

TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE



ANNUAL REPORT

For July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Containing:

- Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year
2018 – 2019
- Municipal Officers' Annual Reports
2019 – 2020
- Warrant for 2020 – 2021



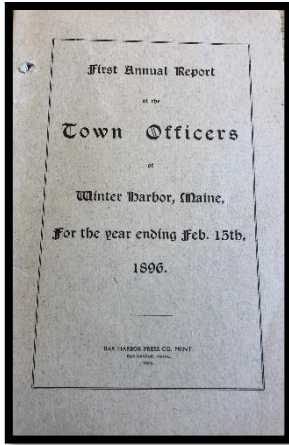
DEDICATION

The Town Report this year is dedicated to the founding fathers of the Town of Winter Harbor. Our Town is celebrating its 125th birthday as a town on February 21, 1895. The outside cover of this Town Report is inspired by the Town's earliest annual reports, including the format, color of the paper and the font. The logo on the front cover is an updated version of the logo used for the 100th birthday of the Town in 1995. The words printed on the inside cover are the actual "Acts and Resolves of Sixty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Maine, 1895." "An act to set off the southwest portion of the Town of Gouldsboro and incorporate the Town of Winter Harbor", enacted and approved by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled on February 21, 1895.

The first Town Meeting for Winter Harbor took place on February 24, 1895 in which Bedford E. Tracy, Esq. was elected to serve as Chair and Ernest Rice was chosen as Secretary. Town officials were elected as follows: Reuben Rand, First Selectmen; James M. Gerrish, Second Selectmen; Frank E. Weston, Third Selectmen; Ernest Rice, Clerk; Thomas H. Smallidge, Treasurer; Andrew J. Gerrish, Road Commissioner; P.A. Sumner, Frank G. Tracy and E. Miller, Ruby Tracy and Mary Rand, Superintending School Committee.

Most of the early settlers in what was to become Winter Harbor were sturdy fishermen, and their descendants still carry on this industry today. Familiar names of local citizens whose ancestors were the early pioneers include: Bickford, Rand, Sargent, Moore, Newman, Coombs, Guptill, Gerrish, Pendleton, Joy, Arey, Bunker, Grover, Torrey, Hancock, Myrick, Jacobs, Norris, Rider, Rolfe, Smallidge, Tracy, Flint and Whitehouse.

On February 22, 2020, there was a birthday party held at Hammond Hall to commemorate the Town's 125th birthday, sponsored by the Winter Harbor Historical Society. The celebration consisted of Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, Music, reading of a State Proclamation, Music and reading of Town Meeting Minutes from February 24, 1895, followed by birthday cakes contributed by the Acadian Community Woman's Club.



Hammond Hall Being Built



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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
Independence Day	Christmas Day

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

Board of Selectmen - Every other Monday at 7:00 pm

Planning Board - First Tuesday each month at 7:00 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
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 owners 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). Police Chief Danny Mitchell is the Animal Control Officer for Winter Harbor.

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.



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 Assistance Fund

Winter Harbor is fortunate to have established an 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. Millard Billings is also the Local Plumbing Inspector.

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 a mutual aid agreement with Gouldsboro Police and Fire Departments. Ambulance Service is provided by newly formed Schoodic EMS, which is



a part of the Gouldsboro Fire Department. The Town of Winter Harbor holds a contract with Schoodic EMS.

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 has 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 volunteer 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 per bag and \$2.00 per sticker. 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

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.

IF&W LICENSES ISSUED

A total of 83 License Authorities were issued as follows:

Superpack – 1	Junior Hunting – 0
Combo – 32	Hunting – 6
Fishing – 39	Archery – 1
Turkey – 2	Bear – 0
Lifetime (over 70) – 1	Waterfowl - 2

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES REGISTERED

Boats – 73

ATVs – 38

Snowmobiles – 20

DOG LICENSES SOLD

Neutered/Spayed – 100

Unaltered – 18

VITAL STATISTICS

May 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020

Births – 3

Marriages – 11

Deaths – 6

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
October 18, 2019	Alfreda M. Bacon	99
February 23, 2020	Michael O'Hara	58
April 23, 2020	Charles W. Hurd	67
June 11, 2020	Mark Davis	61
June 16, 2020	Eugene F. Greenwood	85
June 23, 2020	Jan M. Lanning	79

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Currently **489** registered voters

Democrats 134

Republicans 152

Green 21

Unenrolled 182

REPORT OF VOTES CAST

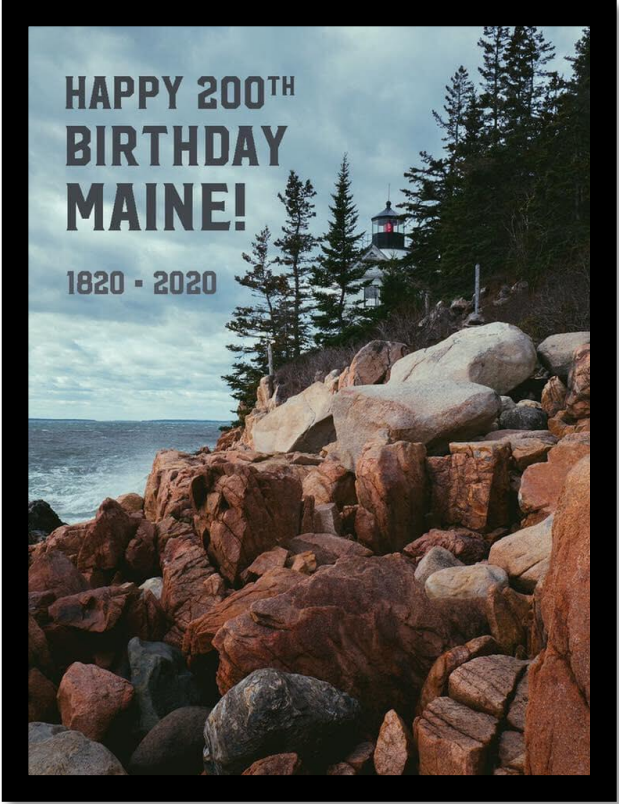
June 11, 2019 85

November 5, 2019 111

March 3, 2020 164

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy J. Carruthers, Town Clerk



TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Kylie Bragdon, Chair	Term Expires 2020
Robert Hemenway	Term Expires 2022
Kittridge Rivers	Term Expires 2021

Budget Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Chris Arnett	Billy Bickford
Barbara Jean Bragdon	Michael Campbell
Kevin Conley	Herman Faulkingham
Glenn Moshier	Alan Nauss
Bob Schmidt	Lester Vandegrift
VACANT	VACANT

Cemetery Association Trustees

(All terms are for one year)

Andy Abbott	Charles Arnett
Marge Gerrish	Gordon Harrington
Charles Hurd	David Joy
Jack Kunckle	James Lilly
Roseanne Shafer	Louise Shaw
Betty Williams	Diana Young
Steve Young	VACANT

VACANT

Recreation Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Alice Dow	Dolora Conley
Maggie Hammond	Megan Moshier

Gabe O'Brien

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 2021
Michael Campbell	Term Expires 2020
Dolora Conley	Term Expires 2020
Howard T. Howard	Term Expires 2023
Mary Kachoris	Term Expires 2023
Kathleen Nauss	Term Expires 2020

Planning Board

Ted Buswell, Chair	Term Expires 2021
Billy Bickford	Term Expires 2022
Tatum McLean	Term Expires 2023
Alan Nauss	Term Expires 2023
Dennis O'Brien	Term Expires 2024

Planning Board Alternate

Dave Ackley	Term Expires 2022
Chris Arnett	Term Expires 2024

Utilities District Trustees

Peter Drinkwater, Chair	Term Expires 2021
Robert Hemenway	Term Expires 2020
William Van Horn	Term Expires 2022

Water District Trustees

Shirley Chase, Chair	Term Expires 2020
Billy Bickford	Term Expires 2021
Johanna Smith	Term Expires 2022

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

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Fire Department

Tatum McLean – Chief	Daniel Backman, Sr. – Asst. Chief
Gary Greenlaw – Captain	Billy Bickford, Jr. – Engineer
Matt Hudson – Lieutenant	

Dave Ackley	Barbara Jean Bragdon
Wayne Campbell	Cathy Carruthers – Treasurer
Matthew Correia	Richard E. Gerrish
Rachel Hudson	Sara Liscomb – Secretary
Killian McLean	Ken Monroe
Dennis O’Brien	Tyler Riley
Robert Webber	Mike Wood

Emergency Medical Technicians

Rachel Hudson
Tatum McLean
Ken Monroe

Police Department

Danny Mitchell – Chief
Philip Sargent – Sergeant
Ken Schuurman – Patrol Officer
Eli Brown – Patrol Officer

Emergency Management Director

Tatum McLean

Local Health Officer

Tatum McLean

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS
(continued)

Peninsula School Principal

Heather Dorr

Sumner Memorial High School Principal

Ty Thurlow

Regional School Unit (RSU) No. 24 Superintendent

Michael Eastman

Regional School Unit (RSU) 24 Director

Jeffrey Alley, Jr.

Term Expires 2021



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

Richard Gerrish

Board of Appeals

Jeffrey Alley, Jr.

Term Expires 2023

Billy Bickford

Term Expires 2020

Terry Bickford

Term Expires 2023

Sandra Guptill

Term Expires 2020

Brent Hurd

Term Expires 2023

SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS' LETTER

SENATOR ANGUS KING'S LETTER

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JARED GOLDEN'S LETTER**

STATE SENATOR MARIANNE MOORE'S LETTER

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
WILLIAM R. FAULKINGHAM'S LETTER**

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

United States Senate

Susan M. Collins



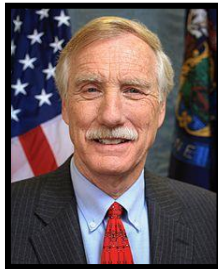
Maine Address

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

Washington, D.C. Address

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
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Washington, D.C. Address

133 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510
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CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

United States House of Representatives

Jared Golden



Maine Address

6 State Street
Bangor, ME 04401
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Washington, D.C. 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
Fax: (207) 287-1034

STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

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



Senate Chamber
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 287-1505
Fax: (207) 287-1527

Website: www.legislature.maine.gov/senate

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



Home Address
P.O. Box 121
Winter Harbor, ME 04693
(207) 460-6967

State Address
House of Representatives
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, 2021. 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, 2020, 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 \$20,000. 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. **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

TOWN MANAGER

Once again, I am honored to have had 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 have to report every year is the fact that Winter Harbor is fiscally sound, financially solvent and debt free, a very rare situation for any town in current times. I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their interest to serve the Town of Winter Harbor. I look forward to working with this Board as we continue to keep our Town running smoothly.

Although a part of this year has been quite challenging and different in so many ways, we were able to accomplish some long overdue and necessary projects. First being the updated modifications and renovations to the Gymnasium. This project was three years in the making and after a Special Town Meeting in which the Town voted to move forward with the project, Coastal Maine General Contracting did a fantastic job. Just like with the Municipal Public Safety Building, Matt Gurney and his workers were able to complete the project in a timely manner and under the original budgeted amount. The project included a redesign of the insulation envelope below the roof deck and above a newly replaced suspended acoustical ceiling, a redesigned HVAC supply and return system with updated controls and reintroducing original roof ventilation through the roof peak and various soffit vents that were covered during prior renovations. Because the original scope of work was completed under budget, we were able to complete additional items, such as install LED lighting, secure and replace floor tiles, painting of the entire facility and as a bonus, renovated the kitchen with new cabinets, countertops and appliances. The storeroom was renovated and painted and there is still some remaining work to be done in the bathrooms. A huge thank you to Mrs. Edith Dixon for her generous contribution to assist the Town in completing so many of these items. The Town had also voted to use a small amount from our Investment Account and therefore, no increase in taxes resulted because of this project.

Another project that was completed is the clearing, cutting and chipping along the sides of the entire length of Summer Harbor Road. This was also long overdue and the work was completed successfully by Dennis Sargent of Pigeon Hill Tractor. It has been a huge improvement and now we are ready to complete some paving repairs on that road.

Our Town budget continues to be realistic and great attention is given to expenditures. This year we are fortunate to have a decrease in our contribution to RSU 24 and just a small increase in Hancock County taxes. Also, a large increase is reflected due to the Winter Harbor Utilities construction upgrade to the sewer plant and the pump stations.

Our Fire and Police Departments continue to operate smoothly and efficiently under the direction and leadership of Chief Tatum McLean and Chief Danny Mitchell. Thanks to both Departments for all they do. We have a great group of dedicated personnel and we are grateful.

With the closing and dissolution of Coastal Recycling, we received \$13,140. An article asks to use those funds to offset a portion of Tipping Fees for our Solid Waste.

The biggest issue the Town faced was the COVID-19 virus. Although, we are fortunate not to have any cases reported, it disrupted everybody's life and the operation of the Town and the ability to proceed with our usually stringent schedule. Usually the months of April and May are spent reviewing and approving the budget with meetings that include the Selectmen, Town Manager and Budget Committee. Since we were unable to meet, the budget was diligently reviewed, discussed and approved by the Board of Selectmen. Although the Town Office was closed to the public, we were still there and processing registrations and whatever else we could through the mail. It worked out well and I feel the residents were able to accomplish what was needed. It was our number one concern to keep everyone safe and healthy, while still doing what was required to keep the Town operating smoothly.

Because of the enormous generosity of people, we were able to assist many residents with the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Fund. Usually it has been used for heating assistance but during these difficult times, the Board of Selectmen opened it up for other types of assistance as well. Heating assistance was provided as well as gift cards to the Winter Harbor Food Service and gas cards for several residents.

Unfortunately, due to the virus, the 56th Annual Lobster Festival was cancelled. With the restrictions set by the Governor stating that no more than 50 people could be in one place and unable to encourage people to gather, it was the only answer. Although this made us all feel disappointed, we look forward to next year. Mark your calendars for August 14, 2021.

A huge thank you goes out to Sara Liscomb, our Deputy Clerk. For being a small town, we are a very busy Town Office and I could not do it without her. She keeps the counter area running smoothly and efficiently.

She has been here three years now and has adapted well. She is committed to the Town of Winter and its residents. Sara is also a member of the Fire Department, serving as a firefighter and the Secretary. Her dedication is greatly appreciated and I look forward to continue to work with her.

Even with Schoodic Woods Campground closed and perhaps fewer tourists visiting our Town, you cannot diminish the beauty of our small community and breathtaking scenery. The Town looks very good with the streets and sidewalks swept, lines painted on the roads and the American flags flying proudly. Like I say every year, we should all be very proud to call Winter Harbor our home and safe haven. It is a destination not just a “pass through”. Myself and the other Town employees work very hard to keep us running efficiently and safely.

As always, I want to thank my family for their continued unconditional love and support. It makes it all just a little easier. I am very proud to live in and be the Town Manager of Winter Harbor, as my family roots go very deep. My great-great grandfather, James M. Gerrish was one of the first Selectmen of the Town. Needless to say, I am proud to call Winter Harbor my home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy J. Carruthers, Town Manager



TAX COLLECTOR
FY 2019 Delinquent Taxes
As of June 30, 2019

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
Armstrong, Martha K.	\$ 53.25
Armstrong, Martha K.	\$ 634.26
Armstrong, Martha K.	\$ 9.40
Backman, Daniel W., Jr.	\$ 654.68
Bilyew, Ann M.	\$ 4,489.68
Blair, Warren	\$ 7,288.32
Blair, Warren L & Martha D.	\$ 1,495.52
Buswell, Catherine A.	\$ 5,428.80
Buswell, Theodore & Malinda M.	\$ 6,302.40
Coastal Provisions	\$ 1,924.52
Cowperthwaite, Benny J.	\$ 172.64
DiRuggiero, Arnold	\$ 2,019.68
Earl, Polly J.	\$ 705.02
England, John	\$ 746.72
England, John	\$ 407.68
Flubacher, Marcella	\$ 2,096.64
Gans, Daniel J.	\$ 15.19
Gerrish, Debra	\$ 1,102.40
Gerrish, Debra	\$ 1,545.44
Greenwood, Sandra M.	\$ 860.08
Harris, Bobbi Ann	\$ 537.06
Hodgkins, Karen P.	\$ 785.30
Johnson, Alan	\$ 321.36
Johnson, Carl R. & Mary K.	\$ 1,105.00
Johnson, Chris	\$ 93.60
Louise, Jane	\$ 426.92
Meyers, W. & Christine Wright	\$ 534.60
Najar, Rodolfo	\$ 314.08
Najar, Rodolfo & Jillene	\$ 1,556.88
O'Hara, Michael	\$ 1,072.24
Puglisi, Michael A.	\$ 513.76
Rogers, Kathy	\$ 2,122.64
Rogers, Kathy	\$12,315.68
Schoodic Realty, LLC	\$ 78.00

TAX COLLECTOR
FY 2019 Delinquent Taxes
As of June 30, 2019 (continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
Shatney, Clayton H.	\$ 5,461.04
Smith, Hollis Dean Jr.	\$ 267.78
Spearman, Verdis	\$ 1,580.80
The Bluffs of Winter Harbor, LLC	\$ 2.58
The Bluffs of Winter Harbor, LLC	\$ 3.24
The Bluffs of Winter Harbor, LLC	\$ 2.40
Torrey, Phillip	\$ 2,751.84
Young, Fred	\$ 16.64



BOSTON POST CANE HONOREE



Weltha Sargent
Presented on November 25, 2019

ROAD COMMISSIONER

A.R. Whitten & Son completed the snowplowing of streets and sidewalks, which was the third year of a three-year contract. After winter weather ceased and all the snow melted, there was an above normal amount of sand remaining. A new contractor, Snow Be Gone, was hired for the first time and completed the street and sidewalk sweeping. This was done at a lower cost than previous years. As usual, Kaz's Fine Lines did a great job and completed the striping of the roads.

Grading continues to be done on Gray Road, Dolan Road, Greenwood Avenue, Brookside Cemetery Road, Hammond Lane and Bellevue Avenue. Once again, several sections of Summer Harbor Road and Grindstone Avenue were repaired and patched. New culverts were installed at the end of Beach Street (past the Yacht Club) and on Gray Road.

Also, a new contractor, Pigeon Hill Tractor was hired to do an extensive job of clearing, cutting and chipping along the sides of Summer Harbor Road. The Board of Selectmen awarded a job for ditching on Summer Harbor Road to J.E. Tracey to be completed this summer.

The plan for the upcoming year is to repave several sections on Summer Harbor Road, Grindstone Avenue and Beach Street. New paving is scheduled to be done around the gymnasium and the old Town Office. Harbor Road will also be paved. Other roads are being inspected and plans are underway.

Thank you to Kittridge Rivers, Selectman, for his help with the Road Commissioner duties and responsibilities. Your patience is appreciated while we work hard to maintain the Town roads, as they should be kept. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy J. Carruthers

Road Maintenance Plan

ROAD NAME	REQUIRED WORK	PLANNED/ COMPLETED DATE
Beach Street/Yacht Club	Grading/Culverts	June 2020
Harbor Road	Complete Re-paving	Summer 2020
School Street Parking	Paving	Summer 2020
Summer Harbor Road	Several Repairs/Patch	Summer 2020
Grindstone Avenue	Fill Potholes/Repairs	Summer 2020

WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thank you for taking a few moments to review the following information regarding the activities for the Winter Harbor Police Department for the calendar year 2019.

The Police Department is working hard to increase service, quality and develop a tighter community-based role within our small town. As the Chief, I have been promoting a community-based policing concept in our Town.

We have been continuing to use the speed sign in Town and have been consistently logging this past year around 8,000-9,000 people per week coming into Town, just on Newman Street. That does not take into account an almost similar number that goes past the sign into Winter Harbor by the park entrance or through Summer Harbor Road.

2019 has seen a noticeable increase in drug related activity. We work closely with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and give them much of the information that you provide to us. We keep a log of this information and anonymize it.

Our very own Sergeant Phil Sargent is now a certified Taser Instructor for our Department and is certified to qualify us annually on the use of these devices.

We continue to work with our valued EMS, Firefighters and First Responders every day and see what a valuable service your Town's emergency service provides.

Thank you again for your support as we continue to work to protect you, your property and make Winter Harbor a great place to raise families, work and play. Please see the numbers below for law enforcement related activities for the calendar year 2019.

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, Jr., Chief



POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT
January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Call	16
Agency Assistance	21
Assist Fire Department	8
Assist Law Enforcement	32
Assist Other	5
Alarm	17
Animal Problem	7
Attempt to Locate	4
Background Investigation-Appli	1
Bail Check	5
Burglary	1
Check Well Being	5
Citizen Requested Assistance	10
Neighborhood Dispute	2
Criminal Mischief	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
Domestic Call	3
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	4
Found Property	4
Shots Fired/Shots Heard	2
In Person/Phone/Text/Internet	1
Information Report	8
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	1
Incident Made in Error	2
Person With Mental Illness	4
Motor Vehicle Complaint	4
Drug/Alcohol Overdose	1
All Court Paperwork	18
Parking Violation/Obstructing	2
Traffic Accident w/Damage	9
Traffic Accident w/Injuries	4
Property/Business Check	7
Any Special Detail	13
Suicide	1

POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT (Cont'd) **January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019**

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	15
Theft	3
Traffic Control	1
Road Hazards (Sign/Signal/Debr)	2
Traffic Violation	11
Unattended Death	3
Criminal Mischief/Damage	2
Vehicle Off Road	1
Bail Violation	2
Violation of Protection Order	2
Warrant Arrest	7

Total Report: 274



WINTER HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Fire Department responded to 314 calls this year, compared to 299 last year.

Ambulance Transports	151
Non-Ambulance Transports	56
Motor Vehicle Incidents	15
Structure Fire Incidents	9
Fire Alarm Incidents	33
Wildland Fire Incidents	3
Rescues	3
Other Smoke Investigations	5
Mutual Aid Incidents	14
Service Calls	7

Fire Prevention Week went great this year. Pre-K through 4th grade enjoyed “Sparky”, who always generates a lot of fun for the students.

Burning Permits can be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours at no cost. State of Maine has been improving the on-line system for these permits, with the cost set at \$7.50 per permit. Discussions are on-going with the Maine Forest Service about making the permits free. You may also contact the Fire Warden at 207-546-9049 to obtain one.

As always, we are looking for new members. There is a job for everyone in the Fire Department. Anything from a truck operator to traffic control and EMS. We have sent six members to Hancock County Fire Academy in the past few years.

In closing, the men and women of the Winter Harbor Fire Department are proud to serve our community and provide the absolute best in public safety. ~~Committed to Excellence~~

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatum McLean, Chief



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)



Schoodic EMS has been providing a full-time ambulance service in Town for almost two years. We have been able to grow the EMS service into paramedic level service. One ambulance is stationed at the Winter Harbor Fire Station.

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

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.

Hancock County EMA Director, Andrew Sankey has been working with local Fire Departments, EMS personnel and Police Departments for training of a mass casualty event. This training should take place in the fall of 2020.

www.ready.gov

www.nws.noaa.gov

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

www.redcross.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatum McLean, EMA Director



LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

I have served as the Local Health Officer (LHO) for Winter Harbor for the last five years. I would like to publish information from Maine CDC website on a couple of hot topics of interest.

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Maine Immunization Program

The Maine Immunization Program (MIP) strives to ensure full protection of all Maine children and adults from vaccine-preventable disease. Through cooperative partnerships with public and private health practitioners and community members, the MIP provides vaccine, comprehensive education and technical assistance, vaccine-preventable disease tracking and outbreak control, accessible population-based management tools, and compassionate support services that link individuals into comprehensive health care systems.

For information on the Vaccines for Children Program, please see the MIP brochure. <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization>

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatum McLean, LHO



HARBOR MASTER

2019 was another great year on the water. Thankfully, there were no Coast Guard calls this year for any dangerous situations, oil spills, or reports of overdue boats.

I am happy to report that most people are up to date on their mooring fees. I would appreciate the support of the people who have not paid their mooring fees to contact the Town Office or myself as soon as possible. The mooring fee is \$30 and the funds are going towards maintenance and repairs of the Town dock, floats and boat ramp.

There has been an increase of calls from summer residents who want a mooring for the summer. I have also continued to notice a substantial increase of calls from visiting boaters to tie up at a mooring for a night or two since the establishment Schoodic Woods Campground. There have also been occasional people from away that have wanted to tie up at the dock for a short time to experience the retail shops and restaurants that downtown Winter Harbor has to offer.

We had wonderful weather for our 56th Annual Winter Harbor Lobster Festival. There was an increase in spectators and participants this year. The main prize drawing of the 35 ft. Mitchell Cove Hull was an exciting addition to this year's races.

Everything was quiet and fairly uneventful around the dock. I would like to thank everyone for keeping their garbage picked up around the dock and on the floats.

I am looking forward to a busy boating season and another great season on the water this year. I am always happy to answer any questions, please contact me with any harbor related issues, (207) 812-1264. Please be safe and appreciate all that 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.

17 Building Permits were issued between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. 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	6
Residential Additions	10
Garage/Shed/Storage	6
Decks/Patios	4
Driveway	2
Demolition	1

Six Plumbing Permits were issued between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 as follows:

2 – Subsurface Wastewater Permits, none of which were in the Shoreland Zone, and that required a variance. Of the two permits issues, both have been completed.

4 – Internal Plumbing Permits, one for 12 fixtures, one for 10 fixtures, one for 7 fixtures, and one for 4 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. Congratulations to the Planning Board for their continued efforts to get the State Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Ordinance ready for review and possible adoption at a Town Meeting in the future.

Respectfully

Submitted,

Millard Billings, CEO & LPI



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had a productive – albeit COVID-constrained – year. This would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of all the Board members, CEO Millard Billings, and Sara and Cathy in the Town Office. The Planning Board generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Office meeting room. The public is always welcome to attend.

The Board continued the review and revision of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance necessary to bring it up to date with current State guidelines. One or more public hearings will be scheduled to solicit input before a final draft of the Ordinance is submitted for vote at Town Meeting.

The board spent a considerable amount of meeting time this year discussing, and ultimately approving, two Conditional Use Permits.

The Board approved a revised Sign Ordinance.

Finally, the Board soon will begin the COVID delayed multi-year process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. This is a significant undertaking that will include ample opportunity for Town input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denny O'Brien, Acting Chairman



WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter Harbor Public Library continues to draw many summer and autumn visitors to the historic Channing Chapel. We have welcomed the Winter Harbor Historical Society's Walking Tours, and given visitors a welcome spot to check their phones, recharge their e-bikes, check out books or DVDs, or study the Town's history.

We had a total of 3,282 visits in 2019, and a total circulation of materials (including e-book downloads) of 3,646. We have 630 patrons, which include residents, non-residents, seasonal residents and visitors. We have a comprehensive collection of Maine authors in both fiction and non-fiction titles and actively strive to support local and state authors by purchasing their works. Thanks to a grant from the Schoodic Community Fund and to various private gifts, we were able to build a whole section of expanded shelving on the north side of the Maine Room to house this collection. The work was done by a local carpenter.

Once again, children were able to participate in our summer reading program and receive a free ice cream cone at Gerrish's. We wish to thank our partnership with Gerrish's in this endeavor to encourage children to read. We also have wonderful volunteers who read to preschoolers on Friday mornings. Older children drop by on early-release Friday afternoons to use our Chromebooks and tablets. Thanks to a Schoodic Community Fund grant, the Library was able to update our Chromebooks.

This summer's programs included local speaker Jon Archer who talked about climate change and what we as individuals can do about it; Maine travel writer Hilary Nangle; summer resident and Jeffersonian scholar Peter Onuf; Schoodic Institute's board member David Manski, who recounted his family's journey from Poland to escape the Nazis; and local grower and sustainability expert Irene Cortese who gave a participatory cooking workshop on preparing Mexican food from farm-to-table. During Shopping Night in early December, we held our Annual Open House with music performed by harpist, Carolyn Brock and delicious baked goods provided by volunteers.

The Library's Book Club continues to meet here on Tuesdays throughout the year. They have been discussing current books and classics since 1998, and welcome any interested readers. The Library has welcomed several new volunteers this past year, who helped keep the Library's doors open throughout the winter months, when many of our regulars leave the area for a time.

We keep the public informed of our events, new books and DVDs, and book club news through our website: <http://winterharbor.lib.me.us/> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/winterharborpubliclibrary/>. When we are able to get out again after the COVID-19 pandemic, which is keeping us indoors and away from each other for a time, we hope to gather at the Library to celebrate the Library's 100th birthday party as an official public library.

We value our Town's support and encourage everyone's input in how we can do a better job serving the community. The Return on Investment (ROI) for every dollar the Town spends in the Library's support is \$5.65, according to the Maine State Library formula.

Respectfully submitted,

The Winter Harbor Library Board of Trustees



New shelving in the Maine Room. Animal Sculptures by artist Cathy Bell
Photo: Ruth Mapleton



WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER

2020-2021 Budget

Books	\$4,000
Book Supplies	\$400
DVD/Audio	\$750
Computer/Technology	\$500
Computer Services	\$300
Program Fund	\$1,000
Supplies	\$300
Utilities	\$5,000
Cleaning	\$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	<u>\$35,890</u>

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Winter Harbor Recreation Committee has been re-energized with the participation of several new members. These members have contributed ideas, enthusiasm and manpower. In the last year we have done the following:

- In late August, we took a busload of children and adults to the Great Maine Lumberjack Show and Pat's Pizza. This was at no cost to participant and everyone had a great time, despite the rain.
- In October, local kids were invited to a free Halloween themed dance party at Hammond Hall. Roughly forty people showed up for dancing, snacks, a Hula Hoop contest, musical chairs, limbo and a costume contest.
- Local families were welcomed to attend several open gyms during school breaks as well as a movie matinee afternoon.
- This year Winter Harbor Recreation organized youth basketball in cooperation with the Downeast Family YMCA. This made basketball available to area kids in grades pre-K-5 at no cost.

Since the gym has been closed due to on-going maintenance, opportunities for programming have been limited. In the coming year we hope to be awarded a grant to purchase volleyball equipment and offer volleyball for various age groups. We will also have regularly scheduled basketball open gyms for teens.

In order to maintain programs and add new programs, we are always seeking volunteers. We need coaches, referees, and folks to organize sports seasons, etc. Currently we are seeking a person to organize fall soccer for our local kids! 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, drawing. Maybe you will guide a hike or a canoe trip. Please contact me if you are willing to tackle a project to increase opportunities for our kids.

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Alley Moshier, Chair



WINTER HARBOR UTILITIES DISTRICT

I would like to thank the other Board members, our operators Terry and Mike, and Patti Riggs our bookkeeper, for all their help this past year.

We have finished the construction upgrade on the Sewer Plant and the pump stations. It is almost a new plant down here now. If you would like a tour please give me a call and we can set that up for you. We would like to thank the Town of Winter Harbor for supporting us through this process.

We do not have any new construction plans in the future.

If you are doing any work to your sewer connection or line, please contact Terry at the Plant so that he can GPS the location on his maps.

Please check your basement sump pumps and make sure they are not going into the Town sewer lines. They should be going out on your lawn. Terry will be coming around this summer to check on sump pumps. Thanks for your help in this process.

Part of the construction process is also to look at the rate structure, and what we charge each user. You may see a change in how we charge for your sewer in the future.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Sewer Plant on Meadow Lane. The public is welcome.

Submitted by

Peter Drinkwater

Chairman, Board of Trustees

WINTER HARBOR UTILITIES DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2019

The Trustees met regularly on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm during the past year. The agenda for each meeting includes:

1. Minutes
2. Approval of Expenditures
3. Financial Report
4. Review of Past Due Accounts
5. Superintendent's Report
6. Plant Operator's Report
7. Other Business

The Board approves the annual budget at the first meeting in January. All monthly meetings are held at the Plant and are open to the public.

Our report of revenues and expenses for 2019 is as follows:

Revenue from Users	\$ 179,717
Other Revenue	\$ 2,705
Total Revenue	\$ 182,422
Less Operating Expenses	\$ 351,580
Net Operating Gain (Loss)	\$ (169,158)

Balance Sheet

Assets:

Cash & Checking Accounts	\$ 251,948
Accounts Receivable	\$ 17,309
Land, Plant, Equipment	\$ 8,658,828
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (1,723,149)
Total Assets	\$ 7,204,936

Liabilities:

Long Term Debt - Maine Bond Bank	\$ 313,789
Loan Payable – Bar Harbor Bank & Trust	\$ 2,687
Accounts Payable	\$ 85,861
Bonds Payable - USDA	\$ 3,210,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,612,337

Net Position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 3,409,202
Short-Term Asset Reserves	\$ 19,360
Loan Payment Reserves	\$ 18,429
Unrestricted	\$ 145,608
	\$ 3,592,599

Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 7,204,936
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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 Sandra Guptill's 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 Margie Gerrish, phone (207) 963-7032 for assistance.

The officers are:

James W. Lilly, President

Andrew Abbott, Vice-President

Marge Gerrish, Secretary and Sextant

Diana Young, Treasurer

Cemetery Association Trustees

Andrew Abbott

Alfreda Bacon

Gordon Harrington

David Joy

James Lilly

Louise Shaw

Diana Young

Charlie Arnett

Marge Gerrish

Charles Hurd

Jack Kunkle

Roseanne Shafer

Betty Williams

Steve Young

VACANT

Respectively submitted,

James W. Lilly, President



WINTER HARBOR WATER DISTRICT

Charges for water service were increased starting January 1, 2019 to keep up with rising costs. Emera charges have been increased recently.

Megan Moshier worked with Wireless Transfer Company who expressed a wish to attach antennae to our water tower on Newman Street. The Wireless Transfer project for antenna installations was put on hold while the company worked in Washington County. As of now, the project seems to be on hold indefinitely.

Trustees have decided to spruce up the office with fresh painting and a new carpet. New meters have been ordered for spares.

Urgent repairs are needed from Beach Street to the Golf Course. The gate to Birch Harbor Pond will be undergoing repairs, as well as the fence around the tower. The road will need to be graded over with fresh gravel and culverts repaired. The road to the Newman Street tower will undergo foliage trimming while in the office the fire extinguisher will be inspected and batteries installed in the emergency lighting. All necessary repairs will be made before the scheduled inspection. Work continues to involve leaks and broken connections. A new blower is needed for our office control panel.

A new service at 127 Main Street has been installed. Also, new service will be required at the Craig Raymond residence at Grindstone Point.

It appears that extensive work is going to be required on the water tower on Birch Harbor Pond. Debris needs to be cleaned up and the gate locks repaired. All in all, 2019 was a busy year for the Water District.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley M. Chase, Chair
Billy Bickford, Treasurer
Johanna Smith, Clerk



WINTER HARBOR WATER DISTRICT
Summary Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019

WINTER HARBOR WATER DISTRICT
Summary Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019

WINTER HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Season 2019 opened with gratitude. Through donations received in support of building restoration #1, we were able to complete and restore the foundation of our old building. Acadia Builders T.H. completed shoring and the replacement of rotted beams and stringers to our building's foundation. Balance of restoration will occur in 2020. Tying walls to roofline and replacement windows will be next. Third project will be insulation and preservation of cosmetics, i.e. eyebrows, scrolls and ledge woodwork. Thank you one and all for your support.

Many items have been donated to the Museum. We will be sending a separate newsletter stating the importance of these donations, thanking the gift givers and noting how beneficial the memory gifts are to our Society.

We hosted "Lights Out" this year to a full house and served our Masonic prepared meal of spaghetti for a great evening of fellowship and the theme of local ghost lore. Evening was enjoyed by all.

2020 is to be the year of Birthdays. Winter Harbor will be 125 years old; the Winter Harbor Public Library is 100 years old; the State of Maine is 200 years old and the Women's Right to Vote is 100 years old. We are celebrating different events and have chosen Women of Winter Harbor as our theme. Our calendar has met much success as a fund raiser and our reprint of Allan Smallidge's "A Summering Place" is also a large help to aid in our building projects.

Our collaboration with the College of the Atlantic has resulted with us receiving help from a past graduate assigned to help us to better save our collections and help in the area of "how to keep in touch with technology." We are so grateful for this assistance. We applied and have been approved for at least one grant with monetary assistance to preserve collections.

Thanks to the Schoodic Marine Center for donating the bell from Mark Island Lighthouse. The bell is dated 1933. Sometime in the late 30s or early 40s, this bell was rocked out of the buoy by a heavy storm off Mark Island Ledges. In 2015, the Maine State Warden's Diving Team located the bell and in 2016 brought it up from the bottom of the sea and gifted it to the Marine Center in 2017. Now in 2020, it is located outside our Winter Harbor Historical Museum for all to see. Thank you Winter Harbor Yacht Club Captain, Jim Bean and crew, Rob



Childers and Nathan Vandegrift for transporting this artifact to Hammond Lane. Thank you to Greg Pinkham for coordinating the logistics.

Our local programs have been met with great interest and we so appreciate this support as it shows support for the Town of Winter Harbor.

Newsletters continue to be read with interest and we continue to offer museum openings. Please continue your support and thank you.

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

Board Members -
Deborah Joy Martin
Barbara Mackay Campbell
Joanne Brown
Charles Arnett

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Young, President





PENINSULA SCHOOL
70 Main Street, P.O. Box 230
Prospect Harbor, ME 04669

Heather Dorr
Principal

Tracie Samiya
Administrative Assistant

Dear Winter Harbor Residents,

I must begin this letter to you with a sincere thank you for welcoming me to your community. The kind greetings and drop-in visits have been greatly appreciated. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Winter Harbor as Principal of the Peninsula School. Our 2019-2020 school year has been filled with rich and exciting opportunities for our students.

New to our staff this year are Jill Jeude, School Counselor, Polly Marsh, Resource Room Teacher, Elis Ulecka, Middle Level Science Teacher, Amy Schmitt, Middle Level ELA Teacher, Morgan Campbell, 4th Grade Teacher, Kate Green, 3rd Grade Teacher, Kiara Morrisette, 2nd Grade Teacher, Valerie Sprague, Pre-K Teacher and K-8 Math Interventionist, Nick Ulecka, Librarian and Marion Fehill, K-8 Regular Education Technician. Collectively, our Peninsula staff infuses our school with positivity and a “students first” attitude.

This year our School Counselor, Mrs. Jeude, organized a few school-wide events that really brought out the best in all of us. Unity Day was observed on October 21st. Students in all grades were invited to wear orange to show they stand together against bullying and are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Red Ribbon week was observed in grades K-5. During this week, students dressed up to celebrate their choice to be drug-free. This event also kicked off the DARE program for students in 5th and 6th grades. Deputy Luke Gross, from the Hancock County Sheriff’s department, visited weekly to deliver the DARE curriculum designed to empower students to respect others and lead lives free from violence, substance use, and other dangerous behaviors. Most recently, students in pre-K-8th grade participated in a “Kindness Challenge.” Students were inspired to practice kindness by carrying out kind acts; hold the door for someone, write a thank you note, greet someone with a smile, go out of your way to make someone’s day. Students wrote each act they performed on a strip of paper and then connected all their links of kindness. Miss McFarland’s 5th graders amazed us all by performing 241 acts of kindness in five school days!

One of the most notable characteristics of the Peninsula School is the strong sense of community. It is a feeling that is almost tangible. Our school was bustling with parents, grandparents, and other family members who came to see our Halloween parade and winter concert. Our Title 1 Teacher, Mrs. Bricker, coordinated our annual Mitten Tree. Through the efforts of many community knitters, every single student in pre-K through 6th grade received a hat and pair of mittens to warm their hands and hearts during cold winter months. Our Parent Teacher Club organized Santa's Workshop, making it so that all students could shop for gifts to put under the tree for their loved ones. Our students are so fortunate to have so many caring and supportive people in their lives.

Classroom teachers design creative and rigorous learning opportunities for our students every day. Fourth grade students in Miss Campbell's classroom have teamed up with 4-H to learn about aquaponics. They are currently investigating the effect of sunlight on plant growth. All students in kindergarten through 5th grade participated in a visit from Chewonki, where they learned about different animal adaptations. Our students in 5th through 8th grades hosted several local veterans for the annual "Take a Vet to School" Day. This event, organized by Social Studies teacher, Sarah Levesque gave students the opportunity to learn about veterans' military experiences, a perfect follow-up to the "Interview a Veteran" Program hosted by the Cole Land Transportation Museum in Bangor. Mrs. Ulecka and several middle school scientists teamed up with other middle schools in the District, Schoodic Institute's Education Researcher, Bill Zoellick and Education Specialist, Sarah Hooper, and some Sumner High School students to participate in "The Green Crab" project. The project compliments the science curriculum and offers a hands-on, real-life science experience as students collect and analyze data about green crabs.

Students at Peninsula School have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of academic and co-curricular experiences. This fall we fielded a large team of cross-country runners and a soccer team. 8th grader, Kaleb Colson, ran a perfect cross-country season, placing first in each meet and breaking course records. Our Bulldogs soccer team won the RSU #24 soccer championship. Our winter sports season was filled with exciting basketball games and a nearly undefeated season for our boys' basketball team. Our girls finished the season in 3rd place. Peninsula cheerleaders performed at the Sumner High School Cheering Showcase and brought home the Whitney Doughty Spirit Award and placed first in the grades 3-8 division. Our spring sports season begins March 23rd.

This year we also celebrate the contributions of two long-time teacher in the community, Mrs. Barbara Bricker and Miss Priscilla McFarland. Mrs. Bricker and Miss McFarland will begin their retirement at the end of this school year. We thank them for their combined 84 years of service to generations of students in the Peninsula community and wish them well.

Peninsula School would not be what it is without the support and generosity from the community. Because of you, our students thrive and grow and learn every day.

Submitted by,

Heather Dorr, Principal



PENINSULA SCHOOL STAFF

Teacher	Grade
Valerie Sprague	Pre-K/Math Interventionist
Roxanne Renwick	K
Katie Parker	1
Kiara Morrisette	2
Kate Green	3
Morgan Campbell	4
Priscilla McFarland	5
Marielle Edgecomb	M.S. Math
Amy Schmitt	M.S. ELA
Elis Ulecka	M.S. Science
Sarah Atherton	M.S. Social Studies

Teacher	Class
Polly Marsh	Resource Room
Sherry Young	Art
Stephen Hodgdon	Music
Sherry Blais	Physical Education
Corine Wilson	English Lang Learner Prgm
Joanna Deschiffart	Speech/Language Therapist
Sarah Hurlburt	Occupational Therapist
Barbara Bricker	Title 1
Chelsea Bull	Spanish
Nick Ulecka	Library

Other Staff

Jill Jeude	School Counselor
Tracie Samiya	Admin Assistant
Jordan Smith	Nurse
Jason Bricker	Ed Tech
Christine Simmons	Ed Tech
Kathryn Wayman	Ed Tech
Rosalie Mitchell	Ed Tech
Marion Frehill	Ed Tech
Donna Haycock	Food Service
Faye Torrey	Food Service
Joe Naumann	Custodian
Bonnie Naumann	Custodian
Tammy Kennedy-Santy	Bus Driver
Ellysea Bryant	Bus Driver
Pieter Porsius	Bus Driver
Danny Mitchell, Jr.	Bus Driver



SUMNER MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 24

SCHOODIC INSTITUTE

SCHOODIC PENINSULA

SCHOODIC TRAIL SYSTEM MAP

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

In 81 years, the Acadian Community Woman's Club has built a healthy and hardy club comprised of roughly thirty women from Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro. One of our greatest efforts is to manage a substantial Community Aid Fund helping local residents who need financial support. In 2019, we spent approximately \$12,000 to support individuals and families from Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro with a need in one way or another. Some of our giving included helping 15 local children get to camp last summer and awarding three \$1,000 college scholarships. Anyone from Winter Harbor or Gouldsboro attending a four-year 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 Sumner High School. In addition to these "big gives", we also provide support and assistance throughout the year. We have donated to families who have had house fires, are battling illness or combatting unemployment. We have paid off hot lunch bills at the Peninsula School, paid for heat, electricity, rent, childcare, auto repairs, cell phone and internet bills, not to mention our attention to food insecurity in the community. We open our eyes and ears widely so that we can remain connected and help where there is a need.

One major fundraiser for our Community Aid Fund is the annual Chili Supper, always the first Thursday of December at the Masonic Lodge in Winter Harbor. In addition to the Chili Supper, we host two summer bake sales held in the parking lot at the Winter Harbor Food Service, we sell whole cakes and pies. Each Mother's Day we host a 5K walk/run in the village of Prospect Harbor and, finally, we encourage folks to donate their returnable cans and bottles so we can redeem them, each year this earns our Club nearly \$300. Of course, anyone can donate to the Woman's Club by mailing a check, payable to ACWC, to the attention of our Treasurer, Sue Mooney, P.O. Box 84, Gouldsboro, ME 04607.

In addition to our robust community giving, the ACWC 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. We also helped pay for construction of the granite planter surrounding the sign at the Peninsula School and last spring, donated to the purchase of annuals for that raised planter. The ACWC organizes and hosts the annual Memorial Day observance in Winter Harbor and 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 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 NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

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 2019 a total of \$32,679.94 was awarded to grant recipients including Town of Gouldsboro Heating Fund, Dorcas Library Association, OceansWide, Inc., Peninsula School (three separate grants), Schoodic Arts for All, the Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park, the Gouldsboro Historical Society and Winter Harbor Public Library.

For 2019-2020, the Schoodic Community Fund Board members are Mike H. Summerer MD (Chair), Megan Moshier (Vice Chair), Andrew Somes (Treasurer), Vicki Rea, Dolora Conley, Edith Dixon, Mary Dyer, Tim Fisher, Rick Hauck, Howard T. Howard, Eric Lister, Jane Littlefield, Roberta Parritt, Paul Tracy and Susan Towle.

The SCF endowment provides investment earnings to support its annual grant awards. The endowment is held and managed by the Maine Community Foundation. In 2019, the following individuals donated a total of \$58,143.86 to the fund, for which the Board and the Schoodic community are grateful:

Lucille Anderson
Edgar D. Aronson
Peggy & Don Ashmall
Rosemary Babcock
John Berkey III
Susan E. Bagley
Ken Bahm & David Brass
Mr. & Mrs. John M. Barron
Pearl & Roger Barto
Barbara Bateman
Catharine F. Gribbel-Beautyman &
William Beautyman
Peter Berkey Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Berry
Paul J. Bianchi
Mr. & Mrs. Brett L. Binns
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Bowen
Carl M. Brauer
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy P. Briney
Emma Crowder Brown
Susan C. Bruce

Robert & Hope Buckner
Jan Buffett
Larry M. Burt
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cahill
Michael & Barbara Campbell
Barry Canner & Robert Travers
Mr. & Mrs. David Carpenter
Mr. & Mrs. David A. Cerundolo
Shirley Chase
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Chipman
Mr. & Mrs. Merton V. Chipman
Carole A. Cirincione
Marjorie & Peter Clifford
Mr. & Mrs. Warren J. Close
Mr. & Mrs. James Cole
Margaret L. Cruikshank
Debra Ann Corp.
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Dick
Edith Robb Dixon
Brian & Kerry Eaton
John Eck & Jennifer Stucker

Mr. & Mrs. Edward R. Evelyn
 Michelle Feeley
 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy J. Fisher
 Kristine Geils
 Carol Giaccolletto
 Jill M. & Sheldon F. Goldthwait
 Susan B. Haight
 Mr. & Mrs. William C. Hale
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen B. Harris
 Frederick H. Hauck
 Katherine & Neil Heidinger
 Nancy Hill
 Kimberly Holden
 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Horschak
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard T. Howard
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Humez
 Marian and Andreas Ide
 Mr. & Mrs. Melvin R. Jackson
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael V. Jennings
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Johnston
 Mr. & Mrs. James A. Jordan
 Mr. & Mrs. Steven W. Kampmann
 Mr. & Mrs. Alan Kane
 Mercedes Karabec
 Daniel & Jane Keegan
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth R. Kelly
 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald J. Kron
 David Landis & Karen Luckenbaugh
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence W. Libby
 James W. Lilly
 Marcie K. Lister & Eric D. Lister, MD
 Jane D. & Kelly Littlefield
 Dr. & Mrs. Allan Lockyer
 John M. Lord
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Maliniak
 Mrs. & Mrs. Andrew Marino
 Howard Marshall
 Wayne & Deborah Martin
 Mr. & Mrs. Arnold J. Mascaro, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert I. Matey
 Margaret M. Mazzei
 Ann W. & John McCann
 Dan Miller
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Merkel
 Megan & Glenn Moshier
 Donna Murphy

Kathleen Murphy
 Ted & Suzanne Murphy
 Annette L. Nash
 Kathleen & Alan Nauss
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence W. Newman
 Mr. & Mrs. James W. Nichols
 Keith R. Ohmart & Helen Chen
 Mr. & Peter Onuf
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Osborn, III
 Ethel Ossolinski
 Rob Paarlberg
 Roberta J. Parritt
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert E. Paschkis
 Julie Pearson & Herbert Mahan
 The Pickled Wrinkle
 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Politi
 Mr. & Mrs. Martin H. Potter
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur G. Powell
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter N. Prince
 Prospect Harbor Music Festival
 Vivian E. Rea
 June Rieber
 Mr. & Mrs. Phelps T. Riley
 Ruth S. Sargent
 Schoodic Creates
 Mr. & Mrs. Randall P. Shumaker
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sledge
 Mr. & Mrs. David P. Sleeper
 Johanna M. Smith
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Smith
 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy M. Smith
 Andrew L. Somes
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert j. Steffel
 Charles Steinecke, III
 Steinke & Caruso Dental Care PA
 Barbara & Paul Stewart
 Ilene Stinson
 Charles B. Stinson
 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew T. Straz
 George R. Strohmeyer
 Dr. & Mrs. Mike Summerer
 Sunset Family Charitable Trust
 Lynell & Kent Syler
 Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Tencati, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tietenberg
 Mr. & Mrs. Craig W. Wayman

Mary Lou Weaver
A.R. Whitten & Son, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen A. Wilkinson
Dr. & Mrs. Sam J. Williams, III
Mrs. Ed Williams
The Winter Harbor Agency
Winter Harbor Co-Op

Mr. & Mrs. David L. Wolf
Harold E. Woodsum, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Allen K. Workman
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Young
Tracy H. Young
Barbara J. Zucker

In Kind Contribution:

Larry Peterson Photography

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Summerer, Chairman



HARDY'S FRIENDS

Every year brings challenges of its own for family pets in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. There was the dog in need of limb amputation, another requiring emergency surgery late on a Friday afternoon and still another rushed to Eastern Maine Emergency Veterinary Clinic in Brewer after being hit by a car. In each of these instances and so many others a concerned owner was faced with a hard truth. There was little or no money in the family budget for this unexpected and sizable expense.

Thanks to the generosity of animal lovers in our community, Hardy's Friends was able to help these owners and 24 others.

Not all of the requests we receive are as dramatic as the examples above. Sometimes we are asked for pet food, flea and tick prevention, help with spay/neuter, biopsies, routine surgery, licensing, shots, medications. In every instance, Hardy's Friends has been able to respond. We spent \$1,265 for pet food and supplies in 2019 and \$9,020 in veterinary related expenses (which included the balances in both the privately funded Canine Care Helping Hand Fund and the 2018 Schoodic Community Fund Grant.)

We received our first funds from an on-line birthday fundraiser this year and a gift from "Downeast Dog News." The Pickled Wrinkle blew us away "First Annual Hardy's Party" generously supported by Tito's Vodka (yes, there really is a man named Tito, who is a dog lover and supporter of animal causes). Winter Harbor Food Service provided a collection box which was repeatedly filled with community donations of pet food and supplies. We repeated our Electronic Waste Collection fundraiser and were so grateful for the support for our canister and bottle donations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Burke

Bill Leonard

Glenn Grant



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TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE 2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Winter Harbor Annual Town Meeting was called to order on June 11, 2019 at 8:00 am by Cathy Carruthers, Town Manager, at the Municipal Building, School Street, Winter Harbor, ME.

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 19, 2019.*

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 2022 annual town meeting; one member to the Planning Board to serve until the 2024 annual town meeting; one member to the Planning Board (Alternate) to serve until 2024 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2022 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2022 annual town meeting.

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

Selectman (3-year term) – Robert Hemenway

Planning Board Member (5-year term) – Dennis O'Brien

Planning Board Member (Alternate) (5-year term) – Christopher Arnett

Water District Trustee (3-year term) – Johanna Smith

Utilities District Trustee (3-year term) – Bill Van Horn

Results of the RSU #24:

Budget Validation Referendum

YES – 73 NO – 10

Referendum

Article 1: YES – 72 NO – 10

Article 2: YES – 61 NO – 21

Mr. Drinkwater reconvened the meeting on June 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Hammond Hall, Main Street, Winter Harbor, ME. 29 registered voters were in attendance.

**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. ***Christopher Arnett, Billy Bickford, Barbara Jean Bragdon, Mike Campbell, Kevin Conley, Alice Dow, Herman Faulkingham, Glenn Moshier, Alan Nauss, Gabe O'Brien, Bob Schmidt, Lester Vandegrift 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, Andrew Abbott, Alfreda Bacon, Margie Gerrish, Gordon Harrington, Charles Hurd, David Joy, Jack Knuckle, James Lilly, Roseanne Shafer, Louise Shaw, Betty Williams, Diana Young and Steve Young were nominated, seconded and elected.***

Article 5

To choose one (1) Trustee for five-year term to serve as a member of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees. ***Cynthia Alley-five-year term and Mike Campbell-one-year term were nominated, 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, Andrew Abbott, Alan Johnson, Richard Wilson and Barbara Jean Bragdon 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, Alice Dow, Maggie***

Hammond, Megan Moshier, Gabe O'Brien 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: ***\$1,079,000.00 (FY 18-19 - \$1,092,255.00)***

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Expenditures

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$177,458.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.*) ***Accepted as read.***

<u>General Government</u>		<u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>
Total:	Administration	\$167,215.00	\$177,458.00

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,562.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) ***Accepted as read.***

<u>Board of Assessors/Planning Board</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>
Assessing	\$11,400.00	\$12,900.00
HCPC	850.00	850.00
CEO	<u>2,723.00</u>	<u>2,812.00</u>
Total: Board of Assessors/PB	\$ 14,980.00	\$ 16,562.00

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,778.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

<u>Town Building Operations</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>
Gym	\$ 14,907.00	\$ 13,773.00
Municipal Public Safety Bldg	20,620.00	20,730.00
Wharf	7,000.00	7,000.00
Scout	<u>2,275.00</u>	<u>3,275.00</u>
Total: Town Buildings	\$44,802.00	\$ 44,778.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$435,559.00 for Public Safety. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>
Fire Department	\$ 66,995.00	* \$ 81,770.00
Police Department	103,680.00	105,085.00
Roads	185,723.00	189,920.00
Solid Waste	<u>71,499.00</u>	<u>58,784.00</u>
Total: Public Safety	\$427,897.00	\$435,559.00

* Includes amount for Ambulance Service

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,241.00 for the following miscellaneous expenses or appropriations. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

Miscellaneous

Library	\$14,500.00
General Assistance	1,000.00
Cemeteries	6,500.00
Third Party Requests:	
American Red Cross	350.00
Community Health & Counseling Services	329.00
Downeast Horizons	500.00
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	600.00

Eastern Area on Aging	750.00
Eleanor Widener Dixon Memorial Clinic	650.00
Emmaus Homeless Shelter	500.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	600.00
LifeFlight Foundation	516.00
Lifeline Food Pantry	1,000.00
Northern Light ME Coast Hosp-Prescript Assist	750.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	136.00
Schoodic Arts for All	750.00
Schoodic National Scenic Byway	1,000.00
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	315.00
Yesterday's Children, Inc.	300.00
Total-Third Party Requests	9,046.00
EMA Director	150.00
Hydrants	61,500.00
County Tax	82,545.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance	4,000.00
TOTAL: Miscellaneous	\$ 179,241.00
	<i>FY 18-19 = \$177,468.00</i>

Notification to Taxpayers:

The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of \$82,545 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share of the Hancock County taxes. (*FY 18-19 = \$80,252.00*)

Note: County Tax is increased by \$2,293.00

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,100.00 for the following Special Projects. (*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.*) ***Accepted as read.***

<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>
Comprehensive Plan	0.00	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	12,800.00	0.00
Recreation Committee	2,750.00	2,750.00
Investment Fund Repayment	40,000.00	40,000.00
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Records Conservation

Total: Special Projects \$ 66,150.00 \$ 54,100.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2019/2020 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. (*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

<u>Category</u>	Estimated Amount
Auto Excise Taxes	\$ 95,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	5,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk's Fees	2,500.00
Permit Fees	1,000.00
Sale, Trash Bags	16,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	3,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,600.00
MRC Member Tip Fee Rebate	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$142,100.00

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 and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

Category	Estimated Amount
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	15,000.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	28,340.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	9,000.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	<u>500.00</u>
Total: Estimated Revenues	\$53,340.00
<i>FY 18-19 - \$29,038.00</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 2019/2020 fiscal year taxes due in two increments: one-half to be due on or before October 31, 2019, and one-half to be due on or before April 30, 2020; 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.*) **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 7.00% per annum. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

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.*) **Accepted as read.**

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Article 24

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 25

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 2019/2020 fiscal year. *(\$20,000 customary amount)*
Accepted as read.

Article 26

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 27

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 28

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 29

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 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy J. Carruthers
Town Manager/Clerk

**TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE
2020 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 July 2020, 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-ninth day of July 2020 to act on Articles 3-31, 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 2023 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2023 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2023 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 one Trustee for one-year term, one (1) Trustee for three-year term and two (2) Trustees for five-year terms to serve as a 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 fix the salary for the ensuing year of the appointed Harbor Master in accordance with the Harbor Ordinance. (Currently \$1,000)

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.

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

Notice

The Town’s share of the Regional School Unit Budget has been set: **\$984,913.00** (FY 19-20 - \$1,079,000.00)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Expenditures

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,513.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

<u>General Government</u>		<u>FY 19-20</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>
Total:	Administration	\$177,458.00	\$190,513.00

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,569.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

<u>Board of Assessors/Planning Board</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>
Assessing	\$12,900.00	\$12,700.00
HCPC	850.00	0.00
CEO	<u>2,812.00</u>	<u>2,869.00</u>
Total: Board of Assessors/PB	\$ 16,562.00	\$ 15,569.00

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,028.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

<u>Town Building Operations</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>
Gym	\$ 13,773.00	\$ 12,823.00
Municipal Public Safety Bldg	20,730.00	20,930.00
Wharf	7,000.00	7,000.00
Scout	<u>3,275.00</u>	<u>3,275.00</u>
Total: Town Buildings	\$44,778.00	\$ 44,028.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$467,135.00 for Public Safety. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval)*

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>
Fire Department	\$ 81,770.00	\$ 83,070.00
Police Department	105,085.00	136,042.00
Roads	189,920.00	190,500.00
Solid Waste	<u>58,784.00</u>	<u>57,523.00</u>
Total: Public Safety	\$435,559.00	\$467,135.00

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,644.00 for the following miscellaneous expenses or appropriations. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Miscellaneous

Library	\$14,500.00
General Assistance	1,000.00
Cemeteries	6,500.00
Third Party Requests:	

American Red Cross	350.00
Community Health & Counseling Services	150.00
Downeast Horizons	500.00
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	600.00
Eastern Area on Aging	750.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	600.00
LifeFlight Foundation	516.00
Lifeline Food Pantry	1,500.00
Northern Light ME Coast Hosp-Prescript Assist	750.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	200.00
Schoodic Arts for All	1,500.00
Schoodic National Scenic Byway	1,000.00
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	405.00
<u>Yesterday's Children, Inc.</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total-Third Party Requests	9,121.00
EMA Director	150.00
Hydrants	61,500.00
County Tax	88,273.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance	4,000.00
Facilities Maintenance Director	<u>15,600.00</u>
TOTAL: Miscellaneous	\$ 200,644.00
	<i>FY 19-20 = \$179,241.00</i>

Notification to Taxpayers:

The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of \$88,273 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share of the Hancock County taxes. (*FY 19-20 = \$82,545.00*)

Note: County Tax is increased by \$5,728.00

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,100.00 for the following Special Projects. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>	<u>FY 20-21</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	0.00	72,000.00

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	\$ 54,100.00	\$126,100.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2020/2021 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

<u>Category</u>	Estimated Amount
Auto Excise Taxes	\$100,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	4,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk's Fees	2,500.00
Permit Fees	1,000.00
Sale, Trash Bags	16,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	4,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>3,325.00</u>
Total	\$147,325.00

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.*)

Category	Estimated Amount
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	18,000.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	15,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	1,000.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	<u>600.00</u>
Total: Estimated Revenues	\$35,100.00
<i>FY 19-20 - \$53,340.00</i>	

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to expend \$13,140.00, the funds received upon the dissolution of Coastal Recycling, to offset Solid Waste Tipping Fees. *(The Board of Selectmen approval.)*

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 \$11,680) 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 have the 2020/2021 fiscal year taxes due in two increments: one-half to be due on or before October 31, 2020, and one-half to be due on or before April 30, 2021; 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 22

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 23

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 7.00% per annum. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 24

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 25

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$619,973.00 established for Winter Harbor by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved, under the 2020 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 26

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 27

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 2020/2021 fiscal year. *(\$20,000 customary amount)*

Article 28

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 29

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 30

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.

Article 31

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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