

**WARRANT  
MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION  
HARPSWELL, MAINE  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Cumberland, ss.

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, 308 Harpswell Islands Road, Harpswell, Maine on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, 2024 at 8:00am of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 6.

**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 8PM.)**

**Art. 2 - To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:**

**Shall an Ordinance entitled “2024 Amendments to the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?**

The Ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, on the Town’s website at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) and at the polling place.

*Recommended by Select Board*

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

**To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes in the name of the Town of Harpswell in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,150,500, which bonds or notes may be made callable, to be combined with existing Town appropriations and State grant funds to design, permit, construct and equip an all-tide boat launch and related site improvements at Mitchell Field.**

*Note: The overall project cost is estimated to be \$2,000,000 with \$492,250 of Town funds previously appropriated and \$357,250 of State grant funds previously awarded.*

**Financial Statement for Referendum Article 3 – 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:

Total estimated debt service of the bond issue is \$1,392,712 of which principal is \$1,150,500 and estimated variable interest rate from 3.50% to 3.87% over 10 years is \$242,212.

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$ 3,955,000
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 829,864
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 4,784,864

Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 50,000
Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 6,166
Total bonds authorized but not yet issued and estimated interest	\$ 56,166

Additional Bonds to be Issued if Approved by Voters:	\$ 1,150,000
Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bonds	\$ 242,212
Total Cost of Principal and Estimated Interest To Be Paid if Approved by Voters	\$ 1,392,712

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, Town Treasurer

*Recommended by Select Board*

**Art. 4 – To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:**

**To see if the Town will vote to (1) appropriate \$54,720 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (also known as American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government and (2) appropriate previously approved but unspent ARPA funds for emergency services and emergency communications equipment including a thermal imaging camera.**

*Note: Previously unspent ARPA funds total approximately \$14,636 at this time.*

*Recommended by Select Board*

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

**To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to accept Working Waterfront Resiliency Grant funding from the State of Maine and to administer the Grant, including making grant disbursements to recipients of the Working Waterfront Resiliency Grant Program.**

*Recommended by Select Board*


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

**To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a multi-year lease agreement, not to exceed 25 years, for a commercial solar farm, not to exceed 5 acres, at Mitchell Field, on terms and conditions that the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town.**

*Not Recommended by Select Board*


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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.



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**Kevin E. Johnson**



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**Jane G. Covey**



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**David I. Chipman**  
**Harpswell Select Board**