

**WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HARPSWELL, MAINE  
MARCH 11, 2023**

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

**To Tracy H. Gaudet, 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 eleventh day of March, 2023 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 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, for a three-year term; and two M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors for three-year terms.**

**Art. 3 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2023 Amendments to the Harbor & Waterfront Ordinance” be enacted?**

**5.2.5 Mooring Inspection or Safety Certification Required**

Moorings shall be inspected not less than once every three years. The owner of the mooring shall provide evidence of inspection, or proof of current vessel insurance, and/or an affidavit a mooring safety certification form from the mooring owner indicating that the mooring is in safe and operable condition as inspected by the mooring owner and in accordance with suggested industry standards. (Industry standard suggestions may be obtained from the Harbormaster’s Office). Signature on a mooring safety certification form indicating that the mooring will not be used until the mooring can be made safe and operable will also be considered sufficient for that renewal period. 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 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. Failure to maintain a safe and adequate mooring may result in civil penalties and loss of the mooring permit.

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2023 Amendments to the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?**

**301.6 Resident Student Commercial Shellfish License**

This license is available to a resident student and entitles the holder to harvest no more than one (1) bushel of shellfish per day from the tidal waters or clam flats of the Town when and where it is lawful to do so. If a student licensee is drawn in the lottery to hold a Resident Commercial Shellfish License in the licensing year immediately following, that licensee may apply their consecutive student licensing years to the provisions of a Resident Commercial – Non Resident Commercial License as defined in Section 301.8.

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 5 — To see if the Town will vote to amend the boundaries of the Mitchell Field Marine Business District as shown on the plan “Proposed Amendment to the Harpswell Shoreland Zoning Map March 2023” prepared by Harty and Harty and dated January 9, 2023, a copy of which is attached.**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 6 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate the terms of and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from Tide Mill Cove, LLC, on property located on Neil’s Point Road, a portion of Tax Map 6, Lot 118.**  
*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 7 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Maine Lobstermen’s Association.**  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 8 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes in the name of the Town of the Town of Harpswell in a principal amount not to exceed \$800,000 to acquire real property of approximately 7.7 acres in Harpswell at Tax Map 16, Lot 92 (the former West Harpswell School property) at a purchase price not to exceed \$800,000 and on such terms, including call provisions, as the Select Board determines to be in the best interest of the Town; and further, to authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$400,000 from unassigned fund balance to reduce the principal amount of such bonds or notes.**

Explanatory Note: If there is approval for a bond, Article 53 includes an interest only payment of \$9,024.

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$510,052 of which principal is \$400,000 and estimated variable interest from 4.27% to 4.77% over 10 years is \$110,052.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLE 8 – 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	\$ 4,320,000
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 909,813
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 5,229,813
* Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 50,000
* Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 4,500
* Total Additional Bonds (now proposed)	
To be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$ 400,000
* Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bond	\$ 110,052
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 510,052

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.



Terri Gaudet, Treasurer

*If Article 8 fails, Article 9 may be passed over.*

**Art. 9 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for maintenance of the former West Harpswell School property.**

**Art. 10 — 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 Select Board fills a vacancy in any elected position, the Board is authorized to establish the annual payment, at its discretion:**

	<b>2023</b>	2022	2022 Expended
Select Board member	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Select Board member	6,000	6,000	6,000
Select Board member	6,000	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	58,427	53,000	53,000
Town Clerk*	55,340	39,742	39,742
Travel Reimbursement	<u>600</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>98</u>
	\$132,367	\$111,442	\$110,840

*\*In 2022, the Town Clerk was appointed for 2.5 months which is not reflected in the Elected Officials budget. The Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters which is budgeted in Article 11 for \$3,052.*

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$507,800 for general administration.**

	<b>2023</b>	2022	2022 Expended
Administration Salary & Wages	\$240,074	\$223,097	\$232,719
Computers & Computer Services Agreements	51,207	48,696	42,182
Audit	12,500	12,000	5,850
Other	38,150	39,450	32,129
Public Information	10,000	10,000	7,077
Legal	50,000	50,000	34,109
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>105,869</u>	<u>103,529</u>	<u>95,522</u>
	\$507,800	\$486,772	\$449,588

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,785 for memberships as follows:**

	<b>2023</b>	2022	2022 Expended
Maine Municipal Association	\$11,695	\$11,462	\$11,462
Mid Coast Economic Development District	6,540	6,540	5,925
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	500	500	500
Harpwell Business Association	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
	\$18,785	\$18,552	\$17,937

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,274 for the Assessing Office to include \$13,000 for mapping updates. (\$101,035 raised and appropriated in 2022 for the Assessing Office including \$16,000 for aerial fly-over; \$88,688 expended with fly-over funds carried forward)**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,004 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$53,960 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$50,975 expended)**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

- Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,570 for the Town Clerk's Office.** (\$73,484 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$73,405 expended)  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,556 for the Code Enforcement Office.** (\$173,800 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$148,407 expended)  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,800 for the Planning Office to include \$6,800 for Boards and Committees.** (\$81,960 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$74,133 expended)  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$667,111 for operations and personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station.** (\$570,191 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$528,223 expended)  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,538 for Animal Control to include \$7,660 for Midcoast Humane.** (\$31,415 raised and appropriated in 2022 including \$7,295 for Midcoast Humane; \$28,732 expended)  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,856 for Harbor Management to include Marine Resources Administration.** (\$120,640 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$113,013 expended)  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,296 for the Recreation and Community Services Department.** (\$72,565 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$69,769 expended)  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,800 for Recreation Programs and the sum of \$2,000 for maintenance of Trufant-Summerton Field, and authorize the Select Board to appropriate revenue generated by recreation programs for recreational purposes including for operating expenses and capital improvement of Trufant-Summerton Field.** (\$8,300 raised and appropriated in 2022)  
*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$488,085 for employee benefits.**

	2023	2022	2022 Expended
Health Insurance/Reimbursement	\$322,821	\$291,296	\$276,774
Social Security/Medicare	98,915	97,982	91,664
Retirement	62,749	58,838	53,801
Disability	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,383</u>
	\$488,085	\$451,716	\$425,622

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,780 for the maintenance and repair of cemeteries and graves. (\$23,260 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$18,240 expended)**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,600 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, vehicles and properties including an easement.**

	2023	2022	2022 Expended
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$96,300	\$92,000	\$87,744
EMS Building	7,300	7,100	6,752
Old Town House & Commons	36,050	35,550	15,491
Town Dock	18,000	18,000	9,570
Town Landings	36,500	16,500	14,425
Cedar Beach Monitors & Signage	<u>8,450</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>6,638</u>
	\$202,600	\$177,650	\$140,620

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,275 for Mitchell Field.**

	2023	2022	2022 Expended
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	20,975	10,800	13,736
Contract Planning	0	15,000	0
Bandstand Maintenance	3,000	6,000	5,223
Monitor/Surveying	4,500	500	2,890
Electricity	1,200	1,200	1,058
Portable Toilets/Picnic Tables	<u>3,600</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,960</u>
	\$33,275	\$35,500	\$25,867

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,000 for the Mitchell Field Capital Reserve Account to be expended for the Town's consolidated waterfront project to construct (1) an all tide, two lane, 20-foot-wide boat launch (2) boating access improvements and (3) associated parking at Mitchell Field.**

Explanatory Note: Project costs have escalated since the project was first planned. The Maine Department of Transportation has committed \$357,250 to the project to date; and the Town has committed \$357,250.

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$708,749 for snow removal, road maintenance, road/street signs and compensation for the Road Commissioner.**

	2023	2022	2022 Expended
Snow Removal	\$593,196	\$576,399	\$537,870
Road Maintenance & Signs	78,000	78,000	58,232
Road Commissioner Salary	35,853	34,474	34,474
Road Commissioner Travel	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>807</u>
	<b>\$708,749</b>	<b>\$690,573</b>	<b>\$631,383</b>

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into multi-year agreement(s), of up to five years, for winter road maintenance.**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 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 Select Board.**

Explanatory Note: The funds are expected to be used to complete Basin Point Road.

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,898 for 24/7 Harpswell-based paramedic coverage and related administrative support services provided by Mid Coast Hospital or its successor. (\$329,515 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$329,515 expended).**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$234,942 for the Department of Safety including municipal firefighters and their associated costs to assist the three fire and rescue companies in their delivery of services, and for other emergency services and management. (\$217,063 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$213,411 expended).**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$234,500 for the operating and capital expenses of three fire and rescue providers as follows:**

	2023	2022	2022 Expended
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$82,500	\$67,500	\$67,500
Orr's-Bailey Islands Fire and Rescue	75,000	75,000	75,000
Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>77,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
	<b>\$234,500</b>	<b>\$212,500</b>	<b>\$212,500</b>

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 for the purchase of an emergency services vehicle, as determined by the Select Board, such vehicle 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 Select Board 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; and to authorize that proceeds from the sale of emergency services vehicles owned by the Town be held in the Emergency Vehicles Capital Account. (\$100,000 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$628,980 in reserve with \$554,592 committed).**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to (1) transfer a \$35,000 Capital Contribution to be received from Blue Sky Towers III, LLC, pursuant to a lease agreement dated October 8, 2020, to the Emergency Communications Equipment Reserve Account and (2) expend those funds from the Emergency Communications Equipment Reserve Account for improving the Town's emergency communications system.**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 as the first set-aside for a Town-wide revaluation expected in 2025.**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for a new reserve account, the Sustainability Plan Implementation Reserve (SPIRA). It will provide local match for grants, and fund investments to reduce the Town's carbon footprint and to make Town infrastructure, including public working waterfront, landings and roads, climate-change ready.**

Explanatory Note: The Select Board may approve the use of reserve funds up to \$50,000 per project; however, the use of more than \$50,000 per project will require an affirmative vote of the Town Meeting.

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the Recycling Center capital reserve account to be expended for Phase II of the Recycling Center upgrade with a primary focus on improvements to the building.**

Explanatory Note: The project is expected to begin in 2024 and cost an estimated \$700,000. To date there is \$429,844 in this reserve account.

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200 for street lighting. (\$12,000 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$13,327 expended)**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,003 for communication services with Cumberland County. (\$38,686 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$38,685 expended)**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$423,620 for law enforcement services from Cumberland County. (\$422,529 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$422,529 expended)**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 42— To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,415 for Marine Wardens and shellfish conservation related services from Cumberland County. (\$238,972 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$238,972 expended)**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 43 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500, of which \$7,500 is for boat operations and maintenance of the Marine Patrol boat and \$5,000 is for marine resources and shellfish conservation activities and projects. (\$6,500 raised and appropriated in 2022 for the boat; \$3,585 expended; and \$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2022 for projects; \$10,076 expended).**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,406 for General Assistance and health & welfare agencies as follows:**

	<b>2023</b>	2022	2022 Expended
General Assistance	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$8,981
Independence Association	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	1,000	1,000	1,000
People Plus	5,000	2,500	2,500
Spectrum Generations	1,656	1,550	1,550
Through These Doors (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	2,000	1,800	1,800
Midcoast Hunger Prevention	6,000	5,500	5,500
American Red Cross	1,500	1,500	1,500
Oasis Health Network	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Focus	0	1,000	1,000
Lifeflight Foundation	1,000	1,000	1,000
YMCA (Bath/Brunswick Landing)	1,000	1,000	1,000
Harpswell Aging at Home	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<b>\$37,406</b>	<b>\$35,100</b>	<b>\$32,081</b>

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,136 for the purposes as follows:**

	<b>2023</b>	2022	2022 Expended
Orr's Island Library	30,000	25,000	25,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	29,000	35,000	35,000
Harpswell Historical Society	6,000	6,000	6,000
Pejepscot Historic Center	750	750	750
Memorial Observances	3,000	3,000	3,409



Bailey Island Library Hall	2,586	2,820	2,820
Harpswell Business Association	3,500	3,500	3,500
Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association	3,000	3,000	3,000
Maine Public Broadcasting	300	0	0
Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership	1,000	1,000	1,000
Community Fireworks Display	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$81,136	\$82,070	\$82,070

*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159,089 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.** (\$159,089 raised and appropriated in 2022, \$159,089 expended)

Explanatory Note: The annual appropriation for Curtis Memorial Library will remain at \$159,089 through 2025.

*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 47 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,580 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation.** (\$64,000 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$64,000 expended)

*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 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.** (\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$26,000 currently being held in reserve).

*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Town of Harpswell's Property Tax Assistance Program with unexpended funds to be held in reserve.** (\$8,000 appropriated in 2022; \$8,438 expended).

*Recommended by Select Board members*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept \$10,000 from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town's cable television franchise agreement for Harpswell Community Broadcasting to purchase equipment related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting.**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$90,000 from unassigned general fund balance with \$50,000 to be used by the Town for equipment and resources that improve and upgrade its governmental communications including the ability to hold hybrid meetings and with \$40,000 to be used by Harpswell Community Broadcasting for public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting.**

Explanatory Note: Pursuant to the terms of a new franchise agreement with Comcast, the Town expects to receive \$10,000 for each of the next 9 years that will be returned to the general fund.

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the following capital reserve accounts: \$75,000 for Vehicles and \$5,000 for Boat & Motor Replacement.**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$629,024 for short- and long-term principal and interest payments. (\$630,000 raised and appropriated in 2022; \$621,628 expended)**

Explanatory Note: If Article 8 fails, Article 51 can be reduced by \$9,024.

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$84,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (also known as American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for providing the three volunteer fire companies with a Lifepak heart monitor for each ambulance.**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (also known as American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for Comprehensive Plan consulting services.**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 56 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (also known as American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for Broadband consulting services.**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 57 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (also known as American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the Harpswell Heating Assistance Program.**

*Recommended by Select Board members  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2024 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2023 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

*The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 59-65 as recommended by Select Board unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.*

**Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2023 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, 2023 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 Select Board members*

**Art. 60 — 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 2024 taxes).**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 61 — 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 Select Board members*

**Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Select Board, 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, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). The Select Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Select Board 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 Select Board members*

**Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2023 budget from January 1, 2024 to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 65 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell by public bid or other competitive process any and all personal property deemed excess by the Select Board pursuant to such restrictions as the Select Board may impose.**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

**Art. 66 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$250,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$2,273,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, \$600,000 of unassigned fund balance, the homestead exemption and BETE reimbursement, estimated to be \$155,292, and tax stabilization reimbursement (if required) to reduce the tax commitment. (\$200,000 of Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$2,200,500 of non-property tax revenue, \$500,000 of unassigned fund balance and \$155,292 of homestead exemption and BETE reimbursement used in 2022)**

*Recommended by Select Board members*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

*Article 67 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.*

**Art. 67 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,669,116 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.**

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE HARPSWELL SHORELAND ZONING MAP

## MARCH, 2023

ELEC. TRANSF.

MITCHELL FIELD  
MARINE BUSINESS  
DISTRICT

SHORELAND  
RESIDENTIAL  
DISTRICT

REZONE FROM MITCHELL  
FIELD MARINE BUSINESS  
DISTRICT  
TO SHORELAND  
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

MITCHELL FIELD MARINE  
BUSINESS DISTRICT

REZONE FROM INTERIOR DISTRICT  
TO MITCHELL FIELD  
MARINE BUSINESS DISTRICT

REZONE FROM MITCHELL FIELD  
MARINE BUSINESS DISTRICT  
TO INTERIOR DISTRICT

INTERIOR DISTRICT

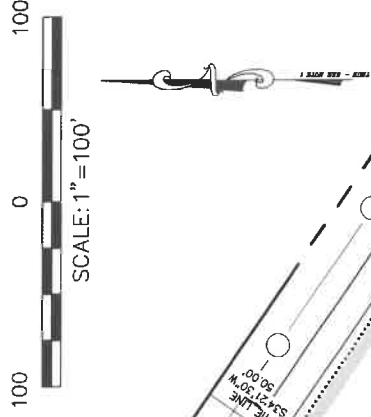
INTERIOR DISTRICT

### PROGRESS PLOT

DATE: 01/09/2023

**Harty & Harty**  
Professional Land Surveyors  
540 Bay Rd.  
Howdoinham, Maine 04008  
Phone/FAX 207-729-4571

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MITCHELL FIELD DRIVE

ARC LENGTH 182.28'  
CHORD LENGTH 505.3229'  
RADIUS 720.00'

CONCRETE

ARC LENGTH 176.19'  
CHORD 605.2643'  
RADIUS 690.00'

TIE LINE  
N88°50'00"W  
30.04'

N89°50'00"W  
124.95'

183.19'

N01°10'00"E

355.0'

S84°23'30"W  
50.00'

S85°38'51"E  
289.92'

S85°38'51"E  
289.92'

355.0'

355.0'

273.9'

273.9'

355.0'

S85°38'51"E  
300.00'

S68°12'45"E  
416.00'

APPROX. 250' FROM H.A.T.

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250' SHORELAND RESIDENTIAL  
DISTRICT SHORELAND ZONE  
INTERIOR DISTRICT

250' SHORELAND RESIDENTIAL  
DISTRICT

INTERIOR DISTRICT

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2023.



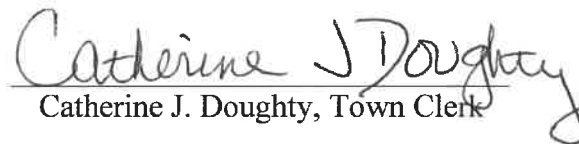
**Kevin E. Johnson**



**David I. Chipman**



**Jane G. Covey**  
**Harpwell Select Board**

A true copy, attest:   
Catherine J. Doughty, Town Clerk