



**Town Meeting Warrant  
And  
Secret Ballot Election**

**Monday, May 4, 2015  
And  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

County of Hancock, ss.

State of Maine

To: Chief Michael Miller, a Constable of the Town of Southwest Harbor, in the County of Hancock, State of Maine.

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Southwest Harbor, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Pemetic Elementary School, First Floor Auditorium, in said Town, on **Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 A.D. at seven o'clock in the evening**, then and there to act on Articles numbered one [1] through fifty-three [53].

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet in the Southwest Harbor Fire Station Meeting Room on **Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 A.D. at ten o'clock in the forenoon**, then and there to act upon Articles numbered fifty-four [54] through fifty-eight [58] by secret ballot, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Article 1: Election of Moderator** – To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting.

Nominations were accepted for Moderator; Joe Marshall's name was presented. There were no other nominations. Mr. Marshall was sworn in by the Town Clerk. Mr. Marshall then appointed James Colquhoun to act as his deputy.

The business under the warrant was transacted at the Pemetic Elementary School, opening at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Marshall opened the meeting by announcing that the meeting would be run according to the Rules of the Maine Moderator's Manual. Motion made, seconded and passed.

**Article 2: To fix compensation for the Board of Selectmen, Members of the Superintending School Committee and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Desert Island Regional School District.**

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 3: To authorize the Selectmen to choose and appoint all other non-elected municipal positions.**

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**SOUTHWEST HARBOR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**Note:** Articles 4 through 14 authorize expenditures in cost center categories

**Article 4:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 1,061,900
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 1,061,900
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 1,061,900

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$1,057,699

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 5:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 658,745
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 658,745
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 658,745

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ 639,794

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 6:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ -0-
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ -0-
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ -0-

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ -0-

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 7:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 51,470
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 51,470
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 51,470

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ 54,042

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 8:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 329,041
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 329,041
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 329,041

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ 309,398

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 9:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 59,625
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 59,625
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 59,625

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ 57,110

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 10:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 217,713
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 217,713
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 217,713

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ 211,983

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 11:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 142,661
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 142,661
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 142,661

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ 138,570

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 12:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 398,547
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 398,547
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 398,547

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ 400,843

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 13:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 342,658
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 342,658
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 342,658

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$ 361,214

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 14:** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **all Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 62,000
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 62,000
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 62,000

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$57,000

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Note:** **Articles 4 – 14 authorize a total budget of \$ 3,324,360**

Note: 2014-15 Amount was \$3,287,653

**Note:** **Articles 15 – 17 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget**

**Article 15:** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Southwest Harbor will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$1,637,390**) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Southwest Harbor will raise as the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$1,489,499
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$1,489,499
Warrant Committee recommends	\$1,489,499

Explanation: The Town of Southwest Harbor's contribution to the total cost of funding public education, from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 16:** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Southwest Harbor will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Southwest Harbor's contribution to the total cost of funding public education, from kindergarten to grade 12, for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends	\$ 342,658
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 342,658
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 342,658

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town of Southwest Harbor's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was approved by the voters on November 2, 1999.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

### Written Ballot Vote Required

**Article 17:** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Southwest Harbor will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$1,289,091**) for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model (**Recommend: \$1,258,426**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$ 1,289,091** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$ 1,258,426**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2015-2016 budget.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Southwest Harbor's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Southwest Harbor's budget for educational programs.

Note: 2014-15 Total Town Appropriation was \$3,124,605

**Note: Articles 15, 16, & 17 raise a total town appropriation of \$3,121,248**

*Motion made and seconded. Yes ~ 59; No ~ 5. Passed as Written. (Ballot Vote)*

**Note: Article 18 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures.**

**Article 18:** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Southwest Harbor will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Board recommends	\$3,324,360
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$3,324,360
Warrant Committee recommends	\$3,324,360

Note: 2014-15 Total Budget was \$3,287,653

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 19:** In addition to the amount in Articles 4 – 18, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2015-2016 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$90,022

School Board recommends passage
Board of Selectmen recommends passage
Warrant Committee recommends passage

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Article 20:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Administration** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 243,497
Source: Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 22,500
Fees & Licenses	\$ 40,050
State & Federal Assistance	\$ 79,950
Fines & Penalties	\$ 24,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 12,500
Taxation	<u>\$ 64,497</u>
Total:	\$ 243,497
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 243,497
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 243,497

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 21:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Code Enforcement /LPI** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 41,501
Source: Fees & Licenses	\$ 22,000
Taxation	<u>\$ 19,501</u>
Total:	\$ 41,501
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 41,501
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 41,501

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 22:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Southwest Harbor Boards and Committees** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 4,000
Source: Fees & Licenses	\$ 500
Taxation	<u>\$ 3,500</u>
Total:	\$ 4,000
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 4,000
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 4,000

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 23:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Contracted Services** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 636,200
Source: Miscellaneous Income	\$ 40,500
Taxation	<u>\$ 595,700</u>
Total:	\$ 636,200
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 636,200
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 636,200

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 24:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Debt Service** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 419,470
Source: Taxation	\$ 419,470
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 419,470
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 419,470

**Summary of Debt Service:**

Fire Station	\$ 78,000
Water Tank	\$ 18,570
Main Street	\$ 136,000
Wesley-Mansell	\$ 100,500
Ferrero Fire Truck	<u>\$ 86,400</u>
Total:	\$ 419,470

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 25:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Insurance Purposes** for various Town properties and activities for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 35,700
Source: Taxation	\$ 35,700
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 35,700
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 35,700

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 26:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Municipal Offices** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 25,990
Source: Fees & Licenses	\$ 500
Taxation	<u>\$ 25,490</u>
Total:	\$ 25,990
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 25,990
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 25,900

*Motion made and seconded for \$25,990. Passed as Written.*



**Article 27:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Community Service Organizations** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 31,824
Source: Taxation	\$ 31,824
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 31,824
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 31,824

**Summary of Community Service Organizations:**

Bar Harbor Food Pantry	\$ 2,500
Downeast Health Services	\$ 1,080
Downeast Horizons	\$ 1,800
Eastern Area on Aging	\$ 1,500
Hancock Home Care	\$ 1,870
Hospice of Hancock County	\$ 1,000
Island Connections	\$ 2,000
Island Explorer Bus Service	\$ 10,000
MDI Campfire Coalition	\$ 3,000
Mt Height Cemetery	\$ 3,500
Washington/Hancock Community Agency	\$ 3,574
Total:	\$ 31,824

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 28:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Southwest Harbor Public Library** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 55,000
Source: Taxation	\$ 55,000
Board of Selectmen recommends:	\$ 55,000
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 55,000

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 29:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Harbor House Youth Center and Recreation Programs** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 56,340
Source: Taxation	\$ 56,340
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 56,340
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 56,340

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 30:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Southwest Harbor / Tremont Nursing Service for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 58,000
Source: Taxation	\$ 58,000
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 58,000
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 58,000

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 31:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Southwest Harbor Highway Department for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 328,929
Source: Excise Tax	\$ 309,729
Fees & Licenses	\$ 200
State & Federal Assistance	\$ 19,000
Total:	\$ 328,929
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 328,929
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 328,929

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 32:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Southwest Harbor Police Department for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 455,097
Source: Fees & Licenses	\$ 2,100
Fines & Penalties	\$ 3,000
Taxation:	\$ 449,997
Total:	\$ 455,097
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 455,097
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 455,097

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 33:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Southwest Harbor Dispatch Department for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 260,188
Source: Service Revenue	\$ 44,000
Taxation	<u>\$ 216,188</u>
Total:	\$ 260,188
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 260,188
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 260,188

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 34:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Southwest Harbor Fire Department for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 83,970
Source: Taxation	\$ 83,970
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 83,970
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 83,970

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 35:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbor Department of Southwest Harbor for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Requested:	\$ 106,501
Source: Fees & Licenses	\$ 98,300
Taxation	<u>\$ 8,201</u>
Total:	\$ 106,501
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 106,501
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 106,501

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & RESERVES

**Article 36:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Capital Improvement Plan** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the Select Board being authorized to draw funds from these accounts to be used in accordance with the purpose of the account.

Requested:	\$ 308,211
Source: Excise Tax	\$ 20,271
Taxation	<u>\$ 287,940</u>
Total:	\$ 308,211
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 308,211
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 308,211

**Capital Improvement Plan Summary:**

Administration	\$ 5,750
Municipal Building	\$ -0-
Police	\$ 10,001
Dispatch	\$ 1,617
Fire	\$ 13,213
Harbor	\$ 37,260
Highway	\$ 165,370
Water/Sewer Infrastructure	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
Total:	\$ 308,211

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 37:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Wage and Benefit Reserve** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the Select Board being authorized to draw funds from the reserve account to be used in accordance with the purpose of the account.

Requested:	\$ 10,000
Source: Taxation	\$ 10,000
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 10,000
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 10,000

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 38:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Legal & Accounting Reserve** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the Select Board being authorized to draw funds from the reserve account to be used in accordance with the purpose of the account.

Requested:	\$ 5,000
Source: Taxation	\$ 5,000
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 5,000
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 5,000

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 39:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Professional Development Reserve** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the Select Board being authorized to draw funds from the reserve account to be used in accordance with the purpose of the account.

Requested:	\$ 9,000
Source: Taxation	\$ 9,000
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 9,000
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 9,000

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 40:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Unemployment Reserve** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the Select Board being authorized to draw funds from the reserve account to be used in accordance with the purpose of the account.

Requested:	\$ -0-
Source: Taxation	\$ -0-
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ -0-
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ -0-

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 41:** To see what sum the Town will vote to reduce the **Tax Abatement Reserve** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the Select Board being authorized to draw funds from the reserve account to be used in accordance with the purpose of the account.

Requested: Reduction of:	(\$ 2,734)
Board of Selectmen recommends	(\$ 2,734)
Warrant Committee recommends	(\$ 2,734)

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 42:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance Reserve** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the Select Board being authorized to draw funds from the reserve account to be used in accordance with the purpose of the account.

Requested:	\$ 5,000
Source: Taxation	\$ 5,000
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 5,000
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 5,000

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 43:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Mapping Update Reserve** for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the Select Board being authorized to draw funds from the reserve account to be used in accordance with the purpose of the account.

Requested:	\$ 60
Source: Taxation	\$ 60
Board of Selectmen recommends	\$ 60
Warrant Committee recommends	\$ 60

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 44:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,491,185.37 established for Southwest Harbor by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 45:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard “tax club” agreement with taxpayers whereby: 1) the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on the taxpayer’s estimated and actual tax obligation for the current year property taxes; 2) the Town agrees to waive interest on timely payments; 3) the Town authorizes the Tax Collector to accept payment of taxes which may be due prior to commitment of those taxes; 4) the agreement automatically terminates if two consecutive payments are missed and thereupon the taxpayer becomes subject to the same due date and interest rate as other nonparticipating taxpayers; 5) only taxpayers who are current on their property tax obligations may participate; and 6) interested taxpayers shall annually apply for participation by the date shown on the application; date and application format to be determined by the Tax Collector; this authorization shall stay in place unless rescinded by a future vote of the legislative body.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 46:** To see if the Town will vote to allow that the first half of taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 1, 2015 and that the second half of taxes shall be due and payable on or before February 1, 2016 and that interest shall be charged at the annual rate of 7% on any unpaid taxes due on September 1, 2015 beginning September 2, 2015 and on any unpaid taxes due February 1, 2016 beginning February 2, 2016. Also, that a rate of 3% interest per annum is paid for refund of property tax collected in accordance to state statute. (Tax Club members are exempt within the terms and conditions of the Town’s Tax Club Agreement.)

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 47:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation by using estimated revenues and fund balances for the Municipal Budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

**Note:** In addition to property taxes, the Town receives other revenues from fees, licenses, excise taxes, et cetera. The Town sometimes uses monies left over from prior years (fund balance). The funds shown in this article reduce the amount of property taxes that have to be raised.

<b>Sources of Revenues</b>	<b>Estimated 2015-2016</b>
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 22,500
Fees & Licenses	\$ 515,650
State & Federal Assistance	\$ 77,950
Fines & Penalties	\$ 24,000
Service Revenue	\$ 44,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 53,000
<b>Estimated Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$ 737,100</b>

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

### **NON-EXPENDITURE ARTICLES**

**Article 48:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select board to apply for and receive money, without further action by Town Meeting, from the **State of Maine**, which may become available during the ensuing year, including but not limited to the following sources:

Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 50,000	Est.
Local Road Assistance	\$ 19,000	Est.
State Aid to Education	\$ 110,000	Est.
Public Library State Aid per Capita	\$ 100	Est.
Civil Emergency Funds	\$ 100	Est.
Snowmobile Registration Monies	\$ 300	Est.
Tree Growth Reimbursements	\$ 1,500	Est.
General Assistance Reimbursements	\$ 2,500	Est.
State Grants and Other Funds	Unknown	

Together with any other State and/or Federal Grants which may be available at any time during the coming year.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 49:** To see if the Town will vote to accept all Trust Funds as received by the Town of Southwest Harbor Trust Officer during the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 50:** To see if the Town will vote to have unexpended balances in the Town's accounts at the end of the fiscal year, except those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, transferred to the Surplus Account or to any specified reserve fund, as deemed advisable by the Board of Selectmen, and to fund overdrafts in the Town's accounts from such unexpended balances, as deemed advisable by the Board of Selectmen.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 51:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 52:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town owned personal property with a value of \$20,000 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

**Article 53:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.

*Motion made and seconded. Passed as Written.*

*David Minctons made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the S.W.H. Fire Department.*



**The following articles will be voted on by secret ballot on  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

**Article 54: Election of Officers** – To elect all necessary Town Officers as are required to be elected by secret ballot:

One Selectmen	(3 year)	Dan Norwood	196
Two Superintending School Committee Members	(3year)	Susan Allen John Bench Michael Sawyer	158 138 75
One Board of Trustees of the MDI Regional School District	(3year)	Michael Sawyer (Write In)	13

**Article 55: Question 1** –

Shall the Town of Southwest Harbor accept an easement from the Southwest Harbor Public Library for the Town to control and maintain the parking area between Village Green Way and the Library for public use?

*Yes ~ 203, No ~ 20, Blank ~ 2*

**Article 56: Question 2** –

Shall the Town of Southwest Harbor amend the Road Ordinance, Section IV, subsection A as follows:  
(Strike thru is to delete; underline is to add)

~~The Board of Selectmen shall not lay out a road as a Town Way, nor shall it submit a warrant containing an article to a Town meeting for the purpose of acceptance of a road as a Town Way until and unless the road has been designed and constructed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.~~

1) Any road built to town standards per the Road Ordinance will be accepted by the Board of Selectmen, subject to inspection by the Town and certification from designing engineer the road meets or exceeds the standards and requirements of the road ordinance for roads built to town road standards.

2) The Board of Selectman will not accept any road not built to town standards per the Southwest Harbor Road Ordinance.

*Yes ~ 185, No ~ 32, Blank ~ 8*

**Article 57: Question 3** –

Shall the Town of Southwest Harbor appropriate a sufficient sum up to \$84,000 from undesignated surplus to be placed in the Municipal Building Capital Improvement Plan for the purpose of replacing the public bathrooms?

*Yes ~ 187, No ~ 34, Blank ~ 4*

**Article 58: Question 4** –

Shall the Select Board of the Town of Southwest Harbor be authorized to convey an easement to Great Harbor Marina, Inc. for the construction of a breakwater on a ledge in the harbor on terms that the Select Board deems appropriate, and be authorized to execute any and all deeds or documents necessary to accomplish the conveyance?

*Yes ~ 181, No ~ 37, Blank ~ 7*

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The polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. at the **Southwest Harbor Fire Station**.

Elections were closed at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 05, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn J. Lowell

05/06/14 minutes/town meeting