

TOWN OF HARPSWELL



2019 Annual Report

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<i> Abatements & Supplements</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Thursday: 1pm – 6:30pm</i>	
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DEDICATION

The 2019 Harpswell Town Report is dedicated to Fernando “Fred” R. Cantu.



Sadly, in October of 2019, we lost Fred Cantu—a valued member of our staff. We have missed his outgoing and gregarious personality, which had the effect of lifting up the entire workplace and everyone around him.

He was a proud veteran, husband, father, son and public servant, who will be forever remembered as a man of great integrity by all he came in contact with including his colleagues at work and the people he served in Harpswell. For six years, he was the Recycling Center & Transfer Station Manager, after which he moved to the position of Code Enforcement Officer where he worked for four more years. In both capacities, Fred interacted with many residents and taxpayers of Harpswell who came to know and respect him. He was also a gifted musician who enjoyed performing and sharing his music with others.

We have been deeply saddened by the loss of Fred, and while it has been a difficult time, we hold dear our memories of Fred and carry him and his commitment to public service with us.



ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

January 1 to December 31, 2019

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Kevin E. Johnson (2020)

David I. Chipman (2021)

Jane G. Covey (2022)

Town Clerk *Rosalind M. Knight (2022)*

Tax Collector *Jill M. Caldwell (2022)*

M.S.A.D. #75 Directors

Alison S. Hawkes (2020)

David A. Johnson (2020) Resigned

Linda W. Hall (2022)

Joanne M. Rogers (2021) Resigned

Frank V. Wright, IV (2020) Appointed

Molly K. Perry (2020) Appointed

TOWN OF HARPSWELL

Incorporated the 13th Town

January 25, 1758

First Settled: Mid 1600's

Permanently Settled: 1727

2010 Census: 4,740

Registered Voters: 4,155

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8

Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

2019 State Valuation: \$1,931,200,000

Boards & Committees

BANDSTAND

Candis Hine '21
 Chris Hall '21
 Bryan Foster '22
 Robert Modr '22
 William Muldoon '20
 Michael Millius '20
 Richard Meisenbach '20
 Lee Cheever '20 (Resigned)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Kent Simmons '21
 Ellen Shillinglaw '21
 Ellen Lebauer '22
 Patricia Lawson '20
 James Knight '20
 Michael McCabe '21 Assoc. (Resigned)
 Jean Calderwood '20 Assoc. (Resigned)

BUDGET ADVISORY

Allan LeGrow '22
 Jane Meisenbach '20
 Donald Miskill, Jr. '22
 Linda Hall '20
 Marge Webster Warren '21
 Stephen Pulsifer '21
 Burton Taylor, Jr. '21 (Resigned)

CABLE TV FRANCHISE ADVISORY

Kristi Eiane '19
 Jane Covey '19
 Marguerite Newberg '19
 Donna Frisoli '19
 Gary Vincent '19

CLIMATE RESILIENCY

TASK FORCE

Reed Coles '19
 William Mangum '19
 Joanne Rogers '19
 Richard Mosley '19
 Jay McCreight '19
 Deirdre Strachan '19
 Mary Ann Nahf '19
 Jack Dostie '19
 Bruce Davis '19
 Ned Simmons '19
 Monique Coombs '19
 William Saxton '19
 Kenneth Oehmig '19

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Deirdre Strachan '21
 Paul Ciesielski '21
 Burton Taylor, Jr. '22
 Sue Vachon '20
 Wendy Batson '20
 Mary Ann Nahf '20
 Becky-Sue Betts '22
 Jenny Zagariello '20 Associate
 Thomas Bachman '20 Associate

ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY

John Monaghan, Jr. '21
 Gary Vincent '22
 Howard Marshall '21
 Matthew Kennett '21
 James Bebarski '20
 Brent Dudley '21 (Resigned)

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '20
 Jonathan Burbank '20
 David Mercier '20
 Zachary Stoler '20
 Peter Vincent '20

FIRE & RESCUE PLANNING

Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '20
 Harvey Pough '20
 Jonathan Burbank '20
 Allan LeGrow '20
 David Mercier '20
 Kevin Johnson '20
 Gail Hart '20 (Resigned)

HARBOR & WATERFRONT

Burton Taylor, Jr. '21
 Philip Conner '21
 William Saxton '21
 Warner Price '21
 John Perry '20
 Forrest Mason '22
 Frank Holdgate '20
 Scott Merryman '20
 Jack Dostie '22

MARINE RESOURCES

David Wilson '22
 Wendall Cressey '20
 David Hunter '20
 Walter Scott Moody, Jr. '20
 Mary Ann Nahf '20 Alternate

MARINE RESOURCES (cont)

Sean Hall '20 Alternate
 Serene Hart '20 (Resigned)
 Ashley Breton '20 (Resigned)

MITCHELL FIELD

Donald Miskill, Jr. '21
 Thomas Haible '21
 Philip Conner '21
 Scott Sheffer '20
 Warner Price '22
 Sharon Oehmig '19 Master Plan
 David Znamierowski '19 Master Plan
 Lee Cheever '19 Master Plan
 Paul Ciesielski '19 Master Plan

PLANNING BOARD

Paul Standridge '21
 Joanne Rogers '21
 Allan LeGrow '22
 Amy Haible '20
 Burton Taylor, Jr. '20 Associate
 Aaron Fuchs '20 (Resigned)

RECREATION

Donald Miskill, Jr. '21
 David Brooks '21
 Susan Rich '22
 Richard Rumba '22
 Monique Coombs '20
 Anthony Barrett '20
 Tom Carr '22
 Gail Federico '20 Associate
 Richard Meisenbach '20 (Resigned)

RECYCLING

Philip Conner '21
 George Barker '21
 Jeffrey Stann '20
 John Stokinger '22
 Robert Eaton '22
 Mike McCabe '20 (Resigned)

TOWN LANDS

Priscilla Seimer '21
 Hope Hilton '22
 Jane Smith '22
 Kenneth Oehmig '20
 Edward Perry '20
 David Hackett '20
 David Morton '21
 Frank Holdgate '20 Associate

Selectmen's Report

Greetings from the Board of Selectmen. This year we would like to shine a light on the incredible staff at the Town Office and Recycling Center. They are all totally dedicated to this Town and understand the importance of the work that they do in providing the residents of Harpswell a high level of quality service. Every person in every department strives to do the best that they can and it shows. They are a team that diligently works together to make the Town run smoothly. Sadly we lost a valuable member of that team when Code Officer Fred Cantu passed away. He was a man of integrity and humor, and is sorely missed by all.

The Board of Selectmen continues to support the team and work together to make Harpswell one of the best communities in which to live.

You will see the work of the staff and so many others when you review the contents of the Town Report. We are here to serve you and encourage you to reach out to us with any concerns, issues or compliments you may have.



Kevin E. Johnson



David I. Chipman



Jane G. Covey

Town Administrator

Harpswell's annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at the Harpswell Community School on Route 24. Polls will be open from 9am to 5pm, with the business meeting beginning at 10am. Town Meeting voters serve as the legislative body responsible for adopting the annual budget, electing various town officials, establishing local laws by ordinance and granting specific authority to the Board of Selectmen with regard to certain matters. If you are not a registered voter, you may register to vote that day by providing proof you reside at a physical address in Harpswell. Review your annual Town Report, particularly the warrant at the end of the report, and come to participate in budget discussions and other important matters affecting your community. Please note that the municipal budget being considered at the annual Town Meeting does not include the school budget which is developed independently by Maine Administrative School District # 75 and voted on later in the year.

Municipal staff, the Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen have played various roles in developing and fine-tuning the proposed municipal budget being considered at Town Meeting. This budget reflects a balance of the need for services and capital outlay with keeping the tax rate at a level that the community will support.

Operationally, service levels remain the same in 2020 as the prior year except for a proposed increase in the Deputy Harbormaster's hours and schedule to cover 32 hours per week from mid-April to mid-October. With the most coastline of any municipality in Maine, Harpswell will benefit from having the Deputy Harbormaster become more involved in harbor management activities. Other operational

increases include an across-the-board increase of 2.5% for all employees with additional wage and salary adjustments for certain positions.

In the area of capital expenses, the proposed 2020 budget is recommending that the Town approve additional funds for the Town Facilities reserve to replace the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the Town Office. The system is approaching the end of its useful life of 20 years resulting in considerable maintenance costs, inefficient operations and employee discomfort. The proposed 2020 budget also asks voters to appropriate funding for the Recycling Center/Transfer Station reserve to begin the first part of a two-year capital upgrade to the Recycling Center. In 2020, the Town is planning to replace two compactors (which have reached the end of their life cycles), add parking and improve the safety for all who use the facility. In 2021, the Town expects to upgrade the Recycling Center building and its systems.

With regard to improving both cell and emergency communications, the staff has been working to evaluate companies willing to build and manage a tower at Mitchell Field at no cost to the Town, including locating emergency communications on the tower. While evaluation of the company best suited for constructing a tower at Mitchell Field is ongoing, the staff expects to make a recommendation to the Board prior to the Town Meeting. The emergency services communications consultant is still exploring the most cost-effective ways to improve first responder communication in Harpswell with dispatchers in Windham.

There is also a warrant article in March asking voter approval for the Board of Selectmen to borrow up to \$300,000 for an emergency vehicle should the Board deem that to be in the best interest of the Town. As for capital road projects, the Town will spend time in 2020 planning for future projects, including the possibility of a joint project with the State of Maine.

What were some of the highlights and accomplishments in 2019?

- Completed capital road project on Laurel Cove, Oakhurst Island and portion of Oakledge
- Improved parking and completed boat launch at Pott's Point
- Implemented a new mooring management system
- Evaluated heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the Town Office
- Explored upgrades at Recycling Center
- Continued planning for new float system at Mitchell Field in 2020
- Worked with a consultant to identify problems and begin developing solutions for improved emergency communications
- Established a process leading to selection of a company to build a tower at Mitchell Field
- Started an advisory work group to gather information for negotiations with Comcast

With the decennial census taking place in 2020, we ask for your cooperation in providing data to the U.S. Census Bureau. What will the new data show us about Harpswell? Has our year-round population increased? Are we still one of the oldest (in terms of median age) municipalities in Maine? We will be looking at the data and trends, particularly how the new information will shape future public policy and need for services.

The Annual Town Report contains many items of interest concerning local government and community development in Harpswell. We hope you take the time to read all of the reports—from elected officials,

department heads, committees and other organizations, such as libraries and community television. You are sure to be impressed by what is happening in our community and how many initiatives involve volunteer efforts and talents. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, first responders, elected officials, staff, and the many others who make Harpswell the wonderful community it is.



Kristi Eiane



Terri-Lynn Sawyer



Linda Strickland

Animal Control Officer

In 2019, Harpswell Animal Control Officer (ACO) Gail Federico reports that she had 24 fewer calls than in the previous year. Ray Schlotterbeck, a certified ACO who serves surrounding towns, is Harpswell's back-up ACO. Of the 150 calls received, 50 of them were for dogs roaming at-large. Most of these dogs had no collar or identification tags. It continues to surprise the ACO that on 50 occasions people did not know where their dogs(s) were for a long enough period of time that a call was made to dispatch. The Town of Harpswell's Animal Control Ordinance requires a dog that is at least two months old to wear a collar or harness to which is attached an identification tag with the owner's name and address or telephone number. A collar with identification prevents a trip to Midcoast Humane and the anxiety it causes your dog. Please abide by this Ordinance.

In addition to responding to routine calls, the ACO's major focus is ensuring that all dogs and cats domiciled in Harpswell are immunized against rabies. It is the pet owner's responsibility to keep a pet up-to-date on such shots. State law requires that all dogs be immunized and registered by the age of six months, and it is necessary to show proof of immunization when registering your dogs in Harpswell. Registrations may be done online or at the Town Clerk's Office.

Unfortunately, the number of pet owners who fail to register their dogs by the January 31st deadline makes the follow-up of unpaid registration an expense to the pet owner and very time consuming for the ACO. As Harpswell's population grows, so does the number of domesticated animals. This year 170 new dogs were registered. Unfortunately, there is still an undetermined number of unregistered dogs. The goal of the ACO is to locate all dog owners to achieve 100% compliance with registration.

In closing, all complaints, questions or concerns should be channeled through the Cumberland County Sheriff's Public Dispatch Center at 1-800-501-1111. Most importantly, please vaccinate, license and have identification tags on your dogs. Thank you.



Gail Federico



Assessing Office

The Town Assessing Agent is governed by State statute and local management policy set by the Assessors, who are the Selectmen. The office is responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership and the equitable valuation of taxable real estate and personal property located in the Town of Harpswell. Annually, the Assessing Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments based on changes that occurred during the year. This office maintains permanent records setting forth title information, descriptions of land and buildings, the valuation of all properties (taxable and exempt), tax maps, and a list of all personal property used in trade and manufacturing. Accurate record keeping of the property cards, tax maps, deeds and transfer documents from the State is ongoing. Changes in title from the deeds and declarations of value are processed on a monthly basis. Land splits and new subdivisions are tracked and recorded on all the proper documents, property cards (hard copy and computer copy) and tax maps.

Assessment & Tax Information for 2019 Distribution of Taxes:

Tax Rate	\$6.70	MSAD #75	65.8%
Due Dates	9/16/2019, 12/16/2019	Cumberland County	10.6%
Interest rate	6%	Municipal	23.6%
Fiscal Year	1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019		
Assessment Date	April 1, 2019		
Commitment Date	August 9, 2019		
Total Valuation	\$1,877,946,900		
2019 Property Tax Levy	\$12,582,244		

Property Tax Relief and Exemptions

There are reimbursement programs and various exemptions offered by the State and administered by the Assessors' Office, which may be applied to real estate and personal property valuations.

Veterans Exemption: U.S. Veterans who are at least 62 years of age and actively served during a federally recognized war, including those honorably discharged or retired, may be eligible for a partial tax exemption on their primary residence. Veterans receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for a total disability, whether service or non-service related, may also qualify. A widow, minor, or mother of a deceased veteran may also qualify for an exemption. One must submit a copy of the military discharge papers, such as a DD214, driver's license or State identification, and birth certificate on or before April 1. In 2019, the exemption reduced the taxable value of a qualifying property by \$6,000.

Homestead Exemption: Homeowners whose principal residence is in the State of Maine are eligible for an exemption on their property assessment. The homestead must be for a permanent place of residence. The applicant must have owned property in Maine for at least twelve months prior to April 1, of the year for which the application is made. In 2019, the exemption reduced the taxable value by \$20,000.

Blind Exemption: Harpswell residents certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional or Department of Education Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, may file for an exemption of \$4,000 toward their real estate assessment.



Debbie Turner

Farmland: This is available to landowners who have 5 acres or more and are using the acreage for farming, agriculture, or horticultural activities. There is a penalty for any changes in use. Application needs to be updated and/or reviewed every 5 years.

Tree Growth: This is available to landowners who have at least 10 acres of forestland for commercial harvesting. There is a penalty for any changes in use. Applications need to be updated by a licensed professional forester at least every 10 years.

Open Space: This is available to landowners who are interested in permanently protecting their land. The assessed value of the land can be reduced by using one or all of the following categories for open space: open space, 20% deduction; land permanently protected from developments under a perpetual conservation easement, 30% deduction; forever wild which provides opportunities for low-impact outdoor recreation, nature observation and studies, 20% deduction; and public access by reasonable means under landowners provisions, 25% deduction.

Working Waterfront: This is available to landowners whose land is primarily used for commercial fishing activities only, up to a 20% deduction on the land value. If the deed shows restrictions for commercial use only, there may be a 30% deduction on the land value.

Personal Property: Harpswell businesses may be interested in two programs that offer either a tax reimbursement or tax exemption for qualifying equipment. These programs are called Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) and Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE). Both programs require property owners to submit applications and both programs have specific criteria for qualifying owners and property. Information regarding the BETR and BETE programs is available online at www.maine.gov or at the Assessing Office.

Maine Property Tax Fairness Credit: For residents whose taxes are high relative to their income, the State allows a partial reimbursement of taxes to those who qualify. The application is included in the 2019 Maine Individual Income Tax Booklet Form 1040ME. Forms must be filed with the State by April 17, 2020. Forms are available at www.maine.gov/revenue/forms or call 207-624-7894.

Harpswell Property Tax Assistance Program: Harpswell provides property tax assistance to qualifying Harpswell residents who have applied for and received the State of Maine Property Tax Fairness Credit (PTFC). Residents must submit an application to the Town’s program by October 15, 2020. Please contact Deputy Town Administrator Terri Sawyer at 833-5771 or tsawyer@town.harpswell.me.us.

If you need information about or assistance with assessing related matters, please contact the Assessing Office by calling 833-5771 or visit the Town’s website at www.harpswell.maine.gov and go to Town Departments and click on Assessor. The site includes information about property cards, tax maps, sales data, deeds, plans and applications for programs and exemptions listed above.



Jean Rand

Code Enforcement Office

The 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code and 2008 Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code require inspections for all phases of construction to include

Energy, Plumbing, Ventilation, Construction and Radon, which will be necessary to receive a Certificate of Occupancy. An inspection is required if it is buried, encased, or enclosed. A complete list of required inspections is available in the Code Enforcement Office and on the Town website. Building without a permit and occupying a space without a Certificate of Compliance or Occupancy are violations of the Basic Land Use Ordinance. Please help us help you, and notify us before you occupy. We ask that all owners and contractors provide ample time to ensure that all inspections are completed.



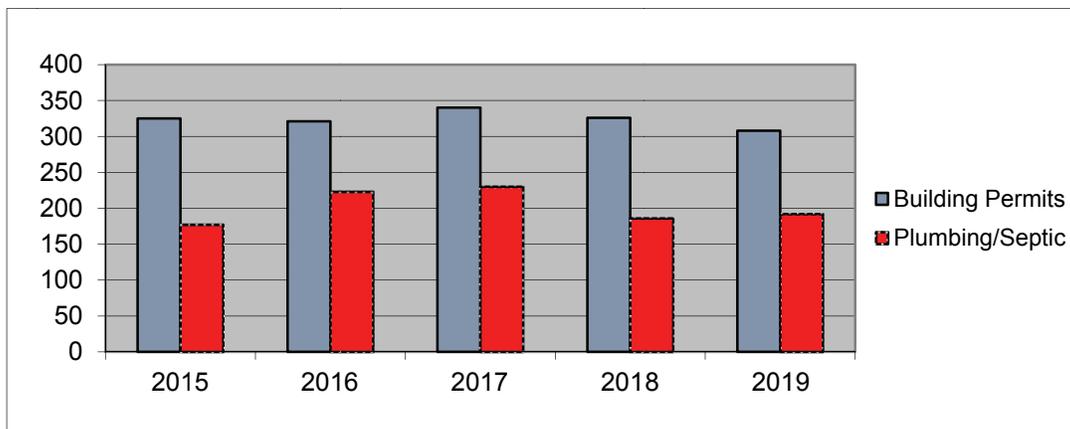
Tim Clark



Diane Plourde and Bill Wells

Regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency's preliminary floodplain maps, the towns of Kennebunkport, Kittery, Wells and Harpswell have received advice that we may submit the work performed by our consultant, Ransom Environmental, to FEMA by way of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). FEMA did not accept this information during the appeal period due to a technical error. If accepted by FEMA through the LOMR process, the changes would be incorporated into the preliminary maps once preliminary maps are adopted by the community. We are likely a year away from adoption by the Town Meeting.

We suffered a devastating loss at the Town Office with the unexpected passing of Fred Cantu, Code Officer for the last five years. Fred was an integral part of our office and will be missed for many years to come. We welcome our new Code Officer, Timothy (Tim) Clark. Tim has extensive background in construction and land use. Although this position is new to him, he will be jumping in quickly to the hectic work flow. Please visit this office to meet Tim and welcome him to the Town Office.



Code Enforcement Officer Bill Wells is also the Town's Caretaker which involves overseeing maintenance of Town-owned lands and structures. Ongoing projects and efforts performed this year include: 1) repair/maintenance and regular meetings with contractor to discuss replacement/upgrade of HVAC system at the Town Office and 2) monitoring and on-going maintenance of the septic system at the Town Office. If you have any questions concerning Town-owned lands or structures, you may contact the Town Office at (207) 833-5771.

Dept. of Safety and Emergency Services

2019 was the first full year of staffing for the Department with some

continuing challenges. Two Firefighters, Dimitri Baumann and William Cusick, moved on—one to a full-time job, the other to a fuller retirement. Despite these losses, we were able to hire two capable people, Paul Carpentier, a Firefighter/EMT with Bath Iron Works, and Dylan Therriault, a Firefighter/EMT with Waterville Fire and Delta Ambulance. Following up on a request from the Fire and Rescue Planning Committee, we were able to move two of our Firefighters from per diem to part-time, with benefits, which has helped in making our staffing more reliable.

All the area Fire/Emergency Medical Service organizations are in a highly competitive hiring situation, with some career departments truly challenged in maintaining their staffing. We remain sensitive to our neighbors, but we also strive to be competitive in building a department and culture responsive to your needs.

One of the notes of progress this year has been the increasing use of the open burn permit website: www.wardensreport.com 669 permits were issued in 2019, all at no cost. The number of nuisance calls related to open burns has fallen to single digit numbers, greatly lessening our town wide emergency service demand. Each permit through Wardens Report shows on a monitor screen in every station and on the Fire Administrator's cell phone, which is of real help.

The Department was awarded two grants in 2019, which allowed us to provide top notch protective and safety equipment to all of our 9 Firefighters. One was for nearly \$5,000 from the Maine Forest Bureau and the other for nearly \$3,000 from the Maine Municipal Association. The Department will continue to seek out such opportunities.

October and November were unusually busy months here with two major structure fires, one nearly a fatal, if not for a properly operating smoke detector that awoke the occupants. Late October also saw a major windstorm, with the majority of Harpswell without power initially and some areas out for up to five days, and a smaller windstorm less than 2 weeks later. While there were issues related to Central Maine Power, the response and communications were definitely improved over the windstorm of October 2017. We continued to work closely with the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency, a very professional organization, which now places a Central Maine Power liaison in its office during major outage events.



Arthur Howe, III

We have also arranged for several town staff and the Select Board to receive Incident Management training in February of 2020 from the Cumberland County Emergency Management staff. The completion of this training will allow us to be eligible for certain FEMA grant funding, when available.

A roundtable discussion was held here in May of 2019 with all our Marine Response partners, including the Harbormaster, the Fire Chiefs, the Coast Guard, Cumberland County 911, Cumberland County Marine Sheriffs, the Maine Warden Service, and the Department of Marine Resources. All in attendance felt this was valuable time spent in meeting each other and understanding equipment, roles, and responsibilities.

As your Emergency Management Agent, Fire Warden and Fire Administrator, Art Howe will continue to be vigilant for opportunities to serve the citizens of and visitors to Harpswell. Please reach out to him for a courtesy home safety inspection or any other issues relating to fire, emergency, or other safety related matters by emailing ahowe@town.harpswell.me or calling 207-833-5771, ext. 126. It cannot be emphasized enough the lifesaving function of properly operating smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

General Assistance

All municipalities administer a service for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide for their basic necessities. These basic necessities include: Rent, Electricity, Heat, Household/Personal Items, and Food. An annual audit is performed by the Department of Health and Human Services and Harpswell's program was deemed compliant, ensuring that the Town will continue to be reimbursed by the State at a reimbursement rate of 70%. The Town administered 32 applications over a 12-month period with some being for repeat applicants. Residents who apply for General Assistance are required to provide documentation of income and repeat applicants are required to verify how they spent their income in the 30 days prior to making application. An applicant who is not in need of emergency assistance may be required to fulfill a workfare requirement prior to receiving assistance.

The General Assistance Administrator serves to connect clients to other available resources. Applicants are directed to apply for LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) which is administered by the Opportunity Alliance (TOA). Harpswell residents may call TOA at 1-800-698-4959 for an appointment. A number is posted on the front door of the Town Office in case of an emergency need that occurs when the building is not open and help is needed for the basics. If you have questions about any of the above-mentioned programs, please contact Linda Strickland at the Town Office.

General Assistance Expenditures Over a 5-year Period

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Utilities</i>	<i>Heating</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
2019	\$ 7,672	\$ 661	\$2,517	\$1,116	\$ 321	\$ 1,804	\$14,091
2018	\$ 8,263	\$ 100	\$3,045	\$ 986	\$ 567	\$ 0	\$12,961
2017	\$ 6,922	\$ 1,326	\$1,787	\$ 538	\$ 528	\$ 0	\$11,106
2016	\$ 8,048	\$ 671	\$1,531	\$ 172	\$ 46	\$ 995	\$11,463
2015	\$ 7,151	\$ 1,630	\$3,449	\$ 442	\$ 50	\$ 1,164	\$13,886

Heating Assistance

The Harpswell Heating Assistance Program (HHAP) began in March 2008. This is a locally administrated program intended to aid those who do not typically qualify for the General Assistance Program or other heating assistance programs, but who need help with heating costs. Eligibility is determined on the basis of household income that is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level. In 2019, HHAP provided assistance to 113 applicants (6 fewer than 2018). For eligible households, this program may provide up to 200 gallons of fuel oil or propane or the equivalent value in wood during the winter season.

The program is supported by the Town Meeting, the generosity of fundraising efforts by Cook's Lobster and Ale House and contributions from many other donors. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our contributors.

Heating Assistance Fund Balance	
2018 balance	\$ 18,178
2019 donations	\$ 16,900
2019 appropriation	\$ 20,000
2019 expenditures	\$ 35,390
2019 balance	\$ 19,688

Harbor Management and Marine Resource Administrator

The Harbormaster is responsible for administration and enforcement of activities in the navigable waters of Harpswell. With 216 miles of coastline, the Harbormaster oversees and regulates the use of all moorings and floats, in accordance with the Harbor & Waterfront Ordinance, State statutes and federal guidelines. The Harbormaster is also tasked with managing all Town-owned floats, ramps, moorings and landings. Another responsibility of the Harbormaster is to provide technical assistance and serve as staff liaison to the Harpswell Marine Resources Committee. In addition, the Harbormaster/Marine Resource Administrator serves as administrative support to the Shellfish Conservation Wardens who are under contract with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department; ensures all committee conservation projects have proper state and federal permitting; and provides administrative support to shellfish harvesters.

New for 2019-2020 is the launch of OnlineMooring, the new online mooring software that will help in the management of approximately 2,300 moorings in Harpswell waters. All Mooring Update Forms that were filled out in 2019 have been uploaded to reflect the most current information of that mooring holder. Going forward, if you provided an email address, you can receive emails with the option to renew your mooring online, as well as submit credit card payments. (Options to pay in person or send a check by mail are still available). The online service is available at <https://my.onlinemooring.com/HarpswellME>



Paul Plummer

Also new in 2019, the Town hired Greg Coyne as the first Deputy Harbormaster in recent years. Greg worked primarily on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, helping the department to provide coverage 7 days a week from May to September. Some of the duties of the Deputy Harbormaster are to provide a public safety presence in Harpswell waters; work closely with the Fire Departments, Sheriff's Office, Maine Marine Patrol and United States Coast Guard; collect water samples for the Maine Healthy Beaches Program; monitor Town lands and landings for proper use in accordance with local ordinances; attend special events such as evening firework shows by water, Lobster Boat Races, and scheduled regattas. In the proposed 2020 budget, the Harbormaster is asking for an increase in the hours and timeframe that the Deputy Harbormaster works to make the schedule a 32-hour week from mid-April through mid-October. During this time, the Deputy Harbormaster can assist with other functions such as setting Aids to Navigation and No Wake Buoys, and helping with Shellfish Conservation Projects, which typically begin in April.



Greg Coyne

Moorings

Moorings fees for existing moorings are due no later than May 1, 2020. Late payments will be applied after May 1, adding \$25 to the normal mooring fee.

Please Note: The proposed Harbor & Waterfront Ordinance changes include the removal of annual mooring stickers. Regardless of the change, you are still required to have your mooring numbers painted or burned onto your mooring ball in 3" or greater numbers so that it can be easily identified.

Aquaculture

Aquaculture operations continue to grow in Harpswell waters. With the most coastline in the State of Maine, it is not surprising that more and more people are applying to have a sea farm in Harpswell. The Harbormaster worked closely with State leaders and representatives in 2019 to create a law allowing

municipalities to charge a fee for the review of an aquaculture application within that municipality's jurisdiction. That language has been added to the Harpswell Harbor & Waterfront Ordinance for 2020 Town Meeting consideration. 43 Aquaculture applications were submitted to the Harbormaster for review in 2019.

The Harbormaster can be reached by email at pplummer@town.harpswell.me.us or by phone at 207-833-5771, ext. 106.

Planner

The Town Planner is involved with many aspects of municipal government. The primary function of the position is to provide staff support to the Planning Board. In addition, the planner provides staff support to the Mitchell Field Committee, the Conservation Commission, and the Energy and Technology Committee as well as assistance to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen on various projects. The following is a summary of a number of key activities during 2019.

Planning Board – During 2019, the Planning Board continued reviewing applications for various development activities in the community (see Planning Board report) including two subdivisions. The planner meets with the applicant or potential applicant prior to their submission of a formal application. These meetings provide the potential applicant with information about the review process, the information that has to be submitted, and any issues with the proposal. For each application the planner reviews it to see if it meets the applicable requirements and prepares a Planner's Report for the Planning Board members. The planner accompanies the Planning Board on a "site walk" to view the proposal in the field and develops draft findings for the Board to use in its review of the application. Following the Board's action on each application, the planner prepares a formal notice of decision setting out the Board's findings of fact and conclusions as to conformance with the standards of approval.

During 2019, the planner worked with the Planning Board to develop amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to bring it into conformance with the state guidelines. Work on this is almost completed and the Board will go through the formal review process in 2020 to have final proposals for the 2021 Town Meeting. The Planning Board has also started work on updating the approval standards for subdivisions.

Mitchell Field Committee – The planner provides staff assistance to the Mitchell Field Committee. The Town is moving forward with the final design and permitting for a replacement pier consisting of a seasonal ramp and floats. Construction is anticipated in 2020. Two small buildings near the former water tower were removed; one was demolished and one was moved off-site. Work also continues on maintaining and improving the drainage system.

Conservation Commission – The planner continued to support the efforts of the Commission to prepare for the potential impacts of climate change including providing support for the Climate Adaptation Task Force. This project looks at how climate change may impact Harpswell and what the community needs to do to begin to plan for those changes.

Energy and Technology Committee – The planner worked with the committee to develop a proposal for the erection of a communications tower at Mitchell Field. The primary objectives of this effort are to improve cell phone service in the community as well as to generate revenue from the lease payments.

The Town solicited proposals from private firms to lease a site near the entrance to Mitchell Field. The Town received five proposals and is in the process of reviewing them with a goal of having a recommendation for moving forward for consideration by Town Meeting in March.

Recreation

The Recreation Department's main objective is to provide recreational programs for all ages.

In addition to being responsible for recreational programming, the Department is responsible for operating the Trufant Summerton Athletic Field. All is accomplished with two employees and many, many volunteers.

All regularly scheduled youth programs were well attended with about 75% of the elementary school age population participating in at least one program through the school year. Baseball and basketball remain our most well attended programs year to year.



Gina Perow



Kayla Matthews

Kayla Matthews, Programs Assistant, was hired in 2019 to help with day-to-day activities and to oversee the youth programs and scheduling. Kayla has been a welcome addition and has proved herself to be an important part of the department. She met her first goal of starting non-sport related programs with much success. The programs are Odyssey of the Mind (a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math related problem solving group) and Crafternoons (arts and crafts) for the elementary aged kids. She will continue to add this type of programming with the hopes of bringing in middle and high school students.

Every month or so there is a new art show at the Town Office hanging on the walls across from the Tax Collector's office. This is a program called Art at the Town Office and is open to all! You can apply to have your artwork here by filling out an application (available in the office or online). Our art coordinator will get back to you to schedule a month that works best for you.

The department extends a special thank you to all the volunteers and parents who give their time, talents and positive contributions to our Town and its recreation programs. Volunteers allow the department to provide valuable services, programs and facilities which, in turn, create a true sense of community. New volunteers are always needed, and by volunteering you will make a difference in the lives of our youth, adults and visitors. Thank you to our team sponsors for helping to offset program registration costs and to our scholarship donors who help make participation a possibility for many children.

More information can be found at www.harpswell.maine.gov or www.harpswellrecreation.com. The Recreation Director can be reached or by email at recreation@town.harpswell.me.us or by phone at 207-833-5771, ext. 108.

A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station

The four major waste streams – household trash, recycling, transfer station items and compost – were handled efficiently by the staff. Household trash (MSW) remained flat. The Transfer Station was again busy, posting an increase of 59.3 tons over 2018 totals, all while maintaining a 54.4% recycling rate. The facility as a whole posted a recycling rate of 45.3%. The continuing efforts to manage the proper disposal of inappropriate and oversized items at the compactors are having the desired effect. Thank you for disposing of your unwanted materials properly.

2019 saw the continuation of the Fishing Gear Take Back Program. The program, open to all Harpswell commercial fishermen/women with support from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, recycled a total of 22.8 tons of derelict gear including over 33 cubic yards of rope.

The centralized collection of household food and compostable waste continues to grow in participation and popularity. Last year's collection total of 36.98 tons exceeded our projections. This year's collection total of 43.13 tons is equally impressive. We are approaching our goal of 50 tons annually by year five in the third year of collection. The availability of finished compost continues to gain popularity. Interest was strong all season long with over 425 buckets sold back to the public.



Greg King, Theresa Racine, Charles Perow, Jr., Donnette Goodenow, John Warner, Jr.

May began with Donnette Goodenow officially becoming a part-time member of our staff. Thanks to all the staff, new and old, for a safe and successful 2019. July began the initial engineering phase of a much needed update and renovation of the Recycling Center. 2019 was our 40th anniversary and it is starting to show. Renovation plans include an expansion of the parking area with an emphasis on improving safety and replacement of the existing compactors in 2020. A much needed renovation of the main building is expected to occur in 2021. 2019 also saw an abnormal spike in repairs, from compactor breakdowns to dumpster and electrical repairs we saw it all, here's to a less hectic 2020. In September, the Recycling Center held its annual document shredding event. Participation for year three was again strong with a total of 1.9 tons of personal documents shredded and recycled. With identity theft on the rise, we encourage all residents to take part in this new annual event.

The safety of everyone – hikers, residents and staff is first and foremost within the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The facility is a busy place particularly in the summer months; please be aware of your speed and surroundings. There is no public access allowed when the facility is closed. Snow removal and cell tower contractors need access to the facility; if the gate is partially open we are closed. We are not open until the gate is fully open. We make every effort to be open during the posted times. Occasionally we may open late or be closed entirely due to mechanical issues or inclement weather. The continued decrease in trash left at the gate is always appreciated—thank you.

In order to provide a safe, clean and efficient facility, residents are asked to adhere to the established guidelines at the facility. Please feel free to ask the staff if you have any questions or concerns. Just a reminder, recycling is mandatory in Harpswell and hazardous waste is not accepted, including paint,

antifreeze and bilge water. We provide hazardous waste collection days in the spring and fall. Keep up the good work Harpswell; everyone benefits from increased recycling, composting and the proper disposal of bulk and household waste.

Waste Received		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	Recycling Center	1445.8	1410.4	1405.6	1462.7	1460.2
	Transfer Station	1016.2	1133.1	1333.4	1442.5	1501.8
	Total Tons	2456.8	2543.6	2736.9	2917.9	2961.9
Recycling Rate						
	Recycling Center	33.4%	33.1%	33.1%	35.6%	35.6%
	Transfer Station	55.7%	54.3%	55.5%	55.3%	54.4%
	Combined Rate	43.0%	42.9%	44.1%	44.9%	45.3%

Road Commissioner

The Road Commissioner wishes to thank the many people in Harpswell who have been so helpful keeping him informed about things that he may not have seen and sharing concerns about our roads. It's very helpful knowing there is the link between the Road Commissioner and the people of Harpswell—he never minds taking your calls. He wants to listen to the concerns of people and he thanks everyone for their help.

2019 was a great year for road work. Laurel Cove Road was completely reconstructed with the existing road surface being ground up and turned into reusable road material for the project. More reclaim was brought in to shim the areas that needed it. The top paving was completed with two layers of road surface pavement. In addition, two large culverts on Laurel Cove Road were changed. Due to the costs we were facing, the Road Commissioner applied for permits to change the culverts, which included preparing forms, determining site grades and developing a drawing for installation. This project involved working closely with the DEP as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. The Road Commissioner was pleased to be able to offer his input as a way to save money for the Town. Both culverts were approved and are now in place at a much reduced cost.



Ronald Ponziani

Another road that was totally redone was Oakhurst Island Road. This road did not require any special permitting as only standard culverts were needed. This is now a reconstructed road and all went well.

As for regular road maintenance, roadside cutting was done as usual. On Robinhood Road, there was a bushwhacking machine used to cut back vegetation for improved visibility and for keeping bushes from hitting vehicles. In 2020, the Road Commissioner has plans for more ditching and roadside tree removal. Capital road projects will be on hold in 2020 unless some small jobs surface; however, planning for future capital road projects will be taking place.

Tax Collector

There were 5,212 property tax bills sent out in 2019 with due dates of September 16th and December 16th. Over 97% of the Real Estate taxes have been collected for 2019. This Office has collected over \$14.6 million in taxes and fees. There were 46 liens filed in June to secure payment of 2018 taxes. Excise tax paid on your vehicles and boats stays



Sandra Bichrest and Jill Caldwell

in our town.

As always, it is a pleasure to see you in the Office. Thank you for another great year.

You can re-register your automobiles, boats, snowmobiles and ATVs online, and pay your taxes at: www.harpswell.maine.gov, click on online services. We also accept credit card transactions in person, although there is a 2.5% fee to do so.

2019 Registrations and Applications

Automobiles, trailers & duplicates	6,408
Vehicles online	442
Boats, milfoil upgrades & duplicates	1,457
Documented boats	90
ATVs	106
Snowmobiles	138
Passport Applications	59

2019 Unpaid Taxes **Indicates taxes paid in full after books closed*

* 82 Clark Shore LLC	\$786.91	* Buggia Adam as Trustee, Special Needs Trust	\$293.12
* Adams Jessica	\$142.71	Bulger Brian Patrick & Susan Marie Benson	\$517.56
Allen Harry R	\$466.99	* Cahill Christin E & Madaline	\$569.63
Anderson Donna M	\$574.19	Caron-Kelley Christine M & Edward K Kelley	\$1,258.79
Anthoine Thomas J Sr Trustee of T.J.		Carriage Cottage Industries LLC	\$1,314.54
Anthoine Sr Real Esate	\$2,036.80	Carver Blaine E c/o J P Morgan Chase	\$930.29
* Apicella Joseph E	\$1,034.14	* Cary Kenneth C Jr & Robert R	\$2,146.67
Atwood John D Trustee, Atwood Family Trust	\$1,273.67	Catalan John	\$1,810.34
* Bean Wendy I Trustee of the QuperRes Trust of DBB & GTB	\$4,984.13	Catlin Betty Lou	\$1,370.82
Bear Johnathan W/Bank of America c/o H&H Const. Mgmt	\$888.42	Catlin Betty Lou	\$1,283.72
* Beckwith Angela	\$296.88	Chipman Ronald E	\$1,617.38
Bernier Leslie Nan & Charles L	\$445.58	Chipman Ronald E & Ramona L D	\$1,390.25
* Betjemann Christopher H III	\$471.37	Chipman Stephen A	\$460.96
* Bibber Beverly B c/o Beverly J Bibber	\$1,470.65	Chipman Stephen A	\$1,224.35
Bibber Michael L	\$1,439.83	* Christman Bonnie D Pers Rep Estate Of Dorothy Skillings	\$911.20
Bibber Michael Loring	\$457.61	Coffin Jon Jr, Brian, Marie Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$33.50
Bibber Sally M	\$986.91	Colburn David N	\$864.30
Blondin Kristin A & Jason Kennedy & Kesha L & Kayla N	\$369.17	Colburn David N	\$655.26
Bowie Daniel T & Laurie A & Lisa C Koenig	\$1,544.35	Colburn David Nelson	\$2,703.45
* Boyce Robert J II	\$613.05	* Collins Barbara A	\$2,056.23
Boyington Harlon J Jr	\$1,900.79	Coombs H Leo Hrs Of c/o Janet Coombs	\$1,175.85
* Brilliant Marie L	\$667.99	Coombs Janet	\$1,846.97
Brockett George Hrs of Rose c/o Debra Kaler	\$942.02	Coyne James O & John J	\$3,103.44
* Brockett Teresa	\$487.65	* Craig Pamela J & James	\$1,250.89
* Brodie Tyler	\$1,767.12	Cribstone Cottages LLC c/o Lawrence Wilkes	\$3,443.98
Brooks Margaret	\$20.00	Cribstone Cottages LLC c/o Lawrence Wilkes	\$3,062.64
		Crosman Jamie	\$559.45

Darling Stephen & Samuel Hrs of c/o Tammy Lauritsen	\$189.55	* Hansen John Henry	\$54.94
* Darling Stephen & Samuel Hrs of c/o Tammy Lauritsen	\$1,528.44	Havas Peter	\$2,763.84
Davis Everett Sr Trustee	\$737.00	Heisey Janice Lee & Wilson E c/o J L Heisey	\$85.42
Davis Everett Sr Trustee	\$1,638.82	Heisey Janice Lee & Wilson E c/o J L Heisey	\$280.73
* DeHart Gay & Lina K Orr	\$444.54	* Heron Lane Homeowners Assoc c/o Richard Morrison	\$265.99
Desjardins John	\$754.42	* Himes Thomas A & Michele L Trustees of the Thomas A Himes 1/4 & M	\$6,944.88
Dolley Barry & Sandra	\$1,829.43	Holdel Lori c/o Jacob Basterache	\$172.19
* Dorsey Mark M	\$1,446.38	* Hollingshead Leon	\$128.64
* Drake, Clayton H Hrs Of c/o Clayton Drake II	\$225.79	Holowach Scott & Monique	\$2,112.01
Duhme David Ware	\$1,219.85	* Howard Irma G c/o Cynthia Mulcahy	\$1,297.79
Dunlap, Edwin L Sr Hrs of c/o Val Harris	\$851.57	* Hughes Cymbrid II & Karen Louse Scoon	\$97.15
Dunning Clayton Hrs of	\$625.44	Jarvi Ethel Pers Rep of Robert Lumbert	\$2,324.90
Dunning Clayton Hrs of	\$449.57	* Jones Howard F Jr	\$79.45
Ellis Chris Thomas Jr & Christopher Trustees of Ellis Family Rev	\$2,573.96	* Keeney Matthew M	\$1,881.11
* Elvin James T	\$564.26	* King Block Realty LLC	\$2,647.50
* Englehardt Jon P & Mary T	\$119.93	Lauze Kevin N	\$1,810.34
Englehardt Jon P & Mary T	\$1,735.97	Lavigne John	\$981.55
Evans Barry	\$639.85	Letter Street LLC	\$306.86
Farlow Rebecca & Celeste C Lepez & John B Bernier III	\$1,211.83	Leuthold Steven C Trustee of Steven C Leuthold Rev Trust	\$12.67
Farmer Justin C	\$65.66	Libby Matthew & Jennifer K	\$225.12
Farmer Justin C	\$2,028.76	Lloyd Joane K	\$182.91
Farmer Justin C & Kimberly M	\$1,222.75	Lloyd Joane K	\$1,213.70
Fischer Michael	\$658.61	* Lord Parker Alan	\$1,699.22
Fisher William	\$272.02	* Ludlam Eric M & Amy E & Consta	\$1,094.48
Fisher William	\$272.02	* Luscher Bettina	\$855.92
Flannagan Peter J	\$673.68	* Maher Peter M	\$2,146.01
Furbish Linda Morgan	\$1,377.52	* Main Charles D & Judith	\$695.46
* Galanek Mitchell S	\$2,908.47	Maine Wharf Ventures LLCs	\$1,876.58
Ganske Steffan W & Andrea	\$2,325.57	Mainstay LLC	\$3,998.56
* Geer David W	\$38.19	* Malone Stephen I	\$1,709.72
* Geer David W	\$475.36	* Malone Stephen I & Gail Fisk Malone	\$997.96
Giberson Bruce A & Glenys N	\$4,874.31	Maney Harold	\$67.00
Gilley Sherry	\$73.03	Maney Harold Sr	\$965.47
* Gilfillan Family Liv Trust	\$2,355.72	Maney Harold W Jr	\$44.22
Gilliam Marcia	\$412.72	Marr Maurita	\$3,067.26
Gilliam Marcia	\$611.04	Matthews David C	\$1,117.66
* Goff Barbara, Anthony, Julie, Timothy & Brenda	\$1,933.58	Matthews Sandra	\$158.00
Goguen Wilfred & Cheryl	\$1,087.41	McCurdy Prescott E	\$873.02
* Golden Charlene G & Claudia Frost	\$273.18	* McDononough Kevin & Jeannie	\$1,296.78
* Gonsoir Rudolph A & Meaghan B	\$168.50	* Mello Rosemarie & David	\$1,370.15
Graham Robert E	\$2,190.23	Meunier Sharon P	\$3,000.93
Granaham Michael Per Rep of the Estate of Anne G Brown	\$1,563.11	Millar D & L c/o Andrew Millar	\$1,365.31
Granaham Michael Per Rep of the Estate of Anne G Brown	\$1,413.70	Minot Virginia S & Boston Priv Bank & Trust Co Trustees	\$3,502.37
Graybill Warren Jr & Ashley	\$463.64	Mitchell Lynnette	\$528.63
Grigggs George E III & Christine Grigggs Marcisse	\$611.04	Mockler Murray V	\$278.05
* Guernelli Gianelia F & Karen M Trustees	\$1,653.56	Monroe Paul J & Leigh I Kelly	\$1,720.59
* Guernelli Gianelia F & Karen M Trustees	\$1,565.46	Montgomery Thomas A III & Arlene	\$3,271.61
* H & K Cove View Cottage LLC	\$981.21	Moore Stacy K	\$2,857.36
Halpin Timothy F	\$754.42	* Moren Usher Albert Per Rep of the Est of Hersha Sue Fisher Moren	\$1,778.51
		* Morgan Diane Trustee, Francis Diane Morgan Liv Tr 2/2007	\$696.04
		* Morgan Diane Tr, Francis Diane Morgan Liv	\$4,329.54

* Morgan Diane Trustee, Francis Diane Morgan Liv Tr 2/2007	\$1,877.68	* Skelton Alfred W & Carol L	\$535.66
Morgan Mary	\$647.89	* Skelton Carol L	\$685.07
Morgan Maurice F & Veronica	\$1,082.72	* Smith William O & Elaine T Trustees of the WOS & ETS Rev Trust	\$1,148.71
* Morgan Maurice F & Veronica	\$1,255.16	* Stavros Charles W & Amy E	\$4,281.30
* Moriarty Judith S & Francis C Trustees of the JSM & FCM Trust	\$4,069.58	Techet Andrew c/o Arthur J & Shelly Colvin	\$82.98
* Moriarty Judith S & Francis C Trustees of the JSM & FCM Trust	\$154.43	* Thackery Ann M	\$618.41
* Munk Marc David & Martina Stip	\$3,312.48	* Theberge Amy	\$139.36
Murray Paul J & Sandra A	\$1,251.56	Thibeault Patricia F	\$1,172.33
* Nadell Sheryl C & Paul T	\$589.60	Tobey Caroll Sr c/o Tammy Lauritsen	\$343.02
* Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper	\$1,056.59	Tobey Caroll Sr c/o Linda Tobey	\$253.93
* Nesbitt James IV & Robert & James Alexander & John & Douglas Steele	\$1,238.19	* Tondreau Stephen G & Catherin	\$1,095.11
* Newby John & Venus	\$1,162.20	Toothaker Rudolph O Jr	\$533.32
Ney Mary M A & ETC Per Rep of the Estate of Margaret T Anthoine	\$2,993.56	* Truscott Martha	\$1,805.65
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$64.32	* Wadsworth John A & Beth C	\$721.25
Ormsby Robert ID	\$540.69	Wallace James & William C & Bea Cunningham Mary H & Goodnow, Amy	\$749.06
Orrino Anthony	\$295.47	Wallace Mark	\$235.17
Perkins Carolyn Ann	\$1,083.14	Ward Lewis V Hrs of c/o Loretta Ward	\$996.29
* Phelan Amy K & William	\$134.44	Ward Timothy	\$1,920.89
Piel Stobie	\$4,779.11	* Warner Burrage S Trustee of the Warner Family Maine Trust	\$1,265.90
Piscezek Gertrude L Hrs of	\$1,992.54	Warner Jo M	\$209.71
* Pole Island Owners Assoc	\$1,127.61	* Watson David D as Trustee of David D Watson Trust	\$2,949.00
Prosser June Melody Per Rep of the Estate of Melinda G Prosser	\$469.33	Webster Lisa R	\$1,658.92
Purington Richard & Deanna	\$454.26	* Weeman Roland K	\$1,874.66
Richardson Georgette Y	\$565.00	Werler Edward	\$768.49
* Ring Thomas H	\$85.29	* Wiley Sylvia K	\$4,000.71
Robbins Stephen P	\$520.59	Wille Margaret D * Margaret L & Charles K	\$500.35
Robinson James R Tr, Robinson Family R.T.	\$5,891.98	* Williams R & H c/o Joshua Saxton	\$696.46
* Robinson James R Tr, Robinson Family R.T.	\$3,404.94	* Wines, Bonnie F & John L	\$661.29
* Rogers Glenn E	\$1,228.78	Wolfarth Frederick P	\$7,242.70
Rogers Jon	\$357.78	York Adam	\$1,421.74
Rogers Jon	\$1,410.35	Zahradka Frank T	\$982.51
* Rudin Robert A & Margaret D	\$1,264.29	Zdanowicz Stephen & Laura	\$688.35
* Salo John & Sandra Trustee, Hill Farm Liv Tr	\$170.85	TOTAL	\$313,082.88
* Salo John & Sandra Trustee, Hill Farm Liv Tr	\$1,658.92	2019 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY	
* Santare Susan B	\$2,791.89	* Comcast Broadband Security LLC	\$16.41
* Santare Susan B	\$5,179.10	* Comcast of Maine /NH	\$10,564.22
Savage George W	\$1,013.71	TOTAL	\$10,580.63
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$536.00	2018 TAXES TO LIEN	
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$4,029.38	Allen Harry R	\$451.66
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$743.70	Blondin Kristin A & Jason Kennedy & Kesha L & Kayla N	\$357.05
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$785.24	Bowie Daniel T & Laurie A & Lisa C Koenig	\$1,493.64
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$781.89	Brimmer Jodi C/O Sherry Gilley	\$70.63
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$805.34	Brockett George Hrs of & Rose c/o Debra Kaler	\$911.09
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$1,103.49	Carriage Cottage Industries LLC	\$1,271.38
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$1,100.14	Catlin Betty Lou	\$620.78
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$1,088.08	Chipman Ronald E	\$1,564.27
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$781.89	Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$32.40
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$3,239.45	Coyne James O & John J	\$2,537.17
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$3,290.37		
* Schooner Ventures LLC	\$3,601.92		
Seretakis Dimitri L & Anthony	\$533.99		

Crosman Jamie A	\$270.54
Davis Everett Sr Trustee, the WI Realty Trust	\$356.40
Davis Everett Sr Trustee, the WI Realty Trust	\$792.50
Dunning Clayton Hrs of	\$604.86
Dunning Clayton Hrs of	\$434.77
Evans Barry	\$618.84
Farmer Justin C & Kimberly M	\$1,014.12
Graham Robert E	\$2,118.31
Granaham Michael Pers Rep of the Estate of Anne G Brown	\$1,511.78
Granaham Michael Pers Rep of the Estate of Anne G Brown	\$1,198.80
Graybill, Warren Jr & Ashley	\$578.02
Hodell Lori c/o Jacob Bastarache	\$36.94
Maney Harold Sr	\$555.95
Marr Maurita	\$2,966.54
* Mitchell Lynette	\$88.86
Montgomery Thomas A III & Arlene	\$3,163.70
Murray Paul J & Sandra A	\$1,210.46
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$62.21
Ormsby Robert ID	\$522.94
Reid Ricky A Jr	\$171.63
Rogers Jon M	\$346.03
Rogers Jon M	\$1,364.04
Ward Lewis V	\$2,225.88
Ward Timothy N	\$1,347.91
Webster Lisa R	\$1,604.45
TOTAL	\$34,476.55

2017 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$32.30
Hodell Lori	\$36.82
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$62.02
TOTAL	\$131.14

2016 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$32.00
Hodell Lori	\$68.48
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$93.44
TOTAL	\$193.92

2015 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$31.20
Davis Michael	\$4.37
Hodell Lori	\$97.97
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$122.30
TOTAL	\$255.84

2014 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$30.50
Davis Michael	\$4.27

Hodell Lori	\$95.77
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$119.56
TOTAL	\$250.10

2013 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$28.90
Davis Michael	\$77.45
Hodell Lori	\$90.75
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$113.29
TOTAL	\$310.39

2012 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$28.80
Davis Michael	\$77.18
Hodell Lori	\$91.43
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$199.30
TOTAL	\$396.71

2011 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred	\$29.00
Davis Michael	\$77.72
Hodell Lori	\$91.06
TOTAL	\$197.78

TAXES TO LIEN

Davis Michael - 2010	\$80.40
Hodell Lori - 2010	\$96.60
Davis Michael - 2009	\$82.95
Hodell Lori - 2009	\$81.83
Hodell Lori - 2008	\$81.83
Hodell Lori - 2007	\$77.09
TOTAL	\$500.70

2019 ABATEMENTS

James & Irene Riley	\$371.95
Torr Steinhilber	\$213.19
Gail S Hollenbeck	\$859.61
Lester & Barbara Apigian	\$238.52
Anthony Cornish	\$40.18
TOTAL	\$1,723.45

2019 SUPPLEMENTALS

Sebastianski Trust	\$600.00
Marji Greenhut	\$6,374.02
Marji Greenhut	\$1,111.97
Marji Greenhut	\$741.31
Rand Island Trust	\$1,260.00
Schooner Ventures	\$201,820.00
TOTAL	\$211,907.30

Town Clerk

Dogs: 1,084 dogs and 1 kennel licensed

All dogs six months and older must be licensed. You must provide a current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. All licenses expire December 31. The Town Clerk's Office holds a rabies clinic along with Midcoast Humane at the Town Office in early January for any dog or cat needing to be vaccinated. Those who attend need to bring a copy of the animal's last rabies certificate if it is not on file in the Town Clerk's Office. You can also register your dogs online through a link at: harpswell.maine.gov.

Hunting / Fishing Licenses: 277 licenses issued

When purchasing a hunting, archery or crossbow must provide proof of having a previous license or of having taken a safety course. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased online through a link at harpswell.maine.gov

Elections & Town Meetings:

March 9, 2019

Annual Town Meeting

Votes Cast
395 9%

May 23, 2019

M.S.A.D. No. 75 District
Budget Meeting

47 Voters
Attended

June 11, 2019

M.S.A.D. No. 75 District
Budget Referendum

324 8%

November 5, 2019

State of Maine Referendum
Election

770 18%

Shellfish Licenses:

Commercial Resident	49
Commercial Non-Resident	5
Commercial Senior Resident	4
Commercial Senior Non-Resident	1
Commercial Student	5
Commercial Student Non-Resident	1
Recreational Resident	95
Recreational Non-Resident	8
Recreational Senior Resident	27
Recreational Senior Non-Resident	2

Moorings:

Recreational	1,867
Commercial	461
Rentals	90
Service	51

Vital Records Issued:

Marriage Licenses	37
Marriage Certified Copies	116
Birth Certified Copies	75
Death Certified Copies	175

Copies of marriage, birth and death records are \$15.00 for the first copy and \$6.00 for each additional copy purchased at the same time. Marriage licenses are \$40. When requesting a vital record, the purchaser must show proof that they have a "direct and legitimate interest in the record requested."

Notary Services: 285

Businesses Registered: 7



Cathy Doughty and Rosalind Knight

Vital Statistics

Births: 34

Marriages: 37

Deaths: 55

We said farewell to the following people this past year:

Barbara G. Richards	1/5	68	Roland C. Brown	6/17	90
Erwyn J. Kahler, Jr.	1/12	74	Stuart Albert Bailey	6/28	58
Frederick Gleason Hyde	1/14	67	James Gerard Craig	6/26	75
Janet Louise Kirkpatrick	1/17	85	Margaret Alice Beauchesne	7/4	56
Barbara C. Knox	1/17	84	Kenneth Smith	7/19	85
Dorothy M. Wentworth	1/27	69	Richard B. Carrier	7/25	72
Joyce A. Bancroft	1/30	82	Elizabeth A. Drumm	8/6	88
David Breyer	2/6	71	Patricia K. Anderson	8/8	72
Mary S. Davidson	2/19	78	Dr. Anne Kathleen Del Borgo	8/19	46
Dwight Allan Lucas	3/5	74	Thomas Hugh Conway	8/30	85
Brandt Kingsley	3/14	93	Nye H. Richardson	8/30	56
Joy Heywood Yarnell	3/14	94	Dunbar Newell Oehmig	9/2	88
Jean Lister Monroe	3/21	83	David A. Hollingshead	9/4	57
Estelita L. Saldanha	3/22	97	Nathan Daniel L'Heureux	9/10	26
Stephen Dudley Taylor Jr.	4/4	83	Lowell Andrew Chambers Jr.	9/12	86
Brian Eyre Grinnell	4/8	60	Elizabeth Jean Leeman	9/16	44
Laurance Michael Ward	4/17	51	Walter Hyde Phillips	9/17	93
Lee Richardson Lamphere	4/21	74	Dale Edward Sinskie	9/18	87
Edgar Steven Hutchins Jr.	4/26	83	Richard J. Regan	9/24	81
Beverly B. Bibber	4/29	90	Dr. Anne Goulart	10/1	72
Richard C. Paradis	5/1	71	Virginia Stevens Keyes	10/10	93
Donald C. Adams	5/1	88	Natalie Castella Johnson	11/9	83
Diana Marie Estes	5/2	88	James Patrick Ramsay	11/10	48
James E. Burchman	5/5	77	Elna Ruth Hunter	11/14	91
Clarence P. Pinkham	5/7	89	Kathryn Hunsberger Bagwell	11/23	98
Joshua Barkley Kane	5/11	27	Alexandra L. Douglas	12/3	49
Lewis V. Ward Sr.	5/18	74	Susan Eileen Ramsay	12/14	57
Shawnda Layla Coffin	6/9	43	Earland Darling	12/14	89
Elizabeth C. Montalvo	6/15	67	Alice Doerr	12/24	96
Abram Raymond Rutan	6/16	92	Carl Patrick Washburn	12/31	69
Donald W. Newberg	6/17	84			

Treasurer

At the end of 2019, the Town's assets totaled \$20.2 million and its liabilities were \$4.8 million. The Town's investments in land, buildings, infrastructure and equipment total \$14.5 million and the remainder of the Town's assets is primarily its cash balances of \$5.1 million.

The Town's long-term debt was \$4.4 million at December 31, including \$3.5 million used to demolish the Mitchell Field pier. The pier bonds will be repaid over 20 years; all other debt will be repaid by 2024. As a result of excess proceeds related to the pier bond, there has been no impact to date on the tax rate. This will occur for the first time in 2022. The excess proceeds which totaled approximately \$500,000 resulted because the bonds sold at a premium, and the project was completed at a cost lower than expected and without use of any amount of contingency.

The Town's 5-year capital plan was updated in 2019. The proposed 2020 appropriations include significant increases to capital reserves, particularly for facilities. The HVAC system in the Town office building will be replaced in 2020. Also in 2020, parking at the recycling center will be expanded and the compactors will be replaced. In 2021, major improvements will be made to the recycling building.

The Mitchell Field Committee is asking that the reserve established for the construction of a boat launch be increased as the funding for the boat launch was planned to be over 3 years. The cost of the new ramp and float system has been appropriated from the existing Mitchell Field reserve. Both of the Mitchell Field projects are eligible for 50% grant funding.

On the operational side, one of the largest drivers of the municipal budget continues to be the support of the Town's three volunteer fire departments. The Town continues to fund the purchase of all fire and rescue vehicles, which it has done since 2009. During 2019, one of the Town ambulances was rechartered and a second one should be completed in early 2020. A borrowing is proposed for the emergency vehicle account so that funds would be available in 2021 for the purchase of the next fire vehicle.

The collection rate of real estate taxes continues to exceed 96% in the year of assessment. As property taxes are due in September and December, the Town must borrow on a short-term basis to fund its budgeted expenditures. \$2.75 million was borrowed in 2019 and repaid prior to year-end with an interest cost of \$21,446.

The Town funds nearly 50% of its municipal budget with revenues from sources other than property taxes, e.g. excise tax, mooring, permitting and transfer station fees, as well as fund balance. Excise tax receipts in 2019 increased to \$1.36 million, continuing an upward trend that began in 2010. Transfer station revenues increased as well, with each of these increases pointing to an improved economic environment. Mooring and building permit fees also increased as the rate schedules were adjusted upward.

2019 budgeted amounts that were not fully expended lapsed to the general fund. This included unexpended funds for employee benefits (\$68,916), snow removal (\$35,870), road maintenance (\$21,503) and municipal fire assistance (\$36,560). These amounts are available to reduce the 2020 tax commitment.

The 2019 tax rate increased 3.4% from 2018 as the Town's assessments by MSAD 75 increased. Net municipal appropriations were offset by increases in the property tax base. The administration of the Town will work, as always, to keep costs down and manage non-property tax revenues in order to avoid spikes in the tax rate, without reducing the quality of services provided.

Debt Service on Long-Term Debt

2020-- 2037 (Dollar amounts in thousands)

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance 1/1/2020	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter
Amortization:													
Existing Debt													
2010 G. O. Bond	2.0 - 5.5	\$600.0	\$60.0	\$60.0									
2011 G. O. Bond	2.12 - 5.62	\$800.0	\$160.0	\$80.0	\$80.0								
2013 G. O. Bond	.60-2.38	\$1,000.0	\$400.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0						
2014 G. O. Bond	2.3	\$600.0	\$300.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0					
2018 G. O. Bond		\$3,500.0	\$3,500.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$1,940.0
Total	2.924		\$4,420.0	\$300.0	\$435.0	\$355.0	\$355.0	\$255.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$1,940.0
Interest				\$138.2	\$131.8	\$116.9	\$103.6	\$90.0	\$82.8	\$77.0	\$71.1	\$65.2	\$329.4
Total Debt Service				\$438.2	\$566.8	\$471.9	\$458.6	\$345.0	\$277.8	\$272.0	\$266.1	\$260.2	\$2,269.4
Less: Amounts to be paid with excess bond proceeds			(\$118.0)		(\$286.0)								
Total Debt Service to be appropriated				\$320.2	\$280.8	\$471.9	\$458.6	\$345.0	\$277.8	\$272.0	\$266.1	\$260.2	\$2,269.4

Notes:

- 2010 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles
- 2011 Issue: Road projects, including Lowell's Cove, Lane & Little Island Roads; Bethel Point culvert replacement
- 2013 Issue: Road projects, including Shore Acres, Thompson, Hildreth, Wharf & Long Point roads.
- 2014 Issue: Road projects, including Bayview, Abner Point and Steamboat Wharf roads and Washington Avenue.
- 2018 Issue: Pier demolition

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer



CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

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January 21, 2020

Dear Citizens of Harpswell,

It is hard to believe that 2019 has passed and we are in a new decade. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has had the honor and privilege of serving your community for approximately 4 decades. The Sheriff's Office remains committed to providing the Town of Harpswell with the most efficient, professional and community-oriented law enforcement services.

During the past year, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office saw a notable decrease in property crimes. Burglary and Burglary to Motor Vehicles have been a persistent issue, however, there was a 20% decrease in burglary complaints and a 70% decrease in Burglary to Motor vehicle complaints in 2019. Theft reports also decreased in 2019 by 57%. There was also a 13% decrease in traffic crashes.

Throughout Cumberland County, we have seen a gradual increase in phone scams being perpetrated on our neighbors. The Sheriff's Office has been vigilant in doing presentations throughout the county on how to spot and avoid phone scams. The more popular scams that we are seeing are the IRS Scam and Grandparent Scam.

In 2019, the law enforcement department went through its first national law enforcement re-accreditation audit. This audit consisted of two law enforcement practitioners from out of state, assigned by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), to spend three days with our agency reviewing our policies and procedures, interacting with community members and employees ensuring that our agency meets the required 200 national standards mandated by CALEA as well as making sure that we provide professional law enforcement services.

It is an honor serving as your Sheriff. Thank you for your support. Please remember that my door is always open. I value customer service, and I value your suggestions and input.

Best Regards,

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff

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Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Report by Nature of Incident

NATURE OF INCIDENT	Total
911 Cell Hang Up	185
911 Hang Up	38
911 Misdial	63
Abandoned Vehicle	3
Accident w/Property Damage	70
Accident w/Personal Injury	13
Accident Reconst/Fatal	2
Agency Assistance	218
Alarm	160
Animal Euthanize	8
Animal Problem	32
Assault – Simple	3
Attempt to Locate	59
Burglary	8
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	5
Canine Call	1
Concealed Firearms Request	22
Child Abuse or Neglect	2
Citizen Assist	184
Citizen Dispute	27
Civil Dispute	7
Community Policing	18
Court Service	18
Criminal Mischief	16
Criminal Trespass	16
Cruiser Accident	2
Custodial Interference	1
Death Unattended/Attended	12
Debris in Road	3
Disabled Vehicle	39
Disorderly Conduct	1
Disturbance	17

NATURE OF INCIDENT	Total
Domestic Violence	3
Domestic Assault	2
Domestic Verbal Argument	6
Controlled Substance Problem	6
Evidence Tech. Work Order	2
Equipment Problem	3
Escort	10
Fight in Progress	1
Fireworks	15
Fish and Game Violation	19
Incident Follow up	2
Found Property	12
Fraud	27
Harassment	17
Information Report	34
Inspection Permit	5
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	15
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	3
Lockout – Assist	1
Lost Property	13
Marine Assist to DMR	24
Marine Conservation	153
Marine Detail	4
Marine Harvester Inspection	208
Marine Resource Boat Patrol	39
Marine Resource Inspection	6
Mental Health Event	11
Official Misconduct	6
Missing / Lost Person	2
Noise Complaint	8
Operating Under Influence	3

NATURE OF INCIDENT	Total
Overdose	1
Parking Problem	25
Pedestrian Check	4
Property Check	815
Property Damage, Non Vndlsm	1
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1
Relay / Transfer	2
Runaway Juvenile	1
Sex Offender Reg. Verification	15
Sex Offender Registry	1
Sex Offense	6
Speed Complaint	10
Suicide Attempt/Suicide	5
Suspicious Pers./Circumstance	69
Theft	12
Theft-Vehicle	2
Threatening	6
Traffic Detail	46
Traffic Hazard	32
Traffic Violation	381
Unsecure Premise	3
Unwanted Phone Calls	1
Varda Alarm	1
Vehicle off Road No Damage	17
Vehicle Theft	1
VIN Number Inspection	5
VIPS Detail/Event	2
Walk-in Paperwork	1
Wanted Person	5
Weapons Offense	8
Welfare Check	53
Total Incidents	3,446

Harpswell Sheriff's Statistics

Month	Calls for Service	Citations	Traffic Warnings	Traffic Stops	Reportable Accidents	Non-Reportable Accidents
January	225	6	34	37	7	1
February	231	14	36	57	5	0
March	241	16	22	38	5	2
April	283	8	20	40	4	1
May	318	7	30	39	2	1
June	357	10	19	32	11	2
July	394	4	15	19	4	2
August	364	7	11	19	2	4
September	291	4	16	26	2	2
October	275	3	14	17	5	2
November	244	4	19	30	7	3
December	223	12	14	27	11	1
Total	3,446	95	250	381	65	21

Marine Patrol Statistics

Total Coves Checked	3,159
Total Landings Checked	839
Total Marine Resource Inspections	8
Total Harvester Inspections	258
Total Bushels Checked	387
Total Pecks Checked	41.5
Total Assists to DMR	54
Total Fish and Game Violations	17
Total Property Checks	48
Total Assists to Patrol	336
Total Boat Hours	102
Total Airboat Hours	130
Total	5,379.5

Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the “Military Widow’s Tax,” an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people’s health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine’s Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation’s premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s housing needs are addressed. For Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee’s Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS’ Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

January 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

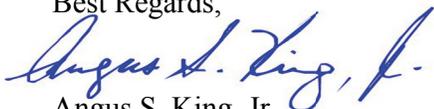
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts to bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to represent you and your family and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

In 2019, I was honored to work with my colleagues to pass hundreds of bills that address everything from fighting climate change to raising the minimum wage. And while Congress has become an increasingly partisan place, I was proud to continue my habit of reaching across the aisle, introducing a number of bipartisan bills and cosponsoring even more.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to support programs important to Maine, such as rural broadband investment, Head Start, PFAS clean up, and shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works. Further, I firmly believe we need to make substantial investments in all aspects of our infrastructure, from safe drinking water and modernized schools, to upgraded highways, transit, and rail. From my seat on the Appropriations Committee I advocated for increased funding for the BUILD grants program which funds investments in transportation infrastructure by states, local governments, and transit agencies. I also pushed for increased funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, our national park system, local and organic agriculture, election security, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Since my time in the Maine State Senate, lowering the cost of prescription drugs has been one of my top priorities. This year I introduced two bills that would help Americans afford their prescription medications. I also voted for a bill that would allow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to directly negotiate prices for certain drugs. I look forward to continuing this important work in 2020 so Americans are no longer faced with the choice of picking up prescriptions they desperately need or putting food on the table.

I am sure this coming year holds many challenges and opportunities for our country, and I promise that the interests and principles of Mainers will continue to guide my work. If there is anything my offices in Washington or Maine can do to be of assistance – whether you, your town, or your organization is applying for a grant; you're facing an issue with a federal agency; or if you'd just like to share a thought or opinion – please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



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Dear Harpswell constituents,

I serve in the Maine Senate to help ensure that future generations can live, work and thrive in Maine. In our 2019 legislative session, we restored civility in Augusta, passing meaningful legislation that will make a difference for people across Maine.

To protect the environment, we banned single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam containers statewide, eliminating these significant sources of pollution. As chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I led negotiations to improve the water quality of our rivers and protect the sustenance fishing rights of Maine tribes. We also approved the governor’s proposal to create the Maine Climate Council, which will spearhead efforts to reduce greenhouse gas pollution by 80 percent and achieve 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. I was appointed to serve on this council, so climate change will be one of the issues I focus on this year.

I serve on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee as well, where I focus on early childhood education. Last year I introduced a successful bill to require a comprehensive study of Maine’s early learning programs. When identified early, health problems and developmental disabilities can be addressed more effectively, ensuring that all children achieve their full potential. This year I will continue working to strengthen these programs.

We also passed a budget that provides \$130 million in property tax relief without raising taxes, fought to make health care more affordable and more accessible, and created a first-in-the-nation statewide earned paid time off policy. We made significant strides, but there’s more work to be done. In Augusta, I will stay focused on protecting our environment and improving our health care and education systems.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at (207) 287-1515 or Brownie.Carson@legislature.maine.gov.

I look forward to continuing to work with you this year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brownie Carson'.

Brownie Carson
State Senator

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Dear Harpswell Residents,

It continues to be my honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I have been working hard on your behalf to provide responsive constituent services, be your advocate in Augusta and pass legislation that improves life in our district and in our state.

As of this writing, the 129th Legislature has just begun its second regular session, and we expect to have adjourned around mid-April. During that period, we will consider more than 650 bills, from smaller quick fixes and complex legislation we're still working on from 2019 to measures in response to new issues that have come up since the summer.

Our broad goals this year include further increasing access to health care, reducing the cost of insulin, funding schools and local governments, massively upgrading Maine's career and technical education system, further reducing substance use disorders and overdose deaths, making sure Maine invests in research and development and land conservation, strengthening workers' rights and more. I also have several of my own bills, including measures to provide basic fairness to those in need of mental health care and support for our fisheries.

I'm proud to continue serving as House chair of the Marine Resources Committee as we build on our achievements from last year, further strengthen our fisheries, welcome new marine industries and make sure that future generations can continue to earn a living from Maine's coastal waters.

I will also remain hard at work on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, which oversees policy related to voting rights, alcohol, tobacco, recreational marijuana, gambling and properly supporting our veterans.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is 449-3293. I also send out monthly email updates and would be honored to include you. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Joyce "Jay" McCreight
State Representative

District 51

Brunswick (part), Harpswell and West Bath

Bandstand

Harpswell Bandstand by the Sea celebrated its 7th successful summer concert program in 2019. It was a stupendous season in terms of increased audience size and participation, especially during August.

Due to the excellent combination and variety of weekly performers, the number of attendees exceeded 400 and 500 people per concert including buses from two local Senior Living Centers. This season saw a big increase in audience participation —more singing and dancing. We have noted that as our performers' variety and quality get higher so do the fees. The Committee works to find ways to continue meeting this challenge.



The physical Bandstand building remains in fine shape thanks to the cleaning of the acoustic wooden ceiling and power washing the floor. This summer should see improvement in the flagpole area with a small picket fence and plantings around the flagpole which should prevent young children from swinging on it. Thanks to our Committee members for keeping the weeds in the bricks and shrubbery under control.

A wonderful addition this year was the volunteer team of Laura, Nancy and Jonathan Adams who videotaped and edited eight concerts which have been aired on Harpswell TV. A repeat of that series is finishing as we meet (Sundays @ 3:00). If you missed it or would like to see it again, call the station (833-2363) and request it. We are much indebted to the Adams family for the many hours invested.

Finally, the Chair thanks the members of the Bandstand Committee for their innovative and inspiring contributions, hard work and dedication.

Board of Appeals

Harpswell's Board of Appeals (BOA), similar to the Planning Board, differs from many committees in a few fundamental ways:

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

The BOA is comprised of five full voting members and two associate members who are ready to step in when a member is absent. Anyone may appeal a decision of the Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) within 40 days of the CEO's decision and, through a formal procedure, the BOA will review the facts at a public meeting using the applicable statutes and ordinances, allow anyone to speak on the record, and reach a decision by majority vote.

The BOA meets monthly or as needed, usually the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Town Office and open to the public. The Board met four times in 2019 and heard four appeals: one was tabled for legal advice, one was tabled by the applicant, and two were withdrawn.

Budget Advisory

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) met seven times between October 28 and December 16, 2019, reviewing some 60 town accounts and sub-accounts. Based on its review, the BAC forwarded to the Select Board for consideration a municipal, LD-1 compliant budget of \$5.79M, a 3.0% increase over 2019. (Note: an LD-1 compliant budget is one that falls at or below a target amount calculated by the State and based on a locality's income and property growth characteristics. Meeting this objective is considered to be a key indicator of sound budget management.)

While the recommended budget was slightly higher than 2019, it will support salary increases for Town employees, needed improvements to the Transfer and Recycling Center, increased support for the Harbormaster, and adequate funding for health and wellness, recreation, and cultural programs. It will also meet the funding requests of the Town's three volunteer fire and rescue departments, support a new financial agreement with Curtis Memorial Library, as well as key projects funded out of capital reserves, including a new HVAC for the Town Office, a portion of the Mitchell Field boat launch and continued communications consulting. The recommended budget will also allow the addition of 10 new speed details to be provided by the Cumberland County Sheriff. No new capital road work was funded in the 2020 budget.

Harpswell currently provides funding to five private cemeteries to enable landscaping and maintenance. Last year the Town increased the contribution made for each veteran grave from \$10 to \$12.50. The BAC endorsed a proposal to raise this amount to \$15 per grave in 2020. However, as maintenance costs continue to increase, the BAC believes the Town should evaluate if it should take on a greater role in cemetery management to see if any future cost increases can be minimized.

Finally, two members, who contributed significantly to the BAC for many years, stepped down. We thank them for their participation and years of quality service. Two new members have joined the Committee, bringing budget and financial management experience with them. As always, the Town staff provided outstanding support throughout the process.

Cable TV Franchise Renewal Advisory Work Group

In October 2019, the Board of Selectmen appointed a work group to assist the Board in preparing for the renewal of the franchise agreement with Comcast. The work group includes representation from the Board of Selectmen, municipal staff, Harpswell Community Television, the Energy and Technology Committee, and the general public. The current 10-year agreement with Comcast is set to end in late September 2020.

As part of its mission, the group is responsible for evaluating the past performance of Comcast as well as identifying the future cable needs of the community. While information has been requested of Comcast, the group is also developing a survey to gather public input about cable television matters including those relating to the local public access channel operated by Harpswell Community Television. The survey will be available around Harpswell, on the Town's website and at the Town Meeting. We encourage people to fill out the survey so we can understand the concerns and priorities of the community with respect to cable television. The information we gather will be used to support the Town's request for new capital investment by Comcast.

Consulting advice is being provided by Tony Vigue, a former President of Community Television of Maine, who is highly knowledgeable about negotiating franchise agreements with cable companies. If you wish to share information with the work group, please fill out a survey. In addition, feel free to attend our monthly meetings—check the Town calendar for dates and times.

Climate Resilience Task Force

A Climate Resilience Task Force was formed in June 2019 to assess Harpswell’s resiliency to coastal flooding resulting from climate change and to identify possible steps to reduce these impacts. The Town received a Shore-Up Maine technical assistance grant from the Island Institute to support the Task Force. The Task Force undertook a systematic assessment of the possible impacts of rising tides and storm surge on all aspects of community infrastructure.

Spearheaded by the Conservation Commission, the Task Force included members of the Town Lands, Marine Resources, and Harbor and Waterfront Committees; community representatives from the working waterfront, land trust, business association, and real estate brokers. Town personnel provided assistance to the Task Force. To include differing interests and a broader perspective, interested residents were invited to attend meetings.

Using a checklist prepared by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Task Force reviewed Harpswell’s built, natural, and social environments to understand where the Town has exposure. Members assessed coastal flood and wind hazard vulnerability and their possible impacts on Harpswell’s critical infrastructure and facilities (communication, energy, potable water and wastewater systems), its natural environment and marine economy and potential impacts to its social and economic community.

The group identified where action should be taken to reduce exposure and discussed problematic areas that are workable now, but will be less so as storm frequency increases. The final report will include a strategy for community action. This may be based on either time or increases in sea level.

The mission of the Task Force is to evaluate exposure and identify steps toward reducing vulnerabilities. As it neared completion, the members felt the process was a good first step toward identifying the areas where the Town is most at risk as a result of climate change and needs attention. Many in the group are energized to begin working on the identified areas and recommend that an implementation committee be formed to begin to work on adaptation and/or mitigation strategies for the affected areas.

The Task Force’s final report will be presented to the Selectmen and the public for comment and discussion of the next steps shortly after Town Meeting.

Conservation Commission

Established by Town Meeting in 1970, the Harpswell Conservation Commission continues its responsibility for conducting research and giving advice that will help better utilize, protect, and plan for the Town's natural resources and open areas.

Protection of Water Resources:

Pesticide and Fertilizer Use: The Commission regularly reviews land use applications. In 2019, we worked with the developer of two new subdivisions to include provisions in the homeowner's association by-laws restricting the use of water-soluble fertilizers and pesticides. Provisions to prevent erosion and manage runoff when the lots are developed were also included.

It is the time of year to think of ways you can reduce the use of pesticides and fast acting fertilizers in your yard in the coming season to help keep Casco Bay clean. Homeowner tips are included in [A Resident's Conservation Guide to Casco Bay](#), available at the Town Office. Also, did you know that many lawn care and pesticide applicator companies offer natural treatment programs if you ask about one. If they don't, call another applicator.

Brown Tail Moth: Controlling brown tail moths while protecting our waters is a goal of the Commission. During 2019, the State increased browntail moth funding to continue research on environmental pest controls and establish a State 211 hotline to answer questions about citizen's allergic reactions to the moth. Clipping winter nests is still the most effective control. If removing nests is not viable and a homeowner is considering using pesticides, it is especially important to use a licensed pesticide applicator. In Harpswell, much of the browntail moth infestation is on properties within the 250-foot shoreland zone and many over-the-counter moth pesticides are very toxic to marine life and pollinators. There are state and local regulations as to the type and application methods that can be used near the shoreline. Licensed applicators are aware of these restrictions and will design an appropriate application plan that is safe to you and our environment. Don't take a chance, contact a professional. More information on who to call or how to use the 211 hotline is at the end of the report.

Climate Resiliency:

In 2012, the Conservation Commission began looking at how rising tides and storm surge would impact Harpswell in the future. In 2015, it introduced an interactive on-line map that shows citizens how their property could be affected as tides rise. In 2017, a pilot project was undertaken to take a detailed look at how part of Basin Point Road and its residents might be impacted by rising tides and how it could be addressed. In 2019, the Commission wanted to take a comprehensive look at how rising tides would impact various areas of the community's infrastructure and facilities. The Town received a Shore-Up Maine technical assistance grant from the Island Institute to create a task force to do a systematic assessment of the impacts of rising tides and storm surge on all aspects of the community's infrastructure. The Select Board authorized the formation of the Climate Resilience Task Force to be led by the Conservation Commission. The task force is preparing its final report which will include a strategy for how the community should move forward to prepare for the impacts of climate change. The task force will be recommending the formation of a Climate Resiliency Implementation Committee to begin to work on adaption and/or mitigation strategies for the affected areas.

Conservation Resources On-line: For additional information go to <http://www.harpswell.maine.gov> and click on [Environment](#) located on the left sidebar. Information on the above topics is listed on the drop-down menu.

Emergency Vehicles

A schedule of replacement for the fire and rescue vehicles is reviewed and modified each year.

After reviewing the schedule, a plan was put in place to re-chassis both Orr's & Bailey Island's and Cundy's Harbor ambulances. The Committee determined this to be the priority in order to meet the immediate needs of the Town and the departments. In addition, the Orr's & Bailey ambulance was upgraded with a power load stretcher. This allowed it to be compatible with the other two departments.

The decision to re-chassis the two ambulances will postpone the replacement of a pumper for Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department to a future date.

Energy and Technology

The Energy and Technology Committee has continued to work on three focus areas in 2019: 1) Cell Coverage Improvement 2) Solar Energy study and 3) Support to the Study of the Town Office Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) system. Below is a short update on each area.

Cell Coverage – The Committee was tasked by the Select Board to look at options to improve coverage in Town. An analysis was conducted showing that at least three towers would be required to provide complete coverage Town-wide. Since that was not feasible, the single location with the largest improvement was identified as Mitchell Field. Working with the Mitchell Field Committee a location at MF was identified, approved by both committees and the Select Board, and is now part of the Mitchell Field Plan Update. The Committee supported staff in the development of an Expression of Interest Request and provided a list of possible tower builders to be solicited. With positive responses from builders, we supported the development of a formal Request for Proposal that has yielded four very strong proposals and a warrant item on the 2020 Town Meeting to proceed. While still a year or two from knowing the final result, things are moving in a positive direction. The Committee will continue to support staff through the selection process.

Solar Energy – Working with the Mitchell Field Committee we have agreed upon a small area for the location of a potential Solar Array. The location was approved by both committees and the Select Board and is now part of the Mitchell Field Plan Update. In 2020, the Committee will develop a recommendation for the Select Board, and hopefully Town Meeting 2021, for a solution that will provide renewable energy for all the Town of Harpswell's annual usage.

HVAC System – Committee members have supported the staff in the development and review of plans and requests for a major project to improve the function and energy efficiency of the Town Office HVAC. That support and efforts to further reduce energy consumption at the Town Office will continue in 2020.

Fire and Rescue Planning

In 2019 the Town hired two regular part-time firefighters in an effort to stabilize service availability on weekdays. These two positions add to the other Town provided firefighters, including the Town's Fire Administrator. In addition to providing weekday response in support of our volunteer responders and departments, the Town firefighters provide public safety education, fire hydrant maintenance, and a myriad of other services.

The departments continue to work very closely with the Mid Coast Hospital paramedics to provide emergency medical services.

The Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department hosted an EMT course with students from all three fire departments, and a student from outside of Harpswell. There were three new EMTs and one new firefighter added to volunteer ranks in 2019.

Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue has been billing for patient transports for some years now. Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department started billing on March 1, 2019. Cundy's Harbor Fire Department is planning on billing starting in 2020. Billing revenue is used to offset the tax support required to continue to operate the fire departments.

The Committee continues to evaluate and coordinate the needs of emergency fire and ambulance services in Harpswell, including the need for replacement of the communications tower at Orr's Island and/or modification of communications infrastructure, and any future facility needs for the delivery of fire and rescue service.

Here are the 2019 response totals for Harpswell's three fire departments:

Department	Cundy's Harbor Fire Department	Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department *
Total Responses	248	296	311

* In 2019 the Town firefighters responded primarily with equipment from the Orr's Island Fire Station. This has increased total runs from the Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department, since the Department would not normally have responded if not for the Town firefighters responding automatically to calls in the other two fire districts.

Further details related to response calls are available on the Town's website.

Harbor and Waterfront

2019 brought an increased interest in aquaculture. To reimburse the Town for the time the Harbormaster needs to process applications, the Committee is recommending a \$50.00 fee per application. The Committee also held an aquaculture forum to inform the community about aquaculture. The Committee thanks the Harbormaster for coordinating the forum to help with public education and outreach.

The Committee also supported the Harbormaster's proposal to use mooring management software to handle our 2000 plus moorings. Mooring holders will be able to apply for and renew moorings online.

There has been an increase in the number of haul-offs at Town landings. A photo of the Bethel Point launch clearly showed how, regardless of the wind direction, there are boats on haul-offs that obviously impede a safe and unobstructed path to open water. Therefore, the Committee is recommending an addition to the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance stating that there should be no haul-offs within 100' of the center of the public boat launch ramp and if there are any exceptions, they must be permitted by the Harbormaster.

The Committee voted to recommend the fee for Guest moorings be \$50 which is the same for Service moorings. The Committee also voted to require identification tags be placed on all moored floats. Initially, these tags would be made available at no charge to the float owner at the next mooring renewal. The stainless-steel tags would be permanently placed on the float and not require subsequent tags. The Committee recognizes that every boat shall have but one mooring.

Marine Resources

The Marine Resources Committee is responsible for maintaining the Municipal Shellfish Conservation Program within the Town of Harpswell. In accordance with the Maine Department of Marine Resources, the goal is to provide management programs in Harpswell for the conservation of shellfish in a manner consistent with the production of a reasonable yield.

Landings *(2019 numbers have not been released as of yet)*

2016 – 2018 Harpswell Quahog Landings			
Year	Town	Live Pounds	Total Value
2016	Harpswell	112,379	\$173,274
2017	Harpswell	134,727	\$222,308
2018	Harpswell	244,000	\$389,240

2016 - 2018 Harpswell Softshell Clam Landings			
Year	Town	Live Pounds	Total Value
2016	Harpswell	97,940	\$238,763
2017	Harpswell	112,895	\$228,242
2018	Harpswell	128,220	\$252,976

2019 License Allocations

Resident: 49
 Nonresident: 5
 Senior Resident: 7
 Senior Nonresident: 1
 Junior/Student Resident: 10
 Junior/Student Nonresident: 1
 Rec/Resident: Unlimited
 Rec/Nonresident: 10%
 Rec/Senior Resident: Unlimited
 Rec/Senior Nonresident: 10%

2020 License Allocations

Resident: 49
 Nonresident: 5
 Senior Resident: 7
 Senior Nonresident: 1
 Junior/Student Resident: 10
 Junior/Student Nonresident: 1
 Rec/Resident: Unlimited
 Rec/Nonresident: 10%
 Rec/Senior Resident: Unlimited
 Rec/Senior Nonresident: 10%

Conservation Activities

In 2019, Harpswell Commercial Shellfish Harvesters participated in a combined total of 26 Conservation Activities. These projects include the making and installation of 6 spat retention nets that were deployed in the Long Reach and Doughty Cove; the husbandry of 340,000 quahog seeds from 1mm to 5mm, followed by the transplanting of seed in the Long Reach; pollution mitigation assessments; a shared

brushing experiment hosted by the Downeast Institute and general maintenance of equipment and tools. Also over the course of the licensing year, shellfish harvesters removed a combined total of 1,320 lbs. of trash from the intertidal mud flats.

Next Steps

The Committee is proposing the funding of a conservation project that would promote and propagate the quahog and softshell clam resource. The intention of the Committee is to build a tidal upweller that would serve as an incubator to help raise extremely small shellfish. Once the shellfish grow in the upweller to a size of self-sufficiency, the shellfish would then be planted in areas, as determined by the Committee, to continue growing to market size. In the fight against climate change, harvesters have had to get creative. Growing shellfish to an age and size where they can ward off warmer water predation, will give them a higher likelihood of survival, leading to the ultimate Committee goal of providing management programs in Harpswell for the conservation of shellfish in a manner consistent with the production of a reasonable yield.

Mitchell Field

Significant changes continued in 2019 at Mitchell Field. The causeway was reopened. Running Tide Technologies completed its building renovations and began operations. The company also decided to exercise its lease option for additional space in the business zone. Pammy's Ice Cream Shop renegotiated its lease for a longer term.

The Town is moving forward with the seasonal ramp and float system at the end of the causeway. A marine engineer has been selected to oversee the project and Maine Department of Transportation matching funds were approved in November 2019. The project is slated for completion in 2020.

The Community Garden raised the necessary funds to install the supply system for a new and more adequate source of clean water. The remaining structures in the water tower area were removed, the surface soil with trace lead amounts was encapsulated and the area was covered with a layer of clean soil.

The Committee has forwarded the draft Mitchell Field Master Plan Update to the Town Administration and Board of Selectmen for review and consideration at the 2020 Town Meeting.

The Bandstand Concerts were extremely successful. We have identified additional parking areas for attendees.

Other initiatives over the course of the year included:

- Completion of additional well water testing.
- Identified location for possible communications tower and solar panel field
- Cleaned various drain culverts to improve water flow
- Started evaluation process for Administrative Building

A working group has been established to make recommendations related to parking, moorings, dinghy storage, beach use, field access, hours of operation, group use rules, mobile food trucks and alcohol consumption. This group will report out its recommendations in 2020.

We continued to manage invasive plants with field mowing, plant removal and pesticide application along the perimeter of the fields and forest. Volunteers conducted various maintenance and upgrade activities, such as building cleanout for reuse, removal of structures and barbed wire, and invasive plant burning.

Planning Board

2019 was an active year for the Planning Board which met 10 times between January and December to consider 29 applicant requests. Almost half of the requests dealt with sub-division modifications in one form or another, or requests to tear down and re-build existing structures. Additionally, a developer formally submitted preliminary plans to create a new subdivision on a large parcel of land along Route 24. Other applications of interest included a request to build an amateur radio tower and a request to build a residential structure within the Resource Protection Zone.

Central to all Board action is the reliance on existing Town ordinances to guide approval or disapproval decisions. Because ordinances are so critically important, it is in everyone's interest to ensure they are as clear as possible and that they accurately reflect the Town's planning requirements and priorities. As we have done in previous years, the Board held several workshops to address these objectives.

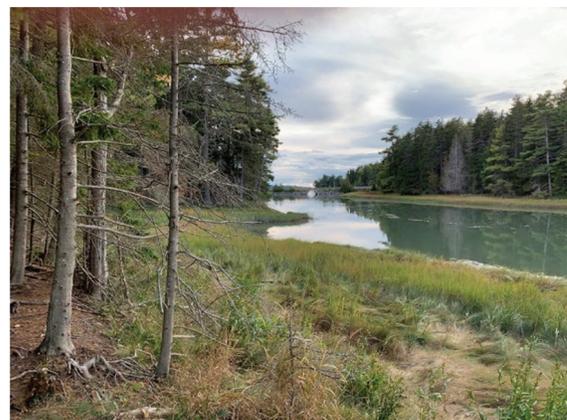
As noted previously, much of what the Board considered this past year dealt with requests to modify existing sub-divisions, and in one case, to establish a new sub-division. The emphasis on sub- divisions will likely continue in the future as developers seek to acquire available tracts of land in Harpswell and surrounding areas for future development projects. Re-building structures along the coastline is also expected to be a focus area.

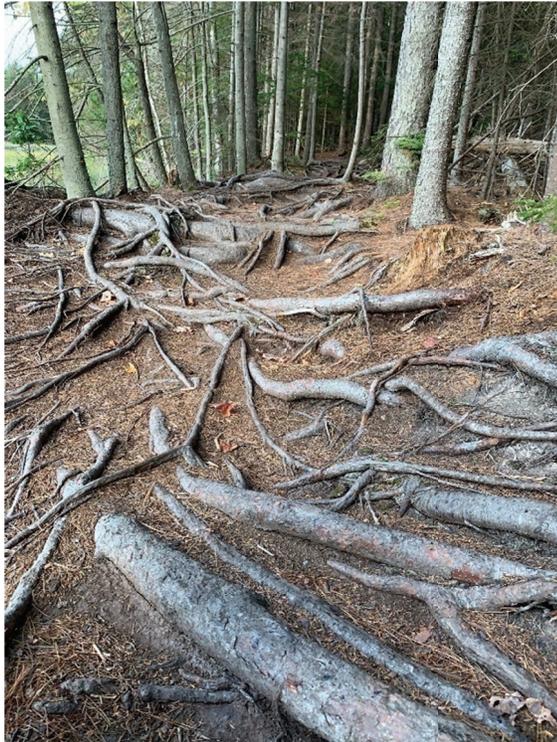
The Chair would like to thank all of the current Board members for their service during the year and recognize the professional support and guidance provided by the Town Planner and Administrative Assistant.

Recreation

FIRST WHEELCHAIR- ACCESS WOODS TRAIL IN HARPSWELL

The first ½-mile of the popular Cliff Trail offers open and filtered views along the shore of tidal Strawberry Creek. It is a relatively flat section but is full of roots and muddy in spots. A 'hardened', more sustainable trail surface is needed and why not make it smooth enough for wheelchairs?





The proposed trail surface will be natural gravel and 4-foot wide --- a very similar treatment as done for the 4-foot wide path restoration successfully implemented at the Giant Stairs on Bailey Island in 2008 --- a smooth walking surface for all users

Last year, the Recreation Committee secured a State Grant to cover half the cost and is requesting Town appropriations at the March Town Meeting for more. However, an estimated \$21,000 is still needed that we hope to cover by material, services and cash donations.

If you can help by donating housing for the 6-person trail crew or lending a small front-end loader or by transporting gravel or with a cash donation, please:

- Visit the information table at Town Meeting
- Go to the Recreation Dept. web page
- Contact the Recreation Dept. 207-833-5771
recreation@town.harpswell.me.us



Recycling

2019 marked the 40th anniversary for the Recycling Center and Transfer Station. The Committee reviewed the history and prepared an article which was carried in The Anchor describing the history and progress that has been made over the years.

The Center processed roughly the same amount of household waste material as the prior year with some increase in construction debris and more significantly continued increase in the tonnage of composting materials. Also, in 2019, the Fishing Gear Take Back Program continued to be successful, and the shredding event continued to draw increased participation. The entire operation is very well managed and staffed; all of us in Harpswell are most fortunate. Our customers are continuously guided by the staff and are generally motivated to do their part, resulting in our operation being outstanding compared to others.

There were challenges and problems including equipment breakdowns primarily resulting from the aging facility. These events were capably handled by the management and staff, resulting in minimal inconvenience. Plans are progressing and being refined for updating the Center so that it can continue to serve Harpswell.

Major challenges lie ahead for management of waste materials and recycling not only for us but also for other towns and states. Several other towns in Maine have discontinued recycling efforts primarily because the rates for disposing of recyclables exceeded the cost of trash materials. The State of Maine is currently considering legislation (Extended Producer Responsibility or EPR) to address the ever increasing problem of packaging materials, similar to programs implemented in other countries. New innovations in waste management are being looked at by the Committee. In one community, the Committee has learned that all household waste is collected unsorted including garbage, then metal and glass are separated and recycled, and the balance is processed into plastic pellets that can be formed into trash cans, playground equipment, pallets, etc. and can be recycled. We are following this development.



Town Lands

The Town of Harpswell owns more than a dozen landings, five islands, as well as around ten other parcels of land. Even long-time Harpswell residents may not realize what a wealth of public resources we have. The Town Lands Committee actively monitors these public assets to make sure they remain in good condition. In addition, the Committee looks for ways to improve or better preserve Town properties.

During 2019, improvements were made to the parking at the Pott's Point Town Wharf, to the Pott's Point ramp and the Mackerel Cove ramp. Updates and improvements to facilities and parking were made in the last two years to the Bethel Point Landing to better accommodate the variety of users of this popular landing. The Town Lands Committee appreciates all the work from Town officials and voters that made these improvements possible. Committee members and volunteers also held a cleanup day to make additional improvements to the Graveyard Point Landing.

On the 2020 Town Warrant, there will be an article to provide funding for improvements to the Tide Mill Landing. This once minimally-used landing has seen increased usage over the past few years—especially by kayakers and other recreational users. To allow better access to this unique landing, the Town Lands Committee and Town officials have worked with the Town's engineering firm to formulate these upgrades. This work will mitigate erosion and allow better access to the water, while assuring the privacy of abutters. These improvements should minimize the need for future Town expenditures while assuring long term public access.

The Committee thanks the local stewards who help us monitor and maintain Town properties. Often these are individuals who live close to Town properties and are able to provide valuable monitoring on a regular basis to ensure properties are well maintained. Given the number of Town properties, additional stewards are always needed. Being a steward takes a very modest amount of time and is a great way to be engaged in the community. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Town Lands Committee or fill out a form on the Town's website.

Harpswell Community Television

The year 2019 marked a tumultuous time for media in general. It was no exception for channel 14, your Public, Education,

and Government channel (PEG).

The FCC has made some changes to what cable companies must offer a community for the use of town rights of way. Because of these changes, the State of Maine has passed a law to protect a community's ability to negotiate a fair contract with a cable company and to offer "a la carte" services. This is being appealed in the courts. Harpswell's franchise agreement with Comcast expires soon and negotiations for a new contract will begin.

In the coming year, as the Town of Harpswell begins negotiating a new franchise agreement with Comcast, a **survey** of cable services and Harpswell Community TV's PEG services is being developed. We ask you to please help us by filling out the **survey**. It will be important for us to know if you watch local media, what you like to watch and how you receive it: On cable channel 14? Antenna 14.1? Or vimeo.com/harpwelltv?

W14DA-D (14.1), our over-the-air antenna service, had a few issues this past year, which caused the transmitter to shut down a few times. Please bear with us as we narrow down what is causing these issues. Your continued monetary support of our "Transmitter Fund" (which is separate from our operation budget presented at the Annual Town Meeting) helps us to purchase the equipment we need to continue to offer PEG programming free to those with a TV and antenna. Thank you!

If you access media over the internet, you can find many of the local programs we play on TV. There is a large archive of material from Harpswell on vimeo.com/harpwelltv this includes government meetings, school meetings, health programs, and so on.

Your donations to our "Transmitter Fund" also allowed us to purchase a computer module to stream the Harpswell Select Board, to vimeo.com/harpwelltv, each time they meet. You can find a link to the stream on the Town's website.

We are committed to providing you with great programming of a local interest. If you have an original video, a non-profit announcement, or music you wrote and would like to share it with the community, you can find us at www.harpwelltv.org.

Don't forget to fill out the survey!

Thank you for your continued support,
Harpswell Community TV, Board of Directors and Staff

Cundy's Harbor Library

The year 2020 will mark the 60th anniversary of the Cundy's Harbor Library's service to the community. The library gives thanks to the visionary efforts of many Harbor families who brought it into existence. Names you might recognize: Watson, Anderson, Pulsifer, Burbank, Swallow, Doughty, Smith, Drew, Miller, Johnson, Jordan, Kitchin, Taylor, Webber, and many more were there at its inception. There is not enough room to name all of the many other devoted individuals who have kept the dream alive.

With this milestone in mind, librarian David Perrier and his intern, Crystal Magoon, spent much of the past summer successfully digitizing a treasure trove of historical archival materials about the town, the village, and the library. Perhaps you would like to digitize your family archives. Stop by and they will show you how to do it! And stay tuned for information on our local historical homes walking tour of Cundy's Harbor that they have created.

Over the years, the 100-year old building has been improved through donations and grants. 2019 was no exception. The library was awarded three grants. With one grant, hazardous locust trees were removed from the property. A second grant allowed for the acquisition of a stand-by generator. Now the library is able to provide a safe, warm place, WIFI, comfort and company during the many power outages. The library was awarded its most recent grant for the installation of two handicap parking spaces to be located near the entrance ramp.



The library board is actively pursuing other grants to maintain and improve its facilities and programs.

The library keeps its doors open year-round for all residents. In 2019, hundreds of adults and children participated in interesting, diverse, fun programs. Notary public services were available and used year-round, as were weekly Tech Help sessions. Children's Story Time tripled its attendance this year. Inter-library loan services also were used all year.

Perhaps you were lucky to see the beautiful photo/poem exhibit, *Essences*, by Akiba and Maryam Mermey that graced the walls of the library last summer. Another exhibit of photos is in the works for summer 2020.

You might know that library director, Karen Schneider, retired this past fall. Thanks go to amazing volunteers and to the librarian who filled the void for a couple of months this winter. Moreover, the library is pleased to announce that a new director, Heather Logan, has taken the helm! Be sure to stop by to meet and welcome her.

With your help, the library intends to go on serving the community to the best of its ability for at least another 60 years. Thank you for your generous support. Our little library would not exist without you.

This summer, there will be a pairing of two signature events. In recognition of the State of Maine's 200th year and the library's 60th anniversary, everyone is invited to the combined Ice Cream Social and special Birthday Party, making one big, happy celebration on July 31st. Come join the fun!

Linda Prybylo, President
Carol Duron Taylor, Vice-President

Dianne Chilmonczyk, Secretary
Rachel Miller, Treasurer

935 Cundy's Harbor Road, Harpswell, Maine 04079 207.725.1461 www.cundysharbor.me

Curtis Memorial Library

Curtis continues to pop up at the Harpswell Town Office from 2-4pm every Tuesday. A librarian from Curtis brings a large selection of best-sellers and requested books and sets up shop at the entrance to the Town Office. Stop by and see what we have and don't forget that the librarian is there to help you with any research requests you might have.

Curtis recently created a Library of Things which has been very popular. The Library is a collection of non-traditional library items bundled into kits to provide different opportunities for learning and engagement. A kit can be as simple as needles, yarn, and directions in a "learn-to-knit" kit or it can be a pasta maker that you can borrow to make your own spaghetti. Stop by the reference desk to see the options.

Curtis librarians also partnered with Harpswell Parks & Recreation to offer "scrap crafts". These classes focus on reusing all sorts of materials so they don't end up in the landfill. The classes included making jewelry from plastic, wire, cardboard, fabric, and old clothing; making mosaics from items such as rocks, broken dishes and glass; and much more! These classes will resume in 2020.

Curtis also continues to provide our regular library services including monthly programming, events, and displays; a baby-toddler music program; weekly tech wizard assistance for people who need help with their computers; craft meetups and many, many others. We also offer services online to library card holders, including downloadable books and audiobooks, and electronic magazines.

Our thanks go to the citizens of Harpswell for their continued backing of Curtis Memorial Library. If you have ideas about programs you would like to see in Harpswell, please feel free to contact me – and thank you!

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Doucett
Executive Director
Curtis Memorial Library
edoucett@curtislibrary.com



Orr's Island Library

By the time the Cribstone Bridge was built, the Orr's Island Library had already been serving the Harpswell community for over 20 years! As we reflect back on 120 years of operation, it is gratifying that as times and community needs have changed, so has the library.

The library's bright, open layout, completely ADA compliant, is conducive to any number of activities. You can browse through and check out our 10,000 best sellers, mysteries and other books or our collection of more than 2,000 DVD movies and books on tape. Relax in our comfortable chairs and work on your laptop using our free Wifi. Make use of our personal and business computing center, which offers two public computers, the complete Adobe Cloud system of Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign, Dreamweaver and Acrobat and both color and black and white printers/scanners/copiers. Or simply engage in congenial conversation with others. Our large common area can comfortably seat 50 people and is available, free of charge, for community events. Our flat-screen TV, added last year, makes presentations easy and clear.

The library's special event calendar is filling up fast. Returning are the free Paper Shredding Event in May, the Annual Book Sale and Fair in August and the Longest Yard Sale on Labor Day weekend. The popular "First Thursday" programs are entering their seventh year, offering interesting talks about the area and other topics of interest. The summer will also bring back Saturday children's programs, a hands-on time of great fun.

Maine weather is always unpredictable. Last summer, the library was open as a cooling center and we are now equipped as a warming center should extended power outages occur.

2019 was a year of transition in the leadership of the Board of Trustees. After serving more than ten years in a variety of capacities including President and Treasurer, John Webster moved back south. Dan Hoebeke has taken his place as President. In addition we welcomed new trustees Sue Baker, Dana Eidsness, Helen Kitchell and Margo Almeida. The new trustees are already hard at work, bringing fresh ideas to make the library an even greater community resource.

Joanne Rogers the Librarian, is celebrating 34 years in 2020 as our Librarian, providing impressive stability and leadership. She along with a dedicated cadre of volunteers, ensure that our past successes will continue.

The Orr's Island Library is free to all the residents of Harpswell and our summer visitors. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Joanne Rogers, Librarian
Daniel Hoebeke, Board President





Hello, and thank you, all, for the support that has been given to the Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership (HIPP). During 2019, our volunteers logged nearly 1000 hours of time in working to remove invasive plants. There were 45 work dates at 14 different public properties in Harpswell in 2019. Our first fundraiser dinner was well attended, raising over \$3,000 for our fight against invasive plants.

Our plan for 2020 is to continue measures to control invasive plants, with the focus on Harpswell Heritage Land Trust's Otter Brook Preserve. Our group has been awarded two grants to aid in this project. Those funds will allow us to work on controlling the invasive plants found there, and to purchase and plant native trees in the areas disturbed by the logging that took place prior to the property's becoming a preserve. We will have informational signs in place in the Preserve, informing Otter Brook's users of our activity. We hope to offer educational programs and materials relating to invasive plants and the Otter Brook project.

We appreciate the support from our townspeople, and from our partnering organizations: Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, Harpswell Conservation Commission, Town Lands Committee, the Mitchell Field Committee, and the Harpswell Garden Club. Volunteers are welcome at all our events, so please join our efforts to combat invasive plants and encourage the growth of native plants to support native wildlife. Visit our webpage at: <https://hhltmaine.org/hipp/> for more information.

Sincerely,

Becky Gallery
Chair



2019 Annual Report

Harpswell Aging at Home (HAH) is a community-led organization that seeks to help people thrive while aging at home. With partner organizations, we provide information, promote initiatives, mobilize volunteers and deliver needed services, with financial support from the Town, citizens, community organizations and foundations.

HAH and its partners provide a variety of services to older adults. The Food Committee, with the support of many community organizations, mobilized over 200 volunteer cooks to prepare more than 3300 meals for the Lunch with Friends and Meals in a Pinch Programs. The Health and Wellness Committee supported homebound seniors with Seniors Connecting weekly calls. Our Home Helpers Committee assisted with household chores that residents can no longer perform. The Home Repairs Committee, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers and the Town, helped older adults stay safer, warmer and drier by repairing 23 homes and providing follow-on repairs for 15 former clients. The Resources Committee provided information about support services for older adults via 23 initial home visits and 15 follow-up visits, coordinated services across Committees, and worked with HealthCentric Advisers to assess impacts of the Home Repairs program. The Transportation Committee, in partnership with People Plus, organized 15 Harpswell drivers to provide 14,000 miles of rides. The Communications Committee promoted our programs and events with articles, newsletters, internet posts, presentations and a second golf tournament fundraiser. Overall HAH mobilized more than 10,000 hours of volunteer time last year.

In 2020, HAH will continue these services and expand them as needs emerge and volunteers are recruited. It continues to benefit from contributions from Harpswell volunteers, our partner organizations, and a wide range of community agencies. HAH hopes to develop a broader assessment of its impacts this year. We invite you to become one of our volunteers as we continue to work with older adults in Harpswell!



January 28, 2020

Dear Town of Harpswell,

Since 2011, Mid Coast Hospital has partnered with the Town of Harpswell to provide in-town, paramedic-level coverage with a dedicated vehicle known as MC2. In addition to being staffed 24 hours per day, MC2 is stationed at the centrally located Harpswell Emergency Services Building, allowing for an efficient, well-equipped response to local emergencies.

In partnership with Harpswell's three local ambulances, MC2 responded to a total of 535 calls in 2019. A breakdown is below:

- 205 to Harpswell Neck
- 172 to Orr's/Bailey Island
- 158 to Cundy's Harbor

Statistics regarding the nature of these calls reflect Harpswell's aging population. In a slight increase from 2018, just over half of all calls last year attended to individuals over the age of 70. In addition, in 2019, 22% of emergency calls were fall-related.

This data highlights the necessity of MC2, and the importance of providing community members in rural areas, especially the elderly, with access to advanced life support measures at all times. In 2019, the average response time for a paramedic to arrive on scene was under 9 minutes, a feat achieved through the team work of MC2 and the emergency medical services teams of Harpswell Neck, Orr's/Bailey Island, and Cundy's Harbor.

We are thankful for the ongoing collaboration between The Mid Coast Hospital Paramedic Interceptor team, local EMS providers, and the Town of Harpswell, which, in many critical situations over the years, has provided emergency care that may have not been accessible otherwise.

Additionally, we are grateful for the partnership between our paramedics and local responders. This relationship provides crucial training and support, which in turn improves coordination for all involved. Mid Coast Hospital is proud to help build a safer, healthier community for the residents of Harpswell, and to care for them at the most critical times.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to care for the health of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois N. Skillings".

Lois N. Skillings
President and CEO
Mid Coast-Parkview Health

2019-2020 MSAD 75 SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget:	\$42,279,971.00
Harpswell's Share of the Budget:	\$ 8,812,359.96 (20.8%)
Total District Enrollment (October 2019):	2464
Pre-K	32
K-5	1158
6-8	542
9-12	732
Harpswell's Total District Enrollment (October 2019):	359
Pre-K	2
K-5 (Harpswell Community School)	137
6-8	83
9-12	114
Harpswell Students attending other district elementary schools:	23
Williams-Cone (Topsham)	5
Woodside (Topsham)	18
Harpswell's Percent of Students:	14.5%

Highlights of 2019:

In July, the District welcomed its new Superintendent, Shawn Chabot, and its new Assistant Superintendent, Amanda Hersey. Mr. Chabot had previously been the Assistant Superintendent in Lewiston, and Ms. Hersey had served as the Curriculum Coordinator for RSU 73 (Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls).

After approximately eleven months of negotiations, the District was able to secure a new three-year contract for its approximately 263 teachers. The months during the negotiations were challenging for all involved, and the Board and the District are pleased to now be able to focus on their primary mission: the education of students.

The new high school is on track to open in the fall of 2020. There will be events planned this spring for the closing of the current school, followed by events for the opening of the new facility. For updates, a drone video of the site, meeting schedules, and to ask questions/make comments visit the Construction Page: <https://sites.google.com/a/link75.org/construction/home>.

District Budget: Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 -- June 30, 2021):

Budget meetings for FY21 have begun. These public meetings are recorded, played on Harpswell TV and available on Vimeo. Key dates are listed below. Additional budget information can be found by going to "Budget Information" at the District's website: www.link75.org.

March 10, 6:30: Meeting with the Selectmen of the four towns, Mount Ararat High School.

March 19, 23, and 24, 6:30: Public Budget Forums at Harpswell Community School, Woodside Elementary School, and Bowdoin Central School, respectively.

May 21, 6:30: The District Budget Meeting at the Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting, as it is at this meeting that the final budget numbers are decided for the June 8th Budget Validation Referend.

Respectfully submitted, Linda W. Hall, Chair, MSAD 75 Board of Directors

Harpswell representatives to the Board of Directors: Linda W. Hall, Alison Hawkes, Frank Wright, and Molly Perry (March 2019 - January 2020)

Harpswell Coastal Academy
“HCA - Change Your World!”
A School for Entrepreneurship and Social Change

New for the upcoming school year

- 5th grade in Harpswell
- Early College Program in Brunswick (for high school AND college credit)
- Pathways program for high school students motivated by entrepreneurship and/or social change

At Harpswell Coastal Academy (HCA), our mission is to create an engaged community of creative thinkers, compassionate leaders, and effective problem solvers. We are a public school option - free to all Maine students - with a middle school campus in beautiful Harpswell and a high school campus on The Landing in Brunswick. We were founded seven short years ago, and we are grateful to the Harpswell community for all its support!

HCA is an intentionally small learning community that focuses on core academics, entrepreneurship and social change. Our middle school and high school campuses offer rigorous learning experiences designed to nurture empathy, creative thinking and effective problem solving skills. HCA offers: learning that is real-world and relevant, teaching that is personal and personalized, and curriculum that is project-based and place-based.

We are a welcoming and inclusive school that nurtures community and encourages individuality. Some students come to us because they are looking for a smaller school community, others come for an opportunity to follow their interests in our project-based investigations, and others might come to just get more time being in the great outdoors!

Our faculty members are pros at building authentic relationships with students; they bring their passions to work with them each day. For example, students might learn how to play volleyball from their STEM teacher, how to paint with watercolors from their Humanities teacher, or study improv with their math teacher.

Our middle school takes advantage of the coves and woods around us. We might, for example, study the green crab invasion at Ash Cove or study the relationship between temperature and leaf growth at the Curtis Farm Preserve. The past two years, our middle school has developed an exciting relationship with the Harpswell Historical Society. Students go weekly to study with David Hackett and learn things like woodworking or moccasin making using tools that can be over 100 years old. We are especially grateful to David and everyone who keeps the Harpswell Historical Society a vibrant organization. We also have great outdoor experiences with the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust and are especially appreciative of their stewardship of the trails, coves and woods that we visit and enjoy so often.

Our High School students benefit from being on The Landing, the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. They can walk across our parking lot to take classes at SMCC and UMaine through our Early College Program for both high school and college credit; they can take a short bus ride to Region 10 Technical High School for technical education; they can walk up the road to lift weights at the Y or play basketball at the Rec Center. Students can then combine all of these experiences with our in-house offerings of everything from financial literacy and environmental science, to civics and stand-up comedy.

We are extremely proud to serve a diverse student population who come to us from Harpswell and beyond. Please visit us at www.harpswellcoastalacademy.org to find out more or to reach out to us. We welcome all students and families and would love to share more with anyone who is interested.

Thank you, Harpswell!



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February 7, 2020

Board of Selectmen
Town of Harpswell, Maine
Harpswell, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Harpswell, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Harpswell, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2019 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement 4
Comparative Balance Sheets – General Fund	Exhibit A-1
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Budgetary Basis of Accounting) – General Fund	Exhibit A-2
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Exhibit B-2

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TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2019

	General	Road Projects	Mitchell Field Pier Demolition	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 14,200,652	-	-	-	14,200,652
Intergovernmental	280,772	-	-	72,482	353,254
Miscellaneous	790,583	-	4,067	42,488	837,138
Total revenues	15,272,007	-	4,067	114,970	15,391,044
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	1,441,908	-	-	-	1,441,908
Public works	969,449	-	-	-	969,449
Protection and safety	1,354,200	-	-	-	1,354,200
Health and welfare	34,521	-	-	-	34,521
Cultural and recreation	328,744	-	-	44,458	373,202
Education	8,276,454	-	-	-	8,276,454
County taxes	1,323,697	-	-	-	1,323,697
Overlay/abatements	1,723	-	-	-	1,723
Debt service	413,005	-	117,900	-	530,905
Capital and special projects	251,758	449,110	-	201,976	902,844
Total expenditures	14,395,459	449,110	117,900	246,434	15,208,903
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	876,548	(449,110)	(113,833)	(131,464)	182,141
Other financing sources (uses):					
Use of bond proceeds	113,833	-	-	-	113,833
Transfers (to) from other funds	(525,233)	250,000	-	161,400	(113,833)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(411,400)	250,000	-	161,400	-
Net change in fund balances	465,148	(199,110)	(113,833)	29,936	182,141
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,058,516	244,359	521,887	400,725	5,225,487
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 4,523,664	45,249	408,054	430,661	5,407,628

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets
General Fund
December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,091,746	4,998,086
Receivables:		
Taxes	394,693	302,652
Tax liens and acquired properties	37,311	52,717
Other	118,520	110,096
Prepaid items	18,694	20,444
Total assets	\$ 5,660,964	5,483,995
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	34,827	26,112
Unearned revenue - taxes paid in advance	1,569	15,330
Unearned revenue - other	16,940	17,066
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	67,112	52,954
Capital Projects	816,852	1,114,017
Total liabilities	937,300	1,225,479
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	200,000	200,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	200,000	200,000
FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid Insurance	18,694	20,444
Committed:		
	-	-
Assigned	895,544	684,202
Unassigned	3,609,426	3,353,870
Total fund balance	4,523,664	4,058,516
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 5,660,964	5,483,995

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, 2019

	<u>Budgeted amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance positive (negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 12,582,244	12,582,244	12,794,751	212,507
Change in unavailable revenue	-	-		-
Interest and fees on property taxes	15,000	15,000	17,225	2,225
Excise taxes and registration fees	1,328,000	1,328,000	1,388,676	60,676
Total taxes	13,925,244	13,925,244	14,200,652	275,408
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	70,000	70,000	95,137	25,137
Local road assistance URIP	35,000	35,000	36,192	1,192
Homestead exemption and BETE	116,873	116,873	116,873	-
Tree growth	10,000	10,000	10,141	141
General assistance	10,000	10,000	9,864	(136)
Veterans exemption	3,000	3,000	3,084	84
Other	7,000	7,000	9,481	2,481
Total intergovernmental	251,873	251,873	280,772	28,899
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	18,000	18,000	26,024	8,024
Copies and records	3,000	3,000	3,362	362
Cable TV franchise fee	93,000	93,000	97,412	4,412
Cable technology & capital equipment	11,400	11,400	11,400	-
Licenses, fees and permits	269,000	269,000	300,459	31,459
Fines	-	-	22,160	22,160
Recycling center and disposal fees	195,000	195,000	222,325	27,325
Donations and gifts	12,000	12,000	34,179	22,179
Receipts from Harpswell Coastal Academy	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Tower lease	23,000	23,000	23,838	838
Unclassified	4,500	4,500	39,424	34,924
Total miscellaneous	638,900	638,900	790,583	151,683
Total revenues	\$ 14,816,017	14,816,017	15,272,007	455,990

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, 2019

Article #	Account	Balances	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
		carried forward	Original	Final			
Expenditures:							
<i>General government:</i>							
12	Elected officials	\$ -	113,721	113,721	112,933	788	-
13	General administration:						
13	Administration	-	278,802	278,802	267,711	11,091	-
13	Public information	-	9,000	9,000	8,946	54	-
13	Risk management	-	96,308	96,308	98,696	(2,388)	-
13	Legal services	-	50,000	50,000	57,027	(7,027)	-
14	Memberships	-	16,286	16,286	16,286	-	-
15	Assessing	-	79,319	79,319	79,077	242	-
17	Tax collector's office	-	37,485	37,485	36,651	834	-
18	Town clerk's office	-	58,863	58,863	55,069	3,794	-
19	Treasurer	-	32,779	32,779	31,529	1,250	-
20	Code enforcement	-	140,229	140,229	133,013	7,216	-
21	Planning	-	65,480	65,480	61,012	4,468	-
28	Employee benefits	-	422,974	422,974	354,058	68,916	-
29	Boards and committees	-	6,060	6,060	3,264	2,796	-
<i>Operations and maintenance:</i>							
31	Municipal buildings and property	-	94,000	94,000	92,187	1,813	-
31	Old town house and commons	-	9,000	9,000	4,903	4,097	3,500
31	Town dock	-	7,000	7,000	5,835	1,165	-
31	Town lands and landings	-	20,000	20,000	10,398	9,602	-
31	Cedar/Robinhood Beach easement	-	4,100	4,100	4,938	(838)	-
30	Cemeteries	-	11,225	11,225	8,375	2,850	-
Total general government		-	1,552,631	1,552,631	1,441,908	110,723	3,500
<i>Public works:</i>							
36	Snow removal	-	512,441	512,441	476,571	35,870	-
36	Maintenance, signs, salary & travel	-	112,234	112,234	90,731	21,503	-
22	Recycling and transfer station	-	381,954	381,954	402,147	(20,193)	-
Total public works		-	1,006,629	1,006,629	969,449	37,180	-
<i>Protection and safety:</i>							
42,44	Emergency services	-	186,475	186,475	180,836	5,639	-
39	Emergency services - fire assistance	-	187,800	187,800	151,240	36,560	-
31	Emergency services building	-	6,200	6,200	4,099	2,101	-
38	Contracted paramedic services	-	288,773	288,773	286,880	1,893	-
45	Street lighting	-	27,000	27,000	25,730	1,270	-
24	Harbor management	-	79,050	79,050	76,264	2,786	-
23	Animal control	-	27,925	27,925	26,685	1,240	-
46, 47	Law enforcement and communication	-	399,832	399,832	399,334	498	-
50	Marine consultant & conservation mng	-	203,135	203,135	191,162	11,973	-
48, 49	Shellfish conservation contract & boat	-	10,500	10,500	11,970	(1,470)	-
Total protection and safety		-	1,416,690	1,416,690	1,354,200	62,490	-
<i>Health and welfare:</i>							
CF	Gift Cards	-	-	-	200	(200)	-
51	Health and welfare	-	35,230	35,230	34,321	909	-
Total health and welfare		-	35,230	35,230	34,521	709	-
<i>Cultural and recreation:</i>							
52, 53	Cultural and education programs	3,750	59,003	62,753	54,831	7,922	6,750
52	Curtis Memorial Library	-	146,869	146,869	146,869	-	-
57	Harpswell Community Broadcasting	-	71,500	71,500	71,500	-	-
26	Recreation - general	-	62,013	62,013	55,544	6,469	-
Total cultural and recreation		3,750	339,385	343,135	328,744	14,391	6,750

1 Contingency transfers (\$20,193) approved by selectmen to cover recycling and transfer station article.

2 Survival suits were purchased and covered by a donation of \$5,379

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, 2019

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures, continued:							
CF,63	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	\$ 92,640	30,000	122,640	28,324	94,316	94,316
<i>Other capital / carryovers / reserves:</i>							
CF	Dry hydrant development	12,780	-	12,780	-	12,780	12,780
CF,63	Land acquisition & Town property improvement	81,146	60,000	141,146	46,061	95,085	95,085
CF,63	Vehicle replacement & vehicle equipment	26,415	60,000	86,415	68,014	18,401	18,401
CF, 16	Update assessing software	20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
CF,63	Emergency communication equipment	26,521	2,500	29,021	-	29,021	29,021
CF	Land acquisition map 42, lot 6	3,318	-	3,318	-	3,318	3,318
CF	Boat and motor replacement	3,429	-	3,429	-	3,429	3,429
CF,62	T/O & Facilities Improvements	46,078	115,000	161,078	9,948	151,130	151,130
CF,63	Office equipment	22,500	15,000	37,500	-	37,500	37,500
CF	Conservation fund	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
CF,60	Cable related technology account	-	5,400	5,400	5,400	-	-
58	Public, educational & governmental equipment	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	-
CF	Self insurance reserve	1,481	-	1,481	113	1,368	1,368
CF, 55	Heating assistance	18,178	20,000	38,178	35,390	2,788	19,688
CF	Failed septic systems	22,649	-	22,649	-	22,649	22,649
59	PEG Equipment warranty	-	6,400	6,400	6,400	-	-
CF	FEMA Consultant	15,178	-	15,178	-	15,178	15,178
CF	Energy Conservation	1,431	-	1,431	-	1,431	1,431
CF,61	Property tax assistance program	1,985	7,000	8,985	7,907	1,078	1,078
56	Harpswell home repairs	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
25	Marine hazards reserve	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
41	Communications consultant	-	15,000	15,000	3,073	11,927	11,927
CF	Emergency services building	94,797	-	94,797	-	94,797	94,797
CF	Mitchell Field capital reserve	174,971	-	174,971	7,535	167,436	167,436
28	Mitchell Field - operations	-	28,450	28,450	27,593	857	-
34	Mitchell Field boat launch	-	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
CF	Mitchell Field - ramp or bandstand donation	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Total capital and special projects		672,532	435,750	1,108,282	251,758	856,524	872,567
64	Debt service	-	415,000	415,000	413,005	1,995	-
CF, 54	Contingency	7,920	25,000	32,920	-	32,920	12,727
Total budgeted expenditures		684,202	5,226,315	5,910,517	4,793,585	1,116,932	895,544
Other expenditures:							
	Educational appropriation	-	8,276,454	8,276,454	8,276,454	-	-
	County tax	-	1,323,697	1,323,697	1,323,697	-	-
	Overlay / abatements	-	48,151	48,151	1,723	46,428	-
Total other expenditures		-	9,648,302	9,648,302	9,601,874	46,428	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(684,202)	(58,600)	(742,802)	876,548	1,619,350	(895,544)
Other financing sources (uses):							
CF	Use of bond proceeds - Mitchell Field Pier	-	113,833	113,833	113,833	-	-
CF	Transfer to Capital Projects - Mitchell Field Pier	-	(113,833)	(113,833)	(113,833)	-	-
43	Transfer to Emergency Vehicles	-	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-
37	Transfer to Capital Projects - road projects	-	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-
27	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs	-	(11,400)	(11,400)	(11,400)	-	-
73	Use of unassigned fund balance - budget	-	470,000	470,000	-	(470,000)	-
65	Use of carryforward balances	684,202	-	684,202	-	(684,202)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		684,202	58,600	742,802	(411,400)	(1,154,202)	-
Net change in fund balance		-	-	-	465,148	465,148	(895,544)
Fund balance, beginning of year					4,058,516		
Fund balance, end of year					\$ 4,523,664		

1 Contingency transfers (\$20,193) approved by selectmen to cover recycling and transfer station article.
 2 Balances carried forward include 2019 revenues received for these purposes
 3 Revenue received directly applied to capital lease payment

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended December 31, 2019

	Special Revenues		Capital Projects	Totals
	Restricted Grants	Recreation	Emergency Vehicles	
Revenues:				
Grants	\$ 72,482	-	-	72,482
Interest earned	-	-	3,550	3,550
Bandstand donations	-	12,768	-	12,768
Charges for services	-	26,170	-	26,170
Total revenues	72,482	38,938	3,550	114,970
Expenditures:				
For specified purpose	64,204	30,942	-	95,146
Bandstand incl performances	-	12,040	-	12,040
Capital outlay	-	1,476	137,772	139,248
Total expenditures	64,204	44,458	137,772	246,434
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	8,278	(5,520)	(134,222)
			(134,222)	(131,464)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers from general fund	-	11,400	150,000	161,400
Total other financing sources	-	11,400	150,000	161,400
Net change in fund balances	8,278	5,880	15,778	29,936
Fund balances, beginning of year	939	52,015	347,771	400,725
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 9,217	57,895	363,549	430,661

2020 Proposed Summary Budget

OPERATIONS	2019	2020		
General Government	\$ 1,558,831	\$ 1,592,051		2.1%
Public Works	\$ 1,006,629	\$ 1,015,511		0.9%
Protection & Safety	\$ 1,410,490	\$ 1,490,339		5.7%
Health & Welfare	\$ 60,230	\$ 56,380		-6.4%
Cultural & Recreational	\$ 350,785	\$ 370,137		5.5%
Contingency	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000		-40.0%
Mitchell Field	\$ 28,450	\$ 18,700		-34.3%
Special Projects	\$ 38,400	\$ 39,400 *		2.6%
	\$ 4,478,815	\$ 4,597,518		2.7%
 CAPITAL				
Debt Service	\$ 415,000	\$ 345,000		-16.9%
Emergency Vehicles	\$ 150,000	\$ -		
Roads	\$ 250,000	\$ -		
Mitchell Field	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		
Other Capital	\$ 282,500	\$ 802,500 **	184.1%	
	\$ 1,147,500	\$ 1,197,500		4.4%
 TOTAL	 \$ 5,626,315	 \$ 5,795,018		 3.0%
 *Special Projects				
	2019	2020		
Marine Hazard	\$ 10,000			
Prop. Tax Assist.	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000		
Equip. Warranty	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400		
Com. Consulting	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000		
	\$ 38,400	\$ 39,400		
 **Other Capital				
	2019	2020		
Recycling	\$ 30,000	\$ 450,000		
Land Ac. & Impr.	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000		
Vehicles	\$ 60,000	\$ -		
Facilities	\$ 115,000	\$ 275,000		
Office Equipment	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,500		
Emergency Comm.	\$ 2,500	\$ -		
Boat & Motor	\$ -	\$ 10,000		
	\$ 282,500	\$ 802,500		

The above table compares 2019 appropriated amounts with proposed 2020 Annual Town Meeting appropriations. Amounts appropriated are funded by a combination of sources: property tax, non-property tax revenue, general fund balance, and State payments including homestead reimbursement.

The Cumberland County tax is set by the County Commissioners. In 2020, this assessment is expected to increase .45% from \$1,323,697 to \$1,329,698. This figure is not reflected above.

The MSAD # 75 budget is developed independently and is not reflected above. 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. (\$8,276,454 was paid to MSAD #75 in 2019).

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 14, 2020**

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 fourteenth day of March, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 and 3. The business meeting to act on Article 4 and others that follow will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Art. 1 — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting. (POLLS WILL OPEN AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE HAS BEEN ACTED UPON AND WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M.)

Art. 2 — To choose by secret ballot one Selectman, who shall be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term; two M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors for three-year terms and one M.S.A.D. # 75 Director for a one-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 \$150,834 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.(\$146,869 raised & appropriated in 2019; \$146,869 expended.)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 4 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept delivery of a deed from Josephine M. Warner for a parcel of property of approximately two acres that is located on Grover Lane, off the Cundy's Harbor Road, Tax Map 56, Lot 84.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 5 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town, to convey to the owner(s) of property located at 67 Allen Point Road an appurtenant access easement over an existing driveway that has served their property for over twenty years but that crosses a portion of the Town Commons near the Elijah Kellogg Church.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 6 — Shall an Ordinance entitled "2019 Amendments to the Harbor & Waterfront Ordinance including a new Waters Classification Map" be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 7 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a plaque and/or donations for a plaque to be placed at the Ewing Narrows Bridge in dedication and commemoration of the Town official(s) responsible for leading efforts that resulted in construction of the bridge.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 8 — 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:

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Selectman	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	46,283	45,154	45,154
Town Clerk*	50,601	49,367	49,367
Travel Reimbursement	<u>700</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>412</u>
	\$115,584	\$113,721	\$112,933

*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,664 which is budgeted in Article 9.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 9 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$448,651 for general administration.

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Administration Salary & Wages	\$203,025	\$197,214	\$190,963
Computers & Computer Services Agreements	36,132	32,688	31,326
Audit	12,000	12,000	14,400
Other	39,000	36,900	31,024
Public Information	9,000	9,000	8,946
Legal	50,000	50,000	57,027
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>99,494</u>	<u>96,308</u>	<u>98,696</u>
	\$448,651	\$434,110	\$432,382

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 10 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,851 for memberships as follows:

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Maine Municipal Association	\$11,139	\$9,836	\$9,836
Mid Coast Economic Development District	6,162	5,925	5,925
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	500	500	500
Harpswell Business Association	<u>50</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$17,851	\$16,286	\$16,286

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,479 for the Assessing Office. (\$79,319 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$79,077 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,470 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$37,485 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$36,651 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,340 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$58,863 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$55,069 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,451 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$32,779 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$31,529 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,430 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$140,229 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$133,013 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,941 for the Planning Office and for planning services. (\$65,480 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$61,012 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$398,302 for operations and personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$381,954 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$402,147 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 \$29,173 for Animal Control to include \$6,873 for Midcoast Humane. (\$27,925 raised and appropriated in 2019 including \$6,305 for the Coastal Humane Society; \$26,685 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 \$98,007 for Harbor Management to include Marine Resources Administration. (\$79,050 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$76,264 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 \$64,208 for the Recreation Department. (\$62,013 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$55,544 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 \$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. (\$11,400 raised and appropriated in 2019)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$408,954 for employee benefits.

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Health Insurance/Reimbursement	\$253,167	\$278,907	\$219,658
Social Security/Medicare	82,588	75,988	78,010
Retirement	69,899	64,779	53,391
Disability	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>2,999</u>
	\$408,954	\$422,974	\$354,058

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. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,860 for boards and committees. (\$6,060 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$3,264 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 \$16,970 for the maintenance and repair of cemeteries and graves, including the Old Dunning Cemetery, in accordance with State law. (\$11,225 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$8,375 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 \$136,070 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, vehicles and properties including an easement.

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$87,800	\$85,500	\$83,237
EMS Building	5,800	6,200	4,099
Old Town House & Commons	7,000	9,000	4,903
Town Dock	7,000	7,000	5,835
Community TV Building	2,420	8,500	8,950
Town Landings	21,000	20,000	10,398
Cedar Beach Monitors & Signage	<u>5,050</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,938</u>
	\$136,070	\$140,300	\$122,360

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to improve a portion of the Cliff Trail by making it more suitable for all users; and to appropriate matching funds from the following sources: (1) up to \$20,000 from the Special Recreation Revenue Account; (2) \$19,000 from the Land Acquisition and Town Property Improvement Fund; and (3) the remainder from other grants or donations, including in-kind contributions.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$62,000 from the Land Acquisition and Town Property Improvement Fund for improvements to Town property at Tide Mill Landing on Grist Mill Lane.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to adopt the document entitled “Updating a Community Vision for the Future of Mitchell Field—The Mitchell Field Master Plan”, dated October 29, 2019 and prepared by the Mitchell Field Committee, as an update to the previously approved Mitchell Field Master Plan dated September 13, 2007.

[The proposed update to the Mitchell Field Master Plan is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

Note: The update to the Mitchell Field Master Plan serves as a conceptual guide for future uses at Mitchell Field. Implementation of specific elements of the Plan and any associated costs will require subsequent Town Meeting approval.

Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,700 for Mitchell Field.

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	12,200	12,150	8,697
Building Removal & Soil Clean-up	0	10,000	15,570
Bandstand Maintenance	3,000	1,500	500
Monitor	300	1,300	300
Electricity	1,200	1,500	770
Portable Toilets	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,756</u>
	\$18,700	\$28,450	\$27,593

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 30— 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 waterfront improvements at Mitchell Field.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Note: This is the second \$50,000 appropriation of three which may be used as the Town’s share of matching grant funds for a boat launch project at Mitchell Field.

Art. 31— Shall an Ordinance entitled “2019 Amendments to the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance” be enacted?

Proposed additions to the ordinance are underlined;
Proposed deletions are ~~struck out~~.

Amend subsection 8.2.1.1 of Section 8.2 Planning Board Approval Standards to read as follows:

An application for approval by the Planning Board under Section 6.1.2 must meet the following standards.

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 (c) ~~the water tower located~~ at Mitchell Field (Map 13 Lot 4) within four hundred (400) of the Sentry Building near the entrance to Mitchell Field, or

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

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a long-term lease agreement, up to 40 years, with a company that will build a communications tower, less than 200’ in height, on a portion of Town-owned land at Mitchell Field provided that, at a minimum, the lease ensures the Town has space for emergency communications equipment and provides a financial arrangement that the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 33 — To see if the Town will accept a conditional gift from an anonymous benefactor to renovate a portion of the former Administration Building at Mitchell Field. The gift consists of the entire cost, as agreed to by the Board of Selectmen and the benefactor, of renovating the administration wing of the building for uses to be determined by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the benefactor with input from the public after a public process. The design and construction of the renovation is subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen and shall conform to all applicable codes and ordinances. The Town shall be responsible to install a subsurface wastewater disposal system and water supply to serve the building, which will be subject to future appropriation.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year agreement(s), of up to five years, for winter road maintenance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$617,209 for snow removal, road maintenance, road/street signs and compensation for the Road Commissioner.

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Snow Removal	\$503,969	\$512,441	\$476,571
Road Maintenance & Signs	78,500	78,500	56,945
Road Commissioner Salary	33,040	32,234	32,234
Road Commissioner Travel	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,552</u>
	\$617,209	\$624,675	\$567,302

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract of up to five (5) years with Mid Coast Health Services or its successor and (2) 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 or its successor. (\$288,773 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$286,880 expended).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,086 for municipal firefighters and their associated costs to assist the three fire and rescue companies in their delivery of services, and for other emergency services and management. (\$193,900 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$152,071 expended).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 38— To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend Community Development Block Grant funds for building and site improvements at Cundy’s Harbor Library.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for consulting services related to the development and/or improvement of infrastructure for communication purposes including for mobile phone, cable and emergency services.(\$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$3,073 expended).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,000 for the operating and capital expenses of three fire and rescue providers as follows:

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr’s-Bailey Islands Fire and Rescue	75,000	60,000	60,000
Cundy’s Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>70,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$205,000	\$180,000	\$180,000

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize a borrowing in the amount of not more than \$300,000 for the purchase of an emergency services vehicle, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such vehicle 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 2019; \$137,772 expended in 2019; \$363,549 remaining in reserve with \$99,315 committed).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$325,335 of which principal is \$300,000 and estimated interest at 3.8% over 5 years is \$25,335.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLE 41 – 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	\$ 4,420,000
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 1,206,024
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 5,626,024
* Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 50,000
* Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 4,500
* Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$ 300,000
* Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bond	\$ 25,335
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 325,335

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

Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer

Art. 42 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for street lighting.
 (\$27,000 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$25,730 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 43— To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,361 for communication services with Cumberland County. (\$34,839 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$34,341 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$389,475 for law enforcement services from Cumberland County, including \$4,000 for speed details.
 (\$364,993 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$364,993 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$212,964 for Marine Wardens and shellfish conservation related services from Cumberland County. (\$203,135 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$191,162 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for boat operations for the Marine Patrol boat. (\$6,500 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$2,939 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 \$10,000 for marine resources and shellfish conservation activities including the purchase of an upweller to grow seed for shellfish conservation projects. (\$4,000 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$3,652 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 \$36,380 for General Assistance and health & welfare agencies as follows:

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
General Assistance	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$14,091
Independence Association	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730	730
People Plus	2,500	2,000	2,000
Spectrum Generations	1,800	1,500	1,500
Through These Doors (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	1,700	1,600	1,600
Midcoast Hunger Prevention	4,000	4,000	4,000
American Red Cross	1,500	1,500	1,500
Day One	500	250	250
Oasis Health Network	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Focus	700	700	700

Lifelight Foundation	700	700	700
YMCA (Bath/Brunswick Landing)	1,000	1,000	1,000
Harpswell Aging at Home	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$36,380	\$35,230	\$34,321

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,795 for the purposes as follows:

	2020	2019	2019 Expended
Orr’s Island Library	22,500	20,000	20,000
Cundy’s Harbor Library	22,500	20,000	20,000
Harpswell Historical Society	6,000	3,000	3,000
Pejepscot Historic Center	500	500	500
Memorial Observances	2,000	2,000	1,328
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,795	2,703	2,703
Harpswell Business Association	3,500	3,000	3,000
Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association	3,000	3,000	3,000
Maine Public Broadcasting	0	300	300
Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership	500	0	0
Community Fireworks Display	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$64,795	\$56,003	\$54,831

*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 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 2019; \$6,000 currently being held in reserve).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the contingency reserve. (\$25,000 appropriated in 2019 and added to \$7,920 in reserve; \$20,193 expended; \$12,727 available).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 52— 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. (\$20,000 appropriated in 2019 and added to \$18,178 in reserve; \$35,390 was expended and \$16,900 was donated).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,500 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$71,500 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$71,500 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 54 — 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 equipment related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting. (\$6,000 accepted and expended in 2019)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,400 for a warranty on equipment related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting. (\$6,400 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$6,400 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 56 — 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. (\$5,400 accepted and expended in 2019)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 57— To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the Property Tax Assistance Program with unexpended funds to be held in reserve. (\$7,000 appropriated in 2019; \$7,907 expended in 2019 with \$1,078 remaining in reserve)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for the Facilities Capital Reserve Account and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the reserve for facilities improvements 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. (\$115,000 appropriated in 2019, \$9,948 expended in 2019 with \$151,130 remaining in reserve)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for improvements at the Recycling Center to include replacing the two compactors, widening the parking lot and increasing the number of parking spaces. (\$30,000 appropriated in 2019, \$28,324 expended in 2019 with \$94,316 remaining in reserve)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,500 for capital reserve accounts as follows:

	2020	2019	2019 Expended	In reserve
Office Equipment	12,500	15,000	0	37,500
Land Acquisition & Improvements	55,000	60,000	46,061	95,085
Emergency Communications Equipment	0	2,500	0	29,021
Boat & Motor Replacement	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,429</u>
	\$77,500	\$77,500	\$46,061	\$165,035

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345,000 for short- and long-term principal and interest payments. (\$415,000 raised and appropriated in 2019; \$413,005 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2021 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2020 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2020 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, 2020 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start after that date, and to see if the Town will vote to charge a 6% rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a service to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid 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. 65 — To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 6% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 66 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen, at its discretion, to sell by sealed bid or public auction and to convey by quit-claim deed any real estate acquired from tax sources by the Town, or to convey the property to the prior owner upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town, 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. 67 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, signing contract and related documents and accepting conditions of approval; and to expend such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 68 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2020 budget from January 1, 2021 to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 70 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$90,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$2,066,500 from non-property tax revenue sources, \$470,000 of unassigned fund balance and the homestead exemption and BETE reimbursement, estimated to be \$116,000, to reduce the tax commitment. (\$70,000 of Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$2,035,500 of non-property tax revenue, \$470,000 of unassigned fund balance and \$116,873 of homestead exemption and BETE reimbursement used in 2019)

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 71— To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,085,268 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.

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Annual Town Meeting

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Harpwell Community School

Election of the moderator at 9 a.m.

Business meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Polls open until 5 p.m.

