



AGENDA

- ITEM 1.** Call to Order
- ITEM 2.** Secretary call the Roll Call
- ITEM 3.** Pledge of Allegiance
- ITEM 4.** Consideration of the Agenda
- ITEM 5.** Approval of the March 26, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6.** Awards, Petitions and Public Comments.

RESOLVE, Recognition of Kaylin Larkin who finished second in the Penobscot County Spelling Bee.

RESOLVE, Recognition of the Veazie Community School Robotics Team who finished fourth and was the Top Middle School team in the competition. Furthermore the team won the KISS Award for the design of their project.

RESOLVE, Recognition of Patricia Rice as the Minority Small Business Champion of the Year.

- ITEM 7.** Public Comments

New Business:

- ITEM 8.** Appointments to the RSU Withdrawal Committee
 - Appointment of a member of the withdrawal petition committee member to the RSU Withdrawal Committee
 - Appointment of a member of the Town Council to the RSU Withdrawal Committee
 - Appointment of a town resident to the RSU Withdrawal Committee
- ITEM 9.** Authorize the Town Manger or his designee to sign an agreement for the Fire Department's Life Pack

Unfinished Business

- ITEM 10.** Meeting with Assessor Ben Birch regarding the possible revaluation and to act if necessary on his recommendations.
- ITEM 11.** Manager's Report
- ITEM 12.** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 13.** Requests for Information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 14.** Review & signing of Town Warrant 21 and Town Payroll 21
- ITEM 15.** Executive Session
- ITEM 16.** Adjournment

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Brian Perkins
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**April 9, 2012
Agenda Notes
&
Manager's Report
Agenda Notes**

Item # 6 At your meeting you will be recognizing Kaylin Larkin who came in second in the Penobscot County Spelling Bee.

The Veazie Community School Robotics Team finished 4th and this was their first year in the competition, and they were the only school from Maine. Being a group of 22 middle schoolers going against high school kids they didn't have very high expectations.. They lost to the eventual champions on a tie breaker in the semi-final round, good for 4th place. The team also won the Keep It Simple Award for their design and programming.

Patricia Rice will be recognized for her work with SCORE as the Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for her work.

Item # 7 I have on the agenda three appointments to the RSU Withdrawal Committee; however the law states that we cannot make any appointments until we are told to do so by the Commissioner of Education. However, it doesn't mean you can't discuss it at your meeting. One side note, there is no deadline for the Education Commissioner to tell you its okay to appoint a committee.

Item # 9 This is an annual maintenance contract for the fire department life packs.

Item # 10 Tax Assessor Birch has received 3 proposals regarding the revaluation. He will be here to discuss those with you as well as a direction in which you wish to proceed.

Managers Report for April 9, 2012

In your last packet I gave you a copy of the reorganizational plan for Time Warner. The Cable Television Consortium's legal counsel is advising the towns to do nothing on signing the agreement regarding the reorganizational plan. Legal counsel views the reorganization as internal only. A copy of the legal info is in your packet.

The projected revenue sharing for Veazie FY 2012-2013 is \$186,275.51. That is down from \$196,714.23 this year.

I have submitted a detailed letter to Department of Education Commissioner Stephen Bowen outlining the results of the RSU withdrawal election, the actual question, and the reason why the Town is asking to withdraw. A copy of that letter is in your packet.

This past Wednesday, I met with Don MacKay, Community Center Committee chairman. Also at that meeting was John Holden from Eaton Peabody who did a presentation on the TIF district. He further explained what TIF district could include. There was a discussion on use of the current \$30,000 grant and the use of \$5,000 in matching funds that can be used. The committee was in agreement to go forward with the furnace replacement over to gas.

The roof of the Community Center was discussed including the estimated cost of \$25,000. I explained that the \$25,000 figure was used for budgetary purposes but feel the actual cost will be much lower. There was a good discussion of insulating the building but concern was raised about the structure of the existing roof. It was asked to John Holden if the committee could borrow funds from the TIF and pay the monies back from the TIF if the changes were approved. He stated that he thought so but would check on it.

John Larson has been busy trying to get the code office to his liking. Last month after looking over the town's ordinance he could not locate an updated shoreland zoning ordinance (SZO). So he contacted Stephanie MacLagan who is with Shoreland Zoning Program asking for Veazie's SZO ordinance. She wrote back to him last week informing him that Veazie's SZO is not up to state standards. A copy of her letter is in your packet. I believe that the Planning Board will need to work on the ordinance shortly with help from the CEO. The proposed ordinance will have to be reviewed by DEP for their approval prior to our public hearings and the council adopting it.

I was looking for addressing officer material for Veazie and could not locate it. I contacted Maine GIS and requested new material so that new house numbers can be assigned correctly. That information came this week and is now in my office.

Earlier this year, the Maine Legislature allowed municipalities to exempt eligible active duty military personnel from vehicle excise taxes. I have a proposed copy for you to review and want to know if this is something you wish to pursue.

The Veazie Sewer District has submitted their assessment to the Town last week, a copy of that is in your packet.

Amanda and I attended the New Clerks Workshop on Monday and I will be getting recertified with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on April 24th and 25th in Farmington so I will be able to register motor vehicles.

PRESENT: Chairman Friedman, Councilor Perkins, Councilor King, Councilor Olson, Councilor Parker, Town Manager J. Hayes, Police Chief M. Leonard, Public Works Director B. Stoyell, Recreation Director R. Young, Fire Chief G. Martin, Members of the Public.

ITEM 1. The March 26, 2012 Veazie Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the Veazie Community School Library.

ITEM 2. Roll Call
Councilor Olson, Councilor King, Chairman Friedman, Councilor Perkins and Councilor Parker were all present.

ITEM 3. Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4. Consideration of Agenda
Motion to add 9-A meeting with the Orono-Veazie Water District.

ITEM 5. Approval of the March 12, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion By: Councilor King to accept the March 12, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Seconded: Councilor Parker, Voted 5 -0 in favor.

ITEM 6. Public Comments
There were no public comments

ITEM 7. Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Amendment Addition of Section 19 of the Veazie Ordinance Titled: Fireworks Ordinance
Motion By: Councilor Friedman to conduct the public hearing regarding the proposed fireworks ordinance. Seconded: by Councilor Perkins, Voted 5 -0

Manager Hayes read the proposed changes into the record.

No comments from the public were noted.

Motion By: Councilor Perkins to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Olsen, Voted 5 -0 in favor.

ITEM 8. Accept a Donation of \$20,000 from Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation to the Veazie Fire Department for Fire Equipment
Fire Chief G. Martin explained the grant and the use of funds.

Motion By: Councilor Parker to accept the grant. Seconded: by Councilor Perkins, Voted 5-0.

ITEM 9-A. Meeting with Dennis Cross Superintendent, also present was Trustee Ken Borneman.
Superintendent Cross outlined that they were here as a way to keep communications open with the town. He feels that this should be done annually to keep everyone informed of upgrades as well as plans that the district is planning.

Counselor Perkins asked questions regarding items such as sludge and triomethane. Superintendent Cross stated that tests are conducted on a quarterly basis. Questions arose regarding stagnate water and it was indicated tests are done at the furthest point, in this case that would be on Riverview Street. Councilor Olsen asked if the district was looking at using UV to disinfect the water. Sup. Cross stated that UV is not on the horizon at this time.

ITEM 9. Meeting with Chris Cronan, Planning Board Chairman

Planning Board Chairman Chris Cronan made a presentation on the proposed changes to the town's land use ordinance. Highlights of the plan are 3 stage review, optional cluster subdivisions have 50% open space set aside, protection of open space, and permitted and prohibited uses of town owed public open space. Councilor Parker asked if Town Attorney Russell had seen this. Chairman Cronan indicated that the ordinance is tied to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Councilor Perkins said that he appreciated the work that the planning board has done. Manager Hayes suggested that date of the comprehensive plan should be added for reference purposes.

ITEM 10. The Town of Veazie Hereby Ordains the Adoption of Section 19 to the Veazie Ordinances Titled: Fireworks Ordinance as Amended

Councilor Parker made a motion to vote on the fire works separately as one banning the sales and the other the use of fireworks. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Motion By: Councilor Perkins to approve the fireworks ordinance as presented.
Seconded: Councilor King, Voted 4-1 in favor. Councilor Parker was opposed.

ITEM 11. Manager's Report

Manager Hayes reviewed the items included in the Manager's Report with the Town Council.

ITEM 12. Comments from the Public

Jim Parker stated that the Town should get Tom Davis & Barney Silver to be aware of the proposed land use ordinance changes. Jim stated that he was concerned that this could be a taking on land without compensation. He wondered if it was open space or for public access.

ITEM 13. Requests for Information and Town Council Comments

There were no requests for information or Town Council comments.

ITEM 14. Warrants: Town Warrants 20 and Town Payroll 20 were circulated and signed..

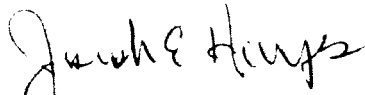
ITEM 15. Executive Session

Motion By: Councilor Perkins to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D) to discuss the Fire Department negotiations. Seconded by: Councilor Parker at 8:07pm, Voted 5-0 in favor.

Motion By: Councilor Olson to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by: Councilor King at 8:27pm, Voted 5-0 in favor.

- ITEM 16. Adjournment:** Motion By: Councilor King —to adjourn the March 26, 2012 Town Council Meeting. Seconded: Councilor Parker. There was no further discussion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm.

A true record, Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph E. Hayes
Town Clerk
Town of Veazie



March 20, 2012

ITEM # 11

Dear Town/City Official,

We are writing to you as part of our ongoing efforts to keep you apprised of developments affecting Time Warner Cable customers in your community.

Time Warner Cable's agreements with programmers and broadcasters to carry their services and stations routinely expire from time to time. We are usually able to obtain renewals or extensions of such agreements, but in order to comply with applicable regulations, we must inform you when an agreement is about to expire. The agreements with the programmers/broadcasters on the list below are due to expire soon and we may be required to cease carriage of one or more of these services/stations in the near future. Conversely, there are also times when we will include the addition of new channels within these ads:

American Life, BBC America, BBC America HD, Cooking Channel SD & HD, Current TV, DIY SD & HD, Encore, Encore HD, Encore Action E&W, Encore Drama E&W, Encore Love E&W, Encore Suspense E&W, Encore Family, Encore Westerns E&W, Gospel Music Channel SD & HD, Great American Country, GSN, Indi Plex, Music Choice, NECN, NHL Networks, NHL Center Ice Package, Retro Plex, Sprout, Starz! SD & HD, Starz Cinema E&W, Starz Comedy SD & HD, Starz Edge E&W, Starz Edge HD, Starz in Black E&W, Starz Kids and Family E&W, Starz Kids and Family HD, TruTV SD & HD, WBGR, Zee TV, WSHM-LP

Please note, some channels listed may not be available in your service area. Please consult your local listings for more details at: www.timewarnercable.com/northeast.

SOAPnet will be moving to Digital on Channel 154 in Cumberland County, York County, Keene, Aroostook and Athol, and Channel 147 in Berlin on or around 3/23/12.*

Disney Junior will be added to Digital on Channel 130 in Keene and Berlin, Channel 149 in Aroostook and Channel 145 in all other areas on or around 3/23/2012.*

My Life On Demand will be rebranded to Health On Demand around 3/28/12.

Signature View On Demand will be added to SignatureHome Premium View on Channel 975 in Cumberland, York, Sebago, Conway, Berlin, Littleton and Plymouth on or around 4/21/2012.

*Digital format only; two-way compatible digital cable ready equipment, such as a digital set-top or CableCard-equipped UDCP used in conjunction with a Tuning Adapter required.

Finally, we are currently involved in discussions regarding the services and/or stations listed below. While we cannot guarantee that we will reach agreement with the relevant programmers and/or broadcasters, we are listing these services/stations here in the event that those discussions lead to the dropping or addition of the following services/stations: CMT SD & HD

Again, this is a routine notice and we are confident agreements will be reached with these networks. A copy of the ad that will run in the local daily paper can be found on our website at:

<http://www.timewarnercable.com/newengland/support/policies/channelchange.html>

These ads are placed in the first and third Wednesday of each month. This information is also located on customer bill statements.

From: Pat Scully [<mailto:pscully@bernsteinshur.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 4:45 PM

To: Francesca DeSanctis

Cc: Steve Cornell; Tyler Collins

Subject: RE: Time Warner Reorganization

Francesca: I've reviewed the Form 394 application the consortium members received from Time Warner along with the contents of the CD -- which includes the Time Warner Cable Inc.'s ("TWCI") most recent 10-K Annual Report filed with the SEC and the Restructuring Agreement TWC entered into with its subsidiaries to effect the proposed restructuring.

While in theory the Towns could act to approve the transaction, I see no benefit in doing so. Nor do I see a reason to disapprove it. Under federal law, if the Towns do not act within 120 days of receipt of the Form 394, the reorganization (and the transfer of your local franchise to the newly created Time Warner entity - in this case Time Warner Cable Northeast, LLC) is automatically approved.

Importantly, this is not a sale of the system to a third party. The transaction is a purely internal restructuring within Time Warner. TWCI remains the ultimate parent company. The attached two pages shows the corporate structure before and after the proposed transaction.

Prior to this transaction, your franchises were held by Time Warner NY Cable LLC (TWNYC), which was an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of TWCI. TWCI currently owns its cable systems through a complicated series of indirect subsidiaries.

The proposed transaction will result in all of Time Warner's cable systems being transferred into a series of seven subsidiaries of Time Warner Cable Enterprises LLC ("TWCE"), which will become a wholly owned subsidiary of TWNYC, and through it, TWCI. Under TWCE they will create 7 regional entities to hold the local systems across the country. Your system will become part of one of these 7 entities, Time Warner Cable Northeast, LLC ("TWCNE"). This restructuring simplifies the TWCI organization, but makes no real change in the ultimate ownership of the systems and will have no effect on management or employees, or on the services provided. The terms of your franchise agreements will not be affected.

For this reason, I see no reason to be concerned about this transaction. Again, while the Towns

could take action to approve the reorganization, you do not need to do so. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

-Pat

Pat Scully

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From: Francesca DeSanctis [<mailto:FDeSanctis@emdc.org>]

Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 1:17 PM

To: Pat Scully

Cc: Steve Cornell; Tyler Collins

Subject:

Hello Pat,

Attached please find the letter all of the towns have received regarding the 394. I also have a disk that has the supplemental documents on it, would you like me to forward that on to you as well? I will have to put it in the mail.

Thanks,

Francesca DeSanctis, Esq.

Clerk of the Corporation

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Stephen Bowen
Commissioner
Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0023

March 28, 2012

Dear Commissioner Bowen,

I am writing to inform you that the residents of the Town of Veazie voted yesterday in the affirmative to begin the process of withdrawing from Regional School Unit 26. The vote was 173 in favor and 36 opposed to the following question:

"Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal from Regional School Unit 26 (Riverside RSU) with the Board of Directors of Regional School Unit 26 and the Maine Commissioner of Education, authorizing a withdrawal committee to expend no more than \$50,000 to accomplish the withdrawal, and authorizing the Veazie Town Council to issue notes or pledge credit in the name of the Town of Veazie for this purpose, all as required by state law and authorizing that expenditure from the Town's undesignated (unassigned) fund balance for this purpose?"

The reasons cited for the withdrawal are the cost and the loss of local control and the fact that the RSU went from a million dollar fund balance to a projected deficit of almost \$900,000 in less than three years.

The Town Council is expected at its April 9th meeting to appoint a four member panel (as dictated by state law) to study the cost-benefits of either staying in the district or withdrawing. As you know the panel will be negotiating with RSU 26 regarding the possible departure of Veazie from RSU 26.

Should you have any questions or concerns, I am available at 947-2781.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Hayes".

Joseph Hayes
Town Manager



Message

Wed, Apr 04, 2012 9:13 PM

From: "Leo Kenney" <lkenney@riversidersu.org>
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"Michael Crooker" <crookerm@glenburn.net> **Joseph Hayes**

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Thank you for your recommendations and comments Mr. Smith. So long as we are citing Code of conduct sections let's make sure we also consider Section J:

J. I will make decisions openly after all facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed.

For the past two weeks your office has advised the Board that we have an amount of \$439,728 to put back into the budget. Two days after the March 28th meeting your office miraculously found an Additional \$140,000 to bring our New Total to \$578,000!? I would suggest these New Funds represent New Facts that have bearing on the previous Votes taken, and therefore the subject of Reinstating Orono's K-5 and 6-8 Administrators must be revisited.

We also can't ignore the fact that one of the Orono Board members who voted in favor of retaining the current Administration structure on March 21 was absent from the March 28th meeting and had that one additional vote been in the affirmative to rescind, the motion would have passed, and reinstatement letters would already have been sent to our Administrators.

The original vote to replace our existing Administrative structure was driven by a March 31 Deadline

to meet a contractual obligation. The Board was forced to make a decision before your office was able to provide an accurate financial analysis, and as a result we have eliminated Two quality employees, with over 33 years of combined experience in the Orono School System. In the process we have pitted Town against Town, Staff against Administration, and even Staff against Staff.

A process was established at the March 21 Board meeting for each Town's representatives to meet and come back to the full board with their recommendations for how to apply the additional funds to restore cuts. Orono's Board brought back our recommendations and our fellow board members from Glenburn and Veazie, except for Chris Dalton chose not to honor the Orono Board recommendations or the process that was established.

Additionally I see no merit educationally or financially in your loose suggestion of a "school year Assistant Principal". To hire a Qualified Administrator that would be committed long term to our schools and not use this position as a "stepping stone" the position would presumably have to pay more than the Top Scale of our teacher contract at \$66,600. Using \$70,000 as a salary plus \$18,000 for benefits the Total cost would be up to \$88,000/year. No savings, and a position that is likely to become a revolving door providing no consistency for our students.

Regards,

Leo Kenney

Douglas K. Smith writes:

----- Original Message -----

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Message

Mon, Apr 02, 2012 2:10 PM

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Cc: w@orono.org "Michael Crooker" <crookerm@glenburn.net> **Joseph Hayes**

Subject: Withdrawal Committees

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In response to a question posed by an RSU # 26 Board member, Bill Stockmyer, from Drummond and Woodson indicated that the RSU Board could negotiate with both groups at the same time as long as the final negotiated agreements were separate. That determination would be made by the RSU # 26 Board. I would personally recommend that process for obvious reasons.

FYI.....Doug



Message

Fri, Mar 30, 2012 10:51 AM

From: "Douglas K. Smith" <smithdk@glenburn.net>

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Subject: Local Contribution

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Hi folks,

As promised, while the budget has not been completed as yet (hopefully on April 11), I am authorized to inform you that there will be no increase in required municipal contributions as a result of the RSU # 26 budget, notwithstanding any major adjustments in subsidy by the Maine Legislature. This information should be helpful for your communities as you plan your respective budgets. As soon as the budget is finalized, a copy will be forwarded.

Doug Smith, Superintendent

Riverside Regionalized School Unit #26

Glenburn, Orono and Veazie

983 Hudson Road
Glenburn, Maine 04401

Tel: 942-4405
Fax: 433-7233

To: RSU 26 Board of Directors
Fr: Doug Smith, Superintendent
Re: Recommendations for Orono Administrative Positions

"In Perspective"

Last fall, when financial targets were established by the Finance Committee, I was asked to provide some administrative options with cost estimates for savings. After reviewing the financial and educational viability of these options, (1.) a Pre-K - 8 Principal, (2.) a 6-8 teaching principal, and (3.) a 6-12 principal with a 6-12 assistant principal, I recommended the Pre-k - 8 proposal as the option provided the financial "offset" necessary. While this recommendation was selected primarily for financial reasons, each of the options had sufficient educational "standing" to be considered viable, being utilized currently throughout the state with demonstrated success. Furthermore, success has always been determined by the skill, motivation and attitude of the administrator employed.

Later on, when additional funds became available, I made a recommendation to the Board to restore both administrative positions in Orono for one year, until the withdrawal process was determined. This recommendation was based on educational reasons, i.e. success of the Blue Ribbon School Award and out of respect for the wishes of the majority of parents and citizens that expressed opinions, written and verbal, on their desire to retain those positions. While certainly not as cost effective as the previous recommendation, it was a demonstrated model of success and, in my opinion, deserved consideration under the circumstances.

On March 21, 2012, a vote was taken by the Board of Directors to reject the recommendation to retain the Orono administrative structure at Orono Middle School and at the Asa Adams School that currently exists (one full-time principal at each school). That motion failed by a vote of 515 against and 488 for (weighted vote).

A second motion to eliminate the positions of Orono Middle School principal and the Asa Adams School principal, and to create a Pre-K - 8 grade Principal position for the Asa Adams School and Orono Middle School was passed by a vote of 515 for and 488 against (weighted vote).

On March 28, the board considered rescinding the prior vote on March 21. On advice of legal counsel, and as a prerequisite to taking further action on a different administrative consideration, a motion for rescission was considered.

That motion failed by a vote of 407 to 405 (weighted vote). A second motion to create a second Pre-K - 8 position also failed.

**"Section H" of the RSU #26 Board Members Code of Ethics states as follows:
"I will support a decision graciously, once it has been made by a majority of the Board."**

In view of the votes taken at two successive Board meetings, acceptance of the specific language referenced in the Code of Ethics, and being mindful of the continued erosion of staff morale and the obvious negative impact on the two administrators being affected, I am making the following recommendation:

To recommend that the Board of Directors complete the budget deliberations adopting the Board's decision to create a Pre-K - 8 administrative position in Orono. While not specifically recommending, as such, this Pre-K -8 position could be "supplemented" by the addition of a "School Year Only" Assistant Principal, Teaching Principal or other administrative configuration as determined by the Board of Directors.

Its time to complete our tasks at hand and move on as we have much to accomplish in a short period of time.

cc: A-Team
Town Managers
All Staff



Message

Tue, Apr 03, 2012 2:15 PM

From: "Don MacKay" <dgmackay@myfairpoint.net>

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 <dgagnon@bangordailynews.com> **Joseph Hayes** kmorin@veazie.net

Subject: Veazie Community Center Redevelopment Advisory Committee meeting, tomorrow, Wed...

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Hi everyone. I hope you are all well.

There is a Veazie Community Center Redevelopment Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday April 4th, at 7:30 pm in the Town Council's chambers.

There are three main items on the agenda. The first item is an update on progress with the energy efficiency grants for the Community Center. The second item is exploring options for amending an existing Tax Increment Financing district, and if it is amended, how those funds might be used in Veazie. The third item is whether the Community Center committee might be involved in a potential Veazie Days 2012 event.

Here is the draft agenda:

1) Grant discussion and update. One grant has been closed out. One \$30,000 energy efficiency grant is remaining.

2) TIF update and ideas. John Holden from Eaton Peabody will attend to explain some aspects of the TIF, and get input on potential project ideas for the TIF funds.

3) Discussion of potential participation in a Veazie Days 2012 event.

See you tomorrow!

Regards,

Don

P.S. Please let me know if you wish to be removed from this e-mail list.

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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PAUL R. LEPAGE
GOVERNOR

PATRICIA W. AHO
COMMISSIONER

27 March 2012

Town of Veazie
Attn: Code Enforcement Officer

RE: Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

Dear Mr. Larson:

Thank you for calling about shoreland zoning standards in the Town of Veazie (Municipality). The *Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act*, 38 M.R.S.A. §435 through 449 (Act) requires that municipalities adopt shoreland zoning standards into their local ordinances for administration and enforcement with the shoreland zone. The Department provides assistance, including the publication of the *Guidelines for Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances* (Guidelines).

The Guidelines are updated regularly as required by the Act. The last mandate to municipalities to get ordinances up to date occurred after the Guidelines were amended on 1 May 2006. The Guidelines were again amended on 22 November 2010. The Act requires that ordinances are at least as stringent as the Guidelines. The Municipality hasn't fulfilled this mandate.

Ordinances and amendments must be submitted to the Department for approval before they become effective. The Town of Veazie Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, enacted on 2 December 1991 and approved on 5 February 1992 (Ordinance) remains effective with the Shoreland Zoning Map enacted on 2 December 1991 (Map). Enclosed is a copy of the Ordinance.

It is my understanding that the Municipality has a town-wide Land Use Ordinance as well. In 2009 I began working with Allan Thomas to draft the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance into the Land Use Ordinance. I did not have contact with the Municipality after he left his position. I would be more than happy to assist the Municipality with updating the Ordinance and/or incorporating it into the Land Use Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Stephenie MacLagan
Shoreland Zoning Program
Division of Land Resource Regulation
Bureau of Land and Water Quality



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March 28, 2012

Joe Hayes
Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, Maine 04401

Enclosed are replacement pages for your towns map book. These changes reflect the edits that were made from the last maintenance you sent in. Please make sure that these are put in the map book to keep it up-to-date as they reflect the current data that we have for your town.

Also note that our mailing address and contact numbers have changed (listed below)

Voice: 1-800-665-2830, or 624-9442

FAX: 1-866-710-7381, or 624-5010

**Mailing: MEGIS E911 Support Group
175 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0175**

Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if you have any concerns or questions regarding your town's participation in the E9-1-1 Maintenance Process. Also, for assistance in understanding the maintenance process, copies of forms and general information, please check out the E9-1-1 Maintenance website at <http://megis.maine.gov/projects/>. You can also download your town's mapbook by going to <http://megis.maine.gov/maps/>, click on the E911 Mapbooks Page link, and then click on the appropriate county.

Sincerely,

Jon Rice
GIS Coordinator
1-800-665-2830
megise911.gis@maine.gov

**SECTION 29 EXEMPTING ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY
PERSONNEL
FROM VEHICLE EXCISE TAX**

Section 29.01 Title

Section 29.02 Preamble

Section 29.03 Authority

Section 29.04 Excise tax exemption; qualifications

Section 29.05 Effective date; duration

Section 29.01 Title This ordinance shall be known and be cited as the “TOWN OF VEAZIE ORDINANCE EXEMPTING ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM VEHICLE EXCISE TAX”

Section 29.02 PREAMBLE

MUNICIPALITY OF VEAZIE, MAINE ORDINANCE EXEMPTING ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM VEHICLE EXCISE TAX

Section 29.03 Authority. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §1483-A which expressly authorizes such ordinances.

Section 29.04 Excise tax exemption; qualifications. Vehicles owned by a resident of Veazie who is on active duty serving in the United States Armed Forces and who is either permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base outside this State or deployed for military service for a period of more than 180 days and who desires to register that resident’s vehicle(s) in this State are hereby exempted from the annual excise tax imposed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §1482.

- a. To apply for this exemption, the resident must present to the municipal excise tax collector certification from the commander of the resident’s post, station or base, or from the commander’s designated agent, that the resident is permanently stationed at that post, station or base or is deployed for military service for a period of more than 180 days.
- b. For purposes of this section, “United States Armed Forces” includes the National Guard and the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces.
- c. For purposes of this section, “deployed for military service” has the same meaning as in 26 M.R.S.A. §814(1)(A).
- d. For purposes of this section, “vehicle” has the same meaning as in 36 M.R.S.A. §1481(5) and does not include any snowmobiles as defined in 12 M.R.S.A. §13001.

Section 29.05 Effective date; duration. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment and shall remain in effect unless and until it or 36 M.R.S.A. §1483-A is repealed.

VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT

34 HOBSON AVENUE

VEAZIE, MAINE 04401

942-1536

March 14, 2012

To: Members of Veazie Town Council, Manager Hayes & Ben Birch

Re: Assessment

Dear Town Council Members & Manager Hayes & Ben Birch

Please find enclosed the assessment from the Veazie Sewer District.

For many years the assessment funds only went to improving old sections of the sewer collection system. Pre-1970s, three and four foot sections of clay pipe were used to collect storm and sewer water, which was then conveyed to the river. Over the years communities have built wastewater treatment facilities and separated the storm water from the wastewater and replaced the very porous clay pipe with lighter, longer and stronger pipe. Many of our surrounding communities are being mandated, by State DEP and Federal EPA, to dedicate funds to continue to separate their collection systems. The Veazie Sewer District began replacing the old clay pipe with new pipe over twenty-five years ago and has had a separated system for over fifteen years. There is still some clay pipe in Veazie; however, most of it is not in areas where large amounts of storm water will infiltrate it.

In March 1999, the Sewer District held a special meeting with the Town Council, Planning Board and Town Office to explain what was happening and why as to the future of the treatment facility. In attendance to help with the explanation was Jim Parker and Bob Larsen of CES. One way to offset some of the cost to current users was to have a connection fee. A minimum fee of \$2,300.00 per three-bedroom home was discussed based on Veazie's comprehensive plan of 9.1 new homes per year. John Manter and Robb Freeman said the plan was to use 9 homes per year through 2024, but 10 to 12 new homes per year could be used. There was also some discussion about the Town's plan for a business park and the type of business expected. With this information, the Trustees further discussed the connection fee at another meeting with CES. Jim explained that the City of Brewer had an impact fee of \$2,200.00 and backed that off to about \$1,450.00 for an equivalent because of lost business. The impact fee was too high and business was turning away from Brewer and we didn't want that to happen in Veazie. It was decided that the connection fee should be set at a minimum of \$1,500.00 for a three-bedroom home, an additional \$500.00 for each additional bedroom and for other connections, the State plumbing code would be used to find the equivalent and the assessment to the Town would be increased. By utilizing the assessment this way the connection fee could be less and ensure businesses coming to the Town's business park would not take as hard a hit. There was also a rate increase with the average user's rate going up approximately \$36.00 per year.

Last February and March, the Sewer District held a workshop with the Council and a public hearing at the Veazie Community School to discuss a proposed rate increase. It was explained by the Trustees that the District needed to fund its reserve funds and capital plan and that the District had gone ten (10) years without a rate increase. The meetings were attended by the Council as well as few residents. The message from the Council was that the Town could absorb more assessment if that would mean a smaller rate increase. Also people can use their property taxes when itemizing their income tax, but not a user fee such as the sewer rate. We all have an obligation to support the plant, which protects the environment. As a result, the District increased its assessment for the first time since 2007, from \$140,000 to \$160,000.

During the Veazie Sewer District's annual meeting on June 21, 2011, the Trustees discussed the recent issues facing the Veazie Town Council, with the RSU assessment coming in much higher than anticipated after the Town's budget passed. Every year for the last ten years the Trustees have discussed rate increases. This year, we had ten meetings in seven months where a rate increase was the major topic of our meeting, so we know increases are not an easy decision for the Council to make. After careful consideration, the Trustees voted to decrease the assessment to the Town by \$10,000.00.

The Trustees also voted at the annual meeting not to accept compensation. This savings of \$1,300.00 will help the District offset the \$10,000.00 reduction.

Keep in mind that with inflation, our assessment has remained stable over the years. The assessment to the Town in 1989 was \$90,000.00, which is equivalent to approximately \$164,000.00 in 2011 dollars.

The District still has some of the old clay pipe in the ground, but in areas where groundwater is not a big issue infiltrating the pipe joints. Oak Grove Street is one of the areas where the clay pipe has not been replaced and though it is a concern, it has not been a big problem area for root intrusion or infiltration for the District, the clay pipe and the brick manholes that were used during the era of clay pipe are deteriorating and causing problems with the pavement. At Council meetings last summer it was mentioned that Oak Grove Street was one of the streets the Town wanted to pave and it was ready for pavement. Last summer, utilizing the District's camera unit, a video of the sewer main was made and the main was evaluated. The District recently asked a local contractor to provide a price to rebuild the 1,200 feet of sewer main and 4 manholes. The price came in at approximately \$200,000.00.

We still have the un-sewered areas of town, Jackson Drive, Longmeadow Drive and Mt. View Drive area that we need to continue to plan for.

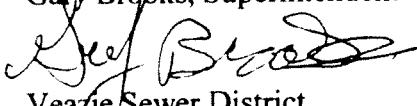
There is a need for a permanently mounted 45kW generator at the County Road Pump Station at a cost of \$20,000.00.

There is a need for a permanently mounted 20kW generator at the Buck Hill Pump Station at a cost of \$17,000.00.

The District has other needs similar to the Town. The Town has reserve and capital funds for fire trucks, police cruiser, backhoe, drainage projects, etc. The Sewer District has similar equipment to plan for as well as items like blowers, sludge removal, grinder, auger, baffles and pumping stations.

As always the District staff continue to address regular cleaning, videoing, repairing and maintaining the collection system, two pumping stations and the treatment facility. The staff are on-call 24/7/365 to handle any emergencies, which typically occur when the weather is at its worse.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Gary Brooks, Superintendent

Veazie Sewer District

C.c. Trustees

VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT

34 HOBSON AVENUE

VEAZIE, MAINE 04401

207-942-1536



ASSESSMENT OF VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT TAX

STATE OF MAINE
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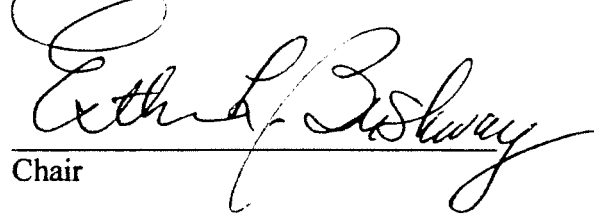
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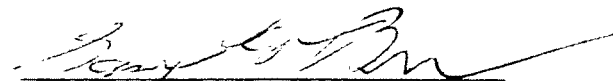
In accordance with Section II of Chapter 114 of the Private and Special Laws of 1951, there is assessed against your municipality the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$150,000.00), payable on or before December 31st.**

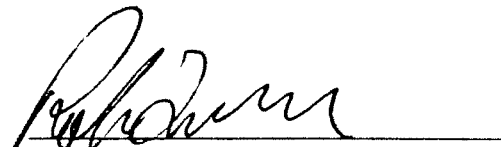
The basis for said assessment is the determination by the **Trustees of Veazie Sewer District** of what sum is required for sinking fund payments, what sum is required to meet interest payments, and what sum is required to meet other necessary expenses in the **District** after the application of all funds received from assessments.

Now, therefore, agreeable to Chapter 114 of the Private and Special Laws of 1951 Section 11, you are hereby required to assess said total sum upon the taxable polls and estates within said **District**, and to commit your assessment to the **Constable or Collector of said Town of Veazie.**

Given under our hands and seal, Veazie, Maine on
the 14th day of March in the year of our Lord Two
Thousand Twelve


Chair




Trustees
Veazie Sewer District

VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT

34 HOBSON AVENUE

VEAZIE, MAINE 04401

942-1536

March 14, 2012



To: Manager Hayes & Ben Birch

Re: Assessment

Dear Manager Hayes & Ben Birch

For the past year there has been questions about the District's assessment to the Town. One of the questions is who should and shouldn't be assessed?

The District charter states that the District issues the assessment to the assessor of the Town of Veazie, requiring that they assess the total sum so determined upon the taxable polls and estates within said District....

Properties on Stillwater Avenue are not within the District as well as lots 4, 8, 10, 12 and 14 of Buck Hill Drive (map included). However; Sec. 5. of the charter states: "**Rights of abutters to enter the sewer.** The District at all times shall be bound to permit the owners of all properties, abutting upon its lines of pipes and conduits, to enter the same with all proper sewerage, upon conformity to the rules and regulations of the District and payment of the rates and assessments established therefore." I have included this portion of the charter.

All of the lots on Buck Hill Drive do abut the sewer mains of the District.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Gary Brooks, Superintendent

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Veazie Sewer District

C.c. Trustees

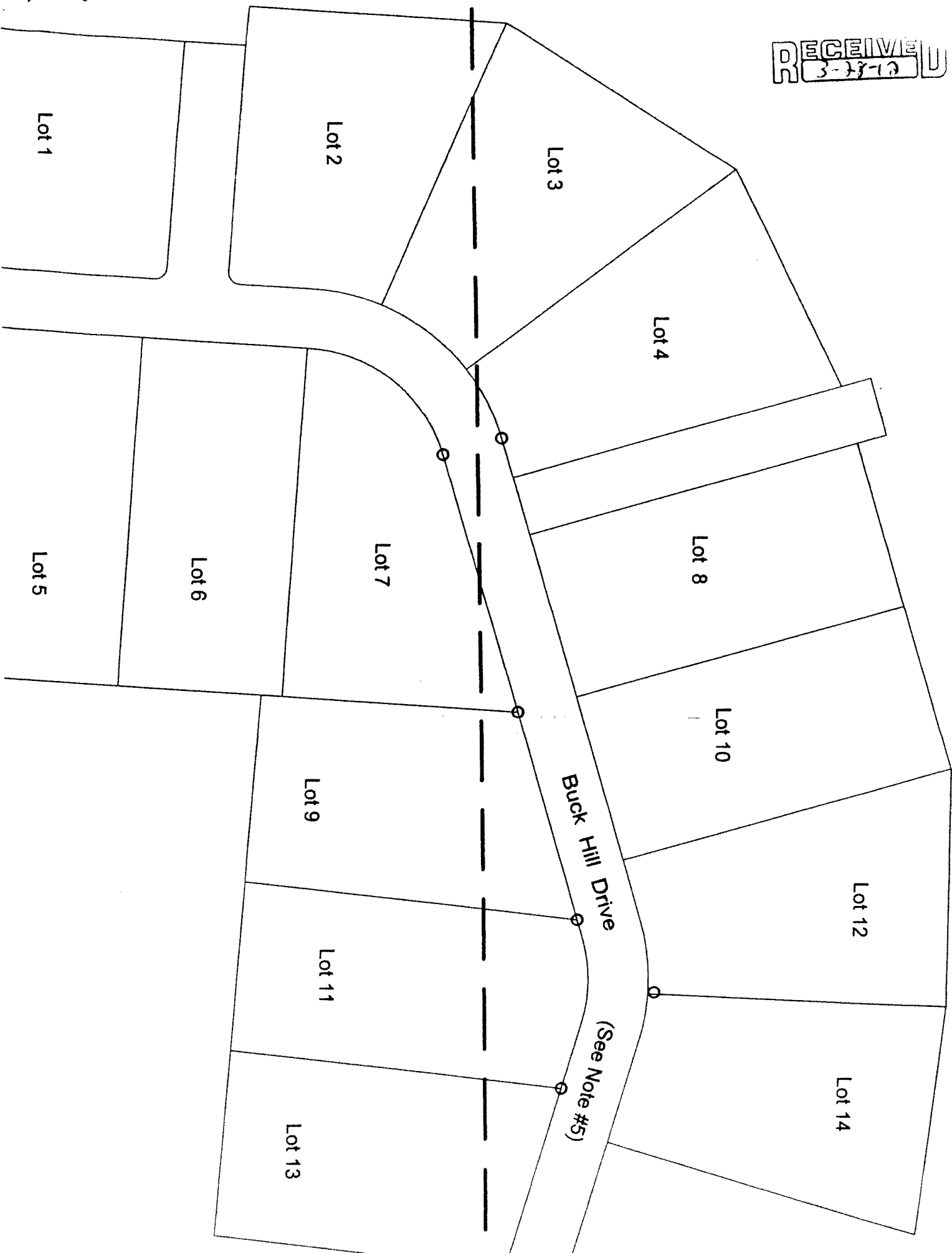
the boundaries of the district to care for sewage or drainage through the district's system; and said district is hereby authorized, for the purposes aforesaid, to lay down, in and through the streets, highways and land of said district, and take up, replace and repair all such conduits, pipes and fixtures as may be necessary or desirable for the objects of its incorporation to carry and lay conduits and pipes under any water course, way, public or private, or railroad, in the manner prescribed herein and to cross any water pipe, gas pipe, electric conduit, drain or sewer, or, if necessary, to change its direction in such a manner as not to obstruct its use by the construction of any of the works of said district, either during such construction or after the same has been completed, or while the same shall be undergoing repairs or extensions are being made, and said district shall be liable to the town of Veazie, public utilities and private persons for any and all costs, damages and expenses which each may suffer or be put to by reason of the default, neglect, negligence or carelessness of said district or any of its officers, servants or agents in creating, maintaining, repairing or extending said sewerage system. The trustees of said district may purchase all maps, plans and files relating to sewers and drainage which are in the possession of the town of Veazie. In case of any crossing of any public utility, unless consent is given by the company owning or operating such public utility as to place, manner and conditions of the crossing within 30 days after such consent is requested by such district, the public utilities commission shall determine the place, manner and conditions of such crossing; and all work on the property of such public utility, but at the expense of the district.

Sec. 5. Rights of abutters to enter the sewer. The district at all times shall be bound to permit the owners of all premises, abutting upon its lines of pipes and conduits, to enter the same with all proper sewerage, upon conformity to the rules and regulations of the district and payment of the rates and assessments established therefor.

Sec. 6. Offenses and penalties. Any person who shall place or leave any offensive or injurious matter or material on or in the conduits, catch-basins or receptacles of the district contrary to its regulations, or shall willfully injure any conduit, pipe, reservoir, flush tank, catch-basin, manhole, outlet, engine, pump or other property held, owned or used by the district for the purposes of this act, shall pay twice the amount of the damages to the district to be recovered in any proper action; and such person, on conviction of either of the acts of willful injury aforesaid, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200 and by imprisonment not exceeding 1 year.

Sec. 7. Trustees; how elected; tenure of office; organization of board; officers; vacancies; compensation; reports. As soon as may be after the acceptance of this act as hereinafter provided, the municipal officers of the town of Veazie shall appoint 3 trustees of said district, to hold office as follows respectively: 1 until 2 days after the annual town meeting in 1952, 1 until 2 days after the annual town meeting in 1953 and 1 until 2 days after the annual town meeting in 1954. At each annual meeting of the district, 1 trustee shall be elected by the inhabitants of the district then and there present and voting, for a term of 3 years as successor to the trustee whose term expires that year. All trustees shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. No trustee shall be a member of the board of selectmen of said town of Veazie. When any trustee ceases to be a resident of said district he vacates the office of trustee. Any vacancy upon the board of trustees occurring because of change of resident of trustee, resignation, death or any cause except normal expiration of term of office shall be filled by the municipal officers of the town of Veazie in the same

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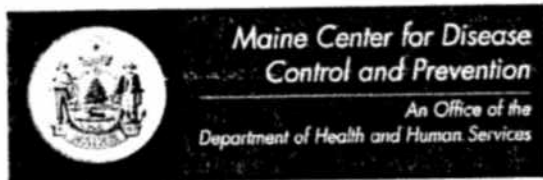


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NOTES:

REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- 1) MUNICIPAL LIMIT OF THE TOWN OF VEAZIE, STATE OF MAINE:
 - a) MAINE PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS, 1853, CHAPTER 134.
 - b) MAINE PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS, 1889, CHAPTER 294.
- 2) 1844 LAYOUT OF STILLWATER AVENUE RECORDED IN PENOBSCOT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECORDS, VOLUME 3, PAGE 304.
- 3) 1951 CHARTER OF THE VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT, CHAPTER 114.
- 4) RE-ROUTING OF A PORTION OF CHASE ROAD:
 - a) MAINE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION RIGHT OF WAY MAP, S.C.H. FILE NUMBER 10-113, DATED SEPTEMBER 1959, RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 22, PAGE 06, PENOBSCOT COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.
 - b) LAYOUT AND NOTICE OF TAKING, STATE OF MAINE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MAINE DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1959, RECORDED IN BOOK 1694, PAGE 215, PENOBSCOT COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.
- 5) FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN OF SILVER SUBDIVISION DATED 27 JUNE 2001, RECORDED AS MAP FILE 2001-58, PENOBSCOT COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.



Paul R. LePage, Governor

Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner

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286 Water Street
11 State House Station
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Tel. (207) 287-5672

Subsurface Wastewater Unit

Fax (207) 287-4172

March 16, 2012

Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, ME 04401

RE: Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Permit and Fee Submissions

To Whom It May Concern:

Our records indicate that the Department has not received copies of approved subsurface wastewater disposal permits, internal plumbing permits, or the associated fees from the Town of Veazie, since July 2010. Please review your records and submit copies of the permits issued and the appropriate fees. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

For more information please contact Wendy Austin at 287-5672.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Austin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Austin, Office Associate II
Subsurface Wastewater Unit
Department of Health & Human Services

TOWN OF VEAZIE
1084 Main Street, Veazie, ME 04401
Phone: (207) 947-2781 Fax: (207) 942-1654



March 29, 2012

Mr. Raymond Michaels
5 Rock Street
Veazie, ME 04401

RE: Application for Abatement of Property Taxes; Tax Map 7, Lot 41

Mr. Michaels;

In Maine, taxpayers may challenge their property tax assessment through the abatement process. Maine Tax Law allow taxpayers who believe that the valuation of their property is too high, the taxpayer's only remedy is to submit application for abatement stating the grounds for abatement; 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (1). This letter is provided to acknowledge receipt of your Application for Abatement of Property Taxes dated 27 Mar 2012. The abatement is for your residence located at 5 Rock Street in Veazie.

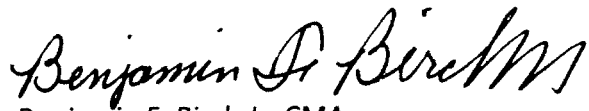
An application for abatement based on overvaluation must be filed by the taxpayer within 185 days of the Commitment of tax. Veazie's commitment date was August 11, 2011. The date for your abatement to be granted for fiscal years reaching back to 1992 has expired. However, the assessor may grant abatement, in their own initiative, within one year from commitment. If no abatement action is initiated for overvaluation within 185 days or the one-year deadline, in 36 MRSA §841 (1), that value must stand for that tax year.

You have contacted me after the 185 day deadline, but within the one-year deadline for me to act under my own initiative. Our meeting occurred on Monday, March 5, 2012. I provided you a copy of your Property Record Card. We discussed our property card description with your description. At that time, I requested a date for my personal inspection of the property and for whatever reason, you declined.

Under 36 M.R.S.A. §841 you have submitted the application for abatement. The reason given by you for seeking the abatement is that you stated the property at 12 Lemon Street as having similar market appeal as your property at 5 Rock Street. The Application for Abatement, number 6: asks for the Owner's Opinion of Current Value of Property: Your response was: unable to determine, estimate \$75,000.

Under 36 M.R.S.A. §706, paragraph 4, I request that you contact me to arrange an inspection of your property. The inspection will allow me to verify the assessment information of your property and to allow an accurate review of the property you selected as comparable. Without my personal inspection, I will be unable to continue any consideration in acting on your application. In addition, the inspection should be scheduled no later than April 18, 2012. Please call the Veazie Town Office, 945-2781, on April 2, 2012 or email me at ben.birch@bangormaine.gov to set a date and time for the inspection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Benjamin F. Birch Jr." in a cursive script.

Benjamin F. Birch Jr. CMA

Veazie Assessor



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March 28, 2012

Mr. Joe Hayes
Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, ME 04401-7091

Dear Joe:

The BACTS Policy Committee asked that a letter be sent out to all BACTS communities explaining and clarifying the change of policy by Maine DOT over the last couple of years concerning local share costs for BACTS initiated construction projects.

Three or four years ago the policy stated that only municipalities with populations over 7,500 and located in one of the four Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the state had to pay a local share on construction projects that they successfully submitted to BACTS for funding. The federal share was 80%, state share was 10% on arterials and 5% on any collector road while the local share was 10 and 15% respectively for these municipalities. If the communities had less than 7,500 in population, the split was 80% federal and 20% state with no local share required. The MPOs did have the option of putting in more local share and less federal share to allow the federal dollars to go further but BACTS never did that.

A couple of years ago the state changed the policy to state that any successfully submitted and selected construction project in any Maine MPO area would be matched 10% with State funds. The federal share must not drop below 50% or exceed 80% with the remaining non-federal, non-state funds making up the difference. This could be local municipal or private funds. This applies to all towns of any size in the MPO. BACTS has chosen to keep the ratio at 80% federal, 10% state, and 10% local.

The details of this policy and each party's responsibilities will be spelled out in a three-party agreement for any funded project before design can begin.

The Maine MPO guidebook spells out this local share policy as follows:

SECTION 3.3 – MATCHING FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

MaineDOT provides each MPO with a two-year allocation of state matching funds at a rate of 10 percent, based on a standard federal share of 80 percent. For every \$800,000 that an MPO receives in federal capital improvement money, MaineDOT matches this with \$100,000 in state funds.

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MaineDOT caps these state matching funds at the allocated amounts, which means that most MPO projects will require local matching funds to achieve the standard 80 percent federal and 20 percent non-federal breakdown. MPOs may apply these state funds at their discretion to federally eligible projects, with two requirements:

- 1.) The federal share of a federal-aid project must be at least 50 percent and no more than 80 percent of the total cost – consistent with federal regulations and MaineDOT's financial management practices; and*
- 2.) The federal share must be matched with state and/or local and/or private funds. MaineDOT encourages MPOs to develop policies requiring matching funds from their member communities. Such policies enable MPOs to supplement their federal and state funds, while providing a strong incentive for municipal participation in the MPO process. It is up to individual MPOs to establish the matching amounts.*

Their online version of this policy is on their website at:
<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/docs/lcspolicy16Nov2010.pdf>

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Kenerson".

Robert Kenerson, P.E.
Director, BACTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS WEEKLY REPORT 2/27/12 TO 3/2/12

Monday – 2/27/12

1. Work on snow blower
2. Snow blow bridge and rock wall
3. Work on budget
4. Weekly reports

Tuesday – 2/28/12

1. Plow and salt parking lots and sidewalks
2. Snow removal in front of Town Office
3. Work on snow blower
4. Home Depot parts run

Wednesday – 2/29/12

1. Change town sign
2. Moved snow at Community Center and School
3. Pick up new batteries for tools

Thursday – 3/1/12

1. Work on snow blower
2. Work on budget
3. Move snow
4. Plow snow
5. Pick up shop

Friday – 3/2/12

1. Plow parking lots and sidewalks
2. Clean equipment
3. Fuel and load all equipment
4. Pick up to Bangor Motor Pool

Saturday – 3/3/12

1. Raccoon removal from Silver Ridge

PUBLIC WORKS WEEKLY REPORT 3/12/12 TO 3/16/12

Monday – 3/12/12

1. Clean green shed for Universal Waste
2. Cold patch
3. Set up extinguisher inspections at Community Center

Tuesday – 3/13/12

1. More work on green shed
2. Clean shop
3. Look at plow damage on Arbor Dr.
4. Change batteries at Community Center
5. Called Spragues to place order for Cemetery flowers

Wednesday – 3/14/12

1. Clean yard
2. cold patch
3. Meet Electrician at Community Center

Thursday – 3/15/12

1. Clean skid steer
2. Grease skid steer
3. Call on pick up
4. Clean dump truck

Friday – 3/16/12

1. Clean shop
2. Pick up truck at Bangor
3. Pick up Lights
4. Safety Kleen to service parts washer




Message

Wed, Apr 04, 2012 1:53 PM

From:  BudEIWood@aol.com

To:  **Joseph Hayes**

Subject: compliment

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Dear Mr. Hayes,

I was very impressed this morning by the appearance of the emptied trash and recycling receptacles on the side of the road. Oddly, they were actually artistically pleasing! What I mean is, they were placed neatly, and uniformly, with the recycling baskets all settled back the same way, and no cans on their sides rolling around, etc. It really and truly looked "lovely". I did notice a new worker on the route, and maybe there was a connection - or maybe they are all trying something new. At any rate, I really want to commend them for how nice it looked. I didn't expect to be struck by the aesthetic appearance of the replaced containers - but I was. And I'd like somebody to know that I appreciated their neatness and artistic flair!

Thanks for letting the right people know, for me.

Ellie May Shufro

25-year resident

Meeting of the Orono-Veazie Water District Trustees

Held at the District Office on March 6, 2012

Meeting # 403 called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Trustee McCormack, Chairman Borneman, Trustee Fortier, Supt. Cross,
and Jim Parker.

Minutes of meeting #402 approved as written.

- Item 1. A true list of water service assessments for February in the amount of 76,523.45 was committed to Dennis Cross, Treasure by vote of Trustees.
- Item 2. The District continues to monitor trihalomethanes, levels continue to be within acceptable regulatory limits.
- Item 3. Dennis updated the Trustees on the continued Penta Corporation situation.
- Item 4. Trustees reviewed the Income & Expense Statement for February 2012.
- Item 5. Trustees reviewed the Annual Report and made minor changes.
- Item 6. Trustees authorized Dennis to accept the highest bid (of 5 bids) for selling our 2007 truck.
- Item 7. The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.
- Item 8. The next meeting will be held at the District Office at 7:00 p.m. on April 3, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

John McCormack



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THANK YOU

Dear Town Council Members,

Thank you for your recognition at last week's council meeting. I feel very fortunate for the educational opportunities I have found at John Baptist, so I also want to thank you for placing school choice for Hispanic.

Sincerely,

Mary Carmack