

Harpswell



2011 Annual Town Report

***The 2011 Annual Town Report is dedicated to
Melissa Moretti***

When you walked in to the Planning Office or the front door of the Town Office there was a welcoming smile. If you asked a question, you received a helpful answer cheerfully given. If you needed to see other Town officials, she would help you find them. From 2008 to 2011, Melissa Moretti worked for the Town, initially as planning assistant and later as receptionist also. She shared her warmth with all who entered. A too-young widow, she never let her sorrows show, a standard those who knew her find hard to match. Melissa, you left us too soon!

As an act of commemoration and remembrance, Melissa's co-workers have planted a magnolia tree at the Town Office.



***Melissa Moretti
1958 -2011***



***Cover Art:
West Harpswell School
by Edythe A. Laws (1922-1984)***

With the acceptance of West Harpswell School by the Town of Harpswell in August 2011, MSAD # 75 also transferred the art collection. Among the many works in the collection, is the painting featured on the cover of this Annual Town Report.

In addition to works by Edythe Laws, the collection contains work from such notable artists as former Harpswell resident Stephen Etnier and Dahlov Ipcar. The collection was moved to the Town Office with assistance from the Bowdoin College Museum of Art. Town staff is developing a brochure to highlight the artists and works in this impressive collection.

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Elected Town Officials

January 1 to December 31, 2011

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Elinor Multer, Chairman (2012)

James S. Henderson (2013)

Alison Hawkes (2014)

TOWN CLERK

Rosalind M. Knight (2013)

TAX COLLECTOR

Martha L. York (2013)

TREASURER

Marguerite M. Kelly (2013)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Robert E. Venard (2012)

M.S.A.D. # 75 DIRECTORS

Joanne Rogers (2012)

Linda Hall (2013)

Kay Ogrodnik (2014)

Jane B. Meisenbach (2014)

Directory & General Information

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 39, Harpswell, ME 04079

E-mail Address: harpswell@town.harpswell.me.us

Website: www.harpswell.maine.gov

EMERGENCY 911

FIRE, POLICE, RESCUE, MARINE PATROL & ANIMAL CONTROL

Non-emergency: 1-800-501-1111

TOWN OFFICE HOURS 833-5771

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Closed Holidays

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS 833-6472

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Recycling Center & Transfer Station CLOSED

Every Sunday, Monday & Thursdays from January 1-May 1 & Town Meeting Day

Incorporated the 13th Town, January 25, 1758

First Settled Mid 1600's Permanently Settled 1727

2010 Census: 4,740 Registered Voters: 3,963

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8 Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

2011 State Valuation \$2,009,600,000

Town Officials

Town Administrator *Kristi K. Eiane*
Deputy Town Administrator *Terri-Lynn Sawyer*

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Deputy Treasurers *Rosalind M. Knight, Martha L. York*
Deputy Tax Collector *Jill M. Caldwell*
Deputy Town Clerk *Catherine J. Doughty*
Registrar of Voters *Rosalind M. Knight*
Deputy Registrars of Voters *Catherine J. Doughty, Shirley C. Thompson,
Pauline B. Toothaker, C. Jean Richter*
Codes Enforcement Officer *William B. Wells*
Plumbing Inspector *William B. Wells*
Harbormaster *James M. Hays*
Health Officer *Terri-Lynn Sawyer*
General Assistance Administrators *Kristi K. Eiane, Linda J. Strickland*
Animal Control Officer *George Lee Johnson*
Alternate Animal Control Officer *Monica G. Graves (Resigned), Judith C. Arndt*
Emergency Management Agent *William P. Labbe*
Fire Warden *Frank R. True, Jr.*
Deputy Fire Wardens *Linda J. Strickland, Fernando R. Cantu,
Lisa A. True,*
Tree Warden *Timothy J. Vail*
Fire Chiefs *David S. Mercier, Harpswell Neck
William R. Beazley, Orr's/Bailey Island
Benjamin A. Wallace, Jr., Cundy's Harbor*

OTHER OFFICIALS

Ambulance Captains *Joyce D. Thomas, Harpswell Neck
Edward M. Sparks, Orr's-Bailey Island
Helen C. Tupper, Cundy's Harbor*
Deputy Sheriffs *Andreas Schenk, Clayton Stromski,
Jay Ward*
Marine Patrol *George Lee Bradbury, Kyle Neugebauer*
D.A.R.E. Officer *Joachim J. Schnupp*
Superintendent of Schools *J. Michael Wilhelm*
Principals *Craig P. King, Mt. Ararat High School
William Vimo, Middle School
Kerry Bailey, Harpswell Community School*

Boards & Committees

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Dan Boland '12
Hope Hilton '12
William Ewing '12
Paula Conley '13
Sally Wessel '14
Hildegarde Bird '14

BOARD OF APPEALS

John Chiquoine '12
Kent Simmons '12
John Perry '13
Ellen Lebauer '13
James Knight '14

BUDGET ADVISORY

Burton Taylor, Jr. '12
C. Matthew Rich '12
Ellen Lebauer '13
Richard Daniel '14
Linda Hall '14

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION

Burton Taylor, Jr. '12
C. Matthew Rich '12
Chris Hall '13
Paul Desjardins '13
Louise Huntington '13 (Resigned)
Aaron Fuchs '14
David Chipman '14

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sue Vachon '12
Deirdre Strachan '12
Ann Nemrow '13
Anne Perry '13
Mary Ann Nahf '14
Burton Taylor, Jr. '14 (Resigned)
Anthony Barrett '12 Associate

EDUCATION ADVISORY

Kara Douglas '12
Susan Rich '13
Bobbi Moody '14
Helen Regan '14

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

William Beazley '12
David Mercier '12
Edward Sparks '12
Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '12
Jonathan Burbank '12
Helen Tupper '12 (Resigned)
Marguerite Kelly, ex officio

ENERGY

John Monaghan, Jr. '12
Daniel Huber '13
Paul Desjardins '13
David Chipman '14

FIRE & RESCUE

William Beazley
David Mercier
Benjamin Wallace, Jr.
Edward Sparks
Joyce Thomas
Helen Tupper
Leonard Freeman
John Chiquoine
J. Katherine Chatterjee

HARBOR & WATERFRONT

Richard Mosely '12
Len Duda '12 (Resigned)
John Noone '12
Jacques Dostie '13
Stephen Rowe '13
Robert Bartley '14
Henry Schwartz '14
Paul Standridge '14

MARINE RESOURCES

Walter Moody, Jr. '12
Michael Bernier, Sr. '12
Walter Moody, Sr. '12
Shelly Wilson '13
David Wilson '13
John Gromley '14
Connie Bernier '14

MITCHELL FIELD IMPLEMENTATION

Daniel Boland '12
David Chipman '12
James Hays '12
Donald Miskill, Jr. '12
Judith Redwine '12
Robert Roark '12
Chris Duval '12 (Resigned)
Karin Blake '13 (Resigned)
Jane Covey '13
William Muldoon '13
Jennifer VerPlanck '14

PIPELINE EASEMENT

Leonard Freeman '12
Richard Daniel '12
Kay Ogrodnik '12
Nancy Dimmick '13
Walter Norton '14

PLANNING BOARD

Paul Standridge '12
Roberta Floccher '12
Burton Taylor, Jr. '13
David Chipman '13
Joanne Rogers '13 (Resigned)
John Papacosma '14
R. Scott Ruppert '12 Associate
Aaron Fuchs '12 Associate

RECREATION

David Brooks '12
Don Miskill, Jr. '12
Susan Rich '13
Anthony Barrett '13
Judith Arndt '14
Richard Meisenbach '14

SOLID WASTE

William Ewing '12
Anita Veilleux '12
Thomas Haible '13 (Resigned)

TOWN LANDS

Melinda Richter '12
Robert Waddle '12
John Loyd, Jr. '13
Jane Smith '13
David Hackett '14
Ken Oehmig '14
Edward Perry '14

WEST HARPSWELL RE-USE TASK FORCE

Kara Douglas
Elizabeth Davis
Don Miskill, Jr.
Hope Hilton
Jennifer Nadeau

Selectmen's Report

A good deal of the Selectmen's attention in 2011 was focused on issues of real estate and on some of Harpswell's special places, both inland and waterfront. Some of the questions raised continue to concern us in 2012.

West Harpswell School

Following the Town's close vote agreeing to close the school rather than pay to keep it open, MSAD #75 offered the land and building to the Town. Working with a tight deadline, a Reuse Task Force researched and reported on various possible uses of the facility, should the voters accept it. In June of 2011, Harpswell voted to accept the offer and the building and land are now property of the Town. A non-binding referendum at the 2012 Town Meeting will help the Board of Selectmen (BOS) understand which use options for the school are most attractive to voters. Whatever the outcome of that referendum, any specific proposal for further long-term use of the school will come before the voters once again in one form or another. In the meantime, all can enjoy the wonderful works of art that came into the possession of the Town when it acquired the school and now hang on the walls of the Town Office.

Cedar Beach

This sandy stretch, long-used by locals and tourists, is privately owned and permanent access to it was offered to the Town as its owners contemplated sale of their land. The 2011 Town Meeting authorized up to \$220,000 towards the purchase of needed easements and the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust and the Friends of Bailey Island expressed their interest in raising the additional funds that might be required to complete a transaction.

Several legal complexities arose as discussions proceeded and the authorization of Town funding expired at the end of 2011. It is unclear at this writing whether it will be feasible to complete an arrangement that would guarantee access to one of the beaches at that location, and some discussion continues among interested parties.

Mitchell Field

Harpswell Oceanic Center: Most citizens are aware that specifications governing business in the Marine Business District (MBD) were approved by the Town in 2011 and that the BOS is involved in continuing negotiations with representatives of the Harpswell Oceanic Center (HOC) regarding the Center's interest in acquiring a long-term lease to permit the construction of a seafood production facility in the MBD. In its literature, HOC explains that it "is committed to using innovative and environmentally clean technologies to produce a diverse range of seafood and other marine products." The HOC vision also encompasses future research activities and an education center where HOC expertise would be shared with area schools and colleges.

Infrastructure: At this writing, the report of an engineering study of elements of Mitchell Field infrastructure is expected in the immediate future. The study will look at both the status and condition of the infrastructure, including existing buildings, roads, the water delivery system, and electrical systems. The report will give the Town a sense of the extent and costs of the improvements needed primarily to accommodate business use of the site.

Garden: Volunteers (Where would the Town be without them?) have completed a significant amount of work on the Field's garden area and are getting it ready for spring planting. A well for

garden water is in the offing and a small former Navy building has been converted to a shed. Thanks go to the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust for funding the garden project.

Boat Ramp: The study of this feature, included in the Mitchell Field Master Plan, was also funded with a grant. The completed document makes recommendations as to where and what to build and estimates the cost of the facility ramp as \$290 thousand. Whether to proceed and, if so, how to fund the project, will be questions for Harpswell voters to decide.

Work Force Housing: This is another element of Mitchell Field development included in its Master Plan. There have been preliminary committee and BOS discussions about housing but further activity awaits the receipt of the infrastructure report referenced above.

The Devil's Back

This welcome addition to Harpswell's growing and attractive system of trails, was completed and opened in 2011. Devil's Back is an excellent example of cooperation between Town committees. Both the Town Lands Committee and the Recreation Committee contributed the work and thought that made the trail a reality. The trail runs for more than a mile between Route 24 and Long Cove and access, marked with a small sign, is from the west side of Route 24 at the northern end of Orr's Island.

The Harpswell/Brunswick Boundary

Despite the persistent and painstaking research by the Carrying Place Assembly (CPA), the employment of Robert Howe, former Harpswell resident, as our legislative agent to provide political expertise on the ways of the Statehouse, the diligence of Representative Kim Olsen who sponsored the boundary-changing bill, the boundary survey and the strong, factual testimony of Jim Henderson, Chair of the BOS, members of the CPA and others, Harpswell was unsuccessful in its struggle to have the Legislature make the changes in the Town's Brunswick boundary that the historic record indicated would be appropriate. It was a disappointing outcome.

As you might expect, not all the issues of the year were focused on land and waterfront. Here are a few other matters that received the Selectmen's attention:

Emergency Medical Services

Recognition by the Town's three Fire & Rescue companies that they were having difficulties at times in responding to medical emergencies, due largely to changes in the demographics of Harpswell, convinced the BOS to expand the Fire and Rescue Committee and assign the expanded group a mission of recommending ways to solve this emerging concern. That report, available on the Harpswell web site, recommended contracting with Mid Coast Hospital for paramedic service during the hours of greatest need. Funds for this contract and for a garage to house the needed vehicle for the paramedic are contemplated in the 2012 Town budget.

“Welcome to Harpswell”

Thanks to a recommendation from the Harpswell Business Association, the Town now has a pair of handsome signs one on each of its two primary access roads, Routes 24 and 123, to convey greetings to visitors. A prize of \$500 was awarded to Justin Bane, the winner of a contest to select the best sign design. Gratitude goes to all who participated. The submissions were impressive.

Watercraft

Spring brought the realization that the boat used by the marine patrol in its work around Town was no longer safe and for the balance of the season Harpswell's Harbormaster took marine patrol officers out in his boat. In the meantime, the BOS assembled a task force to look at all three of the Town's boats (there is a utility boat in addition to those mentioned above) and make recommendations as to how to proceed.

The resulting comprehensive report recommends acquiring a new boat, motor and trailer for use of the marine patrol, planning ahead for replacement, within a few years, of the motor on the harbormaster's boat and selling both the utility boat and the current boat used by the marine patrol. Funds to replace the marine patrol boat and related equipment are included in the proposed 2012 budget.

Hour-By-Hour

During 2011, the Board held 41 regular or special meetings (compared to 39 in 2010), taking about 108 hours. In addition, the Board held approximately 20 workshops, site visits and hearings, including the Non-Resident Taxpayers meeting, hearings on land use ordinances and workshops regarding a number of matters.

Get Involved

Generally, the Board of Selectmen meets on alternate Thursdays (more often as it gets ready for Town Meeting) at 6:00 p.m. Regular meetings include opportunities for public comment at the start and finish. In addition, the public may comment on agenda items as they come up. Meeting notices and the agenda for each are posted on the web site with the backup materials linked to each item. A great deal more useful information is available on the web site including reports, public notices, videos of public meetings, a calendar of upcoming Town-sponsored activities, ordinances and policies. It's much more effective to participate in the deliberations than to grumble on the sidelines and you are urged to get involved.



Elinor Multer



James S. Henderson



Alison Hawkes

Town Administrator's Report

2011 brought to light some of the changing demographics in Harpswell as reported in the 2010 census.

- Harpswell's year-round population decreased almost 10%, from 5,239 in 2000 to 4,740 in 2010.
- Harpswell's population is aging; the median age of Harpswell residents is now 52.9 years compared to 45.3 years in 2000.
- Over the past 10 years, Harpswell lost 546 residents in the 20-59 age group, and gained 369 residents in the over 60 age group.
- The population of those under 20 years of age declined by 322 between 2000 and 2010.

Not surprisingly, these numbers affect public policy decisions, such as the closing of one of the two elementary schools. In another example, there are fewer volunteers to meet growing demand for emergency medical services, causing Selectmen to appoint an advisory committee to explore the issue of the future delivery of such services. This produced a proposal for the 2012 Town Meeting to consider which would ensure dedicated paramedic level response Monday through Friday (6am to 6pm) through a contract with Mid Coast Hospital, and would include administrative support services for the rescue squads. It is likely to be a multi-year agreement allowing the Town time to evaluate the service model, particularly how it supports and sustains the existing system of volunteer service providers, who are themselves aging and seeing fewer new volunteers joining their ranks.

With demographic change, come questions not only about services and service levels, but also about the role of local government in public policy issues that could affect future demographic change. How much of a priority should it be for the Town to focus its efforts on attracting young families? On supporting affordable housing options for all ages? Or on bolstering the economic climate to promote growth in business? Policy discussions may ultimately shape land use planning efforts, guide decision-making on how best to utilize Town properties, and lead to determinations about the appropriate funding levels needed to achieve identified priorities. Such policy discussions are likely to be part of the community's dialogue for some time to come.

2011 Highlights

- A Local Circuit Breaker Program was established to assist with local property tax assistance.
- Over \$75,000 in American Resource and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds were used to make weatherization improvements and energy efficient upgrades to the Town Office, Recycling Center and the Town-owned cable television building.
- A Capital Road Project for Lane, Little Island and Lowell's Cove roads—all on Orr's Island—was designed and publicly bid, with work to commence in Spring 2012.
- Extensive contributions were made by the Town's volunteer boards and committees, as noted from reading their reports contained in the Annual Town Report.
- Through collaborative efforts, a brochure was designed to promote Town lands and trails.

- A design upgrade was made to the Town's Web site and documents related to Selectmen's Meeting agendas are now available online, making information to the public more accessible.

Major Budget Considerations in 2012 and Beyond

Increases in the 2012 budget are primarily attributable to the areas noted below, and may have implications for future budgets as well.

West Harpswell School (\$70,000);

The proposed 2012 budget for West Harpswell School (WHS) will allow for use by the Town, primarily for recreational purposes, and for some use by nonprofit entities as well, while the Selectmen continue their analysis of various longer-term options. The results of the non-binding referendum on WHS will assist the Board in its effort to provide the Town with a longer-term vision and binding vote in the future. Note: It is too soon to know if the capital needs of WHS will have future budget implications.

Paramedic Level service (Approximately \$108,000 additional cost annually);

The proposed 2012 budget for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will ensure paramedic services through contract with Mid Coast Hospital.

Capital Matters. The Town continues to identify and plan for investment in its capital priorities. The proposed 2012 budget contemplates new investment as well as continuing with support for existing capital plans, while being cognizant of future capital needs.

- New Investment: EMS Garage. (Approximately \$74,000) The proposed 2012 budget allows for site planning and possible construction of one or two-bay garage, primarily for housing an EMS vehicle. Site planning would look at Town-owned properties to determine the best location for the current building while taking into account the possibility that the building and/or site may need to be expanded in the future.
- Continued Investment: Emergency Vehicles. (\$100,000) This proposed appropriation would be added to the reserve account for the Town's purchase of ambulances and fire trucks to be leased to the three independent fire and rescue companies for their use.
- Continued Investment: Boat & Motor Replacement. (\$35,000) The proposed \$35,000 appropriation will be combined with \$38,000, held in reserve, so the Town can develop a request for proposal to replace the marine patrol boat which has been deemed unsafe.
- Continued Investment: Roads. (Proposed \$1 Million Dollar Borrowing) In addition to the 2012 project on Orr's Island, the Town intends to upgrade a major culvert on Bethel Point Road and possibly undertake the reconstruction of Laurel Cove Road with existing funds in the capital road reserve account. The proposed borrowing will allow the Town to begin engineering for the next set of roads as the capital road plan continues into 2013 and beyond. With interest rates at historic lows, it is an opportune time for the Town to consider borrowing for major capital projects.
- Continued and Future Investment: Mitchell Field. (While \$20,000 is proposed in the 2012 budget for continued infrastructure planning and possible demolition of buildings, the substantial costs for infrastructure implementation including a boat launch facility are not currently included in the proposed budget).

a. *Infrastructure*. There may be substantial capital investment associated with infrastructure costs at Mitchell Field that are required to support the marine business district. These expenses may relate to road upgrades, a delivery system for potable water, wastewater disposal, etc. The Town is planning to apply for a federal EDA grant, but may need a 50% match to be competitive.

b. *Boat Launch Facility*. A boat launch facility, estimated to cost \$290,000, has been designed and the Town is exploring various funding opportunities.

At the upcoming Annual Town Meeting many important decisions need to be made about the Town, its future and this year's budget. Voter participation is vital to ensuring that decisions made reflect consensus among the Town's residents. In conclusion, appreciation is expressed to all who serve and work for the Town—elected and appointed officials, employees, and volunteers—and for the quality contributions they make to the effective governance and operations of the Town.



*Back Row: William Wells, Linda Strickland, Gina Perow, Terri-Lynn Sawyer, Carol Tukey, Roz Knight, Martha York, Debbie Turner
Front Row: Jim Hays, Jason Marshall, Kristi Eiane, Cathy Doughty, Jill Caldwell, Lee Johnson
Absent: Jean Rand, Frank True, William (Pappy) Labbe, Marguerite Kelly*

Assessing Office

The Assessing Department is responsible for discovering, listing, and assessing all real and business personal property while maintaining equalization within the Town of Harpswell for the purpose of taxation. These duties and responsibilities are completed annually and must comply with Maine's property tax laws.

The Assessors committed the annual tax rolls to the Tax Collector on August 8, 2011, with the mil rate of \$5.80 per \$1,000.

2011 Statistics:

4960	Real Estate Parcels	53	Tree Growth Current Use Program (1,458.acres)
138	Business Personal Property	3	Farmland Current Use Program (89 acres)
1419	Homestead Exemption	17	Open Space Current Use Program (560 acres)
259	Veterans Exemption	1	Working Waterfront Current Use Program
3	Blind Exemption	341	Deeds Recorded At The Registry of Deeds
126	Parcels Exempt From Taxation	587	Site Inspections

\$	1,818,986,600.00	Total Real Property Value
\$	4,114,100.00	Total Business Personal Property
\$	(56,267,800.00)	Less Exempt Real Property
\$	(1,606,000.00)	Less Personal Exemption (Veteran, Blind, Parsonage) Not Reimbursed by the State
\$	(7,095,000.00)	Less 50% Homestead Exemption Not Reimburse By The State
\$	1,758,131,900.00	Total Valuation for 2011
\$	5.80	Mil Rate (per \$1,000)
\$	10,197,165.02	Total Taxes To Be Collected For The 2011 Tax Year
	100%	Assessing Ratio

Important Deadlines

April 1, 2012: All property owners (real estate and business personal property) are required to declare what they own on or before April 1, 2012.

April 1, 2012: Applications are due for first-time owners applying for exemptions/classification: Veterans, Homestead, Blind, Tree Growth, Farmland, Open Space, Working Waterfront and Charitable & Benevolent Institutions.

The above is just a list of the Exemptions and the Current Use Programs that are offered to Maine Property owners. Please contact the Assessing Office for more detailed information prior to April 1, 2012 by calling 833-5771 or going to our website at www.harpswell.maine.gov where one can also view and/or print property information, such as, property cards, tax maps, sales data, and applications for the Current Use Programs and Exemptions.

Code Enforcement Office

In December 2010, Maine enacted the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) which now governs all construction in Maine. Harpswell is among a group of communities that will begin to enforce the new building code beginning in July of 2012.

Homeowners and builders are required to adhere to the 2009 editions of the International Codes covering building, residences and energy conservation, as well as codes and standards on radon and ventilation systems.

Enforcement of the MUBEC will involve multiple inspections at various points during the construction process, so those who oversee construction must be sure to allow ample time for inspections. A list of the common inspections required will be posted on the Town's website in early 2012.

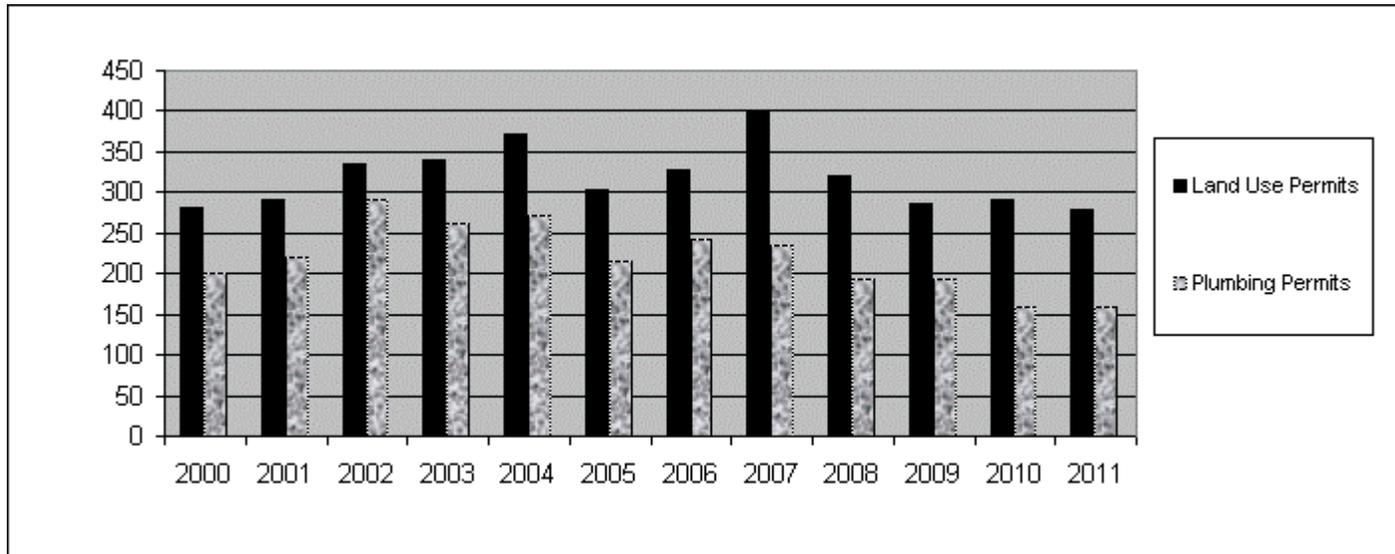
The ongoing efforts by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to modernize and digitize coastal flood hazard maps have been plagued by delay, and latest estimates suggest that preliminary versions of the new maps may be viewable at the end of 2012. The Town's website will be updated with information about this process as it becomes available.

278 Building/Land Use Permits were issued in 2011, down from 291 in 2010. 158 plumbing permits were issued in both 2010 and 2011.

Please feel free to visit, call or e-mail with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Trendline of Plumbing and Building Permits

Year Issued	Permits Issued	Plumbing Permits	Mobile Homes	New Home (Stick & Modular)	Accessory Structures	Additions Renovations	Piers Docks Floats	Rip-Rap Seawall	Other/repairs /maintnance	Replacement Dwellings	Repair/ Replace Wharf	Condos
2000	282	201	12	47	74	85	18	3	43	N/A	N/A	
2001	292	219	7	53	85	79	37	2	29	N/A	N/A	
2002	336	290	9	76	87	107	33	4	20	N/A	N/A	
2003	340	262	3	60	79	125	33	4	36	N/A	N/A	
2004	372	271	12	61	83	125	28	10	48	5	N/A	
2005	304	214	0	31	86	114	27	10	16	11	9	
2006	327	241	2	35	112	80	23	8	41	7	18	1
2007	399	234	2	45	114	104	27	10	63	4	30	0
2008	321	192	0	23	70	113	21	18	54	7	15	0
2009	285	192	5	18	61	88	26	15	57	9	6	0
2010	291	158	5	20	92	71	6	15	68	12	2	0
2011	278	158	3	18	62	89	14	15	57	8	12	0



Emergency Management Agent

The year 2011 was a relatively quiet year in the Town of Harpswell. This means it was a good year, no major ice storms and no loss of power for multiple days. More important, a special Town committee (to which I served as a resource) worked diligently considering ways to improve emergency medical service throughout the Town. The Committee devoted much time and energy to the issue and its report can be read on the Town's website. That report has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen which may well address it during the Town Meeting in March, 2012.

The Emergency Management Agent will continue to attend monthly meetings in Windham at the Cumberland County Emergency Management headquarters to ensure that the Town of Harpswell remains in a ready status, prepared should a disaster occur. Planning and preparedness are goals the Agent continues to pursue.

Town Caretaker

The Town Caretaker is responsible for the maintenance of Town-owned lands and buildings.

Ongoing projects and efforts on the part of the Town Caretaker include:

- Assisting the Selectmen, Planning Board and associated committees in the review and implementation of projects at Mitchell Field.
- Regular site-visits to and maintenance of Town-owned buildings.
- Working to improve energy efficiency in the Town Office building.
- Working with the Harbormaster to facilitate maintenance of Town-owned landings and wharf systems.

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.

Planning Office

Sadly and unexpectedly, the Planning Office said farewell this summer to a good friend and colleague, Melissa Moretti, whose service to her adopted Town, was always friendly and professional - peace be upon her. Many thanks to all who graciously volunteered to help the staff during this time of loss.

Why Plan?

- It is a way to prepare for the future.
- Planning identifies problems and points the way to solutions. Taking a systematic, thorough look at the current situation and thinking about the implications for the future, can bring things to light.

- It helps us to do first things first. In other words, it provides a rationale for assigning priorities.
- Through planning, one can come up with sound policies to address growth or decline.
- Planning helps to coordinate development projects with one another.
- Planning can educate, involve and inform the public as well as public officials. A soundly reasoned plan, especially one where there has been good public participation, can forestall opposition to implementing what might have been controversial policies or projects or constructing the wrong project. Another aspect is that a plan and participating in planning can reveal the potential for change and improvement in a community to those who had never thought of such things before.

What does/did your planning office do?

The Planning Office provided planning review services for the Planning Board which included review of shoreland zoning projects, subdivisions, site plans and ordinance changes. Staff in the department regularly attended scheduled Planning Board meetings. Also, the Planning Office staff assisted the Town's committees and boards as follows:

1. Mitchell Field – Creation of a marine business district with performance standards and management of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) associated with it; assistance with the business interested in locating at Mitchell Field, community garden planning, and bandstand
2. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee - Implementation of the Settled Village and Village Area portion of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan
3. Conservation Commission - Implementation of the Open Space Plan, education projects, and assessment of the Town-owned parcels.
4. Planning Board – Review of several reconstruction projects in the Shoreland Zone, several subdivision and site plan amendments as well as review of all of the land-use-related ordinance amendments proposed for the 2012 Town Meeting.
5. Affordable Housing – Review and creation of a covenant to be used with the housing ordinance.

The Town Planner served on several boards outside of the Town's government to better understand or keep contact with critical resources. These included: Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG), Southern MidCoast Chamber of Commerce, Maine Association of Planners, New Meadows River Watershed Partnership (NMRWP), MidCoast Housing Coalition, Governor's Advisory Council (GAC), and the Community Development Block Grant Municipal Oversight Committee (CDBG MOC).

General Assistance

The General Assistance program experienced an increased number of applications in 2011. Maine statute requires that all municipalities administer a service “for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities.” An annual audit is performed by the Department of Health and Human Services and Harpswell's program was deemed compliant, ensuring that the Town will continue to be reimbursed by the State for 50% of its program costs.

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 satisfactorily fulfill a workfare requirement prior to receiving the non-emergency assistance conditionally granted to that applicant.

The General Assistance Administrator also serves to connect clients to other available resources. Applicants are directed to apply to LIHEAP which is administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and contracted to PROP (Peoples Regional Opportunity Program). Harpswell residents may call PROP 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>Other</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Total</i>
2011	\$10,591	\$ 393	\$5,670	\$ 271	\$195	\$ 92	\$17,213
2010	\$ 8,853	\$1,005	\$4,110	\$ 388	\$133	\$311	\$14,800
2009	\$13,277	\$2,149	\$2,494	\$ 416	\$ 0	\$171	\$18,509
2008	\$ 9,769	\$1,492	\$2,528	\$ 602	\$318	\$196	\$14,905
2007	\$ 6,675	\$ 540	\$2,698	\$ 509	\$ 80	\$119	\$10,621
2006	\$ 4,678	\$1,752	\$1,476	\$ 695	\$785	\$153	\$ 9,539
2005	\$ 7,498	\$1,134	\$2,738	\$ 701	\$ 49	\$313	\$12,433
2004	\$ 3,588	\$ 939	\$1,466	\$1,878	\$700	\$203	\$ 8,774

Harpswell Heating Assistance Program

The Harpswell Heating Assistance Program (HHAP) was started in March 2008. This program is a locally administered 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. Given recent cutbacks in the federally-funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Town has seen an increase in the number of applicants for its program.

In 2011, HHAP provided assistance to 60 applicants, the largest number of applicants the program has served annually to date. 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.

At the 2011 March Town Meeting, voters approved an appropriation of \$5,000 for HHAP; in addition the Town received donations of \$8,968 for the program in 2011 and \$14,595 was carried over from the prior year. Total expenditures in 2011 were \$18,299, leaving a balance at year's end of \$10,264.

Thanks to the generosity of the fundraising efforts by Cook's Lobster House and contributions from many other donors, the fund has been maintained at a healthy level.

The Town requires all HHAP applicants to apply to LIHEAP which is administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and contracted to PROP (Peoples Regional Opportunity Program). Harpswell residents may call PROP at 1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800 for an appointment.

Animal Control Officer

As the Animal Control Officer (ACO) finishes his 6th year as ACO, there is some good news to report as well as some concerns.

Judy Arndt was hired, mid-year, as Deputy Animal Control Officer to cover when the ACO is unavailable. Please call 1-800-501-1111, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Dispatch, to request the Harpswell Animal Control Officer. Dispatch will then contact the ACO. This is the most reliable and expedient way to make contact. The ACO is on call 24/7 with **8pm to 8am for emergencies only.**

From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 there were no feral kittens reported. One of the ACO's goals has been to control the pockets of feral cats that had been growing exponentially. Trapping, spaying, adoption or returns to the colony accomplish this.

A common question is, "Why do I have to register my dog(s)?" Quite simply, it is a State law intended to ensure that rabies shots are current. This not only protects the dog and the dog owner, but anyone who may come in contact with the dog. Also, registration provides a tag, which has helped the ACO return a lost dog to its owner.

As you may be aware, there were four dog bite incidents in Harpswell in 2011. In all cases the dogs were not registered and had not been inoculated for rabies. This forced several dog bite victims to undergo rabies shots, which are unpleasant and costly. As dog owners, please remind your friends and neighbors to register their dogs. The ACO followed up multiple times with 120 owners in 2011 who did not register their dogs by the January 31 deadline. This is costly to the owners as there are State and Town-imposed fines. This is also very time consuming and not the best use of the ACO's time.

Also of concern is an increase of dogs on the loose, unattended by their owners. Many residents do not want dogs on their property. Additionally, concerns have been expressed because people do not know the temperament of an approaching dog.

NOTE: For the first time a cat, picked up in January 2012 at the end of Bailey Island, tested positive for rabies.

The ACO continues to serve on the Board of Director of the Coastal Humane Society.

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful." ~ Ann Landers

"Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this." ~ Anonymous

Fire Warden

For 2011 just over 880 permits were issued by the Town fire wardens and 226 permits were issued online.

Open Burning Permits can be obtained from Deputy Fire Warden Linda Strickland at the Town Office during normal business hours M-F, and at the Recycling Center from Deputy Fire Warden Fred Cantu, Recycling Center Manager, on Saturdays. Permits can also be obtained online at www.maineburnpermit.com for a \$7.00 fee. Fire Warden Frank True, Deputy Fire Wardens Dick Wyer and Lisa True can issue permits at any time. Open burning is not allowed in the Town of Harpswell without a permit.

In 2011, the number of complaints received for unattended burns went from an average of 45 calls a year down to 20. 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 when the ground is snow-covered, during a light drizzle, and/or just before precipitation is forecast is ideal. Typically November-March offer 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 for neighbors.

Don't 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 1 adult with the necessary tools and water to burn safely or to extinguish the fire.

You must have a written permit in your possession, whether issued online or by a warden.

You are responsible for the fire if it escapes and may be liable for suppression costs up to \$10,000 as well as any damages caused to other property.

Thank you for burning responsibly.

Harbormaster

The main job function of the Harbormaster is the management of all harbors, anchorages, mooring fields, Town landings, and working with various Town committees associated with the harbors and waterfront. The Harbormaster continues to inventory moorings in a GPS system. These records allow for tracking mooring placements and to validate mooring registrations. It also shows trends of mooring assignments and usage. There was a decline in new mooring applications and mooring usage for 2011.

Moorings

Mooring fees for existing moorings are due by May 1, 2012 and a late fee will be assessed if not paid by that date. Applications for new moorings can be found on the Harpswell website or can be picked up at the Harpswell Town Office. The mooring registration number for all moorings is required to be permanently marked on the mooring buoy.

The Harbormaster is evaluating and developing a design to modify the mooring field at Orr's-Bailey Island Yacht Club in Garrison Cove to maximize the available space for moorings. This project will give the Harbormaster a procedure to follow in evaluating the capacity of mooring fields throughout Harpswell.

Harbor Management Plan

The Harbor Management Plan was finalized in 2011 and implementation began. The Harbormaster was the project manager, working with the consultant and the Harbor & Waterfront Committee to develop the plan. The first priority of the plan is to address public access to Town harbors and the waterfront. Other areas in the plan include classifying waters, inventorying resources, maintaining the character of Town waterfronts, enhancing recreational boating and protecting the working waterfront and commercial fishing heritage of the community.

Mitchell Field

With the grant monies that were approved in early 2011, the Town hired a consultant to assist with the feasibility and design of a boat launch at Mitchell Field. The Harbormaster was the project manager and liaison between the consultant and the Selectmen/Town committees.

Public Access

A State of Maine Planning Office employee has been assigned to assist the Harpswell Harbormaster to inventory Town owned public access points to the waterfront. This individual may also assist in the inventory of non-Town owned waterfront access points.

Pott's Landing

The Harbormaster listened to concerns about overcrowding at Pott's Landing and is investigating options to relieve the congestion of the Town Dock float system.

Navigational Aids

General Maintenance was performed on the channel markers managed by the Town. The markers in the Gurnet/Long Reach stretch were reset and then removed at the end of the season.

Website

The Town website has a section dedicated to the Harbormaster activities. This website includes items such as mooring applications, fees, maps of mooring fields, and will be used to post information related to waterfront activities and the harbor planning progress. The Harpswell Harbor Management Plan and the Feasibility Study for a boat launch at Mitchell Field is now available online.

Recreation

Programs: Twelve children's programs were offered in 2011 including Basketball (AYBL and "Fun"amentals), Learn to Ski & Ride, Karate, Harpswell Harriers Cross Country, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Pee Wee Soccer, Camp Harpswell, Red Cross Summer Swim, Abbot-Fletcher Sailing School Lessons, and Kayaking with H2Outfitters. Three adult programs were offered including, Yoga, Tuesday Bridge (experienced) and Beginning Bridge. Family Swim is a community-wide program held twice a year. The department is looking to add to its current programs. Call or email with your ideas!

Art at the Town Office: The art displays at the Town Office have given many local artists a chance to display their work and beautify the Office halls. There is a different artist featured each month of the year. If you are interested in displaying your work, please contact the Recreation Department at 833-5771 ext. 108 or recreation@town.harpswell.me.us.

Trails and Recreation Committee: In addition to all the regular maintenance and trail work in 2011, Devil's Back Trail Area was officially opened the weekend of June 4th in partnership with the Town Lands Committee. The opening was well attended and coincided with National Trails Day. The Recreation Committee, Recreation Department and Harpswell Heritage Land Trust put together the Harpswell Hiking Challenge with Devil's Back included as one of the 8 trails (others were: Cliff Trail, Giant's Stairs, Mitchell Field, Long Reach Preserve, Skolfield Shores Preserve, Wilson Cove and Houghton Graves Park). Approximately 70 people attended the Hiking Challenge which is more than double from the previous year. The Recreation Committee has a vacancy and is looking for one member. If you are interested, applications are available at the Town Office or online at the Town's website <www.harpswell.maine.gov>, scroll down the left side and click on Boards & Committees. At the top of the page, under the title, you will see a listing for the application form.

Grants: The Recreation Director applied for and received a mini grant from Access Health to help pay for the costs of the Harpswell Guide to be published in early 2012. This guide is a collaboration among the Recreation, Town Lands, and Harbor and Waterfront Committees and the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust to provide one source for information and maps for all the public trails, Town-owned lands, landings and historic landmarks in Harpswell.

Volunteers: A special thank you to all the volunteers who give their time, talents and positive contributions to the Recreation Programs and the Town. Volunteers allow the Recreation Department to provide valuable services, programs and facilities which, in turn, create a true sense of community. New volunteers are always needed and it truly does make a difference in the lives of our youth, our adults and our visitors. If you do not wish to volunteer, but would like to contribute, you can provide a scholarship for a child for any of our programs.

Website: The department has a wealth of information online. Program registrations, calendars, sport schedules and information are all included and it is updated frequently. There is also an option for a Harpswell Recreation Subscription and by joining, subscribers will receive periodic notices of upcoming programs, program deadlines and fliers.

Despite a small staff and limited resources, good things happen here at Harpswell Recreation. Participation not only provides positive social qualities, but also incredible health benefits. We all know the negative health trends making headlines lately. Let's reverse those trends and make 2012 an active year in Harpswell Recreation!

A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center

2011 was another eventful year. The facility has developed a Bargain Bin at the Transfer Station, an area where usable items are set aside for residents to take to a new home. In addition, a bulletin board has been set up at the Recycling Center where residents can post "wanted" and "free to good home" ads. With the help of Matt Halpin of Boy Scout Troop 642 the Center now has a collection box for US Flags that require disposal in the appropriate manner. The Manager has begun preliminary planning for the construction of a new scale building at the Transfer Station, a project which will, hopefully, be completed in 2012.

Tonnage processed at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station is shown above

Waste Received		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Recycling Center	1659.5	1622.8	1620.0	1623.6	1598.8
	Transfer Station	1959.7	1327.0	1187.7	1215.4	936.7
	Total Tons	3619.2	2949.8	2810.1	2839.0	2535.5
Recycling Rate						
	Recycling Center	36.0%	34.4%	31.9%	32.3%	32.5%
	Transfer Station	76.3%	57.7%	68.9%	70.9%	64.1%
	Annual Recycling Rate	57.9%	44.6%	47.4%	48.5%	44.2%

This facility has made significant efforts to ensure Town waste is processed in the most environmentally friendly yet efficient manner possible. At the suggestion of the Maine State Planning Office, community leaders from St. George toured our facility looking for ideas to improve efficiencies at their facility. The Manager provided educational tours to the 5th grade students of Harpswell Community School. Most recently the Manager conducted an extensive cost/benefit analysis of the numerous Single-Stream Recycling programs available, and further studies to determine other ways to reduce costs are in the works. The Transfer Station has also seen a great deal of work, with the removal of sheds and other structures to increase organization and eliminate clutter.

In order to further improve function, all residents are asked to adhere to the established guidelines at the facility, and all should feel free to ask the staff for answers to their questions. Hazardous materials are not allowed in the facility, so Collection Days are scheduled in May and October to handle such items. Residents are asked to keep their hazardous materials until the next Collection Day.



Cody King, Lester Goodwin, Mark Wallace, Greg King, Manager: Fred Cantu

Through the use of a Safety Enhancement Grant from the Maine Municipal Association, we have purchased a storage cabinet for flammable items. Unfortunately, this cabinet was needed because some hazardous materials are being left at the facility despite the presence of signs and regulations/policies that prohibit the facility from accepting them. All users of the Recycling Center are urged to please separate all materials and deposit them in the proper locations. Please rinse all glass, metal and plastic containers before delivery to ensure cleanliness of the facility and the health of the staff.

**Recycling Transfer Station
Summary of Revenues**

Revenues Generated by Recycling/ Transfer Operations

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Disposal Fees:										
Demo Material	\$33,348	\$48,124	\$69,862	\$77,970	\$101,835	\$113,993	\$125,462	\$106,525	\$112,373	\$92,596
Brush	5,957	7,130	9,869	18,584	11,434	11,051	11,031	15,955	15,828	12,347
Household Debris	2,838	2,914	4,873	12,780	7,349	9,604	5,405	1,286	558	28
Refrigerators	1,022	1,424	2,075	1,905	1,866	1,741	1,375	1,697	1,281	886
Metal	3,128	4,029	6,839	8,812	5,731	6,518	3,276	8,961	5,005	4,239
Tires	1,882	1,585	2,170	2,959	1,731	1,718	1,580	1,887	1,508	1,132
Universal Waste	3,453	3,674	3,723	4,678	6,249	4,927	2,745	3,095	2,784	2,754
Subtotal Fees	\$51,626	\$68,879	\$99,412	\$127,688	\$136,195	\$149,551	\$150,874	\$139,407	\$139,337	\$113,982
Sales:										
Cans & Bottles	\$4,307	\$6,009	\$6,565	\$6,771	\$7,024	\$6,877	\$4,376	\$7,291	\$7,385	\$7,483
Cardboard	9,323	5,496	7,964	7,141	6,494	9,768	9,633	4,201	13,495	13,263
Metal	2,494	4,061	8,046	8,546	10,741	6,609	15,838	10,597	18,146	31,256
Newspaper	11,785	16,146	23,154	15,106	21,683	26,967	19,658	13,510	13,165	21,599
Paper	2,581	6,656	1,926	6,867	6,096	5,831	10,760	3,082	7,530	11,827
Plastic			7,114	12,010	5,642	8,541	5,604	7,667	5,056	6,958
Reclaim	165	1,061	5,328	1,823	4,626	3,201	2,572	4,167	2,664	3,087
Wood Chips		586	780		2,698	6,555				
Composters						474	675	1,500	770	468
Subtotal Sales	\$30,654	\$40,015	\$60,876	\$58,264	\$65,003	\$74,823	\$69,116	\$52,015	\$68,210	\$95,941
Other:				\$41	\$49	\$31	\$142	\$32	\$24	\$21
Total	\$82,280	\$108,894	\$160,288	\$185,993	\$201,247	\$224,404	\$220,131	\$191,455	\$207,571	\$209,943

Tax Collector's Office

We had another busy year in the Tax Collector's Office. We collected over 90% of the 2011 Real Estate taxes. This Office has collected the majority of the Town's revenue through Real Estate taxes, excise tax and Town fees. Our Office has collected a total of over Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) for the year.

Deputy Tax Collector Jill Caldwell is now accepting Passport applications. Jill will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 to 3:30 and Thursday 1:00 to 5:30.

Automobile re-registrations can now be done on line at: www.harpswell.maine.gov/ click ON LINE SERVICES.

Real Estate Taxes are due September 15th and December 15th. We also accept credit card transactions in person.

As always it has been a pleasure serving you at the Tax Office.

Unpaid Taxes

**Indicates taxes paid in full
after books are closed*

2011 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

Abrahamson Charles & Sally	8182.64	Bober David & Jonathan	1068.63
* Adams Bailey & Peter	292.61	* Bouffard Paul & Lorraine	757.48
* Adams Jonathan & Laura	755.45	* Boutan Pierre & Paul Trust	1102.87
* Adams Judith Clark Trustee	4177.16	Boyce Robert J	1177.40
Adams Lillian	1113.27	* Boyd Elizabeth	2321.74
Aldred Sandra	1506.26	* Boyd Elizabeth	357.28
Alexander John & Diane	901.90	* Brewer Connie	63.22
Alexander Ruth	2633.20	Brillant Leon C & Marsha L	1216.84
Allen Harry R	404.26	Brockett Teresa	206.48
Allison G Christopher & Jean	988.32	Brown Anne	1353.14
Andrew Joseph & Deborah	3414.46	* Brown Douglas & Elizabeth	976.14
Arquette Ronald	901.32	Brown James Hrs of	1165.80
* Bamford Beverly	519.39	* Bryant Cynthia	2226.16
Baribeau Richard	2426.72	* Bulkeley William & Debra	23.63
Baribeau Richard Sr	1621.10	* Burke Theresa	2414.25
Barker Martha	2358.86	* Burnley Peggy	13.41
Bastarache Lori	91.06	* Burns Janet	3499.43
Beattie William & Hannah	1087.21	* Burns Steven & Barbara	1035.30
Beebe Christina T & Kenneth	963.38	* Campbell Douglas & Julia	381.64
* Bellini Victor & Jill	791.99	Caron Scott L	370.04
Below Benjamin F & Lisa Ellen Haskins	910.31	Caron-Kelley Christine M & Edward Kelley	1318.92
Betjemann Christopher III	348.87	Carrick Diane	818.09
Bibber Sally	854.34	* Catlin James	618.28
Bissonnett Paul	746.46	Chamberlin Roger & Holly Trust	5011.78

* Chaplin Elizabeth Ann	1684.37	* Dennen John	1009.78
* Charest Laura	2605.07	Desjardins John	653.08
Chipman David	258.68	Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2762.54
Chipman Stephen & Carroll Noyes	244.47	* Dodge Elizabeth & Margaret Woodruff	61.04
Chipman Stephen & Carroll Noyes	575.65	* Dorsey Mark M	1246.50
Ciarfella John Jr	395.85	* Doughty Mark & Lisa	1411.14
* Clark Anne c/o Blair Spofford	661.49	* Dowling Douglas & Nancy	2386.12
Coffin Jon Jr , Brian, Marie Pennell Roger Sirois & Alfred	29.00	Drake Clayton Hrs of	195.46
Colburn David	1981.86	Dunning Clayton Hrs of	541.44
Colburn David	748.20	Dunning Clayton Hrs of	389.16
Colburn David	567.24	* Eaton Robert	480.82
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	911.47	Eggleston David c/o Justin Fletcher	840.13
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	1170.15	Elliott Ricky & Wendy	1057.34
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	315.23	Elvin James	488.07
Comeau Glenn	1430.28	* Farber Frances c/o Joshua & Eva Kleederman	1090.98
Conant James W & Tammy L	346.86	* Farber Frances c/o Joshua & Eva Kleederman	213.44
* Condon M Bilodeau c/o Ed Toussaint	501.12	* Finnegan Jane & Daniel	2106.27
* Connolly William Jr	345.10	Fischer Michael	1546.86
* Connolly William Jr	443.41	* Foley Lawrence & Janet	16.77
* Connolly William Jr	47.56	Ford Michele c/o Thomas Flanagan	561.60
Coombs H Leo	959.32	* Ford Robert	845.93
Coombs H Leo & Janet	1572.38	Galanek Mitchell	2517.78
* Coombs Robert II	2636.97	* Gauron James & Catherine Devin	485.75
Coombs William M & Denise B	2347.26	* George Shawn & Vincent	250.85
Coombs William M & Denise B	2044.50	* Gibbons Elaine	485.75
Coombs William M & Denise B	486.62	Gilliam Levi & Marcia	359.51
Coombs William M & Denise B	5195.90	Gilliam Levi & Marcia	532.26
Coombs William M & Denise B	633.94	* Goff Barbara Hrs of	838.39
Coombs William M & Denise B	122.38	Goguen Wilfred & Cheryl	941.34
Coombs William M & Denise B	459.94	* Gold Norman & Carol Weissbro	1191.61
Cort Ann S	798.32	* Gold Norman & Carol Weissbro	214.31
* Cotton Leonard & John D'Amico	1864.12	Goodenow Joey A	83.52
* Cotton Leonard & John D'Amico	3506.68	Graham Robert	1896.02
Coulombe Sandra W	2655.24	Graves Roger	368.88
Coultas Carol & Kenneth Chutchia	526.06	Green Holly	784.34
* Crafts John & Madelyn	781.84	* Greenhut Marjorie	82.94
* Crocker Kenneth	2807.78	* Greenhut Marjorie	157.47
* Dageese Elaine	936.70	* Greenhut Marjorie	124.41
* Dalton Elizabeth	672.80	* Greenleaf V & Calvin c/o Dennis Greenleaf	173.13
Dammann Luella Pers Rep F Dammann	1338.64	* Griffin Harriette	3426.35
Darling Brandy	1698.24	* Griffin Harriette	4756.87
Davis Jill	200.68	Halpin Timothy F	769.08
Davis Laurel Carrick	870.00	Hansen John Henry	94.35
Davis Michael	77.72	* Harmel Carole & Arthur Lerner	1100.26
* Davis Michael Sr & Doreen	633.36	* Harmel C & A Lerner & G Comeau 1/2	56.52
Davis Sandra	10.65	* Hartig Francis	195.75
Davis Sandra	15.55	Havas Peter	1046.94
		Hawkes Gary & Susan	604.36

* Hawkes Gary & Susan	1697.72	Lavigne John	907.70
* Hays James	607.26	* Leahy Tom, Patricia, Joseph & Dorothy	4318.08
Heather Lane Assoc	24.36	* Leeman Chris Estate of Carol Leeman	639.74
Heisey Janice & Wilson Edgar Hrs of	147.90	Leeman Walter	3841.92
Heisey Janice & Wilson Edgar Hrs of	486.04	Leeman Walter A	4693.94
* Herter Frederic Jr	2963.35	* Leighton Eileen	1788.43
* Hill George	175.01	* Leighton Richard	1924.44
* Hillman Barbara Hrs of	1100.84	* Leonard Catherine	363.95
Hilton Margaret	1358.36	* Lightman David	3177.57
* Hirst Deborah	1487.12	Loiselle Donald & Rebecca	2762.54
Hoebeke Daniel G & Ellen L	4578.52	Loiselle Donald & Rebecca	2876.80
Howard Cynthia, Roger, Steven, Clyde, Wayne	582.03	* Lumbert Robert	1919.80
* Howard Scott & Valerie	5776.80	Lunde Thomas	2926.68
* Hunt Sandra, Robert & Kelly Fields	1099.97	MacDonald Virginia	320.74
Hunt Sandra, Robert & Kevin	1082.57	MacDuff David	296.38
* Hunter Mary & James Paraki	1433.18	* Mackeral Cove Condo Realty LLC	485.75
Hyde Frederick	933.80	* Maclean David & Mabel	334.08
* Intertide Corp c/o Chris Heinig	13.43	* Maclean David & Mabel	583.48
* J & A Construction Co Inc	694.84	* Maclean David & Mabel	85.84
Jenkins Michael & Rebecca	2314.49	* MacMullen Howard Jr & Florence	2618.12
Johnson Damon	910.60	* MacOmber Steven & Jane	80.62
* Johnson D Hrs of c/o Cindy Baumgartner	1449.42	* MacOmber Steven & Jane	80.62
Johnson Fred, Jeffrey, Millicent		* MacOmber Steven & Jane	80.62
Carolyn, Lyndon & Richard	876.96	* MacOmber Steven & Jane	98.89
Johnson Howard E Jr & Glenda L	2574.04	* Maffei Adam	856.37
* Johnson Kimberly T	1039.94	* Maffei Susan	1051.54
* Johnson Steven & Shannon	1197.41	* Maffei Susan & Adam	1838.60
Jones David W & Debra	683.82	Maney Harold Sr	460.81
* Jukes Jane & Michael	2068.26	Maney Harold Jr	38.28
* Kane Hanna & Janet Lombardo	464.00	* Mangum Paige	1253.67
* Kane Hanna & Janet Lombardo	38.28	* Manny James	2671.77
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C	663.52	Marando Michael & Denise	620.38
* Kapela Charles	1175.66	* Mark Peter & Elizabeth Needham	2803.72
Kelley Edward & Patricia	840.42	* Marquis Steven & Deborah	297.25
Kelley Edward & Patricia	505.18	Marr Maurita	1509.16
Kennedy Deane & Kathleen	264.19	Matthews Sandra	136.88
* Kennedy Joseph	169.94	McAuliffe Michael & Kimberly	2080.60
Kenney Elwynne W & Bernice W	445.40	McCallum Mark & Caldwell Kathleen	963.38
King Block Realty LLC	2291.87	McCarthy William & Mary	701.73
Kirker Sharon	125.28	McCoig Kathryn	564.34
Kirker Sharon	1946.45	McFadden Carole	422.69
Kitchener-Jones Loraine	2051.87	McKay Stephen Ekman	1499.30
* Kleederman Joshua & Eva	393.82	McKenney Ellen & Mary Fallon	95.94
Koenig Lisa, Linda, Ingram, Dan & L Bowie	1336.90	McPherson Kyle	261.29
* Lambertson Cynthia	3992.72	* Mello Rosemarie & David	1244.10
* Lanza Joseph & Giovanna	862.43	* Michelson Andrea Trustee	1313.99
Lapolice George	908.28	Millar Daniel & Lorrie	533.34
* Larson Barbara, Wendy & Christopher	490.10	* Miller Errolyn & Gregory Morse	841.00

Miller Frederick c/o Heather Dick	318.13	Owen Thomas & Jane	1925.60
* Miller J Nevin & Deborah	1045.58	* Pablito Inc c/o Paul Schriber	680.64
Mitchell Lynette	515.62	* Palmer Carol	122.88
* Mockler Kent c/o Sherri Mockler	242.57	Pancione Michael, Tom & Chris Upchurch	1282.96
Montalvo Jacob	936.70	* Paris Harriet	1241.78
Moody Robert	541.72	Parker Kristine Ellen	1202.34
Moody Walter Scott	673.96	* Parker Richard & Marjorie	1440.78
* Moon Tracy	793.15	Pennell Keith & Sarah McFadden	1360.80
Moore Robin	133.40	Perkins Joan	1303.26
Moreau Robert	820.70	Perry Alfred Jr	3288.60
* Morgan Dianne	12.51	* Perry Beth Ann	82.65
Morgan Linda	1192.48	Perry Matthew & Danielle Moody	477.34
Morgan Mary	618.86	Perry Matthew	72.79
Morgan Maurice & Veronica	1095.04	Perry Michael & Denise	2906.38
* Morin Raymond & Nancy	948.59	Perry Rosemarie & Daniel	2096.41
Morin Stacy Personal rep of John Bear	1186.10	* Peters John & Sandra	3491.31
Morrell Jeffrey Jr	642.06	Petroff Stephen Pers Rep of Holman Petroff	295.80
Moser David	4127.86	* Philloon Alan & Steven	998.76
* Muldoon William & Elizabeth	3308.90	* Potthoff Alan & Jennifer	722.97
Murphy Sarah, Fred, John, Claudia, Anne & Eric	111.07	* Poulicakos Lisa-Wyman & David	1232.79
Murray Paul & Sandra	1141.44	* Pozzy Jennifer Jean	1325.45
Myers Wilbur & Michael	572.98	Pulsifer Coleman	363.66
* Nace Kathleen	1512.06	Pulsifer Coleman, David, Keith & Morgan	2905.22
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	379.90	Pulsifer Morgan Kane	715.72
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	313.20	Purinton Bruce G Jr	999.34
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	320.74	Purinton Bruce G Jr	2534.60
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	320.74	Purinton Geraldine J	1387.94
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	1701.72	Quinn Charles	1180.01
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	320.74	Ramsay Sherry, Richard, Arlene, Craig, Suzanna & Jamie	212.74
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	338.14	* Raslavsky Janet	841.13
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	303.34	* Reiche Louise & Howard Jr	1320.37
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	303.34	* Reid Lynn & Ricky	97.63
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	320.74	* Reid Lynn & Ricky	198.65
* Nordwall Sylvia	11.60	* Reinhart Janet & Thomas	263.61
* Nordwall Sylvia	11.60	* Rimmel Kathleen	3496.82
* Nordwall Sylvia	2103.37	Reppucci David	1206.40
Northey Peter & Marlene	191.98	Reynolds June	950.73
O'Brien Frances	622.23	Rice Marie	1156.52
* Oak Ledge LLC	3129.10	Rice-Gould Norma J	1646.04
* Ober Diane	2674.09	Richards Timothy & Dawn	1180.88
Olds Patricia & Ann	713.11	Richter Charles & Melinda	1514.96
* Olson Joanne & William May	1140.28	Ring Thomas	260.86
Ormsby Robert ID	468.06	Robbins Stephen	450.66
* Orrino Anthony	255.78	* Robinson James	2550.26
* Orr's Bailey Isl United Methodist Church	775.33	* Robinson James	1473.78
Ouellette Maurice E	2183.72		

Roby Robert c/o David Jones	262.74	Tobey Carol c/o Lynda Bobb	249.81
Roby Robert c/o David Jones	262.74	* Tondreau Stephen & Catherine	1006.01
* Rogers Jon	309.72	* Toothaker Rudolph Jr & David	461.68
* Rogers Jon	1257.44	Toussaint Donald & Marita	1495.24
Romano Ronald & Barbara	541.43	Toussaint Donald & Marita	1305.87
Roux David & Barbara	16516.08	* Tower Specialist	287.39
* Roy Robert Jr & Katherine	2433.68	* Tucker Christopher	588.12
* Royall Mark	254.90	* Vail Timothy & Joan Urquhart	850.28
* Rush Constance	218.37	* Van Damme Yves & Wendy	1008.02
Savage George W	353.22	Van Vlack Leeann	643.22
Savage George W	553.32	* Vance Stephen & Gloria	838.03
Savage George W	969.18	* Vigna Victor Jr & Ruth	743.47
Saxton Donald	2547.36	* Waddle Jane & John Powers	2939.36
* Saxton William Jr & Jeremy	237.51	* Wallace James, William, Bea Cunningham, Mary & Amy Goodenow	642.64
Saxton Bill Sr, Don & Sharon Johnson	991.02	* Walsh John C, John A, David, Sheila Jeanne & Albert	2132.78
* Seagales Limited Part c/o A Lobdell	235.77	Ward Lewis V	2098.44
* Seagales Limited Part c/o A Lobdell	2094.09	Ward Timothy	1573.54
* Selee Bryan & Billie Ceres	514.46	* Ware David c/o David Duhme	529.25
* Seretakis Dimitri & Anthony	232.29	* Warner Jo	345.10
Sheffer Samanthe & Gregory	1834.83	Warner John M Jr & Prudence	1309.06
* Shiras Natalie	1339.22	Watson Mark & Jennifer	619.44
* Slavin Edward & Sharon	658.88	* Webber Richard Blackstone II & John	1354.88
Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of	702.38	Weinert Frederick & Stephen	295.22
* Snell Colin & Wynne	809.39	* Welch Robin	1209.59
* Spinelli Susan & John Tyson	1050.77	* Welch Robin	360.08
* Spitzer D c/o John Assini	3087.92	Werler Edward	639.74
Sprague Sarah	1959.24	* Werner Katheryn, Jack III, Mark & Kim Snow	127.89
* St Laurent Phyllis	1382.72	Wessel David & Kimberly	1987.08
* Stauder Timothy & Juliann	1099.39	Whalen James	1486.54
Steinbeiser Andrew & Terry	966.53	Whittemore Kelsey	856.06
* Steiner Amy & Lisa Laundermilch	1595.58	* Wilkoff William & Marilyn	1442.17
* Steinman Fay	972.54	Wille Margaret D, Margaret L & Charles	864.17
Stover Richard Jr & Felicia	2063.06	Wille Margaret D	219.32
* Strachan Deirdre	2956.55	Williams Bruce & Douglas	784.37
Taylor G Donald	390.34	* Wilson Delsa	917.56
* Taylor Linda	403.22	Wilson Donald	2408.16
* Taylor Stephen & Linda	679.47	* Wilson Leneler	784.74
* The Ash Cove Joint Venture	1009.78	* Wilson Leneler	1481.32
Theriahult John & Dorothy	1791.62	* Wilson Leneler Lowells Cove shared lot	116.57
Thibault M Irene	2014.16	* Wilson Leneler	674.54
Thibault M Irene	1677.84	Wilson Stephen Hrs of	385.70
* Thing Christopher	391.79	* Woodruff Margaret	1413.94
Thomas Lisa	22.03	* Woods John & Juliet McCarthy	1763.20
* Thompson J Lloyd	3148.24	* Woodward Lucy	936.70
Thompson Shirley	1006.88	* Wright Melinda	574.04
Tisdale Greg & Jennifer	2594.34		
Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer	1139.70		

Wyer Richard	998.18	Graham Robert	1961.40
* Yanok David	875.51	Graves Roger	177.63
Yanok Robert	710.50	Hyde Frederick	966.00
* York Adam	1230.76	Johnson Fred, Jeffrey, Millicent Carolyn, Lyndon & Richard	943.80
* York Jeanette	1383.30	Kane Mitchell E & Alice C	627.00
* York R Samuel & Donna	1173.05	* Kennedy Joseph	175.80
York Roxanne & Ronald	935.54	Leeman Walter	3974.40
TOTAL	501,085.61	Leeman Walter A	4874.64
2011 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY		MacDuff David	306.60
* Cahill Heather	4.35	McCallum Mark & Caldwell Kathleen	996.60
Craig Associates c/o James Craig	4.06	McCoig Kathryn	50.22
* Cundys Harbor Wharf Inc	8.70	Mitchell Lynette	535.80
* Gail Peabody Attorney of Law	2.90	Moody Robert	562.80
* Great Island Kennel c/o Jane Waddle	4.06	Moore Robin	138.00
H L Coombs Construction c/o HCoombs	503.44	Morgan Linda	1233.60
H2 Outfitters c/o JCooper & Cathy Piffath	21.46	Morrell Jeffrey Jr	639.03
Harpwell Neck Stables c/o M Morgan	5.22	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	393.00
* Henning Porcelain	3.48	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	324.00
Island Candy Company c/o Melinda Richter	8.70	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	331.80
Longley Health Ctr c/o James Kneebone	26.68	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	331.80
Perkins Seafood c/o Joan Perkins	52.20	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	1760.40
* Ponziani Ronald	58.53	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	331.80
Widgeon Cove Studios c/o Condon Kuhl	9.86	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	349.80
TOTAL	713.64	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	313.80
2010 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES		Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	313.80
Allen Harry R	418.20	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	331.80
Arquette Ronald	932.40	Ormsby Robert ID	484.20
Bastarache Lori	96.60	Perkins Joan	1350.60
Boyce Robert J	609.00	Purinton Geraldine J	1439.64
Brockett Teresa	168.60	Rice-Gould Norma J	851.40
Brown Anne G	1399.80	Richards Timothy & Dawn	1221.60
Brown James Hrs of	1208.40	Savage George W	365.40
Colburn David	2050.20	Savage George W	572.40
Colburn David	586.80	Savage George W	1002.60
Comeau Glenn	1479.60	Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of	157.73
Coombs H Leo	469.32	Therhault John & Dorothy	1853.21
Coombs H Leo & Janet	1626.60	Thompson Shirley	1044.00
Coulombe Sandra W	2746.80	Unknown Owner	33.00
Darling Brandy	1098.41	Ward Lewis V	2170.80
Davis Michael	80.40	Weinert Frederick & Stephen	304.78
* Davis Michael Sr & Doreen	655.06	Wessel David & Kimberly	1026.89
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2857.80	TOTAL	57,410.72
Elliott Ricky & Wendy	502.96		
Fischer Michael	1600.20		

2010 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs	520.80
Perkins Seafood	24.00

TOTAL	544.80
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2009 TAXES TO LIEN

Bastarache Lori	81.83
Davis Michael	82.95
Moore Robin E	142.37
Unknown Owner	34.05
Unknown Owner	414.11

TOTAL	755.31
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2009 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Blackbird II	116.99
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs	537.29

TOTAL	654.28
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2008 TAXES TO LIEN

Bastarache Lori	81.83
Moore Robin E	142.37
Unknown Owner	414.10
Unknown Owner	34.05

TOTAL	672.35
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2008 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Blackbird c/o Alan Jr & Michelle Nordwall	121.32
* Fish House c/o Bob Graves	9.90
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs	537.91

TOTAL	669.13
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2007 TAXES TO LIEN

Bastarache Lori	77.09
Groves James	79.52
Moore Robin E	139.61
Unknown Owner	406.08
Unknown Owner	33.39

TOTAL	735.69
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2006 TAXES TO LIEN

Bastarache Lori	152.92
Groves James	15.69
Moore Robin E	136.85
Unknown Owner	398.05
Unknown Owner	32.73

TOTAL	736.24
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2005 TAXES TO LIEN

Bastarache Lori	146.96
Unknown Owner	384.67
Unknown Owner	31.63

TOTAL	563.26
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2011 ABATEMENTS

Larry & Linda Savage	149.64
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TOTAL	149.64
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2010 ABATEMENTS

Charles K Wille	1020.60
Charles K Wille	794.40
Margaret L Wille	512.40
Kathryn A Wille	804.60
Robert & Mary Waddle	497.40
Julie Zimmerman	396.00
Anne Wagner & Edward Moravick	1112.87

TOTAL	5138.27
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2011 SUPPLEMENTAL

Sandra Aldred	155.44
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TOTAL	155.44
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Town Clerk's Office

I am always thankful for our election workers, but this year I must make special mention of them because of the recount that was undertaken as a result of the extremely close election for the office of School Board Director. Not enough credit was given to those workers that came in on a Sunday to perform the delicate task of handling a recount. I am proud to say that after close inspection and manual recount of ballots cast, the results of the election remained unchanged. This included close scrutiny of some ballots by the Board of Selectmen under the supervision and guidance of the Town's attorney. As this is the only recount I have seen in this office in the 21 years I have worked here, I hope you will join me in my applause for our election workers for a job well done once again.

Following some legislative sessions numerous laws that affect our voting process are enacted. Gone are the days of paper ballots being put in a simple wooden ballot box to be hand-counted. We now have voting machines that must be carefully monitored throughout the day. Today there are State and Federal laws governing every aspect of voting, the handling, processing and storage of ballots before and after elections, as well as laws covering the storage and use of the voting machines. These mandates require retraining for all election workers on a constant basis. One new State law that voters should be aware of became effective September 28, 2011: "Establishes the 3rd business day before an election as the cut-off date for issuing absentee ballots by any means." After that date, absentee ballots can only be issued for special circumstances.

Our election workers are a dedicated and hardworking crew who habitually perform their jobs with a high level of pride and professionalism and I am proud of them and their service.

Licenses & Permits

<u>INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE LIC.</u>	550	<u>SHELLFISH LICENSES</u>	
		Resident Commercial	66
		Senior Resident Commercial	4
<u>DOG LICENSES</u>		Non-Resident Commercial	6
Dogs	945	Senior Non-Resident Commercial	1
Kennels	2	Resident Recreational	195
<u>REGISTERED BUSINESSES</u>	12	Non-Resident Recreational	19
		Resident Over 65 Recreational	11
<u>CERTIFIED COPIES</u>	357	Non-Resident Over 65 Recreational	1
		Student Commercial	5
<u>NOTARY SERVICES</u>	366		

MOORINGS

Residents & Taxpayers	2,317
Non-Residents	108
Rentals	102
State of Maine/Eagle Island	11

Vital Statistics

Births 32 **Marriages** 36 **Deaths** 54

Those who passed on in 2011

Wallace Jr., Jerry E.	68	1/4	Davis, Lilla M.	86	7/19
Titus, Patricia L.	89	1/12	Taylor, Virginia B.	77	7/29
Perry, Martha A.	77	1/19	Kimball, Kathryn D.	68	7/25
Ponziani, Mary	56	1/20	Hillery, Robert P.	82	8/10
Hansen, George W.	73	1/28	Carey, Regina F.	82	8/28
Williams, Warren S.	79	1/30	Dudak Jr., Frederick J.	77	8/27
Weber, Bruce D.	59	2/1	Veilleux, Eugene G.	95	9/2
Lord Sr., Charles R.	86	2/7	Reid, Lucy M.	78	9/19
Satchwell, John J.	85	2/13	Bliss, Ellis K.	86	9/24
Johnson Cook, Elaine C.	85	2/14 <i>Florida</i>	Marquis, Mary H.	84	9/25
Judkins Jr., Marshall E.	62	2/17	Clark Jr., John W.	82	9/25
McNaughton, Doris A.	84	2/28	Van Vlack, Cameron L.	18	9/28
Brown, James E.	66	3/4	Earle, Radcliffe G.	68	9/30
Wright Manter, Priscilla C.	89	3/5	Thistle, Charles L.	83	10/3
McPherson, Dorothy M.	53	3/21	Herdegen, Richard W.	79	10/8
Maney, Lillian F.	75	3/21	Field, Leona G.	94	10/9
Skillings, Betty L.	84	3/24	Bailey, Phyllis B.	88	10/12
Donovan, Leonis C.	72	3/25	Fox, Ruth T.	85	10/31
Drake, Clayton H.	66	3/28	Wright Jr. AKA III, Frank V.	94	11/3
Bailey, Charlotte E.	78	4/14	Rich, David F.	68	11/9
Smith, Melburn P.	83	5/2	Bernier, Andrew J.	52	11/11
Doherty, Patrick J.	24	6/4	Brown, Victoria M.	89	11/24
Johnson, Joan B.	86	6/16	Mockler, Kent G.	61	12/7
Black Sr., Ralph H.	91	7/3	Lemay, Dorothy F.	91	12/17
Knight, Margaret G.	66	7/5	Menta Jr., Ralph P.	54	12/17
Moretti, Melissa	53	7/7	Sweetman, William G.	75	12/17 <i>Mass.</i>
Davis, Laurel A.	53	7/12	Ganske, William H.	90	12/22
Leeman Jr., Walter A.	77	7/16	Lipovsky, Mary B.	84	12/25
Ganske, Mary J.	90	7/16			

ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS

			<u>Votes Cast</u>
February 1,	2011	Special Town Meeting	1,587– 38%
March 12,	2011	Annual Town Meeting	909 – 22%
May 19,	2011	M.S.A.D. #75 District Budget Meeting	16 – .3%
June 14,	2011	Special Town Meeting & District Budget Validation Referendum	929 – 23%
August 23,	2011	Special Town Meeting	524 – 13%
November 8,	2011	State Referendum & Cumberland County Special Candidate & Referendum Election	2,111 – 53%
			Registered voters as of December 31, 2011 – 3,963

Road Commissioner

In 2011, we completed the work in conjunction with Maine DOT on Cundy's Harbor Road. This was done as a result of a 2010 decision to use the capital budget, initially authorized for the reconstruction of several Town roads, to participate with the State on a project to reconstruct a portion of Cundy's Harbor Road—from just before the Grover Lane intersection to the Bethel Point Road intersection. In addition, DOT went ahead and resurfaced the entire length of Cundy's Harbor road as well as the reconstructed portion. These improvements have been well received by the residents of Cundy's Harbor.

General maintenance in 2011 included road sweeping, tree removal, replacing collapsed culverts, several rounds of filling potholes, ditching and shoulder repair. This was done on a piecemeal basis on all Town roads and also performed under two contracts with Webber Construction for 10 of the longer most well traveled Town roads.

For winter snow removal activities, we continue to monitor efforts to reduce the use of sand and salt on Harpswell roads without sacrificing public safety. We now are in the third year of a three-year contract with Goodall Landscaping Company of Topsham for our snow removal activities. Goodall has struggled with crew changes and equipment failures early in the winter, but has recently been very proactive in managing this difficult activity.

Efforts continue with projecting our capital improvement plan for the next few years. The Town has awarded a contract to Crooker Construction for the reconstruction of Lane Road, Lowell's Cove Road and Little Island Road, and this is expected to start early this spring. Additionally, we hope to be able to complete the repair of the Bethel Road culvert as well as several other Town roads based on the outcome of the Town Meeting vote for future funding of the capital road program.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your elected Road Commissioner.

Treasurer's Report

At the end of 2011, the Town had cash balances of \$5,333,967. This balance was unusually high as new borrowing in the amount of \$800,000 was largely unexpended. Additionally, \$726,017 represents the balance in the emergency services vehicle account.

The 2011 borrowing, which was supplemented with a \$200,000 appropriation from fund balance, was intended for certain capital road projects. The first of these projects, the rehabilitation of Lane, Lowell's Cove & Little Island Roads on Orr's Island, was fully engineered in 2011, however, the construction work itself will not begin until 2012. This project has a cost of \$ 531,018. The next priority for capital road work is currently deemed to be the replacement of the very large culvert on Bethel Point Road, also scheduled for 2012.

The remaining road funds will be used to address what is then considered the highest priority road project. In the event authorized funds are insufficient, the 2012 Town Meeting is being asked to consider authorizing an additional \$1,000,000 bond for road projects. Such borrowing would likely be completed in the Fall of 2012 and be available to fund projects taking place in the Spring of 2013.

The Emergency Services Vehicle Account was established in 2007 to implement the request of the Town's three independent fire and rescue services that the Town take over the funding of the vehicles needed by those services, i.e. fire engines, tankers, pumper trucks and ambulances. Since 2007, the Town has funded this account with \$1,575,000 either with bond proceeds or appropriations. An additional \$46,667 was added to the account either from an unexpended carryover or interest earned. Five vehicles have been purchased with a combined cost of \$895,650. Each of these vehicles is under lease to one of the three services. The services make no lease payments to the Town, however, they are obligated to maintain and insure the vehicles.

The 6th vehicle on the plan initially submitted by the Chiefs is under contract in the amount of \$209,022 and the specifications for the following purchase are currently being finalized. The cost of that purchase is approximately \$320,000. After these purchases are complete, there will remain just under \$200,000 in the account and additional amounts will need to be either borrowed or appropriated to continue to meet the Chiefs' schedule. A \$100,000 appropriation for this purpose is included in the 2012 municipal budget request.

The Town's capital road and emergency services vehicles plans are long-range and involve significant sums of money. In addition, the Town has other areas where capital investment is either being requested or contemplated.

The West Harpswell School property was accepted by the Town in August of 2011. In the event the Town chooses to retain ownership of the property and use it for Town purposes, significant capital improvements may be required. The proposed 2012 municipal budget includes no request for a capital reserve for this property.

In 2011, the Town contracted for an evaluation of the infrastructure needs at Mitchell Field. The report of the consultant is not yet available; however, it is possible that significant capital for improving the infrastructure at Mitchell Field will be required of the Town.

Also in 2011, a study was completed as to the feasibility of a boat launch at Mitchell Field. The estimated cost of this boat launch is \$290,000. There are also likely to be ongoing operating costs associated with this boat launch if the Town decides to proceed with its construction.

Finally, the 2012 proposed municipal budget requests funding for a contract with the parent company of Mid Coast Hospital to provide paramedic level emergency response coverage from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. As part of this contract, the Town will be required to provide a heated garage facility for the vehicle that the paramedic will use. This facility is envisioned to be expandable in the event the Town moves to a 24/7 contract, which increases the requirements for housing, or in the event that other needs are identified for this space.

All of these potential investments, if authorized, will increase the size of future municipal budgets.

During 2011, the Town's General Fund balance increased from \$3,769,667 on January 1 to \$3,797,465 on December 31. The increase was attributable to (1) an excess of General Fund revenues over expenditures of \$435,048, (2) \$800,000 in new borrowing, and (3) transfers to other funds of \$1,207,250. Of these transfers, \$1,000,000 went to the capital road reserve, \$200,000 to the emergency vehicle fund, and \$7,250 to recreation programs.

The 2011 Town Meeting approved the use of \$175,000 of fund balance to reduce the 2011 tax commitment. Additionally, a special Town Meeting voted to appropriate \$25,000 from the General Fund Balance to operate the West Harpswell School property from September 2011 until March 2012. Consistent with the Town's policy of maintaining three months of expenses in its year-end General Fund balance, the 2011 year-end level will allow for up to \$420,000 to be used to reduce the 2012 tax commitment,

The 2011 property tax commitment decreased by \$329,545 relative to 2010. Total appropriations declined by \$392,288 as a decline in assessment by MSAD 75 of \$499,952 (6.9%) was offset by increases in total municipal appropriations of \$15,414 (3.8%) and Cumberland County assessment of \$48,502 (4.5%). Additionally, overlay increased in 2011 by \$43,748. Revenues other than property tax were expected to rise slightly in 2011 (\$27,257), but the use of fund balance declined by \$90,000.

The 2011 mil rate declined to \$5.80 from \$6.00 as the property tax base expanded by approximately \$3.7 million (0.2 %) and the property tax commitment declined. Of the 2011 commitment, 95% was collected prior to year-end, a collection rate which is consistent with the Town's historical experience.

With the exception of interest income, the Town did not experience any significant decline in non-property tax revenue sources in 2011. While fees to dispose of material at the Transfer Station declined, the decline was offset by the continued recovery of prices for the sale of recyclable material. Excise tax receipts, the Town's single largest source of non-property tax revenue, were stable as were revenue sharing and homestead exemption payments from the State. Interest income declined by \$8,604 as rates remained at historically low levels and the Town's compensating balance was significantly increased to cover banking fees.

Notable unexpended appropriations lapsing to the 2011 general fund occurred in the areas of general administration (\$14,095), snow removal (\$10,840), and recycling and transfer station (\$32,544). With respect to general administration, budgeted part-time hours exceeded actual hours worked. Winter sand and salt budgets were underspent as deliveries anticipated for 2011 did not occur until 2012. The cost of waste disposal at the transfer station was lower than that budgeted as volumes of material disposed there declined, reflective of general economic factors. Additionally, the planning and the employee benefits budgets were not fully utilized as a full-time benefit eligible position remained vacant for approximately half the year.

At the end of 2011, the Town changed its primary banking relationship to Androscoggin Bank. The Town's relationship with TD Bank and its predecessor institutions was long-standing and highly satisfactory in terms of quality of service. In responding to the Town's request for proposal, Androscoggin offered the Town accounts without fees and without compensating balance arrangements. Additionally, Androscoggin has offered to assist us in offering additional on-line payment services at no charge. We look forward to working with them.

Debt Service on Long-Term Debt

2012 - 2021 (Dollar amounts in thousands)

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance 1/1/2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Amortization:													
Existing Debt													
2004 G.O. Bond	4.18	\$700.0	\$291.7	\$58.3	\$58.4	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4					
2008 G. O. Bond	2.075 - 5.575	\$500.0	\$375.0	\$75.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0			
2009 G. O. Bond	2.08 - 5.58	\$650.0	\$520.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0		
2009 G. O. Bond	2.85	\$40.0	\$15.0	\$15.0									
2010 G. O. Bond	2.0 - 5.5	\$600.0	\$540.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	
2011 G. O. Bond	2.12 -5.62	\$800.0	\$800.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0
Total			\$2,541.7	\$353.3	\$313.4	\$313.3	\$313.3	\$313.4	\$255.0	\$255.0	\$205.0	\$140.0	\$80.0
Interest:				\$79.0	\$66.3	\$50.8	\$39.8	\$30.6	\$23.35	\$17.73	\$9.7	\$4.83	\$1.7
Total Debt Service				\$432.3	\$379.7	\$364.1	\$353.1	\$344.0	\$278.3	\$272.7	\$214.7	\$144.8	\$81.7

Notes:

The 2009 \$40,000 Bond is with Bangor Savings Bank. All other debt has been placed through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

2004 Issue: Capital Road project (7 roads), Old Town Meetinghouse restoration.

2008 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles

2009 Issue: Ash Point Road rehabilitation (\$650) and Emergency Communications Equipment (\$40)

2010 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles

2011 Issue: Road projects, including Lowell'sCove, Lane & Little Island Roads; Bethel Point culvert replacement, other not yet specified.

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer



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January 23, 2012

Town of Harpswell
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Dear Citizens of Harpswell,

On behalf of the men and women of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for the privilege of providing law enforcement services for the Town of Harpswell. As we embark on another year, we shall continue our commitment of providing prompt, efficient and professional law enforcement services to the citizens of Harpswell.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has made some technological improvements in the past year that have proven to help our patrol deputies be more effective and efficient while performing their duties. This year, the Sheriff's Office will use computerized data retrieved from police reports to plot occurrences on a crime map. This will aid supervisors and command staff in defining trends and deploying resources effectively. This technology has proven to be a major asset in solving and alleviating crimes as well as quality of life issues.

Also, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is beginning to work toward earning accreditation through the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Accreditation Process is a proven and widely utilized law enforcement management model. As we implement these changes, I am confident that it will further enhance our current commitment to providing the communities that we serve with efficient use of resources and quality of service delivery.

Lastly, I am honored to serve as your Sheriff and thank you for your continued support. Please know that I am open to your suggestions and input, as together we continue to build a law enforcement agency that accepts only excellence.

Best Regards,

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Incident Report For January 1- December 2011

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Hang Up	55	Domestic Violence	1
911 Misdial	27	Domestic Assault	6
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Domestic Verbal Argument	22
Accident, Fatal	1	Controlled Substance Problem	5
Accident w/ Property Damage	65	Equipment Problem	9
Accident, w/ Personal Injury	15	Escort	8
Accident Reconstruction	1	Fight in Progress	1
Agency Assistance	187	Fireworks	9
Alarm	214	Fish and Game Violation	5
Alcohol Offense	2	Forgery	1
Animal Euthanize	7	Found Property	8
Animal Problem	188	Fraud	9
Assault - Simple	5	Harassment	19
Assist Fire Department	1	Illegal Parking	1
Attempt to Locate	65	Information Report	4
Theft, Non-sufficient Funds	1	Inspection Permit	11
Burglary	32	Intoxicated Person	1
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	5	Juvenile Problem	18
Canine Callout	4	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	5
Concealed Firearms Request	28	Lost Property	7
Chase in Progress	1	Loud Party Music	10
Child Abuse or Neglect	1	Marine Conservation	118
Citizen Assist	163	Marine Detail	1
Citizen Dispute	12	Marine Digger Inspection	73
Civil Dispute	9	Marine Resource Inspection	9
Court Service	50	Mental Subject	1
Criminal Mischief	30	Official Misconduct	3
Criminal Trespass	12	Missing / Lost Person	3
Custodial Interference	1	Operating Under Influence	1
Dead Body	10	Overdose	1
Debris in Road	7	Parking Problem	16
Message Delivery	5	Pedestrian Check	5
Direct Traffic	1	Property Check	769
Disabled Vehicle	52	Property Damage, Non Vandalism	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	Prowler	3
Disturbance	33	Rape	1

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Continued

Incident Report For January 1- December 2011

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	2	Traffic Detail	38
Relay / Transfer	1	Traffic Hazard	32
Runaway Juvenile	6	Traffic Violation	792
Sex Offender Registry 1yr Verify	7	Underage Drinking	1
Sex Offense	5	Unsecure Premise	6
Sex Offender Registry	1	Unwanted Phone Calls	2
Speed Complaint	13	Vehicle Off Road - No Damage	3
Suicide	12	VIN Number Inspection	4
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	80	VIPS Detail/Event	1
SDS Cad Test	1	VIPS Citizen Patrol	2
Theft	36	Wanted Person	10
Theft-Vehicle	3	Weapons Offense	16
Threatening	14	Welfare Check	30

Harpwell Statistics

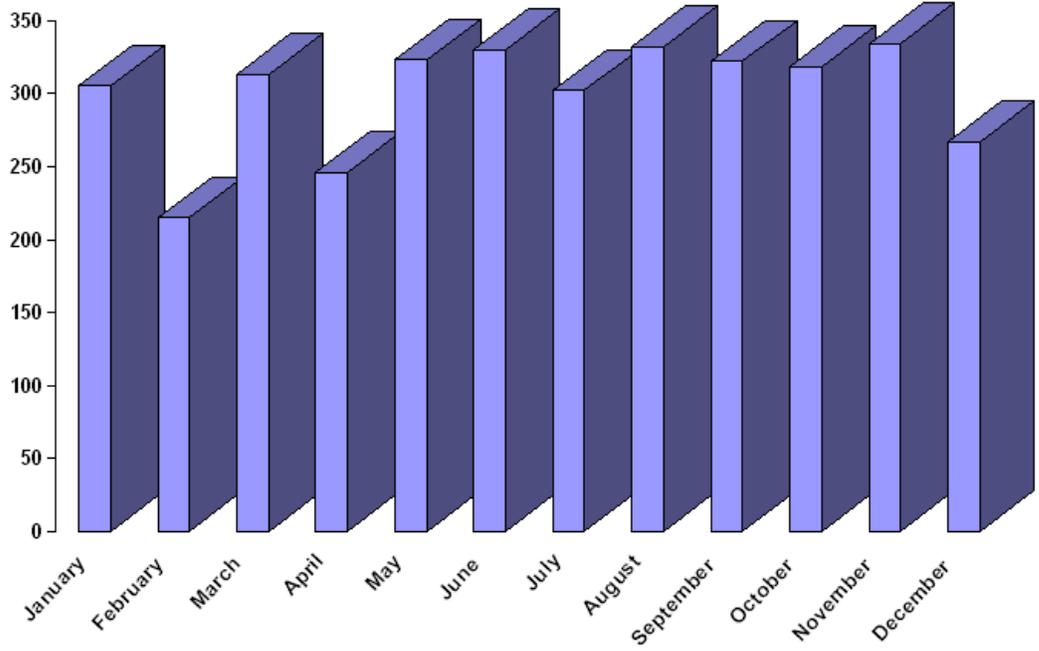
“Calls for Service” were 3607

Month	Calls for Service	Citations	Written Traffic Warnings	Verbal Traffic Warnings
January	305	12	10	78
February	215	8	6	53
March	313	7	10	68
April	246	9	22	53
May	323	10	24	57
June	330	11	30	56
July	302	3	12	26
August	332	10	20	20
September	322	18	28	0
October	318	16	23	1
November	334	8	35	1
December	267	5	31	1

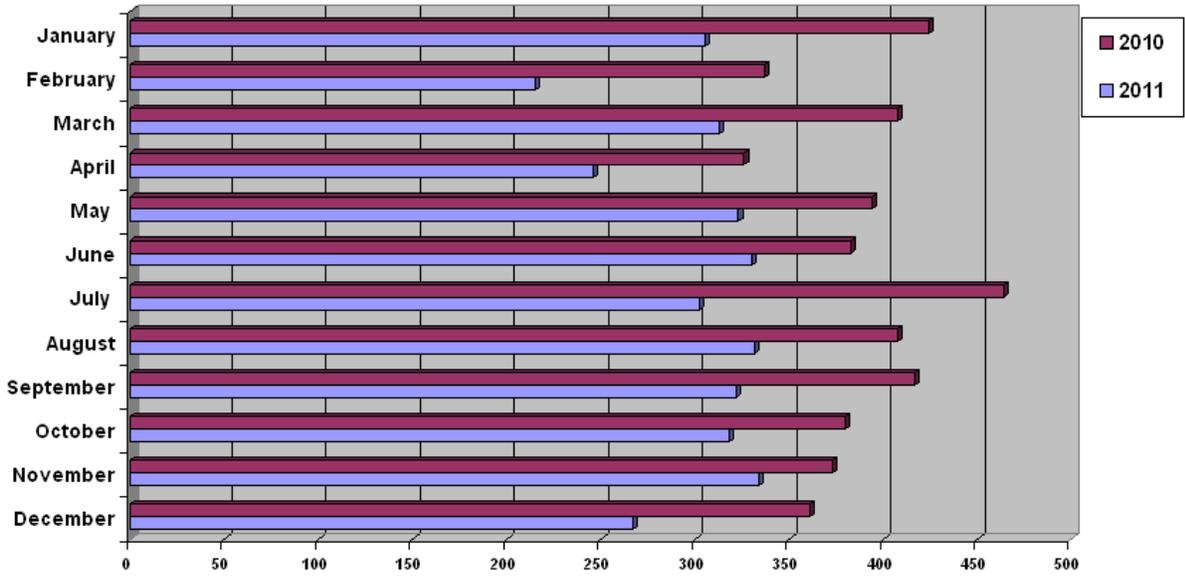
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Harpwell Marine Patrol
2011 Calls for Service
Total Incidents: 558

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Hang Up	9	Found Property	1
911 Misdeal	1	Harassment	1
Accident w/Property Damage	12	Inspection Permit	2
Accident, w/ Personal Injury	1	Juvenile Problem	1
Agency Assistance	47	Lost Property	2
Alarm	20	Marine Conservation	116
Animal Problem	2	Marine Detail	1
Assault - Simple	2	Marine Digger Inspection	70
Attempt to Locate	6	Marine Resource Inspection	9
Burglary	2	Property Check	125
Citizen Assist	15	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	8
Citizen Dispute	1	Threatening	2
Criminal Mischief	2	Traffic Hazard	3
Debris in Road	1	Traffic Violation	62
Direct Traffic	1	Unsecure Premise	1
Disabled Vehicle	9	Vehicle off Road – No Damage	6
Disturbance	3	Wanted Person	1
Domestic Verbal Argument	1	Weapons Offense	1
Equipment Problem	6	Welfare Check	1
Fish and Game Violation	4		

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Town of Harpswell
Calls for Service
 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Town of Harpswell
Calls for Service Comparison
 2010 vs 2011



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1903

January 3, 2012

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Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to extend my warm greetings to the people of Harpswell, and take just a moment to offer a few thoughts about the past year as we look ahead to the year to come. Indisputably, as we continue to face historic challenges as a nation, as a state, and as individual towns and cities, our economy remains of paramount concern, and justifiably so, as we are still plagued by the worst economic downturn since World War II. Indeed, as countless Mainers have conveyed to me in roundtable discussions and on Main Street tours, the crushing job creation drought that too many have endured for far too long must not become the new normal.

Thankfully, there are steps that Congress and the Administration can take right now to expand our private sector. We can best unleash the genius and innovation that have made our country the most exceptional in human history, I believe, by addressing the following three pro-growth pillars, consisting of a balanced budget amendment, regulatory reform, and tax code overhaul, all of which I have championed in the Senate.

It is long past time that Congress bridge the partisan divide and unite around a pro-growth jobs agenda to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution just as Maine and 48 other states already have, to end the regulatory rampage in Washington that has hamstrung our economy, and to overhaul the far-too-complicated, unwieldy tax code. American taxpayers expend 7.6 billion hours and spend \$140 billion – or one percent of GDP – just struggling to comply with tax filing requirements – and that burden must end.

The fundamental question is, what kind of country do we want America to be? Mainers, like all Americans, are rightly frustrated and angry that we have an expansionist government and a record accumulation of debt, and yet they don't see any positive difference in their own lives. I share that frustration and anger. And I hope you will work with me to forge a brighter future worthy of the greatest nation on Earth, bearing in mind as we move forward that economic and homeland security cannot be mutually exclusive. In that light, we remember today – and every day – the extraordinary service and sacrifice of our brave servicemen and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world who comprise the finest defense force on the planet.

Please be assured, I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Maine and America. I encourage you to visit my Senate website at www.snowe.senate.gov for additional details on how you can join with me in these efforts, obtain helpful government information, and share any concerns or legislative input you may have. You may also visit with members of my staff at my Regional Office located at 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 601 in Portland or by calling 874-0883 or toll free in Maine at 1-800-432-1599.

Sincerely,



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February 3, 2012

Town of Harpswell
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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, I welcome this opportunity to share some of my recent work for the people of our great state.

The economy and jobs remain my highest priorities. More efficient transportation is essential to our economic growth. After a years-long, hard-fought battle, I successfully pushed through Congress a bill I wrote to allow the heaviest trucks to travel on Maine's federal interstates, instead of forcing them to use our secondary roads and downtown streets. This will make our streets safer, reduce fuel consumption, and allow our businesses to be more competitive. I was pleased to have the support of many Maine groups, from the Maine State Police and the Parent-Teacher Association to the Maine Motor Transport Association and many others that helped me advocate for this sensible change.

I was also successful in my efforts to prevent the federal government from limiting certain vegetables, including Maine's potatoes, in school meal programs. Nationwide this ill-conceived proposal would have cost our schools, the states, and families an estimated \$6.8 billion over five years. I built support from both sides of the aisle and from across the country to ensure that schools maintain the flexibility they need to serve students healthy and affordable meals. This proposed rule was a prime example of excessive Washington regulation.

In my effort to protect jobs, I also introduced bipartisan legislation to ensure that the proposed EPA regulations known as the "Boiler MACT" rules protect the environment and public health without jeopardizing jobs in our state, particularly in the forest products industry. I also continued to help advance the development of deep water, off-shore wind energy at the University of Maine, which has the potential to provide clean energy and to create thousands of new jobs.

On the Armed Services Committee, I worked to secure funding for shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, submarine overhauls at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the manufacturing of aircraft engines at Pratt and Whitney, as well as to strengthen the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor and the Maine Military Authority in Limestone. The new defense funding bill also includes my amendment to expedite the claims of veterans with severe disabilities like the soldier I met who is suffering from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Last year, the President signed legislation I coauthored creating a national plan for combating Alzheimer's disease, which affects more than five million Americans and their families. In another health-related development, at my urging, the Food and Drug Administration allowed clinical trials to

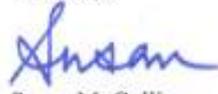
begin on the artificial pancreas, a device that could dramatically improve the health and quality of life for people with Type I diabetes.

Many Mainers have contacted me to express concern about the Postal Service, which is the linchpin of a nearly \$1 trillion mailing industry that employs 8.6 million people. I've sponsored bipartisan legislation to rescue the U.S. Postal Service from financial failure next year. This bill provides flexibility to the USPS to restructure itself in an effort to save billions of dollars and preserve universal postal service for all Americans, no matter where they live.

In December, I cast my 4,825th consecutive vote, making me the longest currently serving Senator never to have missed a vote. I am grateful for 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 <http://collins.senate.gov>. May 2012 be a good year for your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONGRESSWOMAN
CHELLIE PINGREE

1ST DISTRICT
MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It continues to be an honor to represent you, and I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the work I've done in Washington and Maine over the last year.

As you know, times are not easy. The country still struggles to recover from the recession, which is why I'm so frustrated Congress has not been serious about job creation. Voters elected us to Congress with the highest priority of getting the country back to work. While we should have been voting on jobs legislation, we have ended up debating anything but.

I am proud, though, to have worked on my own piece of jobs legislation in 2011. Local food is a growing part of Maine's economy and has helped revitalize a traditional staple of our communities—the family farm. We have seen incredible increases in CSA farm shares, farmers markets, and acres in cultivation.

But outdated federal policy hasn't done enough to support this bright spot, and often hinders it. I've introduced the Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act to bring local farmers the resources they need to continue growing. If passed, it means investments in our regional food infrastructure, help for local schools to buy food produced in their communities, and giving more and more people affordable access to local food.

Another piece of legislation I introduced in 2011 would help service members who are victims of military sexual assault. This has become an alarming problem as thousands of women—and men—report being sexually assaulted while serving. I've listened to many of them who are from Maine. My legislation would ease the restrictions they currently face to get disability benefits from the VA.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I've been able to work on several policies that affect our military personnel. It also means that I've kept close watch on our operations overseas. In 2011, we saw some good news on this front. First, we finally found and killed Osama bin Laden. The second came with the official end to the war in Iraq.

I am so glad that the Mainers who have served there will be able to return home. But we can't forget the nearly 4,500 soldiers we lost in Iraq—24 of them from Maine—nor the men and women who continue to serve in Afghanistan. I hope we can start to bring them home in 2012.

My thoughts now are also with the many Maine families who can't afford to heat their homes. I'm disappointed to see deep cuts in LIHEAP, a program thousands of Mainers rely on. I've introduced legislation to restore the funding and I will keep fighting to get Mainers the support they need.

I wish you and your families the best—it's a privilege to serve you. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me at (207) 774-5019 or www.pingree.house.gov.

Hope to see you in Maine soon,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I appreciate the continued support and enjoy working together to do what is best for the residents, businesses, and interests of our community and great State of Maine.

Throughout my work in the Legislature, I have been committed to supporting policies that will strengthen our economy and create quality jobs. This will remain my focus as we work toward an economic recovery and stronger future for our state. But, I believe it is important that we all work together to achieve this success.

As part of my effort to reach out and bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to offer a few means to stay informed.

From time to time, I send out an electronic newsletter with pertinent information about legislative issues and useful resources. It is a great way to report back and keep in touch. Please go to www.mainesenate.org to join the mailing list.

I also still hold monthly office hours at the Little Dog Coffee Shop in Brunswick on the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. It is a great opportunity for me to hear from residents and share information about what is happening in the region and state. Please stop by sometime.

No matter how complex or challenging the issue may be, I always welcome your opinion and feedback as the Legislature does its work. Feel free to contact me anytime by email at stan1340@aol.com. I can also be reached by phone locally at (207) 373-1328 or the State House at (207) 287-1515.

I appreciate the trust and support to represent you. It is an honor to be your State Senator.

Sincerely,



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January 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as the State Representative for District 64. As always, I will make it a priority to keep you well-informed on legislative matters and to make myself available to address your questions and concerns.

Throughout the First Regular Session, I had the privilege of serving on the Marine Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over such things including, but not limited to, the Department of Marine Resources, commercial marine fisheries management, and licensing and enforcement. Our community is greatly affected by legislation that passes through this committee and I will be sure to keep your concerns and ideas in mind as we continue our work in the Second Regular Session.

I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at <http://maine.gov/legis/>, should you have an interest, to access up-to-date bill status information, public hearing dates, roll call votes on legislation and links to live video and audio broadcasts. This is an excellent way to stay involved in state government.

If you would like to receive weekly e-newsletters with updates on state news, please e-mail me at kimolsendistrict64@hotmail.com and request to be added to the list of recipients. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. It is with your input that I am best able to represent Harpswell and all of District 64.

Again, thank you for the honor of being your voice in the halls of the State House.

Sincerely,

Representative Kim Olsen

Budget Advisory Committee

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) has recommended to the Board of Selectmen a 2012 municipal budget consisting of \$4,345,818. Additionally, the Committee recommended that \$1,000,000 be borrowed for the purpose of funding the Roads Capital Improvement account for projects to begin in 2013 (first payment in 2013). (Subsequent to the final meeting of the BAC, the Board of Selectmen increased economic development by \$5,000).

In calculating compliance with LD1, the Committee has used a non-property tax revenue estimate of \$1,670,000 and fund balance of \$250,000, which, when added back to the 2012 LD1 Levy Limit of \$2,336,431, results in a 2012 budget target of \$4,256,431. The recommended budget of \$4,345,818 is higher than this target. The committee is recommending the Town consider raising the LD1 limit to include the new and recurring expense of "Contracted Paramedic Services". (The Board of Selectmen is proposing the use of \$350,000 in fund balance which does not require increasing the LD1 limit).

The recommended 2012 budget shows a net increase of \$298,321 (approximately 7%) from that for 2011. New items with significant amounts are:

Purpose	Increase	Explanation
Contracted Paramedic Services	\$108,000	Dedicated paramedic service to be provided M - F, 6 am - 6 pm
West Harpswell School building maintenance & operation	\$70,000	Assumes one-third of the building is used regularly, and includes \$12,000 for property management and planning purposes and \$10,000 for unforeseen repairs
Capital Reserves: Garage	\$74,000	Building to house paramedic garage and possibly other Town-owned vehicles

The recommended appropriations for 2012 reflect a 2% increase in salaries and wages, and no change in the employer/employee shares of the cost of health insurance. This 2% increase results in approximately an \$18,000 increase in the budget.

The Committee recommended that each of three fire departments receive \$60,000 in funding for a combination of operations and non-vehicle capital needs. This level of funding recognizes the Town's acceptance of the responsibility to fund the vehicle needs of all the departments.

In addition to the 1 million dollar borrowing for the rehabilitation of Town roads, the Committee recommends that \$125,000 be appropriated for ongoing road maintenance. This is a 25% increase from 2011, which is primarily due to the additional need for culvert replacements.

The Committee recommends the continuation of the Local Circuit Breaker program. In 2011, the Town approved \$60,000 for this program, however only about \$22,500 was expended in 2011, leaving a fund balance of \$37,000. The committee expects that the program will be used more in 2012 as residents become more aware of it. Consequently, it is requesting that an

additional \$12,500 be appropriated to that fund to bring the fund level at \$50,000. This fund level is \$10,000 less than the level recommended in 2011.

The Committee recommends continuing the current relationship with the Curtis Memorial Library in 2012, and continuing to contribute to social service agencies that benefit Town residents. Continued support for both the Orr's Island Library and the Cundy's Harbor Library are recommended by requesting appropriations of \$13,000 and \$13,800, respectively. Additionally, the Orr's Island Library request of \$10,000 in 2012 is the final installment of a request for \$50,000 initially made in 2009 and spread out over 4 years for the expansion and renovation of the library facilities.

The Committee appreciates the efforts made by the entire staff in submitting 2012 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.

Planning Board

In 2011 the Planning Board held 11 monthly meetings and heard 21 applications.

The Planning Board considered nine applications for jurisdictional review, remanding six to the Code Enforcement Office, approving two and continuing one. The Planning Board approved six applications for site plan review, placing conditions on five. The Board approved one application for subdivision review and one application for a commercial wharf. In addition, the Planning Board heard five applications for other land use matters, approving two applications for timber harvesting. The Board held public hearings with the Selectmen on creation of shoreland zoning on Eagle Island, held public hearings with the Selectmen on creation of a Mitchell Field Business District, and considered a subdivision sketch plan.

The Planning Board has also been active in reviewing proposed revisions to land use ordinances for the Town of Harpswell.

Board of Appeals

The Harpswell Board of Appeals met four times in 2011 and heard nine appeals. Of the three undue hardship variance requests the Board considered, one was continued and two were withdrawn. The Board granted one practical difficulty variance and granted two of four variance requests for a single family dwelling. One administrative appeal was considered and denied.

Conservation Commission

Established by Town Meeting in 1970, the Harpswell Conservation Commission has the responsibility to conduct research and give advice that will help the Town better utilize, protect, and plan for its natural resources and open areas. The Conservation Commission seeks to coordinate its activities with existing Town committees and departments, and with other conservation organizations.

Ecological Survey of Mountain Road Town-Owned Parcels

An ecological assessment of the five parcels of Town-owned land near the Town Office and Long Reach was completed in late spring. Funded by a grant from the Davis Conservation Foundation and performed by Normandeau Associates, the assessment identified the natural resources on the parcels and is a first step toward establishing an overall long-term plan for their use. The results of the assessment were presented to the Selectmen and other Town land use committees at a public presentation in September.

The studied area included the highest point in Harpswell and the Cliff Trail area, site of a popular hiking trail that is unique in the Midcoast region for its high shoreline cliffs, forest-interior habitat, freshwater and tidal wetlands plus its adjacent productive tidal flats. Structures on the site are the town office, recycling center, community television building and communications tower.

Results:

- Natural resources were located and identified. They included 32 wetlands, 9 vernal pools and 12 stream segments.
- Fox kits were observed in a den east of the Town office. Osprey nests were noted on the eastern cliffs, and raptors also appeared to be using the eastern cliffs for nesting.
- The Cliff Trail was mapped with GPS and the data will enable Harpswell to add the trail to the Town database and to include it in electronic trail maps.
- Reconnaissance-level mapping and inventorying identified the high priority areas for consideration of a conservation easement and provided maps and other information that can be used in future grant applications to fund a conservation easement.



The report recommends the Cliff Trail area and the Towns' highest point (east side of property) be preserved for public recreational use as this area has shallow to bedrock soils and severe slopes that would present challenges and greatly add to the cost of development. The existing trail network provides a good opportunity for the public to enjoy this property. Many views are scenic and the area provides views of a variety of habitats and natural features. This portion of the property also offers a very scenic view of Long Reach and the surrounding landforms.

Guideline for Sustainable Development and Landscaping

The Commission is completing a guideline to assist those building or renovating homes to minimize the impact of the construction on Harpswell's environment. *Building in Harpswell? You Can Make A Difference* will provide information and suggestions about how to design a home or home renovation to minimize its impact on the land, drinking water (wells) and marine environment. A handout will be available in the spring.

West Harpswell Village District

HCC worked with the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee in developing guidelines that would better protect the sensitive wetland areas in the West Harpswell Village District; providing an area in Harpswell for less-sprawling development while offering more contiguous open space and added protection for sensitive wetlands.

Annual Medical Prescription Collection

In October, HCC members joined with the Recycling Center and Town staff to help in the 2nd annual medical prescription collection. The program was enthusiastically received by the citizens participating. Harpswell's marine and ground waters are affected by the improper disposal of medications. The HCC appreciates the help of residents in keeping these contaminants out of Harpswell's marine and ground waters. . Look for the next collection date!

The Adopt-a-Road Program

Each April, the HCC partners with the coordinators in each section of town for a special one day clean up of all roadsides. The result is a spruced up town. The Adopt-a-Road Program, coordinated by the Commission, offers an opportunity to help keep our roads clean throughout the year. Trash, both accidental and careless, appears on roadsides all the time. Several stretches of Rtes 123, 24, and other roads need people who can step in and keep them from accumulating litter. Please call the Adopt-a-Road coordinator, Anne Perry, at 729-9755, sign up on-line, or pick up sign-up forms at the Town Office. To those who have adopted a road, a big thank you!

Members Needed

The Commission is seeking new members. Town residents interested in supporting the Commission's efforts to protect Harpswell's groundwater, its natural resources and its marine economy are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the Town Office or on-line at <http://www.harpswell.maine.gov/> . Click on *Boards and Committees* on the left side. Submit the application electronically or download, print and mail.

Conservation Resources On-line

The Commission invites you to visit at <http://www.harpswell.maine.gov> and click on *Conservation Commission* located on the left sidebar. You can sign up to *Save Our Bay*, download Green Gardening tips, follow links to on-line conservation resources or join the Adopt-a-Road program. We hope you find the site informative.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

At the start of the year, the CPIC had identified four areas of Town containing a total of about 1200 acres as suitable Village Growth Districts. The Committee recalculated the amount of growth that Harpswell could expect over the next thirty years, given recent trends, and thus decided that the area needed to support that growth would be about 640 acres.

The Committee tried to reduce the four proposed village areas to one or two, and to re-do the boundaries of those areas so that they enclosed the needed acreage. Committee members hoped that one of the village areas would be on the peninsula, the other on Great Island north of Cundy's Harbor. However, defining a suitable Village Growth District on Great Island proved to be very difficult due to slopes, wetlands, wildlife corridors, the quality of soil and water, and the need to protect runoff areas into the bay.

Therefore, the Committee focused on the Harpswell peninsula. It determined that the best location for a Village Growth District was the area around Mitchell Field, which the Committee labeled "West Harpswell". The Committee then defined various standards for the Village Growth District, such as minimum lot size, minimum building setbacks, and maximum building height. The CPIC proposed the definition of the West Harpswell Village Growth Area as an ordinance amendment warrant article for the public to vote on in March.

The CPIC has also proposed that Bailey Island, southern Orr's Island, and Cundy's Harbor be designated as "Settled Villages" with standards similar to those of the Village Growth Area.

The Committee has proposed additional ordinance changes to set standards for water supply, sewage disposal, and ground and storm water management in subdivisions and in the Settled Villages and the Village District.

Copies of the proposed ordinance changes, as well as maps of the Village District and Settled Villages, are available at the Town Office.

Education Advisory Committee

The Education Advisory Committee (EAC) began work in 2011 to provide information and recommendations to the Select Board, and through it to the community, regarding several areas pertaining to the education of Harpswell students.

In light of the referendum vote to close the West Harpswell School the Committee was first charged with investigating the legal framework of various alternatives if Harpswell was to withdraw from MSAD # 75. This was primarily done by researching other schools in Maine that had withdrawn from consolidated districts or unions, and through conversations with the Department of Education.

A referendum was held in June 2011 to determine whether this was an issue Harpswell voters wanted to commit time and money to. Prior to the June referendum, the EAC held a televised meeting with James Rier, the Deputy Commissioner of Education.

At this public forum, Mr. Rier spoke of his experiences in working with towns that had chosen to withdraw from consolidated school districts, highlighting some of the challenges and illuminating some of the possible options for Harpswell to consider. A summary of this forum was printed in the June issue of *The Harpswell Anchor*.

The result of the June referendum did not support further pursuit of withdrawal from MSAD #75. At that point, the EAC slowed its meeting schedule with the intention of discussing further aspects of the mission statement as that became necessary.

Emergency Vehicles Committee

The Committee continues to follow a schedule of vehicle replacement in accordance with the recommendation of the Fire & Rescue Study completed in 2008. The vehicle replacement schedule is modified whenever the useful life of apparatus can safely be extended; thus minimizing continuing investment without compromising reliability. The Committee reviewed the specifications for a 2000 gallon pumper/tanker with a 1250 gpm pump for the Cundy's Harbor Fire Department and a 2000 gallon tanker with a 500 gpm pump for the Orr's Bailey Island Fire Department (OBI). The specifications for the two trucks were sent to the Board of Selectman and were approved before going out to bid.

The OBI Tanker bid was awarded to Crimson Fire for \$204,470. In addition to being the best choice overall, it was the lowest bid. This truck is expected to be delivered in April of 2012.

The Cundy's Harbor Fire Department Pumper/Tanker bids have been received and are being evaluated as this is written. The bids range in price from \$272,555 to \$313,085.

The emergency vehicles are purchased by the Town and then are leased to the appropriate fire company.

Energy Committee

The Committee has spent most of 2011 implementing the Energy Improvement Grant and undertaking a limited number of new projects.

The most successful project was the award of up to \$73,000 as part of the Mid Coast Council of Governments' block grant to make energy efficiency improvements to Town buildings and to conduct an educational outreach program to young people and citizens of the Town. Energy improvements to the Town Office Building, Recycling Center and Community TV station were put out to bid through the Town, projects awarded and the work was completed. It is a pleasure to report that two of the three subcontracts were awarded to local contractors and local businesses benefited from the project. After the 2011/2012 heating season, energy usage will be reviewed to quantify the benefits of the project.

As part of the outreach program, an Energy Market Place was held in early October. Unfortunately, it was not as well attended as the first, largely due to competition with other events. As part of the program, discount coupons were drawn by lottery during the Market Place and eight homes in Harpswell received energy audits.

The final component of the grant is an educational program in the Community School, where students learn about energy and energy efficiency through their science studies. The Energy Sleuth curriculum is the basis for the program and is being taught to fifth graders by Committee members in conjunction with the 5th grade teacher. The classes will continue through the spring of 2012 and will culminate with the students building two miniature energy efficient houses.

The study of the Town's street lights was completed, submitted to the Selectmen, and with some modifications was approved and is scheduled for implementation. Tad Bond, a local Eagle Scout candidate, did much of the work and is to be commended for the amount of work and quality of his report.

The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance was adopted by the Town and the Program is being administered by Efficiency Maine. To date, a few residents have taken advantage of the program. More information regarding PACE which provides loans for energy improvements to homes is available at the Town Office.

As a result of the grant work performed in the Town Office an opportunity presented itself to apply for an additional grant to have the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC) retrofitted. All the major HVAC components were tested and replaced as needed and the system adjusted. This would be comparable to a 36,000 mile tune up for a car. The building is reported to be more comfortable and should be operating more efficiently.

The Committee is seeking citizens who are interested in assisting with ongoing projects or have energy projects that they feel would benefit the Town and its citizens.

Fire & Rescue Committee

In 2011, the three Harpswell Fire and Rescue Departments continued their efforts to work together. This has been demonstrated in the most recent coordination of hose testing by an outside vendor hosted by Orr’s & Bailey Island Fire Department as well as by the joint Fire Apparatus/Driver training and certification held at Orr’s Island station. These and other activities such as the Emergency Vehicle Acquisition Committee demonstrate the commitment of the three departments to provide the highest level of service to our entire community.

In preparation for the future, and with an eye on the aging of the Town’s population and the challenge of recruiting and retaining volunteers, the Board of Selectmen expanded the Fire and Rescue Committee to include three additional residents for the purpose of strategically planning for the future delivery of emergency medical services. The expanded Committee looked at the needs of the community, in particular how to address daytime coverage issues and the administrative burden posed by increases in both required training and paperwork.

This expanded Committee, after a year-long process, completed its evaluation of the current delivery system and created a final report on how best to provide this service for the immediate future. This report, available on the Town’s web site, made a number of recommendations centered on the idea that Harpswell begin to “negotiate with Midcoast Hospital to provide paramedic services and administrative support from 6 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday.”

Also new in 2011 is the dry fire hydrant installed and placed in service on the Oakhurst Island Road, improving fire protection for that area.

The following are the response totals for 2011

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>MUTUAL AID</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>EMS</u>
Cundy’s Harbor	2	84	120 * includes Fire responses
Harpswell Neck	6	74	136
Orr’s/Bailey Islands	14	60	128
Totals	28	218	384

Harbor & Waterfront Committee

Harbor Management Plan

In 2011 the Harbor Management Plan was completed. This plan was made possible by a grant from the Maine State Planning Office. Noel Musson, consultant, presented the final plan to the Harbor & Waterfront Committee (H&WC) and the Board of Selectmen. This plan will be used as a guide for all projects affecting the harbors and waterfront.

Public Access

The H&WC and the Harbormaster worked with Town committees to develop and apply for a grant through the Maine State Planning Office to evaluate waterfront access for the public and the working waterfront. The Town of Harpswell was not successful in obtaining this grant as the State already had an initiative in place to assess public access. The State has, however, provided a support person to work with the Harbormaster on public access related to tourism.

Mitchell Field Boat Launch

The H&WC provided oversight and was part of joint committee meetings with the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee to discuss the boat launch project.

Pott's Point

Owners of moorings at Pott's Point were invited by the H&WC to their Committee meetings and the Committee listened to concerns of overcrowding. These concerns have been taken under consideration by the Harbormaster.

Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee

We are pleased to note that this is our final report. In 1952, the Government of the United States acquired easements by eminent domain for a fuel pipeline running from the Casco Bay Fuel Farm (now Mitchell Field) to the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. The pipeline easements and associated right-of-way traversed approximately 7 ¼ miles from the northern boundary of Mitchell Field to the southern boundary of the former air station. Two pipes carried fuel and they were covered in an asbestos wrap. The pipeline was in use until 1991.

In 2003, the Harpswell Town Meeting voted to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a deed transferring the government's interest in the pipeline easements to the Town. Then, the Town would release the easements to the property owners along the right-of-way. The sum of \$6,500 was raised and appropriated for legal and recording work to have the easements extinguished.

In 2006 the Selectmen created the Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee. An objective of the Committee was the return of the pipeline easements directly from the US Government to the property owners. This objective was important to avoid having the Town incur potential liability for the condition of the property covered by the easements. With the assistance of the Congressional Delegation (Senators Snowe and Collins and then Representative Tom Allen) the Navy was persuaded to remove the pipes at its expense and extinguish the easements. The pipes, and all asbestos-containing materials, were removed in their entirety in 2010. In the process of removing the pipes, evidence of petrochemical residue was found in certain soils along the right-

of-way. Extensive testing of the residue by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection established that there is no unacceptable risk to human health. And based on that, the Navy concluded the easements could be released without any reservations or restrictions.

On December 21, 2011 the Government of the United States released the easements, along with any and all rights, directly to the lawful current owners of the lands that were subject to those easements. The notice of release was recorded at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds on December 28, 2011.

The Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee has fulfilled its mission completely. The pipes have been removed, the land restored to grade, the easements have been extinguished, and the current owners now have unrestricted rights to their properties. All of this was done at no expense or liability to the Town.

The members of the Committee thank the Selectmen for the opportunity to see this job to completion.

We particularly wish to note that the project personnel from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the US Navy and its contractors were exceptionally responsive and cooperative. Special thanks go to former Selectman Amy Haible who championed the formation of our Committee and to Town Administrator Kristi Eiane for helping facilitate our work. Since no expense was incurred by the Town, we recommend the \$6,500 appropriated for legal and recording work revert to the general fund and that the Selectmen dissolve this Committee.

Marine Resources Committee

In 2011, the Marine Resources Committee continued to work with the Department of Marine Resources in Boothbay to keep our current areas open as well as continuing to work on getting areas back in open status that have been closed for several years.

The Committee has continued to work with the Department of Marine Resources on the priority list the Committee developed in 2010. We did regain some valuable flats in 2011 and will continue to focus on the priority list in 2012.

Committee members continued to assist the Town Wardens in digging clams to be tested for Red Tide helping to keep our areas open for harvesting. The sample stations that were established in 2010 and extra sampling remained a key to keeping more area open during red tide blooms.

In 2011 Committee members monitored the areas where quahog seed had been planted the previous year. The new quahog seed beds are doing well, therefore Committee members again applied to the Department of Marine Resources to obtain the proper permits and several more bushels of quahog seed were obtained and distributed in various coves in Harpswell.

The Committee currently has seven members. Anyone interested in coming to a meeting is welcome and encouraged. The Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

In closing, the Committee would like to acknowledge the passing of a long time out of Town senior harvester, Charles McKenney. Condolences go out to his loved ones.

Mitchell Field Implementation Committee

Progress continues on implementation of the Mitchell Field Master Plan. Use of the field by the public has increased substantially; and the beach area can almost be called “crowded” on a nice summer day.

The new Marine Business Zone, creating a roughly nine acre business park, was approved at the 2011 Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen was also granted authority, at that time, to negotiate a long-term lease on the parcel. A new business has shown serious interest in locating its operation at the field. Zoning and performance standards governing the parcel were developed by the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee (MFIC) with the help of a consultant and the Town Planner.

Work required to open the pier to the public was completed in time for the Harpswell Festival and the Shindig/Boat Races. The entire pier and the small boat basin were secured by installing a netted handrail. Volunteers constructed the railing using fence materials removed from along the waterfront.

Substantial work has been done to ready a plot of ground in the upper meadow for a community garden. Spring planting is planned. The small building along the main road was refurbished to be used as a “garden shed.” Old equipment was removed and volunteers painted and decorated the outside of the structure. The growing area was improved with loam and sand. A dug well is being installed to supply water for the garden only and a composting bin has been constructed. A swale will be created prior to planting time to improve site drainage. Funding for all the garden work was provided by a donation from the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust.

Via a grant, a detailed study of a possible boat ramp adjacent to the pier was completed. Envisioned is an all-weather, paved ramp on the north side of the pier. The permitting process and funding sources are being explored currently.

Work has begun on the housing portion of the master plan. Joint meetings with the Affordable Housing Committee have been conducted and the Board of Selectmen is considering how to proceed. An evaluation of existing infrastructure is underway. The resulting information will be used to better understand how housing and business will be developed at the field.

Please come enjoy our wonderful asset with your neighbors.

Town Lands Committee

Over the past year the Town Lands Committee has been busy with several projects. A couple of years of joint work with the Recreation Committee resulted in the June opening of the Devil’s Back Trail on the northern tip or Orr’s Island. This 1¼ mile trail has quickly become a well-used addition to Harpswell’s already great collection of hiking trails. In 2011 the Recreation and Lands Committees started another joint project of creating a brochure highlighting recreation and water-access spots around Town. The brochure will be available in the Town Office and will be distributed in common tourist areas such as hotels and restaurants. Residents, tourists and visitors will also find the brochure to be a useful resource. Even long-time residents may not be fully aware of all the great natural areas in Town. The brochure is expected to be out later in the spring.

The Committee's primary focus has always been the protection and preservation of Town-owned land. In an effort to improve public water access, the Lands Committee has been working with Town officials on updates to the Graveyard Point Town Landing on Harpswell Neck. If the modest funding request is approved at Town Meeting, residents should see well-defined parking spaces and a clear delineation between public Town land and private property. This landing provides great access for launching kayaks, swimming or enjoying the views of Harpswell Sound. The Committee is also working with the Harbor and Waterfront Committee in a review of all Town landings to help prioritize maintenance and review opportunities for improvement.

Any resident interested in being a steward for a Town-owned property, landing, or island is encouraged to pick up a steward application form at the Town Office or download one from the Town website. Volunteers' work in monitoring Town property plays an important role in preserving it for everyone.

West Harpswell School Re-use Committee Report

This Committee was created in spring 2011 by the Selectmen in anticipation of a Town vote last August on whether or not to accept ownership of the West Harpswell School building and land from School Administrative District 75 (SAD 75). The Committee had a fairly short period of time in which to collect information about the physical status of the building and research potential alternative uses should the Town accept it. Initially, meetings were held every two weeks.

Information came from a variety of sources: the Selectmen, Harpswell Town Office staff, SAD 75 administrative staff, other Town committees, individuals from other towns who had been through this process, staff at other school districts, records at the Town Office, local legislators, Harpswell townspeople, and various outside entities that deal with building conversions. The Committee suggested that the Town complete a Phase I environmental assessment of the site, a recommendation that was authorized at the June 14th Town Meeting.

Committee members and other attendees heard presentations from the Brunswick Housing Authority, Volunteers of America, and individuals working in alternate school settings. Three open houses were held at the school, where staff toured the building with members of the public, as well as several site visits with building conversion professionals. Newspaper articles appeared in *The Harpswell Anchor*, *The Times Record* and *The Coastal Journal*. There were three public hearings to accept information and comments from the public. Thanks for providing space for these public hearings go to the Cundy's Harbor Community Building and to the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust for use of their meeting room.

During the data gathering process, the Committee developed an outline setting forth the pros and cons of acceptance, adding information as it was received. This information included the condition of the building, the costs to run it either occupied or empty, suggested alternative uses, and the possible sale of the site if the Town accepted it. The outline was distributed at various public meetings and the hearings. Thereafter, findings were reported to the Selectmen. The Town voted to accept the school property on August 23, 2011.

Cundy's Harbor Library

The arrival of 2012 marks a transition of management at Cundy's Harbor Library (CHL). Ann Greene, outgoing board Vice President, and Anne Perry, the Library's able Publicity Chair, announced that they would not run for re-election to the board when their terms expired in December 2011. Ann and Anne both intend to continue serving the Library as volunteers. The board vacancies created by their departure will be filled by new members Hilde Bird and Charlie Hewson. Sam Schwartz, the Librarian, has also announced his intention to step down in Spring 2012, after the Board has succeeded in finding a suitable replacement for him.

In 2011, CHL added 302 items to the collection, including adult fiction and non-fiction books, audio books, children's and young adult books, DVD movies, six Cisco Mino-HD video cameras, both a DVD and a VHS player, and a baritone horn (which has already been lent to the Mid Coast Symphony for one performance). While CHL is not a member of the Maine Infonet Download Library e-book and audio-book service on the Internet, Harpswell residents can use that service free of charge with a Curtis Memorial Library card – and CHL can now issue Curtis library cards (and Portland Public Library cards as well) to enable use of a host of online services without a trip to Brunswick or Portland to get the necessary card.

The Library made a number of technology improvements in 2011. Treasurer Pam Bichrest and Librarian Sam Schwartz converted the library's accounts to a computer accounting system that tracks expenses against budget, and generates reports for the board, the tax accountant, and the Town budget cycle much more easily. Now both the library's inventory of materials and its money are tracked by computer. As part of the Maine State Library Information Commons program (funded with a Federal government grant), CHL received a new desktop computer and two new laptops to provide improved public access to the Internet, including on-line training and job searching services MSL is implementing. With help from Maine's Department of Marine Resources (DMR), the library returned its weather station to service reporting local rainfall measurements to DMR as an aid to decisions on shellfish bed access. Current weather data can once again be found on the library's website, <http://www.cundysharbor.lib.me.us>. CHL also now has a formal agreement with DMR for the maintenance of the weather station.

A number of community groups have used the Library's downstairs room for meetings, including Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, the Harpswell Community Housing Trust, the citizen group developing plans for a West Harpswell community library, and neighborhood outreach forums scheduled by the Greater Portland Council of Governments and by Spectrum Generations of Brunswick. The Cundy's Harbor Library Glee & Perloo Society Band also made regular use of the space for their rehearsals. To make sure the facilities stay welcomingly clean for all those visitors, the Library has engaged Maureen Coombs, who does an exemplary job of making things tidy every two weeks.

The Library held its traditional roster of fundraising events, including the Community Breakfasts in February and Library Book Sale in July. New to the fundraising calendar in 2011 were two Square Dances with caller Walter Bull, the first one in March, the second in August combined with the library's Summer Ice Cream Social. The Cundy's Harbor Glee & Perloo Society Band played at West Harpswell Meeting House for Harpswell Day in May, and, transported in Jim Cornish's 1941 Chevrolet dump truck, for the Cundy's Harbor Days Parade in August (see Jean deBellefeuille's video of the parade on YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsVid4GBeg0>, to see and hear the band on Jim's truck).

Children who participated in CHL's Summer Reading Program constructed a rope bridge and enjoyed a performance of Deborah Costine's *The Woodland Cinderella*, a charmingly different take on an old story.

While the Library's 2011 fundraising events produced less revenue than planned, the 2011 Annual Appeal, due to the extraordinary generosity of Harpswellians, brought in significantly more than expected, enabling the library to meet its goal of matching the Town's contribution to operating expenses. The split is now 50/50 for operating costs, with capital costs provided entirely by private contributions. Capital plans for the coming year include updating the heating system and repairing the driveway.

A number of people deserve special thanks for their material support of CHL: R. A. Webber & Sons for repairing the driveway's spring flood damage; T. J. Watson for summer landscape service and winter snow plowing; Jim Cornish for classic transport for the library's band; Chris Hall, Robin Brooks, Julie Swol, Bruce Brandt, Laurel Sheppard, and Candi Hine for making the Glee & Perloo Society band a reality; and Jan Stover and her Trillium colleagues for sharing the proceeds of their July concert with the Library.

Future development plans include collaboration with Maine State Library on education programs in conjunction with MSL's Information Commons project, sessions to help patrons understand the services of the Maine Infonet Download Library's Internet e-book and audio book collections; and more creative programs for adults and children throughout the year. The Library is also pondering how best to help Harpswell keep connected to the ever-more-electronic future of information. Cundy's Harbor Library will continue to work hard to be a community asset for Harpswell.

Samuel Schwartz, Librarian Sue Hawkes, President Leslie Bradbury, Vice President
Jody Watson, Secretary Pam Bichrest, Treasurer

Orr's Island Library

The Orr's Island Library has served the year-round and seasonal Harpswell community for over a hundred years, initially with its collection of fiction, including mysteries, non-fiction, and children's books. Then, over time, the Library added DVDs and CDs, computer access and wifi. It now also offers popular children's programs in July, an annual book sale in August, a year-round book discussion group, and space for community organizations to meet. As the collections, activities, and services expanded so did the number of patrons served.

In 2009, to meet the growing demands, the library embarked on an ambitious plan to upgrade and expand its facility by adding a reading room and a work room and refurbishing the original one hundred five year old building.

The year 2011 ended with the opening of the new reading room in mid-December, and saw, among other things, the completion of an ADA compliant ramp and lift which will provide handicapped access to patrons who are unable to climb steep stairs to use the library. In the midst of the construction, the librarian and the volunteers manned their posts and provided their same cordial and competent service.

This expansion and renovation have been possible because of the generous support for the project from the Town, individual donors, and foundations. A great deal has been accomplished. What remains to be done is the refurbishing of the original building. With continuing support,

the project will be completed, and the library will be positioned to give back to the community with an expanded collection of books and audio visual material, and greater services.

The library is open Monday and Wednesday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at which times all are welcome.

Peg Bonarrigo, President

Joanne Rogers, Librarian

Curtis Memorial Library

In 2011 the library Board of Directors, staff and community members came together to update Curtis Memorial Library's Mission and Vision statements to ensure that the library's guiding principles reflect the changing needs of Harpswell and Brunswick.

The revised Mission statement reads as follows:

To enhance the quality of life in our communities by advancing knowledge, fostering creativity, encouraging the exchange of ideas, and building community.

The Vision statement now states:

*Curtis Memorial Library aspires to be an **essential focal point of community life**, offering a safe, trusted environment in which the community's needs will be met in these six key areas:*

- *The library will be **a home for readers** where everyone can find the stories they want to read, listen to authors talk about their books, share literature with each other, and explore the world through the written word.*
- *The library will ensure **early literacy**, providing parents and children with the language and literacy foundation children need.*
- *The library will be a **technology bridge**, providing support and training that will help individuals navigate the Internet and explore rapidly evolving technology.*
- *The library will be the place to go for **lifelong learning opportunities and information** in the form of speakers, programs and learning materials.*
- *The library will **enrich the cultural and recreational lives** of community members with materials and programs that inspire and entertain.*
- *The library will build its role as **a key link between the community and its heritage**, helping maintain the special sense of place that makes "here" unique.*

To support this updated Mission and Vision the library initiated multiple new programs in 2011:

Curtis received (one of twenty libraries nationally to do so) a \$73,000 grant from the American Library Association and FINRA to develop a financial literacy program for women. The goal was to provide library resources (books, magazines, electronic databases) and programming to help women learn to better manage their own finances.

The library received a \$5,000 grant from the Senter Foundation for books and materials that support children's literacy.

With a \$5,000 gift from an anonymous donor the library developed a “Curtis Crafts” area at the library in support of the many library patrons who knit, sew, quilt, etc. Books and magazines about different types of crafts have been gathered into one comfortable area on the second floor of the library and it is anticipated that there will soon be regular craft programs held there.

The library staff has presented new programs on ereaders, genealogy, computers, mystery writers, gaming, the sciences and senior caregiving. We provided these programs both at the library and at locations throughout the community.

Harpswell library users are able to benefit from all of these programs as well as from the library’s outstanding collection of materials, resources and staff. In addition in 2012 the library staff will explore options for more programming at Harpswell venues. This opportunity for every citizen in Harpswell to have access to a full-service, outstanding public library is what makes the partnership between Harpswell and Curtis Memorial Library such an excellent value for Harpswell.

By financially supporting the Library, Harpswell is ensuring that every member of its community, regardless of their income, has equal access to the information that they need to manage their lives in areas such as employment, health, finances, personal issues, community issues, education.

We would like to thank 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, Library Director
Curtis Memorial Library

Harpswell Community Television

During 2011 Harpswell Community Television focused its cameras on many people from all walks of life, which was evident in a wide variety of locally produced programs. Both area hospitals utilize Harpswell’s facility to bring informative and valuable television to area residents. People Plus has moved its production of “News and Views” to Harpswell and Bruce Gagnon continues to present provocative guests from around the world on “This Issue.” Harpswell Community Television works with The Humble Farmer, giving him the technical help and encouragement to bring his jazz program to everyone in Maine and beyond on television and the internet.

Residents are prepared for Town Meeting, in part, because their truly local television station has broadcast Selectmen’s, Planning Board and Budget Committee meetings as well as all public hearings. HCTV broadcasts have included discussions on such diverse subjects as ordinance changes, a boat launch proposal, Town boat replacement and road sanding. The cost of filming these meetings and hearings is covered by the Town.

Did you miss the Memorial Day parade? No problem. It was on community television. Local plays and music programs presented at school, Community Theater, and the Grange, filled our program schedule. Carl Johnson continues his great coverage of Mt. Ararat sports and Donnette Goodnow's "Have You Read It?" discusses the writing experience with local authors. All Harpswell local programs and municipal meetings can be experienced on the web at vimeo.com/harpswelltv.

Your community station is now poised to enter the digital world, having prepared for this moment in a number of ways. Both the Town and the non-profit station have reserved capital dollars for digital conversion. Through the latest franchise agreement with Comcast, the Town will receive \$60,000 in an equipment grant to be paid to the Town over a ten-year period. These payments from Comcast will be held in a reserve account to be used to purchase capital equipment as authorized by Town Meeting. Beyond what you will see on the Town Meeting warrant, Harpswell Community Television will be reaching out in the coming year with a capital funding campaign for transmitter upgrades. By minimizing its need for tax dollars Harpswell's television remains a true community station.

With your support, Harpswell TV has become Maine's premier community television station and is widely recognized, both in-and out-of-state advancing the effectiveness and legitimacy of community television through innovation. In order to continue to bring the best in local television to Harpswell, HCTV must update and upgrade its facility to function digitally. By reaching out to each other in high definition through a digital format on cable, broadcast television and the internet, and in the future on satellite and mobile television, we can create a truly effective community media system. At no time in history has local communication been more important. Support community television. It will keep you informed on local issues.

Officers & Directors

*Tom Allen, President David I. Chipman, Vice President Lynda DeHaan, Treasurer/Secretary
Dan Boland Dave Mercier Jenn Nelson Linda Strickland*

Harpswell Historical Society

The Harpswell Historical Society is alive and well in its 34th year. 2011 has seen an increase in both membership and interest in the society's goals. In 2012 we hope to increase the number of times our Museum will be open.

The Harpswell Historical Society Museum is now in its 12th year. The past 12 years have seen constant growth in our collections and in the number of visitors. We will be open on Memorial Day, and on Sundays from 2 to 4 during June, July, August, September and October. We are also open by appointment (833-6322).

You are invited to our reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Old Town Meetinghouse at 11 A.M. on the 4th of July. Please come to our Halloween Party in October and our Community Tree Lighting in December. We also host other events throughout the year.

Visiting our Museum and attending our public events is provided at no cost to the public.

The Harpswell Historical Society, by agreement with the Town of Harpswell, has the responsibility for the continued care and maintenance of the Old Town Meeting House, the Town Pound and the Hearse House. The Society will assist those individuals and organizations with interest in using these facilities.

David Hackett III
President

M.S.A.D. #75

The 2011-2012 school year has brought several changes. The District welcomed new Superintendent Brad Smith, interim Assistant Superintendent Elaine Dow, and two new building principals, Bill Zima at Mt. Ararat Middle School and Kerry Bailey at Harpswell Community School.

The new Harpswell Community School began its first year with 157 students. Under the guidance of Principal Kerry Bailey and the dedicated staff, the school is part of a district-wide focus on literacy that is implementing new practices in reading and writing. To confirm the success of these new programs one only needs to visit a classroom and witness the engaged students and teachers and note the quantifiable improvement in the students.

The District schools have much to be proud of. Students in all grades achieve above the state average in both reading and math. In addition to core subjects, students can elect to enroll in French, Spanish, German, and an acclaimed Chinese program. At the high school level, there are many Advanced Placement courses for students who qualify. The music programs are consistently recognized for their high quality of performance. Additionally, the District provides 458 students with one of the finest special education programs in the state. Finally, the District's diverse and award winning sports programs continue to provide opportunities for all age levels.

Acquiring state funding for the renovation of Mt. Ararat High School continues to be a goal for the district. In 2005 the state ranked the project as #21 on the Priority List for Major Capital Improvement, a low enough ranking that the project did not qualify for funding. Last year when the state published the new list, the Mt. Ararat renovation ranked #7. Recently the district learned that funding had been approved for the first 6 projects on the list. Late in January 2012, a team of district staff and board members met with Commissioner Bowen and Deputy Commissioner Rier. At this meeting the district representatives were assured that the Mt. Ararat renovation project would remain next in the ranking system. It is hoped that funding will be approved before going through another ranking process.

The District's financial situation continues to be challenging. Over the past several years, state funding has been significantly reduced, leaving the District to find ways to reduce spending without impacting the quality of educational services. The District is aware that about 80% of the households in the four communities of MSAD 75 do not have children under the age of 18 and that many of these households live on fixed incomes. This means that the District is charged with the responsibility of not only maintaining and improving the quality of learning for each individual student in the District, but to do so in a frugal and economic way that does not further increase the tax burden of each household.

The 2012-2013 budget year is the fourth year in a row that the District plans to maintain the total local contribution without an increase. However, due to changes in relative valuation and enrollment, three of the District towns will see increases in their local contributions – only Topsham will see a decrease. It is projected that Harpswell’s share will increase by about 1.7%.

As with all Board meetings, the public is invited to attend the meetings of the Board’s Finance Committee or to view them on Harpswell TV, Channel 14. For times and locations of meetings, please consult the district web site, www.link75.org. The public is invited to participate in the Public Budget Forums to be held in Harpswell, Bowdoin, and Topsham. In Harpswell, the Public Budget Forum will be held on Thursday, March 29 at the Harpswell Community School at 6:30 p.m.

MSAD 75 Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget: \$34,211,086.00
Harpswell’s Share: \$6,491,886.09

Enrollment (October 2011)

	<u>Harpswell</u>	<u>District</u>
K – 5	198*	1125
6 -- 8	133	615
9 -- 12	<u>159</u>	<u>867</u>
Total	490	2607

***Approx. 40 Harpswell students attend other schools within the MSAD 75 district.**

Harpswell’s share of enrollment: 18.8%

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the government activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Harpswell, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011 (not presented herein), which collectively comprise the Town of Harpswell, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2012.

The accompanying summary financial information (listed below) of the Town of Harpswell, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, represents excerpts from the Town's complete financial statements and therefore is not a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- ✓ Statement 4
- ✓ Exhibit A-1
- ✓ Exhibit A-2
- ✓ Exhibit B-2

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the portion of the basic financial statements from which it has been derived.

Runyon Kerstein Ouellette

January 30, 2012
South Portland, Maine



TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2011

	General	Road Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 11,165,908	-	-	11,165,908
Intergovernmental	242,481	-	110,310	352,791
Fines and violations	1,000	-	-	1,000
Miscellaneous	514,821	-	44,483	559,304
Total revenues	11,924,210	-	154,793	12,079,003
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,144,206	-	-	1,144,206
Public works	827,963	-	-	827,963
Protection and safety	781,529	-	-	781,529
Health and welfare	31,943	-	-	31,943
Cultural and recreation	231,445	-	47,137	278,582
Education	6,769,941	-	-	6,769,941
County taxes	1,113,908	-	-	1,113,908
Overlay/abatement	6,363	-	-	6,363
Debt service	427,612	-	-	427,612
Capital and special projects	154,252	221,480	476,597	852,329
Total expenditures	11,489,162	221,480	523,734	12,234,376
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	435,048	(221,480)	(368,941)	(155,373)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from long-term debt	800,000	-	-	800,000
Transfers (to) from other funds	(1,207,250)	1,000,000	207,250	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(407,250)	1,000,000	207,250	800,000
Net change in fund balances	27,798	778,520	(161,691)	644,627
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,769,667	237,900	911,597	4,919,164
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 3,797,465	1,016,420	749,906	5,563,791

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets
General Fund
December 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,301,409	4,753,652
Receivables:		
Taxes	523,403	446,298
Tax liens and acquired properties	66,525	76,049
Other	64,265	59,604
Prepaid items	23,040	13,584
Total assets	\$ 5,978,642	5,349,187
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	64,521	75,345
Taxes paid in advance	11,780	18,178
Deferred revenues	338,550	336,500
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	23,889	28,281
Capital Projects	1,742,437	1,121,216
Total liabilities	2,181,177	1,579,520
Fund balances:		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid Insurance	23,040	13,584
Committed:		
West Harpswell School	4,647	-
Assigned:		
General fund	476,688	368,744
Unassigned	3,293,090	3,387,339
Total fund balance	3,797,465	3,769,667
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 5,978,642	5,349,187

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, 2011

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 10,197,165	10,197,165	10,197,320	155
Interest and fees on property taxes	30,000	30,000	21,942	(8,058)
Excise taxes and registration fees	942,000	942,000	946,646	4,646
Total taxes	11,169,165	11,169,165	11,165,908	(3,257)
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	100,000	100,000	122,336	22,336
Local road assistance URIP	50,000	50,000	49,050	(950)
Homestead exemption and BETE	41,221	41,221	42,751	1,530
Tree growth	2,000	2,000	11,403	9,403
General assistance	6,000	6,000	9,814	3,814
Veterans exemption	2,000	2,000	3,211	1,211
Maine - FEMA	-	-	624	624
Other	2,000	2,000	3,292	1,292
Total intergovernmental	203,221	203,221	242,481	39,260
Fines and violations	-	-	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	20,000	20,000	10,725	(9,275)
Copies and records	3,000	3,000	4,610	1,610
Cable TV franchise fee	60,000	60,000	65,534	5,534
Cable technology & capital equip.	-	-	11,400	11,400
Licenses, fees and permits	148,000	148,000	160,810	12,810
Recycling center and disposal fees	215,000	215,000	209,943	(5,057)
Donations and gifts	8,000	8,000	19,210	11,210
Sale of property	1,300	1,300	10,777	9,477
Tower lease	18,000	18,000	18,818	818
Unclassified	2,700	2,700	2,994	294
Total miscellaneous	476,000	476,000	514,821	38,821
Total revenues	11,848,386	11,848,386	11,924,210	75,824

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, 2011

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
<i>Expenditures:</i>							
<i>General government:</i>							
21	Elected officials	\$ -	120,962	120,962	119,487	1,475	-
<i>General administration:</i>							
22	Administration	-	259,248	259,248	245,153	14,095	-
22	Public information	-	9,000	9,000	5,008	3,992	-
22	Risk management	-	52,141	52,141	50,558	1,583	-
22	Legal services	-	40,000	40,000	35,936	4,064	-
23	Memberships	-	17,418	17,418	16,669	749	-
24	Assessing	-	81,600	81,600	76,578	5,022	-
25	Tax collector's office	-	34,123	34,123	33,707	416	-
26	Town clerk's office	-	45,552	45,552	41,674	3,878	-
27	Treasurer	-	1,750	1,750	1,269	481	-
28	Code enforcement	-	92,315	92,315	85,152	7,163	-
29	Planning	1,190	74,513	75,703	66,922	8,781	1,190
30	Employee benefits	-	290,759	290,759	280,870	9,889	-
31	Boards and committees	-	5,405	5,405	3,127	2,278	-
<i>Operations and maintenance:</i>							
32	Municipal buildings and property	-	62,900	62,900	59,983	2,917	-
32	Old town house and commons	-	11,500	11,500	9,725	1,775	-
32	Town dock	-	3,000	3,000	2,465	535	-
32	Town landings	-	11,500	11,500	9,923	1,577	-
Total general government		1,190	1,213,686	1,214,876	1,144,206	70,670	1,190
<i>Public works:</i>							
33	Snow removal	-	398,973	398,973	388,133	10,840	-
33	Maintenance	-	100,000	100,000	96,544	3,456	-
33	Road, street signs	-	2,000	2,000	986	1,014	-
34	Recycling and transfer station	-	374,844	374,844	342,300	32,544	-
Total public works		-	875,817	875,817	827,963	47,854	-
<i>Protection and safety:</i>							
35,36	Emergency services	-	207,070	207,070	202,259	4,811	-
37	Emergency medical services planning	-	3,500	3,500	3,610	(110)	-
38	Street lighting	-	27,000	27,000	25,242	1,758	-
39	Harbor management	-	39,026	39,026	39,275	(249)	-
40	Animal control	-	23,947	23,947	22,505	1,442	-
41	Law enforcement and communication	-	318,536	318,536	318,536	-	-
41	Shellfish conservation enforcement	-	172,289	172,289	170,102	2,187	-
Total protection and safety		-	791,368	791,368	781,529	9,839	-
<i>Health and welfare:</i>							
42	Health and welfare	-	33,730	33,730	31,943	1,787	-
Total health and welfare		-	33,730	33,730	31,943	1,787	-
<i>Cultural and recreation:</i>							
43	Cultural and education programs	-	35,563	35,563	35,510	53	-
3	Curtis Memorial Library	-	114,988	114,988	114,988	-	-
44	Harpswell community broadcasting	-	58,000	58,000	58,000	-	-
45	Recreation - general	-	25,545	25,545	22,947	2,598	-
Total cultural and recreation		-	234,096	234,096	231,445	2,651	-

* Contingency transfer approved by selectmen to cover emergency medical services strategic planning (\$110)

* Contingency transfer approved by selectmen to cover harbor management (\$249)

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, 2011

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures, continued:							
CF, 51	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	39,293	25,000	64,293	16,674	47,619	47,619
<i>Other capital / carryovers / reserves:</i>							
CF	Joyce Brown Swim fund	3,651	-	3,651	-	3,651	3,491 **
CF	Dry hydrant development	15,690	-	15,690	10,100	5,590	5,590
CF	Land acquisition	1,279	-	1,279	-	1,279	1,279
CF, 51	Vehicle replacement & vehicle equipment	41,500	25,000	66,500	-	66,500	66,500
CF	Update of assessing records	20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
CF	HCBC digital conversion	25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
CF, 51	Emergency communication equipment	1,990	3,000	4,990	3,469	1,521	1,521
52	Orr's Island Library	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-
CF, 51	Boat and motor replacement	32,000	6,000	38,000	-	38,000	38,000
CF	Voting machines	12,300	-	12,300	-	12,300	12,300
CF	Generator replacement	41,000	-	41,000	-	41,000	41,000
CF, 51	T/O & Facilities Improvements	28,000	16,000	44,000	-	44,000	44,000
51	Office equipment	-	5,000	5,000	2,295	2,705	2,705
61	Conservation fund	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
64	Cable related technology account	-	-	-	-	-	5,400
62, 63	Public, educational & governmental equip	-	11,000	11,000	8,098	2,902	8,902 ***
CF	Legislative agent	4,000	-	4,000	2,200	1,800	1,800
CF	Community development/Welcome signs	3,480	-	3,480	3,259	221	221
CF	Self insurance reserve	2,221	-	2,221	880	1,341	1,341
CF, 47	Heating assistance	14,595	5,000	19,595	18,299	1,296	10,264 ***
CF	Marine hazards	3,522	-	3,522	-	3,522	3,522
CF, 48	Failed septic systems	7,649	5,000	12,649	-	12,649	12,649
CF, 60	Town Line Boundary	875	10,000	10,875	7,154	3,721	-
CF, 50	FEMA Consultant	575	5,000	5,575	1,389	4,186	4,186
CF	Energy Conservation	10,000	-	10,000	7,498	2,502	2,502
20	Property tax assistance program	-	60,000	60,000	22,467	37,533	37,533
49	Hildreth Road wetland delineation & survey	-	6,000	6,000	2,350	3,650	3,650
58	Mitchell Field - infrastructure/demolition	-	20,000	20,000	1,160	18,840	18,840
CF	Mitchell Field - other	3,065	-	3,065	1,393	1,672	1,672
CF	Mitchell Field - deeds & legal	6,500	-	6,500	-	6,500	-
57	Mitchell Field - operations	-	8,650	8,650	7,814	836	-
STM	West Harpswell School - Env Phase I	-	2,400	2,400	2,400	-	-
STM	West Harpswell School - operations	-	25,000	25,000	20,353	4,647	4,647
Total capital and special projects		318,420	258,050	576,470	154,252	422,218	431,369
56	Debt service	-	433,500	433,500	427,612	5,888	-
CF	Contingency	49,135	-	49,135	-	49,135 *	48,776
Total budgeted expenditures		368,745	3,840,247	4,208,992	3,598,950	610,042	481,335
Other expenditures:							
	Educational appropriation	-	6,769,941	6,769,941	6,769,941	-	-
	County tax	-	1,113,908	1,113,908	1,113,908	-	-
	Overlay / abatements	-	117,040	117,040	6,363	110,677	-
Total other expenditures		-	8,000,889	8,000,889	7,890,212	110,677	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(368,745)	7,250	(361,495)	435,048	796,543	(481,335)
Other financing sources (uses):							
55	Proceeds from long-term debt	-	800,000	800,000	800,000	-	-
53	Transfer to Capital Projects - emergency vehicle	-	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	-	-
54, 55	Transfer to Capital Projects - road projects	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	-
54	Use of undesign. Fund balance - roads	-	200,000	200,000	-	(200,000)	-
STM	Use of undesign. Fund balance - WHS	-	25,000	25,000	-	(25,000)	-
46	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs	-	(7,250)	(7,250)	(7,250)	-	-
73	Use of undesign. fund balance - budget	-	175,000	175,000	-	(175,000)	-
Use of carryforward balances		368,745	-	368,745	-	(368,745)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		368,745	(7,250)	361,495	(407,250)	(768,745)	-
Net change in fund balance		-	-	-	27,798	27,798	(481,335)
Fund balance, beginning of year					3,769,667		
Fund balance, end of year					\$ 3,797,465		

** Balance carried forward reflects 2011 use of funds for scholarships

*** Balances carried forward include 2011 revenues received for these purposes

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended December 31, 2011

	<u>Special Revenues</u>		<u>Capital Projects</u>	Totals
	Restricted Grants	Recreation	Emergency Vehicles	
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 110,310	-	-	110,310
Interest earned	-	-	5,036	5,036
Charges for services	-	39,447	-	39,447
Total revenues	110,310	39,447	5,036	154,793
Expenditures:				
For specified purpose	114,262	47,137	-	161,399
Capital outlay	-	-	362,335	362,335
Total expenditures	114,262	47,137	362,335	523,734
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(3,952)	(7,690)	(357,299)	(368,941)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers from general fund	-	7,250	200,000	207,250
Total other financing sources	-	7,250	200,000	207,250
Net change in fund balances	(3,952)	(440)	(157,299)	(161,691)
Fund balances, beginning of year	6,488	21,793	883,316	911,597
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 2,536	21,353	726,017	749,906

Harpswell 2012 Proposed Summary Budget

	2011	2012	
	Appropriations	Proposed	% Change
General Government	\$1,213,686	\$1,276,594	5.2%
Public Works	\$875,817	\$913,086	4.3%
Protection & Safety	\$787,868	\$925,679	17.5%
Health & Welfare	\$38,730	\$57,930	49.6%
Cultural & Recreational	\$241,346	\$250,929	4.0%
Mitchell Field	\$28,650	\$29,100	1.6%
Special Projects	\$94,500	\$50,500	-46.6%
West Harpswell School	\$27,400	\$70,000	155%
Capital Reserves	\$106,000	\$217,000	104.7%
Emergency Vehicles	\$200,000	\$100,000	-50.0%
Debt Service	<u>\$433,500</u>	<u>\$460,000</u>	6.1%
Total	\$4,047,497	\$4,350,818	7.5%

The above Table compares the 2011 Annual Town Meeting Raised and Appropriated amounts and Appropriations for West Harpswell School with the proposed 2012 Raise and Appropriate amounts in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of March 10. In addition, a \$1,000,000 bond is being proposed for capital road improvements, such bond to be repaid over a 10-year period, adding approximately \$137,000 to the Town's debt service in fiscal year 2013.

Amounts appropriated are funded by a combination of sources: property taxes, non-property tax revenues, State payments including the homestead exemption, and general fund balance. Amounts appropriated do not directly determine the amount of property taxes to be raised.

The Cumberland County tax is set by the County Commissioners. In 2012, this assessment is slated to decrease by .03% from \$1,113,908 to \$1,113,601. This figure is not reflected above.

The SAD # 75 Budget is developed independently. 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. The SAD # 75 Budget is not shown above. (\$6,769,941 was paid to M.S.A.D. #75 in 2011).

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 10, 2012**

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Community School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the tenth day of March, 2012 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; Road Commissioner for a three-year term; and one M.S.A.D. # 75 Director for a three-year term.

Art. 3 – To vote by secret ballot on a Non-Binding Referendum Question on the Future of West Harpswell School (vote in order of preference, with first choice being the most important and fourth choice being the least important):

1. Keep building and land for town activities.
2. Develop the building and property primarily as a business center.
3. Develop the land and building primarily for housing for senior and/or working families.
4. Sell the building and property with restrictions to protect the neighborhood.

Art. 4 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale and Restrict the Use of Consumer Fireworks” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

**Town of Harpswell
Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale and Restrict the Use of Consumer Fireworks**

Section 1. Purpose

This ordinance governs the sale and use of consumer fireworks within the limits of Harpswell to ensure the safety of residents, taxpayers and visitors of the Town of Harpswell.

Section 2. Title and Authority

This ordinance shall be known as the “Town of Harpswell Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale and Restrict the Use of Consumer Fireworks.” It is adopted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001 and 8 M.R.S.A. § 223-A(2), both as may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. Definitions

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings respectively ascribed to them:

Consumer Fireworks shall have the same meaning as the term set forth in 27 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 555.11, as may be amended from time to time, but includes only products that are tested and certified by a third party testing laboratory as conforming with United States Consumer Product Safety Commission standards, in accordance with 15 United States Code, Chapter 47. “Consumer fireworks” does not including the following products:

- (1) Missile-type rockets, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule;
- (2) Helicopters and aerial spinners, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule; and
- (3) Sky rockets and bottle rockets. For purposes of this paragraph, “sky rockets and bottle rockets” means cylindrical tubes containing not more than 20 grams of chemical composition, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule, with a wooden stick attached for guidance and stability that rise into the air upon ignition and that may produce a burst of color or sound at or near the height of flight.

Display shall have the same meaning as that term is defined under State law, 8 M.R.S.A § 221-A(3), as may be amended from time to time.

Fireworks shall have the same meaning as that term is defined under State law, 8 M.R.S.A. § 221-A(4), as may be amended from time to time.

Person shall mean any individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, governmental entity, association, or public or private organization of any character.

Town shall mean the Town of Harpswell.

Section 4. Prohibitions

No person shall sell, possess with the intent to sell or offer for sale consumer fireworks in the Town. No person shall use consumer fireworks in the Town except in accordance with Section 5 below.

Section 5. Limitation on the Use of Consumer Fireworks.

- (a) Consumer fireworks may be used on the following dates and during the following times:
 - (1) July 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.;
 - (2) July 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:30 a.m. on July 5;
 - (3) July 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.;
 - (4) December 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:30 a.m. on January 1;
 - (5) January 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.; and
 - (6) The weekends immediately before and after July 4 and December 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.
- (b) A person may use consumer fireworks only on that person’s property or on the property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on that property.
- (c) Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to apply to a person issued a fireworks display permit by the State of Maine pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A. § 227-A, as may be amended from time to time.
- (d) Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to allow the use of any fireworks or consumer fireworks that are prohibited by State law.

Section 6. Penalties

Any person who sells consumer fireworks, possesses consumer fireworks with the intent to sell, or offers consumer fireworks for sale shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus costs. For second and subsequent offenses, a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation plus costs shall be imposed. Any person who uses consumer fireworks in violation of Section 5 above in the Town shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus costs. For second and subsequent offenses, a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per violation plus costs shall be imposed.

Section 7. Seizure and Disposal

The Town may seize consumer fireworks that the Town has probable cause to believe are sold or used in violation of this Ordinance or in violation of State law and shall forfeit the seized consumer fireworks to the State of Maine for disposal.

Section 8. Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Town’s duly authorized law enforcement provider or any other duly authorized agent of the Town approved by the Selectmen to enforce this Ordinance.

Section 9. Severability

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by Town Meeting.

Articles 5 and 6 may be passed over if Article 4 passes.

Art. 5 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale of Consumer Fireworks” be enacted?

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

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 6 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Ordinance to Restrict the Use of Consumer Fireworks” be enacted?

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

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 7 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2012 Amendments to the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

Recommended by Selectman

Art. 8 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2012 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to Amend the Eagle Island Historic District” be enacted?

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

1. Amend Section 13.7, regarding the Eagle Island Historic District, as set forth below:

13.7. Eagle Island Historic District.

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13.7.2. Land Use Standards.

13.7.2.1. Permitted land uses include (a) single family dwellings, museums, visitor’s s centers, water related uses, boat houses, wharves, and piers; (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) single family dwelling use allowed within the Eagle Island Historic District.

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Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 9 – To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elected officials salaries and travel reimbursement as shown below; Tax Collector and Town Clerk are full-time positions. Should the Selectmen fill a vacancy in any elected position, they are authorized to establish the annual payment, at their discretion, but in no case in an amount less than three-quarters of the amount in this Article:

	2012	2011
Selectman	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	43,437	42,585
Town Clerk*	41,185	40,377
Treasurer	10,000	10,000
Road Commissioner	6,000	6,000
Travel Reimbursement	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	\$122,622	\$120,962

**Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,252 which is budgeted in Article 10.*

*\$122,622 Recommended by Selectmen
\$122,622 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 10 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,378 for General Administration.

	2012	2011
Administration & Registrar	\$258,173	\$259,248
Public Information	9,000	9,000
Legal	40,000	40,000
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>57,205</u>	<u>52,141</u>
	\$364,378	\$360,389

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 11 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,766 for memberships as follows:

	2012	2011
Maine Municipal Association	\$7,980	\$7,784
Midcoast Council of Governments	7,011	7,859
New Meadows River Watershed	0	1,000
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	750	750
Harpswell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$15,766	\$17,418

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 12 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,552 for the Assessing Office. (\$81,600 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 13 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for updating aerial maps.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,963 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$34,123 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,433 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$45,552 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 16 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,150 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$1,750 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,075 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$92,315 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,624 for the Planning Office. (\$74,513 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$306,020 for Employee Benefits.

	2012	2011
Retirement	\$47,632	\$44,814
Health Insurance	195,350	182,681
Social Sec/Medicare	60,038	60,264
Disability	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	\$306,020	\$290,759

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

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,111 for Boards and Committees. (\$5,405 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,900 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, properties and vehicles.

	2012	2011
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$64,900	\$62,900
Old Town House & Commons	5,500	11,500
Town Dock	3,500	3,000
Town Landings	<u>31,000</u>	<u>11,500</u>
	\$104,900	\$88,900

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the construction and related maintenance of a second float at the Pott's Point Town Dock, and to accept gifts and grants from non-Town sources for the construction of the same, which funds are all to be held in a reserve account until such time as at least \$5,000 in gifts and grants from non-Town sources have been received.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for maintenance, operation and use of the former West Harpswell School property, including building management as well as planning expenses related to future use of the property.

	2012
Heat	\$15,000
Maintenance/Grounds/Supplies	14,000
Electricity	12,000
Unanticipated Needs	10,000
Testing/Inspections/Insurance	7,000
Building Management	6,000
Site Planning & Other Services	<u>6,000</u>
	\$70,000

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for site and parking improvements to Town-owned property on Orr’s Island known as Devil’s Back.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$539,663 for Roads.

	2012	2011
Snow Removal	\$412,663	\$398,973
Road Maintenance	125,000	100,000
Road/Street Signs	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$539,663	\$500,973

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 26 — 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 for the purpose of providing winter road maintenance on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$373,423 for Operations and Personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. (\$374,844 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract with Mid Coast Health Services for a period of not more than 5 years for the purpose of obtaining enhanced paramedic services and administrative support services and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,000 for the same for 2012. (\$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2011 for regional paramedic level response service will continue to be provided and is included in the proposed contract).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,000 for site planning, design and construction of a garage to be used primarily for emergency medical services vehicle and equipment storage purposes with unexpended funds to be held in reserve.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 30 — 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:

	2012	2011
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr's-Bailey Island Fire and Rescue	60,000	60,000
Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$180,000	\$180,000

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,390 for other Emergency Services and Management.

	2012	2011
ALS, Phone & Central Communications	\$18,840	\$18,720
Fire Warden	2,000	2,000
Emergency Management	3,550	4,350
Dry Hydrant Operations	<u>5,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$29,390	\$27,070

Note: If Article 28 passes, Article 31 may be reduced by \$15,000

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 32 — To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lighting.
(\$27,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*\$22,500 Recommended by Selectmen
\$22,500 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,682 for Harbor Management. (\$39,026 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,623 for Animal Control. (\$23,947 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$519,484 and appropriate \$64,050 from the Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment Replacement Account for Law Enforcement, Communications Services and Shellfish Conservation.

	2012	2011
General Law Enforcement	\$305,065	\$288,098
Communications	31,329	30,438
Shellfish Conservation: Marine Patrol	179,090	168,789
Shellfish Conservation: Boat Operations	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	\$519,484	\$490,825

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,930 for General Assistance and Health & Welfare Agencies as follows:

	2012	2011
General Assistance	\$21,000	\$19,000
Community Health & Nursing (CHANS)	0	2,000
Independence Association	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730
Coastal Transportation	1,000	1,000
People Plus	1,500	1,500
Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250
Tedford Shelter	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500
Respite	1,000	1,000
Hunger Prevention	3,000	2,000
American Red Cross	1,000	1,000
Day One	250	250
Family Focus	500	0
Oasis Health Network	1,000	0
Habitat for Humanity	500	0
People's Regional Opportunity Program	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$37,930	\$33,730

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,820 for the Cultural purposes as follows:

	2012	2011
Orr's Island Library	\$13,000	\$13,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	13,800	13,800
Harpwell Historical Society	3,000	3,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,600	1,200
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,420	2,503

Five River Arts Alliance	500	500
Harpswell Scouting Association	0	60
Harpswell Festival	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$35,820	\$35,563

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 38 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$119,484 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. (\$114,988 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen Multer and Henderson
Not Recommended by Selectman Hawkes
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 39 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$58,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 40 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,505 for the Recreation Department. (\$25,545 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 41 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,120 for Recreation Programs, 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. (\$7,250 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 42 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,100 for maintenance and operations of Mitchell Field.

	2012	2011
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	\$6,700	\$5,950
Electricity	1,200	1,200
Portable Toilets	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	\$9,100	\$8,650

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 43 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for continued infrastructure planning and demolition of buildings at Mitchell Field, including the use of such funds as the Town’s share to match grants and/or other funding sources for these purposes. (\$20,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 44 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for economic development purposes, including the use of such funds as the Town’s share to match grants and/or other funding sources for these purposes, with specific projects to be approved in advance by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 45 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the Property Tax Assistance Program. (\$60,000 was raised and appropriated in 2011; \$22,467 expended)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 46 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Harpswell Heating Assistance reserve account to be used for heating assistance and improving home energy efficiency. (\$5,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 47 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the replacement of failed septic systems with unexpended funds to be held in reserve. (\$5,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 48 – To see if the Town will vote to accept a grant in the amount of \$29,000 from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a pump-out station in Cundy’s Harbor and to accept gift or grants from non-Town sources for this purpose, including, without limitation, a gift from the Holbrook Community Foundation for the same.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 49 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the tax acquired property located on the Hildreth Road (Tax Map 3, Lot 73), for which the Town has successfully quieted title by a final District Court judgment, by a means and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute such contracts, deeds and other instruments and to take such other actions as may in the Board’s judgment be advisable to effect the sale of such property, including, without limitation, the imposition of a conservation easement on a portion of the property to be held by the Town or by a third party to prevent development of that portion of the property; and to authorize the proceeds from the sale to be held in the Land Acquisition Fund until such time as Town Meeting appropriates the same.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 50 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for capital reserve accounts as follows:

	2012	2011
Boat & Motor Replacement	\$35,000	\$6,000
Recycling/Transfer Station	30,000	25,000
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	25,000	25,000

Town Office & Facilities Improvements	10,000	16,000
Dry Hydrant	10,000	0
Office Equipment	5,000	5,000
Emergency Communications Equipment	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	\$120,000	\$80,000

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Orr’s Island Library expansion project. (\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2009, \$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2010, \$15,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 52 — 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 Vehicle Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until vehicle purchase. (\$200,000 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$1,000,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for the capital improvement of roads, including, without limitation, drainage improvements, utility relocations, engineering, survey and other related costs, all as determined to be appropriate by the 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 \$1,204,484 of which principal is \$1,000,000 and estimated interest at 3.5% over 10 years is \$204,484.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLE 55 – 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	\$ 2,541,668
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 323,849
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 2,865,517
* Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 50,000
* Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 2,300
* Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$ 1,000,000
* Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such	

Additional Bond	\$ 204,484
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 1,204,484

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.

Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer

Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$460,000 for debt service. (\$433,500 raised and appropriated in 2011)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a capital lease-purchase agreement for a period not to exceed 7 years for equipment related to public, educational and governmental (PEG) needs of community television broadcasting in a total contract amount not to exceed \$82,500, subject to annual appropriation, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 as the contract price for the first year and to hold such funds in a reserve account until such time as lease payments are made. (\$11,000 appropriated in 2011 for PEG equipment)

*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 the purchase and/or lease of equipment related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting, with such funds to be held in a community broadcasting reserve account.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 57 — 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.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2013 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2012 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 17, 2012 as the date when the first one-half of taxes shall be due and payable, with interest on the first installment to start after that date, and the date of December 17, 2012 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. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a services to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid in 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 2013 taxes).

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from undesignated fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen, at its discretion, to sell by sealed bid or public auction and to convey by quit-claim deed any real estate acquired from tax sources by the Town, or to convey the property to the prior owner upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 63 — 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. 64 — 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 2012 budget from January 1, 2013 to the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 65 — 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. 66 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$120,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,510,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, and \$350,000 of unassigned fund balance to reduce the tax commitment.

Recommended by Selectmen

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

Art. 67 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,336,431 established for Harpswell by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be available at the Town Office during regular business hours for the entire week preceding said meeting to receive applications of persons claiming the right to vote at said meeting and to make corrections to the list of voters. Registrations will be accepted at the meeting.

SAMPLE BALLOT
STATE OF MAINE
TOWN OF HARPSWELL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MARCH 10, 2012

SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. 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.

**FOR SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR
AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR**

Vote for ONE

3-Year Term

- MULTER, ELINOR
- RICH, C. MATTHEW
- _____

(Write-in)

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER

Vote for ONE

3-Year Term

- PONZIANI, RONALD D.
- STANDRIDGE, PAUL A.
- _____

(Write-in)

**FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR
OF M.S.A.D. NO. 75**

Vote for ONE

3-Year Term

- ROGERS, JOANNE M.
- _____

(Write-in)