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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 9, 2019

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To Catherine J. Doughty, a resident of the Town of Harpswell:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Community School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the ninth day of March, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 and 2. The business meeting to act on Article 3 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; one Town Clerk for a three-year term; one Tax Collector for a three-year term and one M.S.A.D. # 75 Director for a three-year term.

Art. 3 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2019 Proposed Amendments to the Town of Harpswell Blasting Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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Section 2. Definitions

Turbidity – The cloudiness or haziness of a fluid caused by large numbers of individual particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye.

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Section 3. Permit Required

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3.2 All applications shall contain the following information:

- (a) The name of the applicant
- (b) The name of the property owner
- (c) The general contractor
- (d) The location(s) of the proposed blasting activity
- (e) The total number of cubic yards of material estimated to be removed by blasting
- (f) An estimate of the number of blasts required to remove the specified amount of material
- (g) Hours and dates of proposed blasting activity
- (h) ~~The following studies or information shall be included:~~ A pPreblast assessments ~~that,~~ to includes:
 - a. interior and exterior inspections of structures located within a two hundred fifty (250) ft. radius of the blasting location (contingent upon owner agreement) and;
 - b. water samples from wells located within a two hundred fifty (250) ft. radius of the blasting location (contingent upon owner agreement) demonstrating the pre-blast water quality including the turbidity of the water.

~~2) Seismograph record of each blast~~

(i) Proof that the entity applying for the Town’s blasting permit has a permit to use explosives as issued by the State of Maine Fire Marshall’s Office.

3.3 Upon receipt of a completed application, the Code Enforcement Officer shall review and act upon the application or refer it to the Planning Board if required within ten (10) days. Failure to do so shall not be deemed an approval of the permit application.

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Section 4. Performance Standards

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4.2 ~~Water Quality and Quantity Protection.~~ Water Quality and Quantity Protection. Water is a precious resource and measures shall be taken to protect groundwater quality ~~and quantity.~~

(a) ~~The Code Enforcement Officer may require post-blast monitoring of groundwater quality and quantity to assure no adverse impacts to any water supplies or wells within two hundred fifty (250500) feet of the blasting location. If post-blast monitoring is required it shall be done no sooner than twenty-four (24) hours and no later than four business days after the completion of blasting.~~

(b) ~~The Code Enforcement Officer may require monitoring of groundwater quality. The No blasting activity shall not increase the turbidity of the water in any monitored well above the level of turbidity documented in the pre-blast assessment or otherwise decrease the pre-blast water quality in the well. If there is an increase in the turbidity of the water in a monitored well or any other decrease in water quality, the applicant shall be responsible for improving or treating the water to meet this requirement, in the ground water to more than which existed prior to the blasting, as established in a preblast survey, if such survey has been completed.~~

~~(c) If groundwater contains an increase in turbidity, then the applicant shall demonstrate how water quality will be improved or treated, if necessary.~~

~~(d) The Code Enforcement Officer may require monitoring of groundwater quantity. No blasting activity shall decrease the quantity of ground water to less than what existed prior to the blasting, as established in a preblast survey, if such survey has been completed.~~

~~(e) If groundwater contains a decrease in quantity, then the applicant shall demonstrate how water quantity will be improved, if necessary.~~

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Section 5. Notices Required Following Issuance of Permit

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5.3 ~~Following the submission of the application to the CEO and atAt least fifteen (150) days prior to the intended date of the commencement of the blasting, the person responsible for the blast shall inform all property owners within five hundred (500) feet of the blasting location. Such notification stating the purpose, warning procedures, date and time of the blast shall be given by first class mail and certified mail. Evidence that such notification was sent shall be provided to the Code Enforcement Officer upon request. Failure of a property owner to receive the required notice does not invalidate the blasting permit.~~

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Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2019 Proposed Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance Regarding Property Line Setbacks for Workforce Housing” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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11.18.2. Applicability

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11.18.2.1 Single Lot Development Standards

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c. Property Line Sideyard-Setback

If there is a predominate pattern of development in the immediate neighborhood with respect to the relationship of the principal structure to the property lines to the side of the structure side yards as determined by the CEO, the Workforce Housing Unit must be located on the lot so that it has a similar relationship to the side property lines yards as other neighboring principal structures on the same side of the road. If this requires the Workforce Housing Unit to be closer to the property side yard lot line(s) to the side of the structure than the required property line side yard setback, the Workforce Housing Unit may encroach into the ~~side-setback area(s)~~ and no variance is required.

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Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2019 Proposed Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance Regarding Property Line Setbacks for Small Structures that are Accessory to the Principal Structure Listed on the National Register of Historic Places” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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11.3 Principal and Accessory Structures

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11.3.1.1 Setback

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11.3.1.2. One accessory structure not to exceed eighty (80) square feet and not to exceed ten feet six inches (10'6") in height may intrude up to fifteen (15) feet into a sideline or rear setback without the need for a variance if the CEO determines that the structure will be accessory to a principal structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, that the intrusion into the setback has been determined by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to be necessary to maintain the historic character of the property, that the intrusion has been consented to in writing by the property owner(s) abutting the lot line in question, and the accessory structure will meet all other requirements of the ordinance.

Art. 6 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2019 Proposed Amendments to the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance be enacted?”

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance is attached, 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 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2019 Proposed Amendments to the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance” be enacted?”

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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Every reference to M.R.S.A is to be changed to M.R.S.

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4.4 Aquaculture

Aquaculture means the culture or husbandry of marine organisms by any person. All applications are regulated by the Maine Department of Marine Resources.

4.45 Closed Harbor

A mooring area determined by the Harbormaster to have reached or is reaching capacity.

4.56 Commercial Fishing Vessel

Any vessel used primarily to generate income through fishing.

4.67 Commercial Vessel

Any vessel used primarily to generate income.

4.78 Float Moorings

Floats that are used for business or recreation, not secured to the shore but held in place by ~~mooring/moorings~~ an anchoring device not carried aboard a vessel as regular equipment. (Army Corp of Engineers permit required).

4.9 Guest Mooring

A temporary mooring that may be permitted yearly in a non-congested area, as determined by the Harbormaster, to a Resident or Non Resident Taxpayer shorefront property owner, solely for use by that permit holder’s guests on a non-rental basis. The mooring shall not be occupied by the same vessel for more than seven days. (Army Corps of Engineers permit required)

Re-numbering current sections 4.8 through 4.20 to 4.10 through 4.22

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~~4.19~~21 Service Mooring

Any mooring owned by a commercial entity used in the daily operations of that business that is not intended for rental purposes. ~~Guest moorings shall be considered Service Moorings.~~ (Army Corp of Engineers Permit required).

~~4.20~~22 Shorefront Owner

An owner of a parcel of land, as that term is defined in Title 38 M.R.S.A. § 11(2), as may be amended from time to time, contiguous to waters of Harpswell.

4.23 Subtidal Waters

The waters below the extreme low water mark.

4.24 Town Wharf, Dock or Float

A wharf, dock or float owned and maintained by the Town of Harpswell.

4.225 Town Landing

An area of land contiguous to waters of Harpswell which is owned by the town of which is impressed with a public right of access.

4.236 Vessel

A vessel shall include boats of all sizes powered by sail, machinery or by hand; scows; dredges, and craft of any kind.

4.247 Waters of Harpswell

All waters below the ~~ordinary-high~~ highest annual tide mark and extending seaward three miles from the shoreline of property located within the boundaries of the Town of Harpswell.

Section 5 MOORING REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS

5.1.1 Registration

All moorings located below the ~~low-water-line~~ lowest annual tide in waters of Harpswell shall be registered with the Town Clerk. For renewal moorings re-registered after May 1, ~~the mooring fee will be doubled a late fee will be added. Late fees are determined by the Board of Selectmen, as may be amended from time to time.~~

5.1.2 Requirements for New and Renewal Mooring Registration

Applicants for a new mooring registration must submit a completed application form to the Town Clerk on forms available in the Town Clerk's Office. Applicants for a renewal mooring registration need only submit a new completed form to the Town Clerk if there are any changes to the registration from the prior year, including change of vessel, change of contact information, change of resident status or upon the Harbormaster's request.

5.1.3 Requirements for New and Renewal Waiting List Registration

Applicants for a new waiting list registration must submit a completed application form to the Town Clerk on forms available in the Town Clerk's Office. Applicants for a renewal waiting list registration need only submit a new completed form to the Town Clerk if there are any changes to the registration from the prior year, including change of vessel, change of contact information, change of resident status or upon the Harbormaster's request. Failure to renew a position on the waiting list shall result in losing seniority on the waiting list.

~~5.1.3~~ 5.1.4 Categories of Mooring Registration

5.1.3.1 5.1.4.1 Resident /Non-Resident Taxpayer

- * 5.1.4.2 Non Resident
- * 5.1.4.3 Rental Mooring
- * 5.1.4.4 Float Mooring
- * 5.1.4.5 Service Mooring
- 5.1.4.6 Guest Mooring

~~5.1.4~~ 5.1.5 Registration Fees

The registration fee shall be in the amount determined by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Title 38 M.R.S.A. § 7-A(2), as may be amended from time to time. The registration fee schedule shall be available at the Town Office.

5.1.6 Waiting List Fee

All waiting list fees are due by May 1, annually. The Waiting List Fee shall be in the amount determined by the Board of Selectmen as may be amended from time to time.

Re-numbering current sections 5.1.5 and 5.1.6 to 5.1.7 and 5.1.8

5.2 Assignment of Mooring Space

5.2.8 Guest Moorings

Guest moorings shall be registered with the Town and be permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers. Guest moorings shall only be used for their permitted purposes.

Re-numbering sections 5.2.8 and 5.2.9 to 5.2.9 and 5.2.10

6.3 Duties and Responsibilities

6.3.6 The Committee may assist the Harbormaster, upon the Harbormaster's request, in review of any subtidal Aquaculture applications submitted to the Town for Harbormaster consideration. The Harbormaster has the final authority to decide on the application in regards to fishing, navigation and other uses of the area.

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

~~7.1.2~~ Assistant Harbormaster(s)

~~Assistant Harbormasters shall serve without salary and are to serve only in certain designated areas of the Town's waters. Their function is only to assist the Harbormaster, and to keep him informed of any problems or any controversy in their area. The Harbormaster shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall serve in that capacity until discharged by the Board of Selectmen or until resignation.~~

Art. 8 — Shall an Ordinance entitled Town of Harpswell Use of Firearms Ordinance that was adopted in 1999 be repealed and replaced with an Ordinance entitled “2019 Town of Harpswell Use of Firearms Ordinance?”

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance is attached, 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. 9 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2019 Town of Harpswell Sport Shooting Range Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance is attached, 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 see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from Jonathan Bear on property located at Wilson’s Pond, a portion of Tax Map 34, Lot 108.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver an easement deed in substantially the same form as shown on the attached [to the warrant] to Clover, LLC, or its successors or nominees, for a four-foot-wide private underground utility line installation within the Abner Point Road right-of-way on Bailey Island.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 12 — 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:

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Selectman	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	45,154	44,053	44,053
Town Clerk*	49,367	48,163	48,163
Road Commissioner**	0	6,087	6,087
Travel Reimbursement	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>743</u>
	\$113,721	\$117,803	\$117,046

*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,599 which is budgeted in Article 13.

**The Road Commissioner is appointed (not elected) and compensation is budgeted in Article 36.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 13 -- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$434,110 for general administration.

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Administration Salary & Wages	\$197,214	\$191,171	\$192,377
Computers & Computer Services Agreements	32,688	31,185	28,606
Audit	12,000	12,000	7,200
Other	36,900	37,400	24,101
Public Information	9,000	9,000	8,386
Legal	50,000	50,000	96,436
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>96,308</u>	<u>89,978</u>	<u>93,507</u>
	\$434,110	\$420,734	\$450,613

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 14 -- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,286 for memberships as follows:

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Maine Municipal Association	\$9,836	\$9,738	\$9,738
Mid Coast Economic Development District	5,925	5,925	5,925
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	500	500	500
Harpwell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$16,286	\$16,188	\$16,188

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 15 -- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,319 for the Assessing Office. (\$84,003 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$80,057 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 16 -- To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$20,000 from the Assessing Reserve account to update assessing software.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 17 -- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,485 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$36,795 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$35,772 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 18 -- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,863 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$55,658 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$59,974 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 19 -- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,779 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$31,383 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$30,247 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,229 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$138,129 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$136,398 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,480 for the Planning Office and for planning services. (\$71,931 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$62,071 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$381,954 for operations and personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$365,531 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$366,591 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,925 for Animal Control to include \$6,305 for Midcoast Humane. (\$26,387 raised and appropriated in 2018 including \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society; \$24,196 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,050 for Harbor Management to include Marine Resources Administration. (\$58,378 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$53,833 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to establish a Marine Hazard reserve to fund the removal of navigational hazards as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,013 for the Recreation Department. (\$46,733 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$42,744 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,800 for Recreation Programs and the sum of \$2,000 for maintenance of Trufant-Summerton Field, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate revenue generated by recreation programs for recreational purposes and revenue generated by advertising for operating expenses and capital improvement of Trufant-Summerton Field. (\$13,600 raised and appropriated in 2018)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$422,974 for employee benefits.

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Health Insurance/Reimbursement	\$278,907	\$262,071	\$240,357
Social Security/Medicare	75,988	74,990	73,933
Retirement	64,779	60,327	53,055
Disability	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,847</u>
	\$422,974	\$400,388	\$370,192

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

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,060 for boards and committees. (\$7,270 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$4,769 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,225 for the maintenance and repair of cemeteries and graves, including the Old Dunning Cemetery, in accordance with State law. (\$7,225 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$7,225 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,300 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, vehicles and properties including an easement.

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$85,500	\$75,000	\$80,067
EMS Building	6,200	4,000	5,968
Old Town House & Commons	9,000	9,000	5,431
Town Dock	7,000	5,500	6,507
Community TV Building	8,500	0	0
Town Landings	20,000	20,000	24,661 (+ co)
Cedar Beach Monitors & Signage	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>3,632</u>
	\$140,300	\$117,600	\$126,266

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,450 for Mitchell Field.

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	12,150	16,950	14,843
Building Removal & Soil Clean-up	10,000	0	0
Bandstand Maintenance	1,500	3,000	1,349
Monitor & Surveying	1,300	500	500
Electricity	1,500	1,500	1,425
Portable Toilets	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,432</u>
	\$28,450	\$23,950	\$19,549

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend a sum of up to \$150,000 from the Mitchell Field Capital Reserve account as matching funds for a SHIP (Small Harbor Improvement Program) grant to construct and equip a seasonal ramp and float system at Mitchell Field including improvements to the causeway; and (2) authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the SHIP grant from the Maine Department of Transportation for same.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the Mitchell Field Capital Reserve Account, which reserve funds may be used as the Town’s share to match grants for future waterfront improvements at Mitchell Field.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee

Note: The Town Meeting may be asked to set aside \$50,000 each year for three years as the Town’s share of matching grant funds for a boat launch project at Mitchell Field.

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year agreements, of up to three years, for leasing Town-owned property, at the entrance to Mitchell Field, to entities licensed to do business in the State of Maine on terms that the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$624,675 for snow removal, road maintenance, road/street signs and compensation for the Road Commissioner.

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Snow Removal	\$512,441	\$466,412	\$473,333
Road Maintenance & Signs	78,500	60,000	55,856
Road Commissioner Salary	32,234	25,361	25,361
Road Commissioner Travel	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>993</u>
	\$624,675	\$552,973	\$555,543

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for capital improvements 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. (\$200,000 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$22,956 expended; and \$244,359 in reserve)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$288,773 for 24/7 Harpswell-based paramedic coverage and related administrative support services provided by Mid Coast Health Services. (\$283,111 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$283,105 expended).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$187,800 for municipal firefighters and their associated costs to assist the three fire and rescue companies in their delivery of services. (\$166,003 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$157,319 expended).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend Community Development Block Grant funds for the replacement of the emergency communications tower at Orr's Island Fire Department and to authorize \$19,000 from the Town's Emergency Communications Equipment Reserve account as matching funds.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for consulting services related to the development and/or improvement of infrastructure for communication purposes including, but not limited to, mobile phone, cable and emergency services.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 42 — 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:

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr's-Bailey Islands Fire and Rescue	60,000	60,000	60,000
Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 43 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the purchase of emergency services vehicles, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such vehicles to be owned by the Town, and leased to the local Fire Departments that have an Emergency Services Agreement with the Town on such lease terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town, with such funds to be held in the Emergency Vehicles Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until vehicle purchase. (\$150,000 raised and appropriated in 2018; no expenditure in 2018; and \$347,771 in reserve).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,475 for other emergency services and management.

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Back-up ALS & Central Communications	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,025
Emergency Management	1,975	1,975	985
Dry Hydrant Operations	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,158</u>
	\$6,475	\$6,475	\$6,168

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for street lighting. (\$26,000 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$26,483 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

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Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year agreement of up to four years with Cumberland County for communication services and (2) raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,839 for same. (\$33,346 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$33,346 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 47 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,993 and expend \$48,800 from the Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment Reserve Account for law enforcement services, to include the replacement of a vehicle, from Cumberland County. (\$348,507 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$348,507 expended; \$45,700 appropriated from the vehicle reserve in 2018 and \$45,150 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$203,135 for Marine Wardens and shellfish conservation related services from Cumberland County. (\$193,699 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$193,699 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for boat operations for the Marine Patrol boat. (\$2,000 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$1,257 expended).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for marine resources and shellfish conservation activities including purchasing supplies for conservation projects. (\$4,500 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$349 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,230 for General Assistance and health & welfare agencies as follows:

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
General Assistance	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$12,961
Independence Association	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730	730
People Plus	2,000	2,000	2,000
Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250	250
Tedford Housing	1,000	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500	500
Respite	1,600	1,600	1,600
Midcoast Hunger Prevention	4,000	4,000	4,000
American Red Cross	1,500	1,500	1,500
Day One	250	250	250
Oasis Health Network	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Focus	700	700	700
Lifeflight Foundation	700	700	700
YMCA (Bath/Brunswick Landing)	1,000	1,000	1,000
Harpswell Aging at Home	1,000	1,000	1,000
	\$35,230	\$35,230	\$33,191

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,872 for the purposes as follows:

	2019	2018	2018 Expended
Curtis Memorial Library	\$146,869	\$141,900	\$141,900
Orr's Island Library	20,000	15,000	15,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	20,000	19,000	19,000
Harpswell Historical Society	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500	500
Memorial Observances	2,000	1,600	1,375
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,703	2,695	2,695
Harpswell Business Association	3,000	3,000	3,000
Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association	3,000	2,000	2,000
Maine Public Broadcasting	300	300	300
Community Fireworks Display	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$202,872	\$189,995	\$189,770

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association (HNPEA) to upgrade tennis courts at Harpswell Center, with such funds to be released upon HNPEA demonstrating that it has raised the remaining funds needed for the project. (\$3,000 raised and appropriated in 2018, being held in reserve).

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the contingency reserve. (\$30,000 appropriated in 2018 and added to \$16,228 in reserve; \$38,308 expended; \$7,920 available).

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Harpswell Heating Assistance Program reserve account to be used for heating assistance and improving home energy efficiency, which may include repairing, improving and/or replacing heating systems, with all program requirements to be determined by the Board of Selectmen. (\$64,349 was available in 2018; \$46,171 was expended; \$18,178 remaining in reserve)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 56 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to support Harpswell Aging at Home and the Habitat for Humanity home repairs program that makes Harpswell homes warm, safe, and dry. Such funds may be used as the Town's share to match grants and/or to reimburse Habitat for Humanity for material costs related to Harpswell home repairs.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee

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Art. 57 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,500 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$68,000 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$68,000 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$6,000 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town’s cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same for a principal payment on a lease-purchase agreement pursuant to which equipment, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting, has been acquired by the Town. (\$6,000 accepted and expended in 2018)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,400 for a warranty on equipment, acquired by the Town in a lease-purchase agreement, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting. (\$6,400 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$6,400 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$5,400 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town’s cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same as a pro-rata reimbursement to the Town, Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation and the three local Fire Departments for internet and cable television costs incurred by the same. (\$6,357 expended in 2018)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the Property Tax Assistance Program with unexpended funds to be held in reserve. (\$5,000 appropriated in 2018; \$7,724 expended in 2018 with \$1,985 remaining in reserve)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,000 for the Facilities Capital Reserve Account to add to the existing reserve of \$46,078, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the reserve for facilities improvements within the Town including, but not limited to, upgrading and/or replacing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems of the Town Office Building. Such reserve funds may be used as the Town’s share to match grants for facilities improvements. (\$50,000 appropriated in 2018, \$24,836 expended in 2018 with \$46,078 remaining in reserve)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$167,500 for capital reserve accounts as follows:

	2019	2018	2018 Expended	In reserve
Recycling/Transfer Station	\$30,000	\$90,000	\$96,500	\$92,640
Office Equipment	15,000	20,000	0	22,500
Land Acquisition & Improvements	60,000	0	63,966	81,146
Emergency Communications Equipment	2,500	2,500	0	26,521
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	<u>60,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>55,275</u>	<u>26,415</u>
	\$167,500	\$152,500	\$215,741	\$249,222

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$415,000 for short- and long-term principal and interest payments. (\$470,000 raised and appropriated in 2018; \$468,381 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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 2020 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2019 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Recommended by Selectmen

The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 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 16, 2019 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 16, 2019 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 service to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid 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 2020 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 6% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 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, except that the Board of Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). 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

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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 2019 budget from January 1, 2020 to the 2020 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 \$70,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$2,035,500 from non-property tax revenue sources, \$470,000 of unassigned fund balance and the homestead exemption and BETE reimbursement, estimated to be \$100,000, to reduce the tax commitment. (\$60,000 of Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,903,000 of non-property tax revenue, \$370,000 of unassigned fund balance and \$108,954 of homestead exemption and BETE reimbursement used in 2018)

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 \$2,957,787 established for Harpswell by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

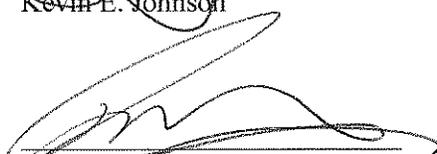
The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be available at the Town Office during regular business hours for the entire week preceding said meeting to receive applications of persons claiming the right to vote at said meeting and to make corrections to the list of voters. Registrations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

Given under our hand this twenty-eighth day of February 2019.

Harpswell Board of Selectmen


Richard A. Daniel


Kevin E. Johnson


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