



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2013 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

- ITEM 1.** Call to Order
- ITEM 2.** Secretary to do the Roll Call
- ITEM 3.** Pledge of Allegiance
- ITEM 4.** Consideration of the Agenda
- ITEM 5.** Approval of the May 13th, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6.** Public comments

New Business:

- ITEM 7.** Julie Cote - Bangor Savings Bank
- ITEM 8.** Ann Davidoff – Gateway Senior Center
- ITEM 9.** Community Center discussion
- ITEM 10.** Cemetery discussion
- ITEM 11.** Fire truck sale
- ITEM 12.** Humane Society Contract
- ITEM 13.** Brush removal complaint

Old Business:

- Item 14.** Manager's Report
- Item 15.** Comments from the Public
- Item 16.** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- Item 17.** Review & Sign of Town Warrant Payroll #24 and AP Warrants #23
- Item 18.** Adjournment

Joseph Friedman
1 Veazie Villas
852-0933

Jonathan Parker
1149 Buck Hill Dr.
947-4740

Brian Perkins
1116 Chase Rd.
942 -2609

Tammy Olson
5 Prouty Drive
947-9624

Chris Bagley
16 Silver Ridge
907-4820

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ITEM # 5

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Olson, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Joseph Friedman, Councilor Jonathan Parker, Town Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Julie Reed, Rob Young, Fire Chief Gerry Martin, Principal Scott Nichols, Veazie Community School Advisory members Janine Raquet, Susan MacKay, Julia Hathaway, Budget Committee members, Jeff Wheelden, Charles Osgood, Pat Rice, Patrick Joyce and various members of the public

Members Absent: None

- ITEM 1. Call to Order**
The Veazie Town Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Tammy Olson at 6:34PM.
- ITEM 2. Secretary to do the roll call**
All present
- ITEM 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- ITEM 4. Consideration of Agenda**
None
- ITEM 5. Approval of the May 13th, 2013 Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes**
Councilor Joseph Friedman made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to accept the May 6th Council Meeting Minutes as amended. Voted 5-0-0 Motion carried.
- ITEM 6. Public Comments**
None
- ITEM 7. Open Public Hearing for proposed Budget FY 2013/2014**
Councilor Joseph Friedman made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brian Perkins to open the public hearing at 6:38pm Voted 5-0-0 Motion carried
- Tammy reviewed the updated figures given by Manager Leonard.
- There were numerous comments from citizens of the town regarding the FY 13/14 budget.
- Motion to close public hearing
Councilor Jonathan Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brian Perkins to close the Public Hearing at 7:58pm. Voted 5-0-0 Motion carried.

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ITEM 8. Recommending the budget with or without change
 Council decided to review department by department.

Account 100 - Executive - 23% decrease

Councilor Jonathan Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to accept \$293,824.00 as written for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Account 200 - Police Department 5% decrease

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jonathan Parker to accept \$331,189.00 as written for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Account 300 - Fire Department 2% decrease

Councilor Jonathan Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to decrease the Fire Dept. budget by \$60,000 for a total \$171,767.00 as opposed to \$231,767.00 that was proposed. Voted 3-2-0. Councilor Brian Perkins and Chairman Tammy Olson opposed. Motion carried.

Account 400 - Public Works Department 62% decrease

Councilor Joseph Friedman made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brian Perkins to approve \$72,600.00 as written for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 3-2-0. Councilor Chris Bagley and Councilor Jonathan Parker opposed. Motion carried.

Account 500 – Recreation Department 24% decrease

Councilor Jonathan Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to raise the budget by \$9,000 bringing is up to \$77,897.00 Voted 2-3-0 Councilor Joseph Friedman, Councilor Brian Perkins and Chairman Tammy Olson opposed. Motion failed.

Councilor Brian Perkins made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to accept \$68,897.00 as written for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 3-2-0. Councilor Chris Bagley and Councilor Jonathan Parker opposed. Motion carried

School budget Appropriated \$2,804,082.46

Councilor Chris Bagley made motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to reduce the school budget by \$26,000 for a total of \$2,778,082.46 for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Councilor Brian Perkins and Chairman Tammy Olson opposed. Voted 3-2-0. Motion carried

Account 550 - Comm. Invest. 25% decrease

Councilor Jonathan Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brian Perkins to accept \$23,600.00 as written for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 4-0-1 Councilor Chris Bagley abstained. Motion carried.

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Account 600 - Capital

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to accept \$117,750.00 as written for the proposed FY1 3/14 budget. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Account 700 – Reserves

Councilor Joseph Friedman made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brian Perkins to accept \$73,800.00 as written for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Account 800 - Fixed

Councilor Brian Perkins made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to accept \$353,843.00 as written for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 3-2-0. Councilor Chris Bagley and Councilor Jonathan Parker opposed. Motion carried.

Account 900 - Assessments

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to accept \$386,505.00 as written for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Municipal Revenue

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brian Perkins to accept the Municipal Revenue amount of \$899,240.00 (this includes the anticipated revenue sharing for FY 13/14 \$ 274,941.00) for the proposed FY 13/14 budget. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Brian Perkins made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jonathan Parker to accept that the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes are due and to set an interest rate, the amount not to be compounded, on all real estate and personal property taxes not paid on or prior to September 30th. Interest will commence on October 1st on all taxes not paid on or prior to September 30th. Due date suggested – Upon receipt of tax bill. Interest rate suggested. – 7.0%. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Jonathan Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to accept that the Town will vote to establish the interest rate to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed for 2012-2013 at 3.0% per year on the amount of overpayment. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Jonathan Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to hold off on adding an article to the town warrant that was requested by the school committee, due to needing the two paragraphs merged into one and to have the amount not to exceed draft 3. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

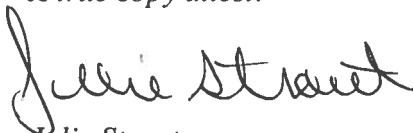
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ITEM 9. Comments from the Public

ITEM 10. Requests for Information and Town Council Comments

ITEM 11. Adjournment: Councilor Jonathan Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to adjourn the May 13th, 2013 Town Council/Public Hearing Meeting. Voted 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:58 pm.

A true copy attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Strout". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

*Julie Strout
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Veazie*

Gateway Senior Center

It's about us all—

present seniors and future seniors

Young or old, we all share the same unchanging human needs:

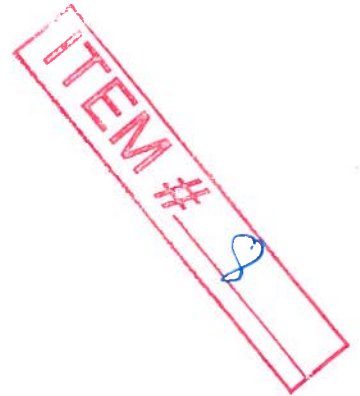
- basic needs for food, shelter, and safety;
- needs to care for others and to be cared for, in return;
- needs for companionship;
- needs for stimulation, self-expression, and meaningful activity.

The Gateway Senior Center will serve the needs of 4000 contemporary seniors within Orono, Old Town, and Veazie and countless generations of future seniors. It's about us all.

Seniors, in collaboration with the towns of Orono, Old Town, and Veazie and partnering with the Eastern Area Agency on Aging and the Center on Aging at the University of Maine, are developing a model, state of the art senior center, the Gateway Senior Center.

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GATEWAY SENIOR CENTER OF ORONO: A case statement

There are more than 4,000 people in the Orono, Old Town, and Veazie area over the age of 55, a segment of the Maine population that is growing especially rapidly. Like younger people, seniors have varied needs, as illustrated by these comments:

- “My children moved away to other states. My husband died last year. My friends seem to be disappearing. I sit home all day most days with the TV on for a little comfort. It’s not much of a life.”
- “I was a professional with a challenging job. I retired two years ago. I need challenge and stimulation. I want to do something meaningful with the rest of my life.”
- “My mom doesn’t like to cook and doesn’t eat well; her dog is skin and bones. Her house is falling down around her. I’m sure she’s not getting half the benefits she’s entitled to. She’s always confused about her medicines.”

The Gateway Senior Center is the solution to these and other needs. With its multitude of services, programs, projects, and clubs, it will supplement and extend the currently available local resources.

The Gateway Senior Center has 8 special features:

- Three partners—Center on Aging, University of Maine; Eastern Area Agency on Aging (EAAA) ; and the Town of Orono—with satellite offices in the Center, are helping a group of seniors plan the activities and directions of the Center. Partners will provide proven programs. For example, the EAAA will offer a Community Café plus an inexpensive, nutritious (and delicious) take-home meals program, Furry Friends Food Bank, and health classes. EAAA staff at the center will provide workshops and options counseling regarding community resources, Social Security, Medicare and other health benefits.
- A wide array of recreational programs, activities, and projects will provide intellectual stimulation, promote fitness, strength and balance, and encourage meaningful social engagement and self-expression.
- Grassroots support will come from involving seniors heavily in the initial planning phases, including conducting focus groups to assess community needs. Seniors will continue to play leadership roles in planning projects, programs and activities once the center is operational.
- Senior volunteers will be trained and placed in meaningful community roles.
- Intergenerational activities will bring seniors and children together for mutual activities.
- Professionals and services that are especially helpful to seniors will be housed in the Center.
- From the beginning, we are planning for sustainability.
- Information will be disseminated to other small towns about how to create a sustainable, cutting-edge senior center on limited funds using existing community resources.

The Gateway Senior Center will make its home in the former Orono Medical Center.

- Its approximately 7800 square feet will be divided into two wings: the senior center proper and a leased offices area for services for seniors.
- The building is on one floor and will be handicapped accessible.
- Parking is plentiful.
- The Main Street location is convenient, on Route 2 with Interstate 95 a few minutes away.

- The BAT Connector Bus Administration has agreed to serve the center.

The Gateway Senior Center will bring numerous benefits to the Orono-Old Town-Veazie communities.

for seniors: People approaching retirement age and beyond will find important information in the workshops. Programs and services will reduce risk for emotional and medical disorders.

for younger people: Children and teens will be served by tutoring and mentoring programs. Intergenerational services will highlight the valuable contributions of older people.

for the business community: Consumers drawn to the Center will patronize area businesses. New job opportunities may be created within the Center.

for the entire community: A pool of senior volunteers will play meaningful roles in community life. A highly visible, vacant building in disrepair will be rejuvenated into a vibrant, functional, attractive building.

Organizational history of the Gateway Senior Center

- On February 15, 2013 a Capacity Building grant application was submitted to the Maine Community Foundation under the auspices of the Center on Aging, University of Maine.
- Incorporation occurred on February 19, 2013. 501C3 status is expected in June of 2013.
- Focus groups to assess the needs of area seniors began March 14, 2013.
- On March 20, 2013, the perceived needs and proposed plans for the Gateway Senior Center were presented to the Orono Town Council.
- A power-point slide show on the proposed Gateway Senior Center was first presented on March 25, 2013 to residents of the Inn at Dirigo Pines Retirement Center and will be presented in the future to other community, civic, and business groups in Orono, Old Town, and Veazie.
- On March 27, 2013, we signed a contract to purchase the former Orono Medical Center, which is being funded by a loan from the Camden National Bank.
- Funding pledges of \$85,500 have been received as of April 1, 2013.
- An architect is developing a preliminary floor plan for the proposed Gateway Senior Center.
- A business plan is being revised.
- Preliminary budgets for years 1, 2, and 3 are complete.
- Professional fund-raising help is under consideration.
- Services and professional candidates for leased offices are being discussed.

Structure of the Gateway Senior Center

A defining feature of the proposed Gateway Senior Center is senior participation in leadership roles.

Board of Directors:

- Ann Davidoff, a retired clinical psychologist,
- Susan Wishkoski, a retired administrator,
- Merrill Milham, a retired physics researcher,
- Robert Commeau, a retired geologist and geochemist,
- Ali Aghamoosa, Orono pharmacist, and

- Stan Freeman, a retired professor and former Chancellor at the University of Maine (Director Emeritus).

A Steering Committee is composed of additional area seniors.

Board of Advisors:

Kathy Bernier	Executive Director, Hammond Street Senior Center
Arthur Comstock	Retired bank president and marketing manager
Lianne Harris	Orono Town Council, CEO Health Search New England
Lenard Kaye	Director, Center on Aging and Professor of Social Work, University of Maine
Stan Marshall	Retired Director of the University of Maine Pulp And Paper Foundation
Steve Martin	Interim Director, Parks and Recreation, Orono
Noelle Merrill	Director, EAAA
Judy Smith	Former businesswoman, Orono
Dyan Walsh	Director of Community Services, EAAA
David Wihry	Associate Professor of Economics Emeritus; Chair, Maine Health Care Finance Commission

Strategies for sustainability:

- Our partners are well-established and their base of support is secure. In addition to planning and providing programs and staffing, they help further the Gateway's sustainability.
- Volunteers, whenever possible, will run the programs, clubs and support groups.
- In addition to providing valuable services for seniors, the leasing of office space will generate income and reduce costs such as utilities, cleaning, and insurance.
- We will establish an endowment fund as soon as possible.
- Annual grant writing and fundraising events may be needed.

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BUSINESS

Former Medical Building to Become Senior Center

POSTED BY EDITOR · APRIL 14, 2013 · LEAVE A COMMENT

Abundant Resources seeking to open a new senior center has agreed to purchase the former Med-Now / Orono Medical Center building.

Gateway Senior Center, which is in the process of becoming officially recognized as a 501(c)3 non-profit, hopes to renovate the 7,800-square-foot facility and start serving the public within about three years. The building, which is currently owned by Machias Savings Bank, needs a new roof and new siding, says Ann Davidoff, chair of the Board of Directors. The interior will be "essentially gutted," she added. "We want to partition the rooms very differently. It will look completely different on the inside."

The former Orono Medical Center building at 303 Main St. has sat vacant since the clinic closed in 2010.

All of that work, plus the cost of buying the building, staffing the facility, and (hopefully) setting up an endowment fund translates to a rather daunting amount of money that will need to be raised. Davidoff said the board is still formulating a budget and a fundraising plan, meaning dollar goals have not yet been finalized.

Orono town planner Evan Richert believes the senior center will be able to tackle the challenge. "There are some really smart people [involved in the project] who have done capital campaigns in the past," he said. "They know what they're doing." Donors have already pledged more than \$85,000.

Davidoff says recreational programs at the Gateway Senior Center will target four goals:

- Formal exercise with machines and classes like yoga and tai chi, plus less structured forms of exercise like gardening or hiking and walking clubs will improve fitness and build strength and balance.
- Lectures, workshops, classes, a reading group, a writing workshop, and a newsletter are among the planned offerings that are intended to stimulate mental activity.
- A variety of social experiences at the Gateway — parties, dinners, clubs, picnics, a breakfast and lunch cafe, and volunteer opportunities — should instill a strong sense of community, while

such pursuits as painting, sketching, crafts, concerts, woodworking, and writing will contribute to self-expression.

- Informational programs on such topics like retirement planning, health and medical issues, caregiving, community resources, and social service benefits can help individuals handle the day-to-day challenges of aging. Professional clinicians will offer counseling and support groups. Meanwhile, the center will invite youngsters in for inter-generational programs, mentoring, tutoring, and other community ventures.

Because of the large variety of programs and activities envisioned, Davidoff says the Gateway Senior Center “will offer something to appeal to every segment of the community.”

“There are other facilities that elderly people use, but I don’t think anything else in the Old Town-Orono-Veazie area has the range of activities that we’re hoping to offer,” she adds. The Birch St. Senior Center serves only about 50 people at a time, and its programming is geared toward those who are less active. The University’s recreation center and the YMCA in Old Town offer good programs for seniors, including a lot of exercise opportunities, but serving elder adults is not their focus. The Hammond Street Senior Center in Bangor has a lot to offer, but is eight miles from Orono and has limited parking.

Members of the Board of Directors include Davidoff, Susan Wishkoski, Merrill Milham, Stan Freeman (a former university chancellor credited with coming up with the idea and starting the process), and Robert Commeau. Partners include the University of Maine’s Center on Aging, the Eastern Area Agency on Aging, and the Town of Orono.



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Discussion

Summer Schedule

Gateway Senior Center

REGISTRATION: All of these summer activities are free of charge. Those with an asterisk * require that you register. To register, please either email the library (laurie@orono.org) or call Ann at the Gateway (866-8641). However you register, please leave your name, address, phone number, and e-mail so that we can inform you of future events.

Walking Group. Begins Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 am to 11:00 am and continues every Tuesday. (Tuesday Talk and Walk at Ten). Meet in front of the old Orono Medical Center at the intersection of Dirigo Drive and Main Street. You can walk as long, or as little, as you like. Everyone is welcome. Walks are not strenuous. We will walk within Dirigo Pines June 4 and we will plan other walks then. For more information, call Ann at the Gateway (866-8641).

*Writing Group. Begins Wednesday, June 5, at 1:30 pm, held in the Dirigo Pines Inn in the small Dining Room, adjoining the large Dining Room on the main floor. Meets the first and third Wednesday of every month. Bring a poem or essay or sermon or short story or novel or any other writing to share with the group. Led by Joyce Morton.

*Sketching Group. Begins Friday June 7 and continues weekly on Fridays until July 12 at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon plus time for lunch (optional). Sketch townscapes and landscapes in the Orono-Veazie-Old Town area and meet afterwards for a light lunch in a town restaurant (optional). Organized by Ann Davidoff. (Call Ann at the Gateway for information: 866-8641). Meet outside the Orono Library on June 7 at 10 am. Bring a sketch pad (any size) and something to sketch with: pens, pencils, charcoal, or graphite, for examples. Also, bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on and anything else you think you'll need like a sunhat, sunglasses, water.

*Knitting Group. Begins Tuesday, June 11 at 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm and continues weekly on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm- 2:30 pm thereafter until July 16. Come to the Orono Library. Knit anything you'd like or, if you prefer to have a project, knit hats and scarves for needy children and adults. Led by Vivian Capriotti and Jessica Smith. Bring knitting needles and yarn to the first meeting.

*Guided Bog Walk. Thursday, June 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Meet in the parking lot on Tripp Rd. by the Bulletin Board at 10:00 am. Easy walk with commentary by a naturalist, John Pickering. Benches for resting at intervals. Maximum: 12.

The Ice Age: Two Miles of Ice Over Orono. Thursday June 20, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Lecture/slide show by retired Geology Professor Hal Borns at the Orono Library.

*Conversation about Palliative Care and Hospice Care. Thursday, June 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Talk by Erin Kerns, LCSW, of the Hospice of Eastern Maine, Hospice Team Supervisor. At the Orono Library.

*Victorian Matinee. A movie based on the Victorian Sensation novel, Lady Audley's Secret, July 9 at 1:00 pm at the Dirigo Pines Inn in the Penobscot Media Room. Led by Joyce Morton. Ask the receptionist for directions.

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*Guided Autobiographical Journaling. Do your children (grandchildren) ask about your life? Would you like for your family to have information about your life and their roots? Begins Thursday, July 18, 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Orono Library, runs on subsequent Thursdays at 10:00 am to 11:30 am for 8 weeks. Topics will be suggested; prompts will be given. Bring a notebook and pen or pencil. Sharing is optional. Call Ann at the Gateway for more information, 866-8641.

*Lecture: Substitute Decision Making: Health Care Power of Attorney, Financial Durable Power of Attorney, Guardianships, Conservatorships, and the like. Lecture with questions and answers by Jane Skelton, Elder Attorney. In the library, July 23, Tuesday 1:30 pm- 2:00 pm.

Easy hike on a new interpretive trail. Takes place Wednesday, August 7 at 11:00 am. Will last about an hour and a half. From downtown Orono, take Main Street to Dirigo Drive. Once you've turned onto Dirigo Drive, go past the first pond and park on Dirigo Drive near the second pond. As you face the pond, the Nature Trail sign is to the right of both the Bulletin Board and plantings of decorative shrubs and trees. Leader: Wildlife Ecologist Bucky Owen.

*Lecture: Everything you've ever wanted to know about attracting wildlife to your yard. Tuesday, August 6 at 4 pm, lasting about an hour. Lecture with questions and answers, led by Wildlife Ecologist Bucky Owen at the Orono Library.

Orono Library is located at 39 Pine Street. Pine Street is in downtown Orono off Main Street, across the street from the Irving Gasoline Station.

The Dirigo Pines Inn is located on 9 Alumni Drive. Take Main Street from downtown Orono and turn right at the former Orono Medical Center onto Dirigo Drive. Make a left on Alumni Drive after about a quarter of a mile. There is parking for visitors adjacent to the Inn.

To: Mark Leonard and Robert Young

From: Paul Cook Realty of Maine

Re: Town of Veazie Community Center Building

ITEM # 9

Date: April 17, 2013

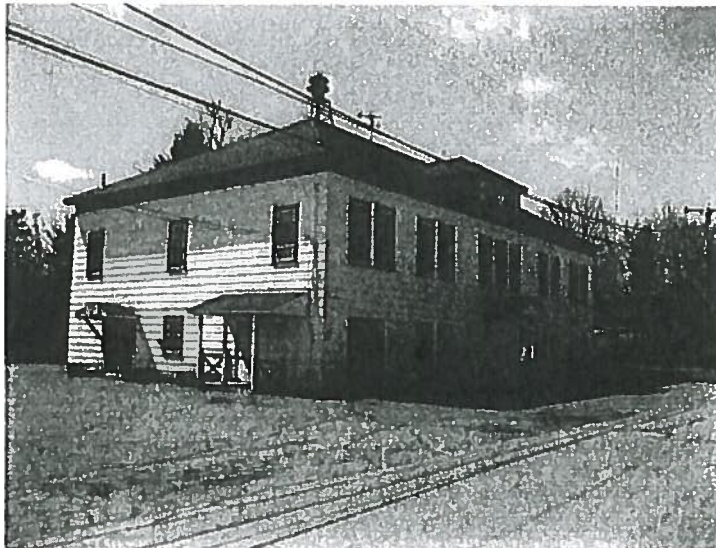
Thank you for the opportunity to talk with you and look at your property located at 1005 Olive Street in Veazie. I have had experience dealing with this type of property, which will require a substantial rehabilitation, both through my own investment company and as a broker. My general feelings about the property are stated below. I would be happy to meet with you further or answer any other questions you might have.

The highest and best use of this building would be subsidized or conventional rental units. The site has wonderful parking, and is situated in a beautiful location in a great community. Significant investment would be required to make this work. Complete reconfiguration of heating, sprinklers, plumbing and fire systems alone make this an expensive undertaking. The structure looks real good, and the property could become a tax generating asset for the community.

My strong feeling is the sale range of this property would be from \$200,000-\$225,000. I would suggest a listing price of \$239,000. My fees, should you decide to list the property, would be payable only if a buyer were found and the property were sold. The property would need to be listed for sale with a 6% commission to attract other brokers, but if I found a buyer the commission would be 4%.

Conditions that are affecting value presently include ability for someone to obtain bank financing, unknown factors that may come up during an inspection, time of year and other available inventory on the market. I believe a buyer would be found for this property. I would suggest an "as is, where is" type sale approach.

This is a quick summary of the property, but as I said, I would be pleased to answer any further questions.



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APPRAISALS & CONSULTANTS**

Mr. Mark Leonard and Mr. Robert Young
c/o The Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, Maine 04401

April 18, 2013

Re: Broker Opinion of the market value of the fee simple interest in the land and
Buildings located at 1005 Olive Street, Veazie, Maine,
owned by the Town of Veazie and delineated as Lot 99 of the
Town of Veazie Property Map 10.

Dear Mr. Leonard and Mr. Young,

In accordance with your request for our opinion of the value of the above referenced property, we have examined the premises on April 16, 2013 and after careful consideration of the three approaches to value and after extensive research of the local and regional economy, with particular attention to value-influencing trends in the commercial real estate market pertinent to the Subject Property in an "as is" condition on April 16, 2013 was:

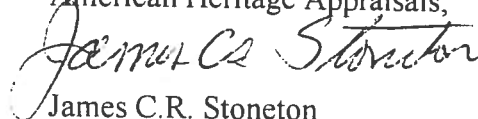
One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$158,000.)

With a recommended listing price of:

One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.)

Should you have any questions please call me. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this service for you.

Respectfully Submitted,
American Heritage Appraisals,



James C.R. Stoneton
Real Estate GRI, CRS, CREA, A.B.R.
Broker, Certified Residential Specialist



ITEM # 10

VIA E-MAIL

May 1, 2013

Fairview Cemetery
State Street
Veazie, ME 04401
Attn: Dennis Farnharm

Dear Dennis,

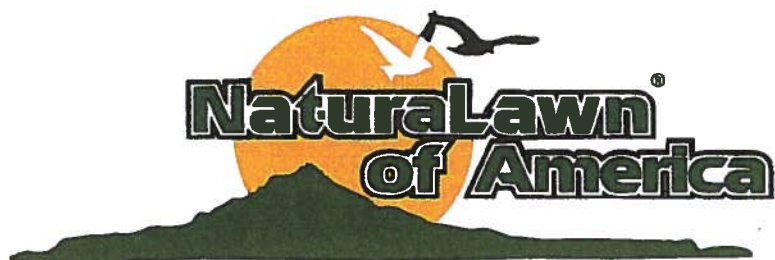
Thank you for meeting with me regarding the ongoing grub problem at the Fairview Cemetery. As we discussed, European Chafer is the largest issue facing the Bangor region presently. I collected samples on site and in fact, the grub samples taken was European Chafer. We propose to treat all the lawn in the cemetery with Acelepryn, a control for all varieties of white grub species with results of 95 to 98% kill, if applied at the appropriate time. Our quotation includes a fertilizer applied at the same time to preserve root systems that are still alive or damaged. To address concerns regarding the toxicity of Acelepryn, it is the only pesticide registered by EPA not required to have a signal word, not even Caution, for its use.

Acelepryn plus fertilizer \$1,590.00

This application must be repeated year after year in the spring to afford continued protection. I would be happy to meet with you and your counsel if I can provide further information or explanation regarding grubs and our quotation.

Sincerely,

Michael Legasse/AT
President
Green Thumb Lawn Service
comments@gtlawnservice.com



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2013 Proposal

Fairview Cemetery
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Veazie, ME

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16 Meadow Rd. Ext.
Topsham, ME 04086

GRUB CONTORL PROGRAM

Curative Grub Control	(to control an existing problem)	\$900.00
Preventative Grub Control	(to protect the lawn this fall)	\$1800.00
Total:		\$2700.00
Pre-pay Discount		\$-135.00
Total:		\$2565.00

***** (If "Pre-Paid" Take 5% off any services) *****

Signature _____ Date _____

Contract Amount _____

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APPLICATIONS

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from Scotts LawnService - Hermon to you

Tue, 2 16 PM

Hi Dennis,

The cost of a Grub Ex Protection at Fairview Cemetary in Veazie would be \$1,100.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to contact our office

thank you,
Cindy

Liana, Cindy & Kari
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BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN FIRE APPARATUS

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Listing and Marketing Commission Agreement

The undersigned being duly authorized, hereby enter into the following contractual agreement:
Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus agrees to broker the following apparatus:

1991 Central States Pumper

Owned or exclusively offered for sale by:

Veazie Fire Department

Brindlee will refer to Agent/Owner all qualified inquires Brindlee receive regarding the specified apparatus. If Agent/Owner sells the marketed apparatus or any other apparatus to the customer referred by Brindlee, or anyone acting on behalf of the referred customer, the Agent/Owner will pay a commission of 7% of the sale price (or a minimum of \$500) to Brindlee within 10 days of the sale.

Agent/Owner agrees to notify Brindlee, at the time of sale, as to the sale price and the name and address of the buyer.

This agreement shall be in effect for a period of one (1) year unless extended. Either party may terminate at any time by notifying the other party in writing. If any sale takes place subsequent to termination, to a party previously referred by Brindlee, the same commission will be paid as if the agreement were still in effect.

Agreed to by:

Authorized Agent/Owner

Date:



Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus

04/03/2013

Date:



The animal place

ITEM # 12

May 3, 2013

Mark Leonard
Town of Veazie
1084 Main St.
Veazie, ME 04401

Dear Chief Leonard:

The time has come again to renew agreements and update our contact information for your municipality. Due to fiscal constraints faced by the state and municipalities, the BHS Board of Directors has voted not to increase your contract rate at this time. The contract rate will be the same as last year. We have enclosed for your convenience the following information:

1. **2013/2014 Contract Renewal Addendum** – *Please sign, notarize and return to the Bangor Humane Society by May 15th, 2014.*
2. **Municipal Stray Contract information Sheet** - Your municipality is responsible for setting the impound fee structure. This fee will be charged to the owner when reclaiming their stray pet. The charges for impound fees that you select will be returned to you each month along with a report detailing the strays received and returned to the owner from your town. *Please complete and return along with the renewal addendum.*

We would like to remind you that the current stray contract does not include:

- **Owner Surrenders:** We may accommodate owner-surrenders by prior arrangement if we have space. The ACO must have proper paperwork signed by the owner releasing the pet to the ACO.
- **Seized Animals:** Prior arrangements must be made to bring in seized pets.
- **Quarantined Pets:** BHS is licensed to quarantine a maximum of 2 dogs at a time. Prior arrangements must be made to bring in a quarantined pet. Additional fees will be charged.

We encourage you or your ACO to call us if you have any questions or need assistance with sheltering pets who are owner released, seized or in need of quarantine. Depending upon kennel availability, BHS will make every effort to assist you.

Thank you for choosing to contract with the Bangor Humane Society. We look forward to providing this important service for your town residents for many years to come. You are most welcome to stop by and tour our facility. And of course please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,

Suzan L. Bell
Executive Director
942-8902 ext. 105
sbell@bangorhuman.org



RENEWAL ADDENDUM

THIS RENEWAL ADDENDUM is made and executed in duplicate as of this 1st day of May, 2013 by and between the Town of Veazie and Bangor Humane Society ("BHS").

RECITALS:

A. The parties entered in an Agreement on **7/1/2007** concerning the provision of shelter and care of strayed and lost dogs, cats, and rabbits.

B. The term (or renewal term, as the case may be) of said Agreement expires on **June 30, 2013**, and the parties are desirous of renewing said Agreement for an additional one year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the benefits and obligations in the original Agreement, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The term of the Agreement (or the most recent renewal term thereof, as the case may be) shall be extended for an additional one year period, commencing on **July 1, 2013**, and expiring on **June 30, 2014**.

2. For the services to be provided by BHS during the renewal term, the Town of Veazie agrees to pay BHS the total annual sum of **\$3592.32**, which is based on **\$1.92** per capita of the Town of Veazie's population as of the most recent census, payable in advance in 11 equal monthly installments of **\$299.36** and a final installment of **\$299.36**, the first installment being due and payable on the date of commencement of this renewal term set forth in Paragraph 1.

3. Other terms:

4. Except as expressly modified hereby, the parties agree that the terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall be applicable to and binding on the parties for the one year renewal term set forth in Paragraph 1.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Renewal Addendum to be duly executed and sealed on their behalf, in duplicate counterparts, as of the date first above written.

BANGOR HUMANE SOCIETY

Witness

By: _____

Printed Name: Suzan Bell

Its: Executive Director

Witness

MUNICIPALITY OF _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Its: _____

May 15, 2013

ITEM # 13

Mr. Mark Leonard
Interim Town Manager
Town of Veazie Maine
1084 Main Street
Veazie ME 04401

Re: Brush Removal

Mr. Leonard,

I'm writing you to express my dissatisfaction with the town of Veazie and its chosen sub-contractor (Lou Silver) for the removal of yard debris/brush as posted by the Town of Veazie would be collected on Saturday May 4th. My residence is 1044 Main St in Veazie, well within the Town limits.

As posted by road side signage as well as on the Town's website (www.veazie.net), residents wishing to take part in the Town's annual brush pickup must have all brush curbside by no later than 7 am on Saturday May 4th. I spent hours cleaning up my back yard, manually dragging brush to the curb to have it ready for pick up by 7 am Saturday morning. By the end of the day Saturday, my pile of brush was still on the side of the street while the neighbors brush had all been removed. Granted my pile of brush was larger than most, the fact is there has never been a limit or size restriction on the amount of brush the Town would remove nor has there been any changes to this policy announced or posted as is required by state and local policy. Knowing that my tax dollars were used to purchase a very expensive chipper for the sole purpose of removing brush for the residents of Veazie, the fact that my brush still remains on the curb today is extremely frustrating not to mention a hazard to residents walking the street, a fire hazard if a fire were to break out, and a hazard to the Orono/Veazie Water District if they needed to access to my water main shut off valve, on all accounts could easily be construed as a public and possibly a private nuisance as defined under 30-A M.S.R.A. § 3001 – 3014, 30-A M.S.R.A § 3151 – 3157 and various other Federal and State statutes.

After speak with Mr. Dennis Farnham (Superintendent of the Public Works Dept) this morning (Wednesday May 15th) where I learned the town had decided it did not want to pick up the brush nor did the contractor the town hired to act on his behalf, essentially stating my brush was not going be removed as per the towns policy. Not only is this completely unacceptable and a blatant disregard of the towns obligations to one of its tax paying residents, it is also a breach of contract and a failure on the Town's part to maintain public safety, all of which the Town is at fault for. Furthermore, the town does not possess the legal authority to make discriminatory decisions like this without holding public petition of which 30 days' written notice must be given. The fact of the matter is the town offers a service to all residents of the Town of Veazie, such that each resident pays taxes to support and no such limit to the size or quantity has ever been established by the Town, the Town is obligated to remove any

brush that is within the reasonable definition of yard debris and/or brush, and that otherwise meets all requirements as stated by the yard debris/brush removal policy, to which the Town has made an unwarranted and illegal determination not to abide by the policy set forth by the Town of Veazie and refuses to remove the brush at 1044 Main St Veazie Maine. As the Town Manager, Mr. Leonard, you are responsible for these actions on behalf of the Town and therefore, by copy of this letter, I'm officially placing you on notice that this matter must be resolved in a timely fashion.

The way I see this Mr. Leonard is that we have 3 options to bring this matter to close.

- Option 1:** The Town or it's hired contractor removes the brush within a week's time (deadline established as end of day Friday May 24, 2013).
- Option 2:** A burn permit will be granted free of charge to Kenneth Loomis where the brush will be burned where it lay on the first weekend day that we are not under a state or county imposed burn ban.
- Option 3:** I will hire a 3rd party contractor to haul off the brush and bill the Town of Veazie for the cost of its removal.

Out of courtesy, I am providing you with an advanced copy of this correspondence via email but will be also hand delivering a copy of this letter to the Town Office. Please respond as to the Town's intentions for remedy of this matter **in writing** no later than by end of day, **Tuesday May 21, 2013**. Failure to respond by this deadline will result in the default action of **Option 3** and if necessary legal action will be pursued for reimbursement.

I can be reached by phone at 479-530-3543, via email at kenneth.loomis@gmail.com or by mail at 1044 Main St, Veazie ME 04401. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Kenneth Loomis

Agenda Items For May20 , 2013

ITEM # 14

Item 7- Julie Cote from Bangor Savings Bank will be with us to make a presentation reference Bangor Savings Bank providing our investment services. The Town of Veazie's Investment service are, and have been for numerous years, been completed by RM Davis. In the theme of saving money it prompted me to reach out to Julie a few months ago and begin looking at this as a means of saving the town money. She will be able to answer any questions, concerns or comments that you may have reference this proposal.

Item 8- Ann Davidoff is here this evening to make a presentation on a new Senior Center that will be going into the Old Med Now building in Orono. The name of the group will be Gateway Senior Center.

Item 9- I have researched pricing for the flooring for the Community Center. This is written as a follow up from a previous meeting. The floor is 44x77= 3388 square ft:

Lowes= \$.79/ square ft = \$2,686.00

Home Depot= \$.54/ square ft = \$1,836.00

Professional= Not received

* Other additional cost will be for glue to attach the tiles to the floor. Glen has offered himself and his students to lay the tiles if we provide the material. It is also unknown if the tiles contain asbestos although because of the age it is believed that they do. This would add cost to the project if in fact they do.

I have also enclosed (2)proposals for the sale of the Community Center. Four vendors were contacted and three said that they were interested but at the time of this writing only 2 have been received. The received estimates are as follows:

Maine Real Estate Management LLC= \$200,000.00-\$225,000.00 with listing price of \$239,000.00

Coldwell Banker= \$158,000.00 with listing price of \$175,000.00

Questions exist on what monies may need to be paid back where grant monies were used for the improvements. This would have to be explored further prior to the final sale.

Item 10- Dennis Farnham is with us tonight to discuss the quotes that were received to apply grub control to the cemetery. The cemetery is in dire need of repair. I've been told this application has to occur prior to the end of the month and then an additional application will be applied in the Fall and then following years as well. The quotes received were as follows:

Green Thumb= \$1,590.00

Natural Lawn of America= \$2,700.00- 5% prepay= \$2,565.00

Scotts Lawn Service= \$1,100.00

Agenda Items Cont.

Item 10 Cont- You will hear that it is the recommendation of Dennis that we award the work to Green Thumb although they aren't the lowest quote. He will outline the reasons why. Some are included in the quote that was provided by them.

We are also continuing to obtain quotes to repair the damage lawn area. Once received I will present those at a future meeting.

Item 11- As requested I have enclosed the listing and marketing commission agreement from Brindle Mountain Fire Apparatus for the sale of the fire truck. The commission requested is 7% or a minimum of \$500.00.

This office was contacted this week by George Buswell who is the Road Agent for Penobscot County Unorganized Territories. He is interested in pricing on the truck and would like to provide one to the County Commissioners on 05-21-2013. I have discussed the truck with the (2) Full-time FF and the Fire Chief. In discussions with them we determined that a fair selling price is \$40,000.00 with some standard equipment. They have also included pricing for additional equipment that could be sold and the suggested selling price then would be \$49,500.00. I have included additional material to include pictures of the current truck for your review and to help with your decision on how to proceed.

Item 12- This is the yearly contract for the Bangor Humane Society. This contract is unchanged from last year's contract. The annual sum for the contract is \$3,592.32. I would request authorization to sign this contract.

Item 13- A complaint has been received, which I have attached for your review. I have viewed the pile, and I relayed to Dennis when the homeowner called, that the pile was too large and that we would not be picking the items up. Dennis gave him a few options, but ultimately this complaint was received. I have been told a policy exist that states what should be picked up but I'm unable to locate such a policy. Mr. Silver had mentioned after the Fall clean up that he would not be picking up items that were not easily handled. I thought that message had been put out with the notification, but I am unable to locate anything outlining what is acceptable. Since this is the second complaint I believe some sort of policy should be drafted outlining what will and what won't be picked up. This will alleviate future problems but does not resolve this current problem. I ask for your guidance on how you would like me to proceed with the complaint.

Managers Report For , 2013

I have continued to work on the budget and other numerous issues that have revolved around the public hearing. I have attached updated summary sheet for the fire department budget with the new approved amount.

This Saturday is the stream clean up for the Town of Veazie.

New Flags have been installed on State Street

We continue to work on the cemetery and getting the flags in place for Memorial Day. We have also had numerous leaks to the watering system that we are trying to address prior to Memorial Day

Veazie Pd and FD are starting a Good Morning program for the Town. This has been in discussion for some time and between the two departments it has come to fruition. More will follow as they are planning a media event to announce the program. With this program Senior Citizens from the Town of Veazie will register for the program and then each day someone from the FD or the PD will contact the person to check on them. If they don't make contact with them then we will go to the listed address and check on them in person to make sure they are ok

Barney Silver has requested a large land owners meeting with the planning board as he was not able to make the previous scheduled meetings. A copy of the letter is included. I have forwarded the request to Chris Cronan and he has indicated that he will be setting a meeting for a future date.

Chief Martin will be out of Town from May 19 – May 27. His letter is attached.

I will be meeting with a new web page provider Tuesday to discuss pricing for updating the Towns web page.

I have attached a copy of the Certificate of Withdrawal for the Town of Veazie from Regional School Unit No 26.

I continue to work with the school committee to make certain the budget process will be completed correctly. A letter outlining what needs to occur will be forth coming. In general it appears that we will have to have an additional budget meeting with them, but this will all be outlined in the forthcoming memo and described in detail what needs to occur.

I have attached the Gateway Senior Center Summer schedule. This has been added to the web page as well.

Mark Leonard



Paul R. LePage

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
23 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0023

Stephen L. Bowen

COMMISSIONER

May 10, 2013

Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, ME 04401-7091

In accordance with Title 20-A MRSA Section 1466 subsection 15, enclosed is the "Certificate of Withdrawal" for the Town of Veazie from Regional School Unit No. 26.

The certificate of withdrawal has also been filed with the Secretary of State.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 624-6790 or email at paula.b.gravelle@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Paula Gravelle
School Finance Coordinator
School Finance & Operations

Enclosures

State of Maine
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Certificate of Withdrawal of the Town of Veazie from
Regional School Unit No. 26**

Pursuant to Title 20-A Section 1466 subsection 15, a Certificate of Withdrawal is hereby issued to the Town of Veazie from Regional School Unit No. 26 effective the 30th day of June 2013.

The present Town of Veazie member(s) of the Regional School Unit No. 26 School Board shall no longer hold office nor have any control whatsoever of the schools within the remaining municipality member(s) of Regional School Unit No. 26.

Whereas, the members of the withdrawal committee have approved the Withdrawal Agreement on the 9th day of August, 2012, and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has given conditional approval of the Withdrawal Agreement and approved continuation of the withdrawal process on the 24th day of August, 2012, and

Whereas, the residents of the Town of Veazie voted to withdraw from Regional School Unit No. 26 in accordance with the terms of the withdrawal agreement, said vote being certified on November 7, 2012, and

Whereas, the members of the withdrawal committee have certified that they have carried out the terms of the withdrawal agreement,

Now, therefore, this Certificate of Withdrawal is issued returning complete responsibility and control of the schools to the Town of Veazie.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2013

(seal)

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. B. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner, Department of Education

VEAZIE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1084 MAIN STREET
VEAZIE, MAINE 04401-7091
NON-EMERGENCY (207) 945-5627
FAX (207) 942-1654



To: Mark Lenord
Town Manager
From: Chief Martin
Date: May, 15, 2013
Re: Reminder

I will be out of town from May 19, 2013 to May 27, 2013. Fire Department Personnel will know that you will be in charge of major issues and that Capt. Metcalf will be in charge of routine operations.

LOU SILVER, INC.

Veazie, Maine 04401

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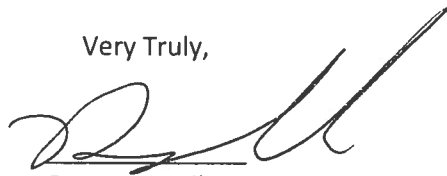
May 7, 2013

Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, Me. 04401

Dear Mark,

Please set up a meeting with the planning board for the Large Land owners of Veazie. While the last 2 dates did not work for me I am very interested in having this meeting. I am sure it is possible to get some of the other land owners as well. With new proposed dates I will attempt to get them to come.

Very Truly,



Barney W. Silver

Cc Joseph Friedman
Jonathan Parker
Tammy Olson
Chris Bagley
Brian Perkins