

TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE



ANNUAL REPORT

For July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Containing:

- Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year
2020 – 2021
- Municipal Officers' Annual Reports
2021 – 2022
- Warrant for 2022 – 2023



DEDICATION



Graduates of 2022 – The last graduating class of Sumner Memorial High School



Graduates of 1952 – The first graduating class of Sumner Memorial High School

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

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

Board of Selectmen - Every other Monday at 6:00 pm

Planning Board - Third Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm

Fire Department - Second Tuesday 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
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 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 owner's clean up after their animal on any sidewalk, street, beach, public property 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



Family History

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.

General Assistance

Winter Harbor administers a General Assistance program 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 and current mileage is required for all registrations. Also, providing your old registration is helpful.

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 (formerly Emera Maine). 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 suggestions, 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 at 963-2235.



Waste Disposal



We have curbside trash pickup and trash bags and/or stickers are required. They may be purchased at the Town Office, Winter Harbor Food Service 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 June 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 in Ellsworth usually held in August. With the closing of Coastal Recycling, 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
Sumner Memorial High School	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 15 th	Dog licenses go on sale
October 31 st	1 st half of property tax due
December 31 st	Dog licenses due
December 31 st	Boat registrations expire
February 1 st	Late fee charged for unregistered dogs (\$25.00)
February 28 th	Trailer registrations expire (over 2,000 lbs)
March	Motorcycle registrations due
April 30 th	2 nd half of property tax due
June 30 th	ATV & Snowmobile registrations expire
July 1 st	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

A total of 56 License Authorities were issued as follows:

Superpack – 1	Junior Hunting – 1
Combo – 24	Hunting – 3
Fishing – 19	Archery – 0
Turkey – 3	Bear – 0
Lifetime (over 70) – 0	Waterfowl – 0
Non-Res, fishing – 2	Muzzle Loader - 3

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES REGISTERED

Boats – 87	ATVs – 38
Snowmobiles – 17	

DOG LICENSES SOLD

Neutered/Spayed – 106
Unaltered – 15

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Currently **515** registered voters

Democrats	135
Republicans	193
Green	20
Unenrolled	150

REPORT OF VOTES CAST

June 8, 2021 164

November 2, 2021 188

VITAL STATISTICS

May 12, 2021 through June 7, 2022

Births – 1 Marriages – 14 Deaths – 5

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
August 24, 2021	Joan N. Bjorkgren	81
October 26, 2021	Irving S. Ray	91
October 30, 2021	Howard T. Howard	85
February 21, 2022	Candace L. Ackley	70
May 6, 2022	Elaine Fuhrman	90
June 5, 2022	Dennis Washburn	62

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy J. Carruthers
Town Clerk



OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Kylie Bragdon, Chair	Term Expires 2023
Christopher Byers	Term Expires 2022
Kittridge Rivers	Term Expires 2024

Budget Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Jeffrey Alley, Jr.	Billy Bickford
Michelle Bickford	Barbara Jean Bragdon
Michael Campbell	Kevin Conley
Peter Drinkwater	Herman Faulkingham
Christopher Joy	Alan Nauss
Bob Schmidt	Diana Young

Cemetery Association Trustees

(All terms are for one year)

Andy Abbott	Charles Arnett
Rose Arnett	Billy Bickford
Marge Gerrish	Gordon Harrington
David Joy	Jack Kunkle
Roseanne Shafer	Louise Shaw
Betty Williams	Diana Young
Steve Young	VACANT

VACANT

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
Howard T. Howard	Term Expires 2023
Mary Kachoris	Term Expires 2023
Kathleen Nauss	Term Expires 2025
Sandy Smallidge	Term Expires 2026

Planning Board

Dave Ackley	Term Expires 2022
Billy Bickford	Term Expires 2022
Jeffrey Alley Jr.	Term Expires 2023
Dennis O'Brien, Chair	Term Expires 2024
Steve Ribble	Term Expires 2026

Planning Board Alternates

Bob Schmidt	Term Expires 2026
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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

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Fire Department

Tatum McLean – Chief Gary Greenlaw – Asst. Chief

Matt Hudson – Lieutenant Ken Monroe - Captain

Dave Ackley

Daniel Backman, Sr.

Barbara Jean Bragdon

Wayne Campbell

Cathy Carruthers – Treasurer

Matthew Correia

Richard E. Gerrish

Buddy Hatt

Jeanette Hatt

Rachel Hudson

Willis Hutchins

Sara Liscomb – Secretary

Pepper Mitchell

Tyler Riley

Shawn Schuurman

Robert Webber

Mike Wood

Emergency Medical Technicians

Matthew Correia

Rachel Hudson

Tatum McLean

Ken Monroe

Tyler Riley

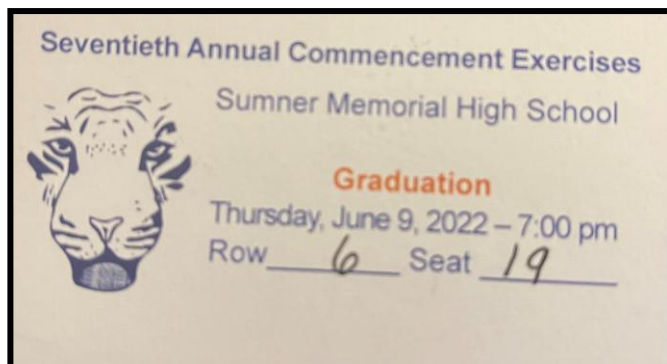
Police Department

Danny Mitchell, Jr. – Chief

Philip Sargent – Sergeant

Ken Schuurman – Investigator

Eli Brown – Patrol Officer



TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS (continued)

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

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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

Millard Billings

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

Jeffrey Alley, Jr..

Term Expires 2023

Terry Bickford

Term Expires 2023

Peter Drinkwater

Term Expires 2025

Sandra Gupstill

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**

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

United States Senate

Susan M. Collins



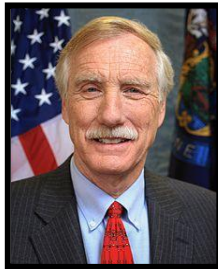
Maine Address

P.O. Box 655
Bangor, ME 04402
(207) 945-0417
Fax: (207) 990-4604

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461 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-1940
(800) 962-3524
Fax: (202) 224-2693

Angus King



Maine Address

4 Gabriel Drive, Suite 3
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 622-8292

Washington, DC Address

133 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5344

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

United States House of Representatives

Jared Golden



Maine Address

6 State Street
Bangor, ME 04401
(207) 249-7400

Washington, DC Address

1223 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-6306

Governor

Janet T. Mills



Office of the Governor
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 287-3531
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STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

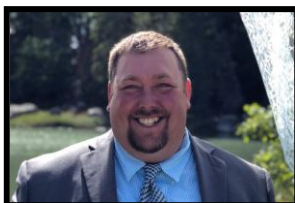
State Senate – District #6 **Senator Marianne Moore**



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3 State House Station
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Website: www.legislature.maine.gov/senate

State House of Representatives – District #136 **Representative William R. Faulkingham**



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Winter Harbor, ME 04693
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2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 287-1440

Email: William.Faulkingham@legislature.maine.gov

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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

You must furnish to the Assessors of the Town of Winter Harbor a true and perfect list of all of your estates, not exempt from taxation, which you possess on April 1st each year. Failure to furnish this list may bar you from making an application for or appealing tax abatement. This list includes property holdings such as land, buildings, and taxable personal property. The form is available at the Winter Harbor Town Office. Please return the completed form to the Town Office on or before April 1, 2023. The Assessors of the Town of Winter Harbor hereby give notice to all persons liable to taxation in Winter Harbor that they will be in session on Friday, April 1, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for the purpose of receiving your list of taxable estates.

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 \$24,750. 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. **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.

REPORTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dear Winter Harbor Residents,

Despite the many challenges we have faced, I believe the last year has allowed us to demonstrate our grit as a community. Throughout the pandemic, I have observed neighbors supporting each other through the unforeseen health, emotional and financial burdens of COVID-19. It brings me great pride knowing that I am part of a community where we have each other's best interest in mind, and are willing to lend a hand whenever necessary. As we continue to establish a new normal, I hope that we can do so with the same grace and compassion that has marked last year.

I would like to take a moment to thank Town Manager, Cathy Carruthers and Deputy Clerk, Sara Liscomb for their hard work and dedication to our community. I appreciate your attention to detail and work ethic. Also, a special thank you to the Police Department including Police Chief Danny Mitchell, Jr., Captain Phil Sargent, Investigator Ken Schuurman and Officer Eli Brown. Also, thank you to Fire Chief Tatum McLean and the volunteers that make up our Fire Department. Your expertise is invaluable and we appreciate your impeccable standards of care. Finally, a thank you to my fellow Selectmen, Kitt Rivers and Chris Byers, along with all the town volunteers. As our community evolves, I believe it is especially important for us to utilize our local talent to maintain our sense of self. Thank you in helping us explore and modernize our current practices.

I hope the upcoming year brings you all health, happiness and most importantly hope. In the words of James Lowell,

To change and change is life;
To more and never rest;
Not what we are,
But what we hope, is best.

Respectfully,
Kylie Bragdon, Chair



TOWN MANAGER

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your Town Manager for another year. The position of Town Manager, along with all the other positions I hold continues to be challenging, but also rewarding in many ways. The most important item I report every year is that Winter Harbor is fiscally sound, financially solvent a debt free, a very rare situation for any town during these disconcerting times.

Our Town budget continues to be realistic with attention and scrutiny given to all expenditures. Any large projects or purchases are planned ahead, with funds raised and end of the year overages are placed in a “reserve” fund. A great example of this is the Police Department and their Police Cruiser fund. Chief Mitchell has ordered a new truck that will be added to the PD fleet. The required funds are in the reserve fund and no additional funds will be raised in taxes. We will then have two vehicles available for patrolling and responding to calls. It is the same with the Fire Department Vehicle Reserve Fund. Chief McLean has not had to increase his budget for the ladder truck that we got from Sorrento Fire Department. In all prior years, the Town has always planned ahead with the intention of no major increase in taxes in one year. Fiscal Year 2023 budget shows a slight increase

I want to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen, Kylie, Kitt and Chris for their willingness 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.

Also, a huge thank you to 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. Her dedication to her job, volunteer service and our Town is appreciated.

The generosity of the people in our Town continues to amaze me. Because of these donations, we can help several people with heating assistance through our Neighbor Helping Neighbor fund. No tax dollars are used for this endeavor, only donations.

The 57th Annual Lobster Festival was back on after the cancellation of the prior year’s Festival. This year, I will call it a rebuilding year. The crowd was not as large as in the past, but we will continue to put effort in

building the activities and increasing volunteer's participation. It was very nice to see people start to come back out into public and enjoy this popular community event. If anyone is interested in helping with the Lobster Festival, please call me at the Town Office.



Maintaining the repair and maintenance of our Town roads is an ongoing issue and concern. All of our small, side roads were totally repaved in 2016 and they are holding up well. The main concerns are Summer Harbor Road, Grindstone Avenue and Beach Street. All three of these are long roads and repaving is really what is required. The cost of paving is very high and I will be working with the Board of Selectmen on a plan on how to accomplish these required projects.

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 2021 Delinquent Taxes
As of June 30, 2021

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
Backman, Daniel W., Jr.	\$ 1,046.28
Ray Bickford, Estate of	\$ 153.14
Bilyew, Ann	\$ 8.98
Blair, Warren	\$ 7,288.32
Buswell, Theodore & Malinda M.	\$ 6,269.88
Cowperthwaite, Benny J.	\$ 172.64
DiRuggiero, Arnold	\$ 990.84
Duck Pond Properties, LLC	\$ 669.24
Early, Charles III	\$ 1,029.26
England, John	\$ 775.84
England, John	\$ 358.28
Faulkingham, Herman	\$ 863.20
Gerrish, Debra	\$ 1,053.00
Gerrish, Debra	\$ 1,545.44
Greenwood, Sandra M.	\$ 775.28
Hamblett, Christopher	\$ 12.45
Johnson, Alan	\$ 642.72
Johnson, David/Charrisse Kaplan	\$ 18.64
Lee, Robert, Jr.	\$ 54.85
Merritt, Denise	\$ 4,273.36
Meyers, W. & Christine Wright	\$ 964.60
Monroe, Beth	\$ 1,609.92
Monroe, Kenneth	\$ 463.84
Najar, Rodolfo	\$ 1,609.92
Najar, Rodolfo & Jillene	\$ 314.08
Norris, Gilman Heirs	\$ 1,020.94
O'Hara, Michael	\$ 1,072.24
Parker, Lloyd	\$ 1,128.40
Rogers, Kathy	\$ 2,122.64
Rogers, Kathy	\$12,315.68
Stanley, Rebecca	\$ 212.16
Stanley, Rebecca	\$ 1,035.84
Whitman, Christina	\$ 887.64

BOSTON POST CANE HONOREE



Weltha Sargent
Presented on November 25, 2019

ROAD COMMISSIONER **(July 1, 2021 through August 30, 2022)**

The second-year of the snowplowing contract for streets and sidewalks was completed by J.E. Tracey & Son. The first year was completed successfully and after winter weather ceased and all the snow melted, there was an incredible amount of sand remaining. T.G.P. Enterprises completed the street sweeping and Kaz's Fine Lines completed striping.

Summer Harbor Road continues to need repair and maintenance. Still trying to recover from the big flood, several repairs were made on that road and several others.

- End of Beach Street, which leads to the Potter house, was repaired after the washout from the flood, adding a new culvert and grading. That part of Beach Street continues to washout and plans are being made for a different design or culvert placement.
- Schoodic Loop Road was repaired and repaved in a section near the bridge before Frazer Point. This was also a result of the flood.
- A new culvert was placed on Church Street to alleviate a drainage issue.
- Sidewalk beside the Post Office was rebuilt and repaved.
- Roadsides were cleared and trimmed on Grindstone area.
- Usual grading was completed on Bellevue Drive, Greenwood Avenue, Hammond Lane, Dolan and Gray Road.
- Harbor Road was repaved, as well as the parking lot in front of the old Town Office. Fire Department reserved spaces were moved to the back of the fire station and the road that goes by the playground, the parking area and the space behind the Municipal Building was paved. Granite boulders were placed around the field to prevent vehicles from driving across. It protects that field nicely and allows activities to take place safely.

On July 1, 2022, Tatum McLean started as Road Commissioner, along with his other duties as Fire Chief and Facilities Maintenance Director.

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 the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy J. Carruthers



WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WINTER HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2022 the Department responded to 249 calls. Most of these calls required emergency medical services. One call in particular that required many hands-on deck was the flash flood in early June 2021. We received over eight inches of rain in less than a four-hour period, causing major flooding issues throughout the Town. Many members of the Department gave up time from work to assist. In closing of roads for public reasons, until water was able to recede later that afternoon. The aftermath mostly affected residents that lived on Summer Harbor Road and in the Duck Pond and Mill Stream area.

I would also like to inform the residents that the Fire Department was able to acquire a ladder truck from the Town of Sorrento at no cost to the taxpayer. This truck is 1981 American LaFrance, which originally belonged to Southwest Harbor. It has been very well maintained and in very good condition. The main ladder on this apparatus is 75-feet. The vehicle has ability to pump 1,500 gallons of water per minute and has a deluge gun at the tip of ladder.

In closing, I would like to thank all the residents of Winter Harbor for their continued support and the members of our Volunteer Department. In their efforts in responding to emergency calls and keeping up with monthly meetings and training sessions. If anyone is interested in fire service and serving your community, please stop by the Fire Station and I can answer any questions you may have. ~Committed to Excellence~

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatum McLean, Chief



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)



The Town of Winter Harbor is contracted with Schoodic EMS for its full-time ambulance service. Schoodic EMS is the ambulance service out of Gouldsboro Fire Department.

With Schoodic EMS up and running, we now have local EMTs on duty 24/7 answering all emergency calls and the wait times for an ambulance have decreased tremendously. Now when you call for an ambulance there is one available in our own Fire Station ready to go, with well-trained EMTs and drivers.

Your support of this new ambulance service is greatly appreciated and we thank you all for always supporting your local EMS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatum McLean, Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During this past year, residents of Winter Harbor were able to through a “Texas-style” flash flood storm that happened in June 2021. The intersection of Main and Newman Streets was flooded. Summer Harbor Road got quite a bit of damage from the wash outs. The Town was able to correct the damages and repair thanks to two contractors, J.E. Tracey & Son and Winter Harbor Improvement.

This year there were no major events to report. The Town does have an Emergency Operation Plan in place in case of a major event. We will work with officials from the County and State levels, if needed. Your local Fire Department would assist with this function in the early stages. Some personnel would stay to work with outside entities during the event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me for more details.

www.ready.gov

www.nws.noaa.gov

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

www.redcross.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatum McLean, EMA Director



LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

The Health Officer hears concerns of public health issues. Over the past year, I received many questions concerning current CDC guidelines, close contact situations, quarantine, testing and vaccinations. The CDC provides the following definitions:

Quarantine – A strategy to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by keeping people with COVID-19 apart from others.

Exposure - Contact with someone infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in a way that increases the likelihood of getting infected with the virus.

Close contact – When someone who is less than six-feet away from an infected person for 15 or more minutes (cumulative) over a 24-hour period (exceptions to this definition for K-12 schools).

Current CDC guidelines the quarantine are as follows:

- Over age 18 and completed the vaccination series but have not received a booster when eligible.
- Received a single dose of J&J greater than two months ago and have not received a booster.
- You are not vaccinated against COVID-19.
- You should stay home and away from others for at least five days. The day after your last exposure with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 is considered day one.
- You should wear a mask when around others, at home, if possible.
- Get tested and isolate immediately, if you develop symptoms.
- If you do not develop symptoms, get tested 5 days following your last exposure.
- If you test negative five days following your last exposure, you may leave your home, but wear a mask in public and around others until 10 days after your last close contact.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 can appear from 2 to 14 days after initial exposure. Seek emergency care if you have trouble breathing, severe pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion and/or pale gray or blue-colored skin, lips, or nails.

The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is through vaccinating and boosting, masking, social distancing, and practicing good hand hygiene. COVID-19 vaccination sites can be found at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

Information regarding COVID-19 testing is posted at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatum McLean

Local Health Officer



HARBOR MASTER REPORT

It was an uneventful year. There were two Coast Guard calls this year. The first call was in February. A reported red boat adrift turned out to be a canoe turned upside down. It was determined by the Coast Guard once they got on the scene with their search and rescue boat, that it blew off the shore somewhere and drifted around due to the windy weather. There were no injuries reported. The second call was regarding the ownership of a sailboat that was adrift over by Baker's Island. I could not determine the owner of the sailboat based on the boat name. The Coast Guard explored other avenues to determine sailboat's owners.

Thank you everyone for staying up to date on paying your mooring fees. I have received numerous calls from the residents and non-residents regarding the availability of a mooring in the harbor. There is no room in the harbor. There is mooring space available in Sand Cove and Henry's Cove. Anyone who wants a mooring in these areas need to remember that access is up to them. There is no room for additional skiffs at the town dock. There is too much congestion.

The town had three new floats constructed to replace the existing floats in the harbor. The new floats should arrive during the month of June.

Everything was pretty uneventful and quiet around the dock. Thank you again for keeping your trash picked up around the dock and floats.

I am looking forward to another great season on the water this year. As always, please contact me with my 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.

27 Building Permits were issued between April 1, 2021 and March 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	5
Mobile Homes	0
Residential Additions	4
Garage/Shop	10
Shed/Storage	6
Decks/Porches/Patios	14
Driveway	0
Demo	1
Clearing for Development	1
Solar Array	2

10 Plumbing permits were issued between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 as follows: 3-Subsurface Wastewater Permits, of which all were in the Shoreland Zone, and none required a variance. 7-Internal Plumbing Permits, one for 5 fixtures, one for 9 fixtures and one for 11 fixtures, one or 12 fixtures, one for 13 fixtures, one for 14 fixtures and one for 18 fixtures. Of the seven permits issued six have been completed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Millard Billings, CEO & LPI



PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board this year returned to a normal meeting schedule after the disruption of the COVID issues. The Planning Board generally meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Town Office meeting room. The public is always welcome to attend.

The Town of Winter Harbor has begun the process of writing a comprehensive plan, a planning document that guides the future growth of our community. A comprehensive plan provides the opportunity to unite the community over a common vision for the future. There will be ample opportunities for town input including a community survey that all be distributed this spring.

To manage this major undertaking the Board, under the authority of the Select Board, formed a Comprehensive Planning Committee. The committee meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Town Office and the public is encouraged to attend. The Eastern Maine Development Corporation has been hired to assist the committee in the planning process with the intent of proposing a Comprehensive Plan for consideration at the Town Meeting in 2023.

The Planning Board has also undertaken a review of town ordinances to ensure they are up-to-date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denny O'Brien,

Chairman



E911 ADDRESSING OFFICER

E911 Addressing is the program that ties physical address locations of homes and businesses into the Emergency Operations and Dispatch Centers throughout the State of Maine. This map database is maintained by the State and the changes are propagated to Regional Communications Centers (RCC) within state. When emergency calls for service are made to these 911 centers the dispatch centers then direct first responders to include Police, Fire, and Medical to the addressed location. When an emergency is called in, everyone is on the same page. That is why this program is so important.

The 2021 year brought with it four new address locations for Ledge Lane, Newman Street, Bunker Road and Summer Harbor Road.

Please remember that if you are adding a new home, housing or adding a business on a current or previously un-built lot, then a new address is required.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danny Mitchell, Jr.
Police Chief



BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Purpose

- The State of Maine has recognized there are a number of communities that are under-served with respect to internet access.
- That means they do not have access to affordable, high speed (100Mbits – 100 Million Bits Up/Down)

Why Broadband?

- **Employment economic opportunity**
Research/Applying to Jobs
Working Remotely
- **Education/Learning**
Homework Gap
Remote Learning
- **Healthcare**
Aging in Place
Tele-health
- **Social Ties and Civic Engagement**
Voter Registration
Attending Public Meetings

Summarized Scope of Work Thus Far

- **Step 1 – Discovery**
GIS Map the location of residences along routes, roads and streets, correlate the data
- **Step 2 – Survey**
Currently determining the broadband needs of the Winter Harbor population

Future Summarized Scope of Work

- **Step 3 – Establish the Provider Base**
Identify current and potential Internet Service providers (ISP)
- **Step 4 – Issue a Request for Information (RFI)**
Solicit written information from ISPs to determine their capabilities and whether they are interested in submitting a proposal/bid for Peninsula Broadband.
- **Step 5 – Convene a Bidder's Conference**
Round table discussion with providers to generally discuss the bidding process.

Opportunity for the Broadband Committee and Providers to address and clarify any issues prior to the issuance of a formal RFP.

- **Step 6 – Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP)**

Formally solicit a complete cost, schedule and technical proposal for the installation of Broadband on the Peninsula and to the home owners' house.

- **Step 7 – Pursue Grant Funding**

An action that can be conducted concurrently with other activities.

Members

Robert Bostinto
Peter Drinkwater
Sandy Fortin
Paul McGrath
Steve Ribble

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bostinto

Chairman



WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

We would like to dedicate our annual report to the memory of Howard T. Howard, who served tirelessly and faithfully as a board member since 2011. His leadership talents were quickly recognized and he was elected Vice President in 2012, and then took the helm as President in July 2014.

During his time, he was part of transforming the Library into the modern-day, computerized library of today. The Library became part of *Library World*, a web-based cataloging system used by most Maine State libraries.

The most visible accomplishments under his tenure were the addition of a ramp to make the library accessible to all; the basement waterproofing to allow us to store books there; the restoration of several of the stained-glass windows of the chapel; the installation of the custom-built bookshelves in the Maine Room and DVD shelves in the front room; and the purchase of the benches and bike rack and installation of the bike charging station outside. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without fundraising. Howard doubled the number of new donors by increasing the mailing list and adding an Annual Newsletter to the Annual Appeal Letter to keep patrons and donors informed about the library. He was involved in every aspect of the library's operation, from fostering the relationship between Channing Chapel and the Library to help preserve the beautiful building the library is housed in, to volunteering at the front desk and taking on any handyman task asked of him. He was always enthusiastic and open to new ideas. He valued the history of Winter Harbor and sought funding to see the manuscript *Winter Harbor, Maine: A Treasury of Historical Information* by Rev. Clifford Norton published both digitally and as a book to add to our collection of Maine books.

Howard T. Howard is missed but not forgotten in all the many ways he left his stamp on the library and insured its future to the community of Winter Harbor.

With Gratitude and Fond Memories,

Ruth Mapleton

Library Director



**WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER
2021-2022 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)	\$6,000
Cleaning/sanitation	\$1,540
Annual Appeal	\$1,000
Newsletter	\$1,000
Volunteer Appreciation	\$350
Training	\$300
Postage	\$75
Petty Cash	\$25
Miscellaneous	\$500
Salaries	<u>\$18,850</u>
Total	\$35,890

The Library could not continue without the support of the Town of Winter Harbor and our donors and patrons. Specific needs have been met through successful grant applications through Maine Community Foundation. The historic building itself and exterior maintenance is provided through the Channing Committee. We are especially grateful for the service given by our many volunteers who keep the library functioning throughout the year. Last year the library received \$15,000 from the town which used to supplement the salaries portion of the budget. This year the library requested the same amount.

Submitted by,
Rick Brown, Treasurer

RECREATION COMMITTEE

We are back and going strong. With the gym back in service, a number of activities are being organized for our community, which include, men's basketball, Girl Scouts, morning exercise class and youth "open gyms." We are fortunate that youth sports are being organized by some parent volunteers from Gouldsboro; we are grateful and are supporting their efforts however we can. With enthusiasm from our 4-5 person committee, we have some fun plans on the horizon which we hope will include an adult holiday shopping trip to Freeport and Portland, a holiday trip to the theatre, and maybe a Harlem Globetrotters field trip. Additionally, we are still working toward women's volleyball one night a week and ice skating, stay tuned!

In order to maintain programs and add new programs we are seeking volunteers. We particularly always need coaches and volunteer referees. If you have a skill or a talent or simply an idea we welcome your help. Perhaps you can teach kids to cook or knit or play chess or cribbage. Maybe you can lead a building workshop. Dance, Golf, Tennis Photography or Drawing. Maybe you will guide a hike or a canoe trip. Remember that recreation is not just for kids. Please contact me if you have an idea or skill you would like to share.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Alley Moshier, Chair

Recreation Committee Members

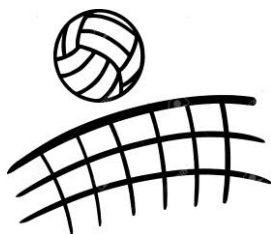
Dolora Conley

Sandy Fortin

Sarah Joy

Megan Moshier

VACANT



WINTER HARBOR UTILITIES DISTRICT

This year has been a trying one for our sewer district. After 40 years our plant and pump stations had been experiencing an increasing level of equipment failure, and it was obvious that a major investment would be required to ensure we could reliably continue operating the plant. As we all know, during those 40 years the world transitioned away from analog and mechanical systems to those that are electronically controlled and require computer interface. Sadly, this meant far more expensive, and far more complex replacements. The district was able to secure grant funding for the vast majority of the refit, and at the completion of the project nearly \$125,000 remained in the grant. In an effort to offset the anticipated increase in electricity usage from the new systems we chose to install a photovoltaic (PV) solar array in the roof of the plant with the remaining funds. This array is engineered to offset 31% of our electricity bill when complete. However, it is at this point where we, your trustees, made an admittedly costly mistake.

In an effort to make the very most of the remaining grant funds we neglected to secure proper engineering for the solar project, making the mistaken assumption that our roof would easily accommodate the array. When our solar contractor arrived in January to begin installation the crew discovered that the steel roofing itself was insufficiently robust to handle the foot traffic from the crew causing significant damage to the roof itself. Obviously, we have halted the project, and after consultation with the grant administrator at USDA, and with the solar contractor we have few options. We could attempt to forego the project altogether, which would still require a major roof repair project, and would result in the loss at least \$35,000 of district funds paid as up-front project cost, all of which would be reimbursed by the grant upon project completion. Clearly, this is not fiscally prudent, nor does it resolve the roof problem. The only reasonable course of action, and the course we've already begun, is to correct our previous error and hire an engineer to develop a plan to repair or reconstruct the roof, sufficient to support a solar array. Ultimately, grant funding will reimburse the costs for engineering, and will still cover the cost of the solar array. Unfortunately, the cost of replacing the roof itself will fall to the district as there aren't sufficient grant funds to support both projects. The district does not carry the cash reserves to cover construction costs so we will necessarily need to borrow money for this project. We have the option of private lenders, or to ask the town to

consider loaning the district the funds from the capital investment account to be repaid, with appropriate interest.

In hindsight it is apparent we could have avoided some of these costs, but even had we properly engineered the project in the beginning the roof would need replacement, and with the dramatically increasing costs for electricity coupled with the average plant usage of 14,000 kWh per month the installation of the PV array is still the fiscally sensible plan for the long-term. We regret, and apologize for our mistake, but we've resolved to rectify the error and, with your help, to move ahead in the most fiscally responsible manner possible.

Submitted by

Jeffrey Alley

Chairman, Board of Trustees



WINTER HARBOR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Winter Harbor Cemetery Association has completed another successful year, thanks to a dedicated and committed group of members who have freely given their time and energy toward meeting our goals. We continue to concentrate our efforts on the grounds and roadway. We are pleased with Guptill lawn mowing service for their excellent work and attention to detail. We remain committed to providing the quality of care for the cemeteries, which you expect.

Thanks to all who have made contributions to the Cemetery. We appreciate your generosity.

We now have cremation lots available at Greenwood Cemetery. If you wish to purchase a plot for your family, please contact Gordon Harrington or Diana Young for assistance.

Upon his retirement this year, we would like to thank James W. Lilly for serving many years on the Cemetery Association. Several of those years, he served as President.

The officers are:

President - VACANT

Andrew Abbott, Vice-President

Marge Gerrish, Secretary and Sextant

Diana Young, Treasurer

Cemetery Association Trustees

Andy Abbott

Rose Arnett

Marge Gerrish

David Joy

Roseanne Shafer

Betty Williams

Steve Young

Charles Arnett

Billy Bickford

Gordon Harrington

Jack Kunkle

Louise Shaw

Diana Young

VACANT

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Respectfully Submitted,

Andres Abbott

Vice President



WINTER HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Unfortunately, like the rest of the world; COVID-19 created a pause in our normal seasonal plans. Once again, we were unable to have our monthly programs. The Officers and Board continued meeting throughout the season and we were able to open on Saturday afternoons. Several visitors toured our Museum and were amazed at the amount of historical information we were able to provide and they left glad they had stopped.

Our Secretary, Pearl Barto led several of her historical walks around town. This is a very popular event and serves as a fund raiser as well.

The biggest challenge that faces the Historical Society is the building itself. It is a very old building, as we know and over the past few years, we have focused on several updates and repairs. Now there are extensive foundation issues and the Board has received an engineering study and “rough” estimates for replacing the building or attempting to save the building. Each option is quite expensive. Although the majority of the Board members wish to save the building, we are not sure at this point if that will be possible due to the expense.

Unfortunately, Diana Young resigned as our President. Diana has been a huge asset to the Society and the Town. We all want to thank her for her years of dedication and commitment to the Historical Society.

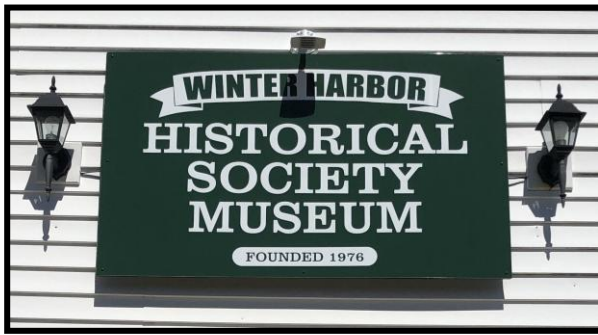
Membership dues for the Historical Society are \$10.00 annually or a Life Membership is \$100.00. We welcome everyone! If you would like to make a contribution towards our Building Fund, you can mail to: Winter Harbor Historical Society, PO Box 93, Winter Harbor, ME 04693. All donations, big or small are greatly appreciated as every little bit counts. The Historical Society is a 501(c) organization and therefore, all donations are tax deductible. Also, as a fundraiser, “A Summering Place” by Allan Smallidge may be purchased at the Winter Harbor 5&10.

We thank you for your interest and continued support.

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

Board Members
Charles Arnett
Rose Arnett
Joanne Brown
Deborah Joy Martin

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Carruthers
Treasurer



PENINSULA SCHOOL

PENINSULA SCHOOL

PENINSULA SCHOOL STAFF

SUMNER MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 24

SCHOODIC PENINSULA

SCHOODIC TRAIL SYSTEM MAP

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

In 83 years, the Acadian Woman's Club (ACWC) has built a vibrant organization made up of more than 30 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 recent years, with many generous contributions, we spent roughly \$50,000.00 to support individuals and families from Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro with a need in one way or another. We have donated to families who have been battling illness or struggling with food insecurity rising costs due to inflation by providing Christmas presents, paying for heat, electricity, rent, childcare, auto repairs, cell phone and internet bills and more. In recent years we have committed to providing bags of groceries over school vacation weeks to families who have a need.

In 2021, we awarded three \$1,000.00 college scholarships as well as issued two \$500.00 scholarships to Club members who did not apply, but are both finishing their final semester of nursing school. We are very proud of them!

2022 scheduled fundraisers included two bake sales held in the parking lot of the Winter Harbor Food Service. 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. 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 Kritter, P.O. Box 95, Prospect Harbor, Maine 04669.

In addition to our robust community giving, the ACWC purchased and maintained 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 Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor. The ACWC organizes and hosts the annual Memorial Day observance in Winter Harbor, and after two years off, we hope to begin again in 2022. 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 Emmaus Shelter, Good Shepherd Food Pantry, 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 ARTS FOR ALL

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SCHOODIC SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway Committee chose to meet by Zoom for a second year due to COVID-19. However, the success of COVID-19 vaccines helped many businesses to be open and successful.

For the first time, the Byway Committee hired a website social media specialist, Bonneville Consulting LCC, who updated the website and promoted it on social platforms. The traffic to our website almost doubled in 2021. Also this year, our Byway became a member of the National Scenic Byway Foundation which supports Byways nation-wide and provides online workshops.

Our Committee continuously works with Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to maintain our scenic turnouts. Not only keeping open views and mowing, but finally alleviating the knotweed at Frenchman's Bay scenic turnout. At Long Cove scenic turnout, large trees blew down but were cleared by MDOT. They continue to replace worn out interpretive signs with new ones.

The Scenic Byway was successful in writing several small grants. We received a \$1,000 grant from Bar Harbor Bank to help fund new interpretive signs in Winter Harbor at the Town Wharf. The Schoodic Community Foundation also awarded a \$2,250 grant to the Byway to fund this project. Larry Johannesman, ASLA from MDOT is leading the design of this Scenic Byway project. Our Winter Harbor project is scheduled to be completed in 2022.

The Masons of Winter Harbor hosted the Byway's first spaghetti dinner. The dinner was a success and delicious. Many members of the community and tourists came to support the event. Money raised was for the Schoodic Scenic Byway's Kid Quest Guide. This guide is for kids and families to engage with our Byway sites. The guide features natural environments, local habitat and our historical exhibits. Plans for 2022 are to complete this guide, print and distribute to our local communities.

The Byway Committee plans to begin updating our Schoodic Outdoors brochure in 2022. There will be added trails and more current information. Going forward in 2022, we will continue to work with the Downeast Region's Scenic Byways on regional driving tours and story mapping on websites in coordination with Downeast Acadia Regional Tourism.

We thank the Selectmen and Planning Boards, federal government, along with our historical societies, Chamber of Commerce, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Friends of Taunton Bay and Frenchman’s Bay Conservancy for their support. We thank Schoodic Community Foundation, Bar Harbor Bank and the Masons of Winter Harbor. We thank Hancock County Planning Commission, Sunrise County Economic Council, Downeast Acadia Regional Tourism, MDOT and Acadia National Park for their technical and financial support.

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway is a collaboration of Hancock, Sullivan, Sorrento, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Acadia National Park to protect and promote this scenic corridor. We welcome area residents at our monthly meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Shanahan
Barbara Shanahan, Chairperson



SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND

The mission of the Schoodic Community Fund (SCF) is to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Schoodic Peninsula by awarding grants to area non-profits, schools, and municipalities. In 2021, we were able to completely meet all grant requests: \$1,500 to the Peninsula School's PTC Food Bag Program; \$8,000 to Dorcas Library toward roof repairs; \$2,800 to Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park for biodiversity technical support; \$1,849 to Schoodic Arts for All for improvements at the Combs Studio; \$3,000 to Lifeline Food Pantry for building repairs; \$2,250 to the Hancock County Planning Commission for an exhibit at the Winter Harbor Town Dock; \$7,500 to the Northern Light Maine Coast Hospital Foundation for the Building on a Promise Campaign; \$2,500 to the Winter Harbor Public Library for online and social media support; \$500 to the Winter Harbor Emergency Heat Fund, and \$3,000 toward the Schoodic Higher Education Emergency Scholarship Fund administrated by Sumner Memorial High School. In total, grants valued at over \$34,399 were made possible by endowment earnings.

For 2021-2022 SCF Board members are Mike H. Summerer MD (Chair), Megan Moshier (Vice Chair), Andrew Somes (Treasurer), Susan Bruce, Dolora Conley, Mary Dyer, Tim Fisher, Sarah Joy, Jane Littlefield, Roberta Parritt, Eric Lister, Jane Littlefield, Roberta Parritt, Roxanne Renwick, Paul Tracy and Susan Towle.

The Schoodic Community Fund endowment provides investment earnings to support its annual grant awards. The endowment is held and managed by the Maine Community Foundation. In 2021, the following individuals and organizations donated a total of \$75,878.98 to the Fund, for which the Board and Schoodic Community are grateful.

Submitted by,
Mike Summerer
Chairman



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HARDY'S FRIENDS

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TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Winter Harbor Annual Town Meeting was called to order on June 8, 2021 at 8:00 am by Cathy Caruthers, 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 16, 2021.*

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 2024 annual town meeting; one Member and two Alternates to the Planning Board to serve until the 2026 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2024 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2024 annual town meeting. *Mr. Drinkwater reconvened the meeting on June 16, 2021 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) – Kittridge Rivers

Planning Board Member (5-year term) – Steven Ribble

Planning Board Members-Alt (5-year term) – Robert Schmidt and David McIntosh

Utilities District Trustee – Jeffrey Alley, Jr.

Water District Trustee – William Bickford, Jr.

Results of the RSU #24:

Article 1: Yes – 45

Article 2: Yes – 33

Article 3: Yes – 31

Article 4: Yes – 33

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. *Motion was made to elect the Committee as it is currently. Motion withdrawn. Jeffrey Alley, Jr., Billy Bickford, Michelle Bickford, Barbara Jean Bragdon, Michael Campbell, Peter Drinkwater, Herman Faulkingham, Christopher Joy, Alan Nauss, Bob Schmidt, 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. *Charlie Arnett, Rose Arnett, Andrew Abbott, Margie Gerrish, Gordon Harrington, David Joy, Jack Kunkle, James Lilly, Roseanne Shafer, Louise Shaw, Betty Williams, Diana Young and 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. *Richard Brown and Sandy Smallidge were nominated, seconded and elected to five-year terms.*

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, Maggie Hammond, Sarah Joy and Megan Moshier were nominated, seconded and elected.*

Article 8

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 9

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: **\$898,907 (FY 20-21 - \$984,913.00)**

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Expenditures

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$197,444.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*) ***Accepted as read.***

<u>General Government</u>		<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
Total:	Administration	\$190,513.00	\$197,444.00

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,477.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*) ***Accepted as read.***

<u>Board of Assessors/Planning Board</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
Assessing	\$12,700.00	\$7,700.00
HCPC	0.00	850.00
CEO	<u>2,869.00</u>	<u>2,927.00</u>
Total: Board of Assessors/PB	\$ 15,569.00	\$ 11,477.00

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 53,598.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*) ***Accepted as read.***

<u>Town Building Operations</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
Gym	\$ 12,823.00	\$ 13,790.00
Municipal Public Safety Bldg	20,930.00	24,533.00
Wharf	7,000.00	12,000.00
Scout	<u>3,275.00</u>	<u>3,275.00</u>
Total: Town Buildings	\$44,028.00	\$ 53,598.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$484,045.00 for Public Safety. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval*) ***Accepted as read.***

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
Fire Department	\$ 83,070.00	\$ 89,518.00
Police Department	136,042.00	144,797.00
Roads	190,500.00	189,800.00
Solid Waste	<u>57,523.00</u>	<u>59,930.00</u>
Total: Public Safety	\$467,135.00	\$484,045.00

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 206,273.00 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 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	600.00
LifeFlight Foundation	516.00
Lifeline Food Pantry	2,250.00
Northern Light ME Coast Hosp-Prescript Assist	750.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	200.00
Schoodic Arts for All	750.00
Schoodic National Scenic Byway	1,000.00

Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	315.00
<u>Yesterday's Children, Inc.</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total-Third Party Requests	9,881.00
EMA Director	150.00
Hydrants	61,500.00
County Tax	92,642.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance	4,000.00
Facilities Maintenance Director	<u>15,600.00</u>
TOTAL: Miscellaneous	\$ 206,273.00
<i>FY 20-21 = \$200,644.00</i>	

Notification to Taxpayers:

The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of \$92,642.00 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share of the Hancock County taxes. *(FY 20-21 = \$88,273.00)*

Note: County Tax is increased by \$4,369.00

Article 15

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.*

<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
Comprehensive Plan	750.00	750.00
Homestead Exemption	5,000.00	5,000.00
Property Revaluation	3,000.00	3,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	2,500.00	2,500.00
Sewer Note	72,000.00	82,616.00
Recreation Committee	2,750.00	2,750.00
Investment Fund Repayment	40,000.00	40,000.00
Records Conservation	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total: Special Projects	\$ 126,100.00	\$136,716.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2021/2022 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.) Accepted as read.*

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
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	<u>3,325.00</u>
Total	\$177,325.00

Article 17

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	21,000.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	33,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	1,000.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	<u>600.00</u>
Total: Estimated Revenues	\$56,100.00
<i>FY 20-21 - \$35,100.00</i>	

Article 18

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 19

To see if the Town will appropriate all Local Roads Assistance Program funds (local road assistance estimated \$11,680) to the Town Roads account for capital improvement. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*) ***Accepted as read.***

GENERAL FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to have the 2021/2022 fiscal year taxes due in two increments: one-half to be due on or before October 31, 2021, and one-half to be due on or before April 30, 2022; and to have interest

charged at the annual rate of 7% on any taxes paid after the due dates. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.) Motion made and seconded to reduce annual rate to 6%. Amendment passed. Accepted as read.*

Article 21

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 22

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 23

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.) Motion made to allow properties be sold to Town residents only. After discussion, motion was withdrawn. Note to have further discussions. Accepted as read.*

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$747,172.35 established for Winter Harbor by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved, under the 2021 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 – 24 NO – 1

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Article 25

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 26

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 2021/2022 fiscal year. *(\$20,000 customary amount) Motion made and seconded to use \$20,000 from Unappropriated Surplus, if needed. Accepted.*

Article 27

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 as read*

Article 28

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 29

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 23 M.R.S.A., Section 2953 and the posting of roads to heavy traffic, when appropriate or necessary. *Accepted as read*

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to set the date of the next Annual Town Meeting. *Accepted as read*
Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy J. Carruthers
Town Manager/Clerk

**TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE
2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT**

Hancock, S.S.
State of Maine

TO: Danny Mitchell, Jr., Constable 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 fourteenth day of June 2022, 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 the Winter Harbor Gymnasium in said town at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of June 2022 to act on Articles 3-33, 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 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.

**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 two 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: **\$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.*)

<u>General Government</u>		<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>
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.*)

<u>Board of Assessors/Planning Board</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>
Assessing	\$ 7,700.00	\$8,700.00
HCPC	850.00	850.00
CEO	<u>2,927.00</u>	<u>3,130.00</u>
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.*)

<u>Town Building Operations</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>
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	<u>3,275.00</u>	<u>3,275.00</u>
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.*)

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>
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	<u>59,930.00</u>	<u>70,600.00</u>
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.*)

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
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance	4,000.00
Town Buildings	<u>10,000.00</u>
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 \$139,366.00 for the following Special Projects. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>
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	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
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.*)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
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	<u>3,325.00</u>
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.*)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
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	<u>650.00</u>
Total: Estimated Revenues	\$73,995.00
<i>FY 21-22 - \$56,100.00</i>	

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.)*

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.)*

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.)*

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.)*

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.)*

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.*)

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.*)

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.*

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.

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.

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.

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 2022/2023 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.

WARRANT SIGNATURE PAGE

NOTES

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