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TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE



ANNUAL REPORT

For July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Containing:

- Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year
2013 – 2014
- Municipal Officers' Annual Reports
2014 – 2015
- Warrant for 2015 – 2016

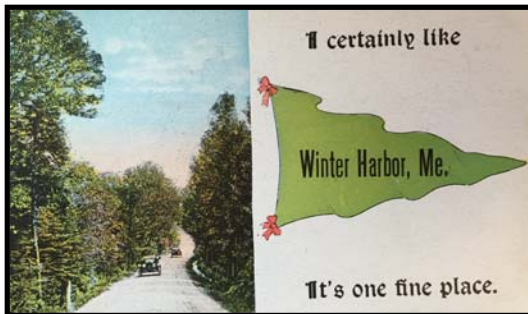


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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Municipal Office Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm - Monday through Friday
Telephone: 963-2235
Fax: 963-2140

The Town Office is closed on the following days:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Columbus Day
President's Day	Veteran's Day
Patriot's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Day

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

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

Planning Board - First Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm

Fire Department - Second Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Services Available at the Town Office:

- Building Permit Applications
- Concealed Weapon Permits
- Copy Services
- Dog Licenses
- Genealogical Research – vital statistics from 1895
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Marriage Licenses
- Notary Services
- Real Estate/Personal Property Tax Payments
- Registrations: Vehicles/Boats/ATVs/Snowmobiles
- Sign Permits (on & off-premise)
- 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. 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 hires 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 the first week of September. They are due in two installments, October 31st and April 30th. If you do not receive a tax bill, and believe you should have one, please contact the Town Office. Information about property is contained on assessment cards at the Town Office. All property and tax information is public information. Winter Harbor's fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th.



Boats, ATVs and Snowmobiles

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



Concealed Weapon Permits

Applications for a Concealed Weapon Permit are available at the Town Office. The fee is \$35 for new applicants (If you are renewing and your permit expired over six months ago, you are considered a new applicant), or \$20 for a renewal, or \$2 for duplicate permit and address change.

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. Winter Harbor's Animal Control Officer is Police Chief Mike Walsh. All dogs must be on a leash or under their keepers' voice control and may not run at large. Winter Harbor contracts with the Small Animal Clinic in Ellsworth to board stray animals. The Animal Waste Control Ordinance, adopted February 27, 2013 requires that owner's clean up after their animal on any sidewalk, street, beach, public property or private property (other than the property of the owner of the animal or of a person who has consented to the presence of the animal on his/her property.)



Genealogical Research

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



Family History

General Assistance

Winter Harbor administers a General Assistance program as required by state law. Applications are available during regular office hours at the Town Office. An Ordinance is used to determine eligibility for assistance, and the Board of Selectmen updates it annually every October.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

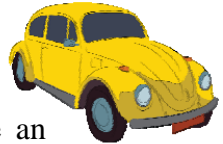
Winter Harbor is an agent for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for hunting and fishing licenses. These licenses are sold through the MOSES on-line system at the Town Office. Salt-water fishing registration is required, and that permission is included with fresh water



fishing licenses. First time hunters are required to submit proof of a hunter safety course completion when purchasing a license.

Motor Vehicle Registration Information

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



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. 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. 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. Ambulance Service is provided by County Ambulance, which holds a contract with

the Town of Winter Harbor. The Winter Harbor Volunteer Fire Department provides fire suppression and rescue coverage. All outdoor burning requires a permit, which can be obtained (provided conditions are safe) from the Assistant Fire Chief, Danny Backman, Sr. Both Police and Fire Departments have a mutual aid agreement with Gouldsboro Police and Fire Departments.



Non-Emergency Numbers:	Burn Permits	963-7489
	Coast Guard	244-5517
	County Ambulance	667-3200
	Hancock County Sheriff	667-7575
	Maine State Police	866-2121
	Maine Warden Service	941-4440
	Winter Harbor Fire Station	963-5533

Utility Services

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



On-line Services

The Town of Winter Harbor website is currently "under construction" and will be available very soon.

Volunteers & Appointed Officials

There are many volunteer and/or appointment opportunities available in our Town. If you are interested in volunteering and assisting, contact the Town Office at 963-2235.



Waste Disposal

We have curbside trash pickup and trash bags and/or stickers are required and may be purchased at the Town Office, Winter Harbor Food Service or Winter Harbor 5 & 10 for \$1.50 and \$2.00 respectively. The Town does not have a



Transfer Station. We currently have curbside pickup for all recycling-corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags, newspaper, magazines and phone books, paperboard and white paper, #2 plastics; glass (no lids, any color, clean) and metal cans (labels are accepted, inside must be clean.) Items must be in a bin/container and sorted. Curbside recycling pickup will be on Wednesdays only. During September through June recycling will be picked up the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. During July and August, the bins will be picked up every Wednesday. These bins must be at the curb by 7:00 am. Currently, any container may be used. Please cover the items in inclement weather, as wet cardboard will not be accepted. 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 in Ellsworth usually held in August.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Coastal Recycling	422-6766
Fire Department (non-emergency)	963-5533
Peninsula School	963-2003
Police Department	963-2235
Sumner Memorial High School	422-3510
Town Office	963-2235
Utilities District	963-5579
Water District	963-7703
Winter Harbor Public Library	963-7556

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy J. Carruthers,
Town Clerk



TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Terry D. Bickford, Chair	Term Expires 2017
Larry D. Smith, Jr.	Term Expires 2016
William R. Faulkingham	Term Expires 2015

Budget Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Daniel Backman, Sr.	Billy Bickford
Sandra Drinkwater	Michael Faulkingham
Hiram Gerrish	Katherine Heidinger
Dan Keegan	Alan Nauss
Johanna Smith	Lester Vandegrift
Diana Young	VACANT

Cemetery Association Trustees

(All terms are for one year)

Andy Abbott	Alfreda Bacon
Chris Byers	Grace Gerrish
Hiram Gerrish	Gordon Harrington
Karen Hodgkins	David Joy
Barbara Lilly	James Lilly
Roseanne Shafer	Steve Tardy
Betty Williams	Diana Young
Steve Young	

Recreation Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Mindy Buswell	Carrie Faulkingham
Tracey Hutchins	Glenn Moshier
	Megan Moshier

Regional School Unit (RSU) 24 Director

Jeffrey Alley, Jr.	Term Expires 2015
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TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

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Harbor Committee

(All terms are for one year)

Commercial Fishermen	Daniel Backman, Sr. Hiram Gerrish Steve Tardy
Recreational Boaters	Andrew Abbott Alan Johnson
At-Large Members	Richard Wilson Keith Young

Harbor Master

(Appointed-One Year Term)

Frederick Backman

Library Trustees

Cynthia Alley	Term Expires 2019
Dolora Conley	Term Expires 2015
Kathleen Nauss	Term Expires 2015
Melinda Buswell	Term Expires 2015
Hope Buckner	Term Expires 2017
Howard T. Howard	Term Expires 2018

Planning Board

Peter Drinkwater – Chair	Term Expires 2017
Dennis O'Brien	Term Expires 2019
Ted Buswell	Term Expires 2016
Neil Buffett	Term Expires 2018
Alan Nauss	Term Expires 2018

Planning Board Alternate

Kevin Conley	Term Expires 2019
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TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS
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Utilities District Trustees

Peter Drinkwater – Chair	Term Expires 2015
Jeffrey Alley, Jr.	Term Expires 2017
William Van Horn	Term Expires 2016

Water District Trustees

Shirley Chase – Chair	Term Expires 2017
Larry D. Smith, Jr.	Term Expires 2015
Megan Moshier	Term Expires 2016

Board of Appeals
(Appointed)

Billy Bickford	Term Expires 2015
Sandra Guphill	Term Expires 2015
James Lilly	Term Expires 2019
Michael Walsh	Term Expires 2017
William Van Horn	Term Expires 2017

Local Plumbing Inspector
Charles Peterson

Code Enforcement Officer
Millard Billings



TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

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Fire Department

Jeffrey Alley, Jr. – Chief Daniel Backman, Sr. – Asst. Chief
Billy Bickford, Jr. – Chief Engineer

Jacob Barto	Michelle Bickford
Ryan Bickford, Jr.	Barbara Bragdon – EMT/RN
Cathy Carruthers – Sec/Treas	Richard E. Gerrish – EMT
Buddy Hatt	Jeannette Hatt
Derek Smith	Robert Webber
Mike Wood	

Emergency Medical Technicians

Billy Bickford, Jr.
Barbara Jean Bragdon
Richard E. Gerrish

Police Department

Michael Walsh – Chief
Jeffrey Bishop – Patrol Officer
Danny Mitchell – Patrol Officer
Ken Monroe – Patrol Officer
Philip Sargent – Patrol Officer

Emergency Management Director

Robert Webber

Public Health Officer

Tatum McLean, EMT

Peninsula School Principal

Michael Eastman

Regional School Unit (RSU) 24 Superintendent

Suzanne Lukas

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS
(continued)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road
Commissioner, Registrar, General Assistance Administrator
Motor Vehicle Agent**

Cathy J. Carruthers

Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar

Jamie Church

Acadia National Park Commission Representative

Katherine Heidinger

Coastal Recycling Representative

Diana Young

E911 Addressing Officer

Richard E. Gerrish

Cathy Carruthers, Deputy



SUSAN COLLIN'S LETTER

ANGUS KING'S LETTER

BRUCE POLIQUIN'S LETTER

CONGRESSMAN BRUCE POLIQUIN OFFICE CONTACTS

GOVERNOR LEPAGE'S LETTER

SENATOR DAVID BURNS LETTER

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE LETTER**

FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

United States Senate

Susan M. Collins



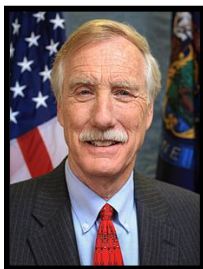
Maine Address

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

Washington, D.C. Address

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

Angus King



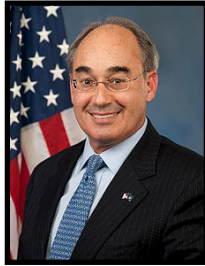
Maine Address

202 Harlow Street, Suite 214
Bangor, ME 04401
(207) 945-0432

Washington, D.C. Address

188 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5344

United States House of Representatives
Bruce Poliquin



Maine Address

6 State Street, Suite 101
Bangor, ME 04401
(207) 942-0583
Fax: (207) 942-7101

Washington, D.C. Address

426 Canon House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-6306
Fax: (202) 225-2943

GOVERNOR
Paul R. LePage



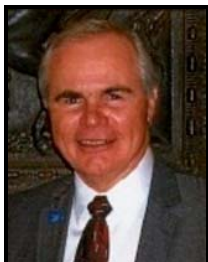
Office of the Governor
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 287-3531
Fax: (207) 287-1034



STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

State Senate – District #6

Senator David Burns



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

State House of Representatives – District #136

Representative Richard S. Malaby



Home Address

52 Cross Road
Hancock, ME 04640
(207) 422-3146

State Address

House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 287-1400
(800) 423-2900

Maine Legislative Internet Web Site - <http://janus.state.me.us/legis>

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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

You must furnish to the Assessors of the Town of Winter Harbor a true and perfect list of all of your estates, not exempt from taxation, which you possess on April 1st each year. Failure to furnish this list may bar you from making an application for or appealing tax abatement. This list includes property holdings such as land, buildings, and taxable personal property. The form is available at the Winter Harbor Town Office. Please return the completed form to the Town Office on or before April 1, 2015. The Assessors of the Town of Winter Harbor hereby give notice to all persons liable to taxation in Winter Harbor that they will be in session on Thursday, April 1, 2015, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for the purpose of receiving your list of taxable estates.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months and make the property they occupy on April 1st their permanent residence. Property owners would receive an exemption of \$10,000. Anyone wishing to apply for a homestead exemption may obtain the application from the Town Office. **If you applied last year, you need not apply again.**

NOTICE TO VETERANS

Veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and have reached the age of 62 years or are receiving any form of pension or compensation for disability, service-connected or non-service-connected, MAY be eligible for a property tax exemption. Applicant must be a resident of Winter Harbor and must make written application and provide proof of entitlement by April 1st of the year in which exemption is first being claimed. **Surviving spouses of eligible veterans must reapply in their own names in order to be eligible.** Applications and further information may be obtained at the Town Office.

REPORTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

Once again it is a pleasure to address the residents of our Town. Over the past year very few changes have been made to our region. The new campground is progressing to be open by fall of this year. This should add growth for our businesses and entertainment in Winter Harbor.

Our budget this year was on course, with little increase until we were presented with the RSU 24 education budget for the 2015-2016 school year. This results in a large increase to our budget that is beyond the Board of Selectmen's control. It has to be the voice of each community that is part of the RSU 24 to speak out against such large spending in our school system. Education is important and deserving to our children, but somewhere in this education budget cuts must be made to ease the burden of the Town taxpayers in the future years.

A great addition to the Police Department is the new Police Cruiser that was purchased this spring. Thanks to the foresight of the residents for voting in past years for a sinking fund for a new cruiser, we had the money available to use when needed. This should serve the Town very well during all four seasons.

The Fire Department needs volunteers. If able, I urge everyone and anyone to become a member. We have the best of facilities and attack trucks at our fingertips, but they are worthless if we have no firemen to use them. It would be a disaster if a fire or medical call went unanswered due to the lack of volunteers. Time to think.

Cathy, our Town Manager, keeps the office working with great efficiency. Day to day she keeps up with the duties and demands that are required of a Manager and the other positions she holds and performs her tasks with confidence and ability. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, we thank Cathy and the office staff for a well run Town Office. Also, thank you to all residents that volunteer their time and serve on Boards and Committees. Year after year we count on these special individuals for their dedication. Thanks to all.

We have lost some citizens this year that have added to our community a great deal. Bruce Mackay, John Fuhrman and Cookie Whitten will be deeply and sadly missed. They all were dedicated to make a better life for us in Winter Harbor. From all of us, peace be with them.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen thank you to every citizen of Winter Harbor for being the people that make our Town what it is today.

Respectfully Submitted, *Terry D. Bickford*, Chair

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

As another fiscal year is ending, I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as your Town Manager for another year. The position of Town Manager, along with the other positions I hold is very challenging but also rewarding. We should all be proud that our Town is fiscally sound, financially solvent and debt free, a rare situation for any town in current times. I say this every year because it is so important. It is a pleasure to work with our Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to support a budget that continues to be realistic to the Town's needs and plans for the future. Since completion of the Municipal Public Safety Building, we continue to "pay ourselves back" \$40,000 a year for the funds withdrawn from our Trust account for this project. Because of this and reinvesting all interest earned our account balance continues to grow.

This year the Town budget reflected a relatively small increase with the exception of the RSU 24 education appropriation, which is an increase this year of \$327,000. Unfortunately, because of this substantial increase there will be an increase in the mil rate. Still Winter Harbor has one of the lowest mil rates in Hancock County and the State.

Our Police Department has a new cruiser. Because of good budget planning and management by Chief Walsh, the funds were available in a reserve account when the need for a new vehicle arose. This vehicle is a 2015 Ford Explorer Interceptor and we are pleased to have a SUV instead of a car. It will be more durable and functional year round. Our part time Police Department now has the Police Chief and four additional trained officers. Thank you for your dedication and keeping our Town safe.

Our Fire Department still has a need for more volunteers. We are fortunate to have dedicated members, but those numbers are small and the Department could be even better with more manpower. Thank you to all the members of the Fire Department for your unselfish commitment.

RJD Appraisals, contracted as our Assessors, completed the second phase of the Quarterly Review. Each year properties in ¼ of the Town will be visited and individually assessed. This way, in four years the entire Town assessment will be completed and process begins again. This process ensures the residents that their properties are being taxed at the truest and current assessment.

The new curbside recycling process has been a huge success and will continue. Pickup is every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the



month. For the months of July and August, there will be pickup EVERY Wednesday.

This past winter was one for the history books. The frequent snowstorms and the quantity of snow were remarkable. Thank you to A.R. Whitten & Son for the good job plowing our streets and clearing our sidewalks. I know at times it seemed like a never-ending job. Also, thank you to Billy Bickford and his crew for keeping the grounds around the gym and Municipal Building shoveled and cleared. Lots of road salt and sand were used and now the spring clean up begins.

Thank you to the Board of Selectmen for their time and dedication. Many hours and many meetings are required to keep the Town running as smoothly as it does. The monetary stipend received in no way compensates them appropriately for the amount of commitment required.

Once again, a special thank you to Jamie Church. She continues to excel in our Town Office. She is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done and get it done well. I know the residents enjoy seeing her smile and pleasant attitude while conducting Town business. She is a gem and we are fortunate to have her as an employee. Thanks, Jamie!

Thank you to all the volunteers that assist in any way, large or small to help our community thrive. Our small Town could not survive without each and every one of you. Whether you serve on a Board or Committee, help fold newsletters, tend to the flags, or help pick up litter, it is all very important and you are appreciated.

The Historical Society has had a banner year! The work done to the building is beautiful. The bell tower that houses the rejuvenated bell looks spectacular day and night, because of the subdued light that shines on the bell. The cover of this Town Report is to remind everyone of the long history of this Town, perhaps bring back some memories. Old historic photos are throughout the report as well.

Last but not least, I want to thank my family (here and in Virginia) for all of their unconditional love and support. At the end of a stressful day, it is very nice to come home to a family that I know for sure is my “biggest fans”.

Shortly, the flags will be placed on the poles, the streets will be swept, the lines painted and road paving will begin; the annual beautification process that welcomes people from near and far to our proud, quaint Town that sits on the beautiful coast of Maine.

Respectfully Submitted, *Cathy J. Carruthers*

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FY 2014 Delinquent Taxes
As of June 30, 2014

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
Arruda, Nathalie	\$ 302.94
Bilyew, Ann M.	\$ 3,302.51
Blair, Warren	\$ 2,732.07
Buswell, Catherine A.	\$ 374.09
Buswell, Catherine A.	\$ 3,993.30
Byers, Christopher M.	\$ 434.07
Cloutier, Paul C.	\$ 588.42
Cowperthwaite, Benny J.	\$ 126.99
DiRuggiero, Arnold	\$ 500.00
Faulkingham, Jr., Michael	\$ 68.85
Flubacher, Marcella	\$ 805.54
Freeley, Nancy & O'Brien, Deborah	\$ 2,669.85
Gerrish, Debra	\$ 863.69
Gerrish, Richard J. & Debra L.	\$ 1,071.77
Gerrish, Richard J.	\$ 3.83
Grebner, Mary Alice	\$ 987.23
Greenwood, Sandra M.	\$ 304.84
Hawkes, David B.	\$ 940.95
Johnson, Carl R. & Mary K.	\$ 1,625.63
Johnson, David/Charrisse Kaplan	\$ 2,657.23
Land, Judith/Boyd, Barbara J.	\$ 633.04
Madeira, George P.	\$ 2.67
Meyers, W. & Christine Wright	\$ 415.39
Moore, Anthony	\$ 88.74
Najar, Rodolfo & Jillene	\$ 918.00
Norris, Gilman Heirs	\$ 4,138.65
O'Hara, Michael F.	\$ 788.72
Parisi, Anthony C.	\$ 196.61
Peaceful Properties	\$ 9,661.95
Roberts-Delamater, Deborah	\$ 734.40
Rogers, Kathy	\$ 1,560.74
Rogers, Kathy	\$ 9,042.30
Schoodic Shores, LLC	\$ 274.63

FY 2014 Delinquent Taxes
As of June 30, 2014 (continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
Smith, Jr., Hollis Dean	\$ 193.54
Stover, Brian	\$ 662.71
Thibault, Robert J.	\$ 1,106.19
Torrey, Phillip	\$ 2,110.64
Tracey, Kristy	\$ 99.45
Vandegrift, Cynthia	\$ 511.02

VITAL STATISTICS

May 1, 2014 through May 15, 2015

Births – 2

Marriages – 3

Deaths – 7

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
March 30, 2014	Ann M. Smith	72
September 5, 2014	Bruce A. Mackay	94
November 20, 2014	Diane D. Browning	82
November 22, 2014	Samuel Tagliarino	72
March 5, 2015	John C. Fuhrman	82
March 6, 2015	Gerald Conners	76
March 12, 2015	Clair B. Whitten, Jr.	50
April 26, 2015	Neal Horning	73

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Currently **435** registered voters

Democrats	98
Republicans	171
Green	18
Unenrolled	148

REPORT OF VOTES CAST

June 10, 2014	44
November 4, 2014	121

BOSTON POST CANE

HONOREE



Alfreda Bacon

Presented on October 22, 2014

ROAD COMMISSIONER

A.R. Whitten & Son completed the first year of their three-year contract for the Town's snow removal for streets and sidewalks and as always did a great job. This past winter was quite extreme and after all the snow melted, it left behind a lot of sand and Town roads that really showed just how severe it had been.

Thanks to Billy Bickford and his crew for sweeping the sidewalks and removing some of the huge quantity of sand. Also, cleanup was done around the Municipal Building and gymnasium. Thanks to Chief Walsh for assisting in the cleanup around the Town Office and Police Department. The streets will be swept mid-May and the lines painted soon after.

Grading continues to be done on Gray Road, Dolan Road, Bellevue Avenue and the end of Beach Street past the Yacht Club. Ditching was done on a portion of Summer Harbor Road to the Gouldsboro town line. Paving will be completed on that section as well.

In conjunction with the Winter Harbor Utilities District, all of Meadow Lane was paved.

The paving of Sargent Street and Duck Pond Road are at the top of the list this year. Due to the size and cost of the project, we will be advertising for bids, attempting to keep the costs down.

We appreciate your patience while we work hard to maintain the Town roads, as they should be kept.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy J. Carruthers
Road Commissioner



WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014



The past year has been a busy year for the Police Department. Officers have been extremely busy serving and protecting the citizens of the community. The Police Department has purchased a new cruiser. The Department is pleased to continue to be able to offer our residents the ability to dispose of outdated prescription drugs on a year-round basis. Additional services we offer are house checks while you are away from home and police presences at events that require an officer to be present. Stop by the Town office to obtain the necessary paperwork for these. Also we would like to welcome Danny Mitchell to the Department. Danny has been with the Department since August 2014; he is a welcome addition.

The Department answered 266 reportable complaints during the year 2014. This is an increase of 53 complaints over the previous year. We also answered 199 non-reportable complaints for a total of 465 complaints. A public information file is maintained at the Town Office. Cruiser mileage is 1,832. Thank you for your support.



Animal Complaints

Complaints:	10
Warnings:	1
Summons:	0

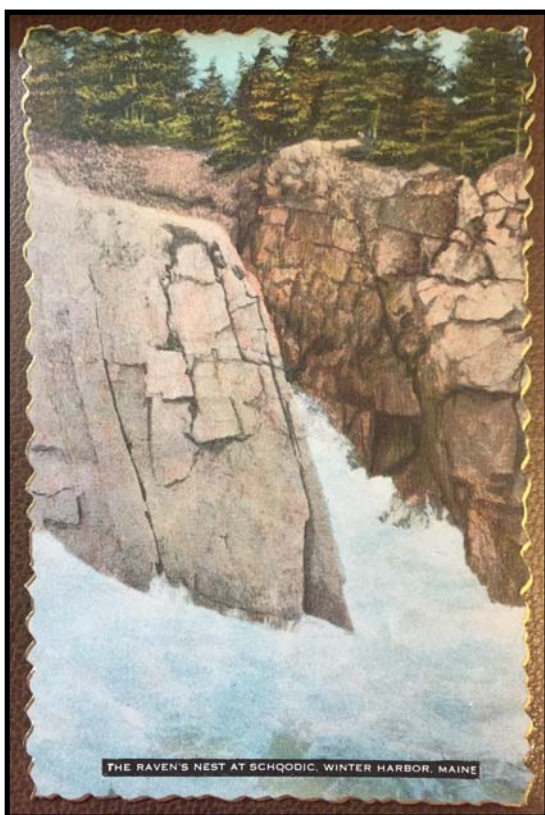
Police Complaints

Aggravated Assault:	0
Alarms:	34
Arrests:	1
Assaults:	4
Assist Citizen:	6
Assist Other Agencies:	51
Bail Checks:	1
Burglary:	3
Check Well Being:	6
Civil Complaints:	2
Criminal Mischief:	3
Criminal Summons:	5
Criminal Warnings	2
Domestic:	4
Fireworks Complaints:	1
Fraud:	4
Gun Shots:	2
Harassment:	6
Informational Requests:	5
Keep the Peace:	2
Mental Subject:	1
Miscellaneous:	3
Missing Person:	4
OAS:	1
OUI:	1
Protection Orders:	3
Special Details:	3
Subpoenas Served:	2
Suicide Attempts:	3
Suspicious:	12
Thefts:	12
Threatening:	0
Trespassing:	3
Unattended Death:	0

Police Complaints (continued)

Motorist Assist:	4
MV Accidents Fatal:	0
MV Accidents PI:	2
MV Accidents PD:	10
MV Summons:	10
MV Warnings:	275
MV Complaints:	4
Violation of Protection Order:	1
911 Hang-ups:	21
911 Calls:	11

Michael P Walsh, Chief
Winter Harbor Police Department



WINTER HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Fire Department has undergone some significant change in the last year. With the resignation and departure of former Chief Wayne Archie, I have been selected to fill this role yet again. We have also dealt with the resignation, or departure of other key individuals in the last several years leaving us with very few firefighters among whom the many varied duties of the Department may be shared. We continue to find ourselves shorthanded when it comes to work in and around the station, and have been very fortunate to share in the mutual aid agreements of the Schoodic Fire Protection District. Our District is now organized in such a manner that medical calls are paged out to both Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro EMTs, while fire calls, most especially those involving structures, are paged out to Sullivan, Sorrento, Franklin, and Hancock as well. Eastbrook and Lamoine Fire Departments are automatically placed on standby to provide coverage to those towns on the western end of our district while they are involved with us. Steuben Fire Department has been a generous and willing partner as well, somewhat complicated by the fact that our communications are divided by transmitters in separate counties. Several times in the last year, however, we have called on them for assistance, and hope to streamline the communications procedures further in the coming months.

In the last year Volunteer Fire Departments have been the subject of a number of media articles. These articles dealt with the rapidly declining numbers of volunteers across the state, with the increasing training and administrative demands on small departments, and with legal issues surrounding the fighting of fires. It is estimated that in 1990 there were approximately 12,000 volunteer firefighters in Maine, while today that estimate lies at around 8,000. This precipitous decline in numbers fails to tell the full story. While numbers are a concern, so too is the rapidly increasing average age of those firefighters. Many departments, like our own, lack younger firefighters. There is a dearth of willing, able young men and women to do the work that needs to be done, while those in their 50s, 60s, or even 70s continue to serve as best they can. This places an inordinate amount of work on aging firefighters, which increases the danger in an already dangerous job. While numbers are decreasing, the training requirements and administrative record keeping continues to increase. Our Department of eight firefighters and officers must comply with the same requirements as a full-time municipal department like

Portland or Bangor. Failure to complete and document training, maintenance, and testing information leaves fire officers, and municipalities open to the possibility of litigation as has occurred in two unrelated incidents in Maine within the last six months. An inspection of our records was undertaken by the Maine Department of Labor last July in which a number of violations were discovered. Most of these were minor and required a matter of minutes to rectify, while some were of a more serious nature and required a great many hours of training, documentation, and testing to remediate. Our diligence in bringing the Department back into compliance reduced our fines from \$3,500 to a perfunctory administrative fee of \$250. While I accept full responsibility for these violations, I find it very difficult to find the time necessary to ensure that our Department maintains a proper state of compliance.

It is with this limitation in mind that Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro Fire Departments have developed a plan to hire a full-time Fire Chief/EMT whose services would be shared between the two towns. Departments have placed requests for funding this position within their respective budgets, a draft job description has been developed, and a tentative work schedule, which would have the Chief working in Winter Harbor for eight-ten hours per week, has been agreed upon, in principle. Details of a cost-sharing formula, and finalization of job descriptions, duties, and chain-of-command still require work from the Departments, Town Managers and Boards of Selectmen. In the interest of ensuring the best possible fire protection, proper compliance with state and federal regulations, and the best possible training and work conditions for your volunteers, I encourage you to support this funding at Town Meeting. It is my wish that a qualified, experienced fire officer might be hired for this position, allowing me to return to my role as Fire Captain.

As always, I encourage all men and women with a desire to serve their community to attend a monthly business meeting, and apply for membership in the Department. We train all firefighters for those jobs they are physically able and willing to perform, asking nobody to perform any task that makes them uncomfortable. Many hands make light work, and our work is uniquely rewarding. I, and your Department, thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey Alley, Jr., Chief



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As we have said in the past, preparedness begins at home. It is up to each of us to have a plan as to what we would do in the event of a disaster, be it large or small. If you need to leave the area, what is the best route to get out of town and where would you go. If you can shelter in place, do you have the items you would need for a stay of up to a week.

During the past year, we were fortunate not to have any large incidents that would require the activation of Winter Harbor's Emergency Operations Plan. As a reminder, during the winter, do not forget to keep the front door to your house clear of snow even if you do not regularly use it. There might be a time you would need to use it because your normal exit might be blocked. In the summer remember you need to have a burn permit for any outdoor fire (grass, brush or cooking.)

Listed below are web addresses that might be helpful to you:

www.ready.gov

www.nws.noaa.gov

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

www.redcross.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Webber, EMA Director



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

This year was slightly busier for Gouldsboro Fire EMS than last year. Last year we answered 183 calls and 194 this year. This report is from April 1, 2014 to April 1, 2015. Last year Winter Harbor had 25% of the total calls and this year we had 53 calls making it 27% of the calls.

Previous years were: 2011-182 calls; 2012-155 calls; 2013-176 calls. Winter Harbor had 31-33% of the calls these years.

Once again Saturday was the busiest day of the week, then Wednesday, then Sunday. We got a little more sleep this year than last with only 30% of our calls being between the hours of 9:00 pm and 6:00 am instead of 37% last year. Of course we do not usually go right home and fall back to sleep. The adrenaline will often keep you awake for another hour or two. Our average response time for all calls (from “tones going off” to “on scene”) remains at eight minutes. Our average time on scene continues to be approximately 50 minutes, then travel time back, and 10-15 minutes cleaning and restocking, then someone needs to do the State report which takes another 20-30 minutes. So in summary, a simple call can easily take a couple hours. Gouldsboro Fire Dept pays each member who responds to a call (both EMTs and FFs) \$10 per call, mainly to help with gas as many of us respond with our own vehicles from different directions. To be an EMT, you have to belong to Gouldsboro Fire Department.



Other stats: 66% of our patients were over 60 years of age. 28% were in their 70's; 47% male; 53% female. 149 of the 194 patients were transported by County Ambulance and three Winter Harbor patients by LifeFlight.

We have three Junior FFs in Gouldsboro who have turned 18 and are now Senior FFs. One is already taking his EMT training in Bangor and the other two plan to start this summer. I think all three will be a great asset to the community.

With all the snow this year we had some real problems finding address numbers on mailboxes. Many were buried with just the front showing. So, we ask that those who have roadside mailboxes please put 3-inch contrasting numbers on the front of your box as well as both sides. If you have not numbered your boxes or houses or properly numbered them, please do so. If your house is more than 50 feet from the road, please use 4-inch numbers that contrast with the background color. Please do NOT use brass or stainless as they do not contrast with any color, especially

when they age. We cannot help you if we cannot find you! Minutes can count!

Thank you for your continued support and remember we are always looking for new Fire Fighters and EMTs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard E. Gerrish
FF/EMT

Winter Harbor EMT's
Richard E. Gerrish
Barbara Jean Bragdon
Billy Bickford



PLANNING BOARD

I would like to once again thank all the members of the planning board for their help this past year, and I would also like to thank Jamie in the Town office for her help. The Planning Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Town Office. The public is welcome to come to our meetings.

We are sad to report the passing of long time Planning Board member, Bruce Mackay and Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), John Fuhrman. We will miss both of these men and all the help they provided to the Board.

The Selectmen have hired Millard Billings as the new CEO. He has an extensive background and works as a CEO in many of the area towns and is also an assessor in Holden. Welcome, Millard.

This year's project that the Planning Board is working on is to update the current ordinances with the correct state title and reference and to fix anything that seems out of date. We have not finished these updates, so we will not have anything to vote on this year.

Submitted by,

Peter Drinkwater

Chairman



The Construction of Hammond Hall

HARBOR MASTER

This has been my third year as Harbor Master and luckily I have not had anything major happen yet.

I just completed the Advanced Course for Harbor Masters in Castine. It is a three-day course and was very interesting with an abundant amount of information provided.

In the Harbor this past year, we had one boat go adrift due to lack of maintenance on their mooring. The boat was rescued before it drifted out too far. I received two calls from the Coast Guard and both calls were concerning EPIRB's going off. Both issues were settled in a short time.

I would like to thank everyone for keeping their garbage picked up at the dock and on the floats.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred A. Backman
Harbor Master



ADDRESSING OFFICER REPORT

This reporting period one new private road was named and several roads located in Acadia National Park were renamed.

Boathouse Lane was added, located off Beach Street.

Moore Road renamed Schoodic Loop Road, located off Rt 186.

Schoodic Shores Drive renamed to Myrick Drive. This road leads to the Schoodic Shores Apartments.

The road leading south from the road split to Schoodic Point (currently part of Moore Road (referred to as Schoodic Point Road) is now named Arey Cove Road.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard E. Gerrish, Addressing Officer
Cathy Carruthers, Deputy

WINTER HARBOR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Winter Harbor Cemetery Association has completed another successful year, thanks to a dedicated and committed group of members who have freely given their time and energy toward meeting our goals. After a record-breaking winter we will concentrate our efforts on the grounds and roadway. We are seeking a person/contractor to provide the lawn mowing service for the upcoming year. We remain committed to providing the quality of care for the cemeteries, which you expect.

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

If you wish to purchase a plot for your family, please contact Grace Gerrish, phone 963-7032 for assistance.

The officers are:

James W. Lilly – President
Andy Abbott – Vice-President
Grace Gerrish – Secretary & Sextant
Diana Young – Treasurer

Cemetery Association Trustees

Andy Abbott	Alfreda Bacon
Chris Byers	Grace Gerrish
Hiram Gerrish	Gordon Harrington
Karen Hodgkins	David Joy
Barbara Lilly	James Lilly
Roseanne Shafer	Steve Tardy
Betty Williams	Diana Young
Steve Young	

Respectfully Submitted,
James W. Lilly
President



WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER

2015 Budget

Rent	1,000
Books	3,500
Book Supplies	650
DVD/Audio	500
Computer/Technology	500
Computer Services	150
Program Fund	500
Supplies	200
Utilities	5,700
Cleaning	1,440
Fund Raising	1,500
Newsletter	850
Postage	250
Petty Cash	25
Miscellaneous	250
Salaries	<u>12,229</u>
 Total	 \$29,269

We feel so fortunate to have a small Library of the quality of the Winter Harbor Public Library right here in our Town. With over 7,000 volumes we have much to offer for everyone's reading pleasure. This summer we will sponsor our Garden Tour featuring six lovely gardens right here in Winter Harbor. This is a wonderful fundraiser for us and a delight for our community. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from the Town of Winter Harbor and from our donors and patrons. Our strong group of volunteers on the Board and at the desk keeps us a vital part of Winter Harbor.

Submitted by,
Hope Buckner
Treasurer



WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 2014 we recorded 2,906 people who visited the Library during our open hours. The Library circulated 3,216 items; 1,941 adult, 182 young adult, 1,093 children titles and borrowed 23 books from other libraries for our patrons. There were 335 titles downloaded from the Maine InfoNet Download Library. 250 patrons and visitors used our computers/WiFi.

The Library hosted 113 Programs/Events - attended by 491 adults and 211 children - offered free of charge. These included the monthly Book Group, weekly Story Hour with Carole Cirincione, Peter Onuf's Age of Jefferson Series, a visit from Children's author Betsy Thompson, Vicki Goldstein's book presentation on "The Fortunate Fleet: a Century of Sailing in Winter Harbor Knockabouts." Peg Cruikshank gave a presentation on Aging, Halloween Story Time, All Hallow's Read (which is trick or treating for books), a community education program presented by Maine Coast Community Hospital on Management Strategies and Insights into Dementia and a Beginning Book Binding program, six art exhibit receptions with local artists and Lego Club to name a few. We hosted our third Holiday Open House on Shopping Night in December, which featured refreshments, free picture books for children, a holiday story reading of the book "Merry Moosey Christmas" by Lynn Plourde and Carolyn Brock playing harp music throughout the evening and ending with a sing along.

Based on the Library Use Calculator of the Maine State Library, for each dollar the Town of Winter Harbor spends on the Library, the return on that investment in 2014 is \$5.70, which is an increase from 2013.

The Schoodic Community Fund through the Maine Community Foundation awarded the Library funds to facilitate programming. We also received a gift from a generous donor, which has allowed us to purchase a new outdoor book return. The new book return has arrived and will be installed as soon as possible this spring.

Contributions to the Annual Fund allowed us to purchase new materials, offer programs free of charge, and renew our subscriptions to Maine InfoNet Download Library and LibraryWorld - our online automation system. LibraryWorld allows us to serve you more efficiently and you can now view our card catalog online.

Volunteer hours numbered 722.5 in 2014. 79.5 of those hours were spent on cataloging and 643 were spent on the circulation desk and other

in-library projects. One of those projects has been the digitizing of the Peninsula Gazette by Charlie Pomaski. The digitized copies are on the Library's computers for all to access. We are hoping soon to have a link to them on our website. Volunteer time is also used for publishing our Newsletter twice a year and to update the website. I would like to thank all volunteers for the time they have donated to the Library; we could not accomplish what we do without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lambert

Library Director



RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Winter Harbor Recreation Committee continues to work in conjunction with the Gouldsboro Recreation Department to offer soccer, basketball, indoor soccer and cheering to roughly 100 local children. Volunteer coaches and referees keep these programs going. Thanks to Jason Reckner Painting and the Winter Harbor Food Service who sponsored our basketball jerseys this winter.

Summer 2014 we helped send roughly twenty athletes to camp. Some attended basketball camp at Colby College while others attended cheerleading camp at Husson College.

As we have more many years, I am proud to report that the Town of Winter Harbor is a “supporting community” of the Downeast Family YMCA. Our support allows residents of Winter Harbor to have more affordable swimming lessons, fitness classes and participation in their sports programs.

I am happy to report that this winter we offered a trip to a UMaine men’s basketball game and ski trip to Hermon Mountain which were both well attended.

We continue to look for fun and exciting opportunities for everyone in Town, but especially our youth. If you have any skill or talent you want to share we welcome your help. If you want to guide a hike, teach a dance or knitting class. Sign language, cooking, automotive classes, and the sky is the limit! We appreciate your support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Alley Moshier, Chair



Cheerleading



WINTER HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This past year has been a good one for the Winter Harbor Historical Society. Our new roof brought the building through an incredible winter with flying colors. How thankful we are.

Our “Bell Ceremony” was a big success. It was well attended with standing room only. We were honored to have Brent Hurd and Dick Fisher ring the bell for the first time, as the two of them worked diligently to restore and place the bell. How moving that was, especially for the towns people who had that bell call them for school so many years ago.

Our varied programs were well attended - a night of “Antique Road Show” to “remembering when” and the Tracy’s. Attendance was up as was interest in helping to continue our goal of preservation and protection of the building and the artifacts it houses.

The work on the building is ongoing. This year, Brent Hurd continued his fabulous work with the skill and dedication to historical restoration. The foundation work was completed and underpinnings strengthened. The electrical system has been reworked with new fuses, wiring, and thermostats. The heat is working now. Structurally there was much needed in the ceiling, below what had been a large roof leak. Years of water damage had completely rotted an area that extended far beyond what the eye could see, and included floor joist. Now it is sound and incredibly beautiful and true to the building. The most striking part of this phase one was the job done on the beautiful windows upstairs. They were re-strung, re-paned, re-weighted and re-hung. All but two panes are still the original glass. They work beautifully and to walk into that room is like walking back in time. Again, thanks to Brent for the attention to keeping the historical building aspect in mind in everything that is done. Next step is repair of the floors and painting and the restoration of the downstairs windows.

We look forward to an even better 2015 season with much attention paid to the programs. We believe we have some exciting things in store for the season. We are hoping to extend the hours we are open. We will continue our organization of collections and expand to an online presence. The project of protecting and preserving is ongoing.

We appreciate all who participated in any and every way. We want to thank the many people who contributed to our fundraising efforts for making this all possible, and to those who have now donated so many precious items to add to our collections. They are in good hands.

Diana Young – President
Deborah Joy Martin – Vice President
Cathy Lilly Carruthers – Treasurer
Victoria (Vicky) Taber – Secretary

Board Members:
Johanna Smith
Mary Laury

Brent Hurd – Building Committee Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Taber, Secretary





Serving the school communities of Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Waltham and Winter Harbor

Regional School Unit #24 serves children in nine Hancock County and Washington County communities. The district provides the educational services for five schools and 1000 students including general administration, centralized business services, food service, and special education programming. Regional School Unit #24 employs 240 local citizens in a full range of professional and support positions. Funding for the district comes from several sources. State funding, determined by an Essential Programs and Services formula, bases state aid on local property valuations and the number of resident students. Regional School Unit #24 received \$2,604,601 in state funding for the present fiscal year accounting for 14.9% of our \$17,429,444 budget. The Town of Winter Harbor contributed 4.3% of the local cost of education. In addition to these sources, the district receives federal funding for several categories of services and also takes every opportunity to apply for grant funding to supplement educational programming.



Regional School Unit #24 during the past year engaged in a strategic planning process to identify long-range goals for the district's schools. Public forums were held to gather input from citizens in our nine communities. Students and staff also participated. The information gathered served as a foundation for the development of the plan. The RSU #24 Strategic Plan is available at each school, town offices, and on the district website.

Regional School Unit #24 provides for the education of 72 students who reside in Winter Harbor. Eighteen secondary students attend Sumner Memorial High School. Peninsula School enrolls fifty-two Winter Harbor

students in grades pre-kindergarten through eight. One student at the elementary level attends another RSU 24 school and one secondary student attends the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Thank you to the many community volunteers who support our students and programs through assisting in our schools, helping with fundraising for our student activities and attending our many school events. The educational experience for our students is enriched through your efforts.

Suzanne B. Lukas

Superintendent RSU #24





About Schoodic Institute

The mission of Schoodic Institute (SI) is to guide present and future generations to greater understanding and respect for nature by providing research and learning opportunities through its outstanding Acadia National Park setting, unique coastal Maine facilities, and innovative partnership programs.

The Institute supports science and education initiatives throughout the Park and the region and partners with the National Park Service to manage the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus. The Institute also partners with a wide range of other organizations, many of which we were not able to name or fully acknowledge here.

New Personnel

SI welcomed Mark Berry as the new President & CEO in June 2014. Mark and his family have appreciated the warm welcome to the Schoodic Peninsula. Also joining the staff of SI in 2014 were Megan Moshier of Winter Harbor as Events Coordinator and Alyne Cistone of Mount Desert as Director of Advancement. Learn more about our staff at www.schoodicinstitute.org/about.

Volunteers at Schoodic

Volunteers remain essential to the success of Schoodic Institute and the SERC. Volunteers contributed in a multitude of areas and on specific projects including providing visitor information, serving as campus hosts, shoreline clean-ups, trail maintenance, special events, and citizen science projects.

School Programs, Partnerships, and Teacher Professional Development:

- Students from Maine public middle schools attend the acclaimed three-day Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA) programs led by Acadia National Park educators. In 2014, 15 Maine schools – including the Peninsula School 7th grade – participated in SEA, along with three out of state schools.
- The Schoodic District Education program provided 13 field trips and school outreach events in 2014.
- Acadia Learning brings science into classrooms and students into the outdoors to participate as citizen scientists to investigate questions that are relevant to the health of National Parks. In 2014,

Acadia Learning worked with 17 teachers whose 600 students are investigating effects of climate change on snow pack, hydrology and aquatic habitats.

- Acadia National Park led two summer teacher workshops on scientific monitoring at Schoodic.
- Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institutes are weeklong intensive programs in specific course areas. They are open to all middle and high school teachers who teach advanced placement or pre-advanced placement courses. The institutes are sanctioned by The College Board and carry continuing education and graduate credits. In 2014, 77 teachers from 16 states participated in AP Summer Institutes at Schoodic.
- SI is leading research into development of teacher leadership within a community of approximately 100 middle school and high school science teachers representing more than 20 school districts. The Maine Physical Science Partnership convened these teachers at SI for a week in 2014.
- SI is developing data literacy assessment tools, working with ten teachers and approximately 350 students.
- SI also worked with individual school districts to help teachers make more productive use of student assessment data as Maine schools transition to assessment of student proficiency relative to state learning standards.
- SI helped advance international conservation education. The Acadian Program in 2014 brought students and young conservationists from the US, Argentina, Belize, Chile and Vietnam to Schoodic to learn and gain inspiration from the successful history of conservation in Maine and the US.

Citizen Science

- Citizen Science projects hosted by SI included the Christmas Bird Count, SeaWatch at Schoodic Point, HawkWatch on Cadillac Mountain, morning bird migration monitoring at Frazer Point, and phenological (or seasonal timing) changes in the intertidal zone. A new project focused on phenology of forest species interactions in a changing climate.
- The Schoodic Institute Bird Ecology Program also led five new multi-day birding tours with a citizen-science component in partnership with the Maine Birding Trail.

- The 2014 BioBlitz based at Schoodic was Acadia's 13th annual, and was focused on beetles. BioBlitzes inform park managers and contribute to improving public awareness and understanding about the biodiversity and ecological role of insects and spiders.
- SI inaugurated a new partnership with EarthWatch that brought teen volunteers from inner-site Los Angeles to Acadia to work on an ocean acidification research project during the summer.
- In November, a project was launched at Schoodic with EarthWatch and EMC Corporation to bring multiple citizen science datasets together in a manner useful to researchers, and create visualizations for the public and resource managers.
- SI and Acadia National Park are helping to lead the development of the new, international Citizen Science Association (www.citizenscienceassociation.org).

Facilitating Research at Acadia National Park

- Acadia National Park is a uniquely valuable national laboratory, in part because of its long history of ecological research and monitoring. The Institute helped digitize research records and museum collections to make them available to researchers and the public. Institute staff also facilitates the process of permitting research within the Park.
- SI hosted two Acadia Science Symposium events in 2014. the first, in April, was rescheduled after the planned event in October 2013 was affected by a Federal government shutdown. The second, in October, was the centerpiece of a three day Science-Art-Conservation series of events that also included the annual convergence Conference of the Down East Research and Education Network.
- In June, SI launched a new research vessel, "RV Schoodic", a 30 ft dual-masted sailboat that was contributed to the Institute and is available to support near shore marine research, including in Frenchman Bay and around nearby islands.

Art at Schoodic Institute

- SI partners with Acadia National park to host Artist-In-Residence with the opportunity to pursue their art while housed on the Schoodic Peninsula for a two-four week periods. The Artist-In-Residence Program celebrated its 20th year in 2014 and hosted artists throughout the year.

- SI also hosted art exhibits and workshops in 2014, naturalist workshops, a fall artist's retreat, and an Art & Environmental Science Symposium.

Community Programs

- A highlight of our season was Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell's visit on August 15th. Over 400 people gathered as Secretary Jewell highlighted the importance of connecting youth to nature and celebrated the partnership between SI and Acadia National Park. "What's happening here at Schoodic Institute is something pretty exciting – not just direct science, but engaging the next generation in science." Video of the event is available at www.schoodicinstitute.org
- Bar Harbor Whale Watch contributed a sunset whale-watching cruise to SI and our supporters. 250 people joined us for a spectacular evening offshore, including a sighting of a Northern Right Whale.
- SI offers regular community programs to communicate science to local audiences. These programs included ranger-led programs through the summer, spring Junior Ranger Day and International Migratory Bird Day, and fall Eek of Ecology. Public seminars included presentations by notable authors and experts in their field, such as Jeff Well, Yossi Leshem and Bernd Heinrich.
- SI hosted the annual meeting of Frenchman Bay Conservancy in July, with a public presentation about geology and sea level changes in Frenchman Bay.

SI encourages public engagement and feedback. WE look forward to hearing from you. Please visit our website at www.schoodicinstitute.org, where you can subscribe to our email newsletter list, and follow us on Facebook, where you can receive updates on upcoming events and programs. Our full list of annual donors will be published in our annual report (which will also be available online.) Thanks you for your support!

Submitted by,

Mark Berry

President & CEO

WINTER HARBOR UTILITIES DISTRICT

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

This past year we have hired the engineering firm of Woodard & Curran to do an assessment of our plant. Our plant was built in 1973 and has not had any major upgrades done to it in these many years. We have pumps and other equipment that are not manufactured anymore and we cannot find replacement parts for these items. We need to upgrade our infrastructure to be current with industry standards.

We are applying for a SEARCH grant to fund the Preliminary Engineering Report (PRP). That grant is approximately \$30,000. If we receive this grant, then the PRP will be completed and we can work on funding the project. The engineering firm has estimated the cost to be between \$2,760,000 and \$4,000,000.

We have also added a new generator to our School Street pumping station so if the power goes out, this station will still operate without our portable generator having to go down there. We have been planning for this upgrade for several years.

Once again, your greatest help for us this coming year is not flush wipes down the toilet. They may flush but they do not decompose like toilet paper does. They end up clogging our pumps. Because of townspeople flushing these down the toilet we have to take apart several pumps every day to clean out the wipes that have collected on the impeller. This also causes premature replacement of these impellers.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Sewer plant on Meadow Lane. The public is welcome.

Submitted by
Peter Drinkwater
Chairman
Board of Trustees



WINTER HARBOR UTILITIES DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2014

The Trustees met regularly on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm during the past year. The agenda for each meeting includes:

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

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

Our report of revenues and expenses for 2014 is as follows:

Revenue from Users	\$ 167,480
Other Revenue	<u>\$ 6,991</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 174,471
Less Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 247,616</u>
Net Operating Gain (Loss)	\$ (73,145)

Balance Sheet

Assets:

Cash & Checking Accounts	\$ 149,416
Accounts Receivable	\$ 7,835
Land, Plant, Equipment	\$ 2,029,255
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ (1,281,323)</u>
Total Assets	\$ 905,183

Liabilities:

Long Term Debt - Maine Bond Bank	\$ 45,998
Account Payable	\$ 8,388
Reserves and Equity	<u>\$ 850,797</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 905,183

Debt Service Transactions:

Received from Town Tax Appropriations	\$ 14,683
Paid Maine Bond Bank	\$ 14,683

WINTER HARBOR WATER DISTRICT

Again, we are pleased to note that our water tests proved negative to contamination throughout 2014. Our radon test came back with good results, even showing an improvement over the last test.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust has again given us a favorable report on the Conservation Easement property at Birch Harbor Pond.

The District has purchased 100 lead-free meters to meet compliance requirements. It is now required that any old meter which has been removed must be replaced by a new model.

Although the District made an attempt to refinance our Rural Development loan, that request was denied. So that annual loan payment stays at \$37,176.00, due each April.

We may install one new tank in our wellhead zone to be paid for by a Wellhead Protection Grant of \$5,000.

The District considered replacing water mains at the old Navy complexes, but decided to abandon the project as too costly for the District and the residents since a high rate increase would have been required. The project was planned in order to install newer pipes, even though there was no real necessity for doing so.

Despite the many improvements the District has made over the past 19 years, we are still plagued with leaks. Billy Bickford is constantly on the lookout for leaks, which make themselves known in the pumping records. The District hopes to purchase a special meter for monitoring leaks, thereby eliminating the need to hire outside assistance.

As per State requirements, the District has purchased 40 traffic safety cones, a computer surge protector and a light bar for Billy's truck. Also a new chlorinator and PH testing devices have been purchased.

A State Sanitary Survey has been conducted and the District passed without violations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Chase, Chair

Larry D. Smith, Jr., Clerk

Megan Moshier, Treasurer



WINTER HARBOR WATER DISTRICT
Summary Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2014

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ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission members represent towns in Hancock County that comprise lands adjacent to Acadia National Park, most of which are located on Mount Desert Island. The agenda for the Park Advisory Commission meetings reflect the construction updates, land conservation issues, visitor use statistics, park management and other interests pertaining, primarily, to the national park on the “other side” of Frenchman Bay.

That said, our Schoodic District of Acadia National Park has certainly taken top billing in the recent years, particularly last summer when officials came en masse to Schoodic in a celebration of partnership between Schoodic Institute and the National Park Service.

Among those top officials were the Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; Jonathan Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service; Neil Mulholland, President and CEO and the distinguished Board of Directors of the National Park Foundation.

The event shone a very bright spotlight on Schoodic...on the pristine park parcel itself and on the public-private partnership of Schoodic Institute, an education and research center located at the former U.S. Navy base in Winter Harbor. And, the spotlight has not faded. According to Sheridan Steele, Superintendent of Acadia National Park, there is much excitement being generated—from near and far—about the Schoodic Section of Acadia.

Schoodic Woods campground is expected to open late summer or early fall, the delayed opening due to this winter’s challenges. A new bicycle lane is being constructed at the bridge over Frazer Creek. Another bus will be added to transport visitors around the Schoodic Loop Road; a second ferryboat is being eyed to shuttle tourists to and from MDI during the summer season.

Recreational Vehicle spaces and tent sites in Schoodic Woods, bike trails, hiking paths, all bordering Acadia National Park, while in the Winter Harbor-Gouldsboro communities, businesses are buzzing about ways to ensure the spotlight continues to shine.

All the while, there is a National Park Service Centennial Planning process underway for 2016. Acadia, which won a nation-wide popularity contest last year, will continue to be at the forefront of connecting parks and people for years to come—a future for which our Town can be proud.

Submitted by, *Katherine Heidinger*

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

The Acadian Community Woman's Club (A.C.W.C.) is a 77-year-old civic organization serving the towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. The bulk of the Club's efforts is centered on fundraising for the Community Aid and Scholarship Funds. The monies raised enable the Club to annually award a \$1,000 college scholarship, multiple summer camp scholarships and provide assistance through the Community Aid Fund. The latter's many purposes include but are not limited to the purchase of oil, utility bills, providing grocery and gas cards, and clothing for area children. It is also from this fund the A.C.W.C. has been able to purchase gifts and grocery cards for struggling families during the holiday season.

There are also a few enrichment projects taken on by the Club each year: the Memorial Day Ceremony in Winter Harbor, maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial Gardens by the Winter Harbor Gym and the planters by the Winter Harbor Post Office. The Club has been attempting to set up a similar garden in Prospect Harbor under the Peninsula Grammar School sign. The A.C.W.C. also continues to organize the Schoodic Sisters team that participates in the Susan G. Komen-Race for the Cure held on the Bangor Waterfront every September.

Anyone interested in applying for the college scholarship will find the applications available in the Guidance Office at Sumner Memorial High School. Applicants must be residents of Gouldsboro or Winter Harbor and may be graduating senior, traditional and non-traditional college students. Summer camp scholarship applications are available at the Peninsula School. 2014 was the first year that the Club made summer camp scholarships available it was the result of a new fundraiser the Club tried, a 5K-road race held on Mother's Day in Prospect Harbor. It was a huge success and will be an annual event.

Another fairly new project implemented by the Club for the second consecutive holiday season was an "Angel" tree displayed at the Pickled Wrinkle Pub in Birch Harbor. The A.C.W.C. is extremely grateful to the pub's owners, Jesse and Sarah Christensen, for allowing us use of the space. It was overwhelming how generous patrons of the pub were in fulfilling the wishes on the tree. We also want to thank our communities' local law enforcement officers who anonymously deliver the gifts each year.

The A.C.W.C. continues to thrive, survive and serve its communities because of the ongoing support from the residents of Schoodic Peninsula. The Club's members owe their families, friends and neighbors a huge debt of gratitude for their contributions to our causes. It is all of us working together that keep our little corner of the world a very special place.

If there are any community members with suggestions, donations, or if you would like to become a member of the A.C.W.C., please contact me or another Club member. We welcome your feedback and interest. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolora Conley

President



SCHOODIC SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Corridor Management Committee of Schoodic National Scenic Byway is happy to report on our progress in 2014 and the start of 2015.

Visitor Facilities

- New way-finding and informational signs have been installed at Gordon's Wharf in Sullivan. These invite visitors, but also caution them about fast moving tidal currents.
- A public telescope was installed at the Frenchman Bay turnout. The view of the bay and MDI are great.
- The Prospect Harbor Gateway Kids Quest site has been improved with granite work and will sport new signs on lobstering in the spring.
- The Schoodic Point Shuttle bus continued to operate during the summer and will double service in 2015.
- Bike parking racks have been purchased and will be installed in the spring at select locations.

Planning for Future Improvements

- Planning is progressing for new interpretive signs for existing and new byway venues including Sullivan Town Park and the site of the former Winter Harbor School.
- The "Kids Quest" project will have more displays in 2015 in locations including Tidal Falls, Taunton Bay, Gordon's Wharf, Long Cove, Camp Moore and Prospect Harbor.
- The Downeast Coastal Corridor plan was updated in 2014, identifying needs along Route 1.

Public Participation

- The Schoodic Byway Brochure continues to promote natural, historic, cultural and recreational assets along the byway. The brochures are distributed through Maine Visitor Centers.
- Further reductions in national and state funds for byway programs places greater importance on municipal and other contributions to continue improvements along the byway. Thanks to all that have given support.

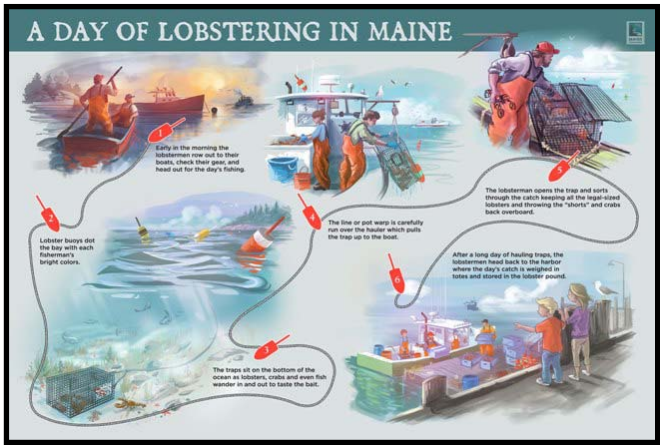
We thank the select boards, planning boards, staff, historical societies, Chamber of Commerce, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Friends of Taunton

Bay, Frenchman Bay Conservancy and other organizations for their support. We thank the Hancock County Planning Commission, the Maine Department of Transportation and Acadia National Park for their technical and financial support.

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway Corridor Committee is a collaboration of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Acadia National Park to protect and promote this scenic corridor. Area residents are always welcome to attend byway meetings. You can learn more at schoodicbyway.org, or by calling the Hancock County Planning Commission at 667-7131.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Shanahan
Barbara Shanahan, Chairperson



SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND

Again for the second year running, 200 residents and local businesses donated to the Schoodic Community Fund (SCF). A new record in generosity was recorded for 2014; nearly \$60,000 in donations. Founded five years ago, SCF now has an endowment of about \$235,000, and has awarded over \$31,000 to local non-profits, of which \$12,800 was awarded in 2014. Grant recipients in 2014: Peninsula School, \$5,000 for iPads, \$2,590 for tumbling mats and \$750 for the Principal's Discretionary Fund to address identified needs of specific children; \$1,000 for the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium; \$1,500 to the Town of Gouldsboro which partnered with Hardy's Friends to build a holding pen for stray pets found on the Peninsula; \$1,000 for the Winter Harbor Historical Society to refurbish the society bell; and \$1,000 to the Winter Harbor Public Library to support educational programming. New SCF Board members elected in 2014 are Megan Moshier and Andrew Somes; Edith Dixon was re-elected for a second three-year term. The other Board members are Lucile Anderson, Addison Berkey, Roger Bowen, Bob Buckner, Mert Chipman, Frank Chudnow, Rick Hauck, Murray Joy, Larry Peterson, Vicki Rea, Mary Lou Weaver, and Joe Young. The Board thanks the following donors who supported SCF in 2014:

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Ken Bahm
Bar Harbor Banking & Trust
Linda Barron
Barbara Bateman
Nancy Hill & Allen Benson
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Cathy Carruthers
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Submitted by,
Roger Bowen



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TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE 2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

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

Article 1

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting. *Peter Drinkwater was nominated to serve as Moderator and the election clerks cast three affirmative votes. Mr. Drinkwater was administered the oath of office by Cathy Carruthers, Town Clerk. William Van Horn was appointed Deputy Moderator/Warden to oversee elections. Voting took place in the Municipal Building Meeting Room from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm and the meeting was continued until June 18, 2014.*

Mr. Drinkwater reconvened the meeting on June 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Hammond Hall, Main Street, Winter Harbor, ME. 38 registered voters were present.

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 2017 annual town meeting; one member to the Planning Board to serve until the 2019 annual town meeting; one alternate member to the Planning Board to serve until the 2019 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2017 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2017 annual town meeting.

Ms. Carruthers announced the results of the municipal elections as follows:

Selectman (3 year term) – Terry Bickford

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

Planning Board Member-Alternate (5 year term) – Neil Buffett

Water District Trustee (3 year term) – Shirley Chase

Utilities District Trustee (3 year term) – Jeffrey Alley, Jr.

Results of the RSU #24 Budget Validation Referendum:

YES – 92

NO – 25

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. *Daniel Backman, Sr., Billy Bickford, Jr., Sandra Drinkwater, Michael Faulkingham, Hiram Gerrish, Katherine Heidinger, Dan Keegan, Alan Nauss, James Robinson, Johanna Smith, Diana Young and Lester Vandegrift were nominated 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 Abbott, Alfreda Bacon, Chris Byers, Hiram Gerrish, Grace Gerrish, Gordon Harrington, David Joy, Karen Hodgkins, Barbara Lilly, James Lilly, Roseanne Shafer, Steve Tardy, Betty Williams, Diana Young and Steve Young were nominated and elected.*

Article 5

To choose one (1) Trustee to serve as member of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees and to establish his/her terms of service and one (1) to serve as member of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees to fill and complete the term of a vacated position. *K. Nauss nominated Cynthia Alley to continue as Trustee for the term of five years and she was elected. She also stated there was no other vacancy to fill.*

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. *Daniel Backman, Sr., Hiram Gerrish, Steve Tardy-Commercial Fishermen; Andrew Abbott and Alan Johnson-Recreational Boaters; Richard Wilson and Keith Young-At-Large Members were nominated and elected.*

Article 7

To choose five (5) residents to serve on the Recreation Committee Board of Directors for the ensuing year. *Mindy Buswell, Carrie Faulkingham, Tracey Hutchins, Glenn Moshier and Megan Moshier were nominated and elected.*

Article 8

To fix the salary for the ensuing year of the appointed Harbor Master in accordance with the Harbor Ordinance. (Currently \$750) *Motion made and seconded to set the Harbor Master annual stipend at \$750.*

Article 9

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

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

Notice

The Town’s share of the Regional School Unit Budget has been set: **\$768,160.00** (FY 13-14 - \$753,000.00)

Article 10

To see if the Town will appropriate \$30,000 from the Education Reserve Fund to reduce the portion of the tax commitment attributable to school appropriations. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) *Accepted as read.*

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES -General Fund Expenditures

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,432.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) *Accepted as read.*

General Government		<u>FY 13-14</u>	<u>FY 14-15</u>
Total:	Administration	\$136,885.00	\$141,432.00

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,773.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (*The Board of*

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

Board of Assessors/Planning Board	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Assessing	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00
HCPC	750.00	775.00
CEO	<u>2,547.00</u>	<u>2,598.00</u>
Total: Board of Assessors/PB	\$10,697.00	\$ 10,773.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,185.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. *(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.) Accepted as read.*

<u>Town Building Operations</u>	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Town Office	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 0.00
Gym	17,655.00	16,077.00
Municipal Public Safety Bldg	16,275.00	19,683.00
Old Fire Station	600.00	600.00
Wharf	4,550.00	4,550.00
Scout	<u>700.00</u>	<u>2,275.00</u>
Total: Town Buildings	\$44,330.00	\$43,185.00

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$386,707.00 for Public Safety. *(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.) Accepted as read.*

Public Safety	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Fire Dept.	\$24,300.00	\$25,000.00
Police Dept.	72,192.00	77,932.00
Roads	210,925.00	214,925.00
Solid Waste	<u>66,590.00</u>	<u>68,850.00</u>
Total: Public Safety	\$374,007.00	\$386,707.00

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$172,799.00 for the following miscellaneous expenses or appropriations.

(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.) **Accepted as read.**

Miscellaneous

Library	\$13,000.00
General Assistance	1,000.00
Cemeteries	4,000.00

Third Party Requests:

Downeast Horizons	\$300.00
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	500.00
Eleanor Widener Dixon Memorial Clinic	500.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	500.00
Lifelight Foundation	100.00
Maine Coast Memorial Hosp-Prescript Assist	750.00
Nutrition for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	175.00
Schoodic Arts for All	750.00
Washington Hancock Community Agency	900.00
<u>Yesterday's Children, Inc.</u>	<u>300.00</u>

Total-Third Party Requests 4,775.00

EMA Director 150.00

Hydrants 49,200.00

Ambulance 4,000.00

County Tax 88,074.00

Town & Building Repairs 5,000.00

Lawn & Grounds Maintenance 3,600.00

TOTAL: Miscellaneous \$172,799.00

FY 13-14 = \$170,252.00

Notification to Taxpayers:

The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of \$88,074.00 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share of the Hancock County taxes. (*FY 13-14 = \$89,097.00*)

Note: County Tax is decreased by \$1,023.00

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,034.00 for the following Special Projects. (*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

Special Projects	<u>FY 13-14</u>	<u>FY 14-15</u>
Transfer Station	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 00.00
Comprehensive Plan	750.00	750.00
Homestead Exemption	5,000.00	5,000.00
Property Revaluation	3,000.00	3,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	700.00	1,000.00
Sewer Note	15,034.00	14,864.00
Pier Project Sinking Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00
Recreation Committee	2,250.00	2,250.00
PD Cruiser Sinking Fund	2,500.00	5,000.00
Gouldsboro Fire Dept/EMS	4,570.00	4,570.00
Investment Fund Repayment	40,000.00	40,000.00
Records Conservation	100.00	100.00
FD Vehicles Sinking Fund	<u>00.00</u>	<u>5000.00</u>
Total: Special Projects	\$ 78,904.00	\$ 84,034.00

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to approve \$10,000 to the Board of Selectmen for the purchase and installation of a camera security system. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)* **Accepted as read.**

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2014/2015 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. *(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.)* **Accepted as read.**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
Auto Excise Taxes	\$ 95,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	6,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk's Fees	2,900.00
Permit Fees	1,000.00
Sale, Trash Bags	16,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	5,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	6,825.00
MRC Member Tip Fee Rebate	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	\$140,725.00

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

Category	Estimated Amount
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	5,500.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	7,225.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	10,500.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	<u>400.00</u>
Total: Estimated Revenues	\$24,125.00
FY 13-14 - \$26,400.00	

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to expend \$2,000.00 from the Fire Department Medical Evaluation Carryover Account to offset the amount estimated for Fire Department Medical Evaluations and a portion of Equipment Testing for FY 2014-2015. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to expend \$5,000.00 from the Solid Waste Carryover Account to offset a portion of the Solid Waste Tipping Fees for FY 2014-2015. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to expend \$1,000.00 from the Dump Monitoring Reserve Fund to offset a portion of the Solid Waste Pickup Contract. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to expend \$14,128.00 from the Transfer Station Reserve to offset a portion of the Solid Waste Pickup Contract. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*) **Accepted as read.**

Article 24

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 25

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Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

***Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy J. Carruthers
Town Manager/Clerk***

TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE

2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING THE WARRANT

Hancock, S.S.

State of Maine

TO: Mike Walsh, Constable of Winter Harbor in the County of Hancock:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the residents of the Town of Winter Harbor, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Winter Harbor Municipal Building, 20 School Street in said town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of June 2015, 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 in said town at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of June 2015 to act on Articles 3-35, as set out below, to wit:

Article 1

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

To elect the following town officials by secret ballot: one member to the Board of Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor to serve until the 2018 annual town meeting; one Alternate member to the Planning Board to serve until the 2020 annual town meeting; one Regional School Unit 24 Board Member to serve until the 2018 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2018 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2018 annual town meeting.

ARTICLES PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

Article 3

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

Article 4

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

Article 5

To choose two (2) Trustees for five-year terms and one (1) Trustee for a three-year term to serve as a member of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees.

Article 6

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

Article 7

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

Article 8

To fix the salary for the ensuing year of the appointed Harbor Master in accordance with the Harbor Ordinance. (Currently \$750)

Article 9

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

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

Notice

The Town's share of the Regional School Unit Budget has been set: **\$1,095,160.00** (FY 14-15 - \$768,160.00)

Article 10

To see if the Town will expend \$35,000 from the Education Reserve Funds to reduce the portion of the tax commitment attributable to education. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES -General Fund Expenditures

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,152.00 for General Government Administration. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends approval and the Budget Committee recommends \$149,152.00*)

<u>General Government</u>		<u>FY 14-15</u>	<u>FY 15-16</u>
Total:	Administration	\$141,432.00	\$154,152.00

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,798.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*)

<u>Board of Assessors/Planning Board</u>	<u>FY 14-15</u>	<u>FY 15-16</u>
Assessing	\$7,400.00	\$9,400.00
HCPC	775.00	800.00
CEO	<u>2,598.00</u>	<u>2,598.00</u>
Total: Board of Assessors/PB	\$ 10,773.00	\$ 12,798.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,320.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*)

<u>Town Building Operations</u>	<u>FY 14-15</u>	<u>FY 15-16</u>
Gym	\$ 16,077.00	\$ 16,089.00
Municipal Public Safety Bldg	19,683.00	19,406.00
Old Fire Station	600.00	0.00
Wharf	4,550.00	4,550.00
Scout	<u>2,275.00</u>	<u>2,275.00</u>
Total: Town Buildings	\$44,330.00	\$ 42,320.00

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$418,228.00 for Public Safety. (*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.*)

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 14-15</u>	<u>FY 15-16</u>
Fire Department	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 49,920.00
Police Department	77,932.00	78,595.00
Roads	214,925.00	218,223.00
Solid Waste	<u>68,850.00</u>	<u>71,490.00</u>
Total: Public Safety	\$386,707.00	\$418,228.00

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$161,442.00 for the following miscellaneous expenses or appropriations. *(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.)*

Miscellaneous

Library	\$13,000.00
General Assistance	1,000.00
Cemeteries	5,000.00
Third Party Requests:	
Child & Family Opportunities, Inc.	\$300.00
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	500.00
Eastern Area on Aging	750.00
Eleanor Widener Dixon Memorial Clinic	500.00
Hancock County HomeCare & Hospice	136.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	500.00
LifeFlight Foundation	516.00
Maine Coast Memorial Hosp-Prescript Assist	750.00
Schoodic Arts for All	750.00
Washington Hancock Community Agency	675.00
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	175.00
<u>Yesterday's Children, Inc.</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total-Third Party Requests	5,852.00
EMA Director	150.00
Hydrants	49,200.00
Ambulance	4,000.00
County Tax	77,440.00
Town & Building Repairs	2,000.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance	<u>3,800.00</u>
TOTAL: Miscellaneous	\$ 161,442.00
	<i>FY 14-15 = \$172,799.00</i>

Notification to Taxpayers:

The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of \$77,440.00 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share of the Hancock County taxes. *(FY 14-15 = \$88,074.00)*

Note: County Tax is decreased by \$10,634.00

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,434.00 for the following Special Projects. (*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.*)

<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>FY 14-15</u>	<u>FY 15-16</u>
Comprehensive Plan	750.00	750.00
Homestead Exemption	5,000.00	5,000.00
Property Revaluation	3,000.00	3,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	1,000.00	2,000.00
Sewer Note	14,864.00	14,334.00
Pier Project Sinking Fund	2,500.00	00.00
Recreation Committee	2,250.00	2,750.00
PD Cruiser Sinking Fund	5,000.00	1,500.00
Gouldsboro Fire Dept/EMS	4,570.00	** 00.00
Investment Fund Repayment	40,000.00	40,000.00
Records Conservation	100.00	100.00
FD Vehicles Sinking Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total: Special Projects	\$ 84,034.00	\$ 74,434.00

**** Amount moved to the Fire Department section - \$4,570.00**

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 17

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
Auto Excise Taxes	\$ 95,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	6,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk's Fees	2,900.00
Permit Fees	800.00
Sale, Trash Bags	16,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	5,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	6,125.00
MRC Member Tip Fee Rebate	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$139,325.00

Article 18

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

Category	Estimated Amount
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	5,500.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	8,266.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	10,500.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	<u>500.00</u>
Total: Estimated Revenues	\$25,266.00
FY 14-15 - \$24,125.00	

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