

Appendix 7A

Summary of Inventory of Historic, Cultural, and Civic Land and Buildings in Harpswell Protected from Development

Introduction

The Town of Harpswell has a rich maritime and farming heritage which is reflected in its historic, cultural and civic land and buildings. A variety of organizations and private individuals own property of historic, cultural and civic importance to the residents of Harpswell. Cemeteries provide habitat and open space, as well as an important cultural resource for residents of the town. Harpswell has both active and inactive cemeteries. Most of the active cemeteries in Harpswell are managed by private associations which are responsible for their upkeep and management.

The civic land and buildings in Harpswell include a variety of town buildings and land, two elementary schools, two libraries, three fire departments and the grange. Additionally, the state owns and manages Eagle Island and the federal government is responsible for the national monument on Little Mark Island. In addition, properties of historic or cultural importance to the Town are managed by the a) Harpswell Garden Club; b) the Harpswell Historical Society (three historic buildings); c) the Holbrook Community Foundation (a historic wharf, house and store that have a covenant on them with the State of Maine); and d) Bowdoin College that owns three properties used for conservation, educational and/or recreational purposes.

The Harpswell Heritage Land Trust has easements on seven properties of historic significance to the town and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust has an easement on a historic island. There are **13 properties** in Harpswell that are listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**. These are:

- Harpswell Meeting House, Route 123
- Elijah Kellogg House, Route 123
- Merrucoonegan Farm, Route 123
- Elijah Kellogg Church and House, Route 123
- East Harpswell Free Will Baptist Church, Cundy's Harbor Road
- Union Church, Route 123
- Old Union Hotel, Cundy's Harbor Road
- Halfway Rock Light Station
- Auburn-Harpswell Association Historic District, Route 123
- Eagle Island
- Cribstone Bridge, Bailey Island
- Deacon Andrew Dunning House, Mountain Road
- Tarr-Hackett House, Harpswell Neck Road

The Auburn-Harpswell Association **Historic District** is located to the west of Route 123 with shore frontage on Potts Harbor. The district contains 12 historic structures.

Summary

The Town of Harpswell has a total of approximately 24.6 square miles of land (2000 Census) or **15,700 acres** of land in total. Of this amount, **2518 acres or 16 %** of the total land in town is protected from development, as a result of its ownership by the town, state, federal government, non-profit conservation groups, educational institutions or civic, historic or cultural organizations.

Harpswell has **60 properties** located on **856 acres** that are of historical, cultural or civic importance to the town. These properties are located on **5.4%** of the total land of Harpswell. A portion of this land and these buildings are protected from development or change as a result of easements on their use, the mission of the organizations that own them or the fact that they are owned by the town, the state or the federal government. However, much of this land and these buildings could be altered if the owners decided to sell their property. (Please see **Appendix 7B** for an Inventory of Historical, Cultural and Civic Properties which are protected from development.)

Methodology

In 2007, members of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Harpswell prepared a list of properties which are protected from development (Please see **Appendix 13A and 13B**). Each property was listed by its ownership, its type of protection (government, easement, covenant, long term lease, board of directors, or tax advantage), its map and lot number on the Town tax map, its number of acres and its address if relevant. In addition, each piece of property was rated as to whether or not it has **water** access for commercial fishing, it contains important **habitat**, it is considered **scenic**, and it has **cultural, historic or civic** importance to the town and/or whether it provides **recreational** opportunities (including recreational boating access) for residents. **Appendix 9B** is a subset of **Appendix 13B** and includes only the properties which are of historic, cultural and/or civic importance.