

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE**

MARCH 11, 2000

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Islands School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the eleventh day of March, 2000 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day to act on Articles 1 through 8.

The business meeting to act on Article 9 and others that follow will begin at twelve o'clock noon.

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

(POLLS WILL OPEN AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE HAS BEEN ACTED UPON AND WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M.)

Art. 2 – To choose by secret ballot one Selectman, who shall be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; one Road Commissioner for a three-year term; Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer, all for one-year terms; and one M.S.A.D. #75 Director for a three-year term.

Art. 3 – To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to increase its Board of Selectmen from three to five members, the first five-member board to be seated following the annual election and town meeting in March 2001.

*Requested by Petition
Not Recommended by Selectmen*

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

To see if the Town will vote to elect both district and at-large members to a duly authorized five-member Board of Selectmen, with one selectman from District Three-Orr's and Bailey Islands, one selectman from District Two-Great Island and Cundy's Harbor, one selectman from District One-Harpswell Mainland, and two selectmen from the Town at-large. All candidates to declare and run for a specific district or an at-large seat, except the two incumbent Selectmen in March 2001 shall serve as at-large members for the remainder of their current-elected terms.

*Requested by Petition
Not Recommended by Selectmen*

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

To see if the Town will vote to approve two-year terms of office for a five-member Board of Selectmen. In 2001, members from District Three and District Two to be elected for a two-year term and the member from District One to be elected for a one-year term and thereafter, as terms expire, all district and at-large members to be elected for two-year terms.

*Requested by Petition
Not Recommended by Selectmen*

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

Shall the Town vote to adopt the Town Manager Plan of government as set forth in Title 30-A M.R.S.A. sections 2631 – 2639, effective as of the next Annual Town Meeting in 2001?

*Recommended by Selectmen Weil and Chatterjee
Not Recommended by Selectman Chipman*

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

To see if the Town will vote:

- (1) That a capital improvement project consisting of the design, renovation and expansion of the Town Office Building at a total cost not to exceed \$850,000 is hereby approved; and
- (2) To fund said capital improvement project, a sum not to exceed \$850,000 is hereby appropriated; and
- (3) To meet said appropriation the Selectmen and the Treasurer, acting pursuant to provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5772, are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$850,000 and the discretion to fix date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, form or other details of said securities on behalf of the Town of Harpswell and to provide for the sale thereof; and
- (4) To raise and appropriate the amount required for debt service on such securities and notes during fiscal year 2000, if any.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. TOTAL TOWN INDEBTEDNESS	
a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$585,000
b. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$300,000
c. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	<u>\$850,000</u>
Total	\$1,735,000

2. COSTS

At an estimated interest rate of 5.5%, the estimated cost of this bond will be:

\$850,000 for 15 years	
Principal	\$850,000
Interest	<u>\$397,327</u>
Total Debt Service	\$1,247,327

3. VALIDITY

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

John E. Sylvester, Jr., Treasurer

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,351 to continue the current relationship with Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick?

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 9 – To see if the Town will vote to fix September 15, 2000 as the date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will vote to charge a 8% rate of interest on unpaid taxes after that date.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 10 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of taxes not yet committed, as a service to our taxpayers. Any excess paid in over the amount finally committed shall be repaid, with interest at the rate of 8% from the date that the tax finally committed is due and payable. (M.R.S.A. Title 36, § 506). (Excess payment of \$10.00 or less may be credited to 2001 taxes).

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 11 – To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 8% for the fiscal year 2000.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 12 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen and Treasurer, at their 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. Selectmen have the right to reject any and all bids.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 13 – To see if the Town will vote to authorized the Selectmen to accept conditional and unconditional gifts of money and to disburse such funds to any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds or for any purpose consistent with the Town of Harpswell Comprehensive Plan.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 14 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2000 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2001 to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 15 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$10,000 for the contingency account to be used for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds or for any purpose consistent with the Town of Harpswell Comprehensive Plan.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 16 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,351 for Debt Service.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

ORDINANCES

Art. 17 – Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Section 104 Definitions

104.4 “Non-resident Taxpayer” means a Harpswell real estate owner person who does not qualify as a resident, or member of the immediate household.

Section 301.3 Resident Recreational Shellfish License. This license is available to residents and real estate taxpayers of the Town and entitles the holder to dig, take and possess no more than ~~two~~ one pecks of shellfish per tide for personal use. This license is not available to, or valid for, holders of a State of Maine Shellfish License with the following exception: the holder of a State of Maine Shellfish License signs an affidavit stating that the State License is used to harvest species other than soft-shell clams. Use of the recreational shellfish license obtained under this exception for the purposes of selling is a violation of this ordinance and will result in an automatic one-year suspension to hold a license from the date of conviction. Exception: Any Harpswell resident or real estate owner of the Town who is age 65 or older is entitled to and may be issued a one-time license for the lifetime of the licensee.

Section 301.4. Non-resident Recreational Shellfish License. This license is available to non-residents and entitles the holder to dig, take and possess no more than one peck of shellfish per tide for personal use. This license is not available to, or valid for, holders of a State of Maine Shellfish License with the following exception: the holder of a State of Maine Shellfish License signs an affidavit stating that the State License is used to harvest species other than soft-shell clams. Use of the recreational shellfish license obtained under this exception for the purposes of selling is a violation of this ordinance and will result in an automatic one-year suspension to hold a license from the date of conviction.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 18 – Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Section 307.5 Identification and Tagging of Shellfish

The holder of a commercial shellfishing license, shall identify shellfish, the license holder has taken by means of a harvester’s tag. The tag must be consistent with the format required by the Department of Marine Resources. Each container, hod or bag of shellstock must be tagged prior to landing the shellstock. The tag must accompany the harvested product while the product is in wholesale or retail commerce within the state of Maine. For purposes of this section, the exception contained in 12 M.R.S.A. § 6625 (2) shall apply.

Section 402.1 Quahog size restrictions

It shall be unlawful to take, possess, ship, transport, buy or sell quahogs that are less than one inch in thickness as measured across the hinge width.

Hinge width: Hinge width means the thickness of a quahog as measured between the convex apex of the right shell and the convex apex of the left shell.

Exception: Quahog size restriction will apply unless these quahogs are properly identified as raised by means of aquaculture.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 19 – Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance’ be amended as

proposed?

Section 302 Fees

The following fees will apply unless otherwise determined by the Selectmen.

- 302.1 Resident Commercial Shellfish License \$200.00. License fee not refundable if proven a non-resident.
- 302.2 Non-resident Commercial Shellfish License. Shall be the maximum fee allowed by the State.
- 302.3 Resident Recreational Shellfish License \$10.00.
(License fees will be waived for residents 65 years or older for this category.)
- 302.4 Non-resident Recreational Shellfish License. Shall be the maximum fee allowed by the State. (License fees will be waived for non-residents 65 years or older for this category.)

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 20– Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Town of Harpswell Site Plan Review Ordinance’ be enacted thereby replacing the current ‘Town of Harpswell Site Plan Review Ordinance?’

[The proposed ordinance is available at the Town Office and will also be available at the Town Meeting].

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 21 – Shall the Town’s ordinances entitled ‘Town of Harpswell Basic Land Use Ordinance,’ ‘Town of Harpswell Shoreland Zoning Ordinance,’ and ‘Town of Harpswell Subdivision Ordinance’ be amended for technical purposes as proposed?

[The proposed technical changes are available at the Town Office and will also be available at the Town Meeting].

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 22 – Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Town of Harpswell Basic Land Use Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Additions ~~Deletions~~

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance ~~shall apply~~ applies to all dwellings, accessory structures and uses that are not subject to Shoreland Zoning. The provisions of this ordinance pertaining to non-conformance apply to all non-conforming, non-residential structures, developments, and uses not subject to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the procedural and administrative provisions contained in this ordinance govern the administration of all the Town' s land use ordinances. Insofar as this ordinance is inconsistent with state law as it relates to mobile home parks, the provisions of Title 30A, M.R.S.A, Section 4358 shall prevail.

Citizen's Note: Insofar as this ordinance is inconsistent with state law as it relates to mobile home parks, the provisions of Title 30A, M.R.S.A, Subsection 4358 shall prevail. For creation of subdivisions, see Subdivision Ordinance. For activities in the Shoreland Zone requiring permits, see Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Multi-family dwellings and non-residential development, wherever located, are also subject to the provisions of the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

11.4.7. When two or more lots or structures in different ownership share the use of a common subsurface wastewater disposal system, the system must be owned and maintained in common by an owners' association. Covenants in the deeds for each lot must require mandatory membership in the association and provide for adequate funding of the association to assure proper maintenance of the system. The Code Enforcement Officer may require evidence that these covenants and deeds have been recorded at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds prior to issuing a plumbing permit.

SECTION 13. PERMITS, APPROVALS AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE REQUIRED

13.2. Certificates of Compliance. Prior to occupancy or use of any structure or land use requiring a permit or approval, the owner shall obtain a certificate of compliance from the Code Enforcement Officer. No occupancy or use of a structure, development, or land use may occur without a certificate of compliance, unless specifically allowed by the conditions of an approval or permit. The Code Enforcement Officer shall not issue a certificate of compliance until he or she has determined that the structure, development or land use has been completed in accordance with all of the Town's land use ordinances and with any conditions of permits or approvals imposed under those ordinances.

13.2.1. Temporary Certificates of Compliance. Residing in a basement or foundation before the structure has been completed shall be permitted for a period of three (3) years from the date of issuance of a building permit subject to issuance of a one-year temporary certificate of compliance, renewable annually, provided the following conditions are met:

- a. reasonable progress, as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer, is being made toward completion of the structure as permitted;
- b. nuisance conditions do not exist;
- c. a valid plumbing permit has been issued and all conditions of that permit are being met;
- d. dimensional requirements of the applicable ordinance are being met; and
- e. all other applicable requirements of the Town's ordinances are being met.

Art. 23 – Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Town of Harpswell Shoreland Zoning Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Additions ~~Deletions~~

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance applies to all land areas within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of any river, great pond, or saltwater body; within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of a coastal or freshwater wetland and within 75 feet horizontal distance of a stream. This ordinance also applies to any structure built on, over or abutting a dock, wharf or pier or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a waterbody or wetland.

15.11.7. When two or more lots or structures in different ownership share the use of a common subsurface wastewater disposal system, the system must be owned and maintained in common by an owners’ association. Covenants in the deeds for each lot must require mandatory membership in the association and provide for adequate funding of the association to assure proper maintenance of the system. The Code Enforcement Officer may require evidence that these covenants and deeds have been recorded at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds prior to issuing a plumbing permit.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 24 – Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Town of Harpswell Subdivision Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Additions ~~Deletions~~

2.2. If, after review of the Town’s Site Plan Review Ordinance pursuant to Title 30-A Section 4401.4.G., the Planning Board determines that the Town’s Site Plan Review Ordinance provides for a review and approval process of multi-unit dwellings and their accessory structures at least as stringent as that provided by the Town’s Subdivision Ordinance, then the Planning Board shall review applications for approval of multi-unit dwellings and their accessory structures under the Town’s Site Plan Review Ordinance.

10.1.Requirement

Prior to approval of the subdivision plan, the Planning Board shall require documentation that the applicant has financial capacity to carry out the proposed project. A performance guarantee, letter of credit or similar agreement with the Planning Board may be required for the following, whether on-site or off-site:

10.1.1. The construction of roads and/or buffer improvements;

10.1.2. The construction of any water supply or sewage system other than individual on-site facilities; and

10.1.3. The construction of drainage systems, erosion control measures, or water supply systems for fire protection.

10.1.4. The construction of other improvements, such as buffer strips, intended to minimize adverse effects on the public or on abutting properties.

10.5.Default

If, upon inspection, the ~~CEO~~ Code Enforcement Officer or the Town' ~~Consulting Engineer~~ consultant finds that any of the required improvements have not been constructed in accordance with the approved plan and specifications filed as part of the application, he or she shall so report in writing to the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the applicant. The performance guarantee shall then remain in place until the provisions of Subsection 10.4. are met.

If the requirements of Subsection 10.4. are not met within a reasonable period of time after such notice, the Selectmen may utilize the funds from the guarantee to cause the completion of the improvements or to restore the site to its pre-development condition.

Art. 25 – Shall the ‘Definitions Addendum’ as part of the ‘Town of Harpswell Basic Land Use Ordinance,’ ‘Town of Harpswell Shoreland Zoning Ordinance,’ and ‘Town of Harpswell Subdivision Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Additions ~~Deletions~~

DEFINITIONS ADDENDUM

Abutting Property - any lot which is physically contiguous with the parcel of land, even if only at a point ~~or~~ and any lot which is located directly across a public or private way from the parcel of land such that the extension of the side lot lines of the parcel would touch or enclose the abutting property.

Change from one category of non-residential use to another category of non-residential use – a change in the type of occupancy of a non-residential structure, or a portion thereof, such that the basic type of use is changed, such as from retail to office or storage to a restaurant, but not including a change in the occupants.

Fisheries, Significant Fisheries – areas identified by a government agency such as the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or Maine Department of Marine Resources as having significant value as fisheries and any areas so identified in the Town’s comprehensive plan.

Historic or Archaeological Resources – areas identified by the Planning Board or by a government agency such as the Maine Historic Preservation Commission as having significant value as historic or archaeological resources and any areas so identified in the Town’s comprehensive plan.

Impermeable Surface – the area covered by structures and associated constructed facilities, areas which have been or will be covered by a low-permeability material, such as asphalt or concrete, and areas such as gravel roads and unpaved parking areas, which have been or will be compacted through design or use to reduce their permeability. Common impermeable surfaces include roof tops, walkways, patios, driveways, parking lots or storage areas, concrete

or asphalt paving, gravel roads, packed earthen materials, and oiled, macadam, or other surfaces which similarly impede the natural infiltration of water.

Natural Areas and Natural Communities, Unique Natural Areas and Natural Communities – areas identified by a governmental agency such as the Maine Department of Conservation Natural Areas Program as having significant value as a natural area and any areas identified in the Town’s comprehensive plan.

Road - a vehicular access way serving more than two lots.

Arterial Road – a controlled access road or road with traffic signals at important intersections and or stop signs on side roads or which is functionally classified by the Maine Department of Transportation as an arterial.

Collector Road – a road that collects traffic from local roads and connects with arterials or a road functionally classified as a collector by the Maine Department of Transportation.

Local Road – a road which is not identified as an arterial or collector road.

Service Drop - any utility line extension which does not cross or run beneath any portion of a water body provided that:

- (1) in the case of electric service
 - a) the placement of wires and/or installation of utility poles is located entirely upon the premises of the customer requesting service or upon a roadway right-of-way; and
 - b) the total length of the extension is less than one thousand (1,000) feet.
- (2) in the case of ~~telephone~~ telecommunication service
 - a) the extension, regardless of length, will be made by the installation of ~~telephone~~ telecommunication wires and cables to existing utility poles, or
 - b) the extension requiring the installation of new utility poles or placement underground is less than one thousand (1,000) feet in length.

Structure Footprint – the area covered by a structure measured from the exterior surface of the exterior walls at grade level plus the area covered by any portion of the structure not enclosed by walls, except for eaves which do not extend more than two feet from the exterior walls. Where the structure is elevated above grade level on posts or similar devices, the structure footprint is the area of the structure would cover if it were located at ground level.

Wildlife Habitat, Significant Wildlife Habitat – areas identified by a government agency such as the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as having significant value as habitat for animals and any areas identified in the Town’s comprehensive plan.

Recommended by Selectmen

GENERAL GOVERNMENT, CODE ENFORCEMENT, OPERATIONS

Art. 26 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,500 for the following elected officials’ salaries and travel allowances, and when the Selectmen fill a vacancy in any elected position, they are authorized to establish the annual payment at their discretion but in no case in an amount less than three-quarters of the amount in this Article:

	Salary	Expense/Travel
Selectman, Chair	\$8,000	\$1,000
Selectman	7,500	1,000
Selectman	7,500	1,000
Tax Collector	30,500	1,000
Town Clerk	27,000	1,000
Treasurer	6,000	500
Road Commissioner	<u>7,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	94,000	6,500

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 27 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$273,862 for General Administration.

Administration	\$222,222
Assessing	<u>51,640</u>
	\$273,862

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 28 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,155 for the Tax Collector’s Office.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 29 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,130 for the Town Clerk’s Office.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 30 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,820 for Codes Enforcement.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 31 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,865 for employee benefits.

Maine State Retirement	\$8,500
Health Insurance	66,153
Social Security	45,900
Deferred Compensation	12,550
IAM Pension Fund	3,842
Short-term Disability	<u>1,920</u>
	\$138,865

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 32 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,305 for Risk Management (insurance and Workers’ Compensation).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 33 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for legal expenses.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 34 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,845 for memberships.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 35 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,700 for public information.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 36 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,126 for Town Boards/Committees’ expenses.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 37 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,025 for Town buildings and properties.

Town Office Building/Maintenance and Operations	\$33,925
Old Town House/Maintenance and Operations	1,500
Dock Storage	600
Cleanup/Maintenance of Mackerel Cove	1,000
Old Town House Capital Planning	3,000
To Replace Ramp and Float at Pott’s Point	<u>9,000</u>
	\$49,025

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 38 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for planning assistance.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 39 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the second phase of the Water and Septic Study.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 40 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for financial management assistance.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 41 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the purpose of implementing Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 42 – To see if the Town will vote:

- (1) To authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate for, and purchase on such terms as they deem advisable but not to exceed the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$59,800), two parcels of land identified as Tax Map 42, Lot 72 and Tax Map 42, Lot 4, recorded in Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, Book 4107, Pages 275, adjacent to Town-owned land on Mountain Road, Great Island; and
- (2) To fund said land purchase, a sum not to exceed \$59,800 is hereby appropriated; and
- (3) To meet said appropriation the Selectmen and the Treasurer, acting pursuant to provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5772, are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale

thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$59,800 and the discretion to fix date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, form or other details of said securities on behalf of the Town of Harpswell and to provide said securities on behalf of the Town of Harpswell and to provide for the sale thereof; and

- (4) To raise and appropriate the amount required for debt service on such securities and notes during fiscal year 2000, if any.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1.	TOTAL TOWN INDEBTEDNESS	
	a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$585,000
	b. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$300,000
	c. Bonds to be issued if building article is approved	\$850,000
	d. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	<u>\$59,800</u>
		\$1,794,800
2.	COSTS	
	At an estimated interest rate of 4.7%, the estimated cost of this bond will be:	
	\$59,800 for 5 years	
	Principal	\$59,800
	Interest	<u>\$9,873</u>
	Total Debt Service	\$69,673
3.	VALIDITY	
	The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.	

John E. Sylvester, Jr., Treasurer

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 43 – To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve account for the purpose of holding money, raised and appropriated, or provided by gift, for the purpose of acquiring land to be held and conserved by the Town subject to the approval of the Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

PUBLIC WORKS

Art. 44 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$514,000 for Public Works.

Snow Removal & Road Maintenance (Paving)	\$510,000
Road/Street Signs	<u>4,000</u>
	\$514,000

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 45 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$262,364 for Strawberry Creek Recycling Center operations and personnel.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

PROTECTION AND SAFETY

Art. 46 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,300 for Emergency Services.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 47 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,700 for Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue for the purpose of paying stipends to volunteers.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 48 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,655 for Law Enforcement services, to be contracted with Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 49 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,749 for Shellfish Conservation.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 50 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,024 for Communications services with Cumberland County.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 51 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for water quality testing.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 52 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,700 for Street Lighting.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 53 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for Harbor Management.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 54 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,150 for Animal Control.

Animal Control	\$11,350
Coastal Humane Society	<u>3,800</u>
	\$15,150

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Art. 55 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the treatment of browntail moths.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 56 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,350 for Health and Welfare.

General Assistance	\$15,000
Health Officer	1,600
Flu Clinic	<u>750</u>
	\$17,350

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 57 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,408 for Health and Welfare Agencies.

Shoreline	\$6,000
CHAN	2,500
Jessie Albert Dental Clinic	2,500
Independence Association	2,800
CED	730
Coastal Transportation	3,000
55 Plus	3,811
Senior Spectrum	4,830
Hospice	1,300
Family Crisis Shelter	500
Sexual Assault Response	250
Tedford Shelter	750
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500
Respite	600
Child Abuse Control	337
Hunger Prevention	<u>2,000</u>
	\$32,408

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL

Art. 58 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,700 for Cultural and Educational Programs.

Harpswell Community Broadcasting	\$15,000
Orr’s Island Library	6,000
Cundy’s Harbor Library	4,000
Harpswell Historical Society	500
Pejepscot Historical Society	500
Memorial Observances	<u>700</u>
	\$26,700

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 59 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000 to provide an addition to the Orr’s Island Library to be paid on a dollar for dollar basis conditioned upon Orr’s Island Library matching up to \$5,000 from other sources.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 60 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to disburse funds received for recreational purposes and also to disburse revenue generated by advertising and concessions for the operating expenses of Trufant-Summerton Field, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,900 for Recreation.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 61 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to utilize \$101,522 from undesignated fund balance, \$239,385 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, and \$1,332,338 of current year non-property tax revenue to reduce the tax commitment.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Given under our hand this second day of March, A.D. 2000.

Gordon L. Weil

Katherine Chatterjee

David I. Chipman
Selectmen, Town of Harpswell

