

WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HARPSWELL, MAINE  
MARCH 10, 2018

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

**To Catherine J. Doughty, a 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 Community School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the tenth day of March, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 3. The business meeting to act on Article 4 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 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,900 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.** (\$137,104 raised & appropriated and expended in 2017)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2018 Amendments to the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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5.1. Exemptions  
The following are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance:

5.1.1 Emergency Wireless Telecommunications Facility. Temporary wireless communication facilities for emergency communications by public officials.

5.1.2 Amateur (ham) radio stations. Amateur (ham) radio stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with antennas that do not exceed seventy-five (75) feet in height. Amateur (ham) radio antennas may exceed seventy-five feet in height if the Planning Board finds that the proposed antenna meets the standards of sections 8.2.4, 8.2.5, 8.2.6, 8.2.7, 8.2.8, 8.2.9, 8.2.11, 8.2.12, and 8.2.13.

5.1.3 Parabolic antenna. Parabolic Antennas less than seven (7) feet in diameter, that are an accessory use of the property.

5.1.4 Maintenance or repair. Maintenance, repair or reconstruction of a wireless telecommunications facility and related equipment, provided that there is no change in the height or any other dimension of the facility.

5.1.5 Temporary wireless telecommunications facility. Temporary wireless telecommunications facility, in operation for a maximum period of one hundred eighty (180) days.

~~5.1.6 Antennas as Accessory Uses. An antenna that is an accessory use to a residential dwelling unit or to a public facility.~~

5.2 Existing wireless telecommunications facilities.

Wireless telecommunications facilities existing prior to March 15, 1998, that were in compliance with the Town's zoning regulations as of that date, or wireless telecommunications facilities that were or have been constructed on or after March 15, 1998 in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance then in effect, are considered to be existing wireless telecommunications facilities for purposes of this Ordinance. ~~may continue in existence as a non-conforming structure and use. For purposes of this Ordinance, a non-conforming structure is deemed an "existing facility" and must comply with the provisions governing "existing facilities."~~ Any modification in the size or use of ~~a non-conforming structure~~ an existing wireless telecommunications facility must comply with the requirements of this Ordinance. Except as provided herein, ~~a non-conforming structure or use~~ an existing wireless telecommunications facility may not be enlarged, expanded or increased in size, ~~or discontinued in use for a period of more than one hundred eighty (180) days.~~ This Ordinance shall not be interpreted to legalize any structure or use existing prior to March 15, 1998, that is in violation of the Town's land use ordinances.

**Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2018 Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance Regarding the Management of Common Open Space in Flexible Lot Size Subdivisions” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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**9.4.3.10 Use of Protected or Common Open Space**

For purposes of this section, protected or common open space areas must comply with the following:

a. The common open spaces must be dedicated to the recreational amenity and environmental enhancement of the development, must protect natural resources, and must be recorded as such. For the purpose of these provisions, common open space •••

b. The common open space shall be controlled by one (1) or more of the following methods:

- 1) common ownership by the owners of the units within the development with covenants or deed restrictions approved by the Planning Board establishing restrictions on the use of the open space and provisions for its permanent management ~~a conservation easement granted to the Town, subject to acceptance by the Town, or to a recognized conservation organization;~~ and/or
- 2) transfer, with permanent restrictions, to a land trust or other recognized conservation organization; and/or
- 3) ownership by a private party for agricultural or other natural resource use provided that permanent restrictions are in place to provide for its continued use for this purpose.

c. Any development proposed under this section shall specify the ownership, use, management, and entity responsible for maintenance of all common areas and facilities. When the open space will be protected through covenants or deed restrictions, those provisions must provide that the covenants or deed restrictions are enforceable by the owner of any lot in the subdivision, by the owner of any lot outside of the subdivision that abuts the common open space, or by the Town of Harpswell, a conservation easement or similar restriction, the applicant shall be responsible for assuring that provisions will be established for the periodic monitoring of the easement by a third party to assure compliance with the terms of the easement or restrictions. The covenants, deed restrictions and/or conservation easements shall provide for the monitoring of compliance with the restrictions at least once every two years. A report of the monitoring setting out the findings of the monitoring and any needed corrective action shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission shall review the monitoring report and shall have the opportunity to conduct an on-site visit if necessary to verify the findings of the monitoring report. If the homeowners association or easement holder fails to conduct the required monitoring, the Conservation Commission may carry out the monitoring. If the Town takes action to monitor or enforce the covenants, deed restrictions, or conservation easements, the cost of such monitoring and/or enforcement shall be recoverable by the Town from the homeowners association or easement holder. The Planning Board shall approve the arrangements for the ownership, control, use and maintenance of the common open space in accordance with the standards of subsections (a) and (b) above as part of the approval of a final subdivision plan. No changes in the use or management of common open space shall be made without Planning Board approval and a note shall be provided on the approved subdivision plan to this effect.

d. Any common open space or facility not retained by a private owner shall be maintained by a developer or homeowners' association unless and until it is transferred in its entirety to a recognized conservation organization and until the transfer actually is completed. The formation and incorporation by the developer of a homeowners' association, if one is proposed, shall be accomplished prior to final subdivision approval.

**Art. 6 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2018 Amendments to the Outdoor Pesticides Control and Fertilizer Use Ordinance Regarding Waivers” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

The Town of Harpswell Outdoor Pesticides Control and Fertilizer Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck-out~~):

••• **Section 7. Waiver**

The Conservation Commission is authorized to grant waivers from the provisions of this ordinance when a pest presents: a) an immediate threat to human health, or b) an immediate threat of substantial property damage or loss. A waiver may only be granted to a licensed applicator for a specific use of a specific pesticide. The initial approval of a waiver shall be for a period of not more than thirty (30) days. The Commission may grant a renewal of a waiver for a period of not more than three (3) years if it finds that the licensed applicator has performed satisfactorily, that the location of the treatment and the pesticide and method of application will be the same as the initial waiver, and that the need for the continuing waiver is the result of the same ongoing infestation or problem.

The licensed applicator who seeks a waiver shall apply to the Code Enforcement Officer. The application shall specify the specific nature of the situation requiring a waiver including an analysis of why other approaches for control of the pest cannot be utilized or will create greater risk to the marine environment and/or pollinators, the pesticide use for which the waiver is sought, the proposed method of application, and measures that will be taken to limit any adverse impacts on the marine environment or pollinators.

Upon receipt of an application for a pesticide use waiver or the renewal of an existing waiver, the CEO shall forward the application to the Conservation Commission which shall consider the application within fifteen (15) days. The Commission may obtain outside assistance in its review of the application.

**Art. 7 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2018 Amendments to the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

••• **2.1 Authority**

••• 2.1.1 This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VIII-A of the Maine Constitution and ~~30-A M.R.S.A., Chapter 187, Subchapter IV, M.R.S. 30-A, §3001,~~ as the same may be amended from time to time.

••• **4.7 Float Moorings**

Floats that are used for business or recreation, not secured to the shore but held in place by mooring/moorings. (Army Corp of Engineers Permit required)

••• **4.17 Rental Mooring**

A mooring that is leased or rented to a person other than the holder of the mooring registration. (Army Corp of Engineers Permit required)

••• **4.19 Service Mooring**

Any mooring owned by a commercial entity used in the daily operations of that business that is not intended for rental purposes. Guest moorings shall be considered Service Moorings. (Army Corp of Engineers Permit required)

••• Re-number existing Sections 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23 to 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, 4.24

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 Section 5 Mooring Registration and Regulations  
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5.1.3.5 Service Mooring  
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5.1.6 Permit Stickers

Upon successful registration, the Town Clerk shall issue a mooring card sticker showing the year and permit number. ~~The card is for the boat registered to the Mooring. The sticker is to be placed on the mooring ball in a visible location, above the water mark.~~ In addition, the permit number must be painted or burned onto the mooring buoy in a legible manner with numbers at least 3 inches tall. Mooring buoys without the mooring permit number properly displayed shall be considered abandoned.

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5.2.5 Mooring inspection: Annually, each registered mooring should be inspected by the mooring owner at the mooring owner's expense and must be determined by the mooring owner to be in a safe condition. The mooring owner is responsible for the adequacy and performance of all mooring gear, tackle, and maintenance thereof. The Harbormaster has the authority to inspect at any time any mooring and to require any necessary maintenance or replacement of parts or the whole mooring, tackle and/or gear, for which the mooring owner shall be responsible for all costs incurred.

The Town of Harpswell assumes no liability whatsoever for the actual performance or adequacy of any mooring system employed by a mooring owner.

Re-number existing Sections 5.2.5, 5.2.6, 5.2.7, 5.2.8 to 5.2.6, 5.2.7, 5.2.8, 5.2.9  
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~~8.1.8 It shall be unlawful to rent moorings or slips, in facilities not existing at the time this Ordinance is adopted, without providing for one parking space for each mooring or slip rented. Parking spaces shall be provided for expansions of existing facilities. Parking spaces and aisle dimensions shall be as specified in the Town's Site Plan Review Ordinance regarding parking layout and design.~~

Re-number existing Sections 8.1.9, 8.1.10, 8.1.11, 8.1.12, 8.1.13 to 8.1.8, 8.1.9, 8.1.10, 8.1.11, 8.1.12  
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8.1.10 9 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to establish or maintain a year round residence on any type of vessel within waters of Harpswell unless the vessel has established access to property with shoreline on the waters of Harpswell which is equipped with waste pump-out facilities and the vessel contains sewage holding tankage attached to each marine toilet and the vessel's sewage system is not equipped with "Y" valves to permit overboard discharge.

**Art. 8 — 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:**

	<b>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
Selectman	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	44,053	43,295	43,295
Town Clerk*	48,163	47,335	47,335
Road Commissioner	6,087	30,907	30,907
Travel Reimbursement	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>1,507</u>
	\$117,803	\$142,437	\$141,044

\*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,536 which is budgeted in Article 9.

*Recommended by Selectmen  
 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 9 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$420,734 for general administration.**

	<b>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
Administration Salary & Wages	\$191,171	\$187,610	\$188,197
Computers & Computer Services Agreements	31,185	30,170	29,880
Audit	12,000	12,000	11,200
Other	37,400	37,800	33,397
Public Information	9,000	9,000	7,741
Legal	50,000	50,000	50,918
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>89,978</u>	<u>57,789</u>	<u>55,408</u>
	\$420,734	\$384,369	\$376,741

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 10 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,188 for memberships as follows:**

	<b>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
Maine Municipal Association	\$9,738	\$9,475	\$9,475
Mid Coast Economic Development District	5,925	5,925	5,925
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	500	500	500
Harpwell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$16,188	\$15,925	\$15,925

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,003 for the Assessing Office. (\$80,279 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$76,867 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,795 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$36,017 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$33,850 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,658 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$53,852 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$51,171 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,383 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$30,388 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$29,102 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,129 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$134,887 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$134,713 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,931 for the Planning Office and for planning services. (\$72,563 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$58,719 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365,531 for operations and personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$349,023 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$342,694 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,387 for Animal Control to include \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society. (\$24,787 raised and appropriated in 2017 including \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society; \$24,130 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,378 for Harbor Management to include Marine Resources Administration. (\$46,463 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$46,395 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,733 for the Recreation Department. (\$45,579 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$44,045 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,600 for Recreation Programs and the sum of \$2,000 for maintenance of Trufant-Summerton Field, 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. (\$16,000 raised and appropriated in 2016)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,388 for employee benefits.**

	<b>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
Health Insurance/Reimbursement	\$262,071	\$252,917	\$227,370
Social Security/Medicare	74,990	69,493	65,551
Retirement	60,327	56,381	48,721
Disability	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,429</u>
	<b>\$400,388</b>	<b>\$381,791</b>	<b>\$344,071</b>

*Note: Elected Officials may participate in the health plan pursuant to terms of the Town's personnel policy.*

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,270 for boards and committees. (\$7,270 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$5,692 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,225 for the maintenance and repair of cemeteries and graves in accordance with State law. (\$8,860 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$6,190 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,570 to pay the University of Maine to conduct browntail moth research in Harpswell.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,600 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, vehicles and properties including an easement.**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017 Expended</b>
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$75,000	\$105,400	\$104,730
EMS Building	4,000	4,100	2,767
Old Town House & Commons	9,000	9,000	7,048
Town Dock	5,500	4,500	7,646
Town Landings	20,000	22,500	11,805
Cedar Beach Monitors & Signage	<u>4,100</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,409</u>
	\$117,600	\$148,000	\$137,405

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make improvements to the Mackerel Cove boat launch, which shall be funded as follows: (1) \$35,000 from the Land Acquisition and Town Property Improvement Fund; (2) \$10,000 to be expended from the Town Landings Account, which funds were carried over from 2017; and (3) \$15,000 from grant funds.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,950 for Mitchell Field.**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017 Expended</b>
Contracted Services (Planning)	\$ 0	\$13,000	\$16,436
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	16,950	12,700	10,563
Sediment Building Removal	0	7,500	8,435
Bandstand Maintenance	3,000	3,000	3,832
Monitor	500	1,000	0
Electricity	1,500	1,500	1,178
Portable Toilets	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,261</u>
	\$23,950	\$40,300	\$41,705

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year agreement with a non-profit or for-profit group or entity for up to 20 years, with the possibility of two 5-year extensions, for management and maintenance of the water tower at Mitchell Field and for the completion of certain repairs to the foundation of the water tower as determined by the Board of Selectmen to be completed by September 30, 2018, and on such other terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town; and if such foundation repairs to the water tower as determined by the Board of Selectmen are not completed by September 30, 2018, or if the Board of Selectmen is not able to negotiate a management/maintenance agreement that it deems to be in the best interest of the Town by September 30, 2018, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend up to \$40,000 from the Mitchell Field capital reserve account for demolition of the water tower.**

**Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to expend up to \$40,000 from the Mitchell Field capital reserve account for demolition of the water tower at Mitchell Field.**

**Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$552,973 for snow removal, road maintenance, road/street signs and compensation for the Road Commissioner.**

	2018	2017	2017 Expended
Snow Removal	\$466,412	\$455,710	\$445,590
Road Maintenance & Signs	60,000	68,000	76,224
Road Commissioner Salary	25,361	elected official	elected official
Road Commissioner Travel	<u>1,200</u>	<u>elected official</u>	<u>elected official</u>
	\$552,973	\$523,710	\$521,814

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for capital improvements 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. (\$68,221 expended in 2017; \$67,315 carried over)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$283,111 for 24/7 Harpswell-based paramedic coverage and related administrative support services provided by Mid Coast Health Services. (\$283,111 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$281,261 expended).**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$166,003 for municipal firefighters and their associated costs to assist the three fire and rescue companies in their delivery of services. (\$124,860 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$37,729 expended and \$48,000 carried over)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Community Development Block Grant funds and expend them for the purpose of providing eligible homeowners with smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and/or generators.**  
*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 36 — 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>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr's-Bailey Islands Fire and Rescue	60,000	60,000	60,000
Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 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 Vehicles Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until vehicle purchase. (\$100,000 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$413,394 expended in 2017)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,475 for other emergency services and management.**

	<b>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
Back-up ALS & Central Communications	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$ 903
Fire Warden	0	2,200	1,232
Emergency Management	1,975	3,650	2,630
Dry Hydrant Operations	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>510</u>
	\$6,475	\$10,350	\$5,275

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 for street lighting.** (\$28,000 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$26,250 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,346 for communication services with Cumberland County.** (\$32,374 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$32,374 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$348,507 and appropriate \$45,700 from the Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment Reserve Account for law enforcement services, to include the replacement of a vehicle, from Cumberland County.** (\$341,661 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$341,661 expended; \$43,500 appropriated from the vehicle reserve in 2017 and \$32,625 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 42 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193,699 for Marine Wardens and shellfish conservation related services from Cumberland County. (\$191,612 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$191,611 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 43 — To see if the Town will vote to (1) raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 and (2) appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from the Boat and Motor Reserve Account to purchase a boat (up to \$80,000, including related expenses) that will be used primarily for shellfish conservation purposes.**

Note: The current proposal is for the Board to consider purchasing an airboat.

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for boat operations for the Marine Patrol boat. (\$2,000 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$1,916 expended).**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for marine resources and shellfish conservation activities including purchasing supplies for conservation projects. (\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$4,602 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,230 for General Assistance and health & welfare agencies as follows:**

	<b>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
General Assistance	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$11,106
Independence Association	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730	730
People Plus	2,000	2,000	2,000
Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250	250
Tedford Housing	1,000	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500	500
Respite	1,600	1,600	1,600
Midcoast Hunger Prevention	4,000	4,000	4,000
American Red Cross	1,500	1,350	1,350
Day One	250	250	250
Oasis Health Network	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Focus	700	500	500
Lifeflight Foundation	700	500	500
YMCA (Bath/Brunswick Landing)	1,000	750	750
Harpswell Aging at Home	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<b>\$35,230</b>	<b>\$34,430</b>	<b>\$30,536</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 47 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,095 for the purposes as follows:**

	<b>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
Orr's Island Library	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	19,000	17,300	17,300
Harpswell Historical Society	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,600	1,500	1,497
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,695	2,671	2,671
Harpswell Business Association	3,000	3,000	3,000
Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association	2,000	2,000	2,000
Maine Public Broadcasting	300	300	300
Water Safety Program	0	1,000	1,000
Community Fireworks Display	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<b>\$48,095</b>	<b>\$47,271</b>	<b>\$47,268</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association (HNPEA) to upgrade tennis courts at Harpswell Center, with such funds to be released upon HNPEA demonstrating that it has raised the remaining funds needed for the project.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 for Harpswell Radio Project (HRP) as a contribution to the construction of community radio studio(s), with such funds to be released upon HRP demonstrating that it has raised the remaining funds needed for the project. (\$600 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$600 expended).**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to re-establish the purpose of the Harpswell Heating Assistance Program reserve account, which was established for heating assistance and improving home energy efficiency, to now also include repairing, improving and/or replacing heating systems, with all program requirements to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,000 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$63,750 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$63,750 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year agreement of not more than 10 years with Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation for the use of a Town-owned building on Community Drive.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 53 — 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 a principal payment on a lease-purchase agreement pursuant to which equipment, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting, has been acquired by the Town. (\$6,000 accepted and expended in 2017)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,400 for a warranty on equipment, acquired by the Town in a lease-purchase agreement, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting. (\$6,400 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$6,400 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 55 — 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. (\$8,846 including from carryover funds, expended in 2017)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 56 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Property Tax Assistance Program with unexpended funds to be held in reserve. (\$5,000 appropriated in 2017; \$6,992 expended in 2017 with \$4,709 remaining in reserve)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 57 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,500 for capital reserve accounts as follows:**

	<b>2018</b>	2017	2017 Expended
Recycling/Transfer Station	\$90,000	\$40,000	\$4,953
Facilities	50,000	10,000	2,159
Office Equipment	20,000	2,500	2,500
Emergency Communications Equipment	2,500	2,500	0
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	<u>40,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>63,000</u>
	\$202,500	\$100,000	\$72,612

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$470,000 for short- and long-term principal and interest payments. (\$470,000 raised and appropriated in 2017; \$469,517 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2019 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2018 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 60-66 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.*

**Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 17, 2018 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 17, 2018 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. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a service to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid 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 2019 taxes).**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 62 — 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 period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 63 — 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. 64 — 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. 65 — 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 2018 budget from January 1, 2019 to the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 66 — 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. 67 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$60,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,903,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, \$370,000 of unassigned fund balance and the homestead exemption reimbursement, estimated to be \$95,000, to reduce the tax commitment. (\$60,000 of Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,803,000 of non-property tax revenue, \$470,000 of unassigned fund balance and \$86,777 of homestead exemption reimbursement used in 2017)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

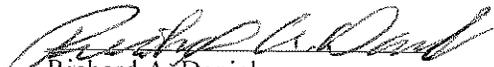
*Article 68 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.*

**Art. 68 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,838,295 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.**

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 under our hand this first day of March 2018.

Harpswell Board of Selectmen

  
Richard A. Daniel

  
Kevin E. Johnson

  
David I. Chipman