

TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE

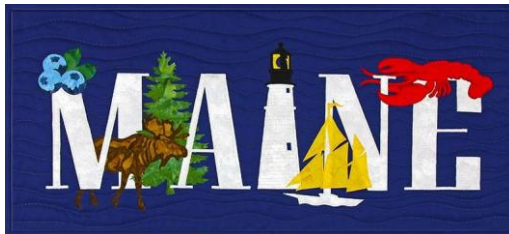


ANNUAL REPORT

For July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Containing:

- Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year
2022 – 2023
- Municipal Officers' Annual Reports
2023 – 2024
- Warrant for 2024 – 2025



TOWN REPORT COVER

The cover for this year's Town Report show pictures of some of the damage and devastation from the unusual storms that occurred in December 2023, January 2024, and March 2024. Overall, the Town survived with no extreme damage. Due to the flooding and heavy rainfall, Main Street, Beach Street and Summer Harbor Road were flooded and undermined by the ocean. Also, the shorelines at Henry Cove and the Sand Cove were hit hard and the erosion is an issue. The Town will be working with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for permitting and potential funding to stabilize and rebuild the shoreline. Quick response and the hard work by our Fire and Police Departments was noteworthy. They were on scene during the entire storms and assisted with the cleanup afterwards. The Town Dock also sustained some damage and repairs and mitigation will be planned and completed. In Winter Harbor, we are fortunate to enjoy the beautiful scenery that our location provides. However, occasionally "Mother Nature" reminds us of how vulnerable we can be.



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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Municipal Office Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm - Monday through Friday
Telephone: 963-2235
Fax: 963-2140

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

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

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

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

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

Fire Department - Second Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm

Services Available at the Town Office:

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

USEFUL AND IMPORTANT TOWN INFORMATION

Agendas and Minutes

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

Assessing & Property Tax Information

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



Boats, ATVs and Snowmobiles

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



Dog Licensing & Animal Control Information

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



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

Genealogical Research

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



General Assistance

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

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

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



Motor Vehicle Registration Information

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



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

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Heating Assistance Fund

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



Permits & Ordinances

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

Police, Fire and Ambulance Information

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



conditions are safe) through the online portal, Maine.gov/burnpermits.



Both Police and Fire Departments have mutual aid agreements with Gouldsboro Police and Fire Departments. Ambulance Service is provided by Schoodic EMS, which is a part of the Gouldsboro Fire Department. The Town of Winter Harbor holds a contract with Schoodic EMS and pays a per capita rate each year.

Non-Emergency Numbers:

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

Utility Services

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

On-line Services

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

Volunteers & Appointed Officials

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



Waste Disposal



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

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

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

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

IF&W LICENSES ISSUED

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

A total of 87 License Authorities were issued as follows:

Superpack – 2	Junior Hunting – 0
Combo – 24	Hunting – 18
Fishing – 20	Archery – 0
Expanded Archery – 0	Coyote Night Hunt - 0
Turkey – 2	Bear – 0
Lifetime (over 70) – 1	Waterfowl – 0
Non-Res, fishing – 0	Muzzle Loader - 0

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES REGISTERED

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Boats – 85	ATVs – 26
Snowmobiles – 10	



DOG LICENSES SOLD

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Neutered/Spayed – 102

Unaltered – 18

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Currently **512** registered voters

Democrats 138

Republicans 204

Green 21

No Label 1

Unenrolled 148

REPORT OF VOTES CAST

June 1, 2023 101

November 8, 2023 303

March 5, 2024 120

VITAL STATISTICS

May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Births – 2 Marriages – 23 Deaths – 12

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
May 5, 2023	Melissa Sue Pete	44
June 6, 2023	Katherine Webb Heidinger	80
July 15, 2023	Dale F Torrey Sr.	87
September 16, 2023	Alita Weaver Reed	82
October 2, 2023	Thomas Arnold Gerrish	65
November 18, 2023	Charles Daniel Arnett	75
January 30, 2024	Raymound Timmons	64
February 4, 2024	Jane Carolyn Avery	77
February 15, 2024	Darren Charles Whitney	57
February 19, 2024	Timothy J. Hunter	57
March 14, 2024	Janet Gerrish Buffett	91
March 22, 2024	Fred Arthur Young	80

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy J. Carruthers, Town Clerk

OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Terry D. Bickford, Chair	Term Expires 2025
Kittridge Rivers	Term Expires 2024
Gordon W. Harrington	Term Expires 2026

Budget Committee

(All terms are for one year)

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

Cemetery Association Trustees

(All terms are for one year)

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

Recreation Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Dolora Conley	Sandy Fortin
Sarah Joy	Megan Moshier
Earl Blackney	

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

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Harbor Committee

(All terms are for one year)

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

Library Trustees

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

Planning Board

Dave Ackley	Term Expires 2027
Billy Bickford	Term Expires 2027
Jeffrey Alley Jr.	Term Expires 2028
Dennis O'Brien, Chair	Term Expires 2024
Steve Ribble	Term Expires 2026

Planning Board Alternates

Herman Faulkingham	Term Expires 2027
Bob Schmidt	Term Expires 2026

Comprehensive Plan Committee

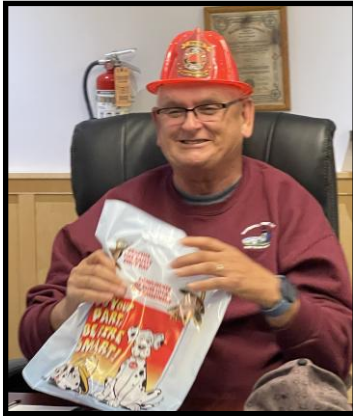
Jeffrey Alley, Jr.	Herman Faulkingham
Sandy Fortin	Sarah Joy
Denny O'Brien	Robertta Parritt
Steve Ribble	Bob Schmidt
Jonathan Stanley	Diana Young

Utilities District Trustees

Jeffrey Alley, Jr. Chair	Term Expired 2024
Kevin Conley	Term Expires 2026
William Van Horn	Term Expires 2025

Water District Trustees

David Ackley	Term Expires 2026
Billy Bickford	Term Expires 2024
Johanna Smith	Term Expires 2025



TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

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Fire Department

Roy Chandler – Chief	Gary Greenlaw – Asst. Chief
Matt Hudson – Captain	Wayne Campbell – Engineer
Matthew Correia - Lieutenant	

Dave Ackley	Daniel Backman, Sr.
Eric Bosley	Barbara Jean Bragdon
Cathy Carruthers-Treasurer	Cameron Chandler
Jeff Horn	Rachel Hudson
Willis Hutchins	Sara Liscomb-Secretary
Marc Miller	Brianna Mitchell
Pepper Mitchell	Ken Monroe
Tyler Riley	Shawn Schuurman
Landan Scott	Robert Webber
Mike Wood	Taya Worcester

Police Department

Danny Mitchell, Jr. – Chief
Philip Sargent – Sergeant

Animal Control Officer

Philip Sargent

E911 Addressing Officer

Chief Danny Mitchell, Jr.

Emergency Management Director/Local Health Officer

Roy Chandler

Fire Warden

Roy Chandler

Local Health Officer

Roy Chandler

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS
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Peninsula School Principal

Christopher Beals

Sumner Memorial High School Principal

Jackson (J.T.) Green

Regional School Unit (RSU) No. 24 Superintendent

Michael Eastman

Regional School Unit (RSU) 24 Director

Jeffrey Alley, Jr.

Term Expires 2024



TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

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APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Deputy
Registrar, General Assistance Administrator**

Motor Vehicle Agent

Cathy J. Carruthers

Registrar, Deputy Clerk

Sara Liscomb

Road Commissioner/ Facilities Maintenance Director

Roy Chandler

Local Plumbing Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Millard Billings

Harbor Master

Frederick Backman

Acadia National Park Commission Representative

Pearl Barto

Board of Appeals

Peter Drinkwater

Term Expires 2025

Sandra Guptill

Term Expires 2025

Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee

Winter Harbor Members

Robert Bostinto, Co-Chair

Sandy Fortin

Paul McGrath

Steve Ribble

Lobster Festival Committee

Christopher Byers

Peter Drinkwater

Laura DeLucia

Herman Faulkingham

Buddy Hatt

Jeanette Hatt

SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS' LETTER

SENATOR ANGUS KING'S LETTER

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

GOVERNOR JANET MILLS LETTER

STATE SENATOR MARIANNE MOORE'S LETTER

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

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

United States Senate

Susan M. Collins



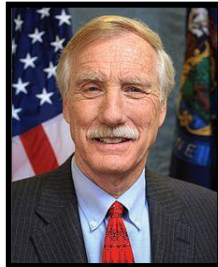
Maine Address

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Bangor, ME 04402
(207) 945-0417
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461 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
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Fax: (202) 224-2693

Angus King



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Washington, DC Address

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CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

United States House of Representatives

Jared Golden



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Governor

Janet T. Mills



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STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

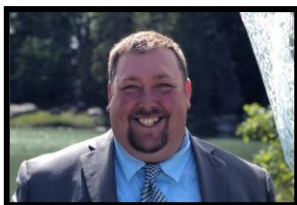
State Senate – District #6 **Senator Marianne Moore**



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Website: www.legislature.maine.gov/senate

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



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

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

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

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

NOTICE TO VETERANS

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

REPORTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Winter Harbor,

Once again, I get to write on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to the Citizens of Winter Harbor. It is always an honor.

I will start by saying it has been a year of harsh weather and other issues that the Town has faced. Our Town Manager, Police and Fire Chiefs took steps to keep us all safe from dangers that took place during and after the storms. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, thank you.

I am thankful for the years Mr. Rivers (Kit), for his service as a Selectmen for the Town. He has been a great asset for us all. I wish him well and the best of luck for all that he chooses to do. Thank you, Kit, you will be missed.

I ask voters to get to the polls and vote. Be a voice in what happens in Town, as well as being part of our Town Meeting. This meeting is for you, the Citizens of Winter Harbor.

A thank you to Cathy Carruthers for the work she does year after year. Cathy has devoted many years of service to Winter Harbor. Thank you to Sara for all the work she does as well. Great team work that gets the job done. Again, thank you both.

What can I say about our public works crew? Never enough words to say thank you in a powerful way. Police Chief Danny and Fire Chief Roy, glad you are here for the citizens. We cannot exclude the other officer and firemen who risk their lives for us as well. Good work and thank you.

I will end by saying the Town is saddened by the loss of loved ones that have joined the heavenly family. We will miss them.

Respectfully,

Terry D. Bickford, Chair



TOWN MANAGER

It is hard to believe another year has passed. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Town Manager for another year. Although the position of Town Manager is challenging, I find it very rewarding. A previous Selectmen used to say that our employees were our greatest asset. We have a great group of employees that I am grateful for every day. An important item I report every year is that Winter Harbor is fiscally sound, financially solvent and debt free, which is a very rare situation for any town during these disconcerting times.

There is an increase in our budget this year, mainly due to a large increase in the amount to be paid to RSU 24 for education. Also, the outrageous increases in the day-to-day products and services that are needed to keep the town functioning, as well as vehicle fuel, electricity, labor costs and equipment. I continue to closely monitor all spending and no funds are expended unless necessary.

On the Board of Selectmen, Terry Bickford served as the Chair. Gordon Harrington was elected and began his three-year term. Kitt Rivers is completing his sixth year and will be retiring from his position and he will be missed. It can often be a challenging position and not all decisions are favorable, but their dedication is appreciated. It has been a pleasure working with them and I thank all of them for their support.

The Police Department saw changes in their personnel. With the resignation of our second full time officer, we were able to increase Sgt Sargent to full time, as well as appointing him Animal Control Officer (ACO). The 2015 Ford Explorer served us well but finally had to be “retired.” We purchased a 2023 Ford, F-150 Police Responder, outfitted with the required ACO equipment for Sgt Sargent. Chief Mitchell currently operates the 2022 Ford, F-150 Police Responder. The Department operates smoothly and efficiently under the supervision of Chief Danny Mitchell. He works tirelessly in his position and strives to keep the Police Department running smoothly and continuously finds ways for updating and improving the Department.

The Fire Department under the direction of our new Chief, Roy Chandler, continues to be ready to serve, when and if needed. This year, the Fire Department has increased by adding six new members. It is great to see new energy and activity at our Fire Station. Chief Roy ensures that all training and equipment are kept current as mandated by the State. Roy

also services as Road Commissioner and Facilities Maintenance Director. With his experience and expertise, he is able to perform a lot of required duties himself, thereby saving money paid to independent contractors.

As always, I thank Sara Liscomb, our Deputy Clerk and Registrar. We are a very busy Town Office and at times is a challenge with just two employees, but she keeps the counter operating smoothly. Also, the required election duties continue to change and increase. Sara works on the state election computer system, which includes a complex absentee ballot process. Sara is committed to Winter Harbor also serving as a firefighter and Secretary for the Winter Harbor Fire Department. Thank you, Sara, for all you do to support me and keep things running smoothly.

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



This year will be the 60th year of the Annual Lobster Festival to be held on August 10, 2024. We will be working to make this a memorable year. If anybody would like to volunteer, please contact us at the Town Office.

I am working with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to document and request funds to assist with damages to the Town dock, shoreline, street lights and roads caused by the severe winter storms. Claims can be made in four main categories: Debris Removal, Emergency Protection, Roads and Culverts and Mitigation. Winter Harbor should qualify to receive funds in one or all of these categories.

Paving will be completed for Beach Street, Clubhouse Lane and Summer Harbor Road. Last year we only expended \$350,000 of the \$1,000,000 to be taken from our investment account that was approved at town meeting. The Fire Department put up all the American flags and will maintain them throughout the season. The streets have been swept and Kaz’s Fine Lines will be here to repaint the road and parking lot lines. Even with all the bumps in the roads, a tree limb that might block a sign for a bit, or a flag that needs attention, you cannot diminish the beauty of our small community and breathtaking scenery. The Board of Selectmen, myself and all employees of the Town work very hard to keep our municipality and community running smoothly, efficiently and safely.

Thank you to the members of the Fire Department and officers of the Police Department. These Departments play a large part in our peace of mind as our small Town grows in spring and summer. I continue to say that Winter Harbor is a destination, loved by many!

In closing, I want to thank the residents of Winter Harbor, whether you are year around or summer residents. Also, thank you to my family for their continued unconditional support. It makes it all just a little easier. My family roots go very deep in this Town and I am extremely proud to serve as your Town Manager and call Winter Harbor my home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy J. Carruthers
Town Manager



TAX COLLECTOR
FY 2023 Delinquent Taxes
As of June 30, 2023

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
Backman, Daniel W, Jr.	\$ 1,339.61
Blumenstiel, John	\$ 4.68
Buswell, Philip	\$ 468.62
Buswell, Theodore & Malinda M.	\$ 6,142.15
Carroll Family Irrevocable Trust	\$ 1,157.58
Chapel, Sunny Dr.	\$14,539.73
Christopher, Courtney Rogers	\$ 2,224.69
Christopher Courtney Rogers	\$ 6,505.56
Cowperthwaite, Benny J.	\$ 180.94
Earl, Polly	\$ 481.78
Gerrish, Debra	\$ 1,619.74
Greenwood, Sandra	\$ 462.59
Grindstone, Neck LLC	\$12,164.40
Hanks, Joan E	\$ 11.39
Harris, Bobbi-Ann	\$ 1,476.95
Jacobs, Tawney	\$ 72.66
Johnson, David & Charrisse Kaplan	\$ 7,641.99
Lins, Marjorie A. Trust	\$ 1,608.84
Louise P. McShane Rev. Trust	\$ 5,668.07
McBride, Patricia	\$ 36.35
Meyers, W & Christine Wright	\$ 1,030.05
Monroe, Kenneth	\$ 486.14
Mudge, Grant	\$ 427.28
Najar, Rodolfo	\$ 1,687.32
Najar, Rodolfo & Jillene	\$ 329.18
O'Hara, Michael	\$ 1,123.79
Promised Land, LLC	\$ 4,122.38
Roberts-Delamater, Deborah	\$ 1,046.40
Rubackin, Chester Trust	\$ 6,456.50
Smith, Hollis Dean Jr.	\$ 275.77
Stanley, Rebecca	\$ 222.36
Stanley, Rebecca	\$ 1,085.64
Torrey, Phillip	\$ 2,394.28

BOSTON POST CANE HONOREE



Weltha Sargent
Presented on November 25, 2019



ROAD COMMISSIONER

My name is Roy Chandler and I was hired as Fire Chief/Road Commissioner/Facilities Maintenance Director. When I arrived, paving had finished on Grindstone Avenue, Steamboat Lane and West Oval.

In April of 2024, we had T.G.P. Enterprises sweeping the Town roads. They are also scheduled to clean all of our catch basins to ensure proper drainage throughout the Town. We also plan to have some drainage pipes replaced on Beach Street and ditching prior to being paved, along with Clubhouse Lane.

The four storms which we had in December 2023, January and February 2024 caused a lot of shoreline damage due to the flooding, which J.E. Tracey will be contracted to repair and re-stabilize. Bosely Outdoor Services was hired to cut and pick up the large number of trees brought down during those storms, and to fill pot holes on Summer Harbor Road and Main Street. Bosely Outdoor Services and the Fire Department used a fire truck to flush out plugged drainage culverts during some heavy rain.

Richard Diehl was hired to take down some hazardous trees hanging over the road which would have taken down power lines or fallen on pedestrians or vehicles.

Billy Bickford had assisted the Town in multiple ways. He had swept the sidewalks on Main Street and scraped up a lot of the winter sand prior to the street sweeper. He also helped me with issues with the Gym boiler and the heating unit at the Town Office, which caused a small flood in one of our rooms.

The snow plow Bid went out for the three-year contract and was awarded to J.E. Tracey and Son again. They do a great job!

We are working with Jason Tracey and County Concrete to re-evaluate any reconstruction of Summer Harbor Road and then to schedule paving and get an update cost of the work to be performed.

Thanks for all your patience while any work is being done in Town. Any questions or concerns, contact Town Office or email me at rchandler@winterharborme.org.

Respectfully Submitted, *Roy Chandler*

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

This part of my job is to maintain the Town Office, Fire Department., Gym, Scout Cabin, Dock, Playground and Basketball Court. I ensure that fire extinguishers are up to date and serviced, fire suppression and security alarm systems, generators are maintained, inspected and serviced, ensuring all aspects of the Town buildings are in working order. If, the residents notice a problem with any of the facilities, please call me at the Town Office or email me at rchandler@winterharborme.org. If it is something out of my scope to fix, then I will ensure an insured contractor is hired.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roy Chandler



WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Overview

The Winter Harbor Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Our dedicated officers work tirelessly to maintain law and order, provide assistance, and foster positive relationships with residents.

Key Highlights

Community Engagement

- We actively engage with residents through community events and educational initiatives.
- Our officers participate in school programs when necessary, teaching children/educational staff about safety, respect, and emergency procedures.

Emergency Response

- Our team responds promptly to emergencies, accidents, and incidents within the town.
- We collaborate with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State Police to ensure effective backup and coordination.

Traffic Safety

- We enforce traffic regulations to enhance safety on our roads.
- Our officers conduct regular patrols and address speeding, reckless driving, and other violations.

Crime Prevention

- We work closely with residents to prevent crime through education and awareness.
- Our Department provides resources on home security, fraud prevention, and personal safety.

Collaboration

- We collaborate with other town departments, including the Fire Department, Harbor Master, and others, to enhance overall safety and well-being.

Challenges and Goals

- Addressing substance abuse issues within the community.
- Enhancing communication and transparency with residents.

- Strengthening partnerships with neighboring law enforcement agencies.

Contact Information

Police Chief: Danny Mitchell, Jr.

Email: dmitchell@winterharborpd.org

Phone: (207) 963-2235

Fax: (207) 963-2140

We remain committed to serving the Town of Winter Harbor with integrity, professionalism, and dedication. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danny Mitchell, Chief



WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Program in the Town of Winter Harbor ensures responsible pet ownership and community safety. As the Town of Winter Harbor's Animal Control Officer, my responsibilities include enforcing regulations related to animal welfare and safety. Over the past year the animal control complaints have nearly doubled from the previous year, with this year starting out with expectations of surpassing the number of complaints from 2023. The Town of Winter Harbor currently has approximately 113 resident dogs living in our community and as a dog owner myself I know all too well the importance of keeping a healthy relationship between our furry friends and the rest of the community.

Here are some key aspects of our program:

Dog Leash Requirement: All dogs within Winter Harbor must be kept on a leash or under their keeper's voice control. This measure ensures the safety of both the dogs and the community.

Stray Animal: Winter Harbor collaborates with the Small Animal Clinic in Ellsworth to board stray animals. This partnership helps manage and care for animals that are found without proper supervision.

Animal Waste Control Ordinance: Winter Harbor has an ordinance in place that requires pet owners to clean up after their animals. This applies to sidewalks, streets, beaches, public property, and private property (except the owner's property or with consent from the property owner.)

Dog Licensing Requirements: Dog licenses can be purchased starting October 15, 2024 for the year 2025. All dogs six months and older must be licensed annually, as mandated by Maine State Statute. To obtain a license, dog owners must provide proof of current rabies vaccination and spay/neuter certificate. The fees vary based on the dog's status:

Spay/Neutered - \$6.00, Non-Spayed/Neutered - \$11.00, Dangerous Dog - \$100.00, Nuisance Dog - \$30.00. Late fees apply if licensing occurs after January 31st. Late fee cost is \$25.00 for regular license, \$150.00 for dangerous dogs and \$70.00 for nuisance dogs.

Remember, responsible dog licensing contributes to a safer and healthier community for both humans and our furry companions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip Sargent, Animal Control Officer



WINTER HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nature of Call

Fire Alarms - 19

Citizen Assist - 4

Fire - 7

Flooded Basement - 1

Brush/Grass Fire - 1

Odor Investigations (gas/smoke) - 2

Trees in Power lines - 7

Structure Fires - 1

Medical Emergencies - 12

Missing Persons - 1

Motor Vehicle Accidents with Damage - 3

Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries - 3

Special Detail - 1

Road Hazards - 8

Unattended Death - 1

Total = 71

Call list provided by Hancock RCC- 911 data collection system

At the beginning of last year, Winter Harbor Fire Department used to respond to medical calls as first responders. It was determined that we are not licensed by the state of Maine to respond. Now all EMS calls are handled by Schoodic EMS and Winter Harbor Fire Department may be requested to assist in lifting and/or CPR.

Recruiting and retaining firefighters, in this day and age, is a very difficult task. If interested in volunteering for the Fire Department, please reach out to the Winter Harbor Town Office or email me at rchandler@winterharborme.org for more information. In the last several months we have taken on some new members, some seasonal, some support staff to help at functions and a couple new firefighters which recently relocated to our area. I would like to welcome them on board.

I would like to thank the residents and Board of Selectman of Winter Harbor for the continued support we receive. To all the officers and

members of the Department. Thank You for all you do to protect and serve our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roy Chandler, Chief



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

While starting my career here in Winter Harbor, we have endured four major wind/rain events since the end of 2023 and into 2024. During these storms, the Fire Department was staffed for a better and quicker response to any emergency that we were dispatched to. As Emergency Management Director, I keep in touch with the Hancock County Emergency Manager, Andy Sankey, for the severities of storms so we can plan accordingly. If shelters are needed, we will help set up a temporary shelter at the Gym or another safe location if needed. In the event of a storm and a prolonged power outage, and you need assistance, reach out to Winter Harbor Town Office or email me at rchandler@winterharborme.org.

www.ready.gov

www.nws.noaa.gov

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

www.redcross.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Roy Chandler, EMA Director





LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

My name is Roy Chandler and I was recently hired as the Town of Winter Harbor's Fire Chief in November of 2023. I was also advised by the Town Manager that I also fill the shoes of the Local Health Officer. I am still currently learning this position and as of now, fortunately I have nothing to report. I absolutely love this small town of ours and we will continue to provide the best service we can. Do not hesitate to reach out to me, I am available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm or by email, rchandler@winterharborme.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roy Chandler
Local Health Officer



SCHOODIC EMS

Fiscal year 2023 was a busy year for Schoodic EMS. During the year that ended June 30, 2023, our personnel responded to a total of 398 medical related calls. Of those calls:

- 229 were transported. Schoodic EMS has two ambulances which means that there was an average of 114.5 transports per vehicle, in line with the state median of 115.
- 179 required paramedic (advanced life support) level of care.
- 6 CPR Calls.
- 75 Patient assist calls. These take various form but some examples are lift assist, personal oxygen tanks not working correctly, mobility issues, etc.
- 88 ALS backup responses to other ambulance services.

EMS personnel responded to all calls to which Gouldsboro Fire responded.

Donations to the Department are a significant source of funds for much needed equipment. During the year, donations from the community enabled the Department to purchase a power load stretcher and lift for the second ambulance. Many thanks to all the residents of both Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor who contributed, it is much appreciated.

There have been some major changes this year in the terms of staffing. We now have full time Emergency Medical Technicians at the station in Prospect Harbor from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm every day. We have paid on-call members at night. What this means for the communities that we cover is you now have well trained ambulance crews and 24 hours a day service. I am grateful to all the members of Schoodic EMS that have been covering long shifts in all kinds of weather, participating in continuing education and training, helping with community events and providing support for the warming shelter.

I want to thank the entire community for all the support, guidance, and encouragement you have given me during my first year as EMS Chief. Hopefully this will continue for many more years, and I am looking forward to continue to serve both communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Monroe, EMS Chief

HARBOR MASTER REPORT

This past year was a busy one with over 80 phone calls about moorings and staying overnight. There were another 15 calls from people asking how to get their own mooring.

This past year was also a hard year. We had three storms, one in December and two back-to-back in January. Compared to our neighbors, we were very lucky, as the damage to our dock was significant but repairable. These three storms brought much beach erosion in a couple areas around Town. The flooding on Main Street brought lots of seaweed with it.

I want to thank everyone who continues to pick up and take care of their own trash around the Town Dock.

Safety is the main thing around the water, remember to always have enough life jackets for everyone and all children should have them on.

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.

23 Building Permits were issued between January 1 - December 31, 2023. The types of permits will not equal the number of permits issued because many permits are for more than one structure or use.

Description:

New Residence/Cottages	5
Duplex apartment building	1
Residential Additions	5
Garage/Shop	3
Shed/Storage	4
Decks/Porches/Patios	9
Driveway	1
Demo	2
Sauna	1
Solar Array	1
New Foundation	1
Amendment to existing permit	1

The Planning Board reviewed and approved two applications, which I then issued permits for, an RV Park and Cell Tower.

10 Plumbing Permits were issued between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023 as follows:

4 Subsurface Wastewater Permits, none of which were in the Shoreland Zone, and none that required a variance.

6 Internal Plumbing Permits, one for 1 fixture, one for 4 fixtures, one for 5 fixtures, one for 7 fixtures, one for 15 fixtures, and one for 16 fixtures.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Millard Billings, CEO & LPI

PLANNING BOARD

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

The Board developed an Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance to address a new state-wide regulation meant to expand year-round housing options.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denny O'Brien

Chairman



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Pickleball became all the rage in Winter Harbor in 2023. Organized by Earl Blackney, this trending sport attracted residents and visitors alike. The group meets at the gym on School Street 10:00 am-12:00 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays all year. On average 12-16 people show up. This summer will bring pickleball outside too, there are lines being painted on the outdoor basketball court making it a multi-use space.

We continue to support the Sunrise Baseball League making it so that our youth can participate in organized baseball. Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, we have not been able to coordinate youth soccer or basketball in recent years. If anyone wants to coach or organize the program, we would be so happy to support teams to participate in the YMCA league.

We are thrilled at the opportunity for our young people to be invited to participate in sailing camp at the Yacht Club in Winter Harbor. For the last several years peninsula children have been learning to sail which has been an exciting new opportunity.

We are proud to be a supporting community of the Downeast Family YMCA which allows our townspeople to pay reduced rates for services at the Y. Many residents swim at the Y, work with a trainer, or exercise on their own there. Many residents enroll their children in a variety of sports and vacation or summer camps. All this costs less for people who reside in supporting communities.

Local men join at the gym in Town for basketball in the evenings on Thursday and Sunday around 6:00 pm. Stevie Young has been the organizer of this for the last many, many years and a robust crowd always shows up.

Zumba classes are in the gym on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. For more information check with the Town Office.

There has been an interest in volleyball, we need to purchase equipment and have a point person to organize this. Sumner HS has a volleyball team but there is not a feeder program yet. Several years ago, women from the area joined in the evening to play volleyball and it was wildly popular. We hope to reinvigorate that.

Summer 2024 will bring benches and trash cans to the basketball court and playground. There is also a conversation around replacing the current playground, anyone who has information or expertise in this area would be

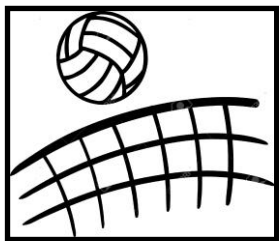
welcome to join the discussion. We aspire to have our little park in Winter Harbor to be a place that we can enjoy and be proud of.

This Committee is run by volunteers and we welcome your suggestions, ideas, and help. Remember, many hands make light work!

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Alley Moshier, Chair

Recreation Committee Members

Dolora Conley	Earl Blackney
Sandy Fortin	Sarah Joy
Megan Alley Moshier	



E911 ADDRESSING OFFICER

The E-911 Addressing is the program that ties physical address locations of homes and businesses into the Emergency Operations and Dispatch Centers throughout the State of Maine. This map database is maintained by the State of Maine, and the changes are propagated to Regional Communications Centers (RCC), statewide. When emergency calls for service are made to those 911 centers, these dispatch centers then direct first responders, (Police/Fire/Medical) to the addressed location. When an emergency is called in, everyone has the same information. This is why the program is so very important.

The 2023 year brought with it five new address locations for Bluff Road, Sargent Street, Ledge Lane, and Autumn Gail Lane.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Mitchell, Jr.

Police Chief/Addressing Officer



BROADBAND COMMITTEE

The Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee continued to work on outreach and planning on implementing a Peninsula-wide broadband improvement project 2023. Our focus early was outreach to community members in both Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. In the fall, we distributed our Request for Proposals (RFP) to area Internet Service Providers and received two responses.

In 2024, the Committee will be working to refine the requirements of our project and communicating the findings and possibilities to our communities and Boards of Selectmen. We hope to be able to apply for grant funding at the end of this year to begin implementation of a proposal and plan on having one more community outreach event this spring to present an updated plan and potential roadmap for this project.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Gott, Co-Chair

WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

We were able to host author talks this past summer for the first time since before the pandemic. From Nick Fisichelli of Schoodic Institute to local Winter Harbor authors William Cannon and Gordon Thomas Ward, to former Gouldsboro resident and renowned Maine author Susan Hand Shetterly, we provided the community and visitors with some interesting perspectives on the natural and spiritual realms. Our used book sale on Lobster Festival brought in over 600 people.

Our Library had 4,223 visitors in 2023, 90 new patron sign-ups, a total circulation of 3,045 library materials and 626 downloaded books (almost three times as many as last year). The fastest growing segment are the free downloadable audiobooks. Total volunteer hours were at least 1,140. Total return-on-investment for each tax payer dollar is \$5.90 as calculated on Maine State Library's ROI calculator.

With grants from Efficiency Maine and A Climate to Thrive, the Library received over \$6,000 to completely cover the costs of installing an EV charging station with capacity for two vehicles. This makes our Town more accessible for visitors driving electric cars.

Our two book clubs continue to meet monthly. We offer Friday morning children's story hour whenever children come in, and award free books during the summer reading challenge as well as during our annual Open House on Shopping Night. We offer 24/7 free WiFi service outside the Library, with a public computer and a comfortable reading room during Library hours. We will continue to improve our outdoor space for people to linger, use the internet, recharge their equipment/vehicle/bike, and enjoy the pollinator garden. The Winter Harbor Historical Society includes Channing Chapel on its summer historical walking tours. We also offer a drop-off location for the Schoodic Food Pantry.

We welcome our community's input and will strive to fill its requests, because we are here to serve our residents.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Mapleton, Director



WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER
2024-2025 Budget

Books	\$6,000
Book Supplies	\$420
DVD/Audio	\$788
Computer/Technology/Subscriptions	\$1,200
Computer Services/Repair	\$350
Program Fund	\$1,500
Supplies	\$350
Utilities (electricity, fuel oil, phone/ internet, water, sewer)	\$8,800
Cleaning/sanitation	\$2,000
Annual Appeal/Newsletter	\$4,000
Volunteer Appreciation	\$800
Education/Training	\$200
Miscellaneous	\$600
Salaries	<u>\$22,020</u>
Total	<u>\$49,028</u>

With the indispensable support from Winter Harbor, our Library thrives. The Town contributes a vital portion of the funds from generous donations, our annual book sale, and diligent grant seeking efforts by our Director, Board members, and volunteers. Notably, one volunteer's grant application led to the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in our parking lot, accessible to the public. Over 30 dedicated volunteers play a pivotal role in ensuring the Library's year round service to the community.

While the Library assumes financial responsibility for utilities and operational needs. The preservation of our historic building, the Channing Chapel, is gracefully maintained by the Channing Chapel Preservation Committee. This collaboration between the Library, the Committee, and the Town not only preserves a Winter Harbor landmark but also attracts visitors who appreciate its beauty.

Despite rising costs, we are seeking the same level of funding as in 2023 - \$20,000 – thanks to the continued support of our donors, prudent spending practices, and the success of our book sale.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Smallidge, Treasurer



WINTER HARBOR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

I would like to thank the members of the Winter Harbor Cemetery Association for all that has been accomplished this year. At both cemeteries, old rusted fencing was removed, painting the standing fencing, cleaning up old debris and trimming overgrowth.

Joeseeph DePasquale created signage for both Brookside and Greenwood Cemeteries, making a great statement upon entrance.

Along with our tax supported funding, our mailing request for donations enabled the Association to hire Fred Weininger Monument Restoration Company. They have worked at both Brookside and Greenwood Cemeteries. They will continue to work at Brookside, since it is the oldest and needs the most care.

This year we sold nine lots in Greenwood Cemetery. To purchase lots, please contact Rose Arnett or Gordon Harrington for assistance. We continue to look for land to develop into new lots as our cemeteries are getting full. Both cemeteries need more work creating cemetery lots.

We appreciate Guptill Mowing Services and her crew. They keep our cemeteries looking good.

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

President – Gordon Harrington

Andrew Abbott, Vice-President and Sextant

Rose Arnett, Secretary

Diana Young, Treasurer

Cemetery Association Trustees

Andy Abbott

Rose Arnett

Christopher Byers

Gordon Harrington

VACANT

Louise Shaw

Betty Williams

Charles Arnett

Billy Bickford

Herman Faulkingham

David Joy

Roseanne Shafer

VACANT

Diana Young

Steve Young

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon Harrington, President



WINTER HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Winter Harbor Historical Society continued its mission to bring together people interested in the history of Winter Harbor through programs with Joanne Brown leading a discussion of the history of our museum, Phillipa Libby sharing the Pendleton genealogy and Chris Byers describing his roots in the Winter Harbor fishing industry and the challenges for the future. Walking tours were offered in July and the Museum was open weekly throughout the summer and fall.

Through our partnership with the College of the Atlantic the transcriptions of the Dr. Nathaniel Pendleton diaries were scanned and added to our website. Two professors are currently using scans of the Freeland Bunker diaries as original source documents for student research.

The Winter Harbor Historical Society Museum was identified as one of Maine's seven most endangered buildings in 2023 by Maine Preservation. The urgency of the repair needs for our Museum continues to consume us, as we actively seek funding from multiple sources. Our local fundraising letter generated nearly \$60,000 in the last two years and we are sincerely grateful to our community for their support. Grants were received from the Schoodic Community Fund and Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. These grants will allow us to engage an architect to help us prioritize work to be done with the funds available. Applications have been submitted to the Davis Family Foundation, Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation and to the office of Senator Susan Collins for direct Congressional funding.

Please join us in appreciation of the multiple home and business owners who are actively preserving our unique and historic downtown. Contact us at winterharborhistory@gmail.com with your ideas and suggestions.



Charles Arnett
Joanne Brown
Polly Earl
William Putnam

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

Board Members

Rose Arnett
Sandra Daley
Deborah Joy Martin
Larry Smith

PENINSULA SCHOOL

Great things are happening at Peninsula School because of our dedicated teachers and staff, hard-working students, committed families and supportive community.

Here at Peninsula School, we are all about building strong connections within our school community. We know from experience that when students feel connected, they are more likely to thrive both academically and socially. That is why we are committed to devoting time and energy to build stronger connections within our school. We use strategies such as hosting monthly school-wide morning meetings filled with fun team-building activities and celebrations and daily time for classroom meetings. These gatherings bring students, teachers, and staff together, creating a positive and supportive atmosphere where everyone can grow and learn.

Communication is key for us. We believe in keeping everyone in the loop, whether it is within our school walls or out in the wider community. We also believe in taking a proactive and positive approach to student behavior, fostering a culture of respect and responsibility that benefits us all.

Our teachers and staff work as a team—they work hard to provide engaging learning opportunities across all areas of our school. They use effective curricula and assessments to ensure every student gets the education they deserve, setting them up for success in the future.

We are incredibly thankful for the support we receive from our larger school community. It allows us to tackle issues like food insecurity and ensure that our students' basic needs are met. We are incredibly lucky to have the support of the 21st Century After-School Program, which gives our students even more chances to learn and grow beyond the regular school day.

As we work together, I am excited about the opportunities for continued growth as a school community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Beals, Interim Principal

PENINSULA SCHOOL STAFF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Marion Freehill	Pre-K
Roxanne Renwick	Kindergarten
Katie Parker	1 st Grade
Gabriella Grant	2 nd Grade
Susan Tenan	3 rd Grade
Donna Dalangauskas	4 th Grade
Kristen Mowry	5 th Grade
Nora Halloway	Art
Sherry Blais	Physical Education
Pamela Campbell	Music Teacher
Jill Jeude	School Counselor
Corrine Wilson	ELL
Valerie Sprague	Interventionist
Nick Ulecka	Librarian
Sarah Hurlbert	OT
Jordan Smith	Nurse
Jessica Oakes	Social Worker
Geromy Oaks	Social Worker
Christine Simmons	Admin. Assistant
Tia Palmer	Special Education
Ashley Carter	Special Education
Rosalie Mitchell	Ed Tech
Margaret Grammer	Ed Tech
Robyn Walton	Ed Tech
Jessica Richards	Ed Tech
Marina Magee	Ed Tech
Nicole Bickford	Ed Tech
Kaitlin Richards	Ed Tech
Andrew Segal	Ed Tech
John Kucera	Gifted & Talented
Donna Haycock	Food Service
Faye Torrey	Food Service
Bonnie Naumann	Maintenance
Joe Naumann	Maintenance

PENINSULA SCHOOL STAFF (Cont.)

Name

Position

Danny Mitchell, Jr.
Abby Merrit-Rousseau
Pieter Porsius

Bus Driver
Bus Driver
Bus Driver



CHARLES M. SUMNER LEARNING CAMPUS

The 2023-2024 school year has begun with immense positivity, marking the inauguration of our first full year in the newly constructed building. The freedom from last year's restrictions has been a true blessing, allowing us to come together without hindrances. The Sumner team remains dedicated, providing an outstanding experience for our Tigers as we navigate the use of our new campus.

Highlights of the school year so far include academic achievements, with both Sumner Middle and Sumner Memorial High School students performing above state averages in math and reading assessments for the second consecutive year. Noteworthy is the outstanding performance of our students across various grades, demonstrating growth and proficiency. Additionally, our athletics teams have excelled, securing championships in cross country and cheerleading. The revival of music and band programs, impactful projects in Industrial Arts and GT programs, and numerous individual recognitions showcase the diverse accomplishments of our Tiger community.

Notable mentions include Mrs. Hunt's nomination for the John and Claudette Brassil Distinguished Educator Award, senior Jessika Bridges receiving the MPA Principal's Award, and Delcinea Lacey participating in the All-State competition. The engagement of students like Josh Cramer and Nova Dennison in state student council, the nomination of five teachers for Hancock County Teacher of the Year, and the success of the Lights On Alumni basketball tournament further exemplify the individual and collective pride within our Tiger community. The school's commitment to innovation is evident in its recognition as the 4th MakerSpace in Maine, the establishment of a Unified Robotics Team, and participation in the First Robotics LEGO state championship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackson JT Green, Principal



REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 24

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SCHOODIC INSTITUTE

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thank you to Cathy Carruthers and our Board of Selectmen for appointing me to the National Park Advisory Group. The appointment required that I submit a resume and other background information to the Secretary of the Interior in Washington, DC. Approval of my appointment was received on March 6, 2024. Prior to my appointment, I observed the September 2023 meeting at Schoodic Institute and the agenda included discussion about the difficulty filling federal jobs, park visitation, funding received from the Inflation Reduction Act and park maintenance projects. Several Mount Desert Island citizens attended to advocate for repair of structures and roads within the National Park.

The Commission meets quarterly and I invite comments and concerns from the Winter Harbor community that could be incorporated into the planning for the administration of Acadia National Park within our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pearl F. Barto



SCHOODIC PENINSULA INFO

SCHOODIC TRAIL SYSTEM MAP

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

In 85 years, the Acadian Community Woman's Club has built a vibrant organization made up of more than forty women from Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro. One of our greatest efforts is to manage a Community Aid fund, helping residents who need financial support. In 2023 we spent more than \$13,000. on a variety of expenses including support for families who are battling illness or struggling with food insecurity. We have paid for heat, electricity, rent, childcare, auto repairs, cell phones, travel expenses, internet bills, Christmas gifts, and more. In recent years we have paid for basketball sneakers, backpacks, and eyeglasses. Over the last couple of years we have also donated snacks to the guidance office at Sumner Middle School/High School. We open our eyes and ears, widely so that we can remain connected and help where there is a need to include supporting the Schoodic Food Pantry with cash donations and food and supplies drives throughout the year.

In 2023, we awarded six \$1,000.00 scholarships to residents who are pursuing post-secondary education as well as summer camp scholarships to several local youngsters. Anyone from Winter Harbor or Gouldsboro attending a college, community college, or trade school is eligible to apply for the ACWC scholarship; we encourage people of all ages to apply. Applications can be found in the guidance office at Sumner High School, the deadline is May 1st. Applications for summer camp support can be found on our Facebook Page or at the office of the Peninsula School.

2024 scheduled fundraisers include THREE bake sales held in the parking lot at the Winter Harbor Provisions, we sell whole cakes and pies and sometimes some other surprises such as yeast rolls, pot pies, pickles and spaghetti sauce! 2024 sales will be on Saturdays, July 6th, August 3rd, and September 7th beginning until the pies are gone, usually before 10!! We will also resume our bottle collection and encourage folks to donate their returnable cans and bottles so we can redeem them and use the money to fund our scholarship fund. Of course, anyone can donate to the Woman's Club at any time by mailing a check, payable to ACWC to the attention of our Treasurer, Holly Kritter, PO Box 95, Prospect Harbor, Maine 04669. We are tremendously appreciative of all the donations that help us help our neighbors.

In addition to our robust community giving, the Acadian Community Woman's Club purchased and maintains the flower planters by the post

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Moshier, Sarah Alley Christensen

Co-Presidents



SCHOODIC ARTS FOR ALL

Our children's programming continues to be one of our largest and most successful programs. After-School Art Club meets each week September through May in four area schools and homeschool groups, bringing together students and local artists to create projects in everything from woodworking to pottery wheel. Our Summer Camps in both Theater and Visual Arts were fully enrolled. Each camp provided a week of summer arts fun, culminating in a play for the Theater Camp and an art show and reception for the Visual Arts Camp. Registrations are already coming in for the 2024 camps!

Kicking off the 2023 Schoodic Arts Festival with a free opening celebration, we held three weeks of events: 15 performances and 46 workshops before the grand finale of the Children's Art Tent, open for all on Lobster Festival Day. All performances were free (with donations accepted) and attendance was more than 1,200.

The Endangered Lobstermen was shown at Hammond Hall in September and October. The exhibit featured photographs by Cheryl Clegg of local families who work in the lobstering industry with the goal of shining a light on the impact federal regulations have had on the industry, as well as to highlight the human side of the issue.

Folks from all around the area, as well as people visiting from other parts of the country, turned out for the opening reception to hear the stories of those families who were featured. What began as a photo exhibit became so much more! Middle school students had a field trip to visit the exhibit and heard local fisherman and State Legislator Billy Bob Faulkingham speak about his experiences. The Alternative Pathways Class from the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus also visited and met with photographer Cheryl Clegg. The students then designed their own photojournalism project, which we delighted in displaying at Hammond Hall in their own two-month exhibit.

Our Meetinghouse Theatre Lab returned last fall with a full production of *The Gin Game*, and performs monthly dramatic readings. In May, they will present a full production *Saint Dad*, a play by Monica Wood, over two weekends.

SAFA's Board of Directors' WOW! Award is given to a local artist whose work makes them say "wow!" This year, the recipient was Warren Harden, a college student, and Winter Harbor resident. He works primarily

in oils and his work reflects his love for the Schoodic Peninsula. Warren's work will be shown at an exhibit at Hammond Hall in September and October of 2024.

We are excited to announce our Arts for All Flexible Tuition. We believe that art should be available to all in our community, without barriers. In response to feedback about the affordability of our workshops, we have created a flexible tuition model. The goal is to allow everyone, regardless of income, to take workshops of their choice, paying a tuition affordable to them. Workshops will have a range of tuition options so that you may choose the one that best fits your budget. This year, we thank the Roxanne Quimby Foundation for supporting this initiative, along with those who will pay it forward.

Over the next months, we will be embarking on a multi-year project to repair portions of our beloved Hammond Hall. An evaluation has identified moisture damage and other issues and we are working on a plan to address them. We know how important Hammond Hall is to the community and we will be updating information on the process as it moves forward.

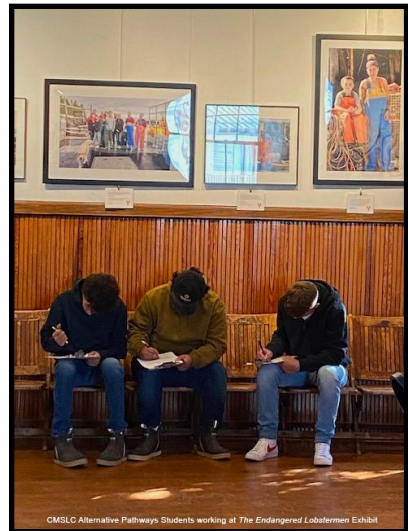
With sincere gratitude,

Anna Woolf, Artistic Director

Lisa Salisbury, Managing Director

Schoodic Arts for All

www.schoodicartsforall.org



SCHOODIC NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY REPORT

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway had a very busy year. We won two awards in early Spring! First, the Governor's Award for Tourism Excellence-2023 feature category - innovation and creativity. Second, the National Scenic Byway Foundation-2023 - The Best Visitor Experience Award. Both based on Kids Quest sites and its newly created booklet.

The Byway received much publicity from local newspapers and the AAA magazine, all stemming from our awards. We celebrated Kids Quest month in August. Displayed colorful signs explaining Kids Quest site locations throughout local municipalities and businesses. Available were fun games, prizes, booklets and Schoodic Outdoor maps. All free to the public.

We presented an overview of the Schoodic National Scenic Byway/Kids Quest sites to local leaders and organizations at the DART (DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism) Governance Committee meeting in May. The Byway Committee members and MaineDOT (Maine Department of Transportation) were available to the public for questions and discussion.

The Byway was instrumental in acquiring the Long Cove (Larry Sinclair) property as an asset to the Schoodic National Scenic Byway. This site was recognized 20 years ago as a valuable site. We were able to work with FBC (Frenchman Bay Conservancy) and MCHT(Maine Coast Heritage Trust) to provide funds for purchase and clean up. This site was voted by the town's people of Sullivan to accept this property as a part of Sullivan. We will be working on this site for improvements this coming year.

The Byway and HCPC (Hancock County Planning Commission) completed an updated rough draft of the Schoodic National Scenic Byway Corridor management plan (CMP). A final draft will be presented to local towns in the year of 2024-25.

This late Summer, the Byway committee members spent the day cleaning up the overgrown vegetation at the Taunton Bay Scenic turnout. We opened views and cleared pathways for better visibility. Big improvement!

The Byway applied for the Maine Tourism-Community Grant to enhance and improve our digital media presence. Our goal is to encourage more travelers to the Schoodic National Scenic Byway as a Maine

Tourism destination. We were awarded the full amount of five \$5,000 and volunteer committee members will help provide photos and content. We will start making changes to our web site this spring.

We continue to enhance the Byway presence in 2024 by improving signage, existing public spaces, safe parking and maintaining open views of water.

The Byway has several projects in planning in all three towns, some waiting for FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) grants to be announced as well as other local grants to be written.

We thank the select and planning boards, state, federal, historic societies, chambers of commerce, Maine Office of Tourism, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Frenchman Bay Conservancy, Friends of Taunton Bay, Hancock County Planning Commission, DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism, Sunrise County Economic Council, Maine Department of Transportation, and Acadia National Park for technical and financial support.

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway is a collaboration of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Acadia National Park to protect and promote this scenic corridor.

Sincerely,
Barbara Shanahan
Chairperson



SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND

The generous residents and businesses of the Schoodic Peninsula donated to the Schoodic Community Fund (SCF) at the highest level in our history last year with a total contribution of over \$100,000! With a strong year of investment growth, this will allow SCF to make substantial grant awards to meet the needs of the organization that make this area thrive.

While we were not able to fully fund every request in 2023, we did make grant awards totaling \$36,250 to the following groups: \$4,000 to Schoodic Food Pantry to purchase food supplies; \$4,000 to Town of Gouldsboro to help fund a study of local workforce housing needs; \$4,000 to the Winter Harbor Historical Society to plan a restoration of their museum building; \$2,000 to Schoodic Institute to purchase Automatic Emergency Defibrillator units; \$1,000 to Refuge Maine to assist residents with home repair; \$12,000 to fund the Peninsula School Food Bag Program; \$4,000 to Schoodic Arts for All to support free festival concerts; and \$4,000 to Dorcas Library for the installation of heat pumps. Additionally, Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro received grants to contribute to both towns' heating and power funds.

The ACF Advisory Committee welcomes two new members this winter, Sara Faull and Eric Herlan. Additionally, Roger Bowen is stepping down from his interim leadership role and passing the position of Committee Chair to Tim Fisher. Roberta Parritt will continue to serve as Treasurer and filling our Board are Susan Bruce, Dolora Conley, Mary Dyer, Roxanne Renwick, Mark Berry, Susan Towle, Paul Tracy, Sarah Joy, Marian Ide and Lenny Young.

The mission of the 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. SCF's endowment is managed by the Maine Community Foundation. Learn more about SCF at: schoodiccommunityfund.org or contact Tim Fisher at timliza@gmail.com.

The SCF Advisory Committee would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations for donating to the fund in 2023.

Submitted by

Tim Fisher

Committee Chair



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FINANCIAL POLICIES

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TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Winter Harbor Annual Town Meeting was called to order on June 13, 2023 at 8:00 am by Cathy Carruthers, Town Manager/Clerk, at the Municipal Building, School Street, Winter Harbor, ME 04693.

Article 1

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting. ***Peter Drinkwater was nominated to serve as Moderator and the election clerks cast three affirmative votes. 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 21, 2023.***

Article 2

To elect the following town officials by secret ballot: one member to the Board of Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor to serve until the 2026 annual town meeting; one Members and one Alternate to the Planning Board to serve until the 2028 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2026 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2026 annual town meeting. ***Mr. Drinkwater reconvened the meeting on June 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm Hammond Hall, 427 Main Street, Winter Harbor, ME 04693. 44 registered voters were in attendance.***

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

***Selectman (3-year term) – Gordon W. Harrington
Planning Board Member (5-year term) – Jeffrey Alley, Jr.
Utilities District Trustee (3-year term) – Kevin Conley
Water District Trustee (3-year term) – David Ackley***

Results of the RSU #24:

Article 1: Yes –74; No - 21

ARTICLES PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

Article 3

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

Article 4

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

Article 5

To choose three Trustees for five-year terms to serve as members of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees. *Michael Campbell, Mary Kachoris and Wendilee O'Brien 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, Herman Faulkingham (Commerical), Andrew Abbott, Alan Johnson (Recreational), Barbara Jean Bragdon and Richard Wilson (At-Large) were nominated, seconded and elected.*

Article 7

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

Article 8

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

Chris Byers, Laura DeLucia, Herman Faulkingham, Buddy Hatt and Jeanette Hatt were nominated, seconded and elected.

Article 9

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

Article 10

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

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

Notice

The Town’s share of the Regional School Unit Budget has been set: **\$983,042 (FY 22-23 - \$907,814.00)**

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Expenditures

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$244,412.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*) ***Accepted as read.***

<u>General Government</u>		<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>
Total:	Administration	\$216,272.00	\$244,412.00

Article 12

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

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

Article 13

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

Accepted as read.

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

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$401,611.00 for Public Safety. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

Accepted as read.

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>
Fire Department	\$123,051.00	\$142,387.00
Police Department	<u>144,797.00</u>	<u>162,414.00</u>
Total: Public Safety	\$287,848.00	\$401,611.00

Note: An error was made in Police Department amount, should have been \$183,277. Funds will be used from Surplus to make up the difference.

Article 15

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

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

Article 16

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

Motion made and seconded to reduce Third Party Requests to same as last year (\$12,068) Motion did not pass. Article accepted as originally read.

Miscellaneous

Library	\$20,000.00
General Assistance	1,000.00
Cemeteries	6,500.00

Third Party Requests:

American Red Cross	350.00
Community Health & Counseling Services	200.00
Downeast Community Partners	2,374.00
Downeast Horizons	1,000.00
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	600.00
Eastern Area on Aging	1,012.00
Eleanor Widener Dixon Memorial Clinic	800.00
Families First Community Center	1,000.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	800.00
LifeFlight Foundation	461.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	220.00
Schoodic Arts for All	750.00
Schoodic National Scenic Byway	1,500.00
Schoodic Food Pantry	2,000.00
Sunrise Little League	500.00
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	500.00
Yesterday's Children, Inc.	300.00

Total-Third Party Requests	\$ 14,367.00
Hydrants	61,500.00
County Tax	103,499.00
Solid Waste	81,000.00
Roads	257,500.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL: Miscellaneous	\$ 550,366.00

FY 22-23 = \$471,739.00

Notification to Taxpayers:

The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of \$103,499.00 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share

of the Hancock County taxes. (FY 22-23 = \$98,071.00) **Note: County Tax is increased by \$5,428.00**

Article 17

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

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

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2023/2024 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. (The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.) **Accepted as read.**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
Auto Excise Taxes	\$118,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	4,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk's Fees	3,500.00
Permit Fees	1,500.00
Sale, Trash Bags	19,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	4,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	28,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>2,925.00</u>
Total	\$181,425.00

Article 19

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

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

Article 20

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

SPECIAL FUND FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 21

To see if the Town will appropriate all Local Roads Assistance Program funds (estimated \$12,268) to the Town Roads account for capital improvement. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.) Accepted as read.*

Article 22

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

GENERAL FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 23

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

Article 24

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

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to have the 2023/2024 fiscal year taxes due in two increments: one-half to be due on or before October 31, 2023, and one-half to be due on or before April 30, 2024; and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 8% on any taxes paid after the due dates. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* **Motion made and seconded to reduce annual rate to 6%. Motion passed. Article accepted as modified.**

Article 26

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

Article 27

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

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosure when it is in the best interest of the Town. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* **Accepted as read**

Article 29

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

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Article 30

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

Article 31

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

Article 32

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

Article 33

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

Article 34

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

Article 35

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cathy J. Carruthers
Town Manager/Clerk*

**TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE
2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT**

Hancock, S.S.
State of Maine

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

You are hereby required to notify and warn the residents of the Town of Winter Harbor, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Winter Harbor Municipal Building, 20 School Street in said Town, on Tuesday, the eleventh of June 2024, at 8:00 am, then and there to act on Articles 1 and 2, (Polling hours: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm);

And to notify said residents to reconvene at Hammond Hall, 427 Main Street in said Town at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of June 2024 to act on Articles 3-34, 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 2027 annual town meeting; one Member to the Planning Board to serve until the 2029 annual town meeting; one Regional School Unit (RSU) 24 Director to serve until the 2027 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2027 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2027 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 a five-year term and one Trustee to complete a term expiring 2026, to serve as members of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees.

Article 6

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

Article 7

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

Article 8

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

Article 9

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

Article 10

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

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

Notice

The Town's share of the Regional School Unit Budget has been set: **\$1,070,305** (FY 23-24 - \$983,042.00)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Expenditures

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$270,003.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

General Government

Total: Administration

FY 23-24
\$244,412.00FY 24-25
\$270,003.00Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,514.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

Board of Assessors/Planning Board

Assessing

FY 23-24
\$ 9,700.00FY 24-25
\$10,200.00

HCPC

650.00

800.00

CEO

3,405.003,514.00

Total: Board of Assessors/PB

\$ 13.755.00

\$ 14,514.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,510.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

Town Building Operations

Gym

FY 23-24
\$ 19,350.00FY 24-25
\$ 20,050.00

Municipal Public Safety Bldg

27,920.00

28,535.00

Wharf

22,600.00

32,650.00

Scout Cabin

3,275.00

3,275.00

Misc Buildings Expenses

10,000.0045,000.00

Total: Town Bldg Ops

\$83,145.00

\$129,510.00

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$406,459.00 for Public Safety. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

Public Safety

Fire Department

FY 23-24
\$142,387.00FY 24-25
\$179,822.00

Police Department

162,414.00226,637.00

Total: Public Safety

\$304,801.00

\$406,459.00

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,810.00 for Ambulance Service. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* FY 2023-2024 - \$96,810.00

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$588,296.00 for the following miscellaneous expenses or appropriations. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Miscellaneous

Library	\$20,000.00
General Assistance	1,000.00
Cemeteries	7,000.00
Third Party Requests:	
American Red Cross	350.00
Downeast Community Partners	2,403.00
Downeast Horizons	1,500.00
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	600.00
Eastern Area on Aging	1,000.00
Eleanor Widener Dixon Memorial Clinic	800.00
Families First Community Center	1,200.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	800.00
LifeFlight Foundation	461.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	250.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	220.00
Schoodic Arts for All	750.00
Schoodic National Scenic Byway	1,500.00
Schoodic Food Pantry	3,000.00
SPCA-Hancock County	300.00
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	750.00
<u>Yesterday's Children, Inc.</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total-Third Party Requests	16,084.00
Hydrants	61,500.00
County Tax	120,712.00
Solid Waste	93,000.00
Roads	264,000.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL: Miscellaneous	\$ 588,296.00
FY 23-24 =	\$550,366.00

Notification to Taxpayers:

The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of \$120,712.00 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor’s share of the Hancock County taxes. (FY 23-24 = \$103,499.00) **Note: County Tax is increased by \$17,213.00**

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$167,466.00 for the following Special Projects. (The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)

<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Comprehensive Plan	\$14,000.00	\$19,000.00
Homestead Exemption	5,000.00	5,000.00
Property Revaluation	3,000.00	3,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	3,500.00	3,500.00
Sewer Note	75,145.00	82,616.00
Recreation Committee	3,750.00	4,250.00
Investment Fund Repayment	50,000.00	50,000.00
Records Conservation	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total: Special Projects	\$154,495.00	\$167,466.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2024/2025 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. (The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
Auto Excise Taxes	\$120,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	3,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk’s Fees	3,500.00
Permit Fees	2,000.00
Sale, Trash Bags	20,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	10,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	28,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>2,925.00</u>
Total	\$189,925.00

Article 19

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

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	23,000.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	46,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	11,000.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	<u>650.00</u>
Total: Estimated Revenues	\$81,150.00
FY 24-25 - \$74,150.00	

Article 20

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

SPECIAL FUND FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 21

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

GENERAL FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to have the 2024/2025 fiscal year taxes due in two increments: one-half to be due on or before October 31, 2024, and one-half to be due on or before April 30, 2025; and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 8.5% on any taxes paid after the due dates. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

Article 23

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

Article 24

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

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosure when it is in the best interest of the Town. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.*)

Article 26

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

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Article 27

To see if the Town will adopt the ordinance entitled, “Accessory Dwelling Unit Code”, dated April 10, 2024.

Article 28

To see if the Town will adopt the ordinance entitled, “Industrial-Scale Coastal Waters Aquaculture Ordinance”, dated May 8, 2024.

Article 29

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 30

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 2024/2025 fiscal year. (*\$20,000 customary amount*)

Article 31

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 32

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 33

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

Article 34

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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