

**WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HARPSWELL, MAINE  
MARCH 14, 2009**

**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 fourteenth day of March, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 and 2. The business meeting to act on Article 3 and others that follow will begin at 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, and one M.S.A.D. # 75 Director for a three-year term.**

**Art. 3 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2009 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Basic Land Use Ordinance and Definitions Addendum to bring the Town’s land use ordinances into compliance with State of Maine minimum shoreland zoning requirements prior to the July 1, 2009 deadline” be enacted?**

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 4 — To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Harpswell Open Space Plan as proposed by the Harpswell Conservation Commission.**

[The proposed Open Space Plan is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, the Planning Office, and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2009 Amendments to the Official Shoreland Zoning Map of the Town of Harpswell to Change the Zoning District Designation of Properties currently identified as Tax Map 17, Lot 36 and Tax Map 17, Lot 38 from Shoreland Residential to Shoreland Business” be enacted?**

[The proposed Official Shoreland Zoning Map of the Town of Harpswell, dated March 14, 2009 and prepared by the Harpswell Planning Office is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, the Town Planning Office and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 6 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2009 Amendments to the Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Officials of the Town of Harpswell” be enacted?**

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

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 7 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2009 Amendments to the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?**

**304.5 Commercial Renewal License**

Applications for Resident Commercial Renewal Shellfish licenses and Non-resident Commercial Renewal Shellfish licenses shall be separated.

Applicants for Resident Commercial Shellfish licenses must have held that category of license for the qualifying number of years. Applicants for Non-resident Commercial Shellfish licenses must have held that category of license for the qualifying number of years. Applicants for renewal licenses must have been licensed in the Town of Harpswell for at least two (2) of the preceding five (5) years, and must have satisfied their Conservation Obligation; provided, however, that effective January 1, 2011 and thereafter, applicants for renewal licenses must have been licensed in the Town of Harpswell for the previous year and must have satisfied their Conservation Obligation.

An applicant who has failed to qualify as a resident in the preceding year is not eligible for a commercial renewal license. Reciprocal licenses from previous years do not qualify as commercial renewal licenses. Renewal licenses will be available during the last five (5) working days of March and will be limited to the number of licenses to be issued that year. For calendar year 2009 and 2010, if in case the number of applicants exceeds the number of licenses available, licenses will be determined by the number of years in the preceding five (5) years, in decreasing order, a licensee has held a qualifying Commercial Shellfish license in the Town of Harpswell. If an additional reduction in the number of licenses is required, a seniority system based on the date of first licensure by the Town shall be employed in order to eliminate the most recently issued licenses until the required number of licenses is achieved. Effective January 1, 2011 and thereafter, in case the number of applicants exceeds the number of licenses available, a seniority system based on the date of first licensure by the Town shall be employed in order to eliminate the most recently issued licenses until the required number of licenses is achieved.

If multiple licenses have the same date of first licensure by the Town, a lottery shall be conducted by the Town Clerk to choose by lot only those few licenses that shall be eliminated. Nothing in Section 304.5 through Section 304.6.2 shall be interpreted to increase the available number of Non-resident Commercial licenses to more than ten percent of the available number of Resident Commercial licenses.

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 8 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2009 Amendments to the Town of Harpswell Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance” be enacted?**

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

5.1 Registration

5.1.1 All moorings located below low water line waters of Harpswell shall be registered with the Town Clerk before May 1 of each year. For renewal moorings re-registered after May 1, ~~the mooring fee shall be doubled~~ a per mooring late fee shall be assessed as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

*Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Wallace  
Not Recommended by Selectman Haible*

**Art. 9 – 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:**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
Selectman, Chair	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	40,930	39,737
Town Clerk*	38,808	37,677
Treasurer	10,000	10,000
Road Commissioner	6,000	6,000
Travel Reimbursement	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	\$117,738	\$117,414

*\*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,122 which is budgeted in Article 10.*

*\$117,738 Recommended by Selectmen  
\$117,738 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 10 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$373,460 for General Administration.**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
Administration & Registrar	\$273,360	\$274,920
Public Information	9,500	9,700
Legal	40,000	48,000
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>50,600</u>	<u>52,630</u>
	\$373,460	\$385,250

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,338 for memberships as follows:**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
Maine Municipal Association	\$7,704	\$7,337
Midcoast Council of Business Development & Planning	7,859	7,869
New Meadows River Watershed	1,000	1,000
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	750	750
Harpwell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>\$17,338</b>	<b>\$16,956</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

*Art. 12 –17 The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 12-17 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.*

**Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,972 for the Assessing Office.** (\$82,684 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,065 for the Tax Collector’s Office.** (\$33,992 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,700 for the Town Clerk’s Office.** (\$51,165 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750 for the Treasurer’s Office.** (\$1,450 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,598 for the Code Enforcement Office.** (\$105,773 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,920 for the Planning Office.** (\$94,570 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$258,653 for Employee Benefits.**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
Retirement	\$39,324	\$44,297
Health Insurance	156,060	186,984
Social Sec/Medicare	60,989	65,158
Disability	<u>2,280</u>	<u>2,280</u>
	<b>\$258,653</b>	<b>\$298,719</b>

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

**Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,650 for Boards and Committees. (\$4,770 raised and appropriated in 2008)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,000 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, properties and vehicles.**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$74,250	\$72,070
Old Town House & Commons	4,500	4,000
Town Dock	3,250	3,800
Town Landings	<u>6,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<b>\$88,000</b>	<b>\$99,870</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$491,500 for Roads.**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
Snow Removal	439,000	\$426,500
Road Maintenance	50,000	18,000*
Road/Street Signs	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<b>\$491,500</b>	<b>\$448,500</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

\*\$44,206 was carried forward from 2007 making a total of \$62,206 available in 2008.

**Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$377,797 for Operations and Personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$384,380 raised and appropriated in 2008)**

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

**Art. 23 — 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:**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
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. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,500 for Emergency Services and Management.**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
ALS, Phone & Central Communications	18,000	17,500
Fire Warden	2,000	2,000
Emergency Management	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,100</u>
	\$23,500	\$22,600

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,500 for Street Lighting.** (\$31,000 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,870 for Harbor Management.** (\$40,633 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,419 for Animal Control.** (\$23,102 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$548,342 and appropriate \$3,000 from the Vehicle Equipment Reserve Account for Law Enforcement, Communications Services and Shellfish Conservation.**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
General Law Enforcement	\$328,686	\$312,248
Communications	28,657	26,247
Shellfish Conservation: Marine Patrol	188,999	184,154
Shellfish Conservation: Boat Operations	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<b>\$548,342</b>	<b>\$524,649</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,730 for General Assistance and Health and Welfare Agencies as follows:**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
General Assistance	\$16,250	\$12,250
Community Health & Nursing	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
Senior Spectrum	1,500	1,500
Hospice	1,500	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
Day One	250	0
Family Focus	<u>250</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>\$31,730</b>	<b>\$27,230</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500 for the Cultural purposes as follows:**

	<b>2009</b>	2008
Orr's Island Library	\$13,000	\$11,500
Cundy's Harbor Library	13,800	11,500
Harpwell Historical Society	2,000	2,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500
Memorial Observances	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<b>\$30,500</b>	<b>\$26,700</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,881 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.** (\$113,538 raised and appropriated in 2008; \$118,881 requested by Curtis Memorial Library in 2009)

*\$116,000 Recommended by Selectmen Haible and Henderson  
Not Recommended by Selectman Wallace  
\$116,000 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 Harpswell Community Broadcasting.** (\$35,000 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,545 for the Recreation Department.** (\$33,545 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 34 — 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 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to establish the Joyce Brown Swim Fund reserve account to provide scholarships for the Summer Swim Program and to accept donations to the fund.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Harpswell Heating Assistance reserve account to be used for heating assistance and improving home energy efficiency.** (\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2008).

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 for capital reserve accounts as follows:**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Boat & Motor Replacement	\$6,000	\$6,000
Voting Machines	0	3,000
HCBC Digital Conversion	0	5,000
Vehicle Replacement	10,000	0
Copier Replacement	0	1,500
Generator Replacement	8,000	13,000



Dry Hydrant	4,000	10,000
Vehicle Equipment Replacement	3,000	3,000
Town Office Improvements	6,000	6,000
Recycling/Transfer Station	<u>0</u>	<u>16,000</u>
	\$37,000	\$63,500

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 and appropriate \$11,421 of remaining funds from the Emergency Services Study account for the purchase of certain emergency services vehicles, as determined appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, and to be owned by the Town, with such amounts to be held in the Emergency Vehicle Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until such time as the vehicles are purchased, and to authorize the vehicles to be leased to the local fire departments that have an Emergency Services Agreement with Town on such lease terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$148,762 of remaining 2008 capital reserve road funds and authorize the issuance of up to \$650,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for capital road improvements primarily to Ash Point Road with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds 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 \$835,000, of which principal is \$650,000 and estimated interest at 4.73% over 10 years is \$185,000.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 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	\$ 1,886,667
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 266,379
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding	\$ 2,153,046
* Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 90,000
* Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 12,200
* Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$ 650,000
* Estimate of Potential New Interest	\$ 185,000
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 835,000

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.

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Marguerite M. Kelly, Town Treasurer

**Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$677,072 and raise \$650,155 for Debt Service (with the remainder of the Debt Service, \$26,917 to be funded by a loan repayment by Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue, Inc.).**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,594 for maintenance and operations at Mitchell Field including pier clean-up and road improvements.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 42 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a bench from Peter and Deborah White for Mitchell Field and to accept other benches with or without inscription for placement on Town-owned properties pursuant to guidelines to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 43 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,839 for upgrading its municipal accounting software.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 and appropriate \$15,000 from the Marine Hazards Account for improvements to the Town Dock at Pott's Point.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for developing performance and zoning standards at Mitchell Field.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the previously appropriated sum of \$35,000 approved on November 6, 2007, which shall be used by the Maine Department of Transportation for certain additional work and materials necessary to prepare for the possible relocation of the public utilities at the Cribstone Bridge from overhead to under the sidewalk, which relocation work would require subsequent Town Meeting approval.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Not Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 47 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request that the Maine State Legislature review its 1998 decision to change the northern boundary of Harpswell Neck as it abuts the Town of Brunswick, in light of new evidence and research, and to make a final determination on that boundary.**

*Recommended by Selectmen Haible and Wallace*

*Not Recommended by Selectman Henderson*

*Article 48 may be passed over if Article 47 is defeated.*

**Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for expenses related to the boundary line of Harpswell Neck as it abuts the Town of Brunswick.**

*Recommended by Selectman Haible*

*Not Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Wallace*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for an expansion of the Orr's Island Library, such appropriation to be held in a reserve account until the Library receives all necessary permits and approvals for the project.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for Hamilton Place, a workforce housing subdivision being developed by the Greater Brunswick Housing Corporation, a Maine non-profit housing corporation, such funds to be held in a reserve account by the Town and to be expended only after the GBHC certifies to the Board of Selectmen that a majority of the lots in the subdivision have sold.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 51 — To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not to exceed \$50,000 to be used as the Town's share to match grants and/or other funding sources for the purchase, installation, and other related costs associated with erecting and operating a 15kw wind turbine on Town-owned property to be connected to the Town Office Building.**

*\$25,000 Recommended by Selectman Henderson*

*\$5,000 Recommended by Selectman Haible*

*Not Recommended by Selectman Wallace*

*Not Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

*Art. 52 – 58 The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 52-58 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.*

**Art. 52 – To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2009 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, 2009 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 8% rate of interest on unpaid taxes.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 53 – 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 2010 taxes).**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 54 – To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4% 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. 55 – 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. 56 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept conditional and unconditional gifts of money and to appropriate such funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 57 – 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 2009 budget from January 1, 2010 to the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 58 – 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. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$150,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,460,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, and \$285,000 of undesignated fund balance to reduce the tax commitment.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Article 60 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.*

**Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,103,780 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. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to allow a portion of Mitchell Field to be used for community gardens pursuant to guidelines to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts and grants for this purpose, pending all necessary approvals.**

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2009

Harpswell Board of Selectmen

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Amy N. Haible, Chairman

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James S. Henderson, Selectman

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Mark E. Wallace, Selectman