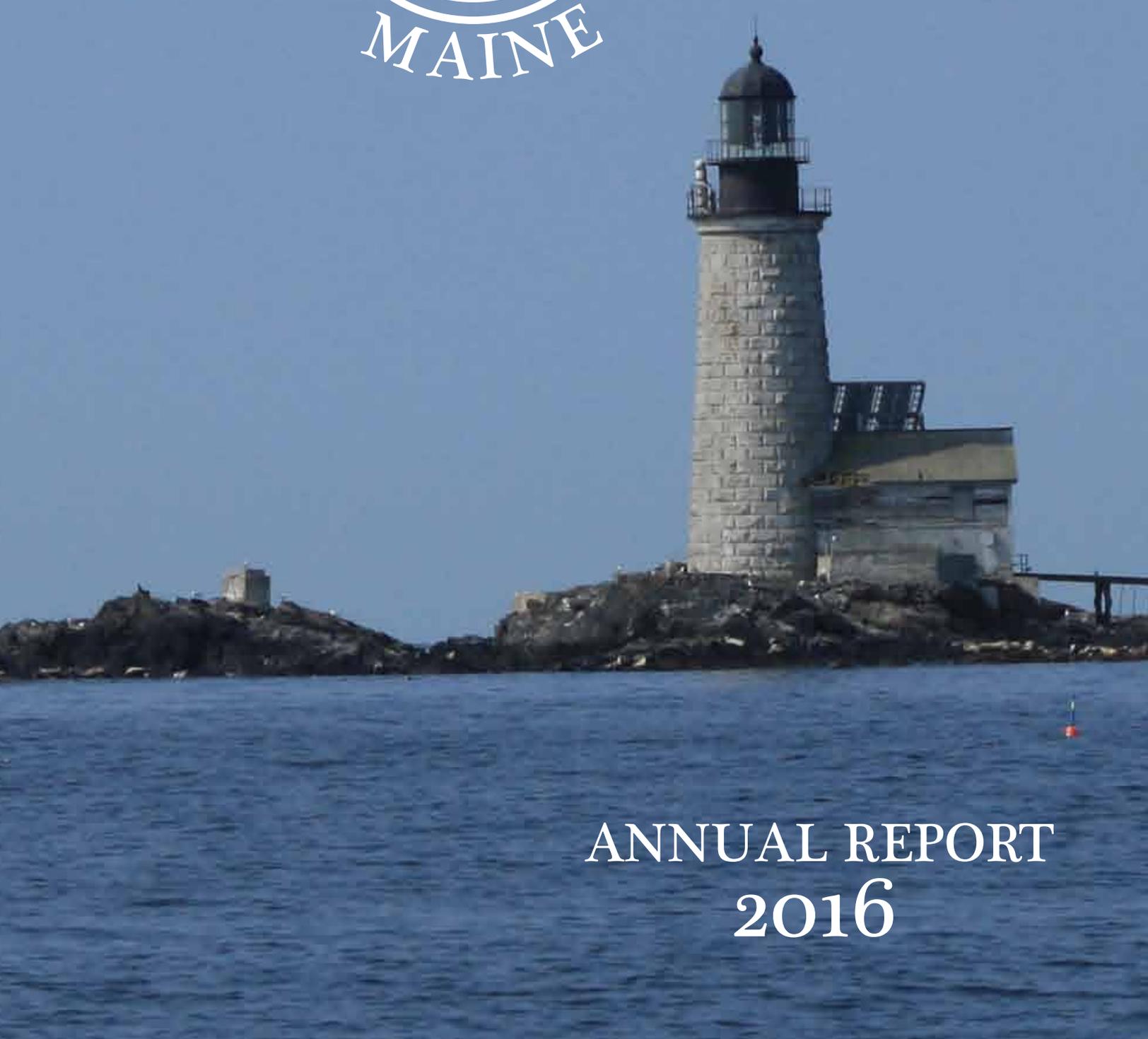


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ANNUAL REPORT  
2016

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Little Mark Island Monument

Cover (Halfway Rock Lighthouse) & Interior Photo by Harbormaster James Hays  
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# DEDICATION

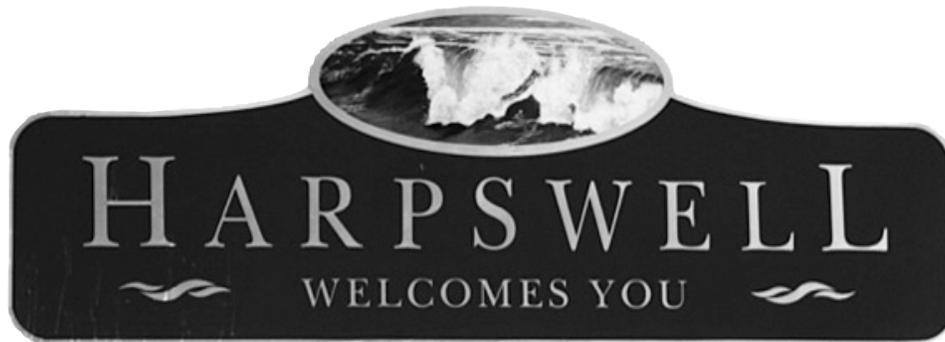
The 2016 Annual Town Report is dedicated to Ellie Multer.



Ellie began her first three-year term as a member of the Harpswell Board of Selectmen in 2009, was re-elected in 2012 and again in 2015. Prior to serving on this Board, she was elected to the MSAD # 75 School Board and later appointed, by then Governor Angus King, to serve on the State Board of Education. During her tenure on the Board of Selectmen, she found the time to serve on Cumberland County's Budget Advisory Committee as well as on Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee.

She is stepping down from the Board of Selectmen after eight years, with three of those years having served as the Board's Chair. Those who know her and have had the privilege of working with her, admire her intellect and tenacity. She has a reputation for being well-prepared, not holding back from offering her views, and ensuring the proper use of the English language.

Providing service to her community and interacting with Town staff, have brought her great joy and fulfillment. She inspires us with her dedicated service, and we salute her for her many years of public service, most notably the last eight as a respected community leader and elected official in Harpswell.



## Elected Town Officials

January 1 to December 31, 2016

**Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:**

Richard A. Daniel, Chair (2019)

Elinor Multer (2018)

Kevin E. Johnson (2017)

**Town Clerk:** Rosalind M. Knight (2019)

**Tax Collector:** Jill M. Caldwell (2019)

**Road Commissioner:** Ronald D. Ponziani (2018)

**M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors:**

Linda W. Hall (2019)

Joanne M. Rogers (2018)

David. A. Johnson (2017)

Sarah A. Clemons (2017), resigned

Alison S. Hawkes (2017), appointed

## TOWN OF HARPSWELL

Incorporated the 13th Town

January 25, 1758

First Settled: Mid 1600's

Permanently Settled: 1727

2010 Census: 4,740

Registered Voters: 4,089

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8

Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

2016 State Valuation: \$1,852,450,000

## *Boards & Committees*

### **BANDSTAND**

Richard Meisenbach '17  
William Muldoon '17  
Michael Millius '17  
Chris Hall '18  
Bryan Foster '19  
Robert Modr '19  
Candis Hine '17 Associate  
Chris Huber '16 (Resigned)  
Daniel McMahon '16 (Resigned)

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

James Knight '17  
Patricia Lawson '17  
Kent Simmons '18  
Ellen Shillinglaw '18  
Ellen Lebauer '19

### **BUDGET ADVISORY**

Linda Hall '17  
Burton Taylor, Jr. '18  
Allan LeGrow '19  
Jane Meisenbach '19  
Ellen Shillinglaw '19  
Donald Miskill, Jr. '19

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Mary Ann Nahf '17  
Sue Vachon '17  
Deirdre Strachan '18  
Paul Ciesielsk '18  
Ann Nemrow '19  
Burton Taylor, Jr. '19  
Anne Perry '17 Associate (Resigned)  
Wendy Batson '17

### **EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '17  
Jonathan Burbank '18  
David Mercier '17  
James Whittaker '17  
William Beazley '16 (Interim)  
Frank True Jr. '16 (Resigned)

### **ENERGY**

Aaron Despres '16  
John Monaghan, Jr. '18

Daniel Huber '19  
Paul Desjardins '19  
David Chipman '18 (Resigned)

### **FIRE & RESCUE**

Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '17  
Gail Hart '17  
Catherine Piffath '17  
David Mercier '17  
Sheilas Lucas '17  
William Beazley '16 (Interim)

### **FIRE & RESCUE PLANNING**

Jonathan Burbank '17  
Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '17  
Gail Hart '17  
Allan LeGrow '17  
David Mercier '17  
Richard Daniel '17  
Kevin Johnson '17

### **HARBOR & WATERFRONT**

Peter Darling '17  
Burton Taylor '18  
William Saxton '18  
Jacques Dostie '19  
Alison Hawkes '19  
Jane Jukes '17 (Resigned)

### **MARINE RESOURCES**

Walter Scott Moody Sr. '17  
David Hunter '17  
Alison Hawkes '17  
Michael Bernier, Sr. '18  
Justin Farmer '18  
David Wilson '19  
Weston Watts '19  
John Gormley '17 (Resigned)  
Jeffrey Conant '17 (Resigned)

### **MITCHELL FIELD**

Michael McCabe '17  
Scott Sheffer '17  
Sandra Allen '17  
Thomas Haible '18  
Donald Miskill, Jr. '18  
Jane Covey '19

Nate Wildes '19  
Judith Stanton '18  
Robert Roark '16  
David Chipman '18 (Resigned)

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Aaron Fuchs '17  
Paul Standridge '18  
Burton Taylor, Jr. '19  
David Chipman '19  
John Papacosma '19  
Allan LeGrow '17 Associate

### **RECREATION**

Anthony Barrett '17  
Richard Meisenbach '17  
Raymond Sohl '17  
Monique Coombs '17  
Donald Miskill, Jr. '18  
David Brooks '18  
Susan Rich '19

### **RECYCLING**

Jeffery Stann '17  
George Barker '18  
Michael McCabe '19  
Alison Hawkes '19  
John Holland '18 (Resigned)

### **TOWN LANDS**

David Hackett '17  
Kenneth Oehmig '17  
Edward Perry '17  
Jean Richter '18 (Resigned)  
Ellen Shillinglaw '19  
Hope Hilton '19  
Jane Smith '19  
John Loyd, Jr. '17 Associate

### **WATER TOWER TASK FORCE**

Nelson Barter '17  
David Chipman '17  
James Knight '17  
Elinor Multer '17  
Dorothy Rosenberg '17  
Donnette Goodenow '17 (Alternate)  
David Mercier '17 (Alternate)

## *Selectmen's Report*

The Selectmen are honored to serve you and to continue to build upon the work of those who preceded us in the Board's mission as assessors and overseers of the poor.

This past year, July 10, a commemoration of 40 years of the Ewing Narrows Bridge was held. Attendees who were involved with the original project included former Selectman Malcolm "Laddie" Whidden and Selectman Ed Johnson, who were recognized at the ceremony for their vision and leadership.

The following is a summary of items your Board of Selectmen has worked on or is working on:

### **Emergency Services**

Last spring the Board was informed by one of the three volunteer fire and rescue departments that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find daytime availability to cover fire calls. The Fire and Rescue Planning Committee was formed to address these needs. There will be warrant articles at Town Meeting for the hiring of a Fire/Emergency Services Administrator and budget for two per diem firefighter positions to cover fire calls from 6 am-6pm, Monday-Friday. These actions are taken not to replace but to supplement volunteers and ensure constant daytime coverage throughout town. When daytime firefighters are needed as demonstrated by their numbers at the fire on Sheep Island, the volunteers answer the call and rise to the moment. They have our sincere thanks and support. The Committee is studying recruitment and retention methods to strengthen the numbers of those now serving our volunteer departments. More information can be found within the Committee's report and on the Town website.

Harpswell's Emergency Management Agent completed work on updating and rewriting our Emergency Management Response Plan and also worked on our Town's behalf with others within Cumberland County in formulating a county-wide emergency response plan, both of which the Select Board adopted.

### **Town Lands**

Two of the Selectmen, accompanied by a representative of the Town Lands Committee, our Town's Assessing Agent, and the Harbor Master attended a site visit on Long Island to examine eight small interior lots that had recently been discovered to be Town-owned. The Board deemed these properties to have more benefit to the Town by being back on the tax rolls. They are currently up for sale through a bidding process.

The Harpswell Heritage Land Trust has made available land and has worked with the Town to create additional parking spaces off Washington Avenue in the vicinity of the Giant Stairs. Efforts continue to implement the parking plan at Potts Point Landing. Representatives from the Select Board, Town Administration, staff, Town Lands and Recreation Committees were on hand for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Devils Back East Trail. We are grateful for the many dedicated volunteers who work on our Town lands.

The US Coast Guard sought the Select Board's input on Little Mark Island Monument as it is being considered for designation on the National Register of Historic Places as an original coastal marker aiding navigation.

### **Cedar Beach**

The Cedar Beach/Cedar Island Supporters at a Select Board meeting this fall asked the Board to consider having the Cedar Beach Road appraised as a first step to seeking eminent domain for passage over the road to the Town's easement to Cedar Beach and Cedar Island. After much discussion, a consensus arose for the Select Board to try and gain an agreement with the owner for the right to pass along the road. At

this time negotiations continue. The owner does wish to keep it open to the public but understandably seeks specific protections by the Town. We are hopeful for a warrant article in time for Town Meeting.

### **Mitchell Field**

This fall the Town was approached by an entity looking to site an Atlantic salmon aquaculture facility along the Maine coast. The Select Board had an initial meeting with the principals. That meeting was followed up by a written expression of interest from the company which can be found on the Town's website. The Select Board decided to enter into an agreement with MRRA to work with us to negotiate a potential contract with this company. We await earnest negotiations pending their findings. The Mitchell Field Committee has been busy working to bring before the Select Board a warrant article for Town Meeting asking for the removal of the pier and the reuse of the remaining causeway, all of which will entail significant cost. More information can be found in their report and on the Town website.

### **Road Commissioner**

A warrant article at Town Meeting will ask to change the Road Commissioner's position from elected to appointed. If passed, the appointed position will become effective in 2018.

### **Other**

On the ballot at this year's Town Meeting and available for early voting will be the election of two seats on both the Select Board, and SAD 75 board, and a vote to fund Harpswell's portion of the Curtis Memorial Library operating budget. The Select Board wishes to thank David Johnson for his many years of service representing Harpswell on the SAD 75 Board.

A few other topics receiving Select Board attention include, attending and providing input at meetings regarding the new high school, appointing an interim Harpswell representative to the SAD 75 board, and executing a new one-year contract for planning services. In addition, the Long Point Road Stabilization Project was completed this year as was the removal of the fallen pump house from the waters under the pier at Mitchell Field. We continue to work on Federal Emergency Management Agency flood mapping as it affects Harpswell and traffic safety.

The Select Board is grateful for our town administration and staff for the work they do.

Harpswell is enriched with active, and talented citizens serving our Town's committees, boards, and commission, and by civic minded individuals, and organizations that support and makeup our community. It is with your stewardship and the outstanding natural beauty of Harpswell that, at this time, our Town is being considered by a well-known publication as one of the best places to live in Maine, but you already knew that.

Selectman Kevin Johnson and Selectman Rick Daniel thank our colleague, Selectman Ellie Multer, for her many years of dedicated service to our Town. We wish her well, and will miss her presence on this Board.



**Richard A. Daniel**



**Elinor Multer**



**Kevin E. Johnson**

## *Town Administrator's Report*

The 2016 Annual Town Report is filled with reports and data that provide key insights into the activities, finances, operations and priorities of the Town over the past year. This report includes contributions from countless people who serve local government in a wide-range of capacities with impressive skill sets, and who collectively play a role in making Harpswell the extraordinary place that it is to live, work, retire, vacation, and recreate in. It is a privilege to be part of this collective endeavor with so many talented people—elected and appointed officials, staff, volunteers and numerous members of the community.

### 2016 Highlights

- Commemoration of 40 years of the Ewing Narrows Bridge
- New model developed to address need for daytime fire protection services
- Partnership with Midcoast Hunger Prevention for monthly food mobiles at the Town Office
- Partnership with Harpswell Aging at Home to help older residents remain in their homes
- Removal of collapsed pump house at Mitchell Field
- Improvements to Trufant-Summerton Field
- Completion of the stabilization project at the entrance to Long Point Road
- Completion of capital road work on Lookout Point Road, Stover's Cove Road and a significant portion of Stover's Point Road
- Requisition of new fire engine for lease to Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department

### 2017 Possibilities

- Curtis Library pop-up library one day a week at the Town Office
- Mackerel Cove boat launch upgrade
- Pott's Point upgrades: float replacement and boat launch/parking improvements
- Demolition of the Pier at Mitchell Field
- Reserve funds for a small-scale replacement facility at the Mitchell Field pier
- Plan for a future centralized fire/rescue building on Mountain Road

From a capital standpoint, there are several large projects under consideration that may lead to increasing tax rates in the years ahead. (1) MSAD #75, of which Harpswell is a member community, is proposing to construct a new high school in Topsham. Harpswell is slated to receive some subsidy from the State of Maine for this project, which will help take pressure off local taxpayers for funding Harpswell's portion of the State-approved costs. If authorized, the project is not expected to be completed until 2020. (2) The Town is considering removal of the deteriorating pier at Mitchell Field. The estimated cost is still being refined, however, it is likely to be in the millions of dollars and therefore bonding over a 20-year period is the most likely mechanism for funding. (3) The Town wants to plan for future construction of a centralized emergency services facility on Mountain Road. While planning funds have been budgeted in 2017, the total project cost may be in the neighborhood of a couple million dollars, although, some of those costs may be offset by a reduction in the number of emergency vehicles needed.

Regarding operational changes, the 2017 budget seeks to add the services of two daytime firefighter positions and a fire administrator, representing an annual increase of \$125,000. This proposal will supplement the services provided by the three volunteer fire companies, particularly during vulnerable times, such as the daytime period, Monday through Friday.

With a healthy fund balance, solid revenue streams and new valuation being added to the tax rolls, the Town is positioned to manage future tax rates in a fiscally responsible manner.



Left to right: Fred Cantu, Rob McAleer, Jim Hays, Kristi Eiane, Cathy Doughty, Jill Caldwell, Diane Plourde, Debbie Turner, Linda Strickland, Gail Federico, Terri Sawyer, Gina Perow, Roz Knight, Sandy Bichrest

## *Animal Control Officer*

As 2016 comes to a close, Gail Federico begins her second year as Harpswell's Animal Control Officer. She has found that the same issues as the previous year need addressing again this year.

First and foremost, is the immunization against rabies for all dogs and cats. It is the pet owner's responsibility to keep a pet up-to-date on such shots. Not only is this a State of Maine Law, it is also necessary to show proof of immunization when registering a dog in Harpswell.

The next biggest issue is owners who have failed to license a dog with the Town Clerk's Office or on-line. Of the 1059 licensed dogs last year, there are still 390 that have not been licensed as of yet. The follow-up for unpaid registrations is an expense for the Town, the pet owner and very time consuming for the ACO. As Harpswell grows, so does the number of domestic animals. This year 150 new dogs were registered. Unfortunately, there is still an undetermined number of unregistered dogs.

Most of the ACO's calls are complaints of roaming dogs (most without tags) and barking dogs. Please be mindful that there is a Town of Harpswell Ordinance in place with regard to these issues. Fines may be imposed for disregarding the Ordinance.

The ACO continues to try to keep the feral cat population down, and is working with the Coastal Humane Society on this issue. Please advise the ACO of any feral cat problem in your area.

The ACO strongly suggests that Harpswell homeowners who rent their property, and allow dogs, have their renters bring the pet's rabies certificate. If a dog bite occurs, the rabies certificate becomes a necessary document to produce.

Many thanks are extended to Judy Arndt, who worked as the backup ACO for many years with former ACO, Lee Johnson, and for the last couple with the current ACO. Ray Schlotterbeck, a certified ACO who assists surrounding towns, is now serving as back-up.

In closing, the ACO can only be of assistance to anyone with domestic animal issues or concerns if made aware of those matters. All complaints, questions, or concerns should be channeled through the Cumberland County Sheriff's Public Safety Dispatch Center at 1-800-501-1111. Please be respectful of your neighbors and mindful of the Town Ordinance. Most of all, please vaccinate, license, and have identification tags on your dogs.

## *Assessing Office*

The Assessor's Office provides the taxpayers of Harpswell with fair and equitable valuations of real estate and business personal property, for tax purposes, in accordance with Maine State Law. The Assessor's Office is committed to maintaining positive public relations and providing reliable information.

As of April 1 2016, taxable valuation for the Town of Harpswell was \$1,816,410,100. This includes taxable real estate with a value of \$1,811,106,100 and taxable personal property with a value of \$5,304,000. The value of exempt property was \$71,703,400. There are currently 5,020 real estate accounts and 145 personal property accounts.

The Assessors committed the annual assessments to the Tax Collector on August 8, 2016 with the mil rate of \$6.40, the due dates of 9/15/2016 and 12/15/2016, an interest rate of 6% on delinquent taxes and a total of \$11,625,024 to be collected for 2016 taxes.

The Town of Harpswell has land area of 14,230 acres and approximately 216 miles of ocean frontage. Of the 5,020 land parcels, 4,212 are improved and 808 are vacant. Seventeen percent of the acreage in Harpswell is enrolled in the following State Programs: 1,482 acres in the Tree Growth Program, 709 acres in the Open Space Program, and 101 acres of Farm Land and 89 acres of Farm Woodland in Farm Land Current Use Program. Nine percent of the acreage in the Town of Harpswell is exempt from taxation, including over 383 acres owned by the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. Additionally, the Town of Harpswell owns over 389 acres and the State of Maine and other land trusts own 556 acres, all of which is tax exempt.

Annually, the Assessor's Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments based on changes that occurred during the year [580 properties were visited in 2016]. The department is also responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership [361 transfers]. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual ratio study, which compares the actual selling price of properties to their assessments. The most recent study conducted for State valuation purposes indicated the assessed values, on average, are at approximately 98% of market value. The Assessor's Office is also responsible for processing Homestead Exemptions [1,383], and Veterans and Veterans' Widow's Exemptions [233].

Please contact the Assessing Office by calling 833-5771 or visit the Town's website at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov), go to [Town Department](#) and click on [Assessor](#). You will find information about property cards, tax maps, sales data, deeds, plans and applications for the Current Use Programs and Exemptions that the State offers such as Veteran, Homestead & Blind Exemptions, Tree Growth, Open Space & Farmland Classifications, Charitable & Benevolent Institutions and Working Waterfront.

## *Caretaker*

The Town Caretaker is responsible for the maintenance of Town-owned lands and buildings. Ongoing projects and efforts performed or overseen by the Town Caretaker include:

- Removal of the pump station at the Mitchell Field Pier
- Completion of the staff bathroom refurbishment project in the Town Office Building
- Maintenance of the fire suppression system in the Town Office Building
- Maintenance and upgrading of elevator lighting in the Town Office Building
- Upgrading of the parking lot lighting at the Town Office Building

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Town-owned lands or buildings, feel free to contact the Town Office at (207) 833-5771 and ask for the Code Enforcement Office.

## *Code Enforcement Office*

In 2016 the Code Enforcement Office was extremely busy with an increase in new houses along with the usual decks, sheds, renovations, wharves and other town requirements. If you are planning a project, remember that all construction and land use must comply with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), and all provisions of the Basic Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinances. MUBEC requires periodic in-process inspections, thus, because of the large volume of projects, we ask that you provide ample time for inspections to ensure that all inspection are completed to MUBEC standards. A good rule of thumb is that if something is buried, encased or enclosed, it will need an inspection. A complete list of required inspections is available in the Code Enforcement Office. Building without a permit and occupying a space without a Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy are violations of the Basic Land Use Ordinance. Please help us help you.

The 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code was adopted by the Maine Plumber’s Examining Board and is the new standard by which plumbing inspections will be evaluated. With regard to Building Code, the State will adopt portions of the 2015 International Code Conference (ICC) Building Code, and issue new standards comprising the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. These documents will be the standard by which all building inspections in Harpswell will be evaluated for Radon, Energy, Residential and Commercial Building construction.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expects to release Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps in the spring of 2017, which will begin the formal appeal process. There will be more information to follow as it is received from FEMA. Until that time, Code Enforcement Officers will continue to be available to review current flood maps.

Year	Permits	Plumbing	Mobile	New Home	Accessory	Additions	Piers	Rip-Rap	Other/repairs	Replacement	Repair/	Condos
Issued	Issued	Permits	Homes	(Stick & Modular)	Structures	Renovations	Docks	Seawall	/maintenance	Dwellings	Replace	
							Floats				Wharf	
2011	278	158	3	18	62	89	14	15	57	8	12	0
2012	252	160	1	16	43	97	11	8	55	11	10	0
2013	265	168	1	22	69	84	16	10	44	9	9	1
2014	269	185	1	25	36	136	18	4	24	2	23	0
2015	325	177	2	17	70	42	19	7	137	4	27	0
2016	320	223	0	20	75	97	20	9	64	12	15	0

## *Emergency Management Agent*

The winter of 2016 was a mild one by most standards, but a winter with mixed blessings. Although it was relatively easy for most of us to get through, the lack of snow pack and precipitation complicated the situation with ground water supplies that resulted from the dry summer and fall that followed. There were numerous wells throughout southern Maine that could not replenish. As hard as this was for some homeowners, it serves as a reminder to all that we should try to conserve our resources as best we can.

During this past July, the Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved the Town’s revised Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). As with insurance, it is something we should have but hope never to use. However, if we did ever experience a large scale event, this document will act as a roadmap to help us get

through to better days. It also provides contact information for the various types of resources that might be needed for an effective and timely response.

The Red Cross conducted a facility survey of the Harpswell Community School to assess its ability to act as a shelter. A Memorandum of Understanding was prepared and will be discussed at a meeting with representatives of SAD 75. Hopefully, by the time you read this report we will have a signed agreement in place. We will then move on to developing an agreement with an appropriate facility on the mainland side of Town.

As we say in Emergency Management, “Have a Plan, Be Prepared and Stay Informed.” And, as always, take care of yourself, your family and your neighbors.

## *Fire Warden*

For 2016, there were 404 burning permits issued by the Town Fire Warden and Assistant Fire Wardens and no online permits. There were nine unpermitted burns reported, one forest fire and two summonses issued for unpermitted burning.

Open burning permits can be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours Monday through Friday and at the Recycling Center on Saturdays. In the summer, starting the first Thursday in May, permits can be obtained at the Recycling Center on Thursday mornings. You may also call the Town Fire Warden, Frank E. Hilton at 833-0025 after 7:00am any day of the week. Deputy Fire Warden Dick Wyer, 833-5462, will issue permits on Sundays, Thursday mornings until May, and Saturdays when the Recycling Center Manager is unavailable.

Three (3) burning permits per day per fire area will be issued for a total of nine (9) permits per day. Areas are defined as Cundys Harbor/Great Island, Orr’s-Bailey Island and Harpswell Neck. Permits are not available online.

Open burning is not allowed in the Town of Harpswell without a permit. Thank you for burning responsibly. Please remember that it is illegal to leave an open burn until it is completely extinguished. In the interest of public safety, permits are not issued when the fire danger is determined to be extreme or very high by the Maine Forest Service, and only a limited number of permits are issued when the danger is high. The Forest Service posts current fire hazard conditions daily on its website. Plan your burn when vegetation is damp and wind is calm. Burning is ideal when the ground is snow-covered, during a light drizzle, and/or just before precipitation is forecast. Typically, November through March offers the safest conditions for open burning.

When you receive a burn permit, you agree to follow a specific set of safe practices. Please review these carefully before burning. Burning must proceed with all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of fire and must not create any nuisance conditions to neighbors. Do not burn when wind speed exceeds 10 mph (5 mph when burning grass). If the wind comes up, you must extinguish the fire. Fires must be attended at all times by at least 2 adults with the necessary tools and water must be at hand to enable a burn to be extinguished safely.

A written permit issued by a Fire Warden must be in the possession of the permit holder, who must be in attendance at the fire. That individual is responsible for the fire and if it escapes he or she may be liable for suppression costs as well as any costs to repair any damages caused to other properties.

## *General Assistance*

All Maine municipalities are required to administer General Assistance as a service that grants immediate aid to those, deemed eligible, who are unable to provide for their basic necessities. An annual audit is performed by the Department of Health and Human Services, and once again, Harpswell's program was deemed compliant, ensuring that the Town will continue to be reimbursed by the State at a current rate of 70% of its General Assistance expenditures. In 2016, the Town saw a decrease in the number of clients seeking assistance. Residents who apply for General Assistance are expected to provide documentation of income and repeat applicants are required to verify how they spent their income in the 30 days prior to making application. An applicant who is not in need of emergency assistance may be required to fulfill a workfare requirement prior to receiving assistance.

The General Assistance Administrator serves to connect clients to other available resources. Applicants are directed to apply for federally funded LiHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) which is contracted to Opportunity Alliance. Harpswell residents may call Opportunity Alliance at 1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800 for an appointment. If you have questions about any of the above-mentioned programs, please contact Linda Strickland at the Town Office.

### *General Assistance Statistics*

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Utilities</i>	<i>Heating</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
2016	\$ 8,048	\$ 671	\$1,531	\$ 172	\$ 46	\$ 995	\$11,463
2015	\$ 7,151	\$1,630	\$3,449	\$ 442	\$ 50	\$ 1,164	\$13,886
2014	\$ 4,660	\$ 794	\$2,775	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,229
2013	\$10,226	\$ 802	\$4,313	\$ 99	\$ 47	\$ 0	\$15,305
2012	\$ 5,206	\$1,329	\$4,789	\$ 741	\$ 202	\$ 0	\$12,267

## *Harpswell Heating Assistance*

The Harpswell Heating Assistance Program (HHAP) was started in March 2008. This is a locally administrated program intended to aid those who do not typically qualify for the General Assistance Program or other heating assistance programs, but who need help with heating costs. Eligibility is determined on the basis of household income that is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level. In 2016, HHAP provided assistance to 31 applicants. For eligible households, this program may provide up to 200 gallons of fuel oil or propane or the equivalent value in wood during the winter season.

The Town received donations of \$14,493 for the program in 2016 and \$36,151 was carried over from the prior year. Total expenditures in 2016 were \$6,171, leaving a balance at year's end of \$44,473. While the Town had only 13 fewer applicants in 2016 than 2015, expenditures were down over \$6,000 given the decrease in the price of heating fuel. Thanks to the generosity of fundraising efforts by Cook's Lobster & Ale House and its new owners, and contributions from many other donors, the fund has been maintained at a healthy level.

## *Harbormaster*

The main job function of the Harbormaster is to oversee marine activities within the Town. Responsibilities include ensuring the safety of Town property, its inhabitants and the general public in order to provide access and use of the waterfront which is a valuable public resource.

### **Moorings**

In reviewing the annual mooring survey data, the recorded number of moorings in the water in 2016 was less than the number recorded in 2015. This is in part due to people becoming aware that a mooring registration can be discontinued if the mooring is not being used, even if the mooring has been re-registered annually for a number of years. Re-registering an unused mooring does not entitle ownership of a mooring location. A second reason for the drop in the number of moorings was abandoned moorings. These were removed by the Harbormaster because of obvious non-use of the mooring or the mooring registration number was not properly displayed on the mooring ball/buoy.

All of the mooring fields in Town that provide public access remain full and more than 70 people have been put on a waiting list to qualify for a mooring assignment in the 8 mooring fields with public access. The waiting time for a mooring in these areas has been 3 years or longer. Currently only 3 to 5 moorings are reassigned on an annual basis. If you do not have a boat and are not using your mooring, please do not renew your mooring registration, so another citizen will have an opportunity to obtain a mooring site.

Moorings registrations can be discontinued and moorings removed if:

- The annual re-registration is not paid.
- Mooring is installed but not registered.
- The mooring number is not painted or burned in to the mooring ball in 3" or larger numbers to identify the owner of the mooring.
- The owner does not own a boat or float to register to the mooring.
- Mooring was not used in the year it was registered.

### **Mooring Applications**

- 116 new mooring applications in 2016
- 42 applications approved
- 74 mooring applications pending approval or denied because the applicants do not have a point of access or own a boat which would qualify them for a mooring assignment
- 33 applications carried over from 2015

### **Aquaculture**

Interest in aquaculture operations on the clam flats and in open water continues to grow. If you are interested in farming oysters, scallops, mussels, sea weed or kelp, contact the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) or the Harbormaster to learn more about Limited Production Aquaculture (LPA), Experimental, and Standard aquaculture leases.

## *Planner*

The Town Planner wears many different hats. The primary function of the position is to provide staff support to the Planning Board. In addition, the Planner provides staff support to the Mitchell Field Committee, the Water Tower Task Force and the Conservation Commission, and assistance to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen on various issues. The following is a summary of a number of key activities during 2016.

**Planning Board** – During 2016, the Planning Board was reasonably busy reviewing applications for various development activities in the community (see Planning Board report). The Planner meets with applicants or potential applicants prior to their submission of a formal application. These meetings provide the potential applicant with information about the review process, the information that has to be submitted, and any issues with the proposal. Each application is reviewed to see if it meets the applicable requirements and a Planner’s Report is prepared for the Planning Board members. The Planner also accompanies the Planning Board on a site walk to view the property in the field. Draft findings are then prepared for the Board to use in its review of the application. Following the Board’s action on each application, a formal notice of decision is prepared setting out the Board’s findings of fact and conclusions as to conformance with the standards of approval.

During 2016, the Planner worked with the Planning Board to develop a series of amendments to various ordinances. These will be considered at the March 2017 Town Meeting. These amendments are primarily “housekeeping” to make various provisions consistent and to clarify areas where the Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officers identified problems with current provisions.

**Mitchell Field Committee** – A major focus of this work during 2016 was developing a proposal for a replacement pier facility to serve the public if the Town votes to demolish the former “Navy Pier.” We were able to obtain a State grant for a portion of the cost of this work. The Town hired Baker Design Associates to help the Committee evaluate the alternatives for a replacement pier (see the Committee’s report). Based on this work, the Committee will submit a recommendation for a replacement pier facility to the March 2017 Town Meeting.

**Water Tower Task Force** – The March 2016 Town Meeting authorized a study to look at whether the Town should tear down the water tower at Mitchell Field or retain it. The Planner has provided staff support to the Task Force that is charged with answering that question. The Task Force is looking at the potential of the tower for use as part of a water supply system for future development/use of Mitchell Field as well as a site for wireless communications facilities (see the Task Force’s report).

**Conservation Commission** – A major task during 2016 involved implementing the changes in the Outdoor Pesticide and Fertilizer Use Ordinance that were adopted at last year’s Town Meeting. The revised ordinance creates a waiver provision for the use of otherwise prohibited pesticides under certain conditions. The Planner worked with the Commission to set up the procedure for processing requests for waivers and then to review the waiver requests.

**Retail Commercial Marijuana Facilities** - With the passage of the State referendum legalizing the use of recreational marijuana, the Planner has started to work with the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen to consider how the Town should respond to the new law.

## *Recreation Department*

The Recreation Department's main objective is to provide recreational programs for all ages. The department is responsible for recreational programming and operating Trufant-Summerton Athletic Field. This is accomplished with one part-time Director, and many, many volunteers.

All regularly scheduled youth programs were well attended. Collaborations with community groups continue to grow. In addition to regularly working with recreation departments in MSAD 75 and with the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust (HHLT), the Department has also developed a strong partnership with the new Harpswell Aging at Home (HAH) entity whose initiatives have been very successful. The Department is proud to partner with HAH on both the Senior Health Fair and Cooking with Friends classes, which were huge hits. Harpswell Hikes for Seniors, in conjunction with HHLT and HAH, was also well received. It will be exciting to see what the future holds for joint programming with our partners.

Many improvements were made at Trufant-Summerton Athletic Field with capital funds raised and appropriated at the 2016 Town Meeting and with special recreation revenues. The Department is grateful to the community for supporting these improvements. Some of the new items include, two up-to-date LED scoreboards (with remotes!), two sets of weather-durable bleachers, a staircase down the steep hill providing a safe route to get up and down from the field, a large batting cage, parking lot upgrades, snack shack and garage storage improvements. There will be more to come this spring!

The Recreation Committee has been busy keeping the trails well maintained. The largest project for the year was the expansion of the Devil's Back Trail Area. 2016 saw the completion of the east side trail named Gun Point Cove Loop Trail (same side of the road as the parking lot). This new loop trail is approximately 1 mile with a cutoff trail, Seal Rock Trail, giving one the option of making it a shorter walk. The water views of Gun Point Cove are breathtaking. Seal Rock can be a flurry of activity with seals swimming, fishing, sunbathing and barking (half tide or lower). Be on the lookout for ospreys soaring over the cove searching for fish to eat. This project was a collaborative effort and finished with the help of many volunteers, not only Recreation Committee members.

A secondary project of trail signage was completed during the summer. All Town-owned trails are now marked with a large blue sign with the name of the trail and a picture of the international hiker's symbol. The signs are "Harpswell Blue"—a color unique to Harpswell's trails, lands, and landings—offering a great way to make our property identification cohesive throughout Town. They were very well received and make a great addition to our trail system.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers and parents who give their time, talents and positive contributions to Recreation programs and the Town. Volunteers allow the department to provide valuable services, programs and facilities which, in turn, create a true sense of community. New volunteers are always needed and it does make a difference in the lives of our youth, adults and visitors. More information can be found at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) > Town Departments > Recreation. The Recreation Director can be reached at 207-833-5771, ext. 108, or [recreation@town.harpswell.me.us](mailto:recreation@town.harpswell.me.us).

## *A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center & Transfer Station*

A renewed effort to manage the proper disposal of inappropriate and oversized items at the compactors is showing promise. While household waste tonnage at the Recycling Center showed a slight decline in 2016, the Transfer Station had one of the busiest years in recent history, an increase of 116.8 tons (11.5%) over 2015 totals, while maintaining a 55% recycling rate. Thank you for disposing of materials properly.

The safety of everyone—residents, taxpayers, hikers, and staff—is first and foremost at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The Recycling Center is a busy place, particularly in the summer, so please be aware of speed and surroundings while using the facility.

There is a renewed emphasis on home composting. New composter designs, methods and an updated compostable waste list led to the creation of a new Harpswell Composting guide. A class on how-to-compost was held at Mitchell Field in May and it is likely to become an annual event. In June we began collecting cooking oil, with the oil to be recycled off-site into biodiesel and household cleaners. In July we added a separate container for used fireworks to ensure their safe and proper disposal.

As always there is no public access allowed when the facility is closed. Because snow removal and cell tower contractors need access to the facility, the gate is partially open at times. The facility, however, is not open unless the gate is fully open and the facility is fully staffed. Every effort is made to be open during the facilities posted times. Occasionally the facility may open late or be closed entirely due to mechanical issues or inclement weather. The continued decrease in trash left at the gate is always appreciated thank you.

In order to provide a safe, clean and efficient facility, residents are asked to adhere to the established guidelines at the facility. Please feel free to ask the staff if you have any questions or concerns. It is important to remind everyone that recycling is mandatory in Harpswell and hazardous waste is not accepted, including paint, antifreeze and bilge water. Hazardous waste collection days are scheduled in the spring and fall. Keep up the good work Harpswell, everyone benefits from increased recycling and the proper disposal of waste and materials.

### **Recycling Center & Transfer Station Tonnage**

<b>Waste Received</b>		<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
	Recycling Center	1502.8	1508.2	1461.1	1445.8	1410.4
	Transfer Station	921.9	897.8	986.4	1016.2	1133.1
	Total Tons	2424.6	2406	2447.5	2456.8	2543.6
<b>Recycling Rate</b>						
	Recycling Center	31.5%	33.4%	32.7%	33.4%	33.1%
	Transfer Station	66.8%	65.1%	53.6%	55.7%	54.3%
	Combined Rate	44.9%	44.8%	41.4%	43.0%	42.9%



*Back Row: Greg King, Richard Griffin,  
Chuck Perow, Manager  
Front Row: John Warner, Theresa Racine*

# Tax Collector's Report

There were 5,164 tax bills sent out in 2016. Taxes were due on September 15th and December 15th. Over 97% of real estate taxes have been collected for 2016. This Office has collected over \$13.5 million dollars in taxes and fees. There were 67 liens filed in June to secure payment of 2015 taxes.

As always, it is a pleasure to see you in the Office. Thank you for another great year.

You can re-register your automobiles, boats, snowmobiles and ATVs online, and pay your taxes at: [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov), click on online services. We also accept credit card transactions in person, although there is a 2.5% fee to do so.

Automobiles, trailers and duplicate registrations .....	6,108
Vehicles Online.....	364
Boats, milfoil upgrades and duplicate registrations .....	1,407
Documented boats.....	110
ATVs .....	133
Snowmobiles.....	178
Passport Applications.....	64

## 2016 Unpaid Taxes

\* Indicates taxes paid in full after books are closed

### 2016 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

A C Properties LLC .....	\$10.07
Alexander Wendy Devisee of Estate of Ruth Alexander .....	\$2,134.40
Allen Harry R .....	\$446.08
* Allyn Robert & Daniel & Kimberly Poulton ..	\$273.19
Anderson Donna M.....	\$548.48
Arquette Ronald .....	\$695.68
Barker Martha DeLyra & George Trustees ..	\$2,601.21
Below Benjamin F & Lisa Ellen Haskins ...	\$1,976.96
Bibber Sally M.....	\$942.72
Blood John .....	\$101.44
Bourgoin Marie P.....	\$1,081.51
Boyce Robert J & Robert J II.....	\$551.60
* Bradbury Lynn .....	\$3,256.96
Brewer Connie.....	\$69.76
Brillant Marie L.....	\$638.08
Brockett George Hrs of Rose c/o Debra Kaler.....	\$899.84
Brown Anne .....	\$1,493.12
Brown Anne.....	\$1,216.00
Brown Brandon.....	\$133.12
* Brown Edward O & Calef R & Phebe Eliza B Cobb Trustees .....	\$575.04
Brown Josiah G & Kara J .....	\$1,009.90
Bulger Brian & Benson Susan .....	\$504.10
* Bulkeley William & Debra Trustee Bulkeley Rev Trust.....	\$2,278.08
* Burrows Thomas B & Lisa M .....	\$1,567.04
* Campbell Douglas & Julia R .....	\$842.24

* Carberry Timothy O Trustee of T O Carberry Rev Tr.....	\$1,625.28
Caron Scott L.....	\$376.32
* Caron-Kelley Christine M & Edward K Kelley .....	\$1,422.71
Carriage Cottage Industries LLC .....	\$1,255.68
* Cary Kenneth C Jr & Robert R.....	\$2,051.52
Catlin Betty Lou .....	\$1,309.44
Catlin Betty Lou .....	\$1,226.24
Center Island Terrace LLC .....	\$1,493.12
Center Island Terrace LLC .....	\$2,353.92
* Chipman David .....	\$304.00
* Chipman David I .....	\$753.92
Chipman Ronald E .....	\$1,544.96
Chipman Ronald E & Ramona L D .....	\$1,360.00
Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes .....	\$539.52
Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes .....	\$1,270.40
Coffin Jon Jr, Brian, Marie Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred .....	\$32.00
* Collimore Kevin G & Kathleen M .....	\$847.04
Cort Ann S .....	\$926.56
Coyne Gregory G John J & Eug Thomas .....	\$581.34
Coyne James O & John J .....	\$2,964.48
* Cribstone Cottages LLC c/o Carol Wilkes .....	\$17.70
Crosman Jamie .....	\$534.40
Currie Theresa B .....	\$1,054.22
Dalton Elizabeth M .....	\$371.20
Dammann Luella Pers Rep of Frederick Dammann.....	\$2,922.24
Darling Brandy .....	\$1,937.92

## 2016 Unpaid Taxes (CONTINUED)

Davis Everett Sr Trustee.....	\$351.78
Davis Everett Sr Trustee.....	\$782.47
* Dehart Gay & Lina K Orr Bailey Island LLC ..	\$166.72
* Dennen John F .....	\$1,098.24
Desimone Lewis W Trustee LW Desimone Trust.....	\$4,436.44
Desjardins John.....	\$720.64
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda Hrs of .....	\$3,048.32
Dorsey Mark M.....	\$1,382.40
Dunning Hrs of Gertrude Piscezek .....	\$298.72
Dunning Hrs of Gertrude Piscezek .....	\$214.72
* Estes Paul L & Carolyn E Robert A Jr & Richard H.....	\$2,049.28
Evans Barry .....	\$611.20
* Evans Barry F & Laura S Trustees Evans Fam Liv Trust .....	\$43.52
* Evans Barry F & Laura S Trustees Evans Fam Liv Trust .....	\$931.84
* Evans Barry F & Laura S Trustees Evans Fam Liv Trust .....	\$2,776.96
Farmer John L & Belinda D & Julie.....	\$1,124.48
* Federal National Mortgage Assoc.....	\$408.64
Fortier Michael .....	\$10.33
* Galanek Mitchell S .....	\$2,778.24
* Giberson Bruce A & Glenys N.....	\$1,352.03
Gilliam Marcia.....	\$788.48
Gilliam Marcia.....	\$1,167.36
Goff Barbara, Anthony, Julie, Timothy & Brenda .....	\$1,849.64
Goguen Wilfred & Cheryl.....	\$1,038.72
* Graham David M & Sharyl c/o Sabrina Redding .....	\$993.92
Graham Robert E .....	\$2,092.16
* Guernelli Gianelia F & Karen M Trustees ...	\$1,495.36
* Halliday Malcolm F & Ingigerdur K Trustees .....	\$1,099.20
Halpin Timothy F.....	\$848.09
Harris Josephine A.....	\$1,223.75
Havas Peter.....	\$895.54
Heisey Janice Lee .....	\$81.60
Heisey Janice Lee .....	\$268.16
Hodell Lori.....	\$68.48
* Holdgate Frank O.....	\$1,112.64
* Holler Karen & Lynne .....	\$1,296.48
Hollingshead Aaron & Mary A.....	\$1,322.24
* Howard Cynthia, Roger, S Driscoll, Clyde & Wayne .....	\$1,284.48
Hyde Frederick G.....	\$934.40
Jerauld Scott D & Susan R.....	\$707.94
Johnson Douglas A & Janel D .....	\$2,017.92
* Jones David W & Debra J.....	\$384.32
* J P Morgan Chase c/o Thomas M More .....	\$347.52
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C .....	\$629.12
* Kehew Alan E .....	\$290.56
* Kelley Edward & Patricia.....	\$923.58
* Kelley Edward & Patricia.....	\$557.44
Kelly David Trustee.....	\$1,354.88
Kenney Bernice.....	\$1,011.20
* King Block Realty LLC.....	\$2,528.96
Koenig Lisa, Linda, Ingram, Daniel & Laurie Bowie .....	\$1,475.20

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* LaFleur Andrew W & Deborah F .....	\$929.92
LaPolice George D LaPolice Liv Tr & Dennis J.....	\$13.66
* Lauze Kevin N.....	\$867.21
Lavigne John .....	\$969.60
* Leclair Adam J .....	\$532.16
* Leeman Christopher Per rep of Carol Leeman.....	\$396.42
Lera Tatiana & Jay McEntarffer .....	\$1,545.47
Lesneski Patricia K Trustee.....	\$943.36
Lesneski Patricia K Trustee.....	\$394.24
Lloyd Joane .....	\$87.36
Lloyd Joane K .....	\$1,159.36
* Lucas Tracy M .....	\$615.04
Luscher Bettina.....	\$10.08
MacKenzie George P & Maryann C.....	\$727.05
* MacMullen Howard H Jr & Florence.....	\$2,888.96
Maine Wharf Ventures LLCs .....	\$3,585.28
Maney Harold .....	\$64.00
Maney Harold Sr .....	\$954.24
* Manos Laurie A.....	\$5,067.35
Marando Michael & Denise .....	\$686.08
Marr Maurita .....	\$2,946.56
* Matthews Charles B.....	\$97.60
Mathews Sandra .....	\$151.04
McCarthy William E & Mary B .....	\$1,556.33
McCoig Katherine E .....	\$622.72
McKay Stephen Ekman .....	\$808.64
* Meiklejohn Scott A .....	\$12.98
* Melling Ryan P & Ryan A Riccia .....	\$682.34
Mello Rosemarie & David .....	\$1,340.80
Mendes David F & Susan L.....	\$1,137.28
Millar Daniel S & Lorrie K .....	\$610.24
Mitchell Lynette .....	\$536.96
Monroe Paul J & Leigh I Kelly .....	\$862.72
* Morgan Francis Jr & Dianne Trustees.....	\$666.88
* Morgan Francis Jr & Dianne Trustees.....	\$4,167.68
* Morgan Francis Jr & Dianne Trustees.....	\$1,799.04
Morgan Gegi c/o Furbish Linda.....	\$1,315.84
Morgan Mary.....	\$649.86
Morse Zachary T.....	\$187.52
Moss Robert J & Becky L.....	\$20.75
Murray Paul J & Sandra A.....	\$1,227.52
Myers Leonard A & Dana .....	\$956.16
Mynahan Francis & Rita, Ellen, Stephen, Linda, Bruce & Pauline.....	\$63.76
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	\$938.88
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	\$209.60
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	\$172.80
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	\$176.96
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	\$176.96
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	\$176.96
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	\$167.36
* Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke.....	\$176.96
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet .....	\$93.44
O'Kane Patrick W.....	\$2,577.08
* O'Neil Lynn A .....	\$1,787.24
Ormsby Robert ID.....	\$516.48
* Orrino Anthony .....	\$282.02
* Paige Nathaniel A Trustee R B Paige Residuary Trust.....	\$1,072.00

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* Paige Nathaniel A Trustee R B Paige	
Resid Tr 1/2 N Curtis .....	\$288.64
Paradis Richard C.....	\$897.92
Parent Norman C.....	\$2,037.12
Parent Norman C.....	\$3,004.16
* Pavlik Bruce & Lisbeth Louderb.....	\$83.20
* Peet Deborah .....	\$692.48
* Peet Deborah .....	\$173.12
Perkins Carolyn Ann.....	\$1,015.68
Perry Rosemarie J & Daniel C.....	\$3,946.24
Piel Stobie .....	\$4,701.75
* Pilon Douglas J.....	\$113.92
Piscezek Gertrude L.....	\$1,907.84
* Porter Robert Chamberlain Jr Trustee .....	\$309.12
Purinton Bruce G Jr.....	\$1,102.72
Purinton Bruce G Jr.....	\$2,796.80
Quahog Bay Shared Lot C/O Richard Pfeffer ..	\$772.48
* Reid Lynn M & Ricky A.....	\$476.80
* Reid Lynn M & Ricky A.....	\$219.20
Rice-Gould Norma J .....	\$1,812.24
Ring Scott D.....	\$2,769.28
* Roby Robert H .....	\$143.36
* Roby Robert H .....	\$144.96
* Rogers Glenn E.....	\$1,173.76
* Rogers Jon.....	\$341.76
* Rogers Jon.....	\$1,372.92
Rugar David Hrs of .....	\$771.20
Savage George W.....	\$389.76
Savage George W.....	\$561.28
Savage George W.....	\$968.32
* Saxton Jeremy G.....	\$457.60
* Seretakis Dimitri L & Anthony .....	\$255.04
* Shapiro Jodi & Freda.....	\$780.51
* Shulman Kristin M.....	\$59.58
* Shulman Scott F & Heather L .....	\$1,006.01
* Sifton Samuel & Charles T & Jo .....	\$68.16
Skillin Douglas L & Dorothy E.....	\$870.40
Skillin Douglas L & Dorothy E.....	\$1,553.28
* Small Gary & Ania.....	\$4,238.08
Sprague Sarah V.....	\$2,160.89
* Stebbins Sally N Trustee of S N Stebbins	
Rev Tr 2015 .....	\$496.96
* Stiles Shelley & Neil Davies.....	\$750.08
* Talbot James E & Jennifer .....	\$486.72
Thackeray Ann M .....	\$587.56
Thibeault Patricia F & Thomas J P.....	\$623.68
* Thorburn Stanley B & Mariam X.....	\$1,212.16
* Tisdale Greg & Jennifer .....	\$1,786.24
* Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer.....	\$2,830.72
* Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer.....	\$1,257.60
Tobey Caroll c/o Lynda Bobb.....	\$242.56
Toothaker Rudolph O Jr & David.....	\$509.44
* Towle Donald F Jr & Kimberly Hastings....	\$1,892.79
Truscott Martha .....	\$1,756.80
Tucker Maida S & Allen B .....	\$118.99
Vanatta Garrett D.....	\$32.00
Vanatta Garrett D.....	\$5.08
* Vance Stephen & Gloria C.....	\$1,750.40
Varney James, Kenneth, Barent, Roger	
& Kimberly Sullivan.....	\$17.99

Wallace James & William C & Bea Cunningham	
Mary H & Goodnow, Amy.....	\$709.12
* Walsh Michael & Lindi.....	\$185.41
Ward Lewis V.....	\$2,198.40
Ward Timothy .....	\$1,866.88
Ware David c/o David W Duhme .....	\$584.00
Warner Jo M.....	\$200.32
Webster Lisa R.....	\$1,584.64
Weinert Frederick & Stephen.....	\$325.76
* Werler Edward.....	\$766.08
Whittemore Kelsey E.....	\$1,220.48
Wilkinson Sarah .....	\$1,620.48
Wille Margaret D & Margaret L	
& Charles K .....	\$1,114.40
* Wilson Donald W Trustee .....	\$1,146.56
York Adam .....	\$1,358.08
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$244,657.82</b>

## 2016 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

* Clearview Property Maint .....	\$60.80
* H2Outfitters .....	\$28.16
* Pesce Maine Lobster .....	\$8.32
* Redfish & Assoc Inc.....	\$16.64
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$113.92</b>

## 2015 TAXES TO LIEN

Allen Harry R .....	\$421.39
Arquette Ronald .....	\$678.29
Brown Anne G.....	\$1,455.79
Brown Anne G.....	\$1,216.80
Brown Brandon.....	\$129.79
Carriage Cottage Industries LLC.....	\$1,216.77
Center Island Terrace LLC.....	\$1,455.79
Center Island Terrace LLC.....	\$2,295.07
Chipman Ronald E .....	\$1,506.34
Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes .....	\$526.03
Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes .....	\$1,238.64
Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois	
& Alfred & Roger C Sirois & Alfred.....	\$31.20
Darling Brandy.....	\$1,889.47
Davis Michael .....	\$4.37
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda .....	\$2,972.11
Evans Barry .....	\$595.92
Graham Robert E.....	\$2,039.86
Hodell Lori.....	\$97.97
Hyde Frederick .....	\$942.24
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C .....	\$644.59
Kelly David Trustee of Nathaniel Emile	
Kelly Irrov Trust.....	\$1,321.01
Kenney Bernice W.....	\$508.56
Lesneski Patricia K Trustee of SKP Trust.....	\$919.78
Lesneski Patricia K Trustee of SKP Trust.....	\$198.95
Maney Harold Sr .....	\$489.40
Marr Maurita .....	\$2,904.10
Mitchell Lynnette.....	\$231.88
Morgan Gegi Furbish Linda	
c/o Linda Furbish.....	\$1,282.94
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet .....	\$122.30
Ormsby Robert ID.....	\$503.57
Parent Norman C.....	\$1,986.19
Piscezek Gertrude L.....	\$2,128.46

## 2016 Unpaid Taxes (CONTINUED)

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Purinton Bruce G Jr.	\$1,075.15
Purinton Bruce G Jr.	\$2,726.88
Ring Scott	\$2,693.57
* Rogers Jon M.	\$333.22
* Rogers Jon M.	\$1,375.92
Rugar David Hrs of	\$344.76
Savage George W.	\$380.02
Savage George W.	\$547.25
Savage George W.	\$944.11
Ward Lewis V.	\$2,143.44
Ward Timothy N.	\$1,851.41
Weinert Frederick & Stephen	\$69.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,440.62</b>

### 2014 TAXES TO LIEN

Brown Brandon	\$126.88
Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.	\$30.50
Davis Michael	\$4.27
Hodell Lori	\$95.77
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$119.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$376.98</b>

### 2013 TAXES TO LIEN

Brown Brandon	\$120.22
Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.	\$28.90
Davis Michael	\$77.45
Hodell Lori	\$90.75
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet	\$113.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$430.61</b>

### 2012 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.	\$29.00
Davis Michael	\$77.72
Hodell Lori	\$91.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$197.78</b>

### 2011 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.	\$29.00
Davis Michael	\$77.72
Hodell Lori	\$91.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$197.78</b>

### 2010 TAXES TO LIEN

Davis Michael	\$96.60
Hodell Lori	\$80.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$177.00</b>

### 2009 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori	\$81.83
Davis Michael	\$82.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$164.78</b>

<b>2008 TAXES TO LIEN</b>	
Hodell Lori	\$81.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$81.83</b>

### 2007 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori	\$77.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$77.90</b>

### 2006 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori	\$152.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$152.92</b>

### 2005 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori	\$90.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90.68</b>

## 2016 Abatements & Supplements

### 2016 ABATEMENTS

Dish Net Satelite Broadband LLC.	\$107.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107.52</b>

### 2016 SUPPLEMENTALS

Thomas & William Clemons	\$12,260.00
Claude & Colleen Rioux	\$134.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,394.40</b>

## *Town Clerk*

### **Dogs: 1,059 dogs and 2 Kennels licensed**

All dogs six months and older must be licensed. You must provide a current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. All licenses expire December 31. Our office holds a rabies clinic at the Town Office in the beginning of January for any dog or cat that needs to be vaccinated. Those who attend need to bring a copy of the animal's last rabies certificate if it is not on file at the Town Clerk's Office. You can also register your dogs online through a link at [harpwell.maine.gov](http://harpwell.maine.gov)

### **Hunting / Fishing Licenses: 381**

When purchasing a hunting or archery license for the first time from our office, you must provide proof of having a previous license or proof of having taken a Safety Course. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased online through a link at [harpwell.maine.gov](http://harpwell.maine.gov)

### **Registered Businesses: 10**

### **Elections and Town Meetings: Votes Cast**

#### **March 12, 2016**

Annual Town Meeting	386	9.7%
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#### **May 26, 2016**

M.S.A.D. #75 District Budget Mtg.	7	.02%
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#### **June 14, 2016**

State Primary Election, Special Town Meeting & M.S.A.D. #75 District Budget Validation Referendum	492	12%
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#### **November 8, 2016**

General & Referendum Election	3,483	85%
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### **Shellfish Licenses:**

Commercial Resident	50
Commercial Non-Resident	5
Commercial Senior Resident	7
Commercial Senior Non-Resident	1
Commercial Student Resident	2
Commercial Student Non-Resident	1
Recreational Resident	143
Recreational Non-Resident	14
Senior Recreational Resident	15

### **Moorings: 2,383**

Residents & Taxpayers	2,187
Non-Residents	92
Rentals	104
State of Maine	9
Town of Harpswell	3

### **Vital Records Requests: 138**

Copies of Birth, Marriage and Death records are \$15.00 for the first copy and \$6.00 for each additional copy purchased at the same time

### **Notary Services: 329**

## Vital Statistics

Births: 14

Marriages: 39

*We said farewell to the following people this past year:*

David A. Rugar	1/11	93	David G. Ducharme	7/9	61
Frederick W. Fish	1/13	76	Larry A. Williams	8/5	59
Wayne B. Dudley	1/19	71	Joyanne J. Johnson	8/6	70
Cynthia Dresden	1/22	53	Nicholas M. Farmer	8/11	19
Elizabeth J. Gott	1/28	76	Edward W. Bell	8/15	88
Robert B. Elliott Sr.	2/2	92	Barbara J. McNally	8/18	69
Edeltraud K. Bean	2/3	74	Paul A. Mazzaro	8/19	78
Eleanor Walter	2/6	95	Dean D. Schuster	8/20	87
Kenneth A. Martin	2/13	69	Darlene M. Temple	9/10	59
William F. Randall	2/27	79	Simone M. L. Hoffman	9/15	87
Sharon L. Miller	3/3	62	Spencer Lavan	9/29	78
Carlene G. Griffin	3/4	99	Donald W. Coffin	10/4	87
George E. Morgan	3/13	70	John C. Perry	10/9	87
Norman W. Curtis	4/5	90	Madelyn R. Stilphen	10/16	79
Maureen Gantz	4/15	68	Douglas L. Skillin	10/19	87
Gerald O. Maranda	5/4	79	Charles A. Bibber Jr.	10/22	90
Laurie Mazzaro	5/13	61	John W. Riegel	10/24	90
James R. Roark	5/13	69	Catherine L. Toothaker	10/30	82
Rachel J. Skolfield	5/14	73	Armand A. SanSoussi	10/31	75
David P. Darling	5/18	97	Louise L. McIntire	10/31	88
Jonathan Bond	5/21	71	Albert E. Berizzi	12/6	93
Henry C. Brown	5/21	85	Beulah I. Cunningham	12/9	87
Walter M. Norton	5/31	91	David P. Leland	12/9	85
Barbara W. White	6/12	90	James R. Temple	12/10	57
Catherine E. Hersey	6/15	68	Ethelyn M. Johnson	12/15	87
Bruce L. Allen	6/19	80	Elaine I. Mercier	12/20	71
Diana W. Mann-Schnake	6/21	80	Antoinette L. Bryant	12/29	78
Eloise T. Begin	6/25	88			

## *Road Commissioner*

At the close of his fifth year of serving the Town of Harpswell, the Road Commissioner enjoys his work now as much as he did on day one.

The 2016 year was a busy year in which major capital work was accomplished on Lookout Point Road, Stover's Cove Road, and a portion of Stover's Point Road as far as Eider Lane. Ditches were cleaned out, new gravel was brought in, culverts were replaced and added to improve the drainage, and surfaces were reconstituted and paved. On Stover's Point Road some trees were removed to improve visibility and drainage.

Other roadwork was completed during the year under the maintenance budget. This work included items such as tree removal after storms, erosion control measures, new culverts, roadside mowing, road sweeping and road patching.

Another capital project that was completed this summer was the road stabilization project at the entrance of Long Point Road. This needed to be addressed due to excessive water erosion, and after a lengthy permitting process it was finally undertaken and finished.

There is a speeding issue in Harpswell. More signage has been added to bring attention to motorists in the area to slow down while they visit our great town. The Sheriff's Department has been alerted and is doing its best to help with this issue. The Road Commissioner continues to advocate for the people of Harpswell to deal with the speeding issue in a non-disturbing way. He would like to thank the many people who have called him during the year to alert him about road issues. Your calls help him provide the best service to all.

## *Treasurer's Report*

At the end of 2016, the Town's cash balances totaled \$4.4 million, which included approximately \$1.2 million dedicated to specific purposes, including, among other things, the purchase of emergency vehicles (\$507,262) and capital road projects (\$135,536).

Long-term borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2016 totaled \$2,115,000, excluding interest. All borrowings were used to fund either the Town's long-term road rehabilitation plan or its emergency services vehicle program. During 2016, \$473,334 in principal was repaid as scheduled.

Two years ago, Town staff developed a 5-year capital plan for review by the Board of Selectmen. The underlying driver of the plan is the disposition of the pier at Mitchell Field. Previously, the Town believed that taking no action with respect to the pier might be an option, but after the collapse of the pumphouse in 2015 and the State-imposed requirement to remove the debris, concern grew as to what might be required of the Town if a further collapse occurred. The Town has been provided with a cost estimate in the range of \$4.5 to \$5 million to demolish the pier before it falls.

To fund the demolition project a borrowing will be required which will add significantly to the Town's debt service. In an effort to manage this impact, the capital plan proposed no new bond issues for other capital needs until the pier issue is settled. Consequently, items which previously have been funded with long-term debt, i.e. road projects and emergency vehicle purchases, have or will be paid for with appropriations supported by property taxes. This has resulted in smaller road projects and a slightly extended useful life for fire trucks and ambulances.

Additionally, there are other capital needs that may need funding in the next five years. The Recycling Center building may need to be replaced and the Town expects to engage an engineer to make recommendations as to when this should occur and whether there are short-term fixes the Town can make to extend the life of the building. Consideration is being given to an expansion of the centralized emergency services building on Mountain Road. While this project may not be completed in the next five years, an appropriation for site planning and building design is included in the proposed 2017 municipal budget. Other potential capital costs at Mitchell Field include certain infrastructure costs and the possible construction of a small replacement pier and/or boat launch.

Postponing new bond issues until pier disposition is better known is one way the Town is attempting to manage the impact of the pier on the tax rate. To supplement this action, a more flexible fund balance policy was established. The new fund balance policy established a target balance of two months of general fund expenditures, excluding capital costs. The proposed 2017 municipal budget requests an amount not to exceed \$470,000 to be used to reduce the amount of funds raised from taxpayers. This amount, which approximates 2.75 months of expenditures, should not significantly impact the Town's ability to operate prior to obtaining short-term financing.

During 2016, the Town engaged a fiscal advisor to assist the staff in considering options for repaying the significant borrowing that will be required to demolish the pier. One such option is the construction of a repayment schedule which targets a specific rate of increase in the debt component of the Town's mill rate.

Over the last ten years, the Town has appropriated \$950,000 and borrowed \$1.1 million to fund the vehicle needs of the three volunteer fire & rescue entities which serve the Town. Eight vehicles have been purchased to date at a cost of \$1,595,214, all of which are leased to the volunteer fire & rescue entities. The lease arrangements require the departments to insure and maintain the vehicles, however, there are no lease payments required. At the end of 2016, The Town was obligated under a contract in the amount of \$415,000 to purchase a fire truck which will serve the Cundy's Harbor department.

Since 2004, the Town has invested nearly \$5.5 million in major roadworks relating to 14.8 miles of the 28 miles of roads maintained by the Town. Of this amount, \$3.75 million was borrowed and the remainder raised directly from the property taxpayers.

2016 capital outlays totaled approximately \$500,000, relating to the rehabilitation of Stover's Point, Stover's Cove and Lookout Point roads, as well as an erosion control project at the north end of Long Point road. Additionally, the Town funded significant upgrades to the Truffant-Summerton field.

The collection rate of real estate taxes continues to exceed 97% in the year of assessment. As property taxes are due in September and December, the Town must borrow on a short-term basis to fund its budgeted expenditures. \$3.1 million was borrowed in 2016 and repaid prior to year-end with an interest cost of \$13,638.

The Town funds nearly 50% of its municipal budget with revenues from sources other than property taxes, e.g. excise tax, mooring, permitting and transfer station fees, as well as fund balance. Excise tax receipts again increased in 2016 to \$1,185,000. Permitting and transfer station revenues increased as well, with all three of these increases pointing to an improved economic environment.

The 2016 tax rate increased 2.6% from 2015 as the Town's assessment by MSAD 75 and net municipal appropriations increased, and increases may continue. The administration of the Town will work, as always, to keep costs down and manage non-property tax revenues, without reducing the quality of services provided in order to avoid spikes in the tax rate.

## Debt Service on Long-Term Debt

**2017 - 2024 (Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance 1/1/2017	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Amortization:</b>											
<b>Existing Debt</b>											
2008 G. O. Bond	2.075 - 5.575	\$500.0	\$100.0	\$50.0	\$50.0						
2009 G. O. Bond	2.08 - 5.58	\$650.0	\$195.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0					
2010 G. O. Bond	2.0 - 5.5	\$600.0	\$240.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0				
2011 G. O. Bond	2.12 - 5.62	\$800.0	\$400.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0			
2013 G. O. Bond	.60 - 2.38	\$1,000.0	\$700.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	
2014 G. O. Bond	2.3	\$600.0	\$480.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,115.0</b>	<b>\$415.0</b>	<b>\$415.0</b>	<b>\$365.0</b>	<b>\$300.0</b>	<b>\$240.0</b>	<b>\$160.0</b>	<b>\$160.0</b>	<b>\$60.0</b>
Interest:				\$42.5	\$35.7	\$26.3	\$20.3	\$13.9	\$8.8	\$5.2	\$1.4
<b>Total Debt Service</b>				<b>\$457.5</b>	<b>\$450.7</b>	<b>\$391.3</b>	<b>\$320.3</b>	<b>\$253.9</b>	<b>\$168.8</b>	<b>\$165.2</b>	<b>\$61.4</b>

Notes:

2008 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles

2009 Issue: Ash Point Road rehabilitation

2010 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles

2011 Issue: Road projects, including Lowell'sCove, Lane & Little Island Roads; Bethel Point culvert replacement

2013 Issue: Road projects, including Shore Acres, Thompson, Hildreth, Wharf & Long Point roads.

2014 Issue: Road projects, including Bayview, Abner Point and Steamboat Wharf roads and Washington Avenue.

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer



CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SHERIFF
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January 26, 2017

Dear Citizens of Harpswell,

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has had the honor and privilege of serving your community for more than three decades. The Sheriff's Office is committed to continuing to provide the Town of Harpswell with the most efficient, professional and community oriented law enforcement services available.

The Town of Harpswell is one of the most unique areas of Cumberland County that we patrol, with the deputies assigned to the town "wearing many hats". Along with regular law enforcement duties, deputies also perform marine patrol duties. These duties require exceptional law enforcement skills, as well as environmental knowledge and marine conservation techniques. Because of our close interaction with the community, we are not just a group of individuals enforcing laws; we feel that we are part of the community.

During the past year, the Harpswell Contract Deputies saw a 7.1% increase in the number of calls for service. Also, the Harpswell Deputies became more assertive in their traffic enforcement initiatives, with a traffic enforcement increase of 60% above 2015.

In a closer review of the types of calls that we responded to in 2016, I noticed an increase in the number of fraud cases that we investigated in Harpswell. Fraud complaints are on the rise nationally as well. Whether it is an individual calling and misrepresenting themselves as a sheriff's deputy, police officer, or IRS Agent claiming that you missed a court appearance, missed a grand jury assignment or have failed to pay taxes, please take the time to inquire further. Another common scam designed to separate you from your hard earned money is for someone to call posing as a bank and asking you to update your personal information. There have also been scams whereby individuals claiming to be doing work in the area (tree cutting, paving driveways, shoveling snow off the roof) are common ways to become a victim of fraud. There is no end to the devious methods a scammer might use to profit from you.

We have seen cases whereby your caller identification may give the impression the telephone number is legitimate, but because of technology that information can be false as well. In ALL cases, ask the caller for a name and a call back number. In most cases, if the call was an attempt to commit fraud, the caller will refuse to give out that information. Even if the individual gives the information, please do some due diligence to verify that the telephone number is really accurate. If you have ANY concerns, please call the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office before paying any money or giving out any personal information.

We are here to serve and protect you.

It is an honor serving as your Sheriff. Thank you for your support. Please remember that my door is always open. I value customer service, and I value your suggestions and input.

Best Regards,

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff



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NATURE OF INCIDENT	Total Incidents	NATURE OF INCIDENT	Total Incidents	NATURE OF INCIDENT	Total Incidents
911 Cell Hang Up	80	Depriving Owner of Vehicle	1	Noise Complaint	19
911 Hang Up	23	Disabled Vehicle	36	Operating Under Influence	4
911 Misdial	19	Disturbance	31	Overdose	1
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Dive Team Callout	1	Parking Problem	11
Accident w/ Property Damage	56	Domestic Violence	5	Pedestrian Check	5
Accident, w/ Personal Injury	11	Domestic Assault	3	Property Check	832
Agency Assistance	158	Domestic Verbal Argument	23	Prowler	2
Alarm	221	Controlled Substance Problem	4	Relay / Transfer	1
Alcohol Offense	1	Evidence Technician Work Order	4	Runaway Juvenile	1
Animal Euthanize	4	Equipment Problem	2	Prescription Drug Disposal	2
Animal Problem	170	Escort	17	Sex Offender Registry Violation	1
Assault - Simple	5	ESU Callout	1	Sex Offender Registry Verification	21
Assist Fire Department	1	FI Outside Fire	1	Sex Offense	2
Attempt to Locate	79	Fight in Progress	2	Sex Offender Registry	3
Bail Check	1	Fireworks	23	Speed Complaint	21
Boating Accident	1	Fish and Game Violation	15	Suicide	11
Burglary	19	Found Property	10	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	56
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	27	Fraud	66	Theft	24
Canine callout	1	Harassment	10	Theft-Vehicle	5
Concealed Firearms Request	27	Illegal Parking	2	Threatening	9
Chase in Progress	1	Information Report	32	Traffic Detail	206
Child Abuse or Neglect	3	Inspection Permit	4	Traffic Hazard	25
Citizen Assist	203	Intoxicated Person	4	Traffic Violation	380
Citizen Dispute	17	Juvenile Problem	20	Underage Drinking	8
Civil Dispute	6	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	7	Unsecure Premise	5
Community Policing	8	Lost Property	5	Unwanted Phone Calls	2
Court Service	17	Marine Assist to DMR	11	Vehicle off Road No Damage	13
Criminal Mischief	18	Marine Conservation	114	Vicious Animal	1
Criminal Trespass	18	Marine Digger Inspection	87	VIN Number Inspection	3
Cruiser Accident	2	Marine Resource Boat Patrol	25	VIPS Detail/Event	3
Custodial Interference	3	Marine Resource Inspection	9	VIPS Sign Trailer	2
Death Unattended/Attended	6	Mental Health Event	4	Wanted Person	9
Debris in Road	2	Official Misconduct	5	Weapons Offense	12
Message Delivery	2	Missing / Lost Person	13	Welfare Check	40
				<b>Total Incidents for This Report</b>	<b>3,542</b>

## *Harpswell Sheriff's Statistics*

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls for Service</u>	<u>Citations</u>	<u>Traffic Warnings</u>	<u>Traffic Stops</u>	<u>Reportable Accidents</u>	<u>Non- Reportable Accidents</u>
January	273	3	10	24	5	0
February	281	3	16	23	9	0
March	303	2	13	22	3	4
April	294	28	10	48	4	0
May	290	12	15	31	1	0
June	324	17	16	60	3	1
July	356	8	6	30	7	5
August	317	5	3	8	5	1
September	320	26	22	45	2	1
October	254	16	9	25	1	0
November	254	13	24	35	7	3
December	276	6	22	29	5	2

## *Marine Patrol Statistics*

Total Coves Checked	2984
Total Landings Checked	568
Total Marine Resource Inspections	18
Total Marine Digger Inspections	93
Total Bushels Checked	329
Total Assists to DMR	25
Total Fish and Game Violations	13
Total Property Checks	51
Total Assists to Patrol	157
Total Boat Hours	100

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments.

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236<sup>th</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Harpswell and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland state office at 207-780-3575 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

Dear Friends of Harpswell:

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent. In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

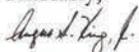
One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government. Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada. While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that "Bath Built is Best Built," which is why I've fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibility every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me "one of the most serious and hard-working members" of the Committee, and that's a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or local office: (207) 622-8292, or write me on our website at [www.king.senate.gov/contact](http://www.king.senate.gov/contact). It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr., *United States Senator*



CHELLIE PINGREE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

As always, the interests of my constituents are what guide my work. There are many things I could talk about in that regard. But I want to focus here on one issue of particular importance—economic development. Having good-paying jobs allows future generations to make this wonderful state their home. With that goal in mind, I'm working to address Maine's economic challenges and capitalize on its opportunities.

One such opportunity is agriculture, where Maine is bucking national trends. The average age of our farmers is actually going down while acreage in cultivation is going up. Consumer demand for local food is driving that growth. I've been successful in reforming federal policies to help farmers and processors meet that demand. My work will continue this year as Congress reauthorizes the Farm Bill.

I'm also working to support jobs in our coastal communities. Last year, I helped block Sweden's proposed ban on the export of Maine lobsters to the European Union. I also introduced legislation to lift unnecessary regulations on seafood exporters and invest in working waterfront infrastructure.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I'm defending federal programs that support jobs throughout Maine. These programs invest in worthy projects that are beyond the reach of private, municipal, or state resources. In our state, they provide loans to small businesses, clean polluted sites for redevelopment, find new marketable uses for Maine's natural resources, build broadband infrastructure, and much more.

Aside from economic development, advocating for Maine veterans is one of my highest priorities. With Congress' current agenda, I'm also fighting to defend Medicare and Social Security, protect clean air and water, and ensure that our communities have the resources to address hunger, homelessness and lack of health care access.

Just as important as my policy work in Washington is what my office does to help individuals in Maine. Every year, my staff helps hundreds of constituents who have issues with federal agencies or programs. Please call my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 for assistance. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress



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PAUL R. LePAGE  
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Harpswell:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,

  
Paul R. LePage  
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Dear Fellow Residents of Harpswell,

It is an honor and privilege to be elected as your Senator in the Maine State Legislature. This is my first year of service and the first year of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature. There is plenty of work to be done and I am hitting the ground running.

My colleagues and I will be working on hundreds of pieces of legislation during the next few months. This year I have submitted bills focused on workforce training, health care, and our marine economy. In today's economy, Mainers need the skills for good paying jobs. To that end I am co-sponsoring a bill focused on expanding workforce training programs. I have also submitted two bills focused on health care; one bill aims to restore Maine's public health nursing program and another to create ombudsman to assist small businesses with health insurance coverage.

For this legislative session, I will be serving on the Insurance and Financial Affairs committee. In this role and as your voice in the Legislature, I will advocate for government that serves Maine people well and builds on the strengths of our region. Though we face serious challenges, I believe we can rise to meet them – with the hard work, spirit, and ingenuity that have always defined Mainers and made our state a great place to live.

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, comments, concerns. You can reach me through email at [Brownie.Carson@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Brownie.Carson@legislature.maine.gov) or at my office at 287-1515.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brownie Carson'.

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Dear Harpswell Residents,

It is an honor to serve our community in my second term as your State Representative. I will continue to represent you conscientiously through my work at both the State House and here at home.

This session, the Legislature will address a number of issues critical to our district and our state. With over 1,500 bills to consider, we will be focused on enhancing access to health care, strengthening education at all levels, supporting job growth and, of course, passing a balanced, bipartisan budget.

I am happy to report that I have been re-appointed to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee. Preserving basic fairness and equal protections under the law for all Maine people continues to require diligent attention.

I have also been appointed to serve on the Taxation Committee, where I am working to prevent increases to property taxes, broaden the ways we assist working families and improve access to needed resources so that our older adults can stay in their homes.

In addition to my new committee roles, protecting marine resources remains one of my top priorities. I am sponsoring several constituent-driven bills in support of our vital fishing industries and will monitor other legislation to make sure our interests are well served.

As we move forward tackling these and other challenges, I am determined to do the best work I can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help to you and your family or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is [jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov) and my phone number is 449-3293. I also send out monthly email updates and would be honored to include you. Just drop me an email or give me a call to let me know you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay McCreight".

Joyce "Jay" McCreight  
State Representative

## *Budget Advisory Committee*

*Note: At the time this report went to print, the Budget Advisory Committee had not received the Selectmen's final version of the municipal budget.*

This six-member committee representing all parts of Harpswell met weekly during October, November, and part of December. With the help of information supplied by the Town Office staff, they reviewed details of the proposed 2017 budget. The committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen a 2017 municipal budget consisting of \$5,051,610 which is below the LD1 limit. The recommended 2017 budget shows a net increase of \$131,563 (about 2.7%) over the 2016 budget.

Of note, the proposed 2017 budget includes support for providing municipal firefighters to assist the three departments. This new funding represents an increase of 15.6% in 'safety and protection'. The proposed budget also includes new items for maintenance, planning, and renovations at Mitchell Field. These items and others of note are detailed below.

The recommended appropriations include an across-the-board 1.5% salary/wage increase for the Town employees. Additionally, the salaries of some Town employees continue to be adjusted as a result of the 2014 salary and wage study.

### **Municipal Fire Support Services:**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Personnel	\$124,860	New Fire and Rescue positions to serve all of Harpswell: 1) Municipal Fire Administrator; and 2) Two firefighter positions to be available from 6 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday.
Housing for personnel at Orr's and Bailey Isl Fire Station	\$30,914	Building modification to accommodate per diem employees. Of the three fire stations, this site was selected because it has the shortest response time to town-wide locations.
Central Station site plan and design	\$150,000	Site location, plan and design for future centrally-located fire and rescue station.

### **Mitchell Field:**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Capital Reserves: Mitchell Field pier replacement/boat launch	\$0	\$150,000	+\$150,000	+100%	A reserve fund started in anticipation of future pier replacement and boat launch addition.
Mitchell Field Water Tower	\$22,000	\$0	-\$22,000	-100%	No additional funding in this account for 2017.

Mitchell Field Master Plan Update	\$0	\$13,000	+13,000	+100%	Contracted services to aid the Mitchell Field Committee in undertaking a public process to review the Master Plan and assess needs based on current conditions, and update the Plan as needed.
Mitchell Field Operations	\$11,300	\$19,500	+\$7,200	+63.7%	Monitor for summer weekends and 2 holidays (\$1,000); electrical repairs in Sentry bldg (\$3,000); bush hogging in field (\$1,600); bandstand maintenance (\$3,000).
Mitchell Field Sediment Building Demolition	\$0	\$7,500	+\$7,500	+100%	Self-explanatory.

**Items with Significant Increases:**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Capital Reserves: Emergency Vehicles	0	\$100,000	\$100,000	+100%	Rebuild fund after recent vehicle purchase for Cundy's Harbor Fire and Rescue
Facility: Town Office	\$72,900	\$105,400	\$32,500	+44.6%	Exterior painting
Facility: Old Town House	\$5,500	\$9,000	\$3,500	+63.6%	Roof repair
Town Landings	\$12,000	\$22,500	\$10,500	+87.5%	Work on Mackerel Cove boat launch
Recreation Director	\$30,981	\$37,954	+\$6,973	+22.5%	Proposed increase in hours from 30 to 35 hours per week. (Also includes 1.5% wage increase.)

**Items with Significant Decreases:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Debt Service	\$550,000	\$470,000	-\$80,000	-14.5%	2004 Old Town House renovation – last payment of \$58,912 in 2016. Reduction in interest payments on other notes approximately \$18,000. Reduction in TAN and lease interest of approximately \$3,000.
Capital Roads	\$275,000	\$0	-\$275,000	-100%	No additional funding for capital road projects at this time.

Special Projects	\$85,900	\$16,400	-\$69,500	-80.9%	Several fewer special projects proposed for 2017.
Marine Services & Conservation	\$15,000	\$10,000	-\$5,000	-33.3%	Anticipated reduction in hours needed for marine conservation consultant.

The Committee recommended that each of the three fire departments receive \$60,000 in funding for a combination of operations and non-vehicle capital needs. The Town continues its responsibility for funding the vehicle needs of all three departments. (Also as itemized above, the Committee recommends an additional \$30,914 for renovations to Orr’s/Bailey Islands Fire Station.)

The Committee recommended continuing the current relationship with the Curtis Memorial Library in 2017, resulting in a 1.3% (\$1,759) increase per the town’s *Memorandum of Understanding* with Curtis. Contributions for social service agencies that benefit Town residents are also recommended by requesting a total of \$19,430 (6.6% increase) for these groups.

Finally, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the entire staff in submitting 2017 funding requests which have kept spending increases minimal. The administrative staff, as always, provided excellent assistance to the Committee in explaining budget items, answering requests for additional information and keeping the budget review process on track.

### ***Bandstand Committee***

This summer Harpswell will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Bandstand and also the Harpswell By The Sea Summer Concert Series. We are happy to report that attendance is steadily increasing and through an audience notebook that is distributed at each concert for comments, we learn that people are most pleased with our presentations. The quality of performers continues to remain high and varied. All of the performers loved the venue and asked to be invited back.

This past summer the weather cooperated fully and all concerts were able to be held at the Bandstand, which is a first. The Committee has unanimously decided to eliminate September Sunday concerts due to colder weather conditions and decreased attendance after Labor Day.

Concerts were listed in the events section of the local paper and email announcements sent to all who gave us their email addresses. We continue to seek avenues of publicity and remain focused on increased attendance from the Harpswell Islands. The new local radio station is another outlet to be explored. Watch for our posters listing the upcoming 12 concerts and performers.

Thank you to the loyal supporters of the Harpswell Bandstand. Additionally, thank you to the creative and hardworking members of the Bandstand Committee.

## *Board of Appeals*

Harpswell's Board of Appeals (BOA), along with the Planning Board, differs from many committees in a few fundamental ways:

- Boards are required by statute, committees are not.
- The process followed by the BOA is laid out in statutes or our local ordinances.
- The work done has legal standing.
- Board of Appeals decisions are not subject to review by the Board of Selectmen but can be appealed to Superior Court.

The BOA is comprised of five full voting members and two associate members who are ready to step in when a member is absent. Anyone may appeal a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) within 40 days of the CEO decision and, through a formal procedure, the BOA will review the facts at a public meeting using the applicable statutes and ordinances, allow anyone to speak on the record, and reach a decision by majority vote.

The BOA meets monthly or as needed, usually the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Town Office and open to the public.

The Harpswell Board of Appeals met four times in 2016 and heard four appeals, two were denied, and two were approved.

## *Planning Board*

Over the last two years the Planning Board has become more proactive. In reviewing land use ordinances with the help of Planner, Mark Eyerman, the Board has been able to propose amendments in several areas to make the language in all the ordinances uniform. Clarifying ordinance language and updating definitions can be very important to ensure that the intent of the ordinance language is understood, particularly when legal issues may arise. Even a comma in place of a period can sometimes change the intent of a paragraph. Several of these changes were before voters last year and there are a few more this year. The Board also made a change to the non-conforming structure portion of the ordinances to clarify when a question should come before the Planning Board. The Board has been working with the Conservation Commission and local applicators on pesticide controls. Everything sprayed on land soon ends up in the ocean. This is a very important issue for Harpswell.

Having a working knowledge of the Comprehensive Plan is important for the members of the Planning Board. This year members intend to have a closer look to see if updates are needed to the plan. Changes in demographics can have an effect on forward planning. We already know our aging population, the oldest in Maine for a town of our size, means possible problems ahead for our volunteer fire and rescue services.

During 2016 the Planning Board approved three site plans, one subdivision amendment, accepted the much needed replacement of the culvert at the High Head causeway and, after review, remanded eleven jurisdictional cases to the Codes Office. Three cases were withdrawn by the applicants.

## *Conservation Commission*

In 2016 the Conservation Commission worked to familiarize the community with the updated Outdoor Pesticide and Fertilizer Ordinance while addressing the threats of browntail and winter moths. It also continued planning strategies in preparation for changing weather.

### **Browntail Moth Threat**

The warm spring and dry summer of 2016 greatly increased the population of Browntail Moth. The Maine Forest Service alerted Harpswell, after an aerial flyover in August, that high concentrations were documented in the trees of North and East Harpswell and the southern portion of Harpswell Neck. The Conservation Commission is working to alert all residents to prepare for summer's threat NOW by clipping the nests that can be reached! Clip branches and submerge in a bucket of detergent overnight to kill larvae. The *Browntail Moth* tab at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) has clipping instructions to remove nests.

*Why clip?* Moth larvae emerge from their nests during April and May and feed on the young leaves very close to where they hatch. Each nest may contain from 25 – 400 larvae and each molt 4-5 times before becoming a moth. So, any nests clipped now will remove the threat from that area for the coming season!

*Caution:* The hairs of browntail larvae can cause a rash similar to poison ivy and can also cause respiratory distress in sensitive individuals. The hairs persist for several years and can continue to cause problems when mowing, raking or performing other activities that stir up the hairs. When doing yard work in infested areas, you should water down the area, wear gloves, long sleeves, and a face mask. Do not hang clothes outside during June and July.

### **Changing Weather and Rising Tides**

Residents indicated that road infrastructure was of prime importance when asked about planning for rising waters. The Commission began by reviewing Town maps that revealed Harpswell's numerous coves and approximately 216 miles of shoreline, areas that are served by a large network of roads. It noted that over 60% of the roads are private and not maintained by public funds; more importantly, some of these roads regularly over-top during the fall and spring high tides at a full moon. To raise public awareness, the Conservation Commission gleaned data from interactive maps and contacted all homeowners living on private roads that would be affected by inundation and invited them to a set of workshops.

The first addressed additional road maintenance that will be needed as tide height increases. Discussion included the need to consider tidal data projections when planning future maintenance projects and for road associations to develop an awareness of what the costs would be if extensive work were needed for the road to stay passable. The second workshop related to the first and addressed the importance of being part of a statutory road association as maintenance costs rise. If grant money were to become available to help offset costs, would their road association be eligible for funding? Since most of Harpswell roads are private, property owners could be bearing significant costs to keep their road passable. The Commission will continue to research strategies to plan for rising waters and share new information on its *Environment* web page.

The Commission meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 3 p.m. and invites those wishing to help on our projects to join us.

## *Emergency Vehicles Committee*

The Committee continues to follow a schedule of replacement as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Planning Committee. The replacement schedule was modified to extend the life of apparatus as appropriate, in an effort to maximize initial investment without compromising reliability. In addition, the possibility will be considered of a phased reduction over time of the current fire apparatus inventory within the three Departments.

A new Fire Engine for use by Cundy's Harbor is currently under construction and was priced through the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts (FCAM) collective purchasing program, which is a new approach to achieve a competitive price. The contracted price was \$413,394 with delivery expected in late March. The contractor is Greenwood Emergency Vehicles with sales and service in Brunswick. The new Engine is an "E-One" with a 1500gpm pump, compressed air foam system and capacity to carry 1000 gallons of water.

The next truck needing replacement is Orr's-Bailey Islands' 1992 Fire Engine 1. This 25-year-old truck has a standard transmission, a small pump and water tank. The Committee will consider a duplicate of the fire engine currently being built for Cundy's Harbor or the need for a more unique fire engine. The goal is to replace this fire engine in 2018.

## *Energy Committee*

During 2016 the Energy Committee has been involved with a number of activities related to energy issues and the needs of the Town.

The Committee recommended energy efficiency guidelines to the Town for future construction projects including new buildings, renovation and remodeling. The Town purchasing policy has been updated to include consideration of energy efficiency in purchasing of goods and services.

The Committee has been working to develop a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to implement weatherization measures for Town residents that will help leverage money from the Fuel Assistance Fund. This agreement has not been finalized.

The Committee has investigated installation of a solar project to offset much of the Town's electrical usage. A number of sites and proposals were considered. The most feasible site from an energy production and infrastructure perspective is Mitchell Field. After discussions with the Mitchell Field Committee, and in view of the uncertainty of net metering in the State, this project has been tabled.

During the year the Committee has lost three members, added one new member, and is seeking citizens who are interested in assisting with ongoing projects.

## *Fire & Rescue*

In April the Fire Departments notified the Town that there was a shortage of weekday volunteer first responders. A planning committee was formed, with representation from the Town and the Fire Departments, to address the short-term issue of weekday coverage as well as long-term planning matters going forward with proposals expected to be brought before the Town Meeting for consideration.

We want to thank all those who continue to serve day in and day out, often times responding to the needs of folks at the hardest times in life. Please take the time to thank a first responder. We continue to need residents to volunteer to train as EMTs, drivers, and/or firefighters. If you're interested, please check us out at [www.harpswellfireandrescue.org](http://www.harpswellfireandrescue.org) or ask any volunteer FMI.

The following are the fire departments' emergency response totals for 2016:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>EMS</u>
Cundys Harbor	80	128
Harpswell Neck	76	143
Orr's/Bailey Islands	89	147
Totals	245	418

### *Fire & Rescue Planning Committee*

In response to concerns over ongoing recruitment and retention problems in the three volunteer fire associations leading to a lack of reliable daytime fire and rescue coverage during weekdays, the Town established a Fire and Rescue Planning Committee to develop a strategy to cope with these issues and chart a way ahead for quality fire and rescue services in the future. The Committee was comprised of members of the three volunteer fire associations, the fire chiefs, and two of the Town's Selectmen. The first meeting was held April 25, 2016. Nineteen additional meetings were held during the year, including special sessions with the fire chiefs from Topsham and Kennebunkport, and with responders and Board members from the three volunteer associations. Interested members of the community also attended several meetings. The Town's Attorney attended two meetings and provided legal input at various times throughout the year to ensure that developing plans complied with Maine State Law and relevant statutes.

On October 13, 2016, a preliminary strategic plan and status report was provided to the Board of Selectmen for their review. The plan contained three phases and was designed to provide maximum flexibility in terms of both content and pace of implementation. The initial phase included three specific recommendations: (1) funding two daytime municipal fire fighters to ensure coverage Monday through Friday during daylight hours; (2) establishing a Fire Chief/Administrator position to manage the new municipal personnel and assist the volunteer associations with training and record-keeping activities; and (3) funding a preliminary architectural study for a centrally located fire station on Mountain Road. These items will be presented to residents for approval at the March 2017 Town Meeting.

The Committee will continue to seek community and fire association input as it works to refine elements of the plan in 2017.

### *Harbor & Waterfront Committee*

This past year the Harbor Waterfront Committee has been concerned primarily with educating the public about the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance. For example, although people update their boats and/or their moorings, they often forget to update their mooring applications. Also, many moorings are non-compliant. Therefore, the Harbormaster sent out mooring update forms to many of the people who have moorings. Many people returned the forms and have become compliant.

This year the Town Clerk will be giving out mooring permits which should be kept on the boat for which the mooring has been issued. The mooring holder is then expected to paint his or her mooring with the mooring number in at least 3-inch high numbers.

### Did you know?

- All Mooring fees are due by May 1, 2017.
- If your mooring fee is not received by May 1, the fee is doubled.
- Your mooring information must be updated with any changes.
- Your mooring ball must be permanently marked with 3” or larger registration numbers.
- All float moorings must be registered with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

## *Marine Resources Committee*

The Committee exists to regulate the harvesting of shellfish in the Town of Harpswell and provide management programs for the conservation of shellfish in a manner consistent with the production of a reasonable yield to harvesters. The Marine Resources Committee continues to coordinate and administer the shellfish conservation program with assistance from Resource Access International, LLC (RAI).

### Value of shellfish in Maine

In 2015, soft-shell clams were the third highest valued species in the State of Maine with an ex-vessel value of over \$22 million dollars (Maine DMR). Hard clams had an ex-vessel value of over \$1.3 million dollars (Maine DMR). Landing values by town were not available at the time of this report, but clams continue to be a large part of Harpswell’s economy with over 60 commercial shellfish harvesters in the community.

### Ribbon worms and conservation

Though shellfish harvesters in Harpswell have seen a decrease in the green crab population, there is now some concern that milky ribbon worms (*nemerteans*) are an imposing threat. Harvesters spent time during conservation days attempting to eradicate and learn more about the species.

First-level predators, invasive species, warming waters, waterfront access, and ocean acidification continue to threaten Harpswell’s clam populations and industry. In 2015 shellfish harvesters made seeding and conservation efforts a priority as a way to combat some of these obstacles. They will continue their strong conservation efforts on these matters, and others, in 2017.

### 2017 Shellfish Ordinance Changes

The Marine Resources Committee voted to change the meaning of the word shellfish in the Town Shellfish Ordinance in order to further protect a variety of species in Harpswell’s mudflats. If the ordinance change is approved, shellfish will refer to soft-shell clams, quahogs, American oysters, European oysters, and razor clams. Previously, it only referred to soft-shell clams and quahogs. The Committee also voted to increase conservation hours from two scheduled tide cycles (six hours) a year to three scheduled tide cycles (nine hours) a year. This was due to the fact that the Committee changed to a multi-species shellfish ordinance and felt it necessary to increase conservation to better manage the additional species.



*David Wilson, Marine Resources Committee chair, talks with Harpswell Coastal Academy students about shellfish harvesting and conservation efforts.*

## *Mitchell Field Committee*

Mitchell Field improvements continue to attract residents and visitors who enjoy the open fields, forest, waterfront, Bandstand concerts, special events and Community Garden.

This year volunteers built and installed a kiosk at the entry that displays a brief history of the field, map of walking trails, and rules for recreational use. Volunteers also began an effort to improve the look of the field buildings, fire hydrants and other man-made structures with a new coat of paint. Bowdoin students undertook a natural resource study of the forest and fields and made recommendations for protection of sensitive areas and potential amenities consistent with the master plan. A grant was received from the Davis Foundation to extend this inquiry in 2017 and develop a natural resource management plan that includes management of invasive species.



The Committee engaged the community in design of a replacement pier once the Navy pier is removed. With input from 130 survey respondents and three community forums, and the services of Baker Design Consultants, the Committee submitted an update to “Recommendations for Improvements to the Mitchell Field Waterfront” to the Board of Selectmen in February 2017. This information supplements the November 2015 Report that details waterfront elements of the Mitchell Field Master Plan. All of these documents can be found on the Town website.

The Community Garden continued to produce food for the community with help from a Harpswell high school student intern. Garden volunteers delivered over 1,000 pounds of organic vegetables to the Town Office for the Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Program’s mobile food truck. The garden also contributed fresh produce to the ‘Cooking with Friends’ project sponsored by Harpswell Aging at Home. A full report of Community Garden activities is on the Town website. The field is open year-round for your enjoyment.

## *Recycling Committee*

In 2016 the Recycling Committee focused on four major issues. The first was to re-write our mission statement to include activities the Committee envisions as future areas of activity. The second has been to raise awareness of composting in Harpswell and the ensuing benefits in cost savings to the Town as well as returning valuable nutrients to the earth. The third project has been to initiate a program of planting wildflowers on closed landfills in the Town. We have also published a procedure for disposing of invasive species taken from residential gardens.

Going forward the Committee will be working on improved signage at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station, continuing our work on the wildflower project and safe disposal of invasive species, keeping the Town advised on recycling tips and furthering our efforts to promote and increase the use of composting.

## *Town Lands Committee*

The Town Lands Committee is actively engaged in monitoring and looking at ways to better utilize, preserve, and improve Town properties. The Town of Harpswell is fortunate to own more than half a dozen publically accessible properties—most with water access, more than a dozen landings, and several small islands. During 2016 the Town Lands Committee worked with the Town on ways to improve a number of these valuable resources. Improvements to the landing at Graveyard Point are in process and when completed in 2017 will include a turn-around area, additional parking, and improved beach access. Improvements to the Bethel Point landing are also in process and expected to be completed in 2017.

With leadership provided by the Recreation Committee, some members of Town Lands Committee put in many hours of work to get the Devil's Back East trail open in time for the Harpswell Hiking Challenge in June. This additional trail complements the existing trail on the west side of Orr's Island and now provides a total of over two miles of trails between both sides. Also, during the summer, the Town Lands Committee and the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust held a work day at Mackerel Cove to remove invasive species. In the fall the Committee, with the help of Deputy Town Administrator Terri Sawyer, held a work day to help clean the Graveyard Point Landing.

To further protect Town resources, several Town-owned islands are monitored from time to time to establish a base-line of their condition and address any problems. The Town Lands Committee is always glad to have additional stewards for Town properties. This is a minimal commitment of time, but plays an important role in preserving Harpswell's treasures. If you are interested, contact a member of the Town Lands Committee or fill out a form on the Town's website.

## *Water Tower Task Force*

Last year's Town Meeting authorized up to \$22,000 for the purpose of repairing or maintaining the Water Tower as well as for obtaining engineering studies aimed at determining whether the Mitchel Field water tower has future usefulness or should be taken down. The Task Force, which has been meeting since April on this task, is charged with making a recommendation to the Selectmen on this question.

In its early meetings, the Task Force met with professionals in the fields of water supply systems and wireless communication facilities and is now investigating the feasibility of using the water tower as part of a water supply system to serve future use and development at Mitchell Field and/or as a host for wireless communication antennas.

The Task Force developed a Request for Proposals for a communications facility manager to investigate the feasibility of using the tower for this latter purpose. If this is feasible, the manager will assist the Town in exploring this use. The Town received two proposals and the Task Force is in the process of making a recommendation. The Town Meeting may be asked to authorize the Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts with a communications facility manager and with communications providers.

The Task Force is also working with an engineering firm experienced with similar water towers. That firm is investigating whether the water tower has any benefit as part of a water system for Mitchell Field. They have completed a draft report looking at the options and are now about to evaluate the structural condition of the water tower focusing on its concrete foundations.

## *Harpswell Community Television*

Twenty years ago this April, Harpswell Community TV began broadcasting Public, Education, and Government (P.E.G.) access programming over-the-air (OTA) on W14DA-D, channel 14-1. Harpswell Community Broadcasting (HCBC) incorporated as a 501c3, non-profit, non-commercial, P.E.G. cable only access channel for our Town about 1985 and was located upstairs in the Town Office, where the Sheriff's Office is located now. As the Town grew, so did its need for space, and Harpswell Community TV was asked to relocate.

In 1994, the Selectmen offered our non-profit a spot of public land, now called 10 Community Drive, to erect a building to be used for local media access. The cable company was already using the area for its satellite dishes and electronics so it was determined to be the best place for the TV building. 10 Community Drive is located between the Recycling Center and the small building the cable company used as its head-end. There are still a couple of large satellite dishes near the building, which we would like to retrofit to allow us to use programming from entities like NASA. The Community Radio Project is now using the old cable head-end building for WHPW-LP, 97.3 FM.

With a great outpouring of community support, both monetarily and through the donation of actual building material, the studio building at 10 Community Drive became a reality. Many people pitched in with their time and energy to make the construction happen. It took two years of labor by many, many volunteers to bring the station from a dream to a reality. Since the building is on Town-owned land, HCBC gave the building to the Town. The station remains responsible for its upkeep.

There are so many people to thank there is not enough room to do it here. Please know your effort was and is appreciated everyday by our community of local viewers, Harpswell citizens and local non-profits who use the media access to get their message to the people.

Why is it so important for us to celebrate this twenty-year milestone of OTA broadcasting? Public Access TV around the country is found on cable only. That is everywhere but in Harpswell. Helped by the forward thinking of our community, the many letters of support from private individuals, our town and state governments, and our Congressional leaders, the FCC granted our petition. Now if you want to watch your community in action, you have choices. You can still watch us on Comcast Cable channel 14, OTA on 14.1, or on the internet at [www.vimeo.com/harpswelltv](http://www.vimeo.com/harpswelltv).

We would not be celebrating this milestone without all of your effort and support.

Thank You!

Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation Board of Directors and staff

Board of Directors: David I Chipman, Joanna Lavan, Mike Doyle, Dorothy Rosenberg, Jenn Nelson, Cheryl Card, Tom Rothwell, and Linda Strickland

Staff: Donna Frisoli, Donnette Goodenow

## *Cundy's Harbor Library*

The Cundy's Harbor Library sincerely appreciates your past support.

Your library in the harbor continues to offer many opportunities and is a very special spot. We strive to go above and beyond your expectations by planning events such as Grandparents' Day, Guilt-free Book Group, Writing Workshop, science events, and more. Our director can provide notary services and our assistant librarian has a high level of technological skills to share with patrons.

We also continue to offer our popular traditional events including community breakfasts, our ice cream social, and our annual book sale.

We are committed to making Cundy's Harbor Library the best it can be and love following up on the ideas we receive from our community members and visitors. Thank you again and please stop by. You will be warmly welcomed. This is your library!

Sincerely,  
Sue Hawkes, President  
Carol Taylor, Vice President  
Karen Schneider, Library Director

## *Orr's Island Library*

The continued operation of the Orr's Island Library is a legacy the Board of Trustees takes very seriously. For 116 years the library has had an integral role to play in the life of the residents of the Town of Harpswell and our summer visitors. The conservation of our 111-year-old building is what makes our motto "Moving Ahead While Preserving the Past" relevant.

In 2016 we welcomed New Trustees: Hugh Hardcastle and Pamela White, and the return of former Board President, Roberta Floccher. Our two Trustee Emeriti: Helene Mandelbaum and Harold (Bud) Edwards left us after many years of dedicated service. The eleven member board along with special volunteers and our librarian enable us to continue our level of service and provide most special events at no cost to our patrons.

On August 19<sup>th</sup> the Board of Trustees held a reception for Joanne Rogers to celebrate her 30 years as our librarian. Well-wishers came from as far away as Augusta to toast Joanne for her service.

Our continued support from the Town of Harpswell enables the library to offer the use of our building free to local non-profit and service organizations. Six children's programs were held in July and August. In July we hosted students from the Bowdoin International Music Festival for a Saturday afternoon concert held at the Orr's Island Union Church. Bowdoin College students painted our storage building during a volunteer work-day. The third year of our 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday programs continues to sustain standing room only crowds. Six Health Talks were held in 2016.

In 2016, grants from individuals help to underwrite: Our biannual newsletter *The Dust Jacket*, the document shredding event, children's programs, artwork restoration, enhanced landscaping and believe it or not, the Book Sale porta-potties!

Join us at one of our special yearly events: Paper Shredding, Annual Book Sale and Fair, Bowdoin International Music Festival Concert, Longest Yard Sale. Details about times and dates can be found on our website: orrsislandlibrary.org

Joanne Rogers, Librarian  
John R. Webster, Board of Trustees, President

## *Curtis Memorial Library*

2016 was a year of energy, activity, and excitement at Curtis Library. We had 284,389 visits to the library, a new high in terms of people visiting Curtis. 1,680 new library cards were issued and 367,572 items borrowed.

The library had programming for every age and interest, both in the library and throughout Harpswell and Brunswick. There was a specific focus in 2016 on financial literacy training with events and speakers at multiple locations, including a particular emphasis in Harpswell on the skills useful to small business owners:

- Tax Prep for the Self-Employed
- Business Essentials Series
- Money Smart Meet Up: *The Power of Habit* (Orr's Island Library)
- Money Smart Family Meal (Harpswell Town Office) *Good and Cheap: Eat Well on \$4 a Day* by Leanne Brown.
- How Does Your Garden Grown (Harpswell Mitchel Field)

The library initiated a "Summer Spotlight Series" which featured Mainers talking about issues that speak to human freedom, personal and social responsibility, the connections we have with each other and the obligations that flow from our shared humanity. Speakers included Kevin Mannix and Linda Rota; Wayne Maines; Salim Salim, Abdi Nor Iftin, and Kifah Abdulla; and Sarah Smiley.

Curtis also continued to provide our regular library services including: monthly programming, events, and displays; in-house themed book displays; a baby-toddler music program that attracts about 60 children and caregivers almost every single week which means 240 people a month; weekly tech wizard assistance for people in the community who need help with their computers; craft meetups and many, many others. Curtis also continues to offer an increasing number of services online to library card holders, including downloadable books and audiobooks, movies, and electronic magazines.

Our thanks go to the citizens of Harpswell for their continued support of Curtis Memorial Library. Your participation in this institution has been a long tradition and one that we hope continues far into the future.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Doucett  
Executive Director  
Curtis Memorial Library



## Harpowell Aging at Home – 2016 Annual Summary

Harpowell Aging at Home (HAH) is a community-led nonprofit organization committed to helping people thrive while aging at home. We're excited to tell you about our work and hope you'll join us!

In 2015, we assessed the needs of older adults in Harpswell. In 2016, we developed action plans to respond to those needs. HAH's strategy is to provide information, promote initiatives, mobilize volunteers, create connections and foster collaboration among older adults, caregivers and organizations to strengthen existing programs. We only build a new program if a need is not being met.

Our assessment showed that older adults did not know what resources are available to help them. To address this need, we created a "Senior Resources" list on the town's website, a "Senior Resource Guide" that is available at the town office and other public locations, and a website that also offers information about trusted home repair, home care and handyman/chores providers.

HAH is led by a Steering Committee of 16 volunteers and an advisory Executive Committee. Our work is carried out through a committee structure. Some committees help organize HAH as a whole, while others define action plans, recruit volunteers, and lead projects to serve older adults.

The **Communications Committee** has developed HAH promotional materials, created a database of volunteers and community groups, and built a communications strategy that uses articles, emails, TV programs, newsletters, a website and Facebook to get the word out about services and events. In 2017, they launched a new Seniors Connecting Program that provides weekly informational calls to older adults.

The **Budget and Finance Committee** has assessed the financial needs of HAH's work, created successful funding proposals and tracks the budget.

The **Food and Chores Committee** worked with partner agencies to promote and enhance food truck visits at the Town Office, host "Cooking with Friends" lunches for 25 older adults and a potluck supper for volunteers, and build a data base of available chores services for Harpswell residents. They are launching "Lunch with Friends" and looking for a leader to run a simple chores program.

The **Health and Wellness Committee** created a list of service providers and organized a Senior Health Fair, attended by about 40 participants, with speakers, flu shots and blood pressure screening and an adaptive tool table. They will host health-related educational programming in 2017, including caregiver support.

The **Home Repairs and Resource Committee** developed a list of trusted local contractors to help older adults find reliable contractors if they can afford to pay. They also collaborated with Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine and Bath Housing to provide volunteer home repair services to eight lower income home owners in Harpswell. They are committed to repairing 25 homes in 2017.

The **Socialization, Recreation and Education Committee** organized an older adult hike in cooperation with the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. They will be hosting more events in 2017!

The **Transportation Committee** worked with People Plus to expand the Harpswell services offered by its Volunteer Transportation Network, recruiting 13 drivers and 28 resident riders. The drivers provided 162 rides for more than 2,500 miles, and Harpswell riders used 73 rides for more than 1,500 miles. We're also working with the town on a long-range plan to increase transit options.

HAH has mobilized more than 70 volunteers to work with these programs and has garnered the support of many private financial contributors and two foundations. HAH has even received national publicity for its home repair efforts! We will expand our programs of "neighbors helping neighbors" in 2017 and hope you will join us. Whether you're a leader or worker, we have a job for you!

Go to <http://www.hah.community/> for more information or call 207-833-5771.

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January 23, 2016

Dear Town of Harpswell,

In 2016, Mid Coast Hospital provided dedicated emergency coverage to the Town of Harpswell with a centrally located vehicle, staffed 24 hours everyday. The Paramedic Interceptor Service partners with the Town's volunteer emergency services to improve access to care by decreasing response time to emergencies throughout Harpswell.

Highlights from the past year include:

- Mid Coast Hospital's dedicated paramedic vehicle responded to 436 calls in the Town of Harpswell.
- A second Mid Coast Hospital paramedic vehicle responded 14 times to assist when the dedicated vehicle was in use already assisting a Harpswell resident.
- The average response time for emergency services was 7 minutes and 33 seconds, down from 9 minutes in 2015—due to increased call volume near the center of town.
- 54% of calls responded to were treated and transported at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level.
- 18% of calls responded to were for respiratory, cardiac, or stroke incidents.
- 17% of calls include patient assist or lift assist.
- The paramedic team administered pre-hospital medications 127 times (not including intravenous and oxygen).
- Mid Coast Hospital Paramedic Interceptor team provided ongoing training for Harpswell's volunteer emergency services teams.

The Mid Coast Hospital Paramedic Interceptor Service has been providing emergency medical care throughout the Midcoast community since 1997 and the dedicated vehicle in Harpswell since 2011. With an aging population, often in need of more acute care, we are grateful that this ongoing partnership helps to improve health outcomes, making the community safer for all.

As part of our commitment to care for the health of the community, we are honored to provide this service to Harpswell residents and the community as whole. Thank you for your ongoing trust in the care and service we provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Skillings".

Lois Skillings  
President and CEO  
Mid Coast–Parkview Health

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February 6, 2017

It continues to be a privilege and honor to serve as Superintendent of Schools for MSAD No. 75. Linda W. Hall, Alison Hawkes, David A. Johnson and Joanne M. Rogers serve as Harpswell representatives to the School Board of Directors; and all are actively engaged in the work underway across the District. These five members serve on several committees including Policy Committee, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee, Finance Committee, Facilities Committee, Professional and Support Staff Negotiations Team, Region 10 Cooperative Board and Superintendent's Evaluation Committee. They are a very dedicated group and keep the mission of the District and needs of students as the cornerstone of their efforts.

A few facts and figures –

- There are currently 197 Harpswell children attending K-5.
- There are 90 Harpswell students attending Mt. Ararat Middle School.
- There are 110 Harpswell students attending Mt. Ararat High School.
- 42% of the students in grades K-5 at Harpswell Community School are on Free or Reduced lunch.

Why is that last figure important? That means that nearly every other child in the school is from an economically disadvantaged family. Students from economically disadvantaged schools face many challenges in and outside school. Historically, the achievement level of economically disadvantaged students is lower than non-disadvantaged students. They are less likely to participate in after-school activities. They are more likely to move and change residences during the school years. They face greater health and nutrition challenges, even beginning as pre-natal care. Language development is another issue, which is one reason the District has been talking about the need for pre-Kindergarten programs. That's why the many efforts underway at HCS and across the District to support these students are important. Check in with your children's school, and see how you can assist our kids who need and deserve the extra support!

Clearly the biggest news this past year has been the High School project. Over the past twelve months, we've held numerous forums and meetings. Last spring, a general "Y" concept for the school began to solidify. A public forum held August 3, 2016 provided taxpayers with a view of the school design, as well as a thorough explanation of any items under consideration that are not funded by the State. The

public weighed in during a round of town forums (including Harpswell) held in October 2016. A ballot was provided for everyone in attendance to indicate which items not paid for by the State should be included and potential source of funding. In November the School Board approved the Concept Design and set Straw Vote #2 which was held on December 14, 2016. After a strong show of support for the two questions, the District sought and received unanimous approval from the Maine State Board of Education, allowing us to set the Referendum for March 7, 2017.

The Referendum will take place at all usual town polling locations, preceded by a public hearing on February 15, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Commons. School officials and PDT Architects gave an update on the project to the Harpswell Selectmen at its January 19, 2017, meeting.

The March 7, 2017, Referendum presents an important event to the residents of our four towns, with a chance to finally address the many issues of the current building, replacing it with a high- performing facility, partnering with the State of Maine for a \$60,704,671 project. The project is detailed on the District's website <https://sites.google.com/a/link75.org/construction/home>, and information can be obtained by calling the District Office at 729-9961. Harpswell residents will be assisted to a large degree in the State portion of the project due to a recent "cap" that limits Harpswell's contribution to school construction projects (including both the Middle School and Bowdoin Central) at approximately \$470,000.

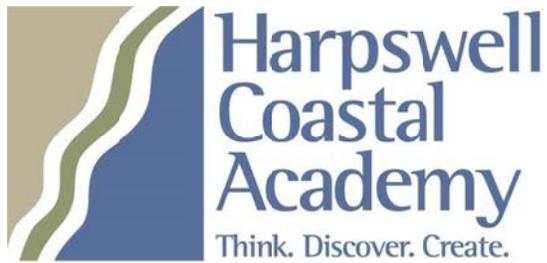
The many changes in Maine Educational law put into place several years ago continue to demand staff planning, coordination and training. One of those, Proficiency Based Diploma, requires that all students in Maine demonstrate proficiency on State Standards in order to be granted a diploma. While phased in over several years, the initiative raises more questions than answers, including how such a requirement will impact students with special education needs. The newest version of the Maine Educational Assessment (required State testing) was used last spring, with the District performing above the State average. Achievement in reading exceeded that in math. A new math program, Envision 2.0, was adopted in Kindergarten through Grade Five, which we hope will address a clear need to improve student performance in mathematics.

Student attendance continues to be a focus K-12. Frequent patterns of absences often begin as early as Kindergarten, and show a direct link to decreased student achievement. Administrators and teachers are taking additional steps to reach out to the parents of students missing 10% or more school days!

Harpswell Community School continues to look for ways to meet the increasingly varied needs of students. Academic, behavioral and socio-emotional needs of students have required the addition of staff to HCS. Those include a behavioral specialist and additional Educational Technician support. In the past year, the school has also seen the retirement of several staff members who have a long history as members of the staff including Julie Gaudet, Natalie Johnson and John Chonko. We have wished them well and welcome staff assuming their new roles at HCS.

Helping students learn important knowledge and life skills is more demanding than ever; and we are so fortunate to have such dedicated and talented teachers, support staff, and administrators in our schools. On behalf of the students and staff of MSAD No. 75, please know how grateful we are to have communities that value the importance of education through their involvement and support!

Bradley V. Smith, Superintendent of Schools, MSAD No. 75



## Harpswell Coastal Academy 2016-2017

At Harpswell Coastal Academy (HCA), our mission is to educate and develop critical thinkers, leaders, and lifelong learners who are actively engaged in their communities and the broader world. HCA is a public charter school established in 2013 offering rigorous, personalized, project-based education to Maine students in grades 6-12. Originally initiated by a group of Harpswell citizens concerned that many of the Town's young people were increasingly disengaged from school, HCA has grown to include a diverse group of midcoast educators, business leaders, and community partners committed to preparing students to live and work in the rapidly changing coastal economy.

HCA's curriculum prepares students for high school through a proficiency-based approach to teaching and learning. Students are required to meet the same academic standards in math, English language arts, social studies, science, health and physical education and fine arts as do all Maine public school students. While most schools enact standards-based learning by offering a series of siloed content-specific courses, HCA offers academic coursework through an interdisciplinary, project-based model that challenges students to go beyond the traditional acquisition of facts and skills, to truly learn where those facts and skills come from and contextualize them in their real-life applications.

HCA's 200 students currently come from 20 mid-coast Maine towns including Harpswell, Brunswick, Bowdoinham, Topsham, Freeport, and Bath. HCA is limited in size, preventing a student from getting lost in the crowd. HCA serves 39% Free or Reduced Lunch students and 32% Special Education students.

At our Middle School home, the old West Harpswell School, this past year has seen the construction of a chicken house that will be home to 50 chickens this spring, the next phase of our growing school farm program. Investigations are underway exploring aquaculture, civic engagement, climate change, witch trials and invasive species. You are likely to see our students collecting samples from Curtis Cove, plotting invasive species at a Harpswell Heritage Land Trust site, or climbing aboard a sailboat from the Dolphin Marina. We hope that you will introduce yourself, and ask our students to talk about what they are doing, and what they hope to learn.

HCA is grateful to the many Harpswell community members who support our school in ways big and small. From our Board members who give of their time and expertise, to our neighbors who welcome our students into the community, to the many residents who volunteer their time and pass along useful items, we thank you. Providing opportunities for our students to learn from members of this community is a major part of our mission, and we are happy to see our ties to Harpswell strengthen year by year.



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January 27, 2017

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Harpswell, Maine  
Harpswell, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Harpswell, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Harpswell, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2016 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement 4
Comparative Balance Sheets – General Fund	Exhibit A-1
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Budgetary Basis of Accounting) – General Fund	Exhibit A-2
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Exhibit B-2

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**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2016**

	General	Road Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 12,962,078	-	-	12,962,078
Intergovernmental	189,015	-	22,483	211,498
Miscellaneous	565,280	-	51,639	616,919
Total revenues	13,716,373	-	74,122	13,790,495
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
General government	1,338,997	-	-	1,338,997
Public works	796,316	-	-	796,316
Protection and safety	1,120,188	-	-	1,120,188
Health and welfare	29,075	-	-	29,075
Cultural and recreation	282,745	-	89,243	371,988
Education	7,697,700	-	-	7,697,700
County taxes	1,254,940	-	-	1,254,940
Overlay/abatements	108	-	-	108
Debt service	539,384	-	-	539,384
Capital and special projects	259,474	456,128	14,983	730,585
Total expenditures	13,318,927	456,128	104,226	13,879,281
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	397,446	(456,128)	(30,104)	(88,786)
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Transfers (to) from other funds	(306,000)	275,000	31,000	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(306,000)	275,000	31,000	-
Net change in fund balances	91,446	(181,128)	896	(88,786)
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,921,612	316,664	557,485	4,795,761
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 4,013,058</b>	<b>135,536</b>	<b>558,381</b>	<b>4,706,975</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Comparative Balance Sheets**  
**General Fund**  
**December 31, 2016 and 2015**

	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,556,580	4,642,455
Receivables:		
Taxes	264,253	332,522
Tax liens and acquired properties	52,347	61,556
Other	79,628	74,807
Prepaid items	17,482	16,650
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,970,290</b>	<b>5,127,990</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	57,716	49,709
Unearned revenue - taxes paid in advance	16,724	4,645
Unearned revenue - other	18,875	7,875
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	51,119	51,484
Capital Projects	642,798	822,665
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>787,232</b>	<b>936,378</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	170,000	270,000
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid Insurance	17,482	16,650
Committed:		
	-	-
Assigned	562,599	453,771
Unassigned	3,432,977	3,451,191
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>4,013,058</b>	<b>3,921,612</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,970,290</b>	<b>5,127,990</b>

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting)**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2016**

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 11,625,025	11,625,025	11,637,419	12,394
Change in unavailable revenue	-	-	100,000	100,000
Interest and fees on property taxes	21,000	21,000	17,911	(3,089)
Excise taxes and registration fees	1,142,000	1,142,000	1,206,748	64,748
Total taxes	12,788,025	12,788,025	12,962,078	174,053
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	60,000	60,000	62,008	2,008
Local road assistance URIP	34,000	34,000	35,024	1,024
Homestead exemption and BETE	66,534	66,534	65,206	(1,328)
Tree growth	9,000	9,000	10,544	1,544
General assistance	6,000	6,000	8,024	2,024
Veterans exemption	3,000	3,000	3,280	280
Other	2,000	2,000	4,929	2,929
Total intergovernmental	180,534	180,534	189,015	8,481
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	8,000	8,000	8,756	756
Copies and records	3,500	3,500	3,203	(297)
Cable TV franchise fee	80,000	80,000	91,356	11,356
Cable technology & capital equipment	11,400	11,400	11,400	-
Licenses, fees and permits	194,000	194,000	208,410	14,410
Fines	-	-	1,960	1,960
Recycling center and disposal fees	155,500	155,500	176,216	20,716
Donations and gifts	10,000	10,000	25,493	15,493
Receipts from Harpswell Coastal Academy	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Tower lease	21,000	21,000	21,815	815
Unclassified	4,000	4,000	6,671	2,671
Total miscellaneous	497,400	497,400	565,280	67,880
Total revenues	\$ 13,465,959	13,465,959	13,716,373	250,414

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2016**

Article #	Account	Balances	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
		carried forward	Original	Final			
Expenditures:							
<i>General government:</i>							
10	Elected officials	\$ -	140,641	140,641	139,133	1,508	-
General administration:							
11	Administration	-	262,026	262,026	255,765	6,261	-
11	Public information	-	9,000	9,000	7,369	1,631	-
11	Risk management	-	56,393	56,393	52,550	3,843	-
11	Legal services	-	50,000	50,000	39,083	10,917	-
12	Memberships	-	15,622	15,622	15,574	48	-
13	Assessing	-	78,219	78,219	76,005	2,214	-
14	Tax collector's office	-	34,104	34,104	32,953	1,151	-
15	Town clerk's office	-	58,595	58,595	51,919	6,676	-
16	Treasurer	-	29,308	29,308	28,235	1,073	-
17	Code enforcement	-	131,652	131,652	131,561	91	-
18	Planning	-	72,132	72,132	70,453	1,679	-
27	Employee benefits	-	355,954	355,954	332,186	23,768	-
28	Boards and committees	-	5,110	5,110	4,990	120	-
Operations and maintenance:							
30	Municipal buildings and property	-	72,900	72,900	73,033	(133)	-
30	Old town house and commons	-	5,500	5,500	5,809	(309)	-
30	Town dock	-	4,280	4,280	4,033	247	-
30	Town lands and landings	-	12,000	12,000	11,836	164	-
30	Cedar/Robinhood Beach easement	-	2,500	2,500	1,770	730	-
29	Cemeteries	-	6,000	6,000	4,740	1,260	-
Total general government		-	1,401,936	1,401,936	1,338,997	62,939	-
<i>Public works:</i>							
39	Snow removal	-	446,324	446,324	414,831	31,493	-
39	Maintenance & signs	-	68,000	68,000	54,073	13,927	-
19	Recycling and transfer station	-	333,971	333,971	327,412	6,559	-
Total public works		-	848,295	848,295	796,316	51,979	-
<i>Protection and safety:</i>							
43,44	Emergency services	-	190,350	190,350	193,849	(3,499)	- 1
CF	Emergency Services planning	1,094	-	1,094	1,094	-	-
30	Emergency services building	-	6,000	6,000	3,438	2,562	-
42	Contracted paramedic services	-	277,564	277,564	277,560	4	-
45	Street lighting	-	29,000	29,000	26,033	2,967	-
21	Harbor management	-	46,603	46,603	43,653	2,950	-
20	Animal control	-	25,933	25,933	21,134	4,799	-
46,47	Law enforcement and communication	-	356,036	356,036	358,787	(2,751)	- 1
50	Marine consultant & conservation mng	-	15,000	15,000	6,361	8,639	-
48,49	Shellfish conservation contract & boat	-	189,396	189,396	188,279	1,117	-
Total protection and safety		1,094	1,135,882	1,136,976	1,120,188	16,788	-
<i>Health and welfare:</i>							
CF	Health and welfare restricted gift	300	-	300	297	3	3
CF	Gift Cards	-	-	-	285	(285)	-
51	Health and welfare	-	33,230	33,230	28,493	4,737	-
Total health and welfare		300	33,230	33,530	29,075	4,455	3
<i>Cultural and recreation:</i>							
52	Cultural and education programs	4,525	47,203	51,728	46,402	5,326	-
3	Curtis Memorial Library	-	135,345	135,345	135,345	-	-
53	Harpswell Community Broadcasting	-	63,750	63,750	63,750	-	-
22 & 23	Recreation - general and festival	-	39,206	39,206	37,248	1,958	-
Total cultural and recreation		4,525	285,504	290,029	282,745	7,284	-
1 Contingency transfers (\$6,748) approved by selectmen to cover emergency services, Mitchell Field, law enforcement							

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2016**

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures, continued:							
CF, 57	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	\$ 37,893	30,000	67,893	3,800	64,093	64,093
<i>Other capital / carryovers / reserves:</i>							
CF	Dry hydrant development	12,780	-	12,780	-	12,780	12,780
CF	Land acquisition & Town property improvement	80,762	-	80,762	-	80,762	80,762
CF	Vehicle replacement & vehicle equipment	69,065	-	69,065	9,375	59,690	59,690
CF	Update of assessing records	20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
CF	Emergency communication equipment	21,521	-	21,521	-	21,521	21,521
CF	Land acquisition map 42, lot 6	3,318	-	3,318	-	3,318	3,318
CF	Boat and motor replacement	38,243	-	38,243	-	38,243	38,243
57	T/O & Facilities Improvements	-	27,500	27,500	14,427	13,073	13,073
32	Harpswell Heritage Land Trust - Otter Brook	-	75,000	75,000	75,000	-	-
57	Office equipment	-	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
CF	Conservation fund	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
CF, 56	Cable related technology account	7,462	5,400	12,862	8,459	4,403	4,403
54	Public, educational & governmental equipment	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	-
CF	Self insurance reserve	1,650	-	1,650	56	1,594	1,594
CF	Heating assistance	36,151	-	36,151	6,171	29,980	44,473
CF	Failed septic systems	22,649	-	22,649	-	22,649	22,649
26	Public transportation	-	4,500	4,500	-	4,500	-
CF	Cedar Beach/Cedar Island legal funds	46,751	-	46,751	5,334	41,417	41,417
55	PEG Equipment warranty	-	6,400	6,400	6,400	-	-
CF	FEMA Consultant	2,961	-	2,961	-	2,961	2,961
CF	Energy Conservation	2,502	-	2,502	1,071	1,431	1,431
CF	Property tax assistance program	15,875	-	15,875	9,174	6,701	6,701
CF	Pott's Point Town dock system	5,500	-	5,500	-	5,500	5,500
CF, 38	Mitchell Field capital reserve	2,758	150,000	152,758	85,882	66,876	66,876
33	Mitchell Field - operations	-	11,300	11,300	11,798	(498)	-
CF	Mitchell Field - ramp or bandstand donation	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
35	Mitchell Field - water tower	-	22,000	22,000	4,563	17,437	17,437
38	Mitchell Field - waterfront planning	-	30,000	30,000	7,964	22,036	17,911
STM	Boundary matter, map 22, lot 55	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-
Total capital and special projects		434,876	374,600	809,476	259,474	550,002	556,368
58	Debt service	-	550,000	550,000	539,384	10,616	-
CF	Contingency	12,976	-	12,976	-	12,976	6,228
Total budgeted expenditures		453,771	4,629,447	5,083,218	4,366,179	717,039	562,599
Other expenditures:							
	Educational appropriation	-	7,697,700	7,697,700	7,697,700	-	-
	County tax	-	1,254,940	1,254,940	1,254,940	-	-
	Overlay / abatements	-	51,872	51,872	108	51,764	-
Total other expenditures		-	9,004,512	9,004,512	8,952,748	51,764	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over							
(under) expenditures		(453,771)	(168,000)	(621,771)	397,446	1,019,217	(562,599)
Other financing sources (uses):							
41	Transfer to Capital Projects - roads	-	(275,000)	(275,000)	(275,000)	-	-
25	Transfer to Recreation fund - Trufant-Summerton	-	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	-	-
24	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs	-	(16,000)	(16,000)	(16,000)	-	-
STM	Use of unassigned fund balance - Mackerel Cove	-	4,000	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
67	Use of unassigned fund balance - budget	-	470,000	470,000	-	(470,000)	-
59	Use of carryforward balances	453,771	-	453,771	-	(453,771)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		453,771	168,000	621,771	(306,000)	(927,771)	-
Net change in fund balance		-	-	-	91,446	91,446	(562,599)
Fund balance, beginning of year					3,921,612		
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>					<b>\$ 4,013,058</b>		

1 Contingency transfers (\$6,748) approved by selectmen to cover emergency services, Mitchell Field, law enforcement

2 Balances carried forward include 2016 revenues received for these purposes

3 Revenue received directly applied to capital lease payment

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2016**

	<u>Special Revenues</u>		<u>Capital Projects</u>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Restricted Grants</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Emergency Vehicles</b>	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Grants	\$ 22,483	-	-	22,483
Interest earned	-	-	1,261	1,261
Bandstand donations	-	7,846	-	7,846
Charges for services	-	42,532	-	42,532
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>22,483</b>	<b>50,378</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>74,122</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
For specified purpose	14,983	53,606	-	68,589
Bandstand	-	8,020	-	8,020
Capital outlay	-	27,617	-	27,617
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>14,983</b>	<b>89,243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,226</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	7,500	(38,865)	1,261
				(30,104)
<b>Other financing sources:</b>				
Transfers from general fund	-	31,000	-	31,000
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,000</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>(7,865)</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>896</b>
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>50,934</b>	<b>506,001</b>	<b>557,485</b>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 8,050</b>	<b>43,069</b>	<b>507,262</b>	<b>558,381</b>

## 2017 Proposed Summary Budget

	2016	2017	
<b>OPERATIONS</b>			
General Government	\$ 1,407,936	\$ 1,496,638	6.3%
Public Works	\$ 848,295	\$ 872,733	2.9%
Protection & Safety	\$ 1,129,882	\$ 1,306,132	15.6%
Health & Welfare	\$ 33,230	\$ 34,430	3.6%
Cultural & Recreational	\$ 301,504	\$ 308,154	2.2%
Contingency	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Mitchell Field	\$ 33,300	\$ 40,300	21.0%
Special Projects	\$ 85,900	\$ 66,400	* -22.7%
	\$ 3,840,047	\$ 4,134,787	7.7%
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
Debt Service	\$ 550,000	\$ 470,000	-14.5%
Emergency Vehicles	\$ -	\$ 100,000	
Roads	\$ 275,000		
MF: Capital	\$ 180,000	\$ 150,000	-16.7%
Central Station: Capital	\$ -	\$ 100,000	
Other Capital	\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000	** 33.3%
	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 920,000	-14.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,920,047</b>	<b>\$ 5,054,787</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>*Special Projects</b>		<b>**Other Capital</b>	
Property Tax Assistance	\$ 5,000	Vehicles	\$ 45,000
Equipment Warranty	\$ 6,400	Recycling	\$ 40,000
Floodplain Assistance	\$ 55,000	Facilities	\$ 10,000
	\$ 66,400	Office Equipment	\$ 2,500
		Emergency Comm.	\$ 2,500
			\$ 100,000

The above table compares 2016 appropriated amounts with proposed 2017 Annual Town Meeting appropriations. Amounts appropriated are funded by a combination of sources: property tax, non-property tax revenue, general fund balance, and State payments including homestead reimbursement.

The Cumberland County tax is set by the County Commissioners. In 2017, this assessment is estimated to increase by 3.15% from \$1,254,940 to \$1,294,498. This figure is not reflected above.

The MSAD # 75 budget is developed independently and is not reflected above. The School Board holds hearings as it is developing its budget and then votes on a budget proposal. Voters in all four towns in the District vote on the school budget first by open meeting, then by secret ballot in the budget validation process, which usually occurs in June. (\$7,697,700 was paid to MSAD # 75 in 2016).

**WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HARPSWELL, MAINE  
MARCH 11, 2017**

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 eleventh day of March, 2017 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; one Selectman, who shall be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a one-year term; and two M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors, each 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 \$137,104 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.** (\$135,345 raised & appropriated in 2016; \$135,345 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 Amendment to the Basic Land Use Ordinance to Correct the Numbering in Section 11.5 Timber Harvesting and Vegetative Buffers” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

•••  
**11.15.916.** Prior to all timber harvesting, written notification shall be provided to the Code Enforcement Officer.

**Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, and Subdivision Ordinance dealing with the Deduction of Wetlands and other Areas from the Area of a Lot” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

•••  
11.1.3. ~~Land below the maximum high water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland and land which is part of a road, or a transportation right of way, or easement serving more than two (2) lots, except rights of way or easements used exclusively for pedestrian access, shall not be included when calculating minimum lot area.~~ The following land shall not be included in the calculation of the area of a lot for the purposes of meeting minimum lot size or other density or dimensional requirements:

11.1.3.1 Land below the maximum high water line of a great pond, stream, or tributary stream.

11.1.3.2 Land below the HAT of a coastal wetland.

11.1.3.3 Land below the upland edge of a freshwater wetland with a contiguous area of more than twenty thousand 20,000 square feet.

11.1.3.4 Land which is part of a road, or a transportation right-of-way, or easement serving more than two (2) lots, except rights-of-way or easements used exclusively for pedestrian access, and

11.1.3.5 Land created by the filling or draining of a great pond, stream, tributary stream, or coastal or freshwater wetland.

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

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~~15.1.1. Land below the maximum high water line of a great pond, stream, tributary stream, HAT of the coastal wetland or upland edge of a freshwater wetland described in Section 3 of this Ordinance, and land that is part of a road or transportation right-of-way serving more than two (2) lots except rights-of-way or easements used exclusively for pedestrian access, shall not be included when calculating minimum lot area. The following land shall not be included in the calculation of the area of a lot for the purposes of meeting minimum lot size or other density or dimensional requirements:~~

15.1.1.1 Land below the maximum high water line of a great pond, stream, or tributary stream.

15.1.1.2 Land below the HAT of a coastal wetland.

15.1.1.3 Land below the upland edge of a freshwater wetland with a contiguous area of more than twenty thousand 20,000 square feet.

15.1.1.4 Land which is part of a road, or a transportation right-of-way, or easement serving more than two (2) lots, except rights-of-way or easements used exclusively for pedestrian access, and

15.1.1.5 Land created by the filling or draining of a great pond, stream, tributary stream, or coastal or freshwater wetland.

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

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#### **9.5. Land Not Suitable for Development**

~~The following land may not be included in the calculations of lot area: The following land shall not be included in the calculation of the area of a lot for the purposes of meeting minimum lot size or other density or dimensional requirements:~~

9.5.1 Land below the maximum high water line of a great pond, stream, or tributary stream.

9.5.2 Land below the HAT of a coastal wetland.

9.5.3 Land below the upland edge of a freshwater wetland with a contiguous area of more than twenty thousand 20,000 square feet.

9.5.4 Land which is part of a road, or a transportation right-of-way, or easement serving more than two (2) lots, except rights-of-way or easements used exclusively for pedestrian access, and

9.5.5 Land created by the filling or draining of a great pond, stream, tributary stream, or coastal or freshwater wetland.

~~9.5.1. Land below the maximum high water mark of a water body, tributary stream, or pond;~~

~~9.5.2. Land which is part of a road or transportation right-of-way or easement, except rights-of-way or easements used exclusively for pedestrian access;~~

~~*Citizen's Note: The intent of excepting rights-of-way or easements used exclusively for pedestrian access is to not discourage the development of walking paths, bike trail, bridle path, and other paths for pedestrian travel or recreational use.*~~

~~9.5.3. Wetland areas greater than twenty thousand (20,000) contiguous square feet; and~~

~~9.5.4. Land created by the filling or draining of a water body, tributary stream, or wetland.~~

**Art. 6 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Dealing with the Planning Board’s Opportunity to Take Jurisdiction of Permits for Nonconforming Structures” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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**10.3.2.3 Authority of Planning Board to Exercise Jurisdiction over an Application.** Except as provided for below. ~~For~~ for any application for relocation of a nonconforming structure, or for the reconstruction or replacement of a nonconforming structure that was removed, damaged, or destroyed by more than fifty percent (50%) of the adjusted assessed value of the structure, made under Section 10.3.2, the CEO shall provide written notice to the Planning Board and all property owners within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the property as listed on the Town’s most recent assessing records that a relocation, reconstruction or replacement application has been received and is being reviewed. The opportunity for the Planning Board to take jurisdiction under this provision and to receive notice shall not apply in the following situations:

(a) The relocation, replacement, or reconstruction will be carried out such that the structure complies with all applicable setback requirements, or

(b) The structure being relocated is an accessory structure that meets all of the following requirements:

- 1) The floor area of the existing nonconforming structure is less than two hundred (200) square feet,
- 2) The floor area or volume of the structure will not be increased,
- 3) The structure is and will continue to be accessory to the principal use of the property,
- 4) The structure will not be served by water, and
- 5) The structure has not been and will not be used for human habitation.

(c) The structure being reconstructed or replaced is an accessory structure that meets all of the following requirements:

- 1) The floor area of the existing nonconforming structure is less than two hundred (200) square feet,
- 2) The floor area and volume of the replacement or reconstructed structure will not be larger than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the floor area and volume of the existing structure,
- 3) The existing structure is accessory to the principal use of the property and the replacement or reconstructed structure will continue to be so,
- 4) The replacement or reconstructed structure will not be served by water, and
- 5) The replacement or reconstructed structure will not be used for human habitation.

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

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**10.3.2.4. Authority of Planning Board to Exercise Jurisdiction over an Application.** Except as provided for below. ~~For~~ for any application for relocation of a nonconforming structure made under 10.3.2.1, or for the reconstruction or replacement of a nonconforming structure involving more than fifty percent (50%) of its adjusted assessed value made under 10.3.2.2, the Code Enforcement Officer shall provide written notice to the Planning Board and all property owners within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the property as listed on the Town’s most recent assessing records that a relocation, reconstruction or replacement application has been received and is being reviewed.

The opportunity for the Planning Board to take jurisdiction under this provision and to receive notice shall not apply in any of the following situations:

(a) The relocation, replacement, or reconstruction will be carried out such that the structure complies with all applicable setback requirements, or

(b) The structure being relocated is an accessory structure that meets all of the following requirements:

- 1) The floor area of the existing nonconforming structure is less than two hundred (200) square feet,
- 2) The floor area or volume of the structure will not be increased,
- 3) The structure is and will continue to be accessory to the principal use of the property,

- 4) The structure will not be served by water, and
- 5) The structure has not been and will not be used for human habitation, or
- (c) The structure being reconstructed or replaced is an accessory structure that meets all of the following requirements:
  - 1) The floor area of the existing nonconforming structure is less than two hundred (200) square feet.
  - 2) The floor area and volume of the replacement or reconstructed structure will not be larger than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the floor area and volume of the existing structure and the replacement or reconstruction will not increase the floor area and volume of the existing structure that is nonconforming by more than thirty (30) percent in accordance with Section 10.3.1;
  - 3) The existing structure is accessory to the principal use of the property and the replacement or reconstructed structure will continue to be so.
  - 4) The replacement or reconstructed structure will not be served by water, and
  - 5) The replacement or reconstructed structure will not be used for human habitation.

**Art. 7 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to Remove the Table of Minimum Lot Standards” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

**11.1. Minimum Lot Standards**

**SHORELAND ZONE<sup>†</sup>**

	<b>SHORELAND NON-TIDAL</b>	<b>SHORELAND TIDAL</b>	<b>SHORELAND OFFSHORE ISLANDS</b>	<b>NON-SHORELAND AREA OF OFFSHORE ISLANDS</b>	<b>SUBDIVISIONS<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>MIN. LOT SIZE (S.F.) PER DWELLING UNIT</b>	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	80,000
<b>SHORE FRONTAGE (FT)</b>	200	150	150	exempt	150
<b>WATERBODY, TRIBUTARY STREAM, OR WETLAND SETBACK (FT)</b>	75	75	75	n/a	75
<b>PROPERTY LINE SETBACK (FT)</b>	25	25	25	20	25
<b>ROAD SETBACK (FT)</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	exempt	40
<b>STRUCTURE HEIGHT (FT)</b>	30	30	30	30	30

~~OTHER~~ AREAS OF TOWN NOT SUBJECT TO SHORELAND ZONING<sup>1,2&3</sup>

	AREAS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF A SUBDIVISION	AREAS LOCATED WITHIN A SUBDIVISION <sup>4</sup>
MIN. LOT SIZE (S.F.) PER DWELLING UNIT	40,000	80,000
ROAD FRONTAGE (FT)	150 <sup>3</sup>	150 <sup>5</sup>
PROPERTY LINE SETBACK (FT)	See Section 11.3.1	See Section 11.3.1
ROAD SETBACK (FT)	See Section 11.3.1	See Section 11.3.1
STRUCTURE HEIGHT (FT)	32	32

- For ~~nonresidential~~ uses in the Shoreland Zone, see Sections 15.1 and 15.2 of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

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

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**15.2.1. Setbacks.** All new principal and accessory structures shall be set back at least seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the maximum high water line of a great pond, stream, tributary stream, HAT of the coastal wetland or the upland edge of a freshwater wetland described in Section 3 of this Ordinance, and twenty-five (25) feet from all other lot lines including a property line with any road, except as provided in subsection 15.2.1.1, 15.2.1.2 and 15.2.1.3.. In a Resource Protection District, the setback requirement shall be two hundred fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, except for structures, roads, parking spaces or other related objects specifically allowed in that district in which case the setback requirements above shall apply.

**Art. 8 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Definitions Addendum, Basic Land Use Ordinance, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, and Subdivision Ordinance Clarifying the Definitions of Residential Dwellings” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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**Dwelling** – a residential structure containing one or more dwelling units ~~a building or portion thereof or a room or suite of rooms designed and equipped for habitation and that provides independent living facilities, including cooking, sleeping, bathing and sanitary facilities, for one (1) or more families, including single-unit family, two (2) unit family, and multiunit family residential uses,~~ and manufactured housing but not recreational vehicles.

**Dwelling Unit** – a room or group of rooms designed and equipped for use as a separate living space by a household exclusively for use as permanent, seasonal, or temporary living quarters for only one family at a time, and containing cooking, sleeping and toilet facilities with free and open circulation between these areas by members of the household. A dwelling unit is intended for occupancy by one household living independently in which the members of the household share the use of common areas and have regular interaction in the course of their day-to-day activities. The term shall include mobile homes, and rental units that contain cooking, sleeping, and toilet facilities regardless of the time-period rented but not. ~~Recreational vehicles are not dwelling units.~~

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~~**Family** – one or more persons occupying a premises and living as a single housekeeping unit.~~

**Household** – one or more individuals living as a unit in which they share the use of a dwelling unit and its facilities.

**One-Unit Residential Use** – a residential dwelling containing one dwelling unit.

**Two-Unit Residential Use** – a residential dwelling containing two dwelling units.

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**Multi-Unit Residential Use** – a residential ~~dwelling structure~~ containing three (3) or more dwelling units. The placement of three (3) or more dwelling units on a lot or the division of an existing structure into three (3) or more dwelling units requires subdivision review under state and local law.

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

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**10.4.2.1. Setback Reduction for Small Nonconforming Lots.** The setback of structures from lot lines may be reduced to five (5) feet and the setback of structures from traveled ways may be reduced to ten (10) feet in order to allow the expansion or construction of a structure to be used solely for ~~single family one-unit~~ residential purposes or an accessory structure appurtenant to it, provided that the following conditions are met:

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(d) There exist two (2) or more other nonconforming lots meeting the size requirement then applying under Section 10.4.2.1(b) that have been improved with one-unit residential uses ~~single family residences~~ within a five hundred (500) foot radius of the lot in question;

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**11.3.3. Accessory Temporary Living Accommodation.** During the construction or reconstruction of a one-unit residential use ~~single family home~~, a property owner may place an accessory temporary living accommodation on the lot in conformance with this section. Prior to installing the accessory temporary living accommodation on the lot, the property owner must obtain a temporary certificate of compliance from the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). The CEO shall issue the temporary certificate only if he/she finds that all of the provisions of this section have been met. The temporary certificate of compliance shall be for a period of not more than twelve (12) months. The owner may apply for up to two (2) twelve (12) month renewals of the temporary compliance permit and the CEO shall approve such renewals only if he/she finds that the property owner is in compliance with all of the provisions of this section.

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**11.18.2.1. Single Lot Development Standards**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, a Workforce Housing Unit may be built upon a lot, located outside of the shoreland zone and in lawful existence as of March 13, 2010 but that does not meet the Section 11.1 minimum lot size requirements, subject to an acceptable soils test and an engineering design for a one-unit residential ~~single family~~ subsurface wastewater disposal system approved by the CEO of the Town of Harpswell and the following requirements:

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15.1 One and two- <del>unit family</del> residential <u>uses</u> including driveways	CEO	PB <sup>10</sup>	CEO	CEO	No	CEO	No
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**14.1.4.4. Setback Variance for One-Unit Residential Uses ~~Single Family Dwellings~~.** The Board may grant a setback variance for a one-unit residential use ~~single family dwelling~~. The Board may consider a variance from a setback requirement only when strict application of the zoning ordinance to the applicant and the applicant's property would cause undue hardship. The term "undue hardship" in the subsection means:

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A variance granted under this subsection is strictly limited to permitting a variance from a setback requirement for a one-unit residential use ~~single family dwelling~~ that is the primary year-round residence of the applicant. •••

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

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**13.1.1. Principal Use.** The Planning Board may approve a permit for a ~~single family dwelling~~ one-unit residential use and accessory residential structures in a Resource Protection District provided that the applicant demonstrates that all of the following conditions are met:

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**13.7.2.1.** Permitted land uses include (a) ~~one-unit residential uses~~ single family dwelling, museum, visitors' center, water related uses, boat house, wharf, and pier; (b) structures accessory to the uses set forth in subsection (a); and (c) any educational, park, recreational, cultural or historic preservation uses related in any way to the uses set forth in subsection (a). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, there shall only be one (1) ~~one-unit residential~~ single family dwelling use allowed within the Eagle Island Historic District.

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15.1. One and two- <del>unit family</del> residential <u>uses</u> , including driveways	PB <sup>10</sup>	CEO	CEO	no	CEO	no
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The Town of Harpswell Subdivision Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

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**9.4.3.3 Minimum Size of Lots** -- To provide property owners and subdividers with flexibility in the design of a Flexible Lot Size subdivision, there is no minimum lot size requirement subject to the following limitations:

**9.4.3.3.1** – Lots that have their primary road frontage on an existing public road must have a minimum lot area of forty thousand (40,000) square feet.

**9.4.3.3.2** – For ~~one-unit residential~~ single family dwelling lots with less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of lot area, the applicant must demonstrate that the lot will meet the requirements of the State Minimum Lot Size law.

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**Art. 9 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Floodplain Management Ordinance” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

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

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H. The elevation in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), North American Vertical Datum (NAVD), or to a locally established datum in Zone A only, of the:

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K. The following certifications as required in Article VI by a registered professional engineer or architect:

1. a Floodproofing Certificate (FEMA Form 81-65, ~~01/03~~ 03/09, as may be amended from time to time), to verify that the floodproofing methods for any non-residential structures will meet the floodproofing criteria of Article III.H.4.; Article VI.G.; and other applicable standards in Article VI;

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**Elevation Certificate** - An official form (FEMA Form 81-31, ~~01/03~~ 03/09, as may be amended from time to time) that:

a. is used to verify compliance with the floodplain management regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program; and,

b. is required for purchasing flood insurance.

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**Locally Established Datum** - means, for purposes of this ordinance, an elevation established for a specific site to which all other elevations at the site are referenced. This elevation is generally not referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), North American Vertical Datum (NAVD), or any other established datum and is used in areas where Mean Sea Level data is too far from a specific site to be practically used.

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North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) – Means the national datum whose standard was established in 1988, which is the new vertical datum used by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for all new Flood Insurance Rate Maps. NAVD is based upon vertical datum used by other North American countries such as Canada and Mexico and was established to replace NGVD because of constant movement of the earth’s crust, glacial rebound, and subsidence and the increasing use of satellite technology.

**Art. 10 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 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~~):

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5.1.2 Requirements for New and Renewal Mooring Registration

Applicants for a new mooring registration must submit a completed application form to the Town Clerk on forms available in the Town Clerk’s Office. Applicants for a renewal mooring registration need only submit a new completed form to the Town Clerk if there are any changes to the registration from the prior year, including change of vessel, or upon the Harbormaster’s request.

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5.1.6 Permit Stickers

Upon successful registration, the Town Clerk shall issue a mooring card ~~permit sticker~~ showing the year and permit number. The card that is to attached to the mooring buoy or kept on for the boat registered to the mooring. •••

5.2 Assignment of Mooring Space

5.2.1 A permitted mooring shall be assigned a location in Harpswell waters by the Harbormaster on a first-come first served basis as space permits with due regard to navigation and the safety of persons and property, and, where feasible, the prior year’s location. New mooring permits will not be issued for a mooring that is located more than one-half statute mile from the applicant’s point of land access in Harpswell.

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5.2.5 Rental Moorings

No mooring shall be used as a rental mooring without first registering it with the Town and obtaining a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. An alternate numbering system may be used by the rental mooring owner if approved by the Harbormaster.

5.2.6 Float Moorings

Float moorings shall be registered with the Town and be permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers. Float moorings shall only be used for their permitted purposes.

**Art. 11 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?**

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at [harpswell.maine.gov](http://harpswell.maine.gov) and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 12 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Outdoor Pesticides Control and Fertilizer Use Ordinance regarding Administrative and Enforcement Provisions” 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~~):

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**Section 8. Enforcement Random Sampling**

a) This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to institute or cause to be instituted, in the name of the Town, any and all actions, legal or equitable, that may be appropriate or necessary for enforcement of this Ordinance.

The following procedure is available to the Code Enforcement Officer when he/she becomes aware of a possible violation of this ordinance and wishes to investigate it:

- 1) If there has been a complaint, the complainant shall document the nature of the complaint using a form provided by the Town and submit the completed form to the Code Enforcement Officer who may, in his/her discretion, choose to meet with the complainant.
- 2) Based on the information available, the Code Enforcement Officer shall make a preliminary determination as to whether there is a possible violation of this ordinance.
- 3) If there is a possible violation of the ordinance involving the use of fertilizers, the Code Enforcement Officer shall attempt to meet with the property owner and/or the applicator of the fertilizer to obtain information on the type of fertilizer applied.
- 4) If there is a possible violation of this ordinance involving the use of pesticides, the Code Enforcement Officer shall obtain information from the applicator of the material on the type and concentration of pesticide applied, the location and method of application, the conditions at the time of application, and any mitigation activities undertaken using a form provided by the Town.
- 5) If the Code Enforcement Officer believes that there could be a violation of the Maine Pesticide Control Board regulations, the Code Enforcement Officer shall contact the enforcement staff of the Board.
- 6) If there is agreement between the Code Enforcement Officer and the property owner and/or applicator that a violation has occurred, and that the violation was not a willful or repeat violation, the Code Enforcement Officer together with a representative of the Conservation Commission shall meet with the property owner and/or applicator to explain the requirements of this ordinance.
- 7) If the Code Enforcement Officer determines, based on this information, that there is an unresolved possible violation of this ordinance, he/she shall refer the case to the Board of Selectmen for further action.

b) The Board of Selectmen shall review any cases of possible violation of this ordinance referred to it by the Code Enforcement Officer to determine if a violation has occurred in accordance with the following:

- 1) The Board of Selectmen shall determine if a violation of the ordinance has occurred. In making this determination, the Board may retain outside expertise to evaluate the information collected and/or obtained by the Code Enforcement Officer, undertake sampling and testing for pesticides, and to provide professional guidance as to whether a violation has occurred. The Board may require the owner of the property subject to the review or the applicator to pay for the collection and testing of appropriate samples if a violation is found. If the Board determines that a violation has occurred, it shall pursue the legal remedies set forth in Section 9.

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#### **Section 9. Legal Remedies~~Violations~~**

When the Board of Selectmen determines that a violation of this ordinance has occurred in accordance with 8.b)1), the Board may enter into a consent agreement with the property owner and/or pesticides applicator setting forth appropriate remedies and remedial actions if necessary, or undertake any and all actions, legal or equitable against the property owner and/or applicator for violation of the ordinance. In the latter case, A person, firm, or corporation who uses or applies or causes to be used or applied any Insect Growth Regulator or Insecticide in violation of the Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,500 for the first violation of this Ordinance. A fine of not less than \$2,501 nor more than \$5,000 shall be levied against any person, firm, or corporation violating this Ordinance for the second and each subsequent violation. Refusal to comply with the Code Enforcement Officer's sampling-request for information on pesticide use or the collection of samples from the property shall result in a fine of not less than \$1,000 and may result in further action by the Town and its Code Enforcement Officer in seeking an administrative inspection warrant for the property.

#### **Section 10. Enforcement**

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to institute or cause to be instituted, in the name of the Town, any and all actions, legal or equitable, that may be appropriate or necessary for the enforcement of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 10~~f~~. Severability**

**Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a license agreement with Gables Real Estate LLC (“Gables”), owner of real property commonly known as Cedar Beach Road, allowing public pedestrian access for recreational purposes in Cedar Beach Road for the benefit of the Town, its residents and their guests and its non-resident taxpayers and their guests, for the purpose of gaining pedestrian access from the public terminus of Robinhood Road to a beach area subject to and burdened by a recreational easement previously granted to the Town in an instrument dated March 25, 2014 and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds at Book 31427, Page 254, such easement commonly known as the Cedar Beach Easement, on substantially the same terms and conditions as shown on Attachment A (a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk), as the Board determines to be in the Town’s best interests, and agreeing that the Town will be subject to the various affirmative obligations set forth therein; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Gables granting the Town a right of first refusal or first option to purchase certain real estate owned by Gables known as Cedar Beach Road, on substantially the same terms and conditions as shown on Attachment B (a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk), as the Board determines to be in the Town’s best interests.**

(Note: Future Town Meeting(s) may need to appropriate the funds necessary to fulfill the Town’s affirmative obligations set forth in the license agreement, Attachment A.)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Town Road Commissioner from being elected to being appointed by the Board of Selectmen effective as of the 2018 annual Town Meeting.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 15 — 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>2017</b>	2016	2016 Expended
Selectman	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	43,295	42,655	42,655
Town Clerk*	47,335	46,636	46,636
Road Commissioner	30,907	30,450	30,450
Travel Reimbursement	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>1,392</u>
	\$142,437	\$140,641	\$139,133

\*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,492 which is budgeted in Article 16.

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$384,369 for general administration.**

	<b>2017</b>	2016	2016 Expended
Administration Salary & Wages	\$187,610	\$184,071	\$183,826
Computers & Computer Services Agreements	30,170	30,655	28,518
Audit	12,000	12,000	9,900
Other	37,800	35,300	33,524
Public Information	9,000	9,000	7,369
Legal	50,000	50,000	39,083
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>57,789</u>	<u>56,393</u>	<u>52,550</u>
	\$384,369	\$377,419	\$354,770

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,925 for memberships as follows:**

	<b>2017</b>	2016	2016 Expended
Maine Municipal Association	\$9,475	\$9,124	\$9,124
Mid Coast Economic Development District	5,925	5,973	5,925
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	500	500	500
Harpswell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$15,925	\$15,622	\$15,574

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,279 for the Assessing Office. (\$78,219 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$76,005 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 \$36,017 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$34,104 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$32,953 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 \$53,852 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$58,595 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$51,919 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 \$30,388 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$29,308 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$28,235 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$134,887 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$131,652 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$131,561 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,563 for the Planning Office and for planning services. (\$72,132 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$70,453 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 \$349,023 for operations and personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$333,971 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$327,413 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract for a period of not more than 3 years, subject to annual appropriation, for the purpose of providing waste disposal services on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,787 for Animal Control to include \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society. (\$25,933 raised and appropriated in 2016 including \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society; \$21,134 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,463 for Harbor Management. (\$46,603 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$43,653 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,579 for the Recreation Department including \$2,500 for a recreation-themed event. (\$39,206 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$37,248 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,850 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. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$381,791 for employee benefits.**

	2017	2016	2016 Expended
Health Insurance/Reimbursement	\$252,917	\$234,760	\$219,925
Social Security/Medicare	69,493	65,847	61,798
Retirement	56,381	52,827	48,005
Disability	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,458</u>
	<b>\$381,791</b>	<b>\$355,954</b>	<b>\$332,186</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. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,270 for boards and committees. (\$5,110 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$4,990 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,860 for the maintenance and repair of cemeteries and graves in accordance with State law. (\$6,000 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$4,740 expended in 2016)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,000 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, vehicles and properties including an easement.**

	2017	2016	2016 Expended
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$105,400	\$72,900	\$73,033
EMS Building	4,100	6,000	3,438
Old Town House & Commons	9,000	5,500	5,809
Town Dock	4,500	4,280	4,033
Town Landings	22,500	12,000	11,836
Cedar Beach Monitors & Signage	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,770</u>
	<b>\$148,000</b>	<b>\$103,180</b>	<b>\$99,919</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for professional assistance with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) related matters including proposed modifications to flood insurance rate maps for the Town of Harpswell, such funds to be carried over in reserve until the project is complete.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,300 for Mitchell Field.**

	2017	2016	2016 Expended
Water Tower	\$ 0	\$22,000	\$ 4,563
Contracted Services (Planning)	13,000	30,000	7,964
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	12,700	9,100	9,358
Sediment Building Removal	7,500	0	0
Bandstand Maintenance	3,000	0	0
Monitor	1,000	0	0
Electricity	1,500	1,000	1,153
Portable Toilets	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,287</u>
	\$40,300	\$63,300	\$24,325

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$5,000,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for demolition of the Mitchell Field pier, including related costs, all as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds or notes to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$6,995,000 of which principal is \$5,000,000 and estimated interest at 3.8% over 20 years is \$1,995,000.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLE 00 – 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	\$ 2,115,000
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 154,000
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 2,269,000
* 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	\$5,000,000
* Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bond	\$1,995,000
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$6,995,000

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.

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Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer

**Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the Mitchell Field capital reserve account, which reserve funds may be used as the Town’s share to match grants for waterfront improvements at Mitchell Field.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$523,710 for snow removal, road maintenance and road/street signs.**

	2017	2016	2016 Expended
Snow Removal	\$455,710	\$446,324	\$414,831
Road Maintenance & Signs	<u>68,000</u>	<u>68,000</u>	<u>54,073</u>
	<u>\$523,710</u>	<u>\$514,324</u>	<u>\$468,904</u>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 39 — 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 services provided by Mid Coast Health Services. (\$277,564 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$277,560 expended).**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 40 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “Municipal Firefighter Assistance Ordinance of Harpswell, Maine” be enacted?**

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at [harpswell.maine.gov](http://harpswell.maine.gov) and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,860 to implement the Municipal Firefighter Assistance Ordinance which will enable the Town to hire personnel to assist the three fire and rescue companies in their delivery of services.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 42 — 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:**

	2017	2016	2016 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>
	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 43 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,914 for capital improvements to the Orr’s-Bailey Island Fire Department’s station on Orr’s Island, which funds may be used as the Town’s share to match grant funding awarded for such purpose, and which funds may be reduced based upon grant award.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to establish an Emergency Services Building Reserve for planning and designing a centrally located emergency services facility with any unused funds available for construction purposes.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 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.**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,350 for other emergency services and management.**

	2017	2016	2016 Expended
Back-up ALS & Central Communications	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$ 0
Fire Warden	2,200	2,200	1,700
Emergency Management	3,650	3,650	2,654
Dry Hydrant Operations	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>9,495</u>
	<b>\$10,350</b>	<b>\$10,350</b>	<b>\$11,318</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 \$28,000 for street lighting.**  
(\$29,000 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$26,033 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,374 for communication services with Cumberland County.** (\$31,426 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$31,426 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$341,661 and appropriate \$43,500 from the Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment Reserve Account for law enforcement services, to include the replacement of a vehicle, with Cumberland County.** (\$324,610 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$327,361 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$191,612 and appropriate \$40,500 from the Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment Reserve for Marine Wardens and shellfish conservation related services, to include the replacement of a vehicle, with Cumberland County. (\$187,396 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$187,395 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 51 — 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 2016; \$884 expended).**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for marine resources and shellfish conservation activities, including contracting for management and oversight, purchasing conservation supplies for conservation projects and covering potential membership in the Tidelands Coalition. (\$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$6,361 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,430 for General Assistance and health & welfare agencies as follows:**

	<b>2017</b>	2016	2016 Expended
General Assistance	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$11,463
Independence Association	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730	730
Coastal Transportation	0	1,200	0
People Plus	2,000	1,500	1,500
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	3,500	3,500
American Red Cross	1,350	1,500	1,500
Day One	250	250	250
Oasis Health Network	1,500	1,200	1,200
Family Focus	500	500	500
Lifeflight Foundation	500	500	500
YMCA (Bath)	750	500	500
Harpswell Aging at Home	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>\$34,430</b>	<b>\$33,230</b>	<b>\$28,493</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,871 for the purposes as follows:**

	<b>2017</b>	2016	2016 Expended
Orr’s Island Library	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Cundy’s Harbor Library	17,300	17,300	17,300
Harpswell Historical Society	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,500	1,500	1,699
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,671	2,603	2,603
Harpswell Business Association	3,000	3,000	3,000
Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association	2,000	2,000	2,000
Five River Arts Alliance	0	500	0
Maine Public Broadcasting	300	300	300
Water Safety Program	1,000	500	500
Community Fireworks Display	1,000	1,000	0
Harpswell Radio Project	600	0	0
	<u>\$47,871</u>	<u>\$47,203</u>	<u>\$45,902</u>

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,750 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting.** (\$63,750 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$63,750 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 56 — 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 2016)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 57 — 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 2016; \$6,400 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 58 — 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.** (\$8,459, which includes carryover funds, expended in 2016)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 59 — 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.** (No appropriation in 2016; \$9,174 expended in 2016 with \$6,701 remaining in reserve)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Contingency reserve account.** (No appropriation in 2016; \$6,748 expended in 2016 with \$6,228 remaining in reserve)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for capital reserve accounts as follows:**

	2017	2016	2016 Expended
Recycling/Transfer Station	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$3,800
Facilities	10,000	27,500	14,427
Office Equipment	2,500	2,500	0
Emergency Communications Equipment	2,500	0	0
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	<u>45,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,375</u>
	\$100,000	\$60,000	\$27,602

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 62 — 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.** (\$550,000 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$539,384 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2018 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2017 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 64-70 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.*

**Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2017 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, 2017 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. 65 — 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 2018 taxes).**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 66 — 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. 67 — 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 levied by the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 68 — 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. 69 — 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 2017 budget from January 1, 2018 to the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 70 — 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. 71 — 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, \$1,803,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, \$470,000 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, \$1,703,000 of non-property tax revenue, \$470,000 of unassigned fund balance and \$66,000 of homestead exemption reimbursement used in 2016)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Article 72 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.*

**Art. 72 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,736,497 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.**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE  
MARCH 11, 2017**

*Rosanna M. Haight*  
Town Clerk

**Instructions to Voters**

- ◆ TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- ◆ Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- ◆ To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and municipality of residence on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL. If you do not fill in the oval, your vote can not be counted
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

FOR SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR 3-YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	FOR SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR REMAINING 1-YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF M.S.A.D. NO. 75 3-Year Term VOTE FOR TWO
○ <b>JOHNSON, KEVIN E.</b> Harpwell	○ <b>CHIPMAN, DAVID I</b> Harpwell	○ <b>HAWKES, ALISON S.</b> Harpwell
○ .....Write-in	○ <b>SHILLINGLAW, ELLEN</b> Harpwell	○ .....Write-in
○	○ .....Write-in	○ .....Write-in

**REFERENDUM QUESTION**

**Article 3**

- Yes **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,104 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. (\$135,345 raised and appropriated in 2016; \$135,345 expended)**
- No

Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

# MUNICIPAL & COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

## ADMINISTRATORS

Kristi Eiane ..... 833-5771 x124  
Terri-Lynn Sawyer (Deputy).... 833-5771 x105

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Cumberland County ..... 1-800-501-1111

## ASSESSOR'S AGENT

Deborah Turner ..... 833-5771 x114

## CODE OFFICERS/PLUMBING INSPECTORS

William Wells ..... 833-5771 x112  
Fred Cantu ..... 833-5771 x111

## CODE ASSISTANT

Diane Plourde ..... 833-5771 x113

## COMMUNITY TV STATION

Donna Frisoli (Manager)..... 833-2363

## EMA AGENT

Robert McAleer..... 833-5574

## FIRE CHIEFS

### CUNDY'S HARBOR

Benjamin Wallace ..... 373-0914

### HARPSWELL NECK

David Mercier ..... 833-5106

### ORR'S/BAILEY

Benjamin Wallace ..... 373-0914

## FIRE PERMIT

TOWN OFFICE ..... 833-5771

## FIRE WARDEN

Frank Hilton..... 833-0025

## GENERAL & HEATING ASSISTANCE

Linda Strickland ..... 833-5771 x110

## HEALTH OFFICER

Terri-Lynn Sawyer ..... 833-5771 x105

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

David Hackett..... 833-6322

## HARBORMASTER

James Hays ..... 833-5771 x106

## LIBRARIES

Cundy's Harbor..... 725-1461

Orr's Island ..... 833-7811

Curtis Memorial, Brunswick ... 725-5242

## MARINE/SHELLFISH WARDENS

Cumberland County ..... 1-800-501-1111

PLANNER..... 833-5771 x127

## PLANNING ASSISTANT

Diane Plourde..... 833-5771 x125

## POST OFFICES

Harpswell ..... 833-5526

Bailey Island..... 833-5211

Orr's Island ..... 833-6278

## RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT

Linda Strickland ..... 833-5771 x110

## RECREATION DIRECTOR

Regina Perow ..... 833-5771 x108

## RECYCLING CENTER MANAGER

Chuck Perow ..... 833-6472

TRANSFER STATION ..... 833-6447

## ROAD COMMISSIONER

Ronald Ponziani..... 751-0897

## SCHOOLS

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bradley Smith ..... 729-9961

### PRINCIPALS:

#### HARPSWELL COASTAL ACADEMY

John D'Anieri..... 833-3229

#### HARPSWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Kerry Bailey ..... 729-5177

#### MT . ARARAT HIGH SCHOOL

Donna Brunette..... 729-6751

#### MT . ARARAT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Josh Otto ..... 729-2950

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/CUMBERLAND

### COUNTY

EMERGENCY ..... 911

NON-EMERGENCY ..... 1-800-501-1111

## TAX COLLECTOR

Jill Caldwell..... 833-5771 x118

Sandra Bichrest (Deputy) ..... 833-5771 x117

## TOWN CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Rosalind Knight..... 833-5822 x116

Catherine Doughty (Deputy).. 833-5822 x115

## TREASURER

Marguerite Kelly..... 833-5771 x122

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Saturday, March 11, 2017  
Harpwell Community School

Election of the moderator at 9 a.m.  
Business meeting starts at 10 a.m.  
Polls open until 5 p.m.

## **TOWN OFFICE**

263 Mountain Road  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Friday:  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

## **RECYCLING & TRANSFER CENTER**

21 Community Drive  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday\*,  
Friday & Saturday:  
8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
(Transfer Station Closes at 4 p.m.)  
\*Closed Thursday from  
January 1st to May 1st