



**Veazie Town Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**June 16, 2014**

**Veazie School Cafeteria**

**6:30pm**

**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 June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

**New Business:**

- ITEM 7:** Induction of Council, Appointment of Council Chair and set meeting dates
- ITEM 8:** Phil Ruck-- Stormwater Presentation
- ITEM 9:** Nominations to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
- ITEM 10:** Property donation
- ITEM 11:** Penobscot River Restoration
- ITEM 12:** Citizen Involvement Applications
- ITEM 13:** Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates auditing engagement letter
- ITEM 14:** Recognition of service

**Old Business:**

- ITEM 15:**     Manager's Report
- ITEM 16:**     Comments from the Public
- ITEM 17:**     Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 18:**     Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #24 and Town Payroll #25.
- ITEM 19:**     Adjournment

**Tammy J Perry  
5 Prouty Drive  
947-9624**

**Chris Bagley  
16 Silver Ridge  
907-4820**

**Robert Rice  
1116 Buck Hill Dr  
942 -3064**

**Karen Walker  
1002 Mutton Ln  
947-0458**

**David King  
1081 Main St  
942-2376**

# **Agenda Items For June 16, 2014 Council Meeting**

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**ITEM 7:** The newly elected council members will be sworn in along with setting the meeting schedule for the coming year

**ITEM 8:** Phil Ruck from SEE will be here to speak reference Veazie's Storm water permit

**ITEM 9:** MMA is seeking nominations to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. Nomination papers are included in your council packets

**ITEM 10:** Drew Properties has sent a letter wishing to donate a parcel of land to the Town. Paperwork is included in the packet showing the property wishing to be donated along with the current property card and the letter from Drew Properties. If accepted the Town Attorney will have to prepare a deed for Drew Properties to sign off on. We will also have to request the Tax Assessor abate the \$14.00 in taxes that is owed on the piece of property.

**ITEM 11:** Laura Rose Day from the Penobscot River Restoration will be in attendance to speak about plans for the former Veazie dam site

**ITEM 12:** Review (2) Citizen Involvement applications. One application is for the budget committee and the other is for an Orono- Veazie Water District Trustee. Both applications are included in the packet for review

**ITEM 13:** Brantner, Thibodeau and Associates is requesting we sign an engagement letter with them for the upcoming audit. It's requested that both the Chairperson and Town Manager sign the letter

**ITEM 14:** Presentations will be made to (2) Community Members with many years of service.



Veazie Town Council Meeting  
at the Veazie School Gym  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Members Present:** Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Joseph Friedman, Councilor Chris Bagley, Manager Mark Leonard, and various members of the public.

**Members Absent:**  
None

**ITEM 1: Call to order**  
Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:**  
All present

**ITEM 3: Pledge of the allegiance:**

**ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda**  
None

**ITEM 5: Approval of the May 19th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes**  
Councilor Joseph Friedman made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to accept the May 19th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the Public**  
Citizen Suzanne Malis-Andersen shared her concerns about the town water  
Citizen Donna Bailey Gagne shared her concerns about reducing the speed limit on Thompson Rd., roadside mowing and discussion on the Police Department.  
Citizen Joan Perkins shared her concerns about the water district

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: State Representative Aaron Frey**  
State Representative Frey reviewed the handouts that were provided to the Council. It was requested that the handouts be posted on the town website.

**ITEM 8: Charter Review Discussion**  
Chairman Tammy Perry updated the Council on the recommended changes in the Town Charter. There were several discussions on this topic. Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to table this item until a future meeting. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9: End of year donations**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Joseph Friedman to divide the \$1800 four different ways to Community Health and Counseling Services, Hammond Street Senior Center, Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross and Gateway Seniors Without Walls. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 10: Water sample discussion**

The Item remained tabled due to the donor not present at the meeting.

**ITEM 11: Manager's Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

**ITEM 12: Comments from the public**

None

**ITEM 13: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

The Council wanted to say good bye to Councilor Joseph Friedman and thanked him for all of his years of service to the town.

**ITEM 14: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #23, and Town Payroll #24. Veazie School Payroll Warrant #24, #24a & #25 and Veazie School Warrant #25.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 15: Adjournment**

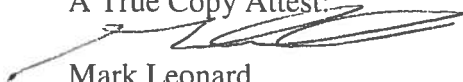
Councilor Joseph Friedman motioned to adjourn

Councilor Robert Rice seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:00pm

A True Copy Attest:



Mark Leonard  
Town Manager

**VEAZIE TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Clerk Mark Leonard called Town Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

**ARTICLE 1: TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR TO PRESIDE AT SAID MEETING.**

A motion was made on the floor to nominate Julie Reed as Moderator. The motion was seconded. No other nominations were made. **VOTE TAKEN. JULIE REED WAS ELECTED MODERATOR.**

**ARTICLE 2: TO ELECT BY SECRET BALLOT ALL TOWN COUNCILORS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SEWER DISTRICT TRUSTEES AS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ELECTED.**

**IT IS HEREBY SPECIFIED THAT THE POLLS BE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. FOR THE ELECTION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED OFFICIALS. THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS WILL BE OPEN AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014 TO ADD NEW REGISTRATIONS TO THE LIST OF VOTERS FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00PM AND, TO NOTIFY AND WARN SAID INHABITANTS TO MEET AT THE VEAZIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN ON TUESDAY, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2014 AT 8:00PM., THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON ARTICLES 3 THROUGH 30 AS SET OUT BELOW.**

A motion was made to accept Article 2 as written. The motion was seconded. **ARTICLE 2 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

The Moderator deputized Stan Marshall as Deputy Moderator. The Deputy Moderator called Town Meeting to order at 8:03 p.m., at the Veazie Community School for consideration of ARTICLES 3-30.

The Moderator read Article three to Article thirty as follows:

**ARTICLE 3: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
\$278,976.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 3 as written in the amount of \$278,976.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 3 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 4: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
\$329,971.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 4 as written in the amount of \$329,971.00. The motion was seconded. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 4 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 5: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
\$198,490.00**

A motion was made to amend Article 5 from \$198,490.00 to \$171,767.00. The motion was seconded. **VOTE TAKEN. MOTION DENIED.**

A motion was made to accept Article 5 as written in the amount of \$198,490.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 5 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 6: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
\$14,553.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 6 as written in the amount of \$14,553.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 6 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 7: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
\$23,800.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 7 as written in the amount of \$23,800.00. The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 7 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 8: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
\$165,000.00**



A motion was made to accept Article 8 as written in the amount of \$165,000.00.. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 8 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 9: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE RESERVE ACCOUNTS.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
\$64,000.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 9 as written in the amount of \$64,000.00.. The motion was seconded. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 9 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 10: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR FIXED/VARIABLE COST ITEMS.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
\$419,249.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 10 as written in the amount of \$419,249.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 10 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 11: TO SEE IF 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 30<sup>TH</sup>. INTEREST WILL COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> ON ALL TAXES NOT PAID ON OR PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.**

<b>DUE DATE SUGGESTED:</b>	<b>UPON RECEIPT OF TAX BILL</b>
<b>INTEREST RATE SUGGESTED:</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

A motion was made to accept Article 11 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 11 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 12: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO FINANCE THE VOTED EXPENDITURES AS FOLLOWS:**

**TAX COLLECTOR REVENUE**

**Total Tax Collector Revenue:.....\$321,120.00**

**TREASURER'S REVENUE**

**Total Treasurer's Revenue:.....\$214,329.00**

**TOWN CLERK REVENUE**

**Total Town Clerk Revenue:.....\$2,050.00**

**RECOMMENDED NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: \$537,499.00.**

A motion was made to accept Article 12 as written in the amount of \$537,499.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 12 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 13: TO SEE IF 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 THE EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT FINALLY ASSESSED FOR 2013-2014 AT 3.0% PER YEAR ON THE AMOUNT OF OVERPAYMENT.**

A motion was made to accept Article 13 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 13 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES**

**Articles 14 through 24 Authorize Expenditures in Cost Center Categories**

**ARTICLE 14: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR REGULAR INSTRUCTION.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$2,196,141.64**

A motion was made to accept Article 14 as written in the amount of \$2,196,141.64. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 14 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 15: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$804,870.73**

A motion was made to accept Article 15 as written in the amount of \$804,870.73. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 15 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 16: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$27,320.81**

A motion was made to accept Article 16 as written in the amount of \$27,320.81. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 16 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 17: TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR OTHER INSTRUCTION.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$44,359.82**

A motion was made to accept Article 17 as written in the amount of \$44,359.82. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 17 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 18: TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$210,087.93**

A motion was made to accept Article 18 as written in the amount of \$210,087.93.. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 18 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 19: TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$88,928.38**

A motion was made to accept Article 19 as written in the amount of \$88,928.38. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 19 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 20: TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$160,040.87**

A motion was made to accept Article 20 as written in the amount of \$160,040.87. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 20 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 21: TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$132,500.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 21 as written in the amount of \$132,500.00. The motion was seconded. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 21 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 22: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$243,303.35**

A motion was made to accept Article 22 as written in the amount of \$243,303.35. The motion was seconded. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 22 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 23: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR DEBT SERVICE AND OTHER COMMITMENTS.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$316,443.68**

A motion was made to accept Article 23 as written in the amount of \$316,443.68. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 23 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 24: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES INCLUDING SCHOOL LUNCH TRANSFERS.**

**RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
\$30,000.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 24 as written in the amount of \$30,000.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 24 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLES 25 AND 26 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE  
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 25: (Requires a recorded vote.)** To see what sum the Town of Veazie will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town of Veazie will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Committee recommends \$3,026,827.03 be appropriated and \$1,849,230.00 be raised.**

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

A motion was made to accept Article 25 as written. The motion was seconded.

**VOTE TAKEN. 40 YES AND 0 OPPOSED. ARTICLE 25 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 26: (Requires a Written Ballot):** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**School Committee recommends \$863,525.17**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**School Committee recommends \$772,378.89**), as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee **recommend \$863,525.17** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$772,378.89**: The Essential Programs and Services funding formula does not provide funding to fully cover the actual costs of special education programming, student transportation, system administration, and co-curricular and extra-curricular programming. If student enrollment remains static or declines, and /or property valuations continue to increase at a rate faster than the state average, the formula will calculate lower EPS total allocations and/or higher local contributions.

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

A motion was made to accept Article 26 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. 36 YES AND 7 OPPOSED AND 1 BLANK. ARTICLE 26 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

### **ARTICLE 27 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**Article 27: ( Requires a recorded vote.)** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Committee recommends:**

**\$4,253,997.20**

A motion was made to accept Article 27 as written in the amount of \$4,253,997.20. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. 38 YES AND 0 OPPOSED. ARTICLE 27 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

## **ARTICLE 28 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OR GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**Article 28:** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Explanation: This article has no relation to previously voted articles pertaining to the general operating budget's expenditures and revenues. The question authorizes the School Committee to expend any other receipts such as state and federal aid or grants to assist in the operations of the Veazie Community School. Examples would be Title I (federal reading intervention program), Special Education (local entitlement) and unanticipated state aid, including increases in municipal revenue sharing.

A motion was made to accept Article 28 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 28 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

## **ARTICLE 29 AUTHORIZES THE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL BUDGET**

**Article 29:** Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 be approved in the amount of **\$2,586,651.55.**

A motion was made to accept Article 29 as written in the amount of \$2,586,651.55. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 29 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

## **ARTICLE 30 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE VOCATIONAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**Article 30:** Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for adult education for the year beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 be approved in the amount of **\$204,306.00** with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, and miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well being of its adult education program, and shall the Town of Veazie raise **\$1,508.43** as its share of the adult education budget for the career and technical education region?

A motion was made to accept Article 30 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 30 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. **VOTE TAKEN. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 9:09 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Leonard





# Maine Municipal Association

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ITEM # 9

To: MMA's Key Municipal Officials

From: Peter Nielsen, President, Maine Municipal Association

Date: May 8, 2014

Re: Nominations to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee

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We are beginning the process to elect 70 municipal leaders to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee. Given the importance of the LPC to MMA's overall mission, I urge you to help us identify nominees for service during the 2014-2016 biennium.

The LPC brings elected and appointed officials together from towns, cities, and regions across the state. Its purpose is "to define municipal interests and to maximize those interests through effective participation in the legislative process." Operating like a town meeting, usually on Thursday, the LPC sets MMA's public policy positions for representation in the State House.

The new LPC will prepare its desired directions for submission to the Legislature in January 2015. It will respond to the Governor's and legislators' initiatives. MMA staff follows through on the LPC's directions. I've served in different years since the early 1990's. My experience is that some of the best and most productive conversations occur in the LPC Subcommittee meetings on Thursday mornings. Participation produces results, often with eventual statewide effect.

A Nomination Form is enclosed. Two municipal officials are elected from each of Maine's 35 Senate Districts. What follows is background information on the process of election, and the suggested time commitment to serve.

I've found the LPC to be a powerful mixture of seasoned veterans who find continued service worthwhile, and new members with fresh concerns and insights. The results help make MMA an important player in the Maine legislative process. Think about giving it a try. Thanks.

**Background Information.** Any elected or appointed municipal official holding office in any MMA member community is eligible to serve on the Committee. There are two seats on the LPC for each State Senate District. Members serve two-year terms, representing their own community and the other municipalities in their Senate District.

LPC activities require a time commitment of approximately ten hours a month during legislative sessions (i.e., during the first 4 months of each calendar year) which includes attendance at the monthly meeting and contacts with other communities and legislators in the district as issues arise. The LPC is also engaged in the development of MMA's legislative agenda during the fall and early winter of each even-numbered year, which typically involves at least one additional meeting in Augusta. All mileage

(over)

expenses are reimbursed. MMA's strength as a municipal advocate depends on the active help of a dedicated LPC membership.

More information about MMA's Legislative Policy Committee and the Association's entire advocacy program can be found at the Legislative/Advocacy link at MMA's website <http://www.memun.org/LegislativeAdvocacy/TheLPCHandbook.aspx>. In particular, the *LPC Handbook* describes the Association's overall policy development process and procedures in more detail.

### **Nomination Process**

Your municipality is entitled to nominate a representative to the LPC.

- The nominee may be either elected or appointed, but must be serving currently as a municipal official.
- You may nominate any municipal official from any member town or city within your Senate/LPC District; you do not have to nominate someone from your municipality.
- The names and brief bios of all municipal officials properly nominated will appear on the LPC ballot, which will be distributed on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ***Nominee Profile***

Because the municipal officers may not be familiar with a nominee from another municipality, a brief description of each nominee who completes the enclosed **Nominee Profile Sheet** will be provided with the ballots that are distributed in late June. Please make sure that the person you nominate has a chance to complete the Nominee Profile Sheet and that it is returned to MMA with the Nomination Form.

### **Deadline for Submitting Nomination**



The Chairman of your Board of Selectman, Council or Assessors (the "nominator") *and the nominee* must sign the nomination form for it to be valid.



The form must be returned to MMA by **5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2014**, to be counted. Ballots will be mailed out immediately after the nomination process closes, so make sure the nomination form is received by MMA by that deadline. Please return the nomination form to **Laura Ellis** at MMA either by mail (60 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine, 04330), by FAX (624-0129) or by email ([Lellis@memun.org](mailto:Lellis@memun.org)).

If you have any questions, please call MMA's State and Federal Relations staff at 1-800-452-8786 or 623-8428.



# NOMINATION FORM

Maine Municipal Association's  
**Legislative Policy Committee**  
July 2014 to June 2016


## Senate District 5

Chester  
East Millinocket  
Edinburg  
Enfield  
Greenbush  
Howland


Mattawamkeag  
Maxfield  
Medway  
Milford  
Millinocket  
Old Town

Orono  
Passadumkeag  
\*Penobscot Indian Nation  
Seboies Plt.  
Veazie  
Woodville

The municipal officers of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate:  
*Print name of your municipality*

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_   
*Print name of Nominee*


Nominee's municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Nominator* 

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print name of Nominator*

### Consent

I agree to accept the nomination and to serve if elected to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Nominee* 

**Please return Nomination Form by 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2014, to:**

Laura Ellis - Maine Municipal Association  
60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330  
FAX: 624-0129

**Nominations Received After 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2014, Will Not Be Counted**

## LPC NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

**To: Legislative Policy Committee Nominees**

**From: Maine Municipal Association**

**Date: May 8, 2014**

To help municipal officials make an informed choice when they vote for their LPC representatives, we ask nominees to provide some background information regarding their municipal service and why they want to be LPC members. A "nominee profile" is included on the ballot for each nominee who provides us with a profile.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years in current position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(include zip code, please)

**Prior (recent) municipal experience:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you served on the LPC before?** No ☐ Yes ☐ **If yes, what years?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have served on any other MMA Committees, please note them:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your primary issues of concern, and/or reasons for wanting to serve on the LPC:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please give this completed form to your Board of Selectmen/Assessors or Council so that it can be returned with the Nomination Form, or send it directly to Laura Ellis at MMA by June 19<sup>th</sup>:

Maine Municipal Association  
60 Community Drive  
Augusta, ME 04330  
FAX: 624-0129

**Thank You!**

ITEM # 10

Drew Properties  
P.O. Box 1539  
Bangor, Maine 04402-1539  
Tel: 207-942-2169  
Fax: 207-945-3623

Town of Veazie  
Town Council  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, Maine 04401-7091

Re: Account #R751  
Drew Properties  
Map/Lot 13 62

Dear Veazie Town Council:

Reference is made to the above property in Veazie, Maine.

Drew Properties wishes to donate this land to the Town of Veazie.

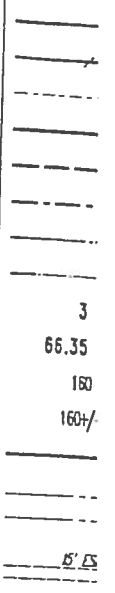
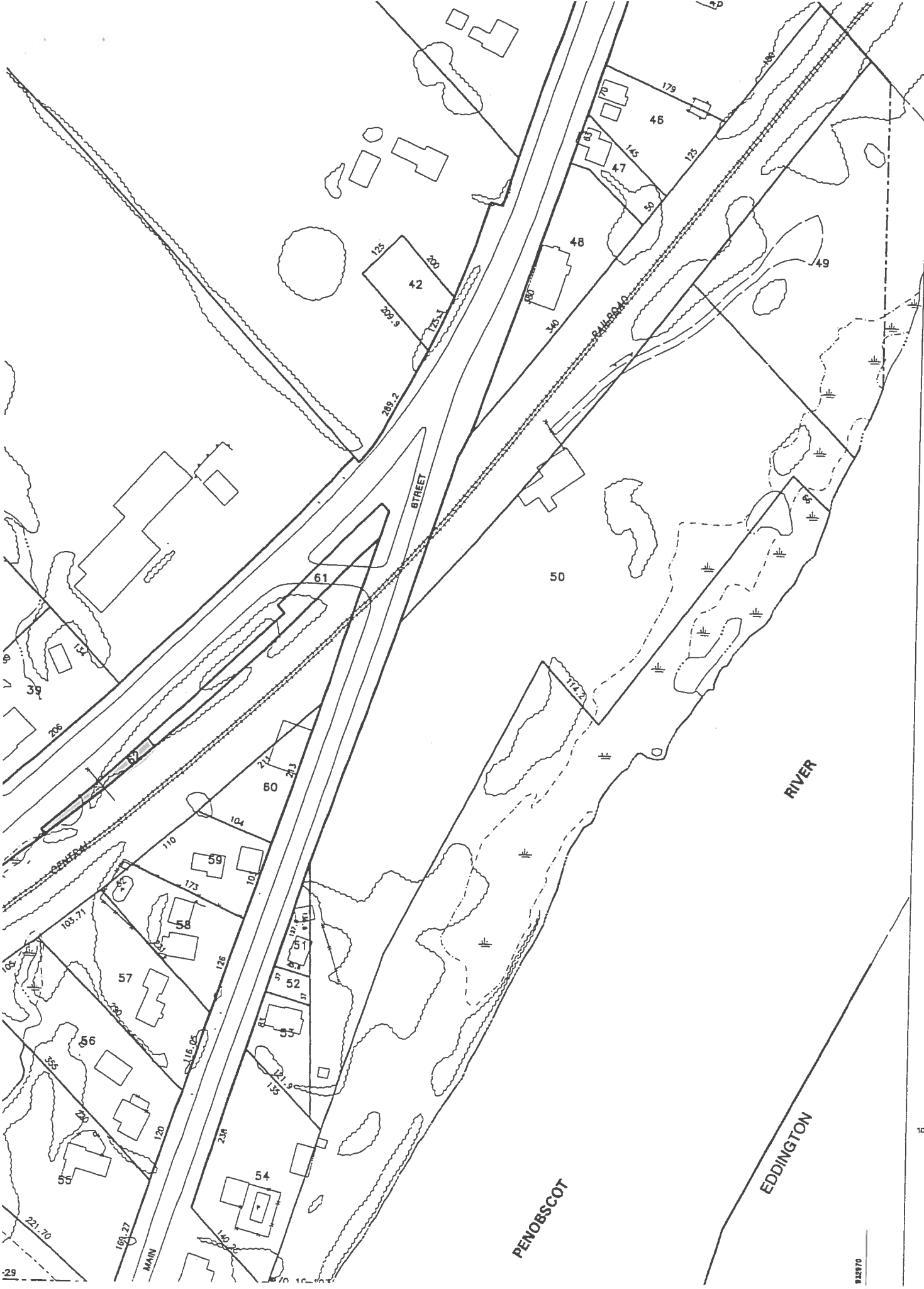
If you have any questions concerning this donation, please contact me at the above telephone number or on my cell #852-1852.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

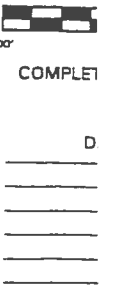
Stan MacMillan

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Veazie  
Name: Drew Properties

# Valuation Report

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Map/Lot:

13 62

Location:

State St Area

Account: 751 Card: 1 of 1

Neighborhood 20 GagnePrecastArea

Zoning/Use Commercial 1  
Topography Level  
Utilities All Public  
Street Paved

**Sale Data**  
Sale Date 10/25/1993  
Sale Price 90,000  
Sale Type Land Only  
Financing Unknown  
Verified Public Record  
Validity Arms Length Sale

Reference 1 B5489P316

Reference 2

Tran/Land/Bldg 0 0 0

X Coordinate 0 Y Coordinate 0

Exemption(s) Land Schedule 5

## Land Description

Units	Method - Description	Price/Unit	Total	Fctr	Influence	Value
0.10	Acres-Baselot (Fract)	50,000.00	15,811	5%	Size/Shape	791
Total Acres 0.10	7,910.00 Per Acre			Land Total		791

Accpt Land

800

Accepted Bldg

0 Total

800

veazie  
8:35 AM

**RE Account 751 Detail  
as of 06/10/2014**

06/10/2014  
Page 1

Name: Drew Properties

Location: State St Area

Acreage: 0.1 Map/Lot: 13 62

Book Page: B5489P316

Land: 800

Building: 0

Exempt 0

Total: 800

2013-1 Period Due:

1) 14.68

Ref1: B5489P316

Mailing P.O. BOX 1539

Address: Bangor ME 04402-1539

Year	Date	Reference	P	C	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
2013-1	R				14.00	0.68	0.00	14.68
2012-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2009-1	L				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2007-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2006-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2005-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2004-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2003-1	S				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2002-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1999-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1998-1	R				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Account Totals as of 06/10/2014					14.00	0.68	0.00	14.68

**Per Diem**

2013-1	0.0027
Total	0.0027

Note: Payments will be reflected as positive values and charges to the account will be represented as negative values.

## WARRANTY DEED

DREW PROPERTIES, a corporation with a place of business in Bangor, Penobscot County, Maine, for consideration paid, grants to THE GROUND FLOOR IN VEAZIE, a corporation with a place of business in Bangor, Penobscot County, Maine, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 1539, Bangor, Maine 04402-1539) with WARRANTY COVENANTS, the following described real estate:

A certain lot or parcel of land, together with any improvements thereon, situated in Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine, on the northwesterly side of new State Highway, more particularly described as follows:

Being part of lot thirty-nine according to Park Holland's survey and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning on the westerly side of said new State Highway, recently completed, leading from Bangor to Old Town in the line of land sold by George and Ashbal Spencer to Isaac Spencer; thence northwesterly in the line of said land to the headline of said lot; thence on said headline to the corner of land sold by George and Ashbal Spencer to Hosea Rich; thence by the line of said land to said new State Highway; thence by said new State Highway to the place of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH an easement as conveyed by Philip E. Parsons to Irving R. Lancaster by deed dated January \_\_, 1973 and recorded in Penobscot Registry of Deeds in Vol. 2629, Page 293, as follows: "A right of way for all purposes of a way, (including but not necessarily limited to all types of vehicles, gas, lights, water, telephone and sewer), twenty (20) feet in width extending in a generally northeasterly direction from a point where the generally southeasterly side line of said right of way intersects the generally northeasterly side line of the street known as Highview Terrace, said point being one hundred seventeen (117) feet in a generally northwesterly direction from the intersection of said northeasterly side line of said Highview Terrace with the generally northwesterly side line of the new State Highway leading from Bangor to Orono; said right of way extending over and across land of the grantor as set forth in deed of George S. Spencer to the said grantor dated September 14, 1937, recorded in Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Volume 1123, Page 50, to land of said Irving R. Lancaster as set forth in deed of Mattie F. Lancaster, dated July 31, 1947, recorded in said Registry in Volume 1280, Page 310."

EXCEPTING from the above-described premises a certain lot or parcel of land conveyed by Irving R. Lancaster and Rita P. Lancaster to Carroll D. Colford and Cecile G. Colford by instrument dated November 10, 1980, recorded in Volume 3137, Page 168 of said Registry.

For grantor's source of title reference may be had to a deed from JoAnne R. Magill, as personal representative, to the grantor herein, dated October 25, 1993, recorded or to be recorded in the Penobscot Registry of Deeds.

Any and all other rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the granted estate are hereby conveyed.

This conveyance is made subject to the property taxes assessed against the premises which said taxes are to be prorated between the parties hereto as of the date of delivery of this deed in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A., sec.

558.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Drew Properties has caused this instrument to be executed as an instrument under seal in its corporate name by Andrew E. Sturgeon, its president, hereunto duly authorized this 9th day of November, 1993.

WITNESS:

*Notary Public*

Drew Properties

by: *Andrew E. Sturgeon*  
Andrew E. Sturgeon, its  
president

STATE OF MAINE

PENOBSCOT, ss

November 9, 1993

Then personally appeared the above named Andrew E. Sturgeon and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed in his said capacity and the free act and deed of said corporation,

Before me,

AA920-71/4133

*Robert T. Newby*

Notary Public

*Robert T. Newby, Esq.*

"Maine Real Estate Transfer Tax Paid"

PENOBSCOT, ss REC'D

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ATTEST:

*Cynthia Hall*  
REGISTER





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674 Mt. Hope Avenue • Suite 1 • Bangor, ME 04401-5662 • (207) 947-3325 • FAX (207) 945-3400  
Email: bta@btacpa.com

June 6, 2014

Town Council and Mark Leonard, Town Manager  
Town of Veazie  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, ME 04401

Dear Members of the Town Council and Mark Leonard, Town Manager:

Please review the enclosed letter documenting the engagement and have it signed by the designated officials and return a copy to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours truly,

BRANTNER, THIBODEAU & ASSOCIATES

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Craig S. Costello", is written over the company name.

Craig S. Costello, CPA

June 6, 2014

Town Council and Mark Leonard, Town Manager  
Town of Veazie  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, ME 04401

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Town of Veazie, Maine for the year ended June 30, 2014. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Town of Veazie, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement Town of Veazie, Maine's basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to Town of Veazie, Maine's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- 2) Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies Town of Veazie, Maine's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements:

- 1) Schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 2) Other Supplementary Information.

### **Audit Objectives**

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of Town of Veazie, Maine and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Town of Veazie, Maine's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Town Council of Town of Veazie, Maine. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions on the financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that Town of Veazie, Maine is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

### **Management Responsibilities**

Management is responsible for the basic financial statements and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein. As part of the audit, we will assist with preparation of your financial statements and related notes. We will also prepare capital assets and depreciation schedules, if needed, for use during the audit. Our preparation of these schedules will be limited to formatting information into a working schedule based on information provided by management. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management is reliable and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we report.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying for us previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

#### **Audit Procedures—General**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

#### **Audit Procedures—Internal Control**

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Audit Procedures—Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Town of Veazie, Maine's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

We will provide copies of our reports to the Town; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to the State Department of Audit or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the State Department of Audit. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

We expect to begin our audit in August of 2014. Craig S. Costello, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates except that we agree that our gross fee will not exceed \$5,500 for the Town audit and \$3,000 for the School audit. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Town of Veazie, Maine and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

*Brantner Thibodeau & Associates*

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Town of Veazie, Maine.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Chairman of Town Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Town Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

ITEM # 12

### Citizen Involvement Application

All citizens of the Town of Veazie interested in having their names considered for appointment by the Veazie Town Council and/or the Town Manager, at such time a vacancy may occur on any Board or Special Committee, should please fill out this application and return it to the Veazie Town Office.

Name Joan H. Perkins Phone Number 942 2609  
Address 1116 Chase Rd  
Civic Involvement PAST: Rec Committee, Budget Committee,  
Years Resided in Veazie 21 Current: Charter Review  
Specialty or Field Communications/Grant Writer Committee  
Committee or Boards Interested In Orono-Veazie Water District  
Additional Information Trustee  
Please review the Letter of Application  
Included with this form.  
Thank you for your consideration

June 11, 2014

Joan Perkins



Date Received at Town Office: 06/12/2014

If interested please feel free to tear this page out and return it to the Town Office

**Joan H. Perkins  
1116 Chase Road  
Veazie, ME 04401  
207.942.2609**

June 11, 2014

**Re: Citizen Involvement Application – Orono Veazie Water District Board of Trustees**

To Veazie Town Councilors:

I submit this letter and the attached Citizen Involvement Application to express my interest in being appointed to the ORONO-VEAZIE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES. I would welcome the opportunity to fulfill the role of a municipal representative charged with responsible and sustainable management of an essential community resource.

My priority would be enhancing communication between the district and the town, which I believe is particularly important at this time of intense public interest in water quality and safety. Recent efforts to highlight the issues and inform the public about the challenges at the water district are indicative of my commitment to ensuring that stakeholders are aware, and their input is valued.

Because of my persistence in seeking and sharing information, regulators at the Drinking Water Program determined that the single compliance test site in Veazie (the School St. hydrant, first identified as the compliance test site in 2004) did not meet EPA testing guidelines for trihalomethanes. The water district is now required to test at a second Veazie location, inside an occupied building where the samples more accurately represent the water delivered to our homes.

This small accomplishment is indicative of the diligence and dedication that I will offer as a trustee, along with a firm belief that Veazie deserves thoughtful and accountable representation at the water district.

Please let me know if you have questions, as I am happy to join a discussion. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,



Joan H. Perkins

joanmaine@yahoo.com





Message

Sun, Jun 01, 2014 11:17 PM

From: VeazieME\_Involvement  
"Mark C Smith" <smitty10@roadrunner.com>  
To: Julie Strout

ITEM # 12

Subject: Fwd: Citizen Involvement Application

Attachments: Attach0.html / Uploaded File

2K

Request From: Mark C Smith  
Email: [smitty10@roadrunner.com](mailto:smitty10@roadrunner.com)  
Source IP: 67.253.52.235

Address: 160 Ridgeview Dr  
Phone: 207-641-7069  
Years Resided in Veazie: 1

Civic Involvement  
much

Specialty or Field  
budgets, fundraising, sales, marketing etc

Committee or Boards Interested In  
budget

Additional Information



# **Manager's Report For June 16, 2014 Council Meeting**

The Department of Labor arrived on Monday to perform a compliance inspection. The inspection was conducted during a two day period. A report of the inspection will follow but the inspector located no major violations and will be speaking with his Supervisor and recommending the Town of Veazie participate in a specialty program called SHAPE. This will give us both local and State recognition and exempt us from future compliance checks. Once information is received I will provide it to the Council for review and Authorization to participate

I spoke with the ground maintenance contract holder after receiving several complaints. I will continue to monitor the company's progress as the season continues

I have contacted (3) companies to provide estimates to repair a portion of stonewall that has fallen into disrepair on Rock Street.

I met with Don McKay reference the community center redevelopment committee and a meeting they will be holding to go over paperwork to submit a grant to the King Foundation. We also had a discussion on holding a community event in August. More information on this will be forwarded as it is received

The Town Meeting was held and went very well. Thank you to all that attended and put in work before, during and after the meeting.

The Planning Board will be having a public comment meeting on the proposed land use ordinance changes. This meeting is scheduled for June 23.

I have spoken to a citizen reference a concern with the Cemetery. From this conversation I have also spoken to the Cemetery Sexton and discussed protocols for future burials.

I followed up with a citizen on questions that were raised at the last council meeting concerning roadside mowing

I have begun writing the RFP's for the proposed paving. I'm in hopes to have these available for review at the council meeting but they were not completed to include in the Council Packets.

I'm requesting permission to close the Town Office at Noon time on June 30 so that we can perform end of year tasks.

## **Attachments:**

2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for Orono-Veazie water District  
David King's letter of resignation from the Orono Veazie Water District  
Patricia Rice's letter of resignation from the Budget Committee  
Letter form Down East AIDS Network



# *2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report*

## **Orono-Veazie Water District**

**Orono, Maine  
PWSID ME0091210**

We're pleased to present to you our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report. This report, a requirement of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

### **WATER SOURCE**

Our water is drawn from four drilled wells located in a well field to the north at 116 Bennoch Road. The water from all four is filtered and then treated with chlorine to protect against bacteriological contaminants, fluoride to promote dental health, and sodium hydroxide to reduce lead solubility. We maintain 2,285 service connections that serve a population of 8,125.

### **SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT**

The Maine Drinking Water Program (DWP) has evaluated all public water supplies as part of the Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP). The assessments included geology, hydrology, land uses, water testing information, and the extent of land ownership or protection by local ordinance to see how likely our drinking water source is to being contaminated by human activities in the future. Assessment results are available at public water suppliers, town offices, and the DWP. For more information about the SWAP, please contact the DWP at telephone 207-287-2070.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact Dennis W. Cross, Superintendent, at telephone number 207-866-4449, fax 207-866-3570, or mailing address 47 Penobscot Street, Orono, ME 04473. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water system. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm, at 47 Penobscot St. in Orono.

### **WATER QUALITY**

The Orono-Veazie Water District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows any detection resulting from our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

In 2011, due to efforts to protect the water supply, our system was granted a 'Synthetic Organics Waiver.' This is a three-year exemption from the monitoring/reporting requirements for the following industrial chemical(s): herbicides, carbamate pesticides, toxaphene/chlordane/PCB and semivolatile organics. This waiver was granted due to the absence of these potential sources of contamination within a half-mile radius of the water source. The state of Maine Drinking Water Program grants a waiver only upon a finding that "it will not result in an unreasonable risk to health."

The sources of drinking water include rivers, lakes, ponds and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from human or animal activity. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides** may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants** can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected through our water quality monitoring and testing. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

TEST RESULTS						
Unless otherwise noted, testing was done in 2013.						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	0 positive	Highest monthly # of positive samples	0	1 positive	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>						
Radium-228 (4/3/12)	N	0.227	pCi/L	0	15	Naturally occurring radioactivity in bedrock.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Arsenic (3/28/12)	N	0.77	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Chromium (3/28/12)	N	0.89	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Copper* (1/1/11-12/31/13)	N	0.12	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Fluoride (12/9/13)	N	0.5	ppm	4	4	Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Lead* (1/1/11-12/31/13)	N	3.9	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (4/11/13)	N	0.14	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
* = Reported results are the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile value (the value that 90% of all samples are less than).						
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>						
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes]	N	RAA=79.425 (45.0-76.1)	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 [Total Haloacetic Acids]	N	RAA=38.175 (7.7-53.0)	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Note:** The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Not all contaminants are tested for every year due to monitoring waivers and therefore we must use the most recent round of sampling. Some of our data is more than one year old, however, is limited to no older than 5 years.

#### Definitions:

**Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Residual Disinfection Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**MFL** – million fibers per liter

**Not Applicable (N/A)** - Does not apply

**POS** – Positive Sample

**Running Annual Average (RAA)** - The average of all monthly or quarterly samples for the last year at all sample locations.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water (e.g. treatment technique for turbidity).

**Variances, Exemptions, and Waivers** - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL, a treatment technique or test for a given contaminant under certain conditions.

#### Units:

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L)** - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L)** - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - A measure of the radioactivity in water.

#### Notes:

**Arsenic:** The U.S. EPA adopted the new MCL standard in October 2001. Water systems must meet this new standard by January 2006.

**Fluoridation:** There is a target fluoride level of 0.7 mg/l and a control range of 0.5-1.2 mg/l for those systems that fluoridate water.

**Gross Alpha:** Action level over 5 pCi/L requires testing for Radium. Action level over 15 pCi/L requires testing for Radon and Uranium.

**Lead/Copper:** Action levels are measured at consumer's tap. 90% of the tests must be equal to or below the action level; therefore, the listed results above have been calculated and are listed as the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.

**Nitrate:** Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

**Radon:** The State of Maine adopted a Maximum Exposure Guideline (MEG) for Radon in drinking water at 4000 pCi/L, effective 1/1/07. If Radon exceeds the MEG in water, treatment is recommended. It is also advisable to test indoor air for Radon. The U.S.EPA is proposing setting federal standards for Radon in public drinking water.

**Total Coliform Bacteria:** Reported as the highest monthly number of positive samples, for water systems that take < 40 samples per month.

**TTHM/HAA5:** Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) are formed as a by-product of drinking water chlorination. This chemical reaction occurs when chlorine combines with naturally occurring organic matter in water.

**Uranium:** The U.S. EPA adopted the new MCL standard of 30 ug/L(ppb), in December 2000. Water systems must meet this new standard after December 2003.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are required to report our Running Annual Average (RAA) for chlorine residual, since our system chlorinates its water. **Chlorine Residual** was found to be **0.487 ppm**, with a range of 0.02 ppm to 1.61 ppm.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets all Federal and State requirements.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For most people, the health benefits of drinking plenty of water outweigh any possible health risk from these contaminants. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and

infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for thirty (30) seconds to two (2) minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

We, at Orono-Veazie Water District, work hard to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and preserve our drinking water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please contact us with any questions. Thank you for working together for safe drinking water.





Message

Wed, Jun 11, 2014 1:36 PM

From:  "Mark Leonard" <vzchief800@yahoo.com>

To:  **Mark Leonard**

Subject: FW: OVWD Trustee

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**From:** David King [<mailto:vz801@myfairpoint.net>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014 11:32 AM

**To:** John McCormack

**Cc:** Dennis Cross

**Subject:** OVWD Trustee

John,

I am resigning my position as Trustee of the Orono Veazie Water District as of today 6/11/14.

David King

June 10, 2014

Mark Leonard:

I wanted to let you know that I will be resigning from the Budget Committee as of June 15<sup>th</sup>. I was very privileged to have served on this committee for 3 years and I believe this is a good time to have a different mix of panel members and different point of views and analysis for the budget.

I want to thank you for your attention to detail and support that you have given to me and to the budget committee during the last two years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Patricia Rice



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June 1, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that Down East AIDS Network and the Health Equity Alliance (DEAN+HEAL) are submitting an application to the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services for certification to maintain our existing syringe exchange program in Hancock County and initiate the provision of syringe exchange services in Penobscot County and Washington County.

Down East AIDS Network and the Health Equity Alliance is a community-based organization that empowers those communities most impacted by HIV and hepatitis C to improve their health and wellbeing and affect social and cultural change. The Down East AIDS Network has been providing HIV Case Management and Prevention services in Downeast Maine since it was established in 1987. This included the foundation of a Syringe Exchange Program in our Ellsworth office in 2000. DEAN+HEAL is excited to acquire the Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN) starting in July of 2014. EMAN is a similar organization that has been providing services throughout Northern Maine since 1987, including a long history providing syringe exchange services. This acquisition will enable DEAN+HEAL to expand and extend services throughout Penobscot County and Northern Maine.

As part of this expansion, in addition to maintaining the availability of syringe exchange services at our Ellsworth location, DEAN+HEAL expects to open a new Syringe Exchange Program in Washington County and take over the Syringe Exchange Program in Bangor.

Ellsworth Services:

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Ellsworth, ME 04605  
(207) 667-3506  
Direct Supervisor: Kenney Miller

Machias Services:

7 VIP Dr.  
Machias, ME 04654  
(207) 255-5849  
Direct Supervisor: Liz Mercer

Bangor Services:

51 Broadway  
Bangor, ME 04401  
(207) 990-3626  
Direct Supervisor: Sean Weber

A number of needle exchange programs exist throughout the country, and there is extensive data supporting that these types of efforts have demonstrated to significantly reduce the number of new HIV transmissions. (United

States Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, *MMWR*, May 18, 2001/ 50(19);384-8) A study reported in *the Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes* found that "individuals who live close to needle exchange programs do not report greater levels of violence or robbery than individuals living in other neighborhoods." Extensive public health research has found no evidence that the presence of syringe exchanges increase rates of drug use or criminality. The same research has indicated that they are effective in decreasing publicly disposed syringes. The article goes on to say that "In conjunction with other studies [these] have shown the absence of association between Needle Exchange Programs and crime and discarded needles". In July 1997, the U.S. Conference of Mayors formally endorsed federal and state policy changes to improve access to sterile syringes. "Can opposition to needle exchange programs in the United States be justified on scientific grounds? Our answer is simple and emphatic — no. Studies show reduction in risk behavior as high as 80%, with estimates of 30% or greater reduction of HIV in IDUs." (National Institute of Health Consensus Panel).

The target group to be reached by this program actually encompasses many populations. While persons actively injecting drugs (PWID) is the primary target, it is recognized that to be truly effective the program must address the needs of many types of people. What might be termed the classic PWID-- persons for whom drug use has become the most important thing in life--are easily recognized. However, the program is also oriented towards youth that have only recently begun using injection drugs because they are obtainable, affordable, and may be considered trendy. Additionally, persons in recovery, who may relapse due to underlying psychological or other issues that have gone unaddressed, are also an important audience.

Down East AIDS Network and the Eastern Maine AIDS Network have been providing services to persons who inject drugs for many years. Both programs have seen exponential growth in the utilization of syringe exchange services over the last decade. Further, recent reports concerning an alarming rise in rates of transmission and acquisition of hepatitis C through contaminated syringes and injection supplies, as well as concerns over the growing rates of injection drug use, including a recent influx of heroin, point to a very real need for such programs.

Beyond preventing the transmission of disease, syringe exchange programs serve as an entry point into additional health care and recovery services. Staff at DEAN+HEAL's exchanges work with consumers to access treatment and recovery services if and when they are ready to enter treatment. As such, syringe exchange contributes to their long-term health and wellbeing by encouraging and empowering them to enter treatment.

DEAN+HEAL is eager to collaborate with any and all organizations to prevent both substance use and disease transmission. We are active participants in the Downeast Public Health Council, Healthy Acadia and hope to join the Penquis Public Health District Coordinating Council in the near future as well. We also work closely with treatment providers and other harm reduction services throughout the state as part of the Maine Harm Reduction Alliance. Further, we invite any and all interested organizations to participate in the implementation and maintenance of syringe exchange services, working with us to enhance public health throughout Northern Maine.

Similar notices have been distributed to law enforcement, county and local governments and service providers in all locations affected by this change of service.

Please feel free to contact myself, or our Deputy Director, Sean Weber, should you have any questions, comments or concerns, or if you would like to be kept informed regarding the progress of the program.

Sincerely,



Kenney Miller  
Executive Director  
(207) 667-3506



Sean Weber  
Deputy Director, effective July 1, 2014  
(207) 990-3626