, the Committee worked on changes and refinements to the Solid Waste Ordinance. Those changes make the ordinance tighter and clearer, and at the same time improve the flexibility for decision making by the DMRC director. No comments were presented at the January public hearing on the ordinance.

As always, the Committee is looking for members who love trash....that is, solid waste, and the many ways to deal with its ultimate disposal.

Town Lands Committee

The Committee’s work in 2010 included working with the Recreation Committee on the new Devil’s Back hiking trail, a July 4th 100-year celebration at the Giant Staircase and numerous site visits to our Town-owned properties.

Work for 2011 will include constructing a stairway to the beach at the Giant Staircase path; working on literature to distribute that will highlight our Town properties and studying ways to utilize the Graveyard Point property.

The Committee invites Townspeople to the Devil’s Back trail opening ceremony on Orr’s Island, June 1st. Please get out and enjoy all of the Town-owned properties in Harpswell.

Cundy’s Harbor Library

In 2010, Cundy’s Harbor Library celebrated its 50th birthday with a year of improvement in both the library’s services and its operation. Librarian Sam Schwartz and four stalwart volunteers performed a complete inventory and computer cataloguing of the Library’s holdings. The computerized catalog now also includes check-out and check-in of materials, so that the

staffer on the desk can tell a patron nearly instantly whether the library owns a title, whether the item is in or out, and what titles a patron currently has checked out. The new system also generates automatic overdue notices via email. Planned for 2011 is the addition of a patron catalog terminal to allow visitors to browse the library's catalog themselves.

There were improvements to the Library building as well. A new water softening system removes the unsightly rust from the Library's water and will make it possible to offer patrons coffee and tea in the future. New energy-efficient windows for the original part of the building have reduced heating costs in winter and made summer more comfortable, too, opening fully to the cooling breezes from the New Meadows River. Patrons can also enjoy those breezes at the two new picnic tables in the park behind the library, while they take advantage of the boosted WiFi Internet access that continues to be available at all times, 24/7. The view of the river from the park has also been improved, thanks to a group of Bowdoin College students who spent their 2010 Common Good Day clearing brush and pruning shrubs between the library and the river.

With an accurate inventory in hand, the Library has begun acquiring new materials to expand and update the shelves. Over 500 new books, audio books, and DVD movies have been added through purchase and donation, with more new items on order for 2011. Of particular note, the library received two book-purchasing grants in 2010. One, from the Community Health Information Project (a program of Curtis Memorial Library and Mid Coast Hospital), funded the purchase of 24 new books to keep our Health and Medical section up to date. A second grant, awarded in October by the Libra Foundation Books for Children program, will provide a much-needed update in 2011 to the library's Young Adults' and Children's holdings, particularly for science- and math-related learning titles.

Beyond finding books and movies, there were a lot of other reasons to visit Cundy's Harbor Library in 2010. Of course there was the Library's 50th Birthday celebration on June 30th, which included firing a cannon to mark the event with a bang. There were winter weekday evening programs for adults on a variety of subjects, including solar energy in the home (by John Capron of ReVision Energy); the life and works of Susan Pulsifer (by Karin Jackson and Jon Pulsifer); managing Social Security benefits via the Internet (by Magda Ortiz, from Social Security in Portland); and monthly "I Hate My Computer Night" advice sessions for patrons with computer and Internet questions. For children, the six-week Summer Reading Program gave them new ways to "Make a Splash at the Library!" and ended with the annual Library Ice Cream Social that kicks off Cundy's Harbor Days. The library was very active in celebrating Cundy's Harbor Days in other ways, too, with a Library Benefit Square Dance (which raised money to match the Libra Foundation Books for Children grant) and the debut of the Cundy's Harbor Library Glee & Perloo Society Band, which enlivened the annual parade with live music. The band also provided music for the annual Cundy's Harbor Christmas Tree Lighting.

The Town of Harpswell's contribution provided about half of the library's 2010 budget. The remaining funds needed to run the library were raised through the Community Breakfasts, the annual Library Book Sale, a Library Square Dance, an Election Day food sale run by the Library's Board of Directors and the Friends of the Library, and through the very generous response by Harpswellians to the Library's Annual Appeal. The board and staff of the Library are extremely grateful to the community for your unstinting support.

The board and staff of Cundy's Harbor Library look forward to accomplishing even more in 2011 and hope you will join us as a patron, as a volunteer, and, if you play an instrument, as a member of the band. Check out the calendar of events on our website, <http://www.cundysharbor.lib.me.us>.

Samuel Schwartz, Librarian Sue Hawkes, President Ann Greene, Vice President
Jody Watson, Secretary Pam Bichrest, Treasurer

Orr's Island Library

The Orr's Island Library continues to serve the Town as it has since its inception in 1900, primarily as a reading and lending library with a significant book collection. In addition, it also has a substantial collection of audio books, videos and DVDs, wireless internet capability, and two computers that are available to the public.

Those of you who have visited or passed by the library know it is now in the second year of its renovation and expansion project. The project includes adding an additional reading room on the south side of the existing building and a work room on the back, revising the entry way to eliminate the steep front steps and to add handicapped access, grading and landscaping the area around the building, and making needed internal and external renovations to the original building.

Funds for the project come from three sources: donations from individuals, grants from charitable organizations, and appropriations from the Town. There has been a strong and gratifying response to our capital campaign from individuals and foundations. There has been substantial support from the Town with its annual allocations for which the library is most grateful.

In the midst of the renovations and expansion, the library maintains its regular hours and strives to keep the library's collection up to date. It continues to sponsor a set of summer programs for children, and to conduct its annual book fair in August, which always generates a significant portion of the library's operating budget.

All residents of Harpswell, including summer residents, may use the library. It is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The wifi can be accessed at any time in close proximity to the building.

For more information about the library's renovation and expansion progress, log on to our website, (www.orrislandlibrary.org). The website also provides current on-line information about library hours, available computer and wifi equipment, upcoming programs, and new acquisitions.

The trustees thank the Town of Harpswell and all those individuals and organizations that are helping them fulfill the library's mission.

Peg Bonarrigo, President

Joanne Rogers, Librarian

Curtis Memorial Library

Every year I attend meetings in Harpswell with different groups to talk about Curtis Memorial Library. Invariably someone asks me, “What does Harpswell get for providing funding to Curtis Memorial Library?” It is a good question and one that I thought I would address briefly.

The most important thing Harpswell receives for its investment in Curtis is the opportunity for every citizen in Harpswell to have access to a full-service, outstanding public library. The following are just a few of the services available at the library:

- The ability to borrow over 6 million books (and other items) from libraries across the state of Maine through interlibrary loan and over 146,000 books, movies, newspapers, magazines and music at Curtis
- Audio books and ebooks that can be downloaded to your computer at home
- Free Portland Public Library cards, providing access to genealogy, language, auto report, test prep and business research databases
- The Curtis Job Search Center, a large library of information about job hunting, resume writing software and support for small business owners
- Reference librarians who are experts at helping you find the answer to just about any question you might have
- Children’s librarians who can help you work with your child to develop a habit of reading that will last a life-time
- 43 public access computers
- Public meeting spaces
- Programs for adults and children
- The opportunity to participate in the library’s Outreach program which provides books on a regular basis to individuals who are homebound

This is just a sample of available library services. However, I hope it provides a sense of the outstanding value that Harpswell receives for its partnership with Curtis Memorial Library.

By financially supporting the Library, Harpswell is ensuring that every member of its community, regardless of their income, has equal access to the information that they need to manage their lives in areas such as employment, health, finances, personal issues, community issues, education. Equal access to information is one of the core values of our democracy.

We would like to thank the citizens of Harpswell for their continued 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

Harpswell Community Television

As I write this I'm looking around the room at all the thank-you cards and photos from the many groups and individuals who have come through the door here at your community television station. When I see these I'm reminded of all that community television does here in Harpswell and in the surrounding communities. Recognized nationally as an example of what community television should be, your station is setting new standards every day.

Television in general has an uncertain future. With the development of the internet and mobile services, television must reinvent itself. Your station is no exception. You can now find much of Harpswell's locally produced programming on the internet. Just go to vimeo.org/harpwelltv. If you friend us on Facebook| Watch Harpswelltv you can get regular updates and program scheduling.

You will see that community television's funding from the Town has significantly increased over the last few years. There are several reasons for this. First and foremost the building which houses the station, although built with volunteer labor and much donated material, is owned by the Town of Harpswell and is in need of repairs and upkeep. Our staff, consisting of Station Manager Donna Frisoli and office assistant Donnette Goodenow, has faced a significant increase in their workload with no corresponding increase in pay. They are already paid far less than station operators in surrounding communities and the community television board would like to bring their compensation into line with those carrying comparable duties. What we are requesting of the Town is still less than is received in franchise fees from the cable company. You will also find an article asking for capital funding for new equipment. This money will be repaid to the Town by a grant from Comcast.

We are working every day to develop more and better services, from transmitter digital conversion to studio high definition and better programming options. Stop by for a visit, give us a call at 833-2363 or e-mail us at htv14@harpwelltv.org. We are at your service.

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Harpswell Historical Society

The Harpswell Historical Society is alive and well in our 33rd year. This past year has seen an increase in both membership and interest in the Society's goals. This year we hope to increase the hours that our Museum will be open.

The Harpswell Historical Society Museum is now in its 11th year. The past 10 years have seen constant growth in our collections and in the number of our visitors. We will be open on Memorial Day and in June, July, August, September and October on Sundays from 2 to 4. We are also open by appointment (833-6322).

You are invited to our reading of the Declaration of Independence at The Old Town Meetinghouse at 11 A.M. on the 4th of July. Please come to our Halloween Party in October and our Community Tree Lighting in December.

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

David Hackett III
President

M.S.A.D. #75

Teachers at Harpswell Islands School are using a wide range of technology tools. In an effort to support 21st century digital learning, the Harpswell Islands PTO has purchased LCD projectors and Ladibug document cameras for each classroom.

At West Harpswell School and Harpswell Islands School teachers are involved in the Teachers College Reading and Writing project. The schools join together to learn, practice, discuss skills and techniques.

Technology and student engagement is alive and well in Cultural Literacy at Mt. Ararat Middle School. Sixth grade students are traveling virtually to different countries through the world language department using programs called Culturegrams, Google Earth and Skype.

A collaborative program between Mt. Ararat High School and Maine Region 10 Technical High School is working on a partnership between the vocational teacher and mathematics teacher to improve vocational student's mathematics achievement. They are presently working in the building trades and welding curriculum and hope to extend into culinary arts and auto technology.

Carrying Place Assembly

The Carrying Place Assembly is not an official town committee. We appreciate the request for an update of activities. Our only objective is to reestablish our historical town boundary altered by error in 1998.

We've directed our energies toward historical education, keeping children involved and working in concert with our Select Board and staff. We made an effort to contact every group, young and elder, in Town.

We sponsored a canoe portage in June and another in September. Harpswell Historical Society President David H. Hackett, estimates this to be the first such event in more than 200 years. We wish to thank the Barton family for their permission to cross their property.

In June we marked the ancient Town line with an attractive sign crafted by former Selectman Bob Webber. The sign was dedicated to the children of Harpswell. A thank you is extended to the Marlins and Chamberlains for permission to place the sign on their property. We appreciate the financial help from citizens for the sign and other work.

We presented our information to the Legislative Committee on State and Local Government on 2/9/11. It was a fair and thorough hearing and was the 53rd activity by the Carrying Place Assembly since last town meeting. We very much appreciate the overflow turnout by Harpswell folks from all areas of our unique and beautiful town.

Finally we appreciate the very excellent work by the Select Board, Town Administrator Kristi Eiane, Representative Kim Olsen and past Representative Leila Percy and we thank them for their support and participation.

Sam W. Alexander
Gareth Anderson

Amy Haible
John Loyd

Malcolm B. Whidden
And many others



Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the government activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Harpswell, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 (not presented herein), which collectively comprise the Town of Harpswell, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2011.

The accompanying summary financial information (listed below) of the Town of Harpswell, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, represents excerpts from the Town's complete financial statements and therefore is not a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Runyon Kersteen Ouellette

February 4, 2011
South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2010

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 11,523,962	-	11,523,962
Intergovernmental	232,042	-	232,042
Fines and violations	100	-	100
Miscellaneous	485,163	135,591	620,754
Total revenues	12,241,267	135,591	12,376,858
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,142,121	-	1,142,121
Public works	815,924	-	815,924
Protection and safety	776,922	-	776,922
Health and welfare	31,029	-	31,029
Cultural and recreation	211,728	46,143	257,871
Education	7,269,878	-	7,269,878
County taxes	1,065,406	-	1,065,406
Overlay/abatements	6,207	-	6,207
Debt service	641,304	-	641,304
Capital and special projects	126,173	86,074	212,247
Total expenditures	12,086,692	132,217	12,218,909
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	154,575	3,374	157,949
Other financing sources (uses):			
Proceeds from long-term debt	600,000	-	600,000
Transfers (to) from other funds	(746,100)	746,100	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(146,100)	746,100	600,000
Net change in fund balances	8,475	749,474	757,949
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,761,192	400,023	4,161,215
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 3,769,667	1,149,497	4,919,164

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets
General Fund
December 31, 2010 and 2009

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,753,652	3,781,642
Receivables:		
Taxes	446,298	586,173
Tax liens and acquired properties	76,049	84,220
Other	59,604	59,333
Notes receivable	-	25,000
Prepaid items	13,584	13,358
Total assets	\$ 5,349,187	4,549,726
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	75,345	50,805
Taxes paid in advance	18,178	856
Deferred revenues	336,500	336,850
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	28,281	22,603
Capital Projects	1,121,216	377,420
Total liabilities	1,579,520	788,534
Fund balance:		
Reserved for long-term receivable	-	25,000
Unreserved:		
Designated for subsequent years expenditures	368,744	380,042
Undesignated	3,400,923	3,356,150
Total fund balance	3,769,667	3,761,192
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 5,349,187	4,549,726

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, 2010

	<u>Budgeted amounts</u>		Actual	Variance positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 10,526,710	10,526,710	10,541,408	14,698
Change in deferred taxes	-	-	-	-
Interest and fees on property taxes	26,000	26,000	34,499	8,499
Excise taxes and registration fees	927,000	927,000	948,055	21,055
Total taxes	11,479,710	11,479,710	11,523,962	44,252
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	110,000	110,000	121,661	11,661
Local road assistance URIP	45,300	45,300	45,300	-
Homestead exemption and BETE	41,964	41,964	41,964	-
Tree growth	6,700	6,700	6,141	(559)
General assistance	2,000	2,000	6,256	4,256
Veterans exemption	1,500	1,500	3,283	1,783
Federal - FEMA	-	-	5,346	5,346
Other	1,500	1,500	2,091	591
Total intergovernmental	208,964	208,964	232,042	23,078
Fines and violations	-	-	100	100
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	35,000	35,000	19,329	(15,671)
Copies and records	3,000	3,000	5,334	2,334
Cable TV franchise fee	55,000	55,000	66,300	11,300
Licenses, fees and permits	153,200	153,200	149,338	(3,862)
Recycling center and disposal fees	190,000	190,000	207,571	17,571
Donations and gifts	8,000	8,000	12,084	4,084
Sale of property	4,000	4,000	1,199	(2,801)
Tower lease	12,000	12,000	16,770	4,770
Unclassified	1,800	1,800	7,238	5,438
Total miscellaneous	462,000	462,000	485,163	23,163
Total revenues	12,150,674	12,150,674	12,241,267	90,593

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, 2010

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures:							
<i>General government:</i>							
18	Elected officials	\$ -	119,335	119,335	118,106	1,229	-
General administration:							
19	Administration	-	271,505	271,505	255,790	15,715	-
19	Public information	-	9,000	9,000	6,606	2,394	-
19	Risk management	-	48,673	48,673	48,321	352	-
19	Legal services	-	35,000	35,000	42,611	(7,611)	-
20	Memberships	-	17,379	17,379	17,267	112	-
21	Assessing	-	80,482	80,482	77,792	2,690	-
22	Tax collector's office	-	33,628	33,628	31,643	1,985	-
23	Town clerk's office	-	48,277	48,277	40,588	7,689	-
24	Treasurer	-	1,750	1,750	1,448	302	-
25	Code enforcement	-	89,989	89,989	85,216	4,773	-
26	Planning	18,965	70,621	89,586	85,037	4,549	1,190
27	Employee benefits	-	271,580	271,580	259,716	11,864	-
28	Committees and commissions	-	4,770	4,770	3,838	932	-
Operations and maintenance:							
29	Municipal buildings and property	-	67,650	67,650	56,152	11,498	-
29	Old town house and commons	-	5,000	5,000	3,927	1,073	-
29	Town dock	-	3,250	3,250	1,710	1,540	-
29	Town landings	-	6,000	6,000	6,353	(353)	-
Total general government		18,965	1,183,889	1,202,854	1,142,121	60,733	1,190
<i>Public works:</i>							
30	Snow removal	-	449,785	449,785	416,966	32,819	-
30	Maintenance	-	50,000	50,000	49,893	107	-
30	Road, street signs	-	2,000	2,000	1,440	560	-
31	Recycling and transfer station	-	360,182	360,182	347,625	12,557	-
Total public works		-	861,967	861,967	815,924	46,043	-
<i>Protection and safety:</i>							
32,33	Emergency services	-	203,500	203,500	201,607	1,893	-
34	Street lighting	-	28,500	28,500	25,890	2,610	-
35	Harbor management	-	38,603	38,603	35,948	2,655	-
36	Animal control	-	23,686	23,686	21,428	2,258	-
37	Law enforcement and communication	-	323,741	323,741	323,741	-	-
37	Shellfish conservation enforcement	-	168,113	168,113	168,308 *	(195)	-
Total protection and safety		-	786,143	786,143	776,922	9,221	-
<i>Health and welfare:</i>							
38	Health and welfare	-	40,230	40,230	31,029	9,201	-
Total health and welfare		-	40,230	40,230	31,029	9,201	-
<i>Cultural and recreation:</i>							
39	Cultural and education programs	-	33,632	33,632	33,492	140	-
3	Curtis Memorial Library	-	119,884	119,884	119,884	-	-
40	Harpswell community broadcasting	-	35,000	35,000	35,000	-	-
41	Recreation - general	-	30,088	30,088	23,352	6,736	-
Total cultural and recreation		-	218,604	218,604	211,728	6,876	-

* Contingency transfer approved by selectmen to cover shellfish conversation/law enforcement (\$196)

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, 2010

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures, continued:							
CF	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	79,378	-	79,378	40,085	39,293	39,293
<i>Other capital / carryovers / reserves:</i>							
CF	Joyce Brown Swim fund	3,791	-	3,791	-	3,791	3,651 **
CF	Dry hydrant development	15,690	-	15,690	-	15,690	15,690
CF	Land acquisition	1,279	-	1,279	-	1,279	1,279
CF, 45	Vehicle replacement & vehicle equipment	13,500	28,000	41,500	-	41,500	41,500
CF	Update of assessing records	20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
CF	HCBC digital conversion	25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
CF	Cemetery restoration	950	-	950	-	950	-
CF	Emergency communication equipment	20,620	-	20,620	18,630	1,990	1,990
46	Orr's Island Library	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-
CF, 45	Boat and motor replacement	26,000	6,000	32,000	-	32,000	32,000
CF	Voting machines	12,300	-	12,300	-	12,300	12,300
CF	Generator replacement	29,000	12,000	41,000	-	41,000	41,000
CF, 45	T/O & Facilities Improvements	12,000	16,000	28,000	-	28,000	28,000
CF	Legislative agent	4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
CF, 56	Community development/Welcome signs	3,480	-	3,480	-	3,480	3,480
CF	Self insurance reserve	3,534	-	3,534	1,313	2,221	2,221
CF, 43	Heating assistance	14,711	6,000	20,711	7,566	13,145	14,595 ***
CF	Marine hazards	3,522	-	3,522	-	3,522	3,522
CF, 44	Failed septic systems	7,232	2,000	9,232	6,408	2,824	7,648 ***
53	Town Line Boundary	-	2,500	2,500	1,625	875	875
54	FEMA Consultant	-	20,000	20,000	19,425	575	575
55	Midcoast Regional Redevelopment	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-
57	Energy Conservation	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
50	Mitchell Field - operations/structural assess	-	8,500	8,500	7,161	1,339	-
CF	Mitchell Field - other	3,684	-	3,684	619	3,065	3,065
CF	Mitchell Field - deeds & legal	6,500	-	6,500	-	6,500	6,500
CF	Mitchell Field - zoning / performance	5,000	-	5,000	5,291 *	(291)	-
CF	Mitchell Field - gifts	50	-	50	50	-	-
Total capital and special projects		311,456	129,000	440,456	126,173	314,283	318,420
49	Debt service	-	665,960	665,960	641,304	24,656	-
CF	Contingency	49,621	-	49,621	-	49,621	49,135
Total budgeted expenditures		380,042	3,885,793	4,265,835	3,745,201	520,634	368,745
Other expenditures:							
	Educational appropriation	-	7,269,893	7,269,893	7,269,878	15	-
	County tax	-	1,065,406	1,065,406	1,065,406	-	-
	Overlay / abatements	-	73,292	73,292	6,207	67,085	-
Total other expenditures		-	8,408,591	8,408,591	8,341,491	67,100	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(380,042)	(143,710)	(523,752)	154,575	678,327	(368,745)
Other financing sources (uses):							
48	Proceeds from long-term debt	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	-	-
48	Transfer to Capital Projects - emergency vehicle	-	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	-	-
47	Transfer to Capital Projects - road projects	-	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	-	-
	Transfer from Grant fund	-	-	-	1,150	1,150	-
42	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs	-	(7,250)	(7,250)	(7,250)	-	-
64	Use of undesign. fund balance - budget	-	265,000	265,000	-	(265,000)	-
	Use of undesign. fund balance - loan repayments	-	25,960	25,960	-	(25,960)	-
	Use of carryforward balances	380,042	-	380,042	-	(380,042)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		380,042	143,710	523,752	(146,100)	(669,852)	-
Net change in fund balance		-	-	-	8,475	8,475	(368,745)
Fund balance, beginning of year					3,761,192		
Fund balance, end of year					\$ 3,769,667		

* Contingency transfer approved by selectmen to cover MF planning/zoning overage (\$290)

** Balance carried forward reflects 2010 use of funds for scholarships

*** Balances carried forward include 2010 revenue received for these purposes

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Special Revenues		Capital Projects		Totals
	Restricted Grants	Recreation	Emergency Vehicle	Road Projects	
Revenues:					
Intergovernmental	\$ 82,490	-	-	-	82,490
Private foundation	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Interest earned	-	-	7,257	-	7,257
Charges for services	-	40,844	-	-	40,844
Total revenues	87,490	40,844	7,257	-	135,591
Expenditures:					
For designated purpose	82,613	46,143	-	-	128,756
Capital outlay	-	-	-	3,461	3,461
Total expenditures	82,613	46,143	-	3,461	132,217
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	4,877	(5,299)	7,257	(3,461)	3,374
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers (to) from general fund	(1,150)	7,250	600,000	140,000	746,100
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,150)	7,250	600,000	140,000	746,100
Net change in fund balances	3,727	1,951	607,257	136,539	749,474
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,761	19,842	276,059	101,361	400,023
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 6,488	21,793	883,316	237,900	1,149,497

Harpswell 2011 Proposed Summary Budget

	2010	2011	
	Appropriations	Proposed	% Change
General Government	\$1,183,889	\$1,213,686	2.5%
Public Works	\$861,967	\$875,817	1.6%
Protection & Safety	\$786,143	\$787,868	.2%
Health & Welfare	\$46,230	\$38,730	-16.2%
Cultural & Recreational	\$225,854	\$241,346	6.9%
Mitchell Field	\$8,500	\$28,650	237.1%
Special Projects	\$37,500	\$89,500	138.7%
Conservation Fund	\$0	\$5,000	
Capital Roads	\$140,000	\$0	
Other Capital	\$77,000	\$106,000	37.7%
Emergency Vehicles	\$0	\$200,000	
Debt Service	<u>\$640,000</u>	<u>\$433,500</u>	-32.3%
Total (LD 1 Compliant)	\$4,007,083	\$4,020,097	0.3%

The above Table compares the actual 2010 Annual Town Meeting Raised and Appropriated amounts with the proposed 2011 amounts in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of March 12. In addition, \$200,000 from undesignated fund balance and a \$800,000 bond is being proposed for capital road improvements, such bond to be repaid over a 10-year period.

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 2011, this assessment is slated to increase by 4.7% from \$1,065,406 to \$1,115,485. 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. (\$7,269,878 was paid to M.S.A.D. #75 in 2010).

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 12, 2011**

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Islands School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the twelfth day of March, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 10. The business meeting to act on Article 11 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 \$114,988 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.

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

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

Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Regarding Timber Harvesting” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments 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.]

Art. 5 — To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Definitions Addendum regarding Mineral Exploration” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments 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.]

Art. 6 – To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Road Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments 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.]

Art. 7 – To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Regarding Community Docks” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments 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.]

Art. 8 – To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance Regarding Wheelchair Ramps and Other Accessibility Structures” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 9 – To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance to correct minor errors and inconsistencies with the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments 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.]

Art. 10 – To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Harpswell Blasting Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments 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.]

Art. 11 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Harpswell Solid Waste Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer, Recusal by Selectman Wallace

[The proposed ordinance amendments 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.]

Art. 12 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Town of Harpswell Comprehensive Plan Related to Mitchell Field” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Articles 13 and 14 may be passed over if Article 12 is defeated.

Art. 13 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Text and Map, Definitions Addendum, Subdivision Ordinance, Basic Land Use Ordinance and Site Plan Review Ordinance to Create a Mitchell Field Marine Business District and Establish Additional/Enhanced Performance Standards for Development in the Mitchell Field Marine Business District” be enacted, such amendments to be effective only if Article 12 is also enacted at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments 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.]

Art. 14 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year lease, for business purposes, of Town-owned property at Mitchell Field. Said lease, not to exceed ____ years, shall be with a person or entity licensed to do business in Maine and shall be located within that portion of Mitchell Field proposed for inclusion in the Marine Business District. The lease shall carry such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

(Note: The number of years not available as of printing deadline, but will be decided by Selectmen prior to posting the final version of the warrant.)

Art. 15 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Wireless Telecommunications Facility Ordinance Regarding Priority Locations” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Wireless Telecommunications Facility Ordinance shall be amended as follows: (additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~)

Section 8. Standards of Review

8.2.1 Priority of Locations. New wireless telecommunications facilities must be located according to the priorities below. The applicant shall demonstrate that a facility of a higher priority cannot reasonably accommodate the applicant’s proposed facility.

8.2.1.1 Colocation on an existing wireless telecommunications facility or other existing structure on (a) the parcel on which the Harpswell television transmitting tower is located, or (b) the parcel on which the Town Office and the Recycling Center are located, or the water tower located at Mitchell Field, or

8.2.1.2 Within the area defined in 8.2.1.1 above but not collocated.

Article 16 may be passed over if Article 15 is defeated.

Art. 16 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year lease, not to exceed ____ years, with a person or entity licensed to do business in Maine for the use of the water tower and surrounding area at Mitchell Field for telecommunications related purposes on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 17 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance Regarding Penalty for Nuisance Dogs and General Penalties” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Animal Control Ordinance shall be amended as follows: (additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck through~~)

SEC 104 REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION

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After January 31, the Animal Control Officer shall notify all owners of unlicensed dogs that they are subject to a late fee pursuant to 7 M.R.S.A. § 3923-A(4), as may be amended from time to time, and an administrative fee in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may ~~establish~~ from time to time establish by Board of Selectmen order, and that their dogs must be licensed by July 31 or they shall face court action.

SEC. 110 NOTICE AND RECLAMATION

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110.1 Impoundment fee in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may ~~establish~~ from time to time establish by Board of Selectmen order.

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SEC. 114 PENALTIES

The following penalties apply:

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114.3 Disturbing the Peace/Barking Dog. The owner of a dog that disturbs the peace of any person by frequently and habitually barking, howling, or creating other noise shall be punished, on the first offense, by a fine in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time establish by Board of Selectmen order. For second and subsequent offenses, the owner shall be punished by a fine in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time establish by Board of Selectmen order.

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114.5 Nuisance Dog. The owner of a dog that is found to be a nuisance shall be punished, on a first offense, by a fine in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may establish. For second and subsequent offenses, the owner shall be punished by a fine in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time establish by Board of Selectmen order.

114.6 General Penalty. A person who violates any provision of this Ordinance other than those set forth in Section 110 and Section 114.1 through 114.5 shall be punished by a fine in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time establish by Board of Selectmen order.

Art. 18 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2011 Amendments to the Harbor & Waterfront Ordinance Regarding Relocation of Moorings” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

5.2 Assignment of Mooring Space

5.2.1 A permitted mooring shall be assigned a location in Harpswell waters by the Harbormaster on a first-come first served basis as space permits with due regard to navigation and the safety of persons and property, and, where feasible, the prior year’s location. ~~z~~ New mooring permits will not be issued for a mooring that is located more than one-half mile from the applicant’s point of land access in Harpswell.

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5.2.3 Any applicant who completes re-registration by May 1 of any year shall be given preference for the location occupied by the registrant’s mooring the prior year, unless the Harbormaster determines that a demonstrated need for that location has been shown by someone higher on the list of priorities in Section 5.2.4 below. In such an event, after consultation with the original registrant, the Harbormaster will provide a new location ~~agreeable to the original registrant~~ and relocate the mooring, in the same condition it was in at its original location, at the expense of the new mooring owner being assigned the original registrant’s location.

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Section 7 THE HARBORMASTER, DEPUTY HARBORMASTER(S) AND ASSISTANT HARBORMASTERS – QUALIFICATIONS AND SALARY

Art. 19 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Property Tax Assistance Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Article 20 may be passed over if Article 19 is defeated.

Art. 20 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the Property Tax Assistance Program.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 21 – 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:

	2011	2010
Selectman, Chair	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	42,585	41,750
Town Clerk*	40,377	39,585
Treasurer	10,000	10,000

Road Commissioner	6,000	6,000
Travel Reimbursement	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	\$120,962	\$119,335

*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,208 which is budgeted in Article 22.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$360,389 for General Administration.

	2011	2010
Administration & Registrar	\$259,248	\$271,505
Public Information	9,000	9,000
Legal	40,000	35,000
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>52,141</u>	<u>48,673</u>
	\$360,389	\$364,178

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,418 for memberships as follows:

	2011	2010
Maine Municipal Association	\$7,784	\$7,745
Midcoast Council of Governments	7,859	7,859
New Meadows River Watershed	1,000	1,000
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	750	750
Harpswell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$17,418	\$17,379

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,600 for the Assessing Office. (\$80,482 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,123 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$33,628 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,552 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$48,277 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750 for the Treasurer’s Office. (\$1,750 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,315 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$89,989 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,513 for the Planning Office. (\$70,621 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$290,759 for Employee Benefits.

	2011	2010
Retirement	\$44,814	\$43,300
Health Insurance	182,681	163,740
Social Sec/Medicare	60,264	62,140
Disability	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	\$290,759	\$271,580

*Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer, Recusal by Selectman Wallace
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,405 for Boards and Committees. (\$4,770 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,900 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, properties and vehicles.

	2011	2010
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$62,900	\$67,650
Old Town House & Commons	11,500	5,000
Town Dock	3,000	3,250
Town Landings	<u>11,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	\$88,900	\$81,900

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,973 for Roads.

	2011	2010
Snow Removal	\$398,973	\$449,785
Road Maintenance	100,000	50,000
Road/Street Signs	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$500,973	\$501,785

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$374,844 for Operations and Personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$360,182 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer, Recusal by Selectman Wallace
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 35 — 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:

	2011	2010
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. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,070 for Emergency Services and Management.

	2011	2010
ALS, Phone & Central Communications	\$18,720	\$18,000
Fire Warden	2,000	2,000
Emergency Management	4,350	3,500
Dry Hydrant Operations	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$27,070	\$23,500

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for emergency medical services strategic planning. (No appropriation in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for Street Lighting. (\$28,500 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,026 for Harbor Management. (\$38,603 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,947 for Animal Control. (\$23,686 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$490,825 for Law Enforcement, Communications Services and Shellfish Conservation.

	2011	2010
General Law Enforcement	\$288,098	\$294,194
Communications	30,438	29,547
Shellfish Conservation: Marine Patrol	168,789	166,113
Shellfish Conservation: Boat Operations	<u>3,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$490,825	\$491,854

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 42 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,730 for General Assistance and Health & Welfare Agencies as follows:

	2011	2010
General Assistance	\$19,000	\$24,000
Community Health & Nursing (CHANS)	2,000	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
Hospice (combined with CHANS in 2011)	0	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250
Tedford Shelter	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500
Respite	1,000	1,000
Hunger Prevention	2,000	2,000
American Red Cross	1,000	1,000
Day One	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	\$33,730	\$40,230

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 43 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,563 for the Cultural purposes as follows:

	2011	2010
Orr’s Island Library	\$13,000	\$13,000
Cundy’s Harbor Library	13,800	13,800
Harpswell Historical Society	3,000	2,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,200	1,200
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,503	2,582
Five River Arts Alliance	500	500
Harpswell Scouting Association	60	50
Harpswell Festival	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$35,563	\$33,632

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 44 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$35,000 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 45 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,545 for the Recreation Department. (\$30,088 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 46 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,250 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 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 47 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Harpswell Heating Assistance reserve account to be used for heating assistance and improving home energy efficiency. (\$6,000 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 48 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the replacement of failed septic systems. (\$2,000 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 49 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for a wetlands delineation and standard boundary survey of tax-acquired property on Hildreth Road.
(No appropriation in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 50 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for continued professional assistance with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) related matters including proposed modifications to flood insurance rate maps for the Town of Harpswell. (\$20,000 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 51 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for capital reserve accounts as follows:

	2011	2010
Boat & Motor Replacement	\$6,000	\$6,000
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	25,000	28,000
Generator Replacement	0	12,000
Town Office & Facilities Improvements	16,000	16,000
Office Equipment	5,000	0
Emergency Communications Equipment	3,000	0
Recycling/Transfer Station	<u>25,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$80,000	\$62,000

*Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer, Recusal by Selectman Wallace
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 52 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the third and final payment to the Orr’s Island Library for its expansion. (\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2009, \$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 53 – To see the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 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.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$200,000 from undesignated fund balance for capital road projects, including, without limitation, drainage improvements, utility relocations, engineering, survey and other related costs, as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, with such funds to be held in the Road Capital Reserve Account until expenditure.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$800,000 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 \$977,400 of which principal is \$800,000 and estimated interest at 3.50% over 10 years is \$177,400.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 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	\$ 2,085,001
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 289,837
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 2,374,838
* 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	\$ 800,000
* Estimated of Potential New Interest	\$ 177,400
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 977,400

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 M. Kelly, Town Treasurer

Art. 56 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$433,500 for debt service. (\$640,000 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 57 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,650 for maintenance and operations of Mitchell Field.

	2011	2010
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	\$5,950	\$4,000
Electricity	1,200	1,000
Portable Toilets	1,500	1,000
Structural Analysis	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	\$8,650	\$8,500

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for 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. (No appropriation in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$20,000 grant from the State Planning Office and to appropriate the same for a feasibility study and design of a public boat ramp at Mitchell Field.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for expenses incurred by the Town in pursuing the reestablishment of the common boundary between the Towns of Harpswell and Brunswick at its original and historic location, prior to the 1998 alteration by the Maine State Legislature. (\$2,500 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for studies to support the potential conservation of land for public use, with such funds to be held in a Conservation Fund reserve account, and to accept gifts or grants from non-Town sources for this purpose. (No appropriation in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for capital equipment related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting. (No appropriation in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 63 — 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 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. 64 — 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. 65 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2012 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2011 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art.66 –72 The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 66-72 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.

Art. 66 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2011 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, 2011 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. 67 — 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. 68 — 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. 69 — 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. 70 — 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. 71 — 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 2011 budget from January 1, 2012 to the 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 72 — 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. 73 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$100,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,510,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, and \$175,000 of undesignated fund balance to reduce the tax commitment.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 74 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.

Art. 74 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,285,410 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.

REMINDER: Don't forget to choose your favorite Welcome to Harpswell Sign design at the Annual Town Meeting!

NOTE: Check the Town's website for the final Town Meeting Warrant as it may differ from this printed version.

**SAMPLE BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF HARPSWELL
MARCH 12, 2011**

Rosalind M. Knight
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

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

Vote for ONE 3-Year Term

- DANIEL, RICHARD A.
 HAWKES, ALISON S.

(Write-in)

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

Vote for TWO 3-Year Term

- LEVENSAILOR, DEBORA A.
 MEISENBACH, JANE B.
 OGRODNIK, KAY L.

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

Article 3

- YES To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,988 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.
 NO *Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer
Not Recommended by Selectman Wallace*

Article 4

- Shall an Ordinance entitled "2011 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Regarding Timber Harvesting" be enacted?
 YES *Recommended by Selectmen*
 NO [The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and online at harpwell.maine.gov].

Article 5

- Shall an Ordinance entitled "2011 Amendments to the Definitions Addendum regarding Mineral Exploration" be enacted?
 YES *Recommended by Selectmen*
 NO [The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and online at harpwell.maine.gov].

Article 6

- Shall an Ordinance entitled "2011 Amendments to the Road Ordinance" be enacted?
 YES *Recommended by Selectmen*
 NO [The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and online at harpwell.maine.gov].

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 7

- YES Shall an Ordinance entitled "2011 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Regarding Community Docks" be enacted?
 NO

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and online at harpswell.maine.gov].

Article 8

- YES Shall an Ordinance entitled "2011 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance Regarding Wheelchair Ramps and Other Accessibility Structures" be enacted?
 NO

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and online at harpswell.maine.gov].

Article 9

- YES Shall an Ordinance entitled "2011 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance to correct minor errors and inconsistencies with the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be enacted?
 NO

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and online at harpswell.maine.gov].

Article 10

- YES Shall an Ordinance entitled "2011 Amendments to the Blasting Ordinance" be enacted?
 NO

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and online at harpswell.maine.gov].

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING