

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

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Islands School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the twelfth day of March, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 10. The business meeting to act on Article 11 and others that follow will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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

Art. 2 — To choose by secret ballot one Selectman, who shall be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; and two M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors each for a three-year term.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,988 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer, Recusal by Selectman Wallace

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 14 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year lease, for business purposes, of Town-owned property at Mitchell Field. Said lease, not to exceed 30 years, shall be with a person or entity licensed to do business in Maine and shall be located within that portion of Mitchell Field proposed for inclusion in the Marine Business District. The lease shall carry such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Section 8. Standards of Review

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

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

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

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

Art. 16 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year lease, not to exceed 20 years, with a person or entity licensed to do business in Maine for the use of the water tower and surrounding area at Mitchell Field for telecommunications related purposes on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

SEC 104 REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION

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

SEC. 110 NOTICE AND RECLAMATION

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

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SEC. 114 PENALTIES

The following penalties apply:

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

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

5.2 Assignment of Mooring Space

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

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

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

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

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 21 – To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elected officials salaries and travel reimbursement as follows, for which Tax Collector and Town Clerk are full-time positions, and when the Selectmen fill a vacancy in any elected position, they are authorized to establish the annual payment, at their discretion, but in no case in an amount less than three-quarters of the amount in this Article:

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

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

	2011	2010
Snow Removal	\$398,973	\$449,785
Road Maintenance	100,000	50,000

Road/Street Signs	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$500,973	\$501,785

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the operating and capital expenses of three fire and rescue providers as follows:

	2011	2010
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr's-Bailey Island Fire and Rescue	60,000	60,000
Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$180,000	\$180,000

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

	2011	2010
Orr's Island Library	\$13,000	\$13,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	13,800	13,800
Harpswell Historical Society	3,000	2,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,200	1,200
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,503	2,582

Five River Arts Alliance	500	500
Harpswell Scouting Association	60	50
Harpswell Festival	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$35,563	\$33,632

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 46 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,250 for Recreation Programs, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate revenue generated by recreation programs for recreational purposes and revenue generated by advertising for operating expenses and capital improvement of Trufant-Summerton Field. (\$7,250 raised and appropriated in 2010)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

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

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

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purchase of emergency services vehicles, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such vehicles to be owned by the Town, and leased to the local Fire Departments that have an Emergency Services Agreement with the Town on such lease terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town, with such funds to be held in the Emergency Vehicle Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until vehicle purchase.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$800,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for the capital improvement of roads, including, without limitation, drainage improvements, utility relocations, engineering, survey and other related costs, all as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds or notes to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$977,400 of which principal is \$800,000 and estimated interest at 3.50% over 10 years is \$177,400.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLES 55 AND 75 – TOWN OF HARPSWELL

The issuance of bonds by the Town of Harpswell (the “Town”) is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town as of the date of this Town Meeting:

* Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$ 2,085,001
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 289,837
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 2,374,838
* Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 50,000
* Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 2,300
* Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	
Article 55 Road Improvement Bonds	\$ 800,000
Article 75 Acquisition of easement to Cedar Beach	\$ <u>950,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,750,000
* Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bonds	
Article 55 Road Improvement Bonds	\$ 177,400
Article 75 Acquisition of Easement to Cedar Beach	\$ <u>210,000</u>
Total	\$ 387,400
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 2,137,400

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

Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer

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

\$433,500 Recommended by Selectmen

Note: The Town’s projected 2011 debt service, excluding the Cedar Beach bond article, will be \$433,500. If the Cedar Beach bond article passes at \$950,000, then up to \$20,000 will need to be added to debt service.

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

	2011	2010
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	\$5,950	\$4,000
Electricity	1,200	1,000

Portable Toilets	1,500	1,000
Structural Analysis	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	\$8,650	\$8,500

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for infrastructure planning and demolition of buildings at Mitchell Field, including the use of such funds as the Town’s share to match grants and/or other funding sources for these purposes. (No appropriation in 2010)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

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

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

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

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$6,000 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town’s cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same for the purchase of equipment related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting, with such funds to be held in a Community Broadcasting reserve account.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$5,400 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town’s cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same as a pro-rata reimbursement to the Town, Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation and the three local Fire Departments for internet and cable television costs incurred by the same.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 66 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2011 as the date when the first one-half of taxes shall be due and payable, with interest on the first installment to start after that date, and the date of December 15, 2011 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start after that date, and to see if the Town will vote to charge a 6% rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 67 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a services to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid in over the amount finally committed shall be repaid without interest. (36 M.R.S.A. § 506). (Excess payment of \$10.00 or less may be credited to 2011 taxes).

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 68 — To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from undesignated fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 69 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen, at its discretion, to sell by sealed bid or public auction and to convey by quit-claim deed any real estate acquired from tax sources by the Town, or to convey the property to the prior owner upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 70 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, signing contract and related documents and accepting conditions of approval; and to expend such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 71 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2011 budget from January 1, 2012 to the 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 72 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by public bid or other competitive process any and all personal property deemed excess by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to such restrictions as the Board of Selectmen may impose.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 74 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,285,410 established for Harpswell by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Art. 75 — To see if the Town will vote as follows:

(a) to authorize the issuance of up to \$950,000 in general obligation bonds or notes and to appropriate the same for the acquisition of a public access easement to Cedar Beach Road and Cedar Beach from Charles and Sally Abrahamson, as Trustees of the Charles H. Abrahamson Living Trust and the Sally M. Abrahamson Living Trust, all as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds or notes to be determined by the Board of Selectmen (including provisions that the notes or bonds may be prepaid or subject to call for redemption with or without premium);

(b) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept delivery of such public access easement deed on such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town, provided that (i) public access to Cedar Beach is allowed to continue prior to the closing on the transaction, and (ii) release deeds from all parties holding a security interest (e.g., mortgage) on the property to be encumbered by the public access easement are obtained prior to the Town closing on the property;

(c) to accept gifts or grants from non-Town sources for the acquisition of such public access easement; and

(d) if the closing on the acquisition of such public access easement does not occur on or before December 31, 2011, the authorizations pursuant to this article automatically lapse.

*No Recommendation by Selectmen
Not Recommended at \$950,000 by Budget Advisory Committee*

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$1,160,000 of which principal is \$950,000 and estimated interest at 3.5% over 10 years is \$210,000.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLES 75 AND 55 – TOWN OF HARPSWELL

The issuance of bonds by the Town of Harpswell (the “Town”) is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town as of the date of this Town Meeting:

* Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$ 2,085,001
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 289,837
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 2,374,838
* Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 50,000
* Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 2,300
* Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	
Article 55 Road Improvement Bonds	\$ 800,000
Article 75 Acquisition of easement to Cedar Beach	\$ <u>950,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,750,000
* Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bonds	
Article 55 Road Improvement Bonds	\$ 177,400
Article 75 Acquisition of Easement to Cedar Beach	\$ <u>210,000</u>
Total	\$ 387,400
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 2,137,400

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

Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer

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

Given our hands this 3rd day of March, A.D. 2011

Harpswell Board of Selectmen

James S. Henderson, Chairman

Mark E. Wallace, Selectman

Elinor Multer, Selectman