

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE**

MARCH 6, 1999

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To any Constable 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, on Saturday the sixth day of March, 1999 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day to act on Articles 1 through 6.

The business meeting to act on Article 7 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; Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer, all for one-year terms; and two M.S.A.D. #75 Directors for three-year terms.

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

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Board of Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor from its present three member format to a five (5) member Board, establish annual salaries at four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) per Board Member, plus reimbursable expenses, the chairman's salary to be five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), per year plus reimbursable expenses, the incumbents to serve the remainder of their terms, initially elect two members to a two-year term and one member to a one-year term, and thereafter elect all members to a two-year term as the various seats become open; and to see if the Town will vote to continue the present salaries of incumbents until their current terms of office are completed.

*Submitted by Petition
Not Recommended by Selectmen*

Art. 4 – 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 – 2638, effective as of the next Annual Town Meeting in the year 2000?

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,230 to continue the current relationship with Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick?

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee 6-1*

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

Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Town of Harpswell Use of Firearms Ordinance’ be enacted thereby repealing and replacing the ‘Use of Firearms Ordinance for the Town of Harpswell’ adopted March 19, 1988?

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. To see if the Town will vote to fix September 15 as the date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will vote to charge a 10% rate of interest on unpaid taxes after that date.

Art. 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 6% 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 2000 taxes).

Art. To see if the Town vote to establish an interest rate of 6% for real estate tax overpayments.

Or reword to Maine Townsmen suggestion:

Art. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 6% for the fiscal year 1999.

Art. 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.

- Art. 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 1999 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2000 to the 2000 Annual Town Meeting.
- Art. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 23 § 2953.
- Art. 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.
- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ ____ for a 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, provided that, before voting on any amount in excess of \$3,000, the Selectmen shall obtain an advisory recommendation from the Budget Advisory Committee.

ORDINANCES

- Art. Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance’ for the Town of Harpswell be adopted as proposed?
- Art. Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance’ be re-enacted as amended and proposed?
- Art. Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Additions ~~Deletions~~

2.2 Administration

This Ordinance shall be administered by the Selectmen of the Town of Harpswell who may be assisted by a Harbor and Waterfront Committee (“the Committee”). ~~The Harbor and Waterfront Committee of the Town of Harpswell hereinafter called “the Committee”, shall administer this Ordinance.~~

5.2 Registration Fees

Unless the fee amount is otherwise determined by the Selectmen, the following fees shall apply:

6.2 ~~Quorum and Majority Vote.~~

~~A quorum of the Committee is four members. Action may be taken by a majority of those members present and voting, but any motion receiving fewer than three affirmative votes shall be considered defeated. A motion defeated by this provision may be reintroduced when more members are present, and will be considered "passed" with four or more affirmative votes.~~

Note: If section 6.2 Quorum and Majority Vote is deleted, subsequent sections will be renumbered.

7.1 Harbormaster Appointment

The harbormaster shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall be subject to their control and supervision. The harbormaster shall serve in that capacity until discharged by the Board of Selectmen or until resignation.

8.2 Violation of Ordinance

The violation of any rule or regulation established by this Ordinance shall be a civil violation punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250, unless the amount is otherwise decided by the Selectmen. For purposes of this Section, each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

Art. Shall the Town's ordinances entitled 'Land Use Ordinance', 'Shoreland Zoning Ordinance', and 'Subdivision Ordinance' be amended for technical purposes as proposed?

Note: Passage of this article will repeal the ordinance entitled 'Establishment of Harpswell Planning Board' and an ordinance enacted at the September 5, 1968 Special Town Meeting regarding house trailers and mobile homes.

Art. Shall an ordinance entitled 'Land Use Ordinance' be amended as proposed?

Insert Substantive Changes

Art. Shall an ordinance entitled 'Shoreland Zoning Ordinance' be amended as proposed?

Insert Substantive Changes

Art. Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Subdivision Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Insert Substantive Changes

Art. Shall an ordinance entitled ‘Site Plan Review Ordinance’ be amended as proposed?

Insert Substantive Changes

TITLE???

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$184, 600 for Debt Service.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$419,685 for County Tax.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,800 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	Travel
Selectman, Chair		
Selectman		
Selectman		
Tax Collector		
Town Clerk		
Treasurer		

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Art. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Administration.

Administration	
Assessing	\$52,221

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,225 for the Tax Collector’s Office.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,700 for the Town Clerk's Office.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,742 for employee benefits.

Maine State Retirement
Health Insurance
Social Security
Deferred Compensation

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,200 for insurance and Workers' Compensation.

Art. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for legal expenses.

\$45,000 Recommended by Selectmen

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ___ for memberships.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for Town Boards/Committees' expenses.

Planning Board and Appeals Board	\$7,000
Other Committees	<u>3,000</u>
	\$10,000

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$___ for Town Office building maintenance and operations.

Town Office Building/Maintenance and Operations	\$30,325
Other buildings???????	

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,800 for computer and office equipment.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for records assessment and preservation.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,330 for Codes Enforcement.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to re-assess Flood Insurance maps.

PUBLIC WORKS

Art. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works.

Snow Removal
Road Maintenance (Paving)
Town Land/Landings/Wharf
Road Signs
Street Signs

\$515,500 Recommended by Selectmen

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$233, 802 for Strawberry Creek Recycling Center operations and personnel.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,00 for dismantling the incinerator at the Strawberry Creek Recycling Center and converting the facility to a Transfer Station.

PROTECTION AND SAFETY

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,350 for Emergency Services.

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$___ for 911 Enhanced Implementation.

- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,933 for Law Enforcement services, to be contracted with Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.**

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

- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,490 for Harbor Management.**

- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,750 for Shellfish Conservation and Animal Control.**

Shellfish Wardens/Animal Control Officer	\$__
Coastal Humane Society	3,500

- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for water quality testing.**

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,100 for the treatment of browntail moths.**

- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for General Assistance.**

- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate _____ for failed septic systems???**

- Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,862 for Health and Welfare.**

Shoreline
CHAN
Jessie Albert Dental Clinic
Independence Association
CED
Coastal Transportation
55 Plus
Senior Spectrum
Hospice
Family Crisis Shelter
Sexual Assault Response
Immunization Clinic
Tedford Shelter
Bath/Brunswick Child Care
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Respite
Child Abuse Control

CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL

Art. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for Cultural and Educational Programs.

HCBC Local TV Programming
Orr's Island Library
Cundy's Harbor Library
Harpwell Historical Society
Pejepscot Historical Society ???
Public Television/MPBN
Memorial Observances

Art. 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 \$___ for Recreation.

Art. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Recreation Director.

\$7,500 Recommended by Selectmen

Art. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to utilize ____ from undesignated fund balance, \$_____ from the Municipal Revenue Sharing, and \$____ of current non-year property tax revenue to reduce the tax commitment.