

**WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE**

MAY 18, 2002

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 eighteenth of May, 2002 at 12 o'clock noon of said day to act on Articles 1 through 9.

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

Art. 2 – To see if the Town will vote to change the rate of interest charged on unpaid taxes from 6.75% to 8.75% for 2002 taxes paid after October 15, 2002.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 3 – To see if the Town will vote to change the rate of interest paid by the Town on abated taxes from 2.75% to 4.75% for the 2002 assessment.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 4 – To see if the Town will vote:

- (A) **To approve an increase of an amount not to exceed \$490,000 in the cost of the Town Office capital improvement project consisting of the design, renovation and expansion of the Town Office building and site work from the total cost not to exceed \$850,000, as approved at the March 11, 2000 Town Meeting, to an increased total cost not to exceed \$1,340,000; and**
- (B) **To fund the increase in the cost of said capital improvement project, an additional sum not to exceed \$490,000 is hereby appropriated; and**
- (C) **To meet said appropriation, the Selectmen, acting pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5772, are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$490,000 and to exercise their discretion to fix date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities on behalf of the Town of Harpswell and to provide for the sale thereof; and**

(D) To raise and appropriate the amount required, if any, for debt service on such securities and notes during fiscal year 2002.

Selectmen recommend that the increase in the project cost, appropriation and borrowing be in an amount not to exceed \$420,000 (instead of the \$490,000 described in paragraphs A, B and C of the above Article but with no change to paragraph D of the above Article).

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. Total Town Indebtedness:

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$1,550,000
b. Bonds authorized and unissued	259,000
c. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	<u>490,000</u>
Total	\$2,299,000

2. Costs:

The estimated cost of the additional \$490,000 in general obligation bonds (assuming estimated interest at 5% and a term of 15 years) for the Town Office Building capital improvement project will be:

Principal	\$490,000
Interest	<u>\$218,116</u>
Total additional debt service	\$708,116

3. Validity:

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.

Kathleen M. Sylvester
Deputy Town Treasurer

Art. 5 – To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to expend no additional funds and to take no further action with respect to the capital improvement project for the Town Office Building.

*Article by Petition
Not Recommended by Selectmen*

Art. 6 – To see if the Town will vote to conduct an independent analysis of the all-inclusive cost of the project as currently designed, said cost to include but not be limited to professional fees, site preparation and utilities, building additions and renovations, furnishings, fixtures and equipment, parking, landscaping, clerk-of-the-works supervision, and appropriate contingencies necessary for the full and satisfactory completion of the project, and to report all findings within 60 days to a Town Meeting for further action by voters.

*Article by Petition
Not Recommended by Selectmen*

Art. 7 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,000 from the Town Office Building capital improvement project fund balance to hire outside professional assistance as necessary.

*Article by Petition
Not Recommended by Selectmen*

Art. 8 – Shall an ordinance entitled “May 2002 Amendment to the Harpswell Town Road Ordinance Regarding Setbacks from the Traveled Way” be enacted?

4.2.10 ~~All~~ No new stone walls, new retaining walls, or and new solid fences shall not be constructed within 25’ in such a manner or in such a location that, in the reasonable judgment of the Road Commissioner, would prevent the efficient removal of snow from the pavement or similar hard-packed surface of the edge any traveled way maintained by the Town; provided, however, that no such walls or fences shall be located within the right of way of a State road or a public road. The Road Commissioner shall be notified in writing of the proposed location of the wall or fence before any wall or fence can be constructed.

Recommended by Selectmen

[If Article 8 is adopted, Selectmen recommend passing over Article 9.]

Art. 9 – Shall an ordinance entitled “May 2002 Amendment to the Harpswell Town Road Ordinance Regarding Setbacks from the Traveled Way” be enacted?

4.2.10 ~~All~~ No new stone walls, new retaining walls, or and new solid fences shall not be constructed within 25’ 8’ of the edge of the pavement of any traveled way maintained by the Town; provided, however, that no such walls or fences shall be located within the right of way of a State road or a public road.

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 also be accepted at the meeting.

Given under our hand this tenth day of May, A.D. 2002.

George H. Swallow

David S. Mercier

James W. Knight
Selectmen, Town of Harpswell