TOWN OF
WINTER HARBOR, MAINE

ANNUAL REPORT

For July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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- Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022

- Municipal Officers' Annual Reports 2022 – 2023

- Warrant for 2023 – 2024

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1. Emmett & Andrew Moshier, Jeff Alley Sr., Jeff Alley Jr.
2. Jeff Alley Jr.

Row 2 –

1. Andrew & Emmett Moshier
2. Otto Backman
3. Danny Backman Sr.
4. Fred Backman (Harbor Master)

Row 3 –

1. Willis Hutchins
2. Robert "Slugger" Bragdon
3. James "Punk" Bragdon
4. Barbara Jean Bragdon

Row 4 –

1. Kylie Bragdon
2. Gary "Mike" Byers
3. Chris "Buddha" Byers
4. Michaela Byers

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1. Arvid Faulkingham
2. A. Michael Faulkingham & Cole Faulkingham
3. Patrick Faulkingham
4. Billy Bob Faulkingham with Children, Carter and Harper

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1. Mike Faulkingham & Randy Matthews
2. Herman Faulkingham
3. James Arnett
4. Hiram Gerrish

Row 3 –

1. Todd Knowles, Dale Torrey, Jayson Knowles, Reggie Knowles
2. Jayson Knowles & Christopher Nelson
3. Todd Knowles

Row 4 –

1. Jacob Knowles
2. Chris & Christopher Nelson
3. Christopher Nelson with Dylan

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1. Rachel Timmons Nelson
2. Cove Nelson
3. Raymond “Razor” Timmons, Kittridge Johnson, Ted Johnson

Row 2 –

1. Razor & Vicki Timmons with Daughter, Rachel Nelson & Grandson, Cove
2. Ted Johnson & Rachel Timmons Nelson
3. Dale Torrey

Row 3 –

1. Dale and Doug Torrey
2. Larry Torrey & Dale Torrey
3. Phillip Torrey

Row 4 –

1. Dale & Phillip Torrey
2. Azure Jones
3. Simon Torrey
4. Scott Young

Dedication –

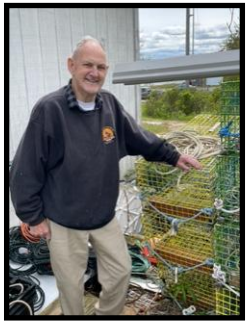
1. Harvey Myrick
2. Earl M. Gerrish
3. William Gerrish
4. Richard E. Gerrish

DEDICATION

In 1895, by an act of legislature, Winter Harbor became an incorporated town, separating from Gouldsboro. The Town grew around its three main harbors. Fishing and Lobstering was the main source of income for most of the families at that time. Currently, the main dock is filled year-round with fishing boats and has a working wharf, in which the local fishermen have long maintained their ruggedly independent way of life. All roads in Winter Harbor lead to the ocean with its sometimes spectacular displays of wave and surf, its mysterious fogs and its breathtaking reflections of both sunset and moonlight on Frenchman Bay. Since those early years, Winter Harbor has remained a strong fishing village. Many of the current lobster boats are captained by 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generations of lobstermen in their families..

This Annual Town Report is dedicated to the generations of men and women that have and continue to go out onto the ocean to retrieve fish, lobster and other shellfish. This lucrative work supports their families as well as lobsters play key roles in the maintenance of healthy and diverse marine ecosystems. So, enjoy all the pictures of men, women and children representing the families that have and continue to fish the waters off the coast of our wonderful Town.

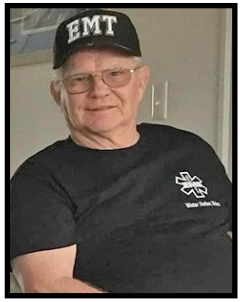
Rumor has it that the oldest working lobsterman in the Harbor has the mooring that is closest to the float at the end of the dock. That person is currently Russell Gordon. His picture is shown below. Some of the other active, elder lobstermen are Kittridge Johnson, Larry Torrey and Danny Backman. We salute you for your years of hard work and dedication to the lobstering industry in Winter Harbor.



IN MEMORIAM

Richard E. Gerrish was born August 4, 1945 in Bar Harbor, Maine to Alta and Earl M. Gerrish. Richard lived his entire life in Winter Harbor. As a young boy he learned the trade of lobstering by following the steps of his father, and both grandfathers (Harvey Myrick and William Gerrish.) As a young man, he obtained a boat from his future brother-in-law (James W. Lilly) and set out checking his own self built lobster traps. It was truly a family affair as his mother knit the bait bags and heads for these traps. With the number "8" being his lobster license number, passed down by his grandfather, he was proud to have kept it. Now, ironically that number still floats in the ocean on the lobster buoys of Winter Harbor's Harbor Master, Fred Backman! Richard's story blends right in with the theme of this Town Report.

However, like many men in the town, Richard joined the Winter Harbor Volunteer Fire Department. Realizing that lobstering was not his true calling he became more active in firefighting and started working at the Navy Base in Winter Harbor as a full-time firefighter. He retired as a professional firefighter. After his retirement he became a State certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and all that knew him knew it was his true calling. Taking pride in always being the first on scene humbly aiding and assisting whoever was in need. He was a member of our Fire Department over 60 years and level of commitment and dedication was realized by anybody that knew him and spent any time with him. He loved his family and he loved his town. The feelings are mutual and may you rest in peace, Uncle Richard……



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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Municipal Office Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm - Monday through Friday
Telephone: 963-2235
Fax: 963-2140

The Town observes the following Holidays, at which time the Town Office will be closed:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Presidents' Day
Patriot's Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

Scheduled Meetings: All are held in the Meeting Room, Municipal Public Safety Building

Board of Selectmen - Every other Wednesday at 6:00 pm
Planning Board - Third Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm
Fire Department - Second Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm

Services Available at the Town Office:

Building & Plumbing Permit Applications
Copy Services
Dog Licenses
Genealogical Research – vital statistics from 1895
Fire Burn Permits (online help only)
Hunting and Fishing Licenses
Marriage Licenses
Notary Services
Real Estate/Personal Property Tax Payments
Registrations: Vehicles/Boats/ATVs/Snowmobiles
Sign Permits (on & off-premise)
Trash Bags/Stickers Sales
Vital Records-Certified Copies
Voter Registration

USEFUL AND IMPORTANT TOWN INFORMATION

Agendas and Minutes

All meeting Agendas and Minutes are posted in the Town Office and on our website. Anyone wishing to have an item placed on the Agenda for the Board of Selectmen meetings should inform the Town Manager at least a week prior to the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. Based on the vote at the last gubernatorial election, at least 25 valid signatures are required for nomination papers or for petitions to be accepted.

Assessing & Property Tax Information

Winter Harbor's elected Board of Selectmen contracts with RJD Appraisal to set the values for all property as of April 1st of each year. If you qualify for a Homestead, Veteran's or other exemption, you must file the application by April 1st. Once approved, you do not need to reapply yearly for the exemption. Taxes are generally calculated by mid-August and bills are mailed by the first week of September. They are due in two installments, October 31st and April 30th. If you do not receive a tax bill, and believe you should have one, please contact the Town Office. Information about property is contained on assessment cards at the Town Office. All property and tax information is public information. Winter Harbor's fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th.

Boats, ATVs and Snowmobiles

Registrations for all recreational vehicles are performed at the Winter Harbor Town Office. Boat registrations expire December 31st. For all documented boats, the excise tax **must** be paid in the town in which you reside. Snowmobile and ATV registrations expire June 30th. New registrations require a bill of sale, and sales tax is collected at the time of registration, unless the vehicle was purchased from a Maine dealer. The Harbor Master handles all moorings.

Dog Licensing & Animal Control Information

Maine State Statute requires all canines to be registered when they reach six months of age. All dog licenses expire December 31st of each year and are obtained at the Town

Office. There is a mandatory late fee of $25 after January 31st. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to register the dog. All dogs must be on a leash or under their keepers' voice control and may not run at large. Winter Harbor contracts with the Small Animal Clinic in Ellsworth to board stray animals. The Animal Waste Control Ordinance, adopted February 27, 2013 requires that owners clean up after their animal on any sidewalk, street, beach, public or private property (other than the property of the owner of the animal or of a person who has consented to the presence of the animal on his/her property.)

Genealogical Research

This is accommodated whenever possible. An appointment is requested, if research will require the assistance of the Town Clerk/Deputy Clerk. Copy services are available at 25 cents a page for documents brought in and $1.00 a page for records maintained in the Town Office. If your request for documents involves archived materials, you may be asked to make a pre-payment based on the anticipated difficulty and time needed to locate and later replace the items to their files. Some records are not open to public inspection, unless there is a valid and demonstrated need to know.

Family History

General Assistance

Winter Harbor' General Assistance Program is administered as required by State law. Applications are available during regular office hours at the Town Office. An Ordinance is used to determine eligibility for assistance, and the Board of Selectmen updates it annually in October.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Winter Harbor is an agent for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for hunting and fishing licenses. These licenses are sold through the MOSES on-line system at the Town Office. Salt-water fishing registration is required and that permission is included with fresh water fishing licenses. First time hunters are required to submit proof of a hunter safety course completion when purchasing a license.

Motor Vehicle Registration Information

Winter Harbor is a limited new registration agent for the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles. If you have a new

motor vehicle to register, you **must** start at the Town Office by paying excise tax and complete the registrations at a full-service office, e.g., Gouldsboro or Ellsworth. All re-registrations may be done at the Winter Harbor Town Office. If you have an existing license plate and purchased a car from a Maine dealer, the initial registration can also be completed at the Winter Harbor Town Office. Proof of insurance, current registration and current mileage is required for all registrations.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Heating Assistance Fund

Winter Harbor is fortunate to have established a heating assistance fund that is funded by donations only. No tax dollars are used. If assistance is needed, contact the Town Manager. Any personal information obtained for the purpose of this program is confidential. Heating assistance is offered November through March, unless there is an extreme emergency. Any and all donations are welcome and appreciated.

Permits & Ordinances

Building activity in Winter Harbor is regulated by numerous Ordinances, which are administered by the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). All of the Ordinances and Building Permit Forms are available at the Town Office and the Town's website. A fee of $10.00 is required when the Building Permit is submitted. Failure to obtain a permit and other violations of the various Ordinances carry penalties. Please consult the CEO, Millard Billings, prior to starting any project. Please call the Town Office to schedule a meeting.

Police, Fire and Ambulance Information

Any call for emergency should go to **9-1-1**. The call is answered by the Hancock County Regional Communications Center (RCC) in Ellsworth and then dispatched to the appropriate agency. Police protection is provided by the Winter Harbor Police Department with backup by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State Police. The Winter Harbor Volunteer Fire Department provides fire suppression and rescue coverage. All outdoor burning requires a permit, which can be obtained (provided

conditions are safe) from Chief Tatum McLean or the Town Office. Both Police and Fire Departments have mutual aid agreements with Gouldsboro Police and Fire Departments. Ambulance Service is provided by Schoodic EMS, which is a part of the Gouldsboro Fire Department. The Town of Winter Harbor holds a contract with Schoodic EMS and pays a per capita rate each year.

Non-Emergency Numbers:

Burn Permits	963-2235
Coast Guard	244-5517
Hancock County Sheriff	667-7575
Maine State Police	866-2121
Maine Warden Service	941-4440
Marine Patrol	664-2392
Winter Harbor Fire Station	963-5533

Utility Services

Electricity is supplied by Versant Power. In the event of a power outage, please call 800-440-1111. Spectrum (formerly Time Warner Cable) provides Cable TV service, under a franchise agreement with the Town (800-833-2253). Landline telephone service is maintained by Consolidated Communications (repair-866-984-1611).

On-line Services

The Town of Winter Harbor does have a website located at www.winterharbortown.com. The site contains a lot of information about the Town, meetings, committees, Officers and Departments. Also, our Tax Commitment Book, tax maps and ordinances can be found there. Please contact the Town Office with any comments or questions.

Volunteers & Appointed Officials

There are many volunteers and/or appointment opportunities available in our Town. If you are interested in volunteering and assisting, contact the Town Office.

Waste Disposal

Winter Harbor has curbside trash pickup and trash bags and/or stickers are required. They may be purchased at the

Town Office, Winter Harbor Provisions or Winter Harbor 5 & 10 for $1.50 and $2.00 respectively. The Town does not have a Transfer Station. The Town sponsors a "Bulky Waste Day" in October and May where larger items or Universal Waste may be discarded. Items can be dropped off at the Salt/Sand Facility on Newman Street **only** on these advertised days. The Town also participates in Household Hazardous Collection if one is available. The Town does not participate in a recycling program.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Fire Department (**non-emergency)**	963-5533
Hancock County Sheriff's Department	667-7575
Peninsula School	963-2003
Police Department **(non-emergency)**	963-2235
Regional School Unit No. 24	422-2017
Schoodic Institute	288-1310
Schoodic Woods Campground	288-3338
Charles Sumner Learning Center	422-3510
Town Office	963-2235
Utilities District	963-5579
Water District	963-7703
Winter Harbor Public Library	963-7556

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August	Property tax bills mailed
October 15th	Dog licenses go on sale
October 31st	1st half of property tax due
December 31st	Dog licenses due
December 31st	Boat registrations expire
February 1st	Late fee charged for unregistered dogs ($25.00)
February 28th	Trailer registrations expire (over 2,000 lbs)
March	Motorcycle registrations due
April 30th	2nd half of property tax due
June 30th	ATV & Snowmobile registrations expire
July 1st	Mooring fees due

The Town Clerk is the official record keeper for the Town and is responsible for maintaining and ensuring the safekeeping and preservation of Town and Vital Records. All birth and death records are now recorded and issued through the State of Maine online Electronic Death, Birth and Marriage Registration (EDRS, EBRS and EMRS).

The Town Clerk is also responsible for issuing various state and local licenses, including Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) licenses, dog licenses, and registering recreational vehicles (snowmobiles, ATVs). The Clerk also administers and oversees the state and local elections as well as voter registration.

The town website: www.winterharbortown.com contains current Town information, Ordinances, tax information and maps as well as detailed information on each Department.

IF&W LICENSES ISSUED

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

A total of 87 License Authorities were issued as follows:

Superpack – 0	Junior Hunting – 1
Combo – 14	Hunting – 13
Fishing – 53	Archery – 2
Expanded Archery – 1	Coyote Night Hunt - 1
Turkey – 2	Bear – 0
Lifetime (over 70) – 0	Waterfowl – 0
Non-Res, fishing – 0	Muzzle Loader - 0

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES REGISTERED

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Boats – 86	ATVs – 36
Snowmobiles – 13	

DOG LICENSES SOLD

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023
Neutered/Spayed – 101
Unaltered – 1

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Currently **519** registered voters

Democrats	139
Republicans	210
Green	22
No Label	1
Unenrolled	147

REPORT OF VOTES CAST

June 14, 2022	101
November 8, 2022	303

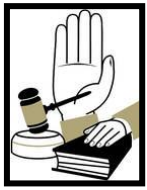
VITAL STATISTICS

June 6, 2022 through April 30, 2023

Births – 4 Marriages – 23 Deaths –11

Date	Name	Age
June 19, 2022	Nicole A. Mokeme	35
June 19, 2022	Peter P. Schroeder	66
June 22, 2022	Robert St. Arnauld	69
July 7, 2022	Ellen G. Barker	65
July 31, 2022	Peter D. Breslin	71
September 23, 2022	Eben D. Moss	38
October 14, 2022	Richard E. Gerrish	77
October 23. 2022	Janet K. McGrath	65
December 13, 2022	Jacqueline B. Stanley	74
December 23, 2022	Georgia C. Gildner	92
February 28, 2023	Daroll R. Whitney	82

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy J. Carruthers
Town Clerk



OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Terry Bickford, Chair	Term Expires 2025
Kittridge Rivers	Term Expires 2024
VACANT	Term Expires 2023

Budget Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Billy Bickford	Michelle Bickford
Michael Campbell	Kevin Conley
Laura DeLucia	Peter Drinkwater
Herman Faulkingham	Christopher Joy
Bob Schmidt	Jonathan Stanley
Diana Young	VACANT

Cemetery Association Trustees

(All terms are for one year)

Andy Abbott	Charles Arnett
Rose Arnett	Billy Bickford
Christopher Byers	Herman Faulkingham
Gordon Harrington	David Joy
Jack Kunkle	Roseanne Shafer
Louise Shaw	Larry E. Smith
Betty Williams	Diana Young
Steve Young	

Recreation Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Dolora Conley	Sandy Fortin
Sarah Joy	Megan Moshier

VACANT

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS
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Harbor Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Commercial Fishermen	Michael Kramp
	Robert Bragdon
	Patrick Faulkingham
Recreational Boaters	Andrew Abbott
	Alan Johnson, Chairman
At-Large Members	Barbara Jean Bragdon
	Richard Wilson

Library Trustees

Cynthia Alley	Term Expires 2024
Richard Brown	Term Expires 2026
Michael Campbell	Term Expires 2023
Sandy Drinkwater	Term Expires 2025
Mary Kachoris	Term Expires 2023
Wendilee O'Brien	Term Expires 2023
Sandy Smallidge	Term Expires 2026

Planning Board

Dave Ackley	Term Expires 2027
Billy Bickford	Term Expires 2027
Jeffrey Alley Jr.	Term Expires 2023
Dennis O'Brien, Chair	Term Expires 2024
Steve Ribble	Term Expires 2026

Planning Board Alternates

Herman Faulkingham	Term Expires 2027
Bob Schmidt	Term Expires 2026

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Jeffrey Alley, Jr.	Herman Faulkingham
Sandy Fortin	Sarah Joy
Denny O'Brien	Roberta Parritt
Steve Ribble	Bob Schmidt
Jonathan Stanley	Diana Young

Utilities District Trustees

Jeffrey Alley, Jr. Chair	Term Expired 2024
Kevin Conley	Term Expires 2023
William Van Horn	Term Expires 2025

Water District Trustees

Shirley Chase, Chair	Term Expires 2023
Billy Bickford	Term Expires 2024
Johanna Smith	Term Expires 2025

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS
(continued)

Fire Department

Tatum McLean – Chief
Gary Greenlaw – Asst. Chief
Matt Hudson – Lieutenant
Engineer – Buddy Hatt

Dave Ackley	Daniel Backman, Sr.
Barbara Jean Bragdon	Wayne Campbell
Cathy Carruthers-Treasurer	Matthew Correia
Jeanette Hatt	Rachel Hudson
Willis Hutchins	Sara Liscomb-Secretary
Pepper Mitchell	Ken Monroe
Tyler Riley	Shawn Schuurman
Robert Webber	Mike Wood

Police Department

Danny Mitchell, Jr. – Chief
Philip Sargent – Sergeant
Ken Schuurman – Investigator

Emergency Management Director

Tatum McLean

Local Health Officer

Tatum McLean

Peninsula School Principal

Heather Dorr

Sumner Memorial High School Principal

Jackson (J.T.) Green

Regional School Unit (RSU) No. 24 Superintendent

Michael Eastman

Regional School Unit (RSU) 24 Director

Jeffrey Alley, Jr. Term Expires 2024

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS
(continued)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Commissioner, Registrar, General Assistance Administrator Motor Vehicle Agent
Cathy J. Carruthers

Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar
Sara Liscomb

Local Plumbing Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
Millard Billings

Harbor Master
Frederick Backman

Acadia National Park Commission Representative
Katherine Heidinger

E911 Addressing Officer
Chief Danny Mitchell, Jr.

Board of Appeals

Terry D. Bickford	Term Expires 2023
Peter Drinkwater	Term Expires 2025
Sandra Guptill	Term Expires 2025
Brent Hurd	Term Expires 2023

Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee
Winter Harbor Members

Robert Bostinto, Chair	Peter Drinkwater
Sandy Fortin	Paul McGrath
Steve Ribble	

SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS' LETTER

SENATOR ANGUS KING'S LETTER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JARED GOLDEN'S LETTER

GOVERNOR JANET MILLS LETTER

STATE SENATOR MARIANNE MOORE'S LETTER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
WILLIAM R. FAULKINGHAM'S LETTER

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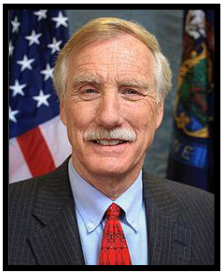

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
(Pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A., Section 706)

Taxes are assessed as of April 1st of each year. New construction is assessed by the percent of completion as of April 1st.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months and make the property they occupy on April 1st their permanent residence. Property owners would receive an exemption of $23,000. Anyone wishing to apply for a homestead exemption may obtain the application from the Town Office. If you applied last year, you need not apply again.

NOTICE TO VETERANS

Veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and have reached the age of 62 years or are receiving any form of pension or compensation for disability, service-connected or non-service-connected, MAY be eligible for a property tax exemption. Applicant must be a resident of Winter Harbor and must make written application and provide proof of entitlement by April 1st of the year in which exemption is first being claimed. If you applied last year, you need not apply again. **Surviving spouses of eligible veterans must reapply in their own names in order to be eligible.** Applications and further information may be obtained at the Town Office.

PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The new Tax Stabilization Program is separate from the Homestead Exemption. Applications should be available in August of each year and due to the Town Office by December 1st of each year. You must apply every year. Along with the age requirement of 65, the law specifies applicants must be permanent Maine residents who have owned their home for at least 10 years and meet the requirements for the Homestead Exemption. If determined an applicant is eligible, the property tax on that homestead will be stabilized. The Municipality will then apply to the State for a reimbursement for taxes based any increased valuation on that property.

REPORTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Winter Harbor,

It is once again my pleasure to serve our community as an elected member of the Board of Selectmen. I am looking forward to the next couple of years.

Each year we thank our Town Manager, Cathy Carruthers for the work she accomplishes. This year is no different. Thank you, Cathy, from the Board of Selectmen. With Cathy's staff (Deputy Clerk Sara Liscomb, Police Chief Danny Mitchell, and Fire Chief/Maintenance Tatum McLean) the town runs very efficiently day by day. Again, thank you.

Kit Rivers devotes his time to the Town and works for the people and works in their best interest at heart. He is a pleasure to work with on the Board. Thank you, Kit, from all of us for all that you know and do.

The Board of Selectmen meets twice a month and I encourage people to join us if you have concerns about the Town. We are here to listen and respond to you in a timely manner.

Police and Fire Departments, no kind or heroic words spoken can ever be enough for what they do. Winter Harbor is very fortunate to have them both in our village. Thank you to each and everyone of the policemen and firemen that risk their lives for the citizens of Winter Harbor.

I will take this time to reflect on our citizens that are no longer with us. We will never forget those that we loved. All will be sadly missed in our community.

May we all be the best neighbors and friends that any town has to offer. You, our citizens, have much to give and share with each other and the community. May the year ahead treat you all well.

Respectfully,
Terry D. Bickford, Chair

TOWN MANAGER

As another fiscal year comes to an end, I am reminded how honored I am to have the opportunity to serve as your Town Manager for another year. Although the position of Town Manager is challenging, I find it very rewarding. The most important item I report every year is that Winter Harbor is fiscally sound, finance ally solvent and debt free, a very rare situation for any town during these disconcerting times.

There is an increase in our budget this year, due to the outrageous increases in the day-to-day products and services that are needed to keep the town functioning. Vehicle fuel, electricity, labor costs and equipment have all risen substantially. I continue to closely monitor all spending and no funds are expended unless necessary. The Police Department finally received their second cruiser that had been on order for several months. The Department operates smoothly and efficiently under the supervision of Chief Danny Mitchell. We have two full time officers and one part time officer. Chief obtained grant funds for mandatory upgraded bullet proof vests. We are very fortunate to have some generous residents that donated funds for the purchase of the required safety shield and helmets to be used in case of an active shooter situation in Town, but especially at Peninsula School. With these generous donations, the PD can stay in compliance without any increase in tax revenues for these items. The Fire Department under the direction of Chief Tatum McLean continues to be ready to serve, when and if needed. This year, the Fire Chief position was combined with the Road Commissioner and Facilities Maintenance Director create a full-time position. This has proven to be a good and successful decision. Not only has it alleviated some duties from my Town Manager position, it has enabled more attention be given to all items and details concerning the roads and buildings and grounds.

I want to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen. Kylie Bragdon abruptly resigned this year so we had one open position that will be filled on Election Day this June. Thank you to Kit Rivers and Terry D. Bickford for stepping forward to serve the Town of Winter Harbor. It can often be a challenging position and not all decisions are favorable, but your dedication is appreciated. Thank you for your support and it has been a pleasure working with you.

Once again, I thank Sara Liscomb, our Deputy Clerk and Deputy Registrar. We are a very busy Town Office and at times is a challenge

with just two employees. She performs her duties well and keeps the counter operating smoothly. Also, she performs required election duties, which includes a complex absentee ballot process. Sara also serves as a firefighter and Secretary for the Winter Harbor Fire Department. She continues to be committed to Winter Harbor and dedicated to her position. She is a tremendous source of support to me and I appreciate her.

The generosity of the people in our Town continues to amaze me. Because of these donations, we were able to help several residents with fuel assistance through our "Neighbor Helping Neighbor Fund". No tax dollars are used for this endeavor, only donations.

The 58th Annual Lobster Festival was a huge success. It was great to see many more people visiting our Town and the Festival. It was a huge success, as we totally sold out of lobster, corn on the cob and drinks. At last year's Town Meeting, a Lobster Festival Committee was elected and I am looking forward to their involvement increasing the Parade and food vendor's participation. If anyone is interested in helping with the Lobster Festival, please call me at the Town Office.

The condition of our town roads has taken a huge priority. Summer Harbor, Grindstone Avenue, Beach Street, West Oval and Steamboat Lane need immediate attention. The Board of Selectmen will be asking the residents at the Town Meeting on June 21, 2023 to vote to withdraw from our investment portfolio and amount up to and not to exceed $1,000,000 for the repair, maintenance, replacement and repavement of these roads. This is the same process we used when we built our Municipal Public Safety Building. We continue to "pay ourselves back" with the reinvestment of the interests earned and $40,000 from taxes. This year the Board has increased that annual amount to $50,000. The costs of roadwork and paving are astronomical. By using our funds, all of the roads I mentioned above will be completely repaired as needed.

Even with all the bumps in the roads, a tree limb that might block a sign for a bit, or a flag that needs attention, you cannot diminish the beauty of our small community and breathtaking scenery. The Board of Selectmen, myself and all employees of the Town work very hard to keep our municipality and community running smoothly, efficiently and safely. We do not have a turnover in our personnel and there is something to be

said for that. The most recent hire was in 2018 and they are still here. All others have been here many years, which enables continuity. Thank you to the members of the Fire Department and officers of the Police Department. We are a small Town that increases exponentially in spring and summer. These Departments play a large part in our peace of mind. Winter Harbor is a destination, loved by many!

As always, I want to thank my family for their continued unconditional support. It makes it all just a little easier. I also want to thank the residents of Winter Harbor for your support. My family roots go very deep in this Town and I am extremely proud to serve as your Town Manager and call Winter Harbor my home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy J. Carruthers
Town Manager

TAX COLLECTOR
FY 2022 Delinquent Taxes
As of June 30, 2022

NAME	BALANCE DUE
Blaney, B/E.B.Greene/J.Patten	$ 346.84
Blaney, B/E.B.Greene/J.Patten	$ 21.32
Blaney, B/E.B.Greene/J.Patten	$ 293.28
Blaney, B/E.B.Greene/J.Patten	$ 2,004.48
Blaney, Benjamin	$ 801.84
Buswell, Catherine A	$ 508.56
Buswell, Catherine A	$ 4,043.52
Buswell, Theodore & Malinda M.	$ 5,847.40
Cate, Richard	$ 1,487.72
Christopher, Courtney Rogers	$ 2,122.64
Christopher Courtney Rogers	$11,332.88
Coombs, H Osmon	$ 539.92
Cowperthwaite, Benny J.	$ 172.64
Gerrish, Debra	$ 1,545.44
Hanks, Joan E	$ 1,116.96
Harris, Bobbi-Ann	$ 978.93
Hastings, Peter	$ 4.11
Johnson, Alan	$ 642.72
Johnson, Chris	$ 93.60
Johnson, Kittridge	$ 200.72
Kovach, Jacklyn M	$ 198.64
Lins, Marjorie A. Trust	$ 7.14
McBride, Patricia	$ 25.58
Najar, Rodolfo	$ 1,609.92
Najar, Rodolfo & Jillene	$ 314.08
O'Hara, Michael	$ 1,072.24
Roberts-Delamater, Deborah	$ 998.40
Smith, Dana W & Sheila S (Trustees)	$ 335.92
Stanley, Rebecca	$ 212.16
Stanley, Rebecca	$ 1,035.84
Torrey, Phillip	$ 1,385.97

BOSTON POST CANE HONOREE

Weltha Sargent
Presented on November 25, 2019

ROAD COMMISSIONER

At our Town Meeting in June 2022, many residents voiced their concerns about the condition of the Town roads. Summer Harbor Road, Grindstone Avenue and Beach Street are the roads that need immediate attention. This year the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and Road Commissioner have focused our efforts on improving these roads and the best plan to get the work completed. Along with new paving, culvert replacement and ditching need to be addressed. In 2016, the majority of the secondary roads were repaved, with the exception of Harbor Road. Summer of 2022, the entire parking area between the Gym and the Public Safety Building was repaved and spaces striped, FD reserved spaces were moved behind the Fire Department, the dirt road beside the Playground was paved, parking spaces added next to the Playground, crushed stone added around the propane tank and dumpster and granite boulders were placed around the entire field area. Numerous parking spaces were added as well as a safer area for the Island Explorer stop. This has helped alleviate a parking shortage, prevents cars from driving on the field and corrected numerous drainage issues. Harbor Road and the parking area at the old Town Office was also repaved.

The third-year of the snowplowing contract for streets and sidewalks was completed by J.E. Tracey & Son. A one-year extension was agreed to by the Board of Selectmen and Jason Tracey at the same price as this year's contract. Additional snow removal and cleanup was completed by Billy Bickford. T.G.P. Enterprises completed the street sweeping and Kaz's Fine Lines completed striping.

- End of Beach Street, which leads to the Potter house-Repaired, graded and gravel was added to prevent further washout.
- Gray Road-Ditching, gravel and culvert added.
- West Oval-New culvert set
- Beach Street-Ditching around Golf Course to assist drainage.
- Hillcrest Drive-Sides of road rebuilt, ditching, opened culvert, driveway openings repaired, trimming at the end
- Grindstone Area-Roadsides were cleared and trimmed by J.E. Tracey and Bosley Outdoor Services. Tree trimming and repair completed by Richard Diehl, Arborist.
- Dolan Road-Cleared culvert and grading was completed.

- Belleview Avenue-Road built up, reinforced, culvert replaced and ditching completed by A.R. Whitten & Son
- Cold patch was used to fill several persistent potholes until paving can be completed.

As always, your patience is appreciated while we work hard to maintain the Town roads properly. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tatum McLean

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

This was the first year of the position of Facilities Maintenance Director being a paid Town employee. The job entails keeping the various Town buildings, grounds and other facilities in good working order and safe condition, performing routine maintenance, and suggesting non-routine maintenance matters to the Town Manager. These include the Municipal Public Safety Building, Gymnasium, Generators, Garage Area, Salt/Sand Facility, Scout Cabin, Dock, Public Boat Ramp, Playground, Basketball Court and Streetlights. Also, to ensure that specific inspections are done regularly and in accordance with either State law or safety codes, such as fire extinguishers, sprinkler system, security and safety alarms. Currently, mowing of Town property is being done by Winter Harbor Improvement and Sandy Guptill and her crew. The flower beds and flower boxes at the Municipal Public Safety Building, Gym and Basketball Court are being beautifully maintained by Casey Meyers LED lighting has been installed at the Basketball Court. Also, specific attention was given each streetlight, with GFI replacement and tightening.

Your assistance is requested to help keep the Town free of litter and animal waste. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions you may reach me at the Town Office during normal business hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tatum McLean

WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Winter Harbor Police Department had another busy year for the 2022 calendar year. The Department continues to work hard to help protect everyone including the safety on the roads and property. With a reported record-breaking year in tourism to the parks, we noticed a significant up-tick in vehicle traffic and attribute that to the first year of being out from under the COVID mandates as people felt free to continue their travels and vacations, which I believe they certainly did. In personnel, Sgt. Phil Sargent (Sgt. Sargent) completed his Taser Instruction Certification and Inv. Ken Schuurman completed a training session for criminal investigations. The Department received a grant to replace our ballistic vests as the older ones had passed their "effective" usefulness.

The Police Department, also in unison with the Maine Marine Patrol, Game Wardens, Machias PD, Gouldsboro PD, Schoodic EMS and the FBI completed a two-day Active Shooter training held at the Peninsula School, which will help us in the event we ever had to respond to an active shooter incident. Through the practical training, officers were able to become familiar with the layout of our local school and practice in that environment. The good thing is, is that the people that trained on that weekend, were also the people that work or live in this area and would be responding with us in such an event. We also were able to upgrade our firearms, two ballistic shields and helmets with another grant to protect officers. God forbid that an event takes place, we will be going IN and NOT waiting!,,,but we need to be ready.

The Department handled 352 calls for service in 2022, which is in line with 2021's numbers. As I have mentioned previously, these numbers do NOT include the routine everyday traffic stops in which someone is stopped for speeding, or another minor infraction violation. We look ahead and hope to see these numbers return lower for the coming year.

Thank you for putting your confidence in us as we continue to help make Winter Harbor a safe place to live, work and play.

Remember, if it's not yours don't touch it; be good to each other; and do something good for someone else.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danny Mitchell, Chief

WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WINTER HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nature of Call

- 1 Wellbeing Check
- 9 Report of Fire
- 1 Electrical Fire
- 1 Brush Fire
- 2 Investigation Smoke or Odor
- 6 Storms with Report of Trees on Power Lines
- 2 Structure Fires
- 86 Medical Calls
- 2 Traffic Accidents with Damage/Injuries
- 3 Road Hazards
- 28 Fire Alarms

Total=142 List provided HCRCC. 911 data collection system

Unfortunately, due to the cost of living and the value of the American dollar, every year our budget increases ever so slightly. We had an 18% increase in 2024 budget for the Fire Department. One example of rising costs is turn-out gear. Few years ago, we could fully outfit a member of the department for about $3,500.00 that includes following items boots, bunker pants and jacket, hood, helmet and gloves. Today's cost has increased to $5,000.00. And delivery takes about 10-12 months to receive gear that is fitted to individual fire fighters. Due to certain rules and regulations a Fire Fighter gear is only good for 10 years and must be replaced before the firefighter can enter a burning building. This regulation is set forth to ensure fire fighter safety from extreme heat and possible burns.

Recruitment is essential part of the fire department every year it's getting very difficult to retain and recruit effective members. Our ranks are diminishing quickly. Last couple years we've recruited about 1 new member every year. But many of our members work out of town about every day. Leaving only small handful of members available during work week to respond to a bad incident. You will see many trucks from local towns responding to assist use during that incident. If you are interested in helping your local Fire Department by volunteering, please contact the Town Office for more information.

I would like to thank all the residents of Winter Harbor for their continued support and the members of volunteer dept. In their efforts in responding to emergency calls and keeping up with monthly meetings and training sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tatum McLean, Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This year emphasis has been given to the Town Emergency Operations Plan. The Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and myself are currently updating this valuable document as it was last approved in 2010. There was an incident in which a telephone pole fell on Main Street and there was no power to several residents in the middle of winter. It became imperative that the Town have a facility for residents can come to for warmth and food. The Gymnasium was opened, with the help of volunteers, for a few hours. Although the need was not too great, it pointed out a deficiency that we have. I have been working with Andrew Sankey at Hancock County Emergency Agency to get our facility certified as a Daytime Lifeline Facility.

www.ready.gov
www.nws.noaa.gov
www.maine.gov/mema/prepare
www.redcross.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Tatum McLean, EMA Director

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

Maine Local Health Officer's (LHO) role began in 1885 and has had a proud tradition of serving their communities. The LHO is a term established by Maine Statute. The Fire Chief has held Winter Harbor's LHO position for the past seven years. Fortunately, there is no activity to report this year.

It is my privilege to serve as the Town of Winter Harbor Health Officer. Please feel free to contact me with any health and safety concerns through the Town Office. You may contact me at the Town Office during normal business hours if you have any concerns or questions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tatum McLean
Local Health Officer

HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Here we go with another year and another report. I received one phone call from the Coast Guard, who were looking for a mooring for a 36-foot boat they were towing that had broken down with engine issues. I was able to help them with a mooring, the owner got it resolved and was up and running the next day.

I have received over 20 phone calls from boaters traveling up and down the coast looking for a mooring for a night or two. I was happy to provide them with a mooring. I also had numerous calls from people in Town and people out of town that were wanting to put moorings in. Like I stated last year, there is room in Henry Cove, and the Sand Cove, the Inner Harbor is full at this time.

Thank you to everyone for keeping your trash picked up around the Town Dock. I would also like to remind everyone of the importance of life jackets, make sure there is enough on your boat for each person, they really do save lives.

I am looking forward to another great season on the water this year. As always, please contact me with any harbor related questions or concerns at 207-812-1264. Please be safe and appreciate everything the Town of Winter Harbor has to offer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Backman,
Harbor Master

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER & LICENSED PLUMBING INSPECTOR

No building or structure or part thereof shall be erected, constructed, expanded, moved, or altered to change the use without first obtaining a permit. No lot shall be divided as to make a substandard lot. Three or more unregistered vehicles stored in a yard or field requires a permit for an automobile graveyard.

37 Building Permits were issued between January 1 - December 31, 2022. The types of permits will not equal the number of permits issued because many permits are for more than one structure or use.

Description:	
New Residence/Cottages	4
Mobile Homes	2
Residential Additions	7
Garage/Shop	4
Shed/Storage	14
Decks/Porches/Patios	5
Driveway	2
Demo	0
Clearing for Development	1
Solar Array	2
Underground Utilities	1

20 Plumbing Permits were issued between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 as follows:

9 Subsurface Wastewater Permits, 3 of which were in the Shoreland Zone, and two that required a variance.

1 Subsurface Permit was issued for a leach field only as a replacement to an existing one and was located in the Shoreland Zone and required a local variance.

10 Internal Plumbing Permits, one for 2 fixtures, two for five fixtures, one for 10 fixtures, one for 12 fixtures, one for 13 fixtures, one for 13 fixtures, one for 15 fixtures, two for 18 fixtures, and one for 21 fixtures.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town and Citizens the past year. I would like to thank the office Staff for their support and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millard Billings, CEO & LPI

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had a very productive year, which would not have been possible without the dedicated participation of all our Board Members, our CEO Millard Billings and the support of Sara and Cathy in the Town Office. The Planning Board generally meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Town Office meeting room. The public is always welcome to attend.

The Board formed a Comprehensive Planning Committee that has begun the multi-year process of updating the Winter Harbor Comprehensive Plan. This is a significant undertaking that will include ample opportunity for town input.

During 2023 the Planning Board will review Housing Legislation LD 2003 (effective July 1, 2023) designed to address affordable housing in Maine to ensure Winter Harbor Ordinances are consistent with legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denny O'Brien
Chairman

E911 ADDRESSING OFFICER

2022 saw a slowed building process in which new builds that requested addressing was only two properties. One was on Bluff Road, and the other was on Jordan Harbor Road. Both properties are off the Summer Harbor Road.

E-911 addressing is imperative to public safety personnel response. The E-911 system tracks locational data to the Hancock County Regional Communications Center (HCRCC) which in-turn helps to direct emergency response personnel to the exact address location.

I would like to dedicate this report to Winter Harbor's original E-911 coordinator, the late Richard E. Gerrish who selflessly served this community and volunteered countless days, nights, holidays and weekends to make Winter Harbor a better place. You certainly did that, Richard. Rest in peace my friend, your work here is complete.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danny Mitchell, Jr.
Police Chief

BROADBAND COMMITTEE

The Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee was formed in early 2022 as the result of merging Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro Broadband Committees. The Committee sent out surveys with the assistance of both town offices in 2022 and established a definite need for improved access to broadband internet service in both communities. The Committee has applied for and received grant funding in regard to implementing a Peninsula-wide broadband improvement project.

In late 2022, the Committee created a request for information to solicit interest from internet service providers (ISP) in the area for the creation of a broadband network in the two towns that would be capable of carrying internet service at a minimum of 100 Mbps symmetrical (up and download speed). We received two responses and have continued to engage with the respondents as we move forward.

There are two primary models we are entertaining: to work with an ISP to develop and operate a network, or to implement a municipally owned model with the formation of a broadband utility which will then build, own, operate and maintain a fiber network over which ISPs could compete for customers. Such a model has been successful in Washington County with Downeast Broadband Utility, with which we have also consulted.

We had our first community outreach event April 26, 2023 at the Gouldsboro Recreation Center which was reasonably well attended. During the meeting, we went over the basics of broadband and the different approaches possible to get access to it for all Schoodic Peninsula residents and businesses. Coming out of that meeting, there was strong support for pursuing the municipally-owned model and we continue to research and work with the Maine Connectivity Authority and its partners to identify and develop next steps. We will be having the next outreach event at Hammond Hall on June 13th while we move forward with developing and putting forward a request for proposals.

We meet regularly over Zoom and encourage anyone interested in attending to reach out to us for the meeting link. Our agendas will be posted on our website, www.schoodicbroadband.org and we can be reached at schoodicpeninsulabroadband@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Gott, Co-Chairman

WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

This past year was when the Library began a transition from pandemic-era restrictions to "normal" operations. We no longer limit access to the building or require masks. We have also increased our hours, to add Tuesdays from 2:00-6:00 pm, so that patrons and visitors have an evening option. We hope to bring back author talks and other programs in the coming year.

We were able to hold our postponed 100th anniversary (1920-2020) as a Public Library, which we celebrated during Lobster Festival with a cake, balloons, and our annual used book sale (now in its fifth year). This is the first year we have held it at the Library, and it was a resounding success with nearly 600 visitors and $2,000.00 in donations.

Our Library had 3,943 visitors in 2022, 74 new patron sign-ups, a total circulation of 3,013 library materials, including jigsaw puzzles—our newest offering—and 233 downloaded books (double last year's total of 117).

We have two book clubs meeting at the Library now: the Winter Harbor Book Club, which has been in existence more than 30 years, and ABC (Animated Book Conversations) Book Club.

In an effort to expand our space to include the outdoors, we purchased a picnic table (through a grant) and extended our pollinator gardens, which successfully hatched five monarch butterflies. We held three storybook walks over the summer. Maine State Library improved our internet connection, so patrons have better connection speed sitting out of doors. We received a grant from Efficiency Maine to install two electric vehicle charging stations in our parking lot.

The Library offers free downloadable audio and e-books through the CloudLibrary app. We also have an up-to-date selection of books, DVDs, audiobooks on CD, and Kindles for those who wish to come in and browse.

Lastly, we acknowledge and pay our final respects to those we have lost because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Among them was our faithful volunteer, Janet McGrath.

We look forward to your visit in the coming year.

With Gratitude and Fond Memories,

Ruth Mapleton, Director

WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER
2023-2024 Budget

Books	$4,000
Book Supplies	$400
DVD/Audio	$750
Computer/Technology	$500
Computer Services	$300
Program Fund	$1,000
Supplies	$300
Utilities (electricity, fuel oil, phone/ internet, water, sewer)	$8,400
Cleaning/sanitation	$2,000
Annual Appeal	$1,000
Newsletter	$1,000
Volunteer Appreciation	$800
Training	$300
Postage	$75
Petty Cash	$25
Miscellaneous	$500
Salaries	$20,700
Total	$42,050

The Library could not continue without the support of the Town of Winter Harbor. The Town provides a critical and substantial portion of the annual cost of running the Library. The balance of the Library's funding needs comes from the generous financial contributions of our patrons and donors. Our Library Director, board members and volunteers are continually alert to available grants from various sources for special projects and needs which enhance the value of the Library to the Town. Our successful grant applications have averaged between $2,000 to $5,000 in recent years. We are especially grateful for the service given by our many volunteers who keep the Library functioning throughout the year.

Although the Library is responsible for its use of electricity, fuel oil, water and sewer, the historic building itself and its exterior maintenance and landscape costs are provided through the Channing Chapel

Preservation Committee. The close relationship between the Library Board and the Committee greatly lessens the potential cost to the Town of maintaining the lovely historic building which is a landmark for Winter Harbor. A surprising number of summertime visitors to Winter Harbor make a point of visiting the Library on their travels and often make a financial donation.

In recent years the Library has held a successful book sale on the day of the Annual Lobster Festival. These books come primarily from donated books but also from books culled from the shelf. This event, run by our volunteers, brings welcomed funds to assist the expenses of the Library.

All costs of keeping the Library open have gone up. Consequently, this year the Board has requested an increase in funding from the Town. We continue to maintain a close relationship with our many donors to help keep our annual departmental request to the Town as conservative as possible.

Submitted by,
Rick Brown, Treasurer

WINTER HARBOR UTILITIES DISTRICT

This has been another frustrating year at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, following last years solar project and roof problems. We sought engineering bids to assess what would be needed to support the installation of the solar array, unfortunately, with the construction boom in our region finding engineers willing to even bid on the evaluation were difficult to find. We ultimately secured an engineering firm which for at reasonable cost, was willing to provide us with the necessary information to begin pursuing bids from contractors. As of yet, we have not received their final report, but as soon as we are able, we will proceed with the necessary next steps.

Plant operation is becoming more streamlined and cost efficient as our operator, Terry Keller, becomes more familiar with the nuances of the upgraded system. Terry and our Plant Superintendent discovered that we could save a considerable amount of Town water usage by re-using our effluent in our grit removal chamber. It is projected that we will save tens of thousands of gallons of treated Town water annually, which will obviously save money and reduce demand for water during the summer months when there is already a tremendous strain on the water supply.

Unfortunately, as with all of us, we are feeling the pinch of inflation. Operating costs for the Plant have risen significantly in the past several years, which has necessitated a rate increase. As sewer customers ourselves we are obviously concerned with the dramatic increases, and it is our belief that the efficiency measures that have been implemented will realize on going savings.

Submitted by
Jeffrey Alley, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

WINTER HARBOR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

I would like to thank the members of the Winter Harbor Cemetery Association for all the work they have done to make improvements. We appreciate the excellent job and dedication that Guptill Mowing Services and her crew has done.

We would like to thank the town of Winter Harbor and all the others who donated money and time to help maintain the upkeep of our grounds. We would especially like to thank the family of the Gwendolyn Hallowell Kingsley Estate for their donation to the Greenwood Cemetery.

Our primary objective this summer will be to concentrate on cemetery stones and ground plaque restorations. Both Brookside and Greenwood contain aged stone and plaques in dire need of attention. We will campaign a restoration appeal for monies this summer to aid us in this effort. Generosity from the public helps us maintain these cemeteries.

This year we sold seven lots in Greenwood Cemetery. To purchase lots please contact Rose Arnett or Gordon Harrington for assistance. We are looking for land to develop into new lots as our cemeteries are getting full.

We, elected volunteers, remain committed to the care of our Town's cemeteries and placement of memorial flag for veterans. Any citizens wishing to become a member, please contact one of the trustees. The officers are:

President – Gordon Harrington
Andrew Abbott, Vice-President and Sextant
Rose Arnett, Secretary
Diana Young, Treasurer

Cemetery Association Trustees

Andy Abbott	Charles Arnett
Rose Arnett	Billy Bickford
Christopher Byers	Herman Faulkingham
Gordon Harrington	David Joy
Jack Kunkle	Roseanne Shafer
Louise Shaw	VACANT
Betty Williams	Diana Young

Steve Young

Respectfully Submitted,
Gordon Harrington, President

WINTER HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Winter Harbor Historical Society remains an organization to bring together the community to preserve Winter Harbor's memories and artifacts. We celebrated our annual meeting in June 2022 with a viewing of the movie "Schoodic" at Hammond Hall with Larry Smith and Shirley Chase, who were featured in the film, and available to answer questions. This event launched our effort to raise awareness of the significant costs to stabilize our museum on Hammond Lane. Originally constructed in 1877, as a school on Main Street, the building was moved to clear the view for the Beacon Hotel. A professional engineering assessment in April 2022 found that the building's exterior walls have pulled away from the floor and trim. Beams supporting the second floor are inadequate and exterior walls are out of plumb by an average of 2" in 4'. We are grateful for the community response to our fall fundraising letter and have expanded our Board to include members with ideas about additional fundraising and grant writing.

Our museum was open weekly for visitors throughout the summer with new dioramas on display. Walking tours were offered through July and a new Facebook page: Winter Harbor History was created. Several books were sold at the Winter Harbor Christmas Shopping Event and are available at the Winter Harbor Library and the Winter Harbor 5 & 10. Archived newsletters, the Peninsula Gazette and other publications can be seen at: http://winterharborhs.mainememory.net

Winter Harbor's historic downtown has enjoyed the support of our community and visitors to assure the continuity of our unique village and it's blending of commercial activity and historic structures. We would like to thank the staff and boards of Schoodic Arts for All and the Winter Harbor Public Library for their commitment to our historical structures and we look forward to the continuing presence of our Historical Society Museum on the town's skyline.

Please contact us at winterharborhistory@gmail.com or Winter Harbor Historical Society, P.O. Box 93, Winter Harbor, Maine 04693. Thank you for your continuing support.

President – VACANT
Vice-President – Johanna Smith
Secretary – Pearl Follette Barto
Treasurer – Cathy Lilly Carruthers

<u>Board Members</u>
Charles Arnett
Rose Arnett
Joanne Brown
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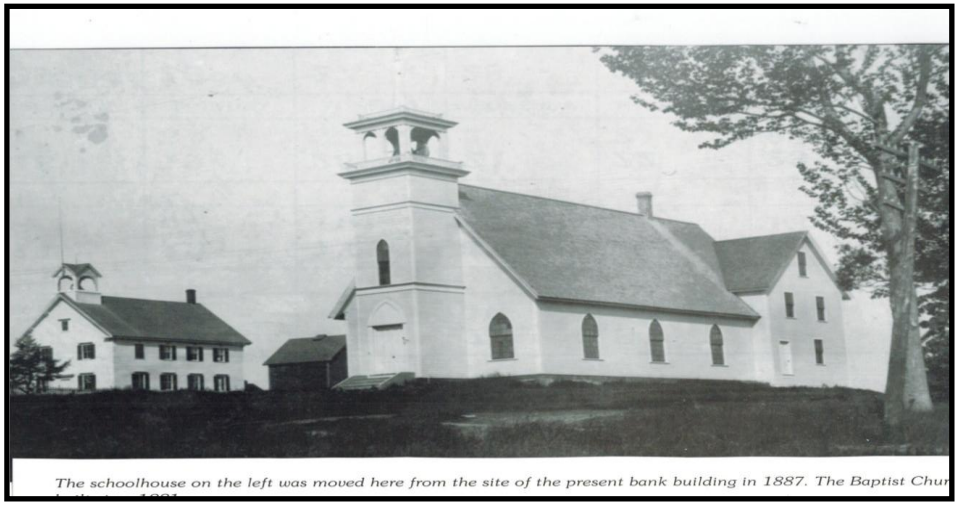
Polly Earl
Deborah Joy Martin
William Putnam
Larry Smith



The schoolhouse on the left was moved here from the site of the present bank building in 1887. The Baptist Chur

PENINSULA SCHOOL

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PENINSULA SCHOOL STAFF

Name	Position
Marion Freehill	Pre-K
Roxanne Renwick	Kindergarten
Katie Parker	1st Grade
Gabriella Grant	2nd Grade
Donna Dalangauskas	3rd Grade
Haley Estabrook	4th Grade
Kristen Mowry	5th Grade
Sherry Young	Art
Jill Jeude	School Counselor
Corrine Wilson	ELL
Valerie Sprague	Interventionist
Nick Ulecka	Librarian
Sarah Hurlbert	OT
Jordan Smith	Nurse
Christine Simmons	Admin. Assistant
Elena Kernes	Special Education
Ashley Carter	Special Education
Rosalie Mitchell	Ed Tech
Margaret Grammer	Ed Tech
Robyn Walton	Ed Tech
Jessica Richards	Ed Tech
Marina Magee	Ed Tech
John Kucera	Gifted & Talented
Donna Haycock	Food Service
Faye Torrey	Food Service
Bonnie Naumann	Maintenance
Joe Naumann	Maintenance
Danny Mitchell, Jr.	Bus Driver
Abby Merrit-Rousseau	Bus Driver
Pieter Porsius	Bus Driver
Tammy Santy	Bus Driver

CHARLES M. SUMNER LEARNING CAMPUS

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 24

SCHOODIC PENINSULA INFO

SCHOODIC TRAIL SYSTEM MAP

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

In 84 years, the Acadian Woman's Club (ACWC) has built a vibrant organization made up of more than 40 women from Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro. One of our greatest efforts is to manage a Community Aid Fund, helping local residents who need financial support. In 2022 we spent more than $29,000.00 on a variety of expenses including support for families who are battling illness or struggling with food insecurity. We have paid for heat, electricity, rent, childcare, auto repairs, cell phone, travel expenses, internet bills, Christmas gifts and more. In recent years we have paid for basketball sneakers, backpacks and eye glasses. We open our eyes and ears, widely so that we can remain connected and help where there is a need to include supporting the Peninsula School in providing bags of food to families over school vacations.

In 2022, we awarded five $1,000.00 scholarships to residents who are pursuing post-secondary education as well as summer camp scholarships to several local youngsters. Anyone from Winter Harbor or Gouldsboro attending a college, community college or trade school is eligible to apply for the ACWC scholarship; we encourage people of all ages to apply. Applications can be found in the guidance office at Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus, the deadline is May 1st. Applications for summer camp support can be found on our Facebook page or at the office of the Peninsula School.

2023 scheduled fundraisers include two bake sales held in the parking lot at Winter Harbor Provisions. We sell whole cakes and pies and sometimes some other surprises such as yeast rolls, pot pies, pickles and spaghetti sauce! 2023 sales will be on Saturdays, July 1st and August 5th at 8:00 am until the pies are gone, usually before 10:00 am!! We will also resume our bottle collection and encourage folks to donate their returnable cans and bottles so we can redeem them and use the money to fund our scholarship fund. Watch for our Christmas in July raffle!!! Of course, anyone can donate to the Woman's Club at any time by mailing a check, payable to ACWC to the attention of our Treasurer, Holly Kitter, PO Box 95, Prospect Harbor, Maine 04669. We are tremendously appreciative of all donations which help us help our neighbors.

In addition to our robust community giving, the Acadian Community Woman's Club purchased and maintains the flower planters by the Post Office in Winter Harbor as well as the Ann Joy Memorial Garden on

Harbor Road in Winter Harbor and the planter surrounding the sign at the Peninsula School. The ACWC assists in organizing the annual Memorial Day observation in Winter Harbor. Additionally, each year we support one Sumner sophomore who is selected to attend the Maine Youth Leadership Conference in Portland. In recent years we have also sent donations to the Schoodic Food Pantry, Hardy's Friends, Ellsworth's Community Closet, next Step Domestic Violence Project and Beth Wright Cancer Resource Center. We continue to seek new ideas and projects and we invite you to join us in our efforts. This is truly a remarkable group of women, who are doing their part to improve the quality of lives in our little corner of the world and we appreciate your help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Moshier, Sarah Alley Christensen
Co-Presidents

SCHOODIC SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND

2022 was a challenging year for the Schoodic Community Fund (SCF). The Maine Community Foundation, which manages our endowment and its investments, lost almost 10% of its value due to gyrating market forces. College and university endowments, by way of comparison, lost 8.8% of their value in 2022.

Last year SCF was allowed to award about $35,000 but had thirteen Schoodic area applications whose grant needs totaled over $72,000. Lacking adequate resources to help every applicant, the SCF Board made the following awards: $2,500 ($5,000 requested)-Jones Pond and Rec Center; $4,000 ($8,000 requested)-roof repairs to Dorcas Library; $1,000 ($3,000 requested)-Sumner Memorial High School-"healthy snacks" program; $2,500 for Hardy's Friends, $4,500-Peninsula School's flexible seating; $5,000 ($15k requested)-air handling system-Winter Harbor Public Library; $4,500- nature education for Peninsula School students to Frenchman Bay Conservancy; $3,000 ($6k requested)-Schoodic Arts for All-improvements to the Combs Studio; $5,280-Peninsula School's Food Bag program. Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor Towns received funding for their "power and heating" funds. Four additional local nonprofits applied but did not receive funding. 2022 ended with over $1 million in the endowment and gifts totaling over $65,000.

The SCF Board experienced turnover in 2022. Mike Summerer, who has faithfully executed the responsibilities of the Chair, has stepped down and has been replaced, on an interim basis, by SCF founder Roger Bowen. Megan Moshier and Andrew Somes, respectively SCF's Vice Chair and Treasurer for most of nine years, were termed out. Eric Lister and Jane Littlefield also stepped down. The Board added two new members, Marian Ide and Lenny Young, and will be adding one or two more members in the near future. Continuing SCF Board members are Susan Bruce, Dolora Conley, Mary Dyer, Tim Fisher, Sarah Joy, Roberta Parritt, Roxanne Renwick, Susan Towle, and Paul Tracy.

The SCF Board thanks the 175 donors who gave so generously during a difficult year. Our donors and Board are happily united in seeing SCF improve the quality of life for all residents of the Peninsula, exactly as our mission statement dictates. We are pleased, therefore, to formally recognize the support of all our donors.

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TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE
2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES

The Town of Winter Harbor Annual Town Meeting was called to order on June 14, 2022 at 8:00 am by Cathy Carruthers, Town Manager/Clerk, at the Municipal Building, School Street, Winter Harbor, ME 04693.

Article 1
To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting. ***Peter Drinkwater was nominated to serve as Moderator and the election clerks cast three affirmative votes. Mr. Drinkwater was administered the oath of office by Cathy Carruthers, Town Clerk. William Van Horn was appointed Warden to oversee Elections. Voting took place at the Municipal Building from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm and the meeting was continued until June 22, 2022.***

Article 2
To elect the following town officials by secret ballot: one member to the Board of Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor to serve until the 2025 annual town meeting; two Members and one Alternate to the Planning Board to serve until the 2027 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2025 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2025 annual town meeting. ***Mr. Drinkwater reconvened the meeting on June 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Winter Harbor Gymnasium, School Street, Winter Harbor, ME 04693. 26 registered voters were in attendance.***

Mr. Drinkwater announced the results of the municipal elections as follows:

Selectman (3-year term) – Terry D. Bickford
Planning Board Member (5-year term) – David Ackley
Planning Board Membes-Alternate (5-year term) – Herman Faulkingham
Utilities District Trustee – William Van Horn
Water District Trustee – Johanna Smith

Results of the RSU #24:
Article 1: Yes –93; No - 24 Article 2: Yes – 85; No - 27

ARTICLES PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

Article 3

To choose twelve (12) residents to serve on the Winter Harbor Budget Committee for the ensuing year. ***Billy Bickford, Michelle Bickford, Michael Campbell, Kevin Conley, Laura DeLucia, Peter Drinkwater, Carrie Faulkingham, Herman Faulkingham, Christopher Joy, Bob Schmidt, Jonathan Stanley, Diana Young were nominated, seconded and elected.***

Article 4

To choose fifteen (15) residents to serve as members of the Winter Harbor Cemetery Association Board of Trustees for the ensuing year. ***Andrew Abbot, Charles Arnett, Rose Arnett, Billy Bickford, Chris Byers, Herman Faulkingham, Gordon Harrington, David Joy, Jack Kunkle, Roseanne Shafer, Louise Shaw, Betty Williams, Diana Young, Steve Young were nominated, seconded and elected.***

Article 5

To choose two Trustees for five-year terms to serve as members of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees. ***Wendilee O'Brien to complete the term of Howard T. Howard until 2023 and Sandy Drinkwater to complete the term of Kathleen Nauss until 2025. Both were seconded and elected.***

Article 6

To choose seven (7) residents to serve on the Harbor Committee for the ensuing year, the residents to be selected as follows: three (3) commercial fishermen, two (2) recreational boaters, and two (2) residents at large. ***Michael Kramp, Robert Bragdon, Patrick Faulkingham (Commerical), Andrew Abbott, Alan Johnson (Recreational), Barbara Jean Bragdon and Richard Wilson (At-Large) were nominated, seconded and elected.***

Article 7

To choose five (5) residents to serve on the Recreation Committee Board of Directors for the ensuing year. ***Dolora Conley, Sandy Fortin, Sarah Joy and Megan Moshier were nominated, seconded and elected.***

Article 8
To choose six (6) residents to serve on the Lobster Festival Committee for the ensuing year. ***Chris Byers, Laura DeLucia, Herman Faulkingham, Buddy Hatt and Jeanette Hatt were nominated, seconded and elected.***

Article 9
To fix the salary for the ensuing year of the appointed Harbor Master in accordance with the Harbor Ordinance. (Currently $1,000) ***Motion made and seconded to set the Harbor Master annual stipend at $1,000. Approved.***

Article 10
To see if the Town will vote to have the Board of Selectmen appoint all other Town officials and members of Town boards and committees. ***Accepted as read.***

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES
Notice
The Town's share of the Regional School Unit Budget has been set: **$907,814** (*FY 21-22 - $896,907.00*)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Expenditures
Article 11
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $216,272.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

General Government		FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Total:	Administration	$197,444.00	$216,272.00

Article 12
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,680.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Board of Assessors/Planning Board	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Assessing	$ 7,700.00	$8,700.00
HCPC	850.00	850.00
CEO	2,927.00	3,130.00
Total: Board of Assessors/PB	$ 11,477.00	$ 12,680.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $69,192.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Town Building Operations	FY 21-22	***FY 22-23***
Gym	$ 13,790.00	$ 18,130.00
Municipal Public Safety Bldg	24,533.00	25,287.00
Wharf	12,000.00	22,500.00
Scout	3,275.00	3,275.00
Total: Town Buildings	$53,598.00	$ 69,192.00

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $559,065.00 for Public Safety. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Public Safety	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Fire Department	$ 89,518.00	$123,051.00
Police Department	144.797.00	162,414.00
Roads	189,800.00	203,000.00
Solid Waste	59,930.00	70,600.00
Total: Public Safety	$484,045.00	$559,065.00

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $208.139.00 for the following miscellaneous expenses or appropriations. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Miscellaneous		
Library		$15,000.00
General Assistance		1,000.00
Cemeteries		6,500.00
Third Party Requests:		
Community Health & Counseling Services	200.00	
Downeast Community Partners	1,866.00	
Downeast Horizons	1,000.00	
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	600.00	
Eastern Area on Aging	750.00	

Eleanor Widener Dixon Memorial Clinic	650.00	
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	800.00	
LifeFlight Foundation	516.00	
Lifeline Food Pantry	1,500.00	
Northern Light ME Coast Hosp-Prescript Assist	750.00	
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	136.00	
Schoodic Arts for All	500.00	
Schoodic National Scenic Byway	1,000.00	
Sunrise Little League	1,000.00	
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	400.00	
Yesterday's Children, Inc.	400.00	
Total-Third Party Requests		12,068.00
Hydrants		61,500.00
County Tax		98,071.00
Town Buildings		10,000.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance		4,000.00
TOTAL: Miscellaneous		$ 208,139.00

FY 21-22 = $206,273.00

Notification to Taxpayers:
The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of $98,071.00 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share of the Hancock County taxes. *(FY 21-22 = $92,642.00)*
Note: County Tax is increased by $5,429.00

Article 16
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $136,716.00 for the following Special Projects. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Special Projects	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Comprehensive Plan	750.00	1,400.00
Homestead Exemption	5,000.00	5,000.00
Property Revaluation	3,000.00	3,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	2,500.00	3,500.00
Sewer Note	82,616.00	82,616.00
Recreation Committee	2,750.00	3,750.00
Investment Fund Repayment	40,000.00	40,000.00
Records Conservation	100.00	100.00
Total: Special Projects	$ 136,716.00	$139,366.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2022/2023 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Category	Estimated Amount
Auto Excise Taxes	$115,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	4,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk's Fees	3,000.00
Permit Fees	1,500.00
Sale, Trash Bags	18,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	4,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	28,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,325.00
Total	$174,325.00

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend, to offset taxes, the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. (*The Board of Selectmen approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Category	Estimated Amount
General Assistance Reimbursement	$ 500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	22,000.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	40,845.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	10,000.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	650.00
Total: Estimated Revenues	$73,995.00

FY 21-22 - $56,100.00

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to place unexpended balances from this fiscal year into a tax reduction reserve account to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the next fiscal year. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

SPECIAL FUND FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 20

To see if the Town will appropriate all Local Roads Assistance Program funds (local road assistance estimated $11,228) to the Town Roads account for capital improvement. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

GENERAL FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to expend $15,600 from the Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund to offset a portion of the Fire Department Salary for FY 2022-2023. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to have the 2022/2023 fiscal year taxes due in two increments: one-half to be due on or before October 31, 2022, and one-half to be due on or before April 30, 2023; and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 6% on any taxes paid after the due dates. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Motion made to correct the rate to 4% in compliance with State statute. Seconded and approved. Article accepted as modified.***

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment (i.e., prior to the date of commitment) of taxes and vote to pay 0% interest on said payments. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest to any taxpayer who makes an overpayment of taxes, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, at a rate of 6.00% per annum. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval*.) ***Accepted as read.***

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and

interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosure when it is in the best interest of the Town. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* ***Accepted as read.***

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of $762,219.91 established for Winter Harbor by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved, under the 2022 Town Meeting warrant, will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax limit. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.) Ballot vote required.* ***Yes-32; No-0***

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Article 27

To see if the Town will adopt the ordinance entitled, "Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Industrial-Scale Aquaculture Development", dated May 17, 2022. ***Accepted as read.***

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to approve the Municipal Officers' Order of Discontinuance of a portion of Bay View Road and The Terrace without reservation of a public easement in the same, dated (after approval from this Town Meeting) and to be filed with the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **$0.00** to pay damages as stated in the aforementioned Order. ***Call for ballot vote. Yes-18; No-8***

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to accept a public easement from Andrew and Carissa Marino for the purpose of providing vehicular and pedestrian access from Bay View Road to Barrett Avenue. The specific locations, terms and conditions of the easement shall be as described in a proposed Easement Deed from Andrew and Carissa Marino to the Town of Winter Harbor, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Warrant by reference. The easement is conditioned upon the Town's vote to approve the Municipal Officers' Order of Discontinuance for portions of Bay View Road and The Terrace. ***Since Easement Deed is not attached, Peter***

Drinkwater read the Easement Deed. Article modified. Article accepted as modified.

Article 30
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, any Federal or State funds received. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval*.) ***Accepted as read.***

Article 31
To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from "Unappropriated Surplus" as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the 2022/2023 fiscal year. *($20,000 customary amount).* ***Motion made and seconded for $20,000. Approved.***

Article 32
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations that they feel are in the Town's best interest to accept. ***Accepted***

Article 33
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town-owned personal property, which they deem unusable, on such terms as they deem advisable. ***Accepted as read.***

Article 34
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make the final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance, pursuant to 29-A M.R.S.A., Section 2054 and the posting of roads to heavy traffic, when appropriate or necessary. ***Accepted as read.***

Article 35
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to set the date of the next Annual Town Meeting. ***Motion made to hold the Annual Town Meeting next year at Hammond Hall. Seconded and approved.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy J. Carruthers, Town Manager/Clerk

TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE
2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT

Hancock, S.S.
State of Maine

TO: Danny Mitchell, Jr., Police Chief of Winter Harbor in the County of Hancock:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the residents of the Town of Winter Harbor, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Winter Harbor Municipal Building, 20 School Street in said Town, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of June 2023, at 8:00 am, then and there to act on Articles 1 and 2, (Polling hours: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm);

And to notify said residents to reconvene at Hammond Hall, 427 Main Street in said Town at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of June 2023 to act on Articles 3-35, as set out below, to wit:

Article 1
To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2
To elect the following town officials by secret ballot: one member to the Board of Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor to serve until the 2026 annual town meeting; one Member to the Planning Board to serve until the 2028 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2026 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2026 annual town meeting.

ARTICLES PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

Article 3
To choose twelve (12) residents to serve on the Winter Harbor Budget Committee for the ensuing year.

Article 4
To choose fifteen (15) residents to serve as members of the Winter Harbor Cemetery Association Board of Trustees for the ensuing year.

Article 5
To choose three Trustees for five-year terms to serve as members of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees.

Article 6
To choose seven (7) residents to serve on the Harbor Committee for the ensuing year, the residents to be selected as follows: three (3) commercial fishermen, two (2) recreational boaters, and two (2) residents at large.

Article 7
To choose five (5) residents to serve on the Recreation Committee Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Article 8
To choose six (6) residents to serve on the Lobster Festival Committee for the ensuing year.

Article 9
To fix the salary for the ensuing year of the appointed Harbor Master in accordance with the Harbor Ordinance. (Currently $1,000)

Article 10
To see if the Town will vote to have the Board of Selectmen appoint all other Town officials and members of Town boards and committees.

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES
Notice
The Town's share of the Regional School Unit Budget has been set: **983,042** (*FY 22-23* - $907,814.*00*)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Expenditures
Article 11
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $244,412.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

General Government		FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Total:	Administration	$216,272.00	$244,412.00

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,755.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Board of Assessors/Planning Board	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Assessing	$ 8,700.00	$9,700.00
HCPC	850.00	650.00
CEO	3,130.00	3,405.00
Total: Board of Assessors/PB	$ 12,680.00	$ 13,755.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $83,155.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Town Building Operations	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Gym	$ 18,130.00	$ 19,360.00
Municipal Public Safety Bldg	25,287.00	27,920.00
Wharf	22,500.00	22,600.00
Scout Cabin	3,275.00	3,275.00
Misc Buildings Expenses	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total: Town Bldg Ops	$79,192.00	$ 83,155.00

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $304,801.00 for Public Safety. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Public Safety	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Fire Department	$123,051.00	$142,387.00
Police Department	144.797.00	162,414.00
Total: Public Safety	$287,848.00	$304,801.00

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $96,810.00 for Ambulance Service. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

**** Notice - $20,000 was used from Unappropriated Surplus for FY 2022-2023**

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $550,366.00 for the following miscellaneous expenses or appropriations. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Miscellaneous		
Library		$20,000.00
General Assistance		1,000.00
Cemeteries		6,500.00
Third Party Requests:		
American Red Cross	350.00	
Community Health & Counseling Services	200.00	
Downeast Community Partners	2,374.00	
Downeast Horizons	1,000.00	
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	600.00	
Eastern Area on Aging	1,012.00	
Eleanor Widener Dixon Memorial Clinic	800.00	
Families First Community Center	1,000.00	
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	800.00	
LifeFlight Foundation	461.00	
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	220.00	
Schoodic Arts for All	750.00	
Schoodic National Scenic Byway	1,500.00	
Schoodic Food Pantry	2,000.00	
Sunrise Little League	500.00	
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	500.00	
Yesterday's Children, Inc.	300.00	
Total-Third Party Requests		14,367.00
Hydrants		61,500.00
County Tax		103,499.00
Solid Waste		81,000.00
Roads		257,500.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance		5,000.00
TOTAL: Miscellaneous		$ 550,366.00

FY 22-23 = $471,739.00

Notification to Taxpayers:
The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of $103,499.00 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share of the Hancock County taxes. *(FY 22-23 = $98,071.00)* ***Note: County Tax is increased by $5,428.00***

Article 17
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $154,495.00 for the following Special Projects. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Special Projects	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Comprehensive Plan	$14,000.00	$14,000.00
Homestead Exemption	5,000.00	5,000.00
Property Revaluation	3,000.00	3,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	3,500.00	3,500.00
Sewer Note	82,616.00	75,145.00
Recreation Committee	2,750.00	3,750.00
Investment Fund Repayment	40,000.00	50,000.00
Records Conservation	100.00	100.00
Total: Special Projects	$150,966.00	$154,495.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues
Article 18
To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2023/2024 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Category	Estimated Amount
Auto Excise Taxes	$118,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	4,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk's Fees	3,500.00
Permit Fees	1,500.00
Sale, Trash Bags	19,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	4,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	28,000.00

Miscellaneous Revenues	2,925.00
Total	$181,425.00

Article 19
To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend, to offset taxes, the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. (*The Board of Selectmen approval.)*

Category	Estimated Amount
General Assistance Reimbursement	$ 500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	23,000.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	39,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	11,000.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	650.00
Total: Estimated Revenues	$74,150.00
FY 22-23 - $73,995.00	

Article 20
To see if the Town will vote to place unexpended balances from this fiscal year into a tax reduction reserve account to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the next fiscal year. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

SPECIAL FUND FINANCIAL ARTICLES
Article 21
To see if the Town will appropriate all Local Roads Assistance Program funds (estimated $12,268) to the Town Roads account for capital improvement. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 22
To see if the Town will vote to withdraw, from the Bar Harbor Trust Services investment portfolio, an amount up to and not to exceed $1,000,000 for Town Road's maintenance, repair, replacement and repavement. These funds are to be repaid with the interest revenue from the investment portfolio revenues, as well as $50,000 from tax revenues each fiscal year.

GENERAL FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to expend $28,000 from the Education Reserve Fund to offset a portion of Education for FY 2023-2024. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to expend $17,833.00 received from the US Department of Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in accordance with the award terms and conditions to offset a portion of the Ambulance Service-Schoodic EMS for FY 2023-2024. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to have the 2023/2024 fiscal year taxes due in two increments: one-half to be due on or before October 31, 2023, and one-half to be due on or before April 30, 2024; and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 8% on any taxes paid after the due dates. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment (i.e., prior to the date of commitment) of taxes and vote to pay 0% interest on said payments. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest to any taxpayer who makes an overpayment of taxes, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, at a rate of 6.00% per annum. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval*.)

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize

the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosure when it is in the best interest of the Town. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 29
To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Winter Harbor by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved, at this Town Meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Article 30
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, any Federal or State funds received. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval*.)

Article 31
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from "Unappropriated Surplus" as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the 2023/2024 fiscal year. *($20,000 customary amount)*

Article 32
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations that they feel are in the Town's best interest to accept.

Article 33
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town-owned personal property, which they deem unusable, on such terms as they deem advisable.

Article 34
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make the final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance, pursuant to 29-A M.R.S.A., Section 2054 and the posting of roads to heavy traffic, when appropriate or necessary.

Article 35

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to set the date of the next Annual Town Meeting.

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NOTES

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